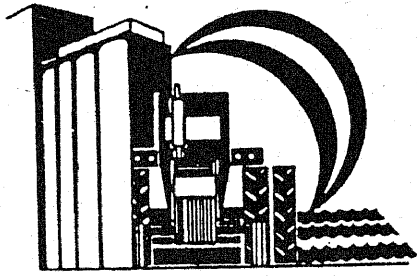


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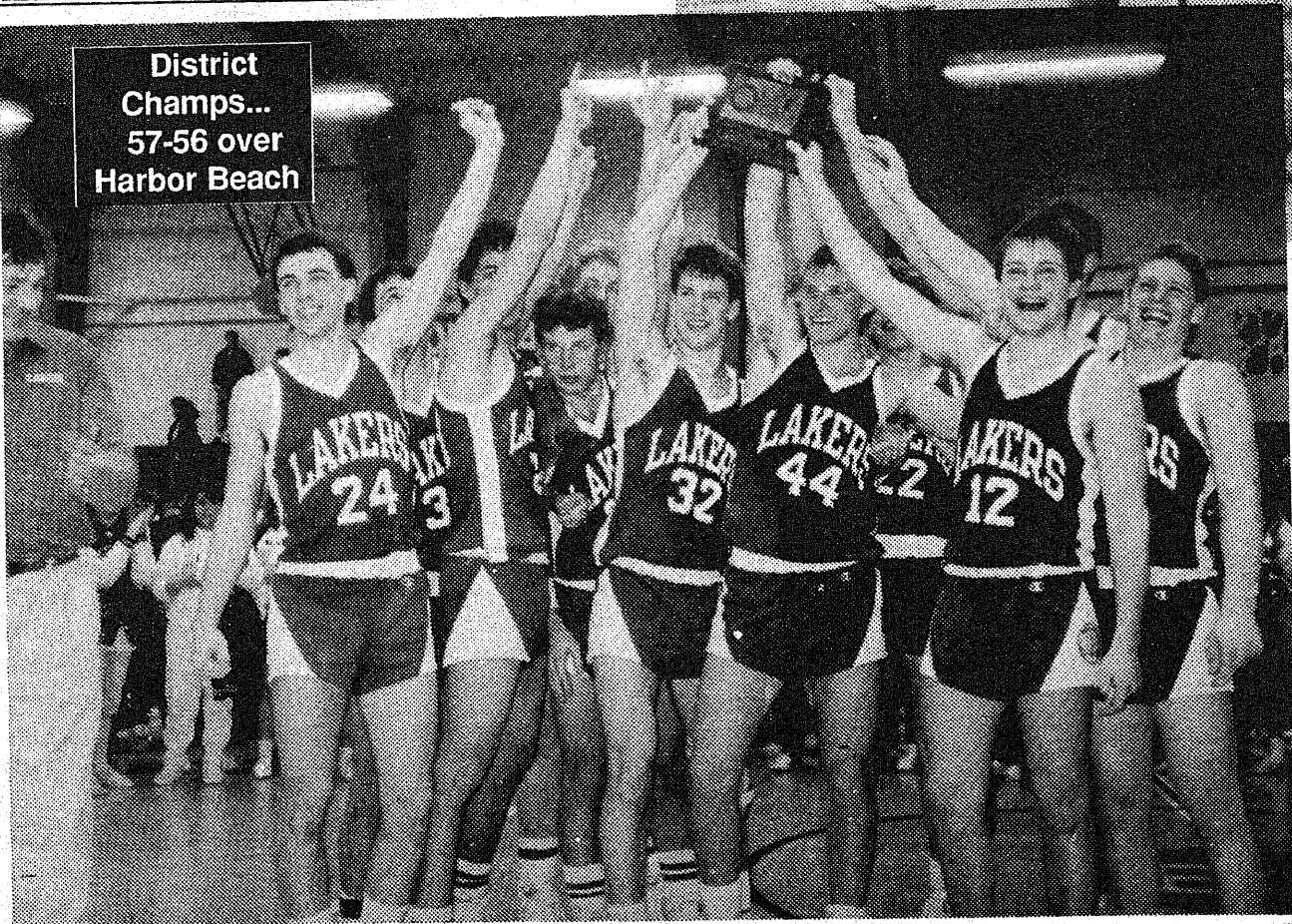
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**This week's Thumb Area
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BEET MEETING ELECTION

Three members were to be elected to the Board of Directors of the Sebawaing Beet Growers Association, Inc., at the annual meeting planned Tuesday at the Colony House, near Bay City. Three incumbents and two newcomers were seeking the seats, to fill the expired terms for representatives of Section 1 (Akron, Columbia, Elmwood, Wisner and Fairgrove), Section 2 (Sebawaing, Brookfield, Sheridan and Grant) and Section 3 (Fair Haven, Winsor, McKinley, Oliver, Chandler, Caseville, Lake and Colfax).

The three incumbents and challengers, if any, are: Section 1 incumbent Lavern Engelhard and challenger Kurt Ewald; Section 2 incumbent Stanley Gettel, and Section 3 newcomers Dale Henne and Dennis Fritz. They are seeking the seat now held by Richard Strieter, who is not seeking re-election.

JOHN DEERE DAY ON THURSDAY

Gettel & Company's "John Deere Day 1989" takes on a new twist this Thursday, as the event will be conducted beginning at 10 a.m. at the Colony House, near Cass City.

Gettel locations in Pigeon, Sebawaing and Bad Axe are combining for one major show of new John Deere farm equipment — rather than separate programs in each town.

Indoor and outdoor exhibits open at 10 a.m., and the film program starts at 1 p.m. Refreshments will be served and door prizes given away, sponsors say.

Laker Volleyball Team (above top), plays Burton - Bentley Saturday morning, following the Detroit Country Day - Almont matches, at Goodrich High School (one mile west of M-15 in Goodrich). Regional finals are set for 1 p.m.

Laker Basketball Team (immediately above) plays Flint Hamady tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at Frankenmuth High School, following Tuesday's Deckerville-Memphis game. Winners play for the Regional finals Friday night at 7:30 p.m.

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After slow start, Lakers are District champs!

LOOKING BACK: Let's take a moment to look back at the start of the basketball season. The key words heard were "rebuilding" and "in-experience," and no one expected too much of the team—except maybe the players themselves.

Well, they've "rebuilt" themselves into the Thumb B and District Champions for the 88-89 season, but the road through the playoff battle-

field wasn't an easy one. But the last two games of the series, against Ubyly and Harbor Beach, are sure to stay in the spectators' and players' minds for years to come, and become the kinds of games that make people say, "Remember back in '89 when....?"

After defeating Bad Axe 85-68 in the first round of the playoffs, the Lakers had to get by the Ubyly Bearcats on Wednesday night, and

they did more than just get by. They blew by on a wave of good offensive and defensive moves.

WERTZ LEADS: And riding the crest of that wave was Kendall Wertz, who, in the third quarter, stole the ball on a cross-court Ubyly pass, ran unopposed down the court, and dunked the ball, to the extreme pleasure of the Laker fans. That steal took the wind out of the Bearcats' sails in the third

quarter, and they never recovered.

In the fourth, the Bearcats had trouble making their shots while the Lakers opened up their lead by as many as 14 points. But two Bill McLellan free throws at the end of the game sealed the fate of the Bearcats, and their last basket of the game had no effect on the outcome.

Wertz was again scoring leader for the Lakers with 19 points. Mark Kretzschmer followed up with 14 points, while McLellan tossed in 10.

Laker Coach Bill McLellan said his team used everything they had available.

"We knew we'd have to play everything, offense and defense," Ubyly Coach John Ligrow admitted his team was weak on shooting. "That was definitely one of the poorest shooting nights we've had all year."

GRUDGE MATCH: The Laker-Harbor Beach game was billed as more than just a playoff game—it was a showdown, a grudge match. Some said that the Lakers wanted the win as revenge for the defeat their football team suffered at the hands of the Pirates in November. Whatever the game was billed, it was all that and more—the first and only meeting of the season for the Thumb C and Thumb B Champions.

There's an axiom in basketball that to win games in the stretch, players can't miss free throws. You can't miss field goals, either, but many games are won or lost from the charity line. Never has an unwritten rule been so evident as in Friday's games, as key free throws by senior forward Kendall Wertz took the Lakers into the lead at the halftime buzzer, and into the winner's circle at the end.

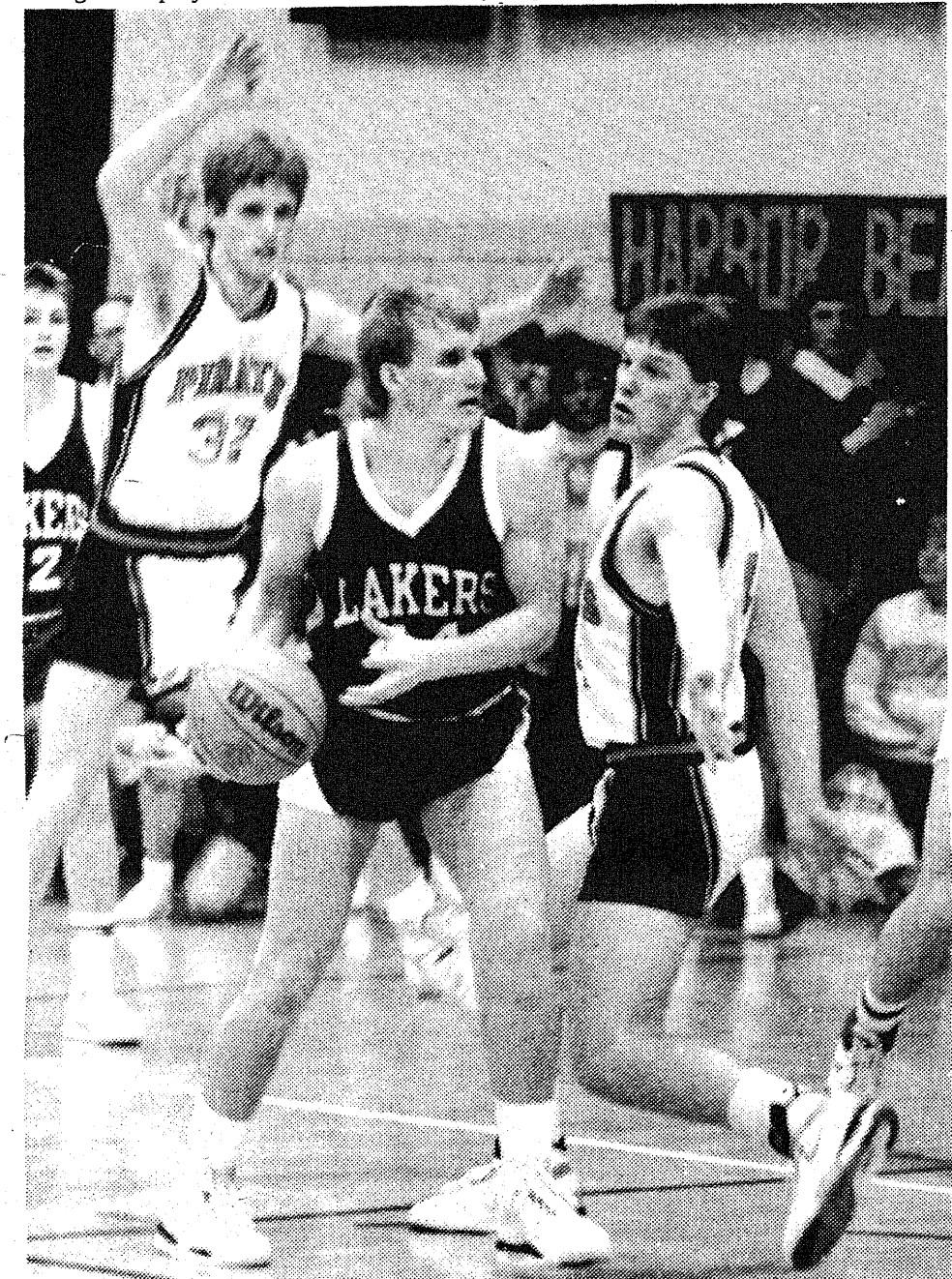
The Lakers got a slow start in the first quarter, trailing by two at the buzzer. And after trailing in most of the second period by as many as six points, the Lakers came alive with :21 seconds left to even up the score at 26-all on a Kevin Wolfgram basket.

Harbor Beach began to

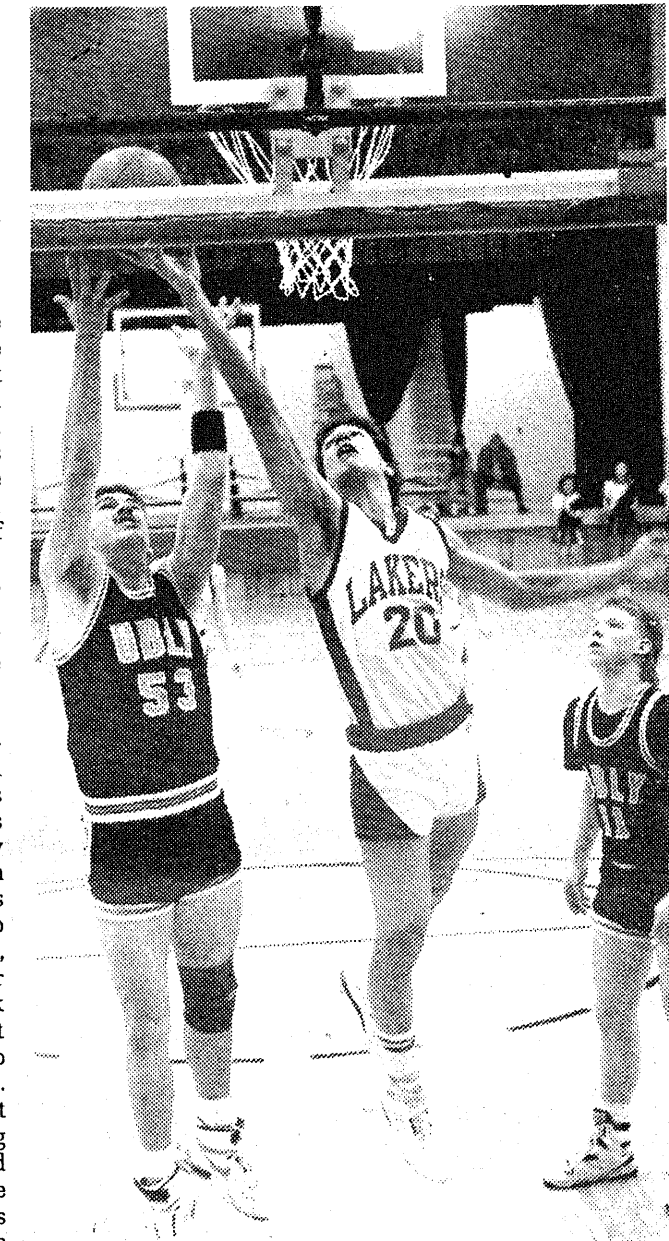
lengthen their lead in the opening minutes of the fourth quarter, and with a little over three minutes left, led by nine points, 55-46. Laker freshman Reggie Ignash and Wertz then threatened with rebound baskets to bring the score within five, but then Pirate Jesse Kranz tossed in a free throw with 1:05 left.

Laker Mark Kretzschmer drilled a three-pointer to cut the Pirates' lead in half 56-53, and it looked as if the

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HELP: Kendall Wertz looks for an open teammate as Harbor Beach applies heavy defensive pressure in the district title game.

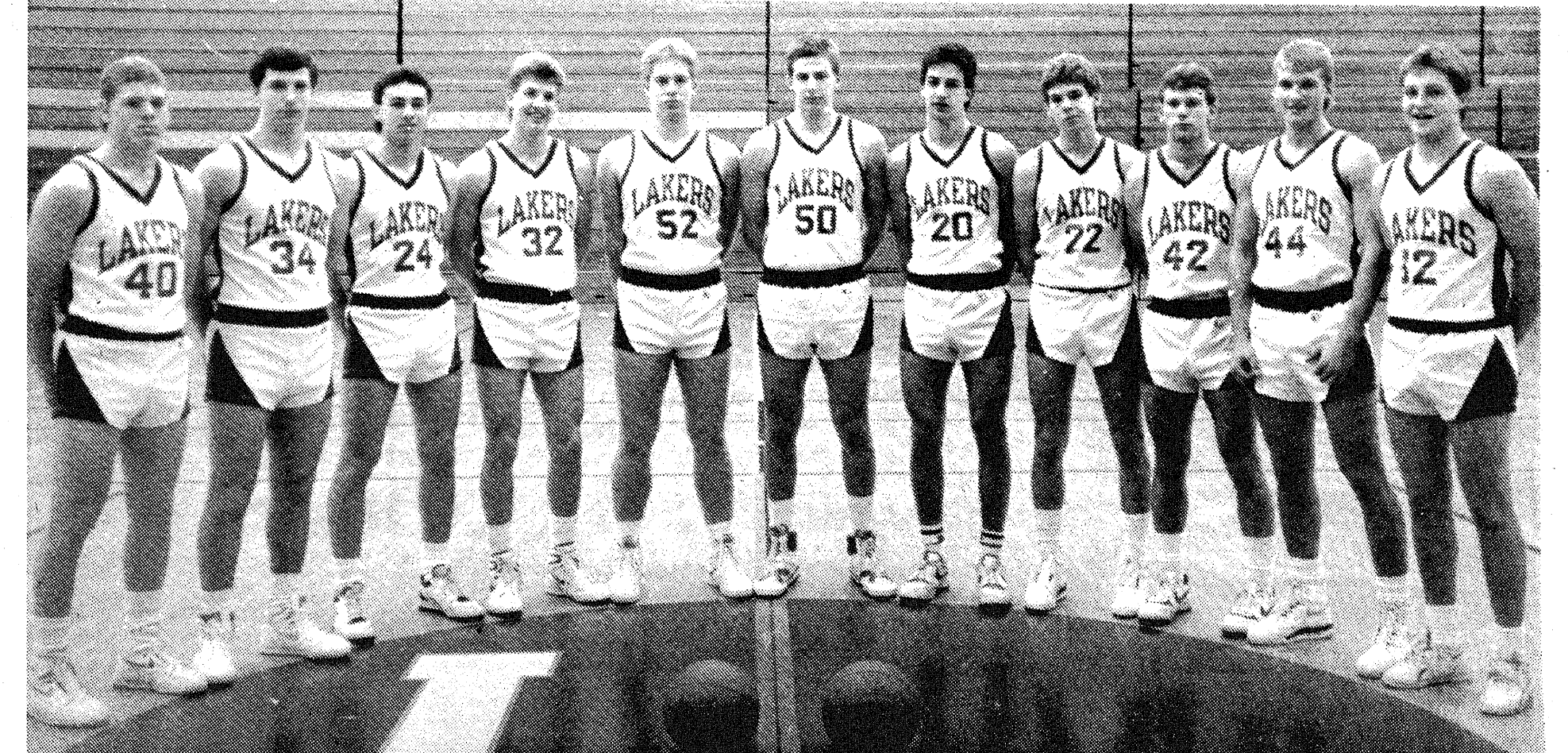


REBOUNDS: Laker forward Bill McLellan battles Ubyly's Chris O'Mara for control of a rebound in last week's district tournament.

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St. John's, Berne sports teams end winning seasons

The Boys' and Girls' Crusaders Basketball team from St. John's School in Berne recently completed winning seasons.

The girls' team ended with a 4-1 regular season record, and was runner-up to St. Paul's-Unionville in the Thumb Area Lutheran

League Tournament. Maria Redman was the high scorer for St. John's in the 26-15 loss with six points, and Joy

Rathje chipped in with five points.

BOYS WIN: The Boys' A-Team defeated St. Paul's 41-39 in the TALL Tournament

41-39. Denny Irion led the scoring for St. John's with 19 points, while Tim Heiden tallied nine points.

St. John's avenged an early season drubbing at the hands of St. Paul's, and they finished with a 7-3 overall record, 3-1 in the league.



GIRLS' TEAM: Pictured from left, Julie Stevenson, Tera Fritz, Angie Wichert, Maria Redman, Joy Rathje, Renee Elbing, Leigh Fluegge, Jodie Bruce and Coach Al Selbig.



BOYS' TEAM: Pictured, front from left, Joel Gorseger, Willie Schaaf, Adam Dressler and Jason Heiden;; rear, Coach Jon Biedenbender, Tim Heiden, Dean Renn, Jason Gorseger, Denny Irion and Jason Armbruster.

PHOTOS BY AMY HEIDEN

The Past In Print

From the archives of
The Pigeon Progress and The Elkton Advance

90 YEARS AGO MARCH 24, 1899

August Schultz purchased the Sol Schluchter residence Monday.

Farmers are taking advantage of the snow and are busy hauling in logs and wood.

C.F. Leipprandt of Hayes received a thoroughbred Holstein bull from Indiana. Joseph Schluchter closed a deal with Liken & Bach of Sebawaing, by which he came in possession of their mill and surrounding land of 28 lots. Machinery in the mill was retained by the company. The Libby glass blowers from the Worlds' Fair will give an exhibition in the Pigeon KOTM Hall next week. Admission: 15 cents and 10 cents.

80 YEARS AGO MARCH 19, 1909

Mamie Moeller, Alice Kohl, Maggie Lesley, Mrs. William Dale, Mrs. William Kragler, August Domine and Harry Kretschmer from the Quarry district attended the teach-

ers' rally in Pigeon. William McLeish is now behind the counter at the Wallace & Orr store in Bay Port.

Veterinary John E. Wurm is now located in Pigeon. He is connected with the Valley, Bell and Farmer telephone lines so all may reach him.

Eustus Schwalm has improved his clothing and furnishing goods store so it is now one of the finest in the county.

70 YEARS AGO MARCH 21, 1919

Pigeon River went on its annual rampage Monday and was higher this year than ever before. A wash-out near Sebawaing prevented trains getting through most of the week and a wash-out at the Newnam bridge between Caseville and Pigeon tied up the Grand Trunk Railway.

Albert St. George, 35, was drowned in the Pinnebog River on Sunday. He is survived by his wife and six children.

NOTICE

Village Of Pigeon Residents

The annual election for the Village of Pigeon will be conducted on Monday, March 13, 1989. Polls will be open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 8:00 p.m.

The following persons have filed petitions for the following offices:

- ROBERT FLUEGGE, Trustee (2 Year Term)
- CLIFFORD POBANZ, Trustee (2 year Term)
- NEAL B. EICHLER, Trustee (2 year Term)
- JOHN SMITH, Trustee (1 year Term)

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The wild geese and the robins are here. Back to two-cent postage on July 1.

A well-attended and enthusiastic meeting was held at the Gem Theater in the interest of a suitable memorial for our soldier boys. A community house or restaurant is planned.

Miss Emma Zimmer, 27, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Zimmer, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Anklam.

Word has been received at Caseville from Andrew Mannick that he is watching the Rhine in Germany.

Bay Port township caucus nominated John Weeks, William Henne, John Fahrner, Fred Hornbacher, Vernon Quick and Herman Pobanz.

60 YEARS AGO MARCH 22, 1929

William Doan, 71, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. August Slay, near Elkton. He is survived by his wife, three daughters and two sons.

New officers of Hayes School PTA are Mrs. Herbert Gettel, Mrs. H.F. Leipprandt, Mrs. Louis Harris, Mrs. Gordon Miller, Ruby Sturm, reporter.

Mrs. Benjamin McAlpine, 77, died at the home of her son Andrew in Owendale. She leaves three sons and one daughter.

Walter Clabuesch, Leo Bliss, Jack Paul, Arthur Schumacher and Crawford Spence attended the regional basketball tourney at Detroit.

50 YEARS AGO MARCH 24, 1939

Mrs. Annabell Hubbard Phelps, 74, wife of William Lyon Phelps, died at their home in Connecticut. The Phelps spent their summers at Seven Gables, their home

in Huron City, where Mr. Phelps conducted services at the church. She leaves her husband and a brother, Frank W. Hubbard.

Pigeon Worth While Club met with Mrs. John Doecker. On the program were Mrs. J. R. Waigle, Mrs. Martha Marshall, Mrs. W.H. McLean, Judith Haist and Frances Diebel.

For a limited time only, Michigan gasoline 7 cents per gallon plus tax; new leaded power gasoline, seven gallons for \$1, strictly cash and carry at Co-op Elevator and Gulf Gas Station.

40 YEARS AGO MARCH 25, 1949

George R. Pariseau, 80, famous local old-time fiddler, died in Bad Axe. He was a close personal friend of the late Henry Ford, through his interest in reviving old-time square dancing.

Official Army and Navy Technicolor films of the Bikini atomic bomb pictures will be shown in Bay Port School, sponsored by Steele-Lambert Legion Post.

400 members of Pigeon PTA were present at the Founders Day banquet in the school. Maurice Guy of Saginaw spoke about Paul Bunyan and local speakers included Mose Braun, Mrs. Leonard Leipprandt, Mrs. H.O. Paul, E.T. Leipprandt, Mrs. Willis Yackle and Mrs. Raymond Kohr. Mrs. Del Protzman led the newly-organized PTA chorus.

30 YEARS AGO MARCH 15, 1959

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Weber will be honored guests at an open house in their new home in Pigeon in observance of their 50th Wedding Anniversary. They have one daughter and four grandchildren.

Pigeon High School basketball team defeated Bay City St. Stanislaus 55-48 to win the regional trophy. Pete Dixon had 21 points and Ronnie Wolfram scored 13.

Also scoring were Gene Henderson, Dick Fogle and Hilmar Frost. Ed Wolford is coach.

Del Hinton and Roy Buerker are captains of two teams to recruit membership in the Pigeon Conservation Club.

Waldo Doecker of Pigeon has been named to the legislative committee of the Michigan Retail Hardware Association.

20 YEARS AGO MARCH 29, 1969

Robert Baur of Bay Port, who is part of the Kellogg Farmers Study program, is on a national traveling seminar and visited Congressman Jim Harvey in Washington D.C.

Glenn Henne of Bay Port is the new manager at Royster Farm Service Center in Owendale.

Rev. Luke D. Yoder, pastor of Cumber Mennonite Church and Durward H. Miller of Pigeon have been named coordinators of a Michigan alumni drive for a new library at Eastern Mennonite College, Harrisonburg, Va.

10 YEARS AGO MARCH 15, 1979

Laker High School principal Duane Guenther an-

nounced his resignation to the Laker Board of Education, possibly to pursue other responsibilities within the school district. Charles Ellis of the Guidance and Counseling department, also announced his resignation.

Margaret Gettel of Pigeon received the Soil and Chemical Technology Outstanding Student Award at MSU. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Gettel of Pigeon.

FROM THE ELKTON ADVANCE FILES 54 YEARS AGO MARCH 7, 1935

Mr. and Mrs. Felix Marx celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, with 70 friends attending. They were married in Prasnin, Russia, now Poland, March 7, 1885 and have two daughters and a son.

Miss Lucille Knechtel will open a Beauty Shoppe in the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Hoffman, two doors east of Dr. Monroe's office on Mill Street.

The Advance is only \$1.00 a Year! In this week's Professional Directory: D.J. Monroe, M.D.; Dr. H.J. Fox, Dentist; Thomas R. McAllister, Huron County Prosecuting Attorney of Bad Axe; Fred L. Robinson, M.D. of Caseville and Dr. R.C. Spence, Registered Optometrist, Pigeon.

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Judith Bergman and Kenneth Whitehead stated their marriage promises to one another on Sunday, Dec. 18 at All Saints Lutheran Church, Phoenix, Ariz.

Joining the couple as maid of honor was the bride's friend, Susan Ritter of Bad Axe and as best man, Evan Goldstein of Phoenix, Ariz. friend of the groom. Also attending the couple were Michelle Ryan and Kevin Sweeney, both of Phoenix, Ariz.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father, Melvin Bergman, accompanied by her mother and brothers.

Following the 2 p.m. ceremony, the couples and their families, relatives and guests gathered for a reception at the groom's home.

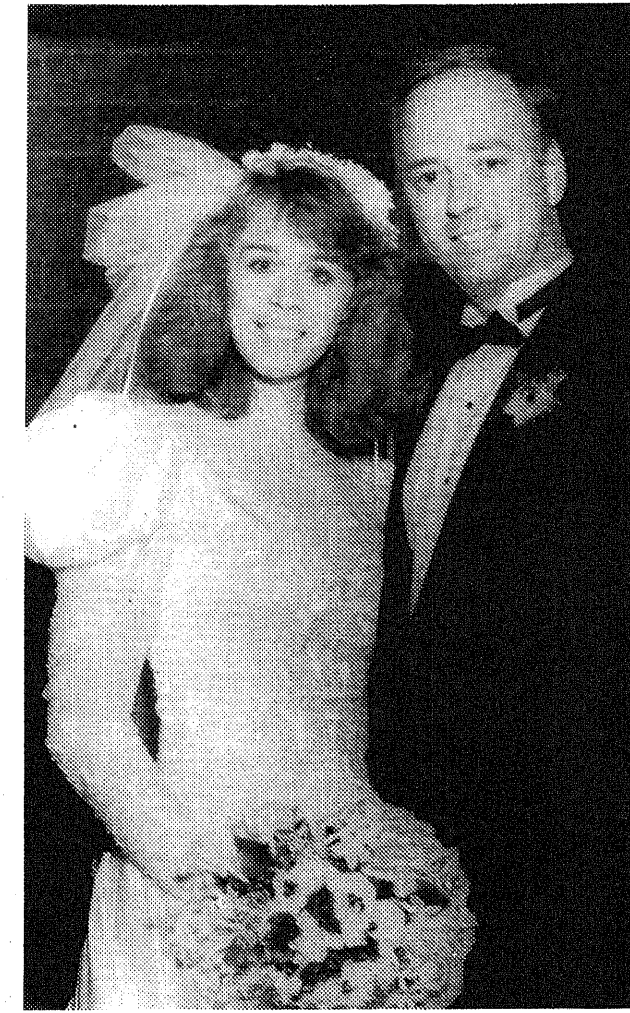
Flowers were arranged by Rose Voss of Pigeon. Renee Bergman, sister-in-law of the bride and Rose Voss made and decorated the wedding cake.

Bridal shower

Fifty-five relatives and friends gathered at the Loren Elftman home on Sunday, Feb. 26 to honor Janis Burker and David Elftman with a Mr. and Mrs. Bridal Shower.

Various games were played and the house prize was awarded to Mrs. Richard Milton.

Out-of-town guests included the Richard Freeland of Freeland, the Leon Elftmans of Pinconning, the Ray Erer family, Mr. and Mrs. Roger Swartzendruber of Bad Axe, the Steve Erer family of Filion, the Gilbert Schweitzers of Bad Axe, the Alvin Schweitzers and the Melvin Kuhl family of Sebawaing, Mrs. Mike Stodola and Joe of Jenison, the Clarence Gaeths and Brian Gaeths of Owendale, the Mike Gaeths, Dean Gunden family, the Scott Gaeths of Bay Port and Pam Meyer of Midland.



The bride is the daughter of Melvin and Joyce Bergman of Phoenix, Ariz. The bride's brothers and sister-in-law

The groom's parents, Paul and Marion Whitehead, reside in Louisville, Ky.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Laker High School and is employed at McDonald's Restaurant, Bad Axe. Her fiancée is a 1984 graduate of Bad Axe High School and is employed at U.S. Manufacturing, Bad Axe.

An Aug. 19 wedding date is being planned.

Engagement

Nehring-Rifenbark



Mrs. Sharon Nehring, Owendale and Milton Nehring, Bad Axe announce the engagement of their daughter, Lori Ann, to Jeffrey Scott Rifenbark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rifenbark, Bad Axe.

The bride-elect is a 1986 graduate of Laker High School and is employed at McDonald's Restaurant, Bad Axe. Her fiancée is a 1984 graduate of Bad Axe High School and is employed at U.S. Manufacturing, Bad Axe.

An Aug. 19 wedding date is being planned.

It's a girl!

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul (Kathy) Shaw, a girl, Kimberly Ann, on Feb. 23. The infant weighed 10 lbs. 14 oz. and was 21 1/2 inches long.

She has a brother, Brad, age nine and a sister, Christina, age four.

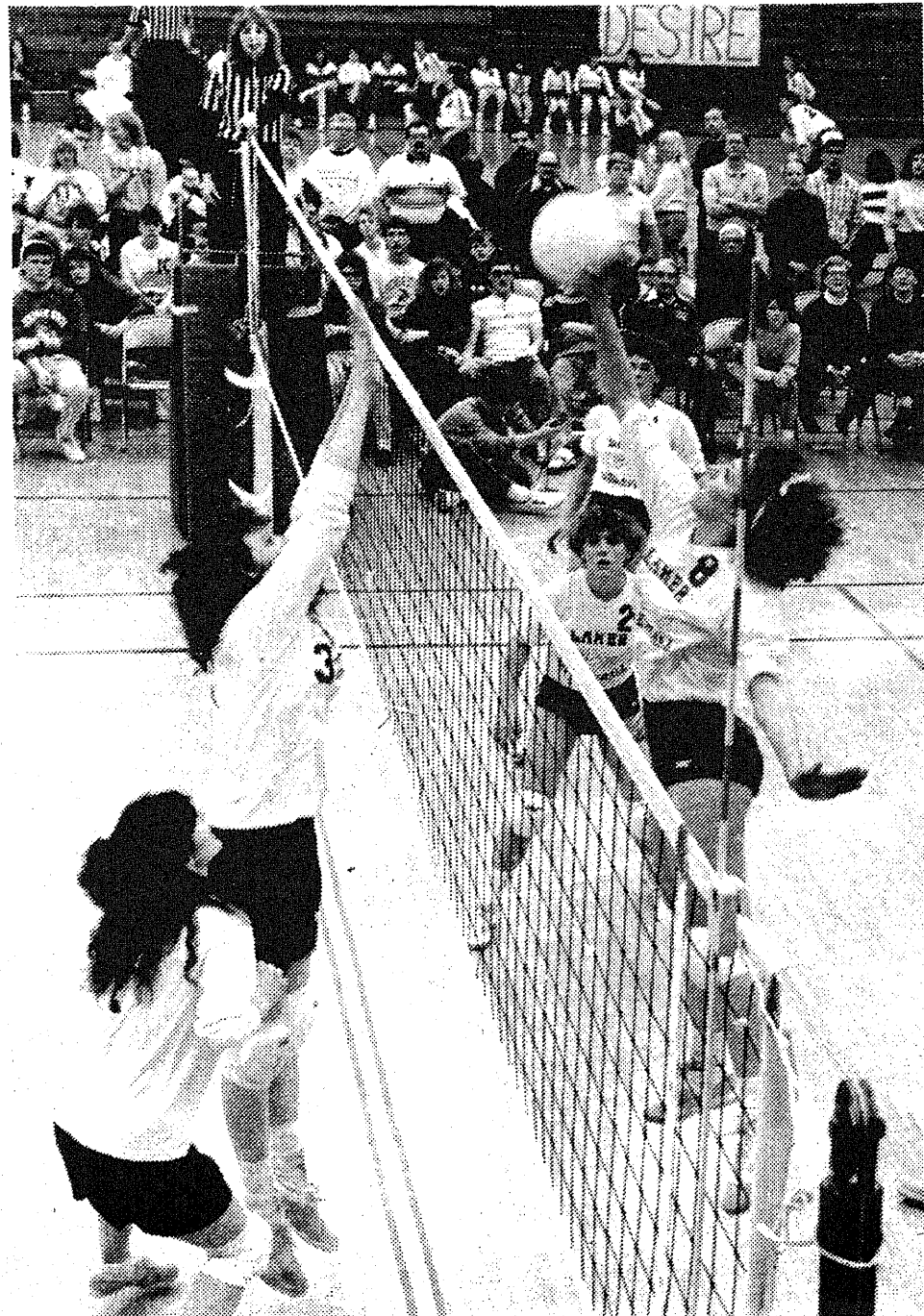
Proud grandparents include Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Rathje of Pigeon and George Shaw of Elkton and Mrs. Dora Steward of Perry.

Great-grandparents are Mrs. Anna Rathje of Pigeon and George Shaw, Sr. of Bad Axe.

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Lady Lakers double up on championships

By AMY HEIDEN

Not to be outdone by the Elktion - Pigeon - Bay Port High School basketball team, on Saturday, the Laker varsity volleyball team downed Sandusky, Cass City, and Unionville-Sebewaing to wind up District Champions with a 42-10 record.

The day started with Sandusky falling, 15-3, 15-1. Cass City dropped next, 15-10, 15-2 in the semi-final, and the Lakers found themselves facing USA, after the Patriots defeated Mayville and Harbor Beach.

Brenda Buschlen put the first six points on the scoreboard for the Lakers in the first match. Tracie Henne and Tammy Smith contributed aces to run up the score, and Buschlen put an end to the game with the last two points.

BEGINNING: The Patriots jumped out to an early lead in the second match, but Tammy Smith led the Lakers with eight straight points before Henne served the final point, and Connie Schulz sent the ball to the backcourt for a kill.

Tammy Smith led her teammates with 11 service points, while Buschlen had eight. Connie Schulz led the power attacks with seven kills, and Henne had four.

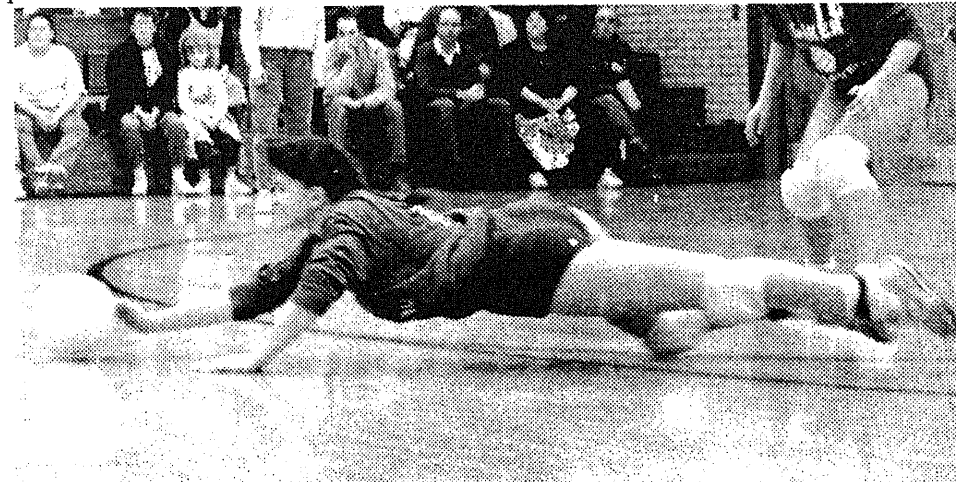
Laker Coach Sue Fredericksen, in her first year as leader of the team, said that being the underdog coming into the finals worked for her team. "We knew we'd have to work hard. They knew what it would take and they put it together."

The Lakers had given up a victory to USA earlier in the season, but this time the

Lakers had the edge. "The first time we played them, they played awesome ball. This time, what we did to them made them make some mistakes."

The Lakers will travel Saturday to Goodrich to meet Burton-Bentley in the semi-finals of regional tournament play. The winner of that match-up will play the winner of the Detroit Country Day-Almont games at 1 p.m. at Goodrich High School.

The Lakers are especially anxious to meet Almont again, as that team put a stop to the Lakers' title quest last year by three points in the final match. Coach Fredericksen was assistant coach for Almont at the time of their win, but now, "I love these kids. I love being Lakers."

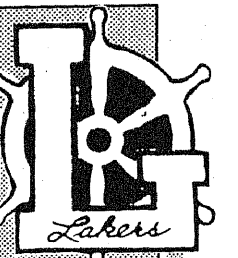


TIP: Connie Schulz of Lakers tips the ball over Cass City's Darlene Monroe in the district semi-final. ABOVE, Laker Amanda Scott dives for the ball as teammate Tammy Smith looks on.

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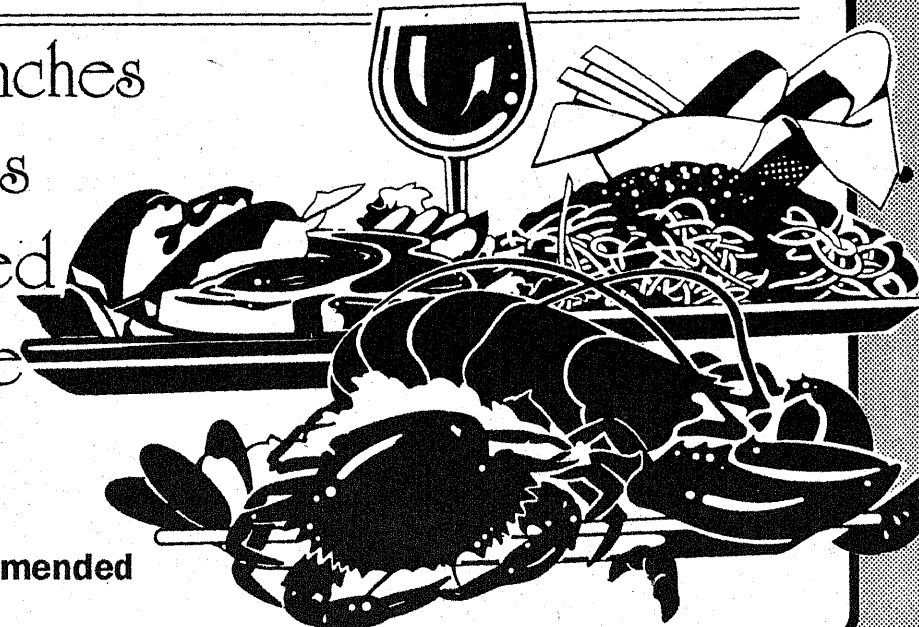
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