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Hope your 988 was a good year. Full speed ahead for (And there are only 362 shopping days left 'til Christmas '89!) January, 1989 Laker Wave inside l

1988:

Looking back

at the

YEAR IN REVIEW

<u>January, 1988</u>

DAVID LEE KRETZSCHMER, son of MICHELLE KRETZSCHMER of Caseville, was Huron County's first baby of 1988. He was born at 3:19 p.m. at Scheurer Hospital,

Pigeon.
THUMB QUALITY FARROWING was granted a special use permit by the Oliver Township Zoning Board, ending three months of debate and negotiations. The project is valued at \$500,000 and will be built on the northeast corner of Maxwell and Kilmanagh Roads in the southwest area of the

Pigeon resident DAVE ARMBRUSTER lost 100 steers in what state police investigators called an intentional poisoning. The insecticides Dyfonate and chlorpyrifos were found in the feed Armbruster fed his cattle on Sunday, Jan. 10 at 7 p.m. By midnight, 40 to 50 cattle were dead and by Monday

afternoon, all but four were dead.

PIGEON DISTRICT LIBRARY got good news as the Pigeon Village Council voted to increase its library funding from 2/10ths of a mill to 3/10ths of a mill annually. This increase its library and the pigeon was a superior of a mill annually. This increase is a mill annually and the pigeon was a superior or a mill annually. crease, coupled with similar increases from McKinley and Winsor Townships, enable the library to be eligible for state aid. The library announced it would re-open one day a week beginning in March.

COOPERATIVE ELEVATOR CO. announced plans to expand their oats processing plant in Elkton with new machinery, warehousing and rail lines at a cost of \$1.6 announced it has purchased the e Co-on also Gagetown farm supply outlet owned by Countrymark, an Ohio-based farm supply and elevator company.

Long-time Orr's Drug Store owner JOHN ORR retires, leaving the store under the proprietorship of his son, FRED

LAKER LATCHKEY program begins at Elkton and

Pigeon Elementary Centers.

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission ordered commercial fishermen to remove nets from the Sand Point and Sebewaing-Wildfowl Bay areas. The fishermen have three years to remove the nets, then commercial perch fishing will be banned in lower Saginaw Bay.

Foreign Exchange student SABINE LAMMENS of Belgium was honored with an American flag at the 10th District Voice of Democracy Awards Dinner, sponsored by the Pigeon VFW Post #2236 and Auxiliary.

JANUARY DEATHS: Kenneth C. Thumme, 67; Lester Fogle, 82; Caroline Hedley, 92; John A. Janes, 77; Etta Mae

Kunisch, 59; Shirley Zinkevich, 59; Logan Daniel Yenglin; Isabel M. Down, 82; Richard G. Bergman, 61; Henry Gettel, 92: Pastor Erwin E. Meyer, 62; Neilan Hoffman, 71; Elizabeth Mandich, 76; Abby Susan Baker, 15; Martha Gardner, 96; Edward M. Miliewski, 64.

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Armbruster puts poisoning behind

By AMY HEIDEN

Nearly a year after the mysterious poisoning of 100 of his feeder cattle, Dave Armbruster is still puzzled by the tragedy.

He wonders why he was singled out, what he could have done or said to someone to make them angry enough to seek revenge on

"It still bothers me some. A lot of other people around here have livestock, so why choose me?" the Pigeon farmer wonders.

YEAR AGO: On Sunday night, Jan. 10, 1988, Armbruster fed his cattle about 7 p.m. Later that night, he heard distress noises from the cattle and went to the feedlot to check on them.

What he found was called "a farmer's worst nightmare come true" -- between 50 and 60 of the cattle were dead and the rest were in serious distress.

During the long, cold morning hours, Armbruster watched helplessly as all but four of his steers died in agony.

Experts said that the feed given to the cattle was tainted with the insecticides Dyfonate and chlorpyrifos, neither of which Armbruster used on his farm and are not normally found together in farm pest control work.

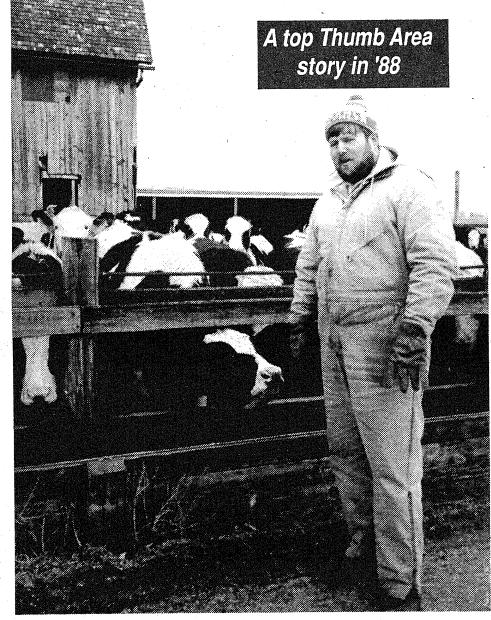
Researchers said the poisons caused the cattle to die from over-stimulatioln of all their body systems. As their lungs filled with fluid, the animals would suffocate.

BIG LOSSES, PUBLICITY: When it was all over, 100 of Armbruster's feeder stee worth about \$80,000 -- lay dead in the barnyard.

News stories about the poisoning quickly spread across the state, and the media spotlight fell on Armbruster and his family.

The crime, unique in the state and Midwest, was even the subject of a TV "Crime-Stoppers" report, and police are still searching for leads. Local farmers, friends and others created a \$10,000 reward fund for information leading to convicting the guilty person -- but no firm leads have been announced, and no money has been paid out in the past year, officials

The poisonings also cre-



DAVE ARMBRUSTER looks over his new herd.

hension among area live- more aware. It's a different wake up. stock farmers, many of whom took a new look at their security precautions.

NO SUSPECTS: A suspect has never been named in the crime, and the police have no leads.

That fact still bothers Armbruster, who says that since the poisoner is still "out there," he's had to change his way of working.

"I never used to crawl up on the feed wagon and look into it and smell it. I do that now. I never leave feed in the wagon from one feeding to the next, that wagon is always empty expect when I feed the cattle.

"When I go in the barn, I look around and I use my nose. That night, you could

routine for me.

"It's hard to change your routine after 13 or 14 years, but it had to be done,' Armbruster says.

RESTOCKING: His feedlot is home now to 113 feeder cattle, purchased within months of the poisonings. Things would seem to be back to normal, and on the surface they are.

But underneath that normalcy, there's a touch of fear, a hint of paranoia.

"We never used to lock the house when we went somewhere, but we do now. My wife Laura insists that it be locked.

"We never used to take the keys out of the car, but we do now. I guess it takes some-

ated a great deal of appre- smell the poison so now I'm thing like this to make you

Before the poisoning, Armbruster had occasionally checked on his cattle before bedtime, but now it's a forced habit to take a little stroll out to the barn, just to be certain things are all right.

TRYING TIMES: During the months before his herd was replaced, Armbruster found it tough to get up in the morning and look out the window to his empty feed

"There wasn't much to do with no cattle around except work on remodeling the house. It was tough." And he found himself paying close attention to things people said, trying to get

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This year, the firemen made up and delivered 31 boxes of groceries to be delivered just in time for the holidays. They included butter, chicken, soup, milk, beans, eggs, fruit and other goodies.

Proceeds from the fire-men's annual feather party in November are used to help purchase the food, and members of the department volunteer to make deliveries just in time for Christmas.

Here, the firemen get ready to load the boxes of groceries for delivery. In front is Al Abbott and Bob Tate, and standing in the rear is Fire Chief Ron Damm, Leo Luedtke, John Kohr and Eugene Poirier.



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Dear Loyal Area Shoppers:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Pigeon Chamber of Commerce, I would like to extend a hearty "thanks" for helping to make our 1988 Christmas Promotion an overwhelming success! The sizes and enthusiasm of the crowds on each drawing day during the promotion were tremendous. We hope that it was as much fun for you as it was for us to put it on. We apologize to anyone who might have been offended because you had to be present to participate, but as you could see, you had to be there to open the lock to win.

A personal thanks to all Chamber members who financially supported the promotion. Also thanks to the Chamber Members who helped to organize the event, and help it to run so smoothly on Saturday.

A special thanks to Mr. Dale Wertz for handling our M.C. duties, and for saying anything that came into mind. Another special thanks to Mrs. Vivian Fischer for taking on the huge task of cooking the bean soup each Saturday and to those who helped to serve it. Each week it was "good to the last drop".

A big thanks to Mayor Dave Geiger and the Village DPW Staff for helping each Saturday to get everything into place. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Santa Claus for putting many a smile on many small faces. You are appreciated even more than you can think.

The list of names of people who gave time to help in so many ways is just too long to mention. But to you, and you know who you are, sincere thanks! The Pigeon Chamber of Commerce would like to extend to you best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year!

Sincerely Yours,

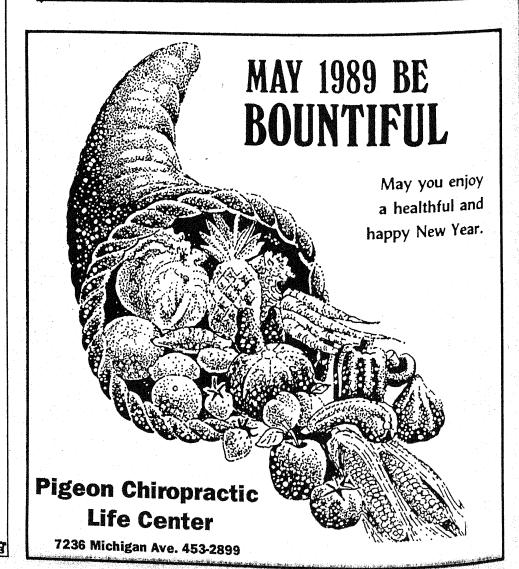
President, Pigeon Chamber Of Commerce

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Swearing in the winners...

Here are the new Huron County elected officials, as they were sworn in Thursday during brief ceremonies in Circuit Court, as they

are to take office Jan. 1.

ABOVE RIGHT, Circuit Judge M. Richard Knoblock administers the oath of office to all six County Commissioners. From left, District 1's Bruce Kuhl, Dist. 2 R. Dale Wertz, Dist. 3 Robert Hogan, Dist. 4 Jean Talaski, Dist. 5 Robert Witherspoon and Dist. 6 Martha Thuem-

BELOW RIGHT, here are all newly-elected county officials, flanked by Judge Knoblock and newly-elect-ed Judge of Probate David L. Clabuesch.

They are, front row, Clerk Helen Lemanski, Register of Deeds Frances Holdwick, Treasurer Roberta Moetteli. Commissioner Jean Talaski, Surveyor Russell Brown and Comm. Bob Hogan.

Seocnd row, Comm. Bruce Kuhl, Sheriff Mike Gage, Comms. Thuemmel, Wertz and Witherspoon.

Huron County Bar Association President Richard Trowhill directed the event, witnessed by 60 persons.



ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS Thumb's Top **Stories of**

I. DROUGHT: For the third year in a row, unusual weather patterns cause farm woes -- with losses in the millions of dollars.

2. POISONING: 100 head of cattle die on Pigeon Area farm of Dave Armbruster. No suspects, one year

3. GROWTH: As some farm prices held steady or rose, economic development expanded slightly, with new business and industrial growth. such as Caseville's new harbor and other improvements.

ARMBRUSTER Front Page

feed and his vet bills. But he

COPING WITH IT: Asked the person responsible for his nightmare, Armbruster

I try to tell myself I wouldn't would, just a little.

"I know my insurance comback for all they paid out, Armbruster wasn't hurt and I'd like to be paid for the

> GOING ON: Even though losing his cattle in such a horrifying way was a blow, Armbruster refuses to let it

> "You can dwell on it. You've got to get on with life. The only way to protect yourself from something like this is to build a fence 15-ft. high around your place. "You shouldn't have to live

in fear, this isn't that kind of community. Iguess the story won't be ended until we find the person who did it or I die, whichever comes first."

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Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

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CASEVILLE TO DISCUSS FOOTBALL A public hearing and meeting has been set for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, as the Caseville Public School Board of Education considers whether to continue or end the high

school boys' football programs. Supt. Jim Stahl said public comments are needed, to aid the board in making its decision. Low numbers of students have participated in recent years, causing schedule changes.

The Caseville School Board also accepted the resignation of member Donald Cieslinski at its Dec. 19 meeting, as he has moved from the district. Anyone interested in being appointed to the remaining term should fild a letter with Stahl

Representing the Board in negotiations with the Caseville Education Association will be President Ken Hill, members William Taylor and Jacqueline Miller and Supt. Stahl. The present contract expires in August, 1989.

HURON BOARD MEETING CHANGED

Date for the final 1988 scheduled meeting of the Huron
County Board of Commissioners has been changed to 9:30 a.m. this Thursday, Dec. 29, in Commissioners' Room 211, County Building, Bad Axe.

Normally, regular meetings are conducted the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, according to County Administrator Charles Curtiss.

COURT PROCEEDINGS

In 73rd District Court, First Division (Huron County), Judge John Schubel this past week heard the pleas of or passed judgment on:

William J. Shaw, 52 of Pigeon, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$450 fines and costs and loss of driver's license for

Fritz H. Burell, 33 of Sebewaing, pled guilty to assault or assault and battery, following a Nov. 26 incident on E. Sebewaing Street, involving a police officer, as investigated by Sebewaing Police; ordered to spend 60 days in the Huron

Steven M. Bambach, 21 of Kinde, pled guilty to writing three nonsufficient fund checks of more than \$50 but less than \$200; ordered to pay \$150 fines and costs and to make

Robert W. Jordan, 36 of Kinde, pled guilty to drunken driving, second offense; ordered to spend one year in jail and have driving privileges revoked;

David W. Fahl, 27 of Gagetown, pled guilty to second

degree retail fraud, following a Nov. 25 incident at a convenience store in Sebewaing as investigated by Sebewaing Police: \$100 fines and costs;

Kimberly D. Guy, 30 of Pigeon, pled guilty to driving with license suspended; \$150 fines and costs;

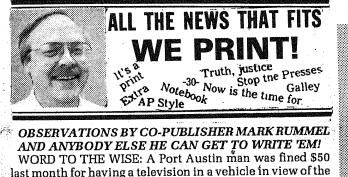
Tony Villarreal, 18 of Akron, pled guilty to impaired driving, following a Dec. 18 incident in Sebewaing; \$450 fines and costs and loss of driver's license for 90 days;

Tammi M. Peyerk, 18 of Elkton, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$450 fines and costs and loss of driver's license for 90 days:

Kenneth D. Krohn, 45 of Elkton, pled guilty to drunken driving; \$650 fines and costs and loss of driver's license for one year, and

Diana Heiden, 29 of Caseville, pled guilty to possession of stolen property, following a Nov. 21 incident at a Caseville grocery store involving two packages of cigarettes; \$50

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last month for having a television in a vehicle in view of the driver. That's something to consider, as more and more folks get those mini-TVs...

LOOKING BACK: We're happy to present our annual "YEAR IN REVIEW" this week, as we remember what made 1988 great (or not so great). One thing to note: We switched to a larger, darker typeface (with new computer equipment) as of May of this year -- so you'll notice two different type styles in the "YIR." We hope you like the newer face better...

DESK CLEARING: Here are a couple of notes of note: Vivian Fischer reminded us that she is using her OWN recipe in making Pigeon's bean soup these pre-holiday Saturdays. "I've been making it since I was 16," she told us ■ Jessica Deming, whos writings appeared here last week, should have been listed as a Pigeonite, not a Bay Porter...

And, we owe an ESPECIALLY big apology to Caseville

teacher Lynne Mayes, who ACTUALLY coordinated those fine Caseville student letters (thanks again!) Finally, we'll present the list of winners in our holiday writing contest right here, in next week's edition. Thanks for the many nice comments about them we've heard...

THREE BEVERAGE NOTES: In this season of imbibing (but not to excess, we nope) we came up Beer sales are up slightly in 1988 from 1987 in Michigan.

Anheuser-Busch shipped 2.4 million barrels of beer into our state last year, as the number one sales leader. Miller clues to the possible identity shipped in 1.6 million barrels, and Detroit-based Strohs of the person who killed his pany would like to be paid handled 630,500 barrels (which I think are 32 gallons each). cattle Imagine that -- more than 6 million BARRELS of beer were shipped into the state this past year, or about one barrel per financially by the poison- cattle I lost." resident. And, throwing out the (probably 65%) folks who ings, as his insurance covdon't drink any beer, that means an average beer-imbiber ered the cattle, his tainted

quaffed down 70 or more gallons... Amazing! Goodbye to catsup. Tomato grower Del Monte has called says he certainly didn't make their red stuff "catsup" for 70 years. Now, they're joining any money on the cattle, get him down. everybody else and will call it "ketchup" early next year... since "I buried any profit Fizzy milk should be on the market early next year, too. potential with the cattle." Carbonated milk -- or "soda milk" -- is most often flavored with fruit juice. It's aimed at kids who've grown up drinking what he would say if he met

EARLY DEADLINE -- Remember, we'll need next week's says he simply has no idea. ads and news copies by 12 noon this Friday, Dec. 30, due to the New Year's holiday... says ne simply has no idea.
"I try not to be a spiteful person, but sometimes I am.

WISH I'D SAID THAT -- "Time tells on a person... espe- want revenge, but maybe I cially a GOOD time!"

As We See It....EDITORIALLY

We've got potential to bring youth back

 $oldsymbol{E}$ very small town in America faces the same problem, which often manifests itself at endof-year times like this: HOW DO WE KEEP YOUNG, EDUCATED PEOPLE HERE? Usually, it's a difficult job with long odds, since "big cities" beckon skilled people, with better pay and more opportunities.

Our Thumb Area is not immune from such problems, to be sure. It's hard to keep young people here -- and harder still to bring them back after college or the military or other training skills have been gained. Many towns are drying up nationwide, as no new generations come back home to take over.

Effingham, Ill., faced this same problem. But some of its town leaders just wouldn't say no. After World War II, the local farmers made a good living and storeowners took their customers and futures for granted. But as the ag economy wilted away, many -- too many -- of the "bright young people" left the pleasant town to seek fortunes elsewhere.

But instead of curling up and wasting away, Effingham sat up and fought back, as a fascinating story in this week's NEWSWEEK magazine points out. And the rest, thus far, is history.

"We wanted our young folks to have more in their futures than just pumping gas or waiting tables," says Mayor Jack Thies. So some town leaders began a "small-is-beautiful" campaign, trying to attract young, start-up industries to the town of 12,000 residents. Rather than concentrate on bringing one big factory -- with possible pollution problems -- Effingham's industrial park seeks modern, clean and management-filled companies.

The high-tech industrial park, called "Network Centre," offers shared computing power and a secretarial pool for small business owners with good ideas -- who want to live in a small, friendly, clean, likeable town. "We'd rather land 10 companies with 50 jobs each than one with 500 jobs," says "Bud" Althoff, one of the town boosters. "That way we don't

face a disaster if one big company decides to pull up stakes.'

There's another important point, too.

The town has worked hard to keep its present factories and employers happy -- and in town. More than \$7 million in loans and grants were gathered up recently to keep an air-conditioner manufacturer in town, with its 1,361 employes.

So, Éffingham is trying to have it all: smalltown atmosphere, good jobs, nice living environment and maintaining its existing companies. Doesn't it make more sense to do that than to simply lament when one "unloved" company closes its doors, when such a conclusion may have been avoided?

We too face a very real, similar problem here in the Thumb. There AREN'T enogh goodpaying jobs for trained young people (or folks of any age). There AREN'T enough social opportunities here, compared with some areas. But look what we DO have!

Great farm land, a capable (and available) work force, Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron at our doorsteps, hunting, hiking, clean water, safe streets -- and so much more.

Like Effingham, Ill., this is a great place. But, to imitate them well, we must TELL the right people the "Thumb Story." And the sooner the

PETE PROGRESS SAYS:

"It really isn't necessary to blow out the other person's candle to let yours shine!"



rho else to ask... Anytime, 24 hours a day, just dial **453-2**323 to contact...

I think it is extremenly has a love for the children nice, the things I am hearing about the winner of the money in Pigeon, that she is giving some of the money to

poor people here nearby. ((t's true. Irene Schmitt of Caseville won \$5,000 in Pigeon's Christmas Drawing last week, and is giving part of it away, as a story elsewhere this week shows.)

Yes, I would like to publicly thank the staff of the Pigeon District Library for all their hard work in putting on the Preschool Christmas Program. Jane Himmel

that really shows! Thank you, a grateful mother.

I see we're getting our income tax forms the day after Christmas. Come on ness? What lousy timing!

I hope we are finally all Christmas carols on the town of Elkton, which has radio. There are much too the best and prettiest lights many. Thank you.

I don't like it when some police drive just under 55 During this next holiday, is to be especially com- on the highway. Is there a don't just watch football mended for her efforts. She reason for this? You might games, eat too much and

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get a ticket if you try to pass I saw a man with a baby make us do that.

(We did a quick check of several local police agencies. Sorry, but they say there is no such policy. Officers try to IRS, couldn't you give us a drive with the flow and speed day or a week of happi- of traffic. If they're going too slowly, pass them, as you would any car.)

> want to complin ever. The carol sing was very nice an idea.

sleep on the couch. Spend some prime time with your kids along the way. They deserve it.

What is the tall tower going up on Filion Road? What is it for?

(That's the new broadcast-ing tower for WLEW-FM radio. It should be operational soon, and the present 92.1 frequency will change to a more powerful 102.1 spot on the FM dial. Watch for announcements.)

them. They're just trying to driving a pickup, and the baby was sitting on his lap. Doesn't he know any better? He could kill that little person, without a seatbelt, and it's not safe for the driver, either.

> Now these terrorists have killed our citizens on the Pan Am plane, can't we get them or something? It's a crime they should pay for.

The holidays are almost past, but our local agencies and churches and charities still need help. Gifts of Exchange student in Pigeon. my friends. money or time are especially needed, now and all year-around.

// I hope everyone read Wanda's (Eichler) column in last week's paper. It's really true.

// Thanks, Gomer, for the geography lesson. Samm.

Did it really happen that snow used to fall on Christmas and even in the wintertime? I've heard old timers tell about it, but have never



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DEAR EDITOR:

I've had a lot of Christmases and some very good ones among them. Sometimes I got a lot of presents and sometimes I didn't get any, but one of the best one happened a long time ago.

It was about 1924 while I was attended school. It was a few days before Christmas and we were giving a program for the parents and our older brothers and sisters and our younger children and neighbors. We had practiced for quite awhile and had even put up a stage to act on.

We had a lot of different cited about what we were going to do.

On the big day before Christmas it was very nice and there was just enough snow on the ground to make a nice Christmas. As we didn't have any snow plows, people came with sleds and

There were a lot of horses tied up in the school yard and a lot of people turned out. We had a Christmas tree all decorated up by the kids.

There were over 50 of us in one room and only one teacher. In those days we respected the teacher and of course, our parents were

We behaved very well and because I was the biggest boy and the fattest one, I was Santa Claus. We had a good program and of course we had drawn names to give

each other a present

Some time during the summer one of the biggest families in school's mother had died. The oldest girl in the family was trying to keep house and a was a girl of only 16. She was doing a good job and that day she came to school with her little brothers and sisters. They brought their little brother in a baby carriage.

Well, a few days before Christmas our teacher told us to remember that poor family and bring something for them. Now there weren't parts and were all very ex- many rich people around but as I was Santa Claus, I had to hand out the presents and people remembered that family real well with extra

In fact, they got so much they were carrying all they could and the little boy that came in the carriage had to walkand his buggy was piled

I never saw such happy little children before or since and all of us were happy to see such happy children

In Roman 12:13 it says, Rejoice with them that do rejoice." Afterall, that's what Christmas is for. I am spending the Christmas holidays in Kansas with my son and his family and I'm sure I will have a very good time! SINCERELY,

GEORGE KEIM

Our readers write . . .

DEAR EDITOR:

Especially to my friends at the Post Office, the Pigeon

Historical Society, Laker Greetings and Happy New High School, the Class of '88, the Rotary Club of Pigeon, in Belgium, 1987-88 Rotary my host families and to all of

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cluded another season of competition in the Thumb B Debate League with a record of 6-9. From left to right is Anasuya Kamlapurker with her fourth place speaker trophy, Anja Twistel, Debby Christner, Coach Mike Terrill, and in

<u>February</u>, 1988

YEAR IN REVIEW -- FROM FRONT PAGE

Polewach Department Store Manager DAVE JARVIS was named to head the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce at the Chamber's annual meeting, taking over the gavel from MIKE LEPAGE. Stepping off the Board of Directors were NEAL EICHLER, KENT MCKENZIE, AND AL ABBOTT, and taking their place will be RHONDA BUEHLER, MARTY CAVERLY, LINDA GARDY and BILL ESCH.

More bad news for farmers and property owners as local governments release their latest ag property sales figures. Commissioner BRUCE KUHL (R-Sebewaing) says that Western Thumb townships will propably experience 30%

Sebewaing Post Office Clerk TOM BALZER is named Temporary Office in Charge at the Elkton Post Office, replacing retiring Postmaster ED BUMHOFFER. Bumhoffer retired after 30 ½ years of government service, 29 ½ years of those as Postmaster. JUDY VOLZ of Sebewaing raced through the aisles of the Pigeon IGA and ended up with over \$208 worth of groceries as the winner of Pigeon Lions Club Annual Two-Minute Shopping Spree. Proceeds from the sale of tickets for the event were donated to the Michelle Anklam Family

Cooperative Elevator Company announced a new minimum price guarantee program for local oat growers. Co-op Marketing Director STEVE FOSDICK said that the program would guarantee growers a set minimum price for their crop, but that they would receive a higher price if the market went higher. The oats will be processed at the Co-op's new processing plant to be built near Elkton.

The Caseville Optimist Club celebrated its second birthday with 37 members and guests at the Bella Vista Inn, Caseville Active Feed played host to 17 Korean egg and poultry pro ducers as they toured the company's facility on Haist Road. JOE MAUST, JR., manager of Active Feed, said the visitors had attended an internation poultry convention in Atlanta and were touring various facilities in the U.S. studying management and construction of egg-laying and poultry

WILLIAM E. CZEWSKI of Gagetown died when he was dragged under the axle of a truck that plowed into a disabled tractor-trailer on Caseville Road. He was Huron County's first traffic fatality of 1988

Laker Junior High student CAROL HEBERT turned back all the competition to become Grand Champion Speller at the Laker Spelling Bee. Eighth grader TRICIA ELSTON was named runner-up in the contest. Hebert now moves up to the Lawrence Institute of Technology/Detroit News Regional ling Bee to be held at Laker High School in March.

Laker Band Members were honored as PHIL SCHADD AND RON BECKETT were selected as members of the Michigan Lions All-State Band. Members of the Tri-County Honors Band are CARLEEN KAUFMANN, HOLLY SWART-ZENDRUBER, JENNY HENNE, PHIL ROBISON, CLARK HARNER, AND PHIL SCHADD.

The Michelle Anklam Family Benefit Fund received a the woods will be lighted by boost as Aid Association for Lutherans matched local donations with \$8,000 from the association. Various fund raising activities, along with the funds from AAL, have raised over \$14,000 for the fund.

Assets of Thumb National Bank were \$88.75 Million at the close of 1987, it was announced at the bank's annual stockholder's meeting. It was also announced that ARTHUR "BUD" LUEDTKE would be retiring from the position of agricultural loan officer, but would retain his position as Chairman of the board of directors. Luedtke has been with Thumb National for 37 years, starting as bookkeeper and has held nearly every position at the bank.

The Bay Community Airport was in the news again as will be part of each evening's Michigan Aeronautics Commission representatives RON activity and warm refresh-LEBBON and TOM REED hosted a public information ments will be available. meeting at the Pigeon Village Hall.

Seventeen Laker High students earned their FFA State Farmer awards, the highest state award possible, for outstanding leadership work in their FFA chapter. Students

Vehicle will be required for vehicle entry into all areas of

Pigeon native in 'Messiah'

Pigeon native Julie Walsh, daughter of Joseph and Beverly Walsh, recently performed in a production of Handel's "Messiah," presented by the Greater Lansing Symphony Orchestra, the Choral Union, and the MSU Choral Ensembles.



JULIE WALSH

Walsh is a 1978 graduate of Laker High School, and is also a graduate of Mercy Central School of Nursing and Spring Arbor College.

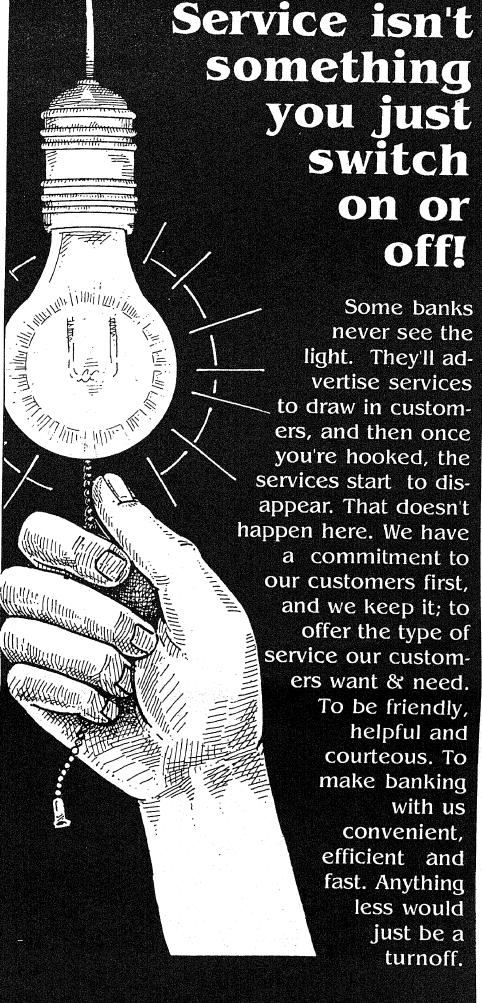
Port Crescent Park plans ski events

Port Crescent State Park is planning a series of crosscountry ski events this win-

A one-mile trail through candles for a two-hour run beginning at dark on Saturday, Jan. 7 and 28; Sunday Feb. 5: Saturday, Feb. 11 and Saturday, March 4.

The trail is located across the iron bridge at the west end of Port Crescent Road. five miles southwest of Port Austin on M-25. A bonfire

The State Park Motor vehicle entry into all areas of the park.



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Ella Mae Maierle and John

Ezra A. Wood, 53, well-

known real estate operator

in Pigeon, died unexpect-

edly. He is survived by his

widow, his mother, two

brothers and a sister.

40 YEARS AGO

JAN. 7, 1949



90 YEARS AGO JAN. 7, 1899

The pupils of the high school organized a Lyceum at the school with these officers: Samuel Wettrick, Katie VanBuskirk and Edna Sureus. The society will discuss great events of the day, drill in parliamentary rules and matters of self-

One thing our hustling little village needs is a Business Mens' Association. The Progress suggests that a meeting of our citizens be called. If Pigeon is to become the foremost town in the county, we will have to

A meeting of the members of the Evangelical Church at Berne discussed taking steps to move the church to Pi-

Second annual Masquerade Ball will be held at the KOTM Hall on Feb. 3.

80 YEARS AGO JAN. 1, 1909

Fishermen report a light catch at Bay Port, the ice being too thin to allow them to work outside the islands.

The Masonic brethren of Pigeon and invited guests enjoyed the annual banquet Saturday evening at the dining hall of Hotel Heasty.

Mrs. Moore. John Diefenbach moved

ley Township this week. A bee to haul stone for the new M.E. church at Hayes

Judge of Probate Bisbee now sports a fine Buick tour-

Governor Warner spent Sunday at his farm in

There were 29 deaths and 59 births for the County of Huron during November.

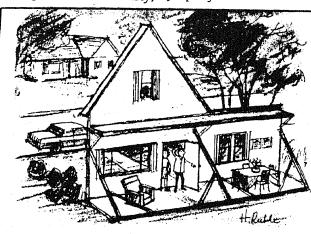
70 YEARS AGO JAN. 3, 1919

received an honorable discharge from the Army and is

Clarence Dubs has returned home from Waco, Tex. after receiving his honorable discharge.

Herman Licht has been discharged from service at Camp Custer and returned

Fred Kraatz has purchased the Loosemore meat market



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was held a day this week.

Brookfield Township.

The M.E. Church at Caseville, which has been closed for nine Sundays due to the "flu," will be open next Sunday.

Emery Bleam of Elkton has

Members of the Worth While Club elected new offi- JAN. 1, 1959 cers at the home of Mrs. Clifton Bailey. They are Mrs.

50 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F.

Sturm were honored on their

25th wedding anniversary

with a surprise party in the

Vollmer dining room given

by relatives and friends.

JAN. 6, 1939

Frank Murphy, a native of governor to become a member of President F.D. Roosevelt's cabinet as attorney general of the United States. Frank D. Fitzgerald is the

William Vandrey received deavor of the Evangelical an honorable discharge from Church met at the home of the Army and has arrived Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Maierle. Officers elected are Ervin Weidman, Edward Geiger,

60 YEARS AGO JAN. 4, 1929

Forty-five members of the Pigeon Alumni met at the Masonic Temple for their annual banquet. New officers are Otto Gettel of Bay Port, Frank Diebel of Pigeon and Pearl Fogle of Caseville. Henry Schnitker, 73, died at his home in Pigeon. He is

Huron County's first ansurvived by his widow, one daughter, four sons and three nual 4-H club and FFA Bean show will be held Jan. 12 in William Kreh, 74, died at Bad Axe, according to Gleathe home of his son, Herb, in son Rohlfs, county club Caseville Township. He

leaves five sons and four One of West Huron's most colorful residents, Steven A. "Old Steve" Gillingham, 84, There were 604 births and 271 deaths and 155 couples was found dead on his island domain, North Island, were married in 1928 in Huron County.

At the annual congregation meeting of Cross Lutheran Church, these officers were elected: elder Chris Schuette, deacon Adolph Buchholz, trustee Wendolin Clabuesch, school board Oliver Leipprandt.

30 YEARS AGO

Elkton High School band, under the direction of B.M. Hamill, Mrs. A. Schu- Stanley Bauman, was awardmacher, Mrs. E. Soldan, Mrs. ed membership in the "First Walter Clabuesch and Mrs. Chair of America," an organization that produces an annual of the nation's Harbor Beach, stepped out of the office of Michigan from Michigan in this year's

St. John's Lutheran Ladies will meet Jan. 8 in the church basement

Fifty children and grandnew governor of Michigan. children of Mrs. Caroline League of Christian En- Rennheld a combined birth-

JAN. 4, 1979

Braun of Elkton. Twin sons are Corey Albert and Clint James Braun Caseville's newest busi-

ness, Talk of the Town Health Spa conducts a Grand Treasurer

day and Christmas dinner at Opening with owners Ralph her home on Sunday. and Zella Ross.

Rotarian "Ernie" Clabuesch gave his annual resume gaged to wed Calvin Ray of the expiring year and some solid predictions for 1959 at the weekly Rotary meeting. President Elliott appointed a "Harry McKay for District Governor" committee of Alton MacKenzie, Asel

Collins, Floyd Richmond,

George Dunn and Alfred

20 YEARS AGO

JAN. 2, 1969 Peter F. Richards, 68, president of Port Hope State Bank, died at his insurance office in Bay Port. He was formerly vice president and cashier of Bay Port State Bank. He leaves his widow, twin sons and a daughter.

C. Wilson Harder, 71, founder and president of the National Federation of Independent Businesses, died at his home in California. He prices advertised in the Pi-geon Supermarket ad. Ownwas born in Bay Port, son of ers are Kathryn and Harold the late John and Sabra Reed. Harder. He is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter, a brother, Archie Harder of Bay Port and a sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Mitin of Bay Port were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary with a dinner at Frankenmuth hosted by their sons, Harry of Saginaw and Timothy of Midland. The following evening they were surprised by the Jay and John Mitins with a celebration $at the {\it John Leipprandt\, home.}$

10 YEARS AGO

Huron County's first babies of 1979 actually brings double the pleasure to new parents, Mr.and Mrs. Ed

Gladys Faith Byler is en-Maust in the spring.

Karen Damm of Pigeon is the big winner in the final week of prize drawings sponsored for Christmas by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce. Hilmar Elbing of Pigeon is the \$25 winner and Velma Fritz of Pigeon won the \$50 second prize.

In all, more than \$4,000 in prizes and cash were awarded to shoppers during the Christmas season by the Chamber of Commerce. Denise Dubs of Bay Port was the bicycle winner in that final Yule drawing.

Spartan Orange Juice, 3/ \$1.00, Laundry Detergent, 64 oz., \$1.89, Spartan soups, your choice, 5/\$5.00 are the

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Miss Olive Eicher became the bride of Walter Bedford of Chandler Township Monday evening at the Mission church parsonage. Rev. A.F. Albro, pastor, officiated.

I will be at the Elkton State Bank every Friday until Jan. 10, for collection of Oliver Twp. taxes. Martin Woelfle.

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honored include: LISA PITCHER, ROB STEINMAN, KEVIN TRUEMNER, PAUL ELENBAUM, BONNIE MORNEAU, KEVIN WISSNER, LISA BUSCHLEN. BETH ANN HENRY. JOSEPH HALEY, KRIS MCBRIDE, DEAN ROESTEL NEIL NUNCIO, LONNIE IRION, RODNEY BEHM. ANGELA SCHUETTE, DEAN DEERING AND ROGER

The Village of Caseville was selected as one of three demonstration communities for 1988 by Design Michigan, a non-profit statewide outreach program of Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills

The Laker Varsity Volleyball team did itself proud by winning the Delta Invitational Tournament at Delta College. Caseville School's JUST SAY NO club was formally launched with the induction of officers, according to COLLEEN

BEDNOREK, adult organizer and leader. The Just Say No

clubs are groups of children age 7 to 14 who are committed to

leading drug-free lives. Laker FFA teams brought home seven medals-six golds and one silver — following the 1988 Leadership Games. Cooperative Elevator President and Chief Executive Of-

ficer JOHN KOHR was named president of the Michigan Bean Shippers Association at that group's 95th annual meeting in Frankenmuth.
HOLLY SWARTZENDRUBER, BETH ANN HENRY,
DAWN SWARTZENDRUBER, CARLEEN KAUFMANN,

MIKE SCHMITT, MARY KAY SMITH, STEVE KAUF-MANN PHIL ROBISON AND CLARK HARNER won top First Division ratings in 13 of the 17 events in which they competed at district Solo and Ensemble competition at Caro High

St. John' Lutheran School Crusaders were named Thumb Area Lutheran League after winning the TALL tournament. For the 1987-88 season, the team boasts an overall 7-1 record.

FEBRUARY DEATHS: Daniel D. Swarzendruber, 91; Thelma L. Armstead, 62; Clara Belle Niebel, 70; William E. Czewski, 29; Anna I. Thompson, 95; Verti L. Heath, 84; Justina J. Jantz, 82; Ethel M. Perry, 82; Kenneth S. Lane, 72; William Bentling, 64; Erin Schillinger, 7; Mildred Wallace Geer, 86; Irvine L. Werner, 74; Earl R. Schafer, 83; Herbert A. Bills, 61; Irene T. Roberts; Karen Flint, 38; Cheryl F. Litzner, 36.

March, 1988

The Pigeon District Library announced it would be open five days a week beginning March 1, with evening hours on

Concerned citizens of the Pigeon Community have created a \$10,000 reward to assist in the investigation of the poisoning of David Armbruster's beef cattle in January. Nearly \$1600 was raised to pay the way for 83 eighth-grade Laker students to travel to Washington D.C. Over 1100 people

enjoyed the spaghetti dinner served at the high school, along with salads, garlic bread, and desserts.

Bay Port was reeling from the theft of one of its signs designating "Bay Port—Home of the Fish Sandwich Festival' HENRY ENGELHARD, longtime fish merchant and publicist, said that Bay Port Chamber of Commerce decided to offer a reward for the return of the sign.

CAROL HEBERT was named runner-up in the Lawrence Institute of Technology/Detroit News Regional Spelling Bee The Lady Lakers Volleyball team won it all in District

Volleyball competition, defeating Cass City 15-13, 15-7. But, unfortunately, the Lady Lakers fell to Almont in Regional play at Burton-Bentley High School, losing by only one serve. Lakers Varsity Basketball team finished the regular season with its biggest victory, blowing away Caro with a score of 91-43. In District competition, though, the Lakers were handily defeated by a strong USA Patriots team. A fire at Salem United Methodist Church caused only

smoke damage. According to Pastor TIM HASTINGS, the unexplained fire started in a box of books in a closet. Area voters went to the polls to elect village officials. The only surprise in the elections was the victory of FRANK

MALOSKY over incumbent MICHAEL POWER in the race

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for Caseville's Village President. All village officials in Pigeon ran unopposed and retained their seats, while voters in Elkton selected ALVIN (JOHN) KNECHTEL as village treasurer over Orville Liedtke in the only contested office.

proved Pigza Pizza is the best anywhere, as the restuarant nanges owners and adds new items to its menu. Huron County's Emergency Services Director MICHAEL GAGE threw his hat into the ring as he announced his bid for

Elkton resident DALE ACKERMAN says that the new, im-

BRUCE KUHL of Sebewaing, announced his bid for reelection to the Huron County Board of Commissioners. Kuhl represents Fair Haven, McKinley, Sebewaing, and ookfield townships on the board.

ne county Sheriff's office.

MARCH DEATHS: Elaine Weidman, 41; Frances Pelant,97; David A. Duprey, 37, and Clara E. Diebel, 88.

April, 1988

Laker High School principal JAMES BALLARD said he would be leaving Lakers to accept a position as Assistant Director of the Michigan Association of Secondary School Principals, based in Ann Arbor. Ballard has been with the school district for 15 years.

REGINA FLUEGGE, daughter of Otto and Lorraine Fluegge, will be traveling to the National Distributive Education Clubs of America, after having earned a second place win in Entrepreneurship in DECA state competition in

Caseville resident ROBERT D. QUINN announced his candidacy for the Huron County Board of Commissioners. He will be running as a Democrat for the seat held by incumbent

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Pigeon news items

in Ubly on Thursday with

Christmas Day dinner guests

of her parents, Mr. and Mrs.

Frank Taschner in Sebe-

Helping the Eugene Hamil-

ton family celebrate Christmas Day were Mr. and Mrs.

Robert Hamilton and family

of Rockford, Mr. and Mrs.

Dave Auernhamer and fam-

ily of Frankenmuth and Mrs.

Margaret Gaeth of Sebe-

on Tuesday was her daugh-

sister and husband, Mr. and

Mrs. Robert Bauer of Elkton

were Thursday visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Schuette and family were

her son Tom.

By DOROTHY DIENER Mrs. Amanda Strauch is

spending the Christmas holidas with her daughte and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Smith ad family in Rochester.

Mrs. Avis Cregeur accompanid Mr. and Mrs. Mel Tebado of Gladwin on Satuday to spend Christmas Day at the home of Mrs. Laura Higgins and family in Flint.

The families of Mr. and Mrs. John Diener had their Christmas dinner and gift exchange at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis and Jodi in Saginaw on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke returned home Monday after having their pre-Christmas dinne with Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke in Sterling Heights. They also son and Fred we Christmas attended the Christmas ProDay guests of Mr. and Mrs. gram of their granddaughter Rob Collison of Bay Port. Pamela at Cross Lutheran Church, Fraser.

brother of the bride. The and carried similar bouquets processional was "Canon in except that they were ar-D" by Pachebel and the ranged with minuet roses. Recessional was "Hallelujah Chorus" by Handel. The godchild of the bride, was postlude music was played y Mae Ann Orth.

Kevin Laursen Escorted to the altar by her

father, the bride wore a floorlength, off-the-shoulder, white silkened satin gown featuring leg-o-mutton sleeves and a molded bodice to the hip, both accented with pearl trim. The elongated waist fell to a full, gathered skirt and chapel-length train. Her matching headpiece of petals and pearls was complemented with silk illusiion veiling which featured

ray of large red samantha roses cascading over her Visiting Mrs. Ann Schuette mother's ivory bible. Needlepoint English ivy comter, Mrs. James Bridges ad pleted the bouquet with son Todd of Midland. Her gentle touches of dazzling ivory pearls.

The bride asked a friend, Lori Ackerman of Freeland, to precede her down the wedding aisle as matron of gown of emerald green velvet and taffeta. The gown featured a velvet bodice with scooped neckline, long ta-

Pigeon was graced in holi-skirt of iridescent taffeta day greenery as the setting accented by cumberbunds at the wedding of Karen Louise Laursen of Pigeon and She carried a romantic hand Jeffrey Raymond Roof of gathering of minuet and red Pontiac on Saturday, Dec. samantha roses comple-

Pastor Raymond Orth ant's gown. Fragrant Eucajoined in marriage the chil- lyptus and holly greens with dren of Mr. and Mrs. James a white moire' bow com-Laursen of Pigeon and Mr. pleted the arrangement. and Mrs. Raymond Roof of

were bridesmaids Lynn Dyer The church was adorned of Winter Springs, Fla., with two sets of trio candela- friend of the couple; Sandy bra featuring hurricane Redfield of Farmington Hills, globes caught up with satin sister of the groom; Cindy Fix of Freeland, Janet Sturm pows and delicate Christmas of Pigeon and Cheryl Djozlija

Special readings were read of Green Bay, Wisc., all by the bride's uncle, Charles friends of the couple. Harrison. Prelude music was played by Kevin Laursen, tired to the honor attendant

The congregation joined in two hymns, "Lord, We Come Before Your Presence" and "Hear Us Now, Our God and Father," which were accompanied by piano and organ. A piano solo of "The Lord's Prayer" was also played by

sweetheart roses. Frank Lubis of Saginaw stood up as best man for his friend, assisted by groomsmen John Lubis of Saginaw, friend of the couple; Duncan Redfield of Farmington Hills, brother-in-law of the groom; David Lardizabal of Tequeigalta, Honduras, friend of the couple; Kevin Laursen of Sterling Heights, twin brother of the bride and Brooks Solterman of Columscalloped edges and pearls. bus, Ind., friend of the

She carried a teardrop ar- couple. Seating the wedding guests were ushers Kevin Catterfeld of Belleville and Ned Quinn of Saginaw, both friends of the couple. Kip Humpert of Saginaw, cousin of the groom, was ring bearer.

The mother of the bride wore an ivory intermezzolength dress of venise lace featuring flutter bell sleeves honor, wearing a floor-length and tier-on-tier of silk venise lace designed in embroidered lavaliers. She chose a corsage arranged on her It's a girl!
Brad and Lori (Kuch) Neal

Hospital.

Gaylord.

and measured 21 inches

Maternal grandparents are

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kuch of

Caseville and a great-grand-

mother, Regina Rieck of

Unionville. Paternal grand-

parents are Betty Neal of

Sand Point and Clinton Neal

of Caseville. Great-grand-

mother is Stella Tankersly of

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morning!

Rebecca is joined by a brother, Brandon, age 41/2.

Cross Lutheran Church, open back and a gathered roses with tufts of soft ivory

the waistline and a back bow.

mented the honor attend-

Also attending the bride

They were identically at-

Kristine Liedke of Pigeon,

flower girl wearing a dress of

green iridescent taffeta and

white Rachelle lace. Her

dress featured short sleeves,

a drop-ped torso with a bow

at the hip and a bubble skirt.

collar, cuffs and hemline.

She carried a bouquet iden-

tical to the honor attendant's,

except it was arranged with

It was accented by lace at the

The mother of the groom selected a periwinkle blue, street-length silk dress with a pleated skirt accented by their home at 1570 Larchsatin at the cuffs and waist- mont, Pontiac, MI 48054.

purse of delicate minuet line. She wore a corsage similar to the bride's

> Following a reception at The Colony House, Cass City, the newlyweds are making

April, 1988

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WESLEY EDINGTON, vice president of retail sales for Cooperative Elevator in Pigeon, was elected to the board of directors of Michigan State University's College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Alumni Association at the group's annual meeting in East Lansing.

There was good news for members of the Bay Port Chamber of Commerce as they learned that the sign which designates Bay Port "Home of the Bay Port Fish Sandwich

Festival," was recovered.
Schuerer Hospital introduced its new urology equipment, a ureteroscope and lithotriptor, which will enable physicians to utilize ultrasonic modality, thus disintergrating kidney stones and allowing the patient to avoid surgery.

Laker volleyball coach VICKY ROTHFUSS was named

Coach of the Year by the Thumb B Association. Her outstanding volleyball team racked up a 7-0 record in season play. Also named to the TBA's first team in volleyball were Laker seniors JACKIE GINTER, LISA BUSCHLEN and JEN-NIFER WARREN. The Laker basketball team finished second in the TBA, with a 12-2 record, Laker senior PAUL ELENBAUM and junior KENDALL WERTZ were named to Active Industries of Elkton was the proud recipient of

Ford's elite "Q-1 Preferred Quality Award' Ford credits Q-1 suppliers with helping produce the highest quality cars and truck built in North America for the seventh consecutive year. Only 38% of Ford's suppliers have earned the Q-1 Pigeon Telephone Company announced that it would begin

selling and installing mobile telephones, the first such service offered in the Thumb. The latest round in the saga of the proposed Bay Communi-

ty Airport was the public hearing held in the Pigeon Village Hall. Backers and opponents of the airport were given the opportunity to put their points of view on the public record as part of an environmental impact statement.

Former Pigeon resident MAE McPHERSON celebrated

her 100th birthday with relatives and friends. Eleven Laker students were inducted into the National

Honor Society in a ceremony at the high school. Inducted were: MARK CAISTER, TRICIA GEIGER, DARREN JANTZI, MARILYN KRANZ, ALAN MCBRIDE, ANDREA RICHMOND, SCOTT RICHMOND, PHILIP SCHEMBER. AMANDA SCOTT, KEVIN WOLFRAM and MICHELLE

BECKY DUBEY was named Miss Caseville in a pageant during Caseville's Perch Festival. The festival celebrated the return of another season of perch fishing with activities scheduled throughout the week.

Walsh's Gun and Tackle Shop opened for business near Caseville, with owner MIKE WALSH combining both love of fishing and hunting with business.
Pigeon resident WANDA EICHLER will be attending the

1988 United Methodist General Conference in St. Louis, MO. The conference meets every four years to set policy for the Methodist church

Cross Lutheran School in Pigeon made a bit of history as it named 37 students to its first-ever honor roll. Elkton Pigeon-Bay Port superintendent HARRY BRUNET announced his retirement after 15 years of service to the

Voters will be asked to approve a 3.77-mill increase in the June 13 school election, Laker school officials announced. Expected revenues in 1988-89 will be over \$4.4 million, while expenditures will likely be more than \$4.5 million. The deficit will be made up by the \$100,000 in the fund balance.

The Laker FFA chapter dominated contests at the 60th Annual FFA Convention, by taking two state winners, one reserve state winner, and a gold fourth place. The are proud to announce the Demonstration team took a Gold Medal, as did the birth of their daughter, Re-Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team. The Farm Forum becca Nicole Neal, born on Team won a Gold Runner-up at the state level, and the Dec. 21 at Huron Memorial Greenhand Public Speaker came home with a fourth place She weighed 8 lbs.21/2 oz.

Huron County Sheriff RICHARD STOKAN and Undersheriff ROBERT FINKBEINER introduced a new weapon in the fight against crime with a new "TIPS" line. The new line is a phone number which county residents can call with suspicions of drug or criminal activities.

The Design Michigan team paid a visit to Caseville in April to meet with the local Community Resource Committee. The committee will be busy in the next few weeks gathering data and photos for the design team to use in analyzing what improvements the Caseville area needs.

Two Webelo Scouts, ELI BINDER and BOBBY ORR, were presented with the Arrow of Light award. The award is the highest rank a Cub Scout can earn and the two boys are the first in the Pigeon Cub Scout Pack to earn the honor in recent

APRIL DEATHS: Iva Pearl Schweitzer, 72; Julia M. Praff, 68; Edith B. Rogers, 94; Robert Weiss, 63; Larry Morin, 29; Arlene Randall, 58; Iva C. Gascho, 57; Wayne R. Harrington, 64; Christian Bolger, 79; Edward A. Griglak, 74; Angelina Flores, 77; Leo W. Sturm, 72; Elsie J. O'Leary, 89; Adele M. Ruthenberg, 59; Marlin D. Gunden, 63; Frank Sheufelt, 86; Harry Lavern, 81; Irene C. Wrona, 58, and Ada May Morgan, Continued on Page 20



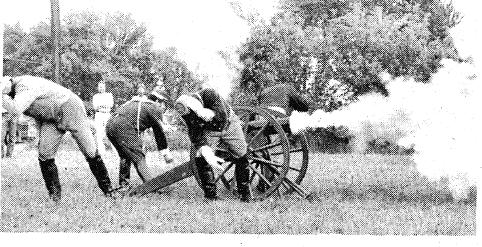


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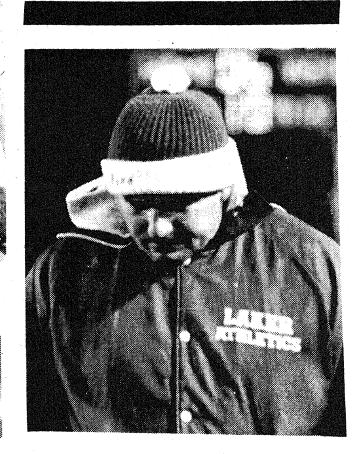












1988 Personalities

Achievements

mer comptroller at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, now a resident of Muskegon Heights has been selected to be included in the 1988 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of



MARK D. WOLFE

Now in its 26th year, the OYMA program is designed exceptional young men between the ages of 21 and 36 who have distinguished themselves in many fields of endeavor such as commu-tall, son of Sandra M. Conrad nity service, professional of Caseville and Lester L. leadership, academic ach- Desotall of Utica, has arrived ievement, business advance- for duty in West Germany. ment, cultural accomplishments and civic and politi- with the 51st Infantry. cal participation.

Wolfe was selected with Laker High School. fellow candidates after 150,000 nominations were received from political leaders, University and college officials, clergymen, business leaders as well as from various civic groups and community organizations.

Each young man will be represented by his biographical entry in this prestigious annual awards publication.

Alma College junior Michelle Stahl of Caseville and senior Karen Gaffke of Port Laker High School. Hope are among Alma students selected to work with faculty members and administrators on Alma's commu-

Mark Douglas Wolfe, for- nity government committees for the 1988-89 academic

They are two of the five students on the Academic Standards Committee, which has as primary responsibility the formulation of policy recommendations for and the review and evaluation of a cademic standards.

Students apply and are selected for committee service by a Community Government Selection Committee, composed of four Alma students. The Student Congress then approves the commit-

Stahl, a 1986 graduate of Caseville High School, is the daughter of James and Sharon Stahl of Caseville. She is majoring in business administration and history.

Gaffke, a 1985 graduate of Port Hope High School, is the daughter of Orville and Wanda Gaffke, Port Hope. She is majoring in history to honor and encourage and business administration at Alma College.

> Army Spec. Jeffrey L. Deso-Desotall is an infantryman

He is a 1984 graduate of

Pvt. Kenneth I. Duffied, son of Jean A. McFadden and stepson of Gilbert P. McFadden of Caseville, has completed basic training at Fort McClellan, Ala.

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

He is a 1988 graduate of

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Annual After Christmas

Pvt. Thomas A. Yaroch, son of Leonard J. Yaroch of Port Austin and Judith L. Ginter of Elkton, has completed a parachute packing, maintenance and airdrop course at the U.S. Army

preparation of loads for air-

The third phase included instruction in the basic maintenance and repair procedures for all parachutes and other airdrop equipment.

Pvt. Brenda J. Johnson, daughter of Walter E. Johnson and stepdaughter of Barbara J. Johnson of Caseville, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid and Army history and traditions. She is a 1985 graduate of Caseville High School.

Army Spec. Charles Mascorro, son of Camilo and Victoria Mascorro of Pigeon, has arrived for duty at Fort

Bragg, N.c. Mascorro is a cannon crewman with the Eighth Field Artillery. The soldier is a 1985 graduate of Laker High School,

NOW IN PROGRESS!!

Quartermaster School, Fort

The course was divided into three phases of instruction. During the first phase, students learned to pack the personnel troop pack, emergency and reserve and small cargo type parachutes. Students then learned to pack large cargo parachutes and rig vehicles and then other items to be airdropped. They also received instruction in loading equipment on the aircraft and securing it for flight in addition to in-flight

> I didn't make any, so I couldn't keep or break

> > Marlene Neal **CASEVILLE**

I don't make any resolutions to break. Lee Jaworkski

I don't make New Year's resolutions because of fear of failure.

I've been able to stop

smoking. But I haven't

Terry Smith

ing money!

Dr. Ed Holtzhouse CASEVILLE





I said I wasn't going to work as hard this year, and I broke my promise to pay my bills on time!

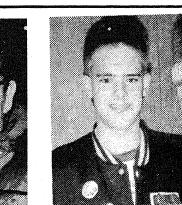
> Randy Maier LEXINGTON

As the new year begins, we'd like to take this opportunity to wish our many good friends every happiness!! Pigeon Motors 7392 Michigan • Pigeon • 453-3621

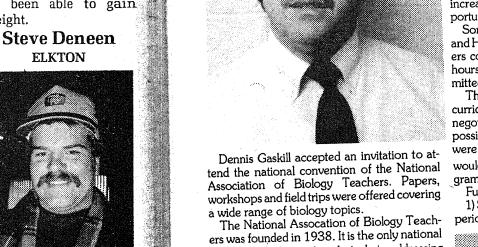
We're Asking You . . .

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION, ASKED BY BRENDA BUSCHLEN:

"What resolutions did you make for 1988 that you've been able to keep all year? And, what resolutions have vou broken?"



I've been able to keep on playing tennis and I haven't been able to gain

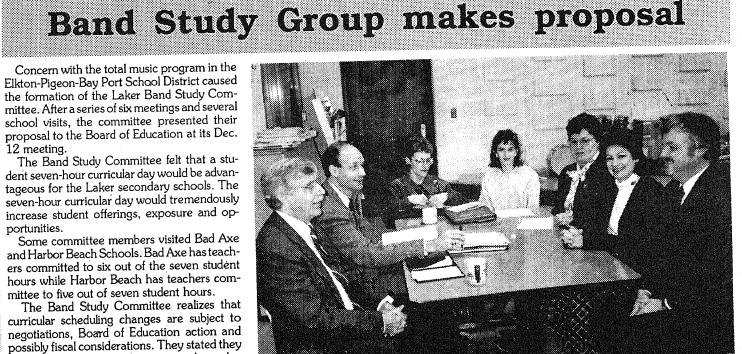


organization devoted exclusively to addressing the needs of biology teachers. Regional workshops and a national convention are annual events. This year, for its golden anniversary, the convention was held Nov. 16-20 at the Marriott in downtown Chicago. Major speakers from throughout the United States were invited to

speak to the more than 1,500 attendees. Mr. Gaskill has been teaching Ennvironmental Science, Biology and Advanced Biology in the Laker system for the past 24 years.

Gaskill attends

national convo



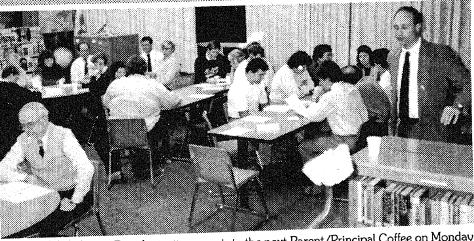
2) Exploring the possibility of splitting the band assignment up with rescheduling or add-

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he Laker Wave

3) Grouping seventh and eighth grade band 4) More recognition for High School Band.

Parents invited for Coffee



Laker Principal Craig Douglas invites parents to the next Parent/Principal Coffee on Monday Jan. 16, 1989 in the Junior High Library. HERE, the last Coffee is shown in the photo.

Questions for the

By ROBERT DRURY, Laker Superintendent

SUPERINTENDENT !-

NHS plans Academic Hall

12 meeting.

portunities.

mittee to five out of seven student hours.

were merely asserting that a seven-hour day

would help the band and other elective pro-

1) Scheduling High School Band during third

Further recommendations include:

National Honor

Laker Buses

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Society... Page 2

National Honor Society members Brenda rian and salutatorian.

For a school-wide service project, Laker High NHS members have decided to create an Valedictorian and Salutatorian who has gradu- former grads from the 60s and 70s. ated from Laker High School, to solicit a graduation photo that is suitable for enlargealong what is presently known as "Senior Hall." Their objective, simply put, is to promote acacited about the project and feel that an "Aca-

With 28 graduation classes to contact and Buschlen and Phil Schember get the jump on many of them having more than two honor the 1988-89 National Honor Society service students, the NHS members are faced with a project by drawing for their mystery valedicto- tremendous task. In order to have a little fun with the project, the students decided to draw graduating years, which definitely adds a little drama. Although everyone is hoping for 1987 "Academic Hall." Their plan is to contact every or 1988, many realize they will be contacting

Parents of former honor students can be of financial reform for education in our state may ment and framing and arrange these pictures great assistance by providing NHS members well be through a petition drive spearheaded by ties continue to flourish during 1989. with current addresses. The students are exdemic Hall" is long overdue.

QUESTION #1: WHAT IS THE OUTLOOK FOR SCHOOL FINANCE REFORM?

With last week's recess of our state legislator's, any hope of financial reform for public schools has been put to rest for the time being. There had been hopes that one of the reform packages would get approval in both the House and Senate before the Christmas recess, thus a vote of the people could have taken place as early as March or April 1989. It was apparent that no plan could please enough of the special interest groups to get approval and thus a large amount of confusion was created. The next step in

citizens within out state. Similar to proposals A B, C and D in our last national and state election, the method bypasses the legislative process and calls for a vote of the people if enough signatures are gained with a petition

In place of another question and answer, I would like to use this space for another purpose. On behalf of the 136 professional and support staff that are employed by the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School system, I would like to wish each and every one of the residents within our district a Happy Holiday Season and a very prosperous New Year. May the good relationships that have been developed over the years between the school district and our communi-

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47 students inducted into National Honor Society

Sixteen seniors, seventeen juniors and 14 sophomores officially became members of the Laker chapter of the National Honor Society on Dec. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The Laker High auditorium was the scene of the solemn occasion and the room was filled with proud parents and grandparents as NHS members Michelle Gayari and Scott Richmond led the processional.

The induction ceremony was led by NHS President Darren Jantzi, who introduced Principal Craig Douglas for an official welcome for inductees, parents and guests. Jantzi then explained the NHS selection process and was assisted in the candlelighting ceremony by Mark Caister, Alan McBride, Phil Schember and Amanda Scott. Tricia Geiger, Marilyn Kranz and Kevin Wolfram announced each inductee, who moved to the podium to sign the official register, thanked their parents for support and received their NHS pin. The new members then finalized the induction process by reciting the NHS pledge.

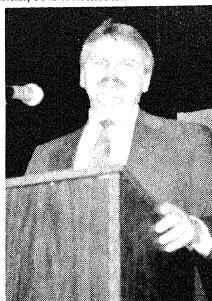
Guest speaker for the evening was former Laker graduate Jay Dubey (Class of '72), vice president and cashier of

Thumb National Bank and Trust. Mr. Dubey's address followed a general theme of "Being in Position to Win." New members, their parents and friends were then invited to the Student Center for refreshments and socializing.

The following students were inducted: SEN-IORS — Melinda Abbe, Sarah Anthes, Ginger Clabuesch, Amy Csanyi, Christy Damm, Eric Eby, Dana Goniwicha, Spencer Hamilton, Jill Kasserman, Mark Kretzschmer, Steve Krohn, Julee Leipprandt, Andrea Maust, Shawn Parrish, Todd Roestel, Mari Kay Smith.

JUNIORS — Traci Anderson, Malisa Burkeen, Brenda Buschlen, Debby Christner, Jason Eichler, Jody Herford, Deedra Hewitt, Anasuya Kamlapurker, Scott Keyworth, Charles Kimmel, Brian Murdoch, Scott Schmitt, Brenda Schulze, Christopher Shupe, Brian Swartzendruber, Holly Swartzendruber, Bryan

Young.
SOPHOMORES: Brenda Beyer, Kristina Clunis, Jeremy Eden, Melissa Haley, Jenifer Henne, Madhavi Kamlapurker, Steve Kauffman, Donald Kempisty, Beth Roestel, Molly Sheehan, Anne Sturm, Dawn Swartzendruber, Amy Terrian, Jodi Weisenbach.



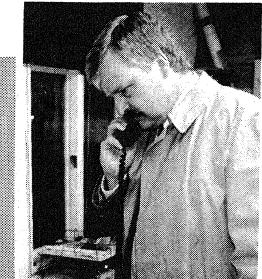
Speaker Jay Dubey

Transportion Director Fred Joles is in frequent phone and radio contact as the buses roll









Tricia Geiger wins DAR Award

The Michigan Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, recently sent congratulations to Tricia Geiger, Laker High Senior for being chosen as recipient of the organization's annual "Good Citizen" award. Tricia's selection illustrates the high regard in which she is held by administrators, teachers and classmates.

All Michigan "Good Citizens" compete for a \$100 scholarship from the National Society by filling out a questionnaire and completing a test on the Constitution.

Tricia and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Geiger were also invited to attend a Good Citizen's Tea held by the General Richardson chapter in Rochester.



Around the Laker Schools

What's happening in Elkton, Pigeon and Bay Port Buildings

To show our appreciation to Mrs. Laura Witczak for all the extra effort she puts into our Christmas program, the third grade class at Bay Port Elementary, under the direction of their teacher Mrs. Gail Schmuck, have written their opinions of her as a music teacher.

Mrs. Witczak is outstanding because she gets the tune right and she is nice to me. She has a nice husband. She has a pretty dress. She has a good attitude.

SHANNON SWARTZENDRUBER

Mrs. Witczak is an outstanding teacher and she blows away any other music teacher. She is a nice, cheerful, unselfish teacher.

Mrs. Witczak, you are a cheerful teacher. You work very hard. You teach us to play instruments. You have a very good voice. You are a very good teacher. You are a cool teacher.

Mrs. Witczak is radical. She is nice to me. I like to play the instruments. She worked hard to get a very good Christmas program. My favorite instrument is the new glockenspiel. She is the best music teacher. SCOTT ANDERSON

Mrs. Witczak is out of this world because she always works very, very hard for our Christmas progra. She teaches very well. I really like her. I am glad she is my music teacher. JESSICA SCHWEITZER

Mrs. Witczak is a cool, outstanding, radical, nice and cheerful teacher. She is good at music. If she was in a competition, she would knock everyone else out of the universe.

Mrs. Witczak is an awesome teacher. She teaches us good songs. She is nice and cheerful. If it wasn't for her, we would not sing. I'm glad she is a nice teacher for our Christmas pro-

TESSA HENNE

Mrs. Witczak, you're a totally radical music teacher. I like you because you don't yell at me a lot. You're a cheerful, unselfish teacher.

Mrs.Witczak is an outstanding teacher! She works very hard for the Christmas program. Mrs. Witczak sings good. SHELLY NEAL

music teacher. My favorite instrument is the glockenspiel bell. She works very hard to get us ready for the Christmas program.

JOHN LEIPPRANDT Mrs. Witczak is outstanding. She is nice,

Mrs. Witczak is cool. She is an outstanding

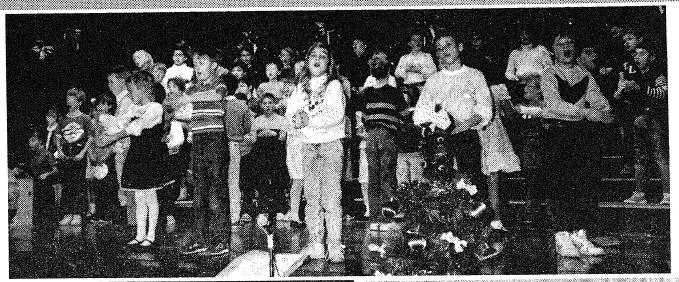
cheerful, awesome and neat. If she wasn't at our Christmas program, it wouldn't be the same

wasn't for her, our singing would not be good. velop problem-solving skills; such skills were If this Christmas program is good, we should needed by employes at all leves (Needles, 1982)."

Mrs. Witczak is an outstanding music teacher. School Principals. She's nice and unselfish. She is not greedy and As we approach the midpoint of our school she is vey pretty. She has a great attitude.

Mrs. Witczak is totally radical because she semester exams and tests. makes us feel rad and cool. She makes us feel ... The following four points are keys for a nicer than we already were. She works very successful exam hard and I mean hard. She would blow away 1) EARLY REVIEW. Students need to begin any other music teacher. She is very, very, very studying long before the test. This is especially good with instruments and I love her for a critical if the exam covers the entire semester's

Scenes from the Christmas Programs...





2. FREQUENT REVIEW: We have all heard

of people "cramming" for exams. This is usu-

ally not the best approach. It is far better to

4) REST AND DIET ARE IMPORTANT,

students are rushed and end up skipping or

delaying meals. In the long run, this hurts the

With our system of nine-week marking peri-

ods, the semester exam has a significant impact

on the semester grade. By planning early, the

chances for a positive outcome are greatly

student's chance for success.

study for shorter periods several times wh

what we rehearse over and over.

Elkton Elementary

From the PRINCIPAL'S **OFFICE**

By CRAIG DOUGLAS, Secondary Principal

"The need to train students in problemwithout her. She is the best music teacher lever solving or reasoning skills has been receiving increasing attention, both from the educational system and from industry. In a recent survey of electronic firms in California's Silicon Valley, Mrs. Witczakis an outstanding music teacher. business leaders were asked to identify the skills She treats me well. She cares about our promost lacking in their recently hired employes, gram. She is jolly and I like her very much. those skills that the educational system should ED BIERI help students develop to become effective employes. The majority of respondents re-Mrs. Witczak is a great teacher because if it ported that schools should help students de-

-taken from the publication "What Do We JENNY NUNCIO Mean By Quality in Education," published in 1986 by National Association of Secondary

year, it is important we emphasize to our KIM GASCHO students the need to think and reason. This is especially true when we ask our students to take

material. It is not unreasonable to begin this JAMIE WIECHERT review over the Christmas Vacation period.

was held Thursday, Dec. 8. Many famous characters appeared on stage including Rudolph, Santa Claus, all the other reindeer, the Three Great Kings, angels and Mary and Joseph. Requests were made to Santa for missing

teeth, skates, sleds and books. Santa suffered many trials and tribulations during "The Night Before Christmas," but a terrific time was had by all! See you next year!

OUTSTANDING STUDENT



OUTSTANDING STUDENT AT ELKTON ELEMENTARY Name: MIKKEE PEYERK Grade: 5th Achievement: An all "A" student Favorite subject: Math Hobby: Stamp Collecting Future: Working with animals

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The graduates will now be

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dary choices daily: pizza,

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THURSDAY: Turkey pot

FRIDAY: Chop suey and

TUESDAY: Tacos.

EVERY DAY

EVERYWHERE

and cheese.

Achievement

area students enrolled in the eligible to write the Practical

Several Western Thumb

one-year Practical Nursing

Program at St. Clair County

Community College gradu-

ated Wednesday, Dec. 14 in

commencement exercises at

the Huron Intermediate

Local graduates include

Ovidia Alarcon, Pigeon;

Mary Walsh, Caseville; Judy

Kretzschmer, Elkton and

Patricia Haag, Sebewaing.

WE

School District.

Local students compete in academic contest

A team of 14 high school students and 12 The contest was run on Apple II computers junior high students competed in a grueling academic test on Dec. 7 in the Knowledge and the Pacific Basin. The computers tallied the Master Open, an academic competition involving thousands of schools across the nation.

possible points on a test covering al secondary
Competition and the first time the Junior High school disciplines, while the Junior High team scored 1132 out of 2,000 covering the same subject matter but at a different level.

High school team members included: Dan Beckett, Kris Clunis, Sara Bush, Dawn Swartzendruber, Holly Swartzendruber, Anasuya Kamlapurker, Heather Clark, Jeff Lockard, John English, Debby Christner, Brenda Schulze, Jason Henne, Anja Twistel, Jill Gardy.

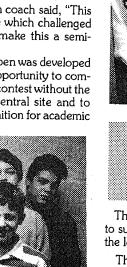
Junior High team members included: EIGHTH GRADE — Meagan Duever, Jennifer Maxwell, Russell Truemner, Carol Hebert, Greg Nimtz; SEVENTH GRADE — Kim Sturm, Jill Collison, Theresa Kranz, William Smith; SIXTH expense of traveling to a central site and to GRADE — Don Osentoski, Jode Forster, stimulate interest and recognition for academic

at secondary schools in all 50 states, Canada students' scores based on speed and accuracy.

This is the eighth time that Laker High The High School team scored 1102 of 2,000 School has entered the Knowledge Master students have participated. Laker High Academic Coach Dennis Gaskill described the event as very successful, considering the number of seniors who were on the team last year. He added, "This is a very young and enthusiastic

John Blair, the junior high coach said, "This was an excellent experience which challenged our students. We hope to make this a semiannual event.

The Knowledge Master Open was developed to provide all schools the opportunity to compete in a national academic contest without the accomplishment.



Buses are vital in large **EPBP School District**

the highway and head for various points within the 231 square miles that make up the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District. Their mission — to pick up 1,067 students and deliver them safely to one of the five schools and then in the afternoon take them back home again. During the year, each will travel about 32,000 miles and when they get old and unreliable, their replacement will cost the district \$43,000.00.

In a rural school district like ours, school buses are a very important aspect of the total educational program. The drivers are the first school person the majority of our students see each morning and the last school person they see each night. Because of this, our drivers pride themselves on being ambassadors of good will. Not only are they responsible for the bus. New buses cost \$41,000.00 per unit with safety of the children and in maintaining bus two expected for delivery this winter to replace

shape by a team of top-notch mechanics. Clayt were received in 1985 with the oldest buses Diller and Denny Schweitzer bring numerous being purchases in 1977. years of experience to the district and save us thousands of dollars each year.

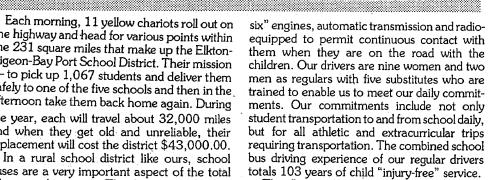
Fred Joles is the new Transportation Director this year and the close proximity of his office to the bus garage has already been invaluable. Gail Richmond is the bus secretary and handles the day-to-day routine via the radio from her high school office.

This year's drivers include: Delores Champagne, Jane Clunis, Grace Finkbeiner, Annette Henne, Patricia Przystup, Mary Richmond, Dennis Schweitzer, Randall Swartzendruber, Donna Wheeler, Diane Wiechert, Gail Wolfe.

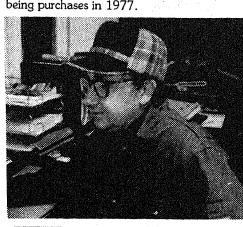
Some EPBP Transportation Facts

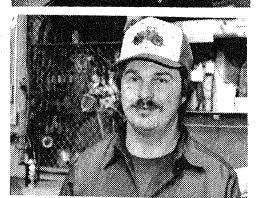
Our transportation fleet consists of 15 buses of which 11 make double runs morning and evening in picking up the secondary students and then go out immediately for the elementary students. There are five kindergarten runs and a Head Start run to accommodate our student needs. We service the three parochial schools' transportation needs within the district boundaries. The average run consists of 40 miles with up to 70 stops per run if you include stop signs and railroad crossings.

The buses are all diesel-powered with "straight



The fleet is maintained by our head bus mechanic and helper on a year-round basis on an annual budget of \$450,000.00. The average annual mileage is 315,00 miles for the fleet which places an average of 28,000 miles per discipline, but they are always there as a friend. two of the units that have in excess of 200,000 The buses are kept in excellent mechanical miles on them. As of this last date, the last buses







Laker Library important to students and staff

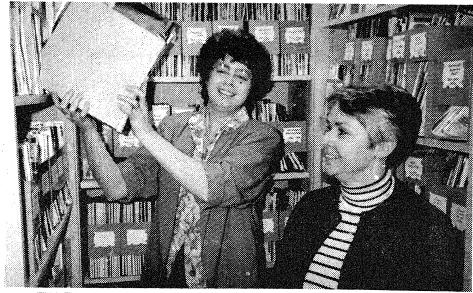
the learning goals of the curriculum.

This year our curriculum includes a research class for junior English students. Therefore it is especially important that our library's collection remains current. Since budget concerns and space limitations dictate the number of books on a given topic that are available to the student researcher, our magazine collection has become a very useful source of information.

retained for five years. (This number complies

The library is a vital part of the school. It exists with the standards set by the North Central to support students and teachers in achieving Accredidation Association). All of these magazines are indexed in the "Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature," which the students are taught to use. The usefulness of this collection has been proven as our statistics show that an average of magazines have been checked out

Helping Mrs. Gaskill and Mrs. Gavari this year are Erin Bronson, Paula Klosowski, Sarah Anthes and Shelli Fritz. Their responsibilities include typing and alphabetizing catalog cards, Our collection includes 52 titles which are updating the information file and shelving re-



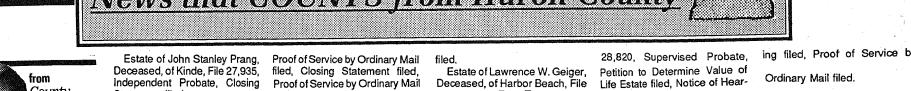




Laker Secondary School Office will be open during the holidays...

In an effort to better serve both students and parents, the high school office will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Dec. 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

News that COUNTS from Huron County &



David Clabuesch

HURON COUNTY PROBATE COURT December 15 - 21

Estate of Donna L. Krohn, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 26,966, Supervised Probate, Petition to Permit Closing of Account Erroneously Maintained filed, Order Authorizing Release of Funds filed.

Estate of John W. Miller, Deceased, of Port Austin, File 29,186, Independent Probate, Proof of Publication filed.

Estate of Howard Thede, Deceased, of Sebewaing, File 29,202, Will filed, Affidavit of No Estate to Probate filed.

Estate of Max B. McKee. Deceased, of California, File 29,203, Independent Probate. Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, 2 Waivers and Consents filed, Register's Order filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed, Claims Notice

Estate of Stewart H. Kelley, Deceased, of Port Hope, File 29,204, Will filed.

Estate of Alan D. Kreh, Deceased, of Kinde, File 29,117, Supervised Probate, 2 Waivers and Consents filed. Estate of Myron C. Gunsell,

Deceased, of Pigeon, File 27,934, Supervised Probate, Brief filed, Supplemental Brief filed, Order filed. Estate of John George Mesa-

ros, Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 29,187, Independent Probate, Claims Notice filed. Estate of Lydia E. Smith, Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File

29,206, Independent Probate, Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Supplemental Testi-mony Interested Parties filed, Register's Order filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters o Authority filed.

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Independent Probate Closing Statement filed

Estate of Howard M. Ritter,

28,771, Independent Probate, Certificate of Completion filed. Estate of August Harold Ehrl-

Share filed.

Estate of Belle R. Wellock.

Estate of Benjamin Kuhn. Cause filed.

Estate of Lydia E. Smith, De-Claims Notice filed

by Ordinary Mail filed. Estate of Ralph C. Dixon, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 29,210, Supervised Probate, Will filed, First Codicil filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Inter-

Estate of Kenneth M. Bolda, Deceased, of Bay Port, File 28.625, Independent Probate, First Amended Inventory filed,

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genbuck, Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 27,497, Supervised Probate, Waiver and Consent iled, Order Allowing Account

Deceased, of Bad Axe, File

ich, Deceased, of Owendale File 28,671, Supervised Probate, 6 Waivers and Consents filed, 3 Receipts of Distributive

Deceased, of Ruth, File 28,970, Supervised Probate, Amended

Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 29,169, Independent Probate, Order Determining Heirs filed; Petition for Re-Hearing on Con-

Deceased, of Port Austin, File 23.826. Supervised Probate. Motion and Order to Show

ceased, of Harbor Beach, File 29,026, Independent Probate,

Estate of Margaret G. Eppenbrock, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 29,047, Independent Probate, Proof of Publication filed, Order Determining Heirs filed. Estate of Charlotte Mary Glaza, Deceased, of Ubly, File

ested Parties filed, Supplemental Testimony Interested Parties

Estate of Jerome Rog-

Week of December 19 Estate of Frank M. Richard.

firmation of Sale filed.

Estate of Josephine E. Wells, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,657, Supervised Probate Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail

29,073, Supervised Probate, Inventory filed, Proof of Service

HURON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Todd M. Elenbaum and Kristina L. Wells Dale Alan Smith and Jody Rae

Harold Dennis Prich and Janet

ASSUMED NAMES

NO. 4224 D.A.M., 791 Davis St., Sebewaing, MI 48759. By: Donald A. Martin, 791 Davis St. Sebewaing, MI 48759. Filed 12/

NO. 4725 THE BUCKHORN LODGE (A Hunting Lodge), 3470 Munford Rd., Ubly, MI 48475. By: Lawrence S. Michel and Ann Michel, 27800 West Rd., New Boston, Ml. Filed 12/

JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE

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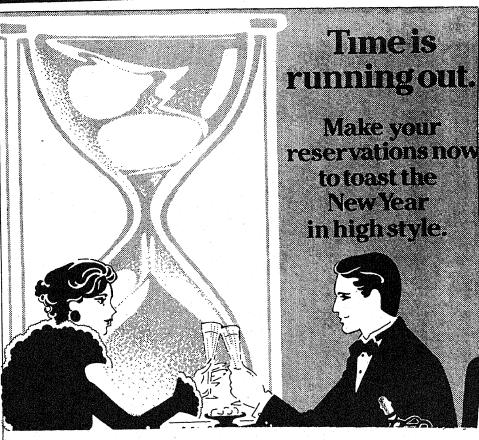
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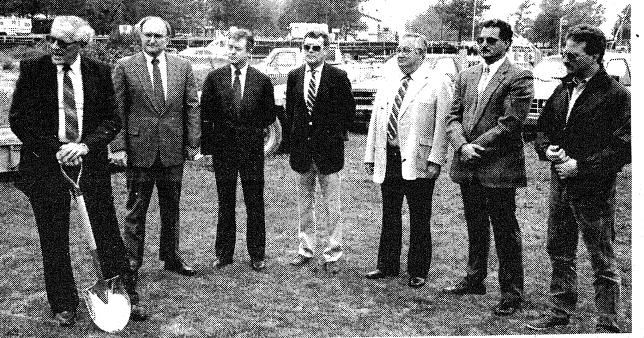
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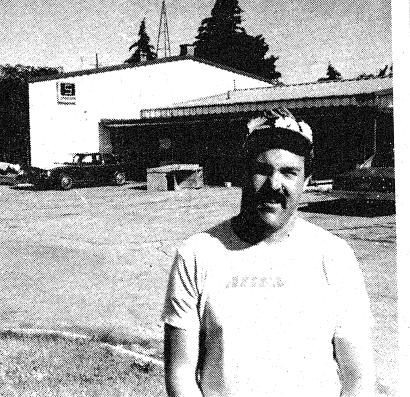
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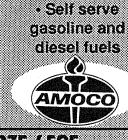
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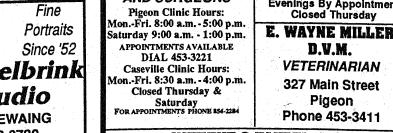
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