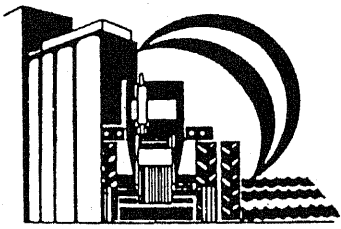


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# Thumb communities receive project grants

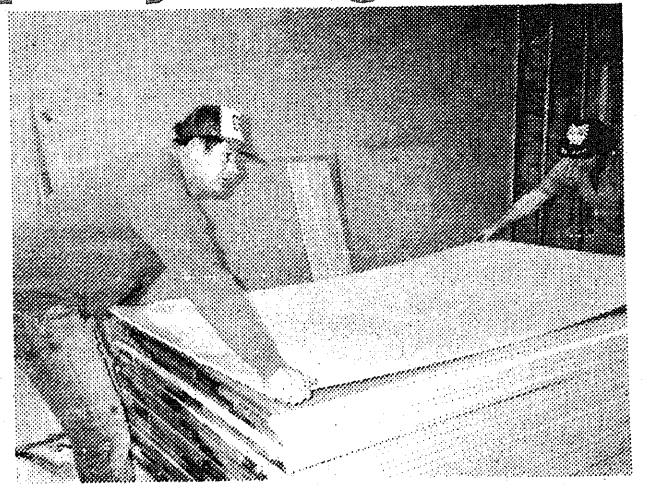


THE FORMER SILVER DOLLAR SALOON behind Bay Port Chamber President Forrest Williams and Chamber member Sandy Chalou won't be there much longer, thanks to a grant from the Neighborhood Builders Alliance.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTOS



ELKTON DPW SUPERINTENDENT Walt Forster and Village Councilman Ron Cunningham discuss plans for the new addition to Ackerman Park. Across the Pinnebog River and the snowy cornfields is the present Ackerman Park.



HURON YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD Chairman George Willoughby and a Sheriff's Department work crew member hand a sheet of drywall to other members of the work crew. Work is progressing fast on the Youth Center, on Elkton's Main Street.

### By AMY HEIDEN

It's been four weeks since Christmas, but two Thumb communities received very special gifts this week in the form of grants for their various improvement projects.

Fair Haven Township and Bay Port received a \$400,000 Communities in Transition Project-Michigan Community Development Block Grant. Plus, the Bay Port Chamber of Commerce and the Huron Youth Advisory Board in Elkton will receive grants for civic improvement projects, plus the Village of Elkton will receive a grant from the Department of Natural Resources Land Trust Fund for land purchases.

**FAIR HAVEN TOWNSHIP:** One of the biggest checks will go to Fair Haven Township

to offset costs of a new wastewater collection and treatment facility for the Bay Port Area. The township will receive \$400,000 towards the estimated \$2.3 million the township will need for the project, according to State Sen. James Barcia (D-Bay City).

"This grant will allow Fairhaven Township to make needed changes in the Bay Port Area. Bay Port residents will find life a little bit easier and a brighter prospect for future development in their community when this project is completed," explained Sen. Barcia.

Bay Port's present sewage disposal system, consisting of private wells and individual septic tanks, is failing because of high groundwater and rock problems.

Building a municipal collection and treatment facility with sewers will solve the community's wastewater disposal problems. In addition, the new facility will help Bay Port businesses by allowing them to expand and new businesses to open.

**Additional funding** will come from Farmers' Home Administration grants and loans, according to Fair Haven Township Supervisor William Forge.

"The next step in the project will be getting easements and rights-of-way," Forge said. No starting date for construction has been set. Williams, Osminski and Associates of Bad Axe are engineering the project, Forge said.

**BAY PORT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE:** The entrance to the Bay Port harbor area will be a little nicer, thanks to the Neighborhood Builders Alliance \$21,000 grant.

Chamber of Commerce President Forrest Williams and member Sandy Chalou explain the grant will be used to salvage what they can of the old Silver Dollar Saloon north of the Bay Port Inn, plus the rest of debris there will be removed. "The goal is to better the whole town by eliminating that whole area that doesn't look too good," Williams said.

The removal of the building will allow expansion of the Bay Port Fish Sandwich Festival onto the property, Chalou said. The property will be re-seeded and some fill dirt brought in and there's a possibility some picnic tables and refuse containers will be purchased, she added.

**Work on the project** should start as soon as the weather permits and is scheduled to be completed by mid-June, Chalou said.

Part of the grant, \$750, is to be used by the Chamber for its flower-planting project along M-25 through Bay Port. "We hope to buy some watering equipment to make it easier to keep the flowers watered," Chalou said.

Bay Port resident Bob Dubey maintains the flower beds during the summer, and the watering equipment will make the job a little easier, she said. Other materials for the flower beds such as fertilizer and fill dirt will be purchased, also.

**YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD:** The Huron Youth Advisory Board will be receiving \$11,000 for the new Youth Center, located on Main Street in Elkton. The money will be used for renovation costs for the old theater building.

The building has been completely gutted, the old stage was removed, a new concrete floor was poured, and new insulation and drywall has been installed, according to Board Chairman George Willoughby.

Most of the work has been done by Sheriff's Department work crews and volunteer labor, Willoughby said.

"I'm relieved we at least got the grant, because that means we can open this year," he said. "This is an example of what can be done when the community works together. If we didn't have the support of business and civic groups from all over the county, we wouldn't be able to do this."

But Willoughby said more contributions are still needed to make the youth center a success. "We need the support of the rest of the county."

"Some people are still under the impression that this youth center is for Elkton area youth only, but that's not correct. This center was envisioned as a center for youth from all over the county. The Village of Elkton helped get it started with its contribution of money and the building, but now we need the support of the rest of the county."

**VILLAGE OF ELKTON:** Over \$56,000 in grant money for land purchases for the Village of Elkton was approved by the DNR's Trust Fund Board.

According to Elkton DPW Supt. and Village Planner Walt Forster, the money will be used to purchase 26 acres of land adjacent to Ackerman Park.

**The land acquisition** is the first step in a five-year plan to add more recreation facilities to the park, such as a community building, RV parking spaces, and new picnic areas, Forster said.

The village has also offered to buy 30 more acres next to the park, he said, and if the offer is accepted, that land would be included in Ackerman Park also.

## He's a Lions Club winner!

JUST IN TIME for the winter months ahead, Bernie King of Pigeon took home this White 8-hp snowblower, donated by Damm's Inc., in the Pigeon Lions Club scholarship raffle. With proceeds from the raffle, the Pigeon Lions will be offering two 2-year scholarships of up to \$2,400 for Laker students, according to Lions President John Walsh.

Other winners in the raffle include Jim Liston, who won \$200; Marv Swartzendruber, \$100; Jeannine Erlich and Alice Luedtke, season tickets to Laker games.

Shown is King, middle, with his new snowblower; Lions president John Walsh, left; and Terry Damm of Damm's Inc.



## New business home for Pigeon's Universal Printing

By AMY HEIDEN

In July 1987, Universal Printing Company was officially opened by new owner Bill Esch, after he purchased the job printing departments of The Progress-Advance and The Sebawaing Blade-Crescent.

And for the past two and a half years, the business has shared an office with The Progress-Advance in Pigeon. Now, Universal Printing has a new home, at 44 S. Main, and will be celebrating its

Grand Re-Opening this Thursday and Friday, Jan. 18 and 19.

But even with a new home, Esch says, Universal's commitment to service will remain the same.

"Our motto is that the people we service are more than our customers—they're our neighbors and friends. That's what we keep in mind when we wait on someone," he says.

Esch and his father and brother, Clayton and Den-

nis, have been busy in the past few months remodeling the former Niebel Grocery building in preparation for moving the firm's printers from their former home.

"My father and my family have done the majority of the remodeling. Without their help, I wouldn't have even been able to take on this project," Esch says. "I'm hoping that we've made this into a very modern-looking business."

Esch got his start in the

printing business the summer before his senior year in high school, in 1978. He worked for Thumb Publications as a co-op student during his senior year, then attended Ferris State University, where he earned dual degrees in journalism and general printing.

After his graduation from Ferris, he came back to work for TPI. Then in 1987, Esch decided it was time for a change in his life and applied for jobs in different areas.

At about the same time, TPI owners Mark and Sally Rummel decided to concentrate more on publication printing and gave Esch the chance to buy the printing

departments of TPI, in both Sebawaing and Pigeon. When finalized, Esch's new business was named Universal Printing and is based in Pigeon.

Now, Esch says, the move into new quarters will allow Universal to expand into new areas, such as office supplies and paper party supplies.

"We're looking for people to come in and tell us things they would like us to stock," Esch said. "If we don't have it on hand, we can get just about anything through the catalogs."

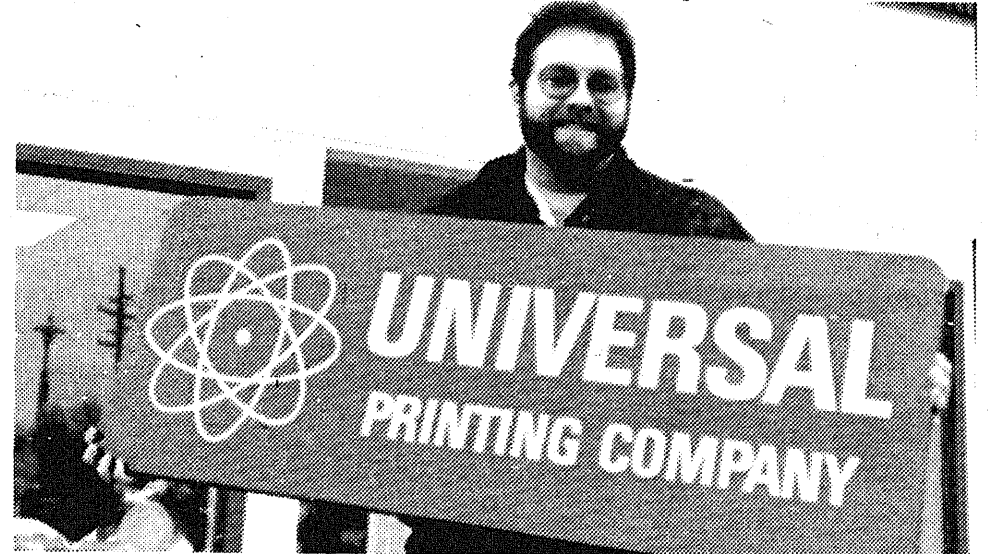
"We deal with several suppliers, and if it's not listed in the catalog, we can probably find it somewhere else," Esch said.

Universal Printing is still offering a full line of wedding invitations, business cards, and stationery.

A new feature will be a brial corner where prospective brides can choose their invitations, and soon stationery by the pound will be offered.

"We've very excited about the changes we're making and the new products we're offering. They add to our commitment to service in the Western Thumb," Esch says.

And he adds that Universal has expanded its hours, from 9 to 5:30 every Monday through Thursday, till 7 p.m. on Friday, and new Saturday hours, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.



UNIVERSAL PRINTING President Bill Esch holds the new sign that identifies his new business location at 44 South Main Street, Pigeon.

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Enjoy an entertaining evening of music and song with refreshments.

## Bakery grand opening weekend!

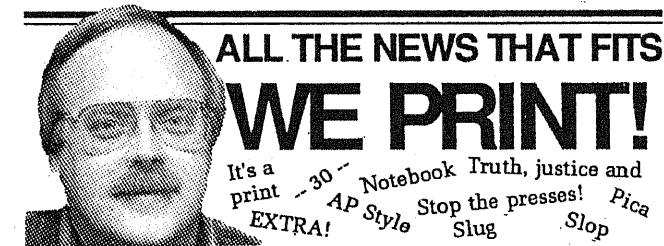
**MAIN STREET Cafe' & Bakery** co-owner Neal Eichler and waitresses Lisa Katsor, Gina Esch and Stacy Deming stand in front of the fully-stocked bakery case at Main Street Cafe' in Pigeon, celebrating its Grand Opening this Thursday and Friday.



## Buehler elected 1990 Pigeon Chamber president

Rhonda Buehler of Dr. Douglas Buehler, O.D., has been named President of the Pigeon Chamber of Com-

merce for 1990, after last week's annual meeting at Greenfields Restaurant. Buehler will replace Neal



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

THUMBTHOUGHTS: ■ Remember, spring is coming closer every day! (Have you noticed the sun sets AFTER 5 p.m. these days, and it's reasonably bright outside 'til about 6 each night?)

■ Saw a very nice story in The Harbor Beach Times recently about the Harbor Beach Student Loan Fund Association. That non-profit group has granted 18 loans in the past 18 months, to Harbor Beach High graduates who enroll in further education programs.

The Student Loan Fund Association was founded in 1927 by a Mrs. Scranton and others. Funds come from gifts and memorials, plus interest on loans as well as repayment of the loans by students.

Harbor Beach Schools invite people to remember the Student Loan Fund with memorials or gifts. The loan amounts often are several hundred or a few thousand dollars, but they're important, the story notes.

"These seem like peanuts in this world of high finance, but such small loans often mean the difference between a student staying in college or dropping out," organizers say. Several private or corporate scholarships are presented both at Caseville High and Laker High each year. Wouldn't an overall Student Loan Fund at each school be a helpful idea??

■ Best wishes to Rhonda Buehler, named this week to fill the big shoes of retiring Pigeon Chamber of Commerce President Neal Eichler. Rhonda is a well-organized person, and is among the busiest people I know, with business, family, church and community projects. She'll do well... and husband Doug, sons Matt and Garrett will see even LESS of her in coming months.

The entire community should give her and all Chamber efforts as much support as possible, to keep this vibrant area moving forward...

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BAD GASOLINE DAYS: Hundreds of gas stations are turning off their pumps these days, as stringent new state laws require expensive monitoring or installation of newer, safer tanks. At least four stations between here and Sandusky have closed their doors since Jan. 1, because they don't sell enough gas to justify the needed new expense.

Likely, we DO need such safeguards. But it's a shame when long-time independent gas stations must close — putting owners and workers — out of a job...  
Once upon a time, a gas station was a ready profit-making business. Along that line, taverns formerly were, too. Now, both find the going rougher and rougher with regulations, taxes and other climbing expenses.

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DREAM ON: For just \$95, you and a buddy can broadcast part of one quarter of a Detroit Pistons game... and get a copy of the make-believe broadcast on a videotape.

"Fantasy Play-By-Play" started last Friday night, during the Piston-Minnesota game at the Auburn Hills Palace. Would-be broadcasters enter a special booth there and do play-by-play for half of a quarter. The Pistons are the first NBA team to offer this, even though several major league baseball and hockey teams are already offering it. Walter Mitty would be proud!

For more information, call (313) 377-0100 and ask for "Fantasy Play-By-Play." What will they think of next?

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WISH I'D SAID THAT: "One thought driven home is better than three left on base." (James Litter)

## Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

### HURON ISD GETS \$25,000 GRANT

The Huron Intermediate School District will receive a \$25,000 grant to help plan a math/science regional center, as part of \$1.2 million in special grants announced this week by the state Board of Education in the Mathematics and Science Challenge Grant Program initiated two years ago by Gov. James Blanchard.

The Huron ISD will establish an advisory committee and consult with teachers, students and local community members to develop an accelerated secondary program and outreach activities. In all, 14 state school districts share the grant funds.

### CLELAND NAMED TO JUDGESHIP

St. Clair County Prosecutor Robert Cleland has been nominated for the U.S. District Court seat of retiring Judge James Churchill of Bay City, covering the Saginaw Valley and Thumb Areas.

The 42-year-old prosecutor, who lives in Port Huron, would assume the U.S. Court seat by April, if approved by President Bush. Cleland was a Republican candidate for Secretary of State in the last gubernatorial election.

Another southern Thumb Area politician is being "eyed" for higher office. State Sen. Dan DeGrow (R-Port Huron) is in the running as a lieutenant governor candidate on the Republic ticket to be headed next year by Senate Majority Leader Sen. John Engler. DeGrow is related to former State Sen. Alvin DeGrow, formerly of Pigeon.

### BAY PORT BANK'S DIVIDEND

James V. Foster, president of Bay Port State Bank, is pleased to announce a third quarter dividend in the amount of 40 cents per share, payable Nov. 3, 1989 to stockholders of record, as of Oct. 1, 1989.

### SUGAR FEST DATES CHANGED

Dates for the 1990 Michigan Sugar Festival at Sebawaing have been changed— to Friday June 29, Saturday June 30, and Sunday July 1— according to an announcement by Co-chairmen Kay Eisengruber and Joyce Jahr.

"It was changing to one week later than the June 22-24 dates, or hold a Festival without any midway," the chairman explained.

Skerbeck Midway will again provide rides and games, as they have since 1978. However, they would not have been able to come to Sebawaing for the earlier June 22-24 event, so the later weekend was accepted. The Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce, Festival sponsors, has approved the change of date.

### PRISON FOR AREA MEN

Four men have been sentenced to serve jail time in two separate incidents investigated last fall by local police, in recent sentencing by Huron County Circuit Judge M. Richard Knoblock.

■ Ramon Sanchez, 34 of Bay Port, was sentenced to 7 1/2 to 20 years in prison, and Larry Rayl, 30 of Sebawaing, was sentenced to three to 20 years in prison, both following a Sept. 27 incident involving cocaine in Sebawaing, as investigated by the Thumb Narcotics Unit. The charge involved at least 50 grams but less than 225 grams of the cocaine mixture. In addition, Rayl was charged as a habitual offender.

■ Christopher McLean, 18 of Caseville, was sentenced to 180 days in jail and Michael Riffenbark, 18 of Sterling Heights, was sentenced to 30 days in jail on the charge of breaking and entering a building with intent to commit larceny, following an Aug. 22 incident at a tavern investigated by Caseville Police. Each man was also ordered to pay court costs and make restitution, plus each was placed on 36-month probation.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS

In 73rd District Court (Huron County), Judge Karl Kraus last week passed judgment on or heard the pleas of:

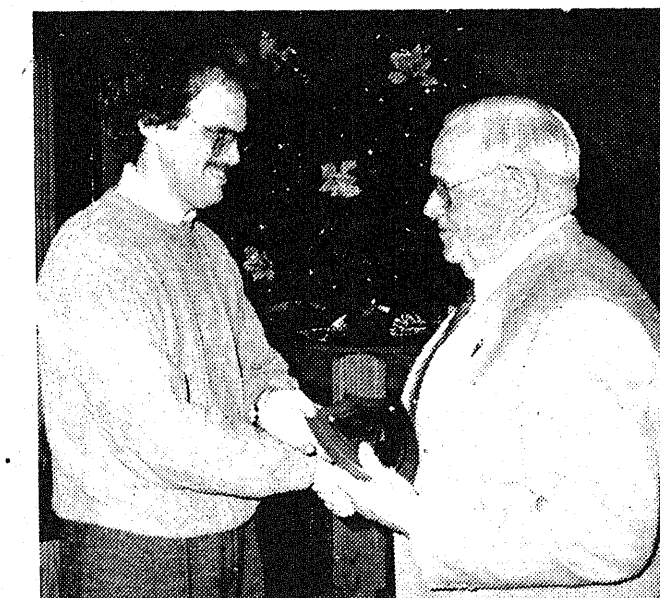
■ Ronald A. Eimers, 20 of Bay Port, pled guilty to impaired driving; ordered to pay \$470 fines and costs and loses driver's license for 90 days;

■ Kevin J. McAlpine, 18 of Elktion, pled no contest to assault and battery, following a Nov. 11 incident involving another man on N. Main Street, Elktion, as investigated by Elktion Police; Sentence deferred to June 15, with defendant to pay any needed medical costs of victim;

■ Kevin M. Huizar, 24 of Gageton, pled guilty to impaired driving; \$470 fines and costs and loses driver's license for 90 days;

■ Mary J. Johnson, 25 of Bad Axe, pled guilty to writing non-sufficient fund checks between \$50 and \$200, following Oct. 13, 1989 incidents involving a Port Austin man; ordered to make restitution of \$494.84, with sentencing deferred to April 30, and

■ Evelyn I. Erb, 46 of Elktion, pled guilty to writing non-sufficient fund checks, \$50 or less, following a May 25, 1989 incident at a catalog store in Bad Axe; ordered to pay \$75 fines and costs and pay restitution of \$134.06.



OUTGOING CHAMBER President Neal Eichler shares an emotional moment with long-time booster and Chamber supporter Roy Lawrence, who received a special award from the Chamber for his years of service.

**As we see it**

**Lakers belongs in new Thumb C League**

We're still scratching our heads about how — and why — the Thumb C sports league officials would recommend forming a new league with two-thirds of local towns involved... while purposefully excluding two of the strongest competitors, the Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Lakers" and the Cass City Red Hawks.

Perhaps the fact that these two schools ARE often strong competitors is one reason why a majority of present Thumb C League members Ubly, Harbor Beach, Mayville, Sandusky, Reese and USA decided to recommend against the Lakers and Cass City.

What's puzzling is the Thumb C is apparently now willing to add three schools to their ranks — Bad Axe, Marlette and Deckerville — but not include Lakers and Cass City. If there's reason in that action, we don't see it. Five local schools, who've played among each other for more than 30 years, applied to join an expanded Thumb C League.

Three were accepted, but two weren't. Why?

Eight schools now comprise the long-time Thumb B Association, with a proud, rich sports tradition. Two of those schools, Bad Axe and Marlette, were recommended to join the new Thumb C group. The third school, Deckerville, has been the biggest member of the North Central Thumb D League and has long sought a tougher sports schedule, so it too will likely join the Thumb C group.

Again, that leaves just two local schools out in the cold.

It's not that Lakers and Cass City aren't good competitors. Year-long training programs by top-notch coaches make both schools regular contend-

ers in all sports. And the recommended present nine-team Thumb C line-up also would mean at least one "bye" or non-league game played every week. A 10-school or 12-school Thumb C League makes much more sense.

It's apparent the Thumb B Association will never be the same. No matter what happens with Lakers and Cass City, the remaining Thumb B schools — Caro, Millington, Vassar and North Branch — can more easily find other leagues nearer their own schools, since they're all at the southern and western end of the present Thumb B boundaries. But who would these seemingly fair-minded Thumb C sports officials exclude Lakers and Cass City from plans, when they so obviously seem to fit right in?

Is school jealousy so great that these officials are seizing on this one small chance to "put the Lakers in their place" or to "show Cass City what we really think of them?"

Four of the existing six Thumb C school boards must approve or disapprove of the offer now on the table: adding Bad Axe, Marlette and Deckerville. Two have already approved — Ubly and Reese. Each of those school boards should draw technical fouls for bad sportsmanship.

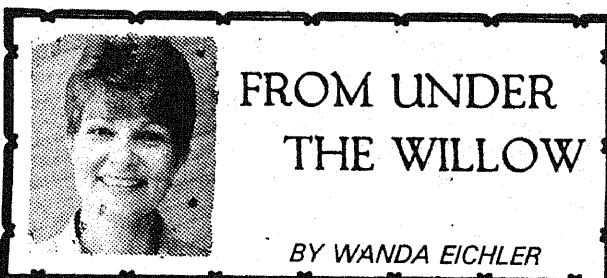
Thankfully, two Thumb C schools — USA and Harbor Beach — have voted against adding only the three teams. They deserve bonus shots for fairness.

That leaves the decision to Sandusky and Mayville's school boards, both of which are expected to vote this week on the three-team addition.

Let's hope, in fairness, that they both vote "no," to give Lakers and Cass City — and perhaps one other team — an opportunity to be included. A nine-team line-up isn't in anyone's best interest.

Neither is excluding two above-average local teams. Both Lakers and Cass City could easily fit into a revised Thumb B League or go elsewhere. But rivalries here in the Thumb are the best-attended, and that's where these two schools should be allowed to play. Z

After all, isn't that what high school sports is all about??



FROM UNDER THE WILLOW

BY WANDA EICHLER

**Cross Country skiing suits the Thumb**

Michigan's Thumb has been blessed with white treasure this winter — more snow than we've seen in a few years. Ski hill operators in other parts of the state must look on this stuff as white gold, as they process reservations, point their snow guns and host people from all over the Midwest to Michigan.

Here at Graywood Farm we've hauled out the cross-country skills, as we do every year. A pleasant jaunt takes us down the road's edge and across two bridges of the Pigeon River. There's a feeling of freedom when you can ski on top of ditches and, when the weather has been really cold, along the river's edge. Rabbit tracks dot the snow's surface. Birds call to each other. Snow sparkles on branches.

The snow, such a hazard to drivers and oldsters, creates a fairy tale world of cold dignity and beauty. Nothing escapes its icy touch. Everywhere its crystal coating glazes and gleams.

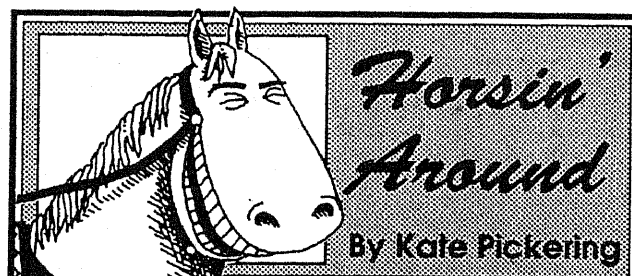
I realized this year that my set of cross country skis is at least 10 years old. What seemed like a craze, Nordic skiing, has turned into a constant source of winter income for the northern part of Michigan. There must be some way of bringing more cross country skiers to the Thumb in winter. Both Sleeper State Park and Port Crescent State Park offer trails as do several other places.

It surely is a sport that will stick — witness the Nordic skiing at even the more prestigious of northwestern Lower Michigan's ski hills — and it is a sport suited to the gentle rolling places of the Thumb where 20 years ago we didn't even think about skiing.

Like ice skating, cross country skiing requires a place for skiers to warm up. Groomed trails make the going much easier. Since skiers vary in their skill, trails of differing skill level would also add to a good cross country facility. Skiers who regularly head north are accustomed to paying user fees for a day's skiing and generally those fees are modest, especially when compared to the downhill fees that now often top \$15 to \$20 per day.

The silent winter woods and smooth trails of cross country skiing are a big draw for people who deal with the stresses of daily life and look for a common sense sport. Michigan's Thumb area — our villages, townships and counties — would do well to consider more cross country ski trails and facilities in the Thumb.

This winter's snows may be the prompter that urges us to think of yet another way of bringing visitors to the Thumb for winter sports enjoyment.



Horsin' Around

By Kate Pickering

**LUNAR LOVELINESS**

I am an adamant moon-fan, but not like those brainy types who can tell you exactly when we will have an eclipse, or how the tide moves with the moon's changing quarters, nor can I say that I gaze at or study the moon with any serious scientific intent. I couldn't give you any advice — like my grandmother could — about garden planting and moon collaboration, nor could I tell any tales of moon folklore or deadly werewolves. I am — rather, a stargazer of the old-fashioned variety, wasting hour upon hour of valuable time remarking to myself on the beauty of not just the moon and the stars — set in the sky like diamonds scattered on blue velvet — but also of the amazing shadows cast upon the earth by the moon's icy, unearthly glow.

It is the irony of darkness bathed in light. In a monochromatic wash of blues to blacks, these shadows and images bear no resemblance to their daytime sisters. Shadows of the day are surrounded in golden light, following us around quite unmenacingly and completely without notice. But the shadows of the moon, like ragged-edged spirits — are much less easily defined. They fade and melt one into another, creating a black and blue watercolor of eerie images... silent, still and motionless.

The snow, how it sparkles — bathed in white lunar light, as the floating shadow of a screech owl in flight drifts slowly o'er the earth. If there be rodents about for his snacking, only the wise owl will know, for to the human eye there is no sight, no sound, no life scuttling across the frozen snowscape there beneath the silvery nightlight of the world.

As I sit on the edge of my bed, looking out the window across the barren white yard and into the sleepy woods, I suddenly notice the handi-work of Ole' Jack Frost, and take pleasure once again in the delicate, intricate, frosty designs that have become his signature on icy windowpanes everywhere. Shadows from the exposed branches of a bent

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

**DEAR EDITOR:**  
 Whenever I go to the Dutch Kettle or Specialty House, I always sit with some farmers and men who are working in a factory.

There are some who never did work and there are a lot of retired farmers and many young farmers, but they talk a different language than we older, retired farmers talk.

Because I am an older, retired farmer, I have to talk about the old times. When I was still a young boy, I didn't think I'd ever be a farmer because every once in awhile, a farmer would hire me to do some dirty job he didn't want to do or could afford to hire somebody to do it for him.

I worked for some real good farmers and got good food and was treated like one of the family, then sometimes I was treated just like the hired man. I remember one time I grumbled about cleaning the horse stable and the farmer's wife told me that's what they had hired me for and that I was lucky to have a job.

Well, she was right because back in the Depression days, you were lucky just to have a place to stay and eat. Most farmers used to have eight to 10 cows, four horses, 10 pigs, 150 chickens and around 10 or 12 steers and heifers.

To keep them clean and fed took almost all day. This time of year they always cleaned out the steer pen. Some older farmers hauled their manure out in the field with a sled and put it on little piles.

In the spring when the ground was thawing out, they would spread it with a

SINCERELY YOURS,  
 GEORGE KEIM

tree stretch toward me across the snow, like bony fingers reaching out farther and farther as the moon slides ever westward on his journey home. Soon those black fingers overtake my window, overtake my view, and it is way past time to retire for the evening. Somewhere in the distance, a lonesome old dog begs to be let in out of the cold, and his mournful plea echos across the icy highway, over the frozen hills and through the dried, whispering cornstalks to my listening ear. I pause for a moment before turning away from the window to crawl under my plump blankets, I wait and I wonder. A moment later a tiny light appears — barely visible — at a farmhouse nearly out of visual range, and then the dog is silent. The little light disappears just as quickly as it appeared. Either they shot him or they let him in. (We'll say they let him in.)

As I burrow then, under the covers and turn toward the wall, eager to drift into undisturbed slumber, I say a little prayer and offer a little applause to the artist above — responsible for this January's "Lunar Loveliness." ☆☆☆

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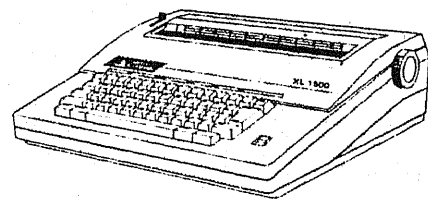
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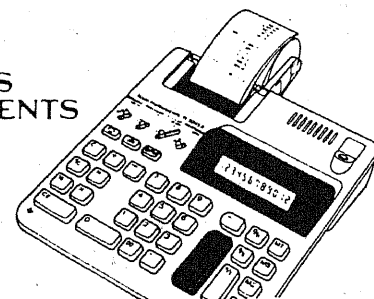
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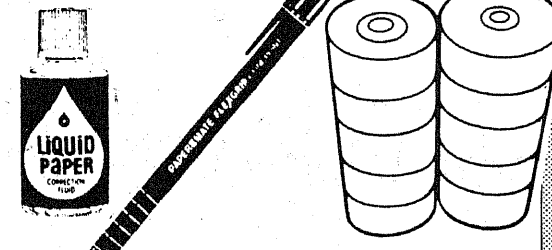
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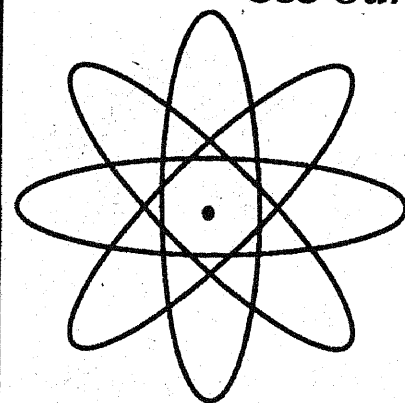
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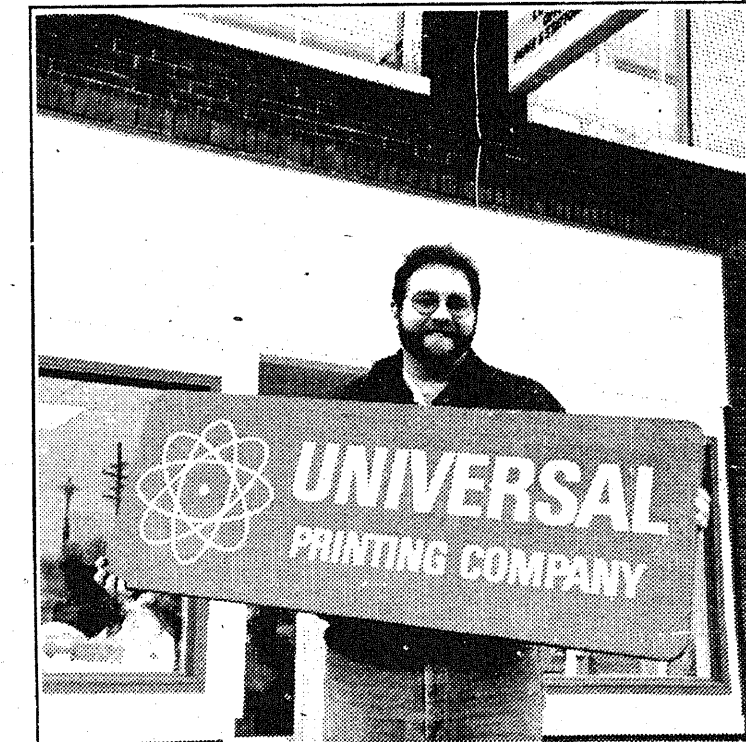
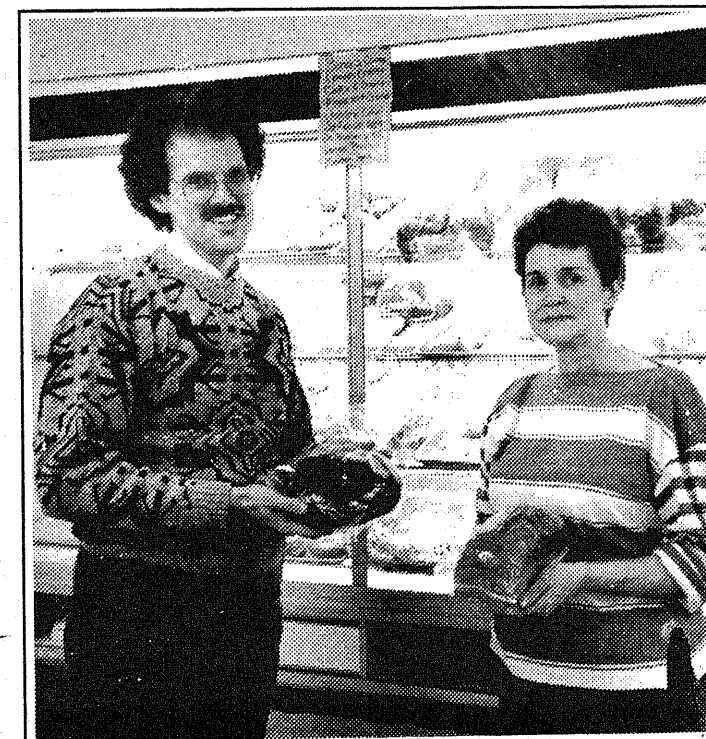
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# SPORTS REPORT UPDATE for the Western Thumb Lakers outlast Ubly; sweep Bad Axe

By AMY HEIDEN

Luck was on the side of the Lakers last week, as they pulled out two big victories over Ubly and Bad Axe.

**UBLY:** It took a three-minute overtime period for the Lakers to knock off the Thumb C leader in a non-league contest, after coming back from a 38-27 third-quarter deficit.

The Lakers had ten unanswered points late in the third quarter to come within a point of the Bearcats, and kept up their surge throughout the final period. They opened up their lead 47-40, but Ubly scored the last seven points of the game, forcing the overtime.

**Both teams** lined up for the overtime tip-off, and Brian Bushey got the ball and the layup. But the ball went into Ubly's basket and the Bearcats didn't inbound the ball after the score, causing a five-second violation.

The officials awarded the ball to the Lakers, much to the consternation of the Bearcats. But Bill McLellan got the Lakers on the scoreboard right away with a three-

point play and a rebound shot seconds later.

The Bearcats kept pressure on the Lakers until Reggie Ignash's two-pointer put the Lakers by one in the final seconds of the game.

Bill McLellan led the Lakers with 21 points, while Brian Bushey had ten and Mike Keefer had nine.

**BAD AXE:** The Green upped their season record to 5-4 overall and 3-2 in the league with an easy victory over Thumb B rival Bad Axe.

After coasting to a 41-28 halftime lead, the Lakers outscored the Hatchets 42-20 to take total control of the game.

McLellan paced the Lakers with 19 points, while sophomore Jeremy Esch had 17 points, and Reggie Ignash chipped in with 16.

**JVs SPLIT:** The Junior Varsity team split a pair of games this week, dumping Ubly 52-42, and losing to Bad Axe 48-47.

The loss to Bad Axe came on a Hatchet jump shot that fell in the basket with one second left on the clock. The team's record is now 5-4 for the year.

Dave Geiger led the scoring in the Ubly contest with 16 points, while Scott Fisher had 12 points and Eric Wissner had 10. Fisher led the Lakers in the Bad Axe game with 10 points, and both Wissner and Geiger had nine points.

**FRESHMEN WIN:** The Laker freshman team improved their record to 6-3 with two wins over Ubly and Bad Axe. Ubly fell 48-33, and the Hatchets were swept 68-46.

Jason Krohn led his teammates with 19 points against

Ubly, and Hilton Yopp had 14. Shawn Cariveau contributed with six points and five rebounds off the bench.

Jay Klowowski led against Bad Axe with 16 points, while Krohn had 15 and Yopp scored 12.

## Lady Lakers look good at Delta

By AMY HEIDEN

The Lady Lakers made it to the quarterfinals of the Delta Invitational Saturday before falling to the Livonia Ladywood, who were the eventual tournament champs.

The team came out second in pool play, by defeating Flint Carmen-Ainsworth 15-9, 15-2; beating Freeland 15-9, 15-4, and splitting a game with Birch Run 4-15, 15-13.

**In single-elimination play,** the Lakers fell to Livonia Ladywood 15-8, 15-17, 9-15. Ladywood is a Class A school, and is currently

ranked No. 2 in the state. The Lakers are ranked No. 3 among Class C schools.

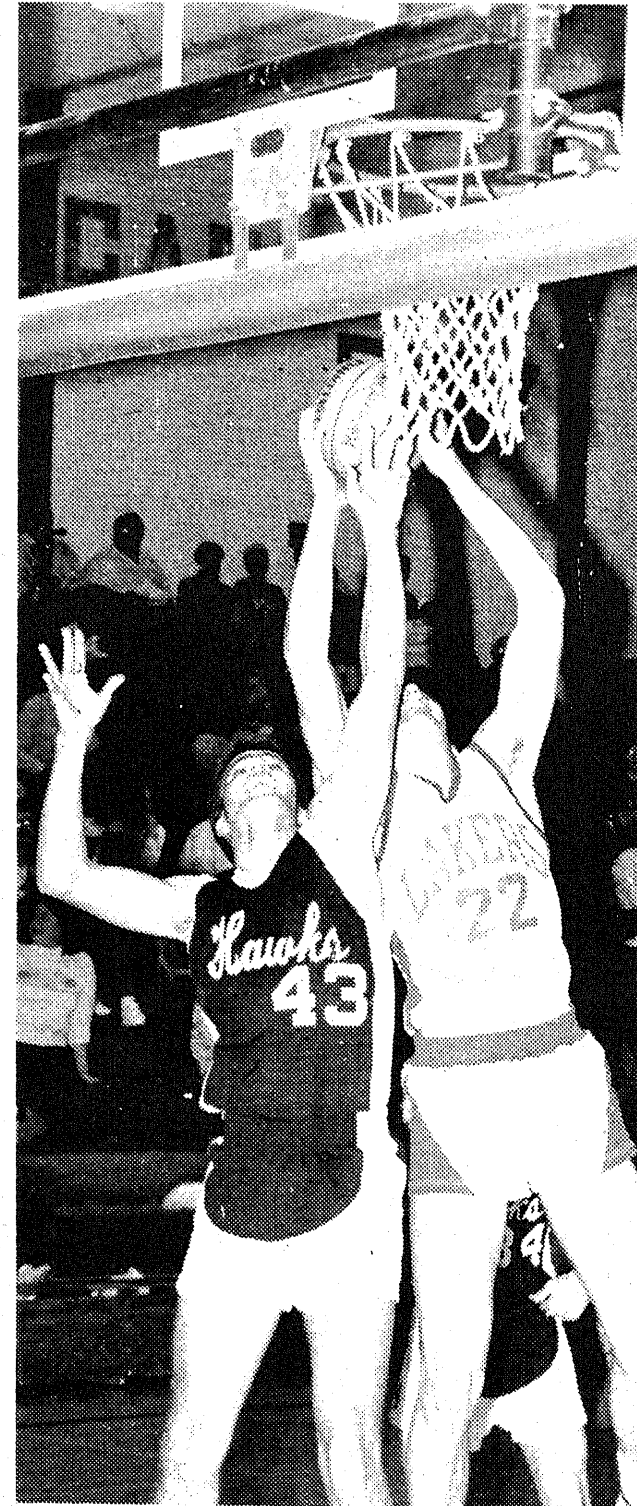
Sara Bush led in serving with 13 aces, while Tracie Henne, Brenda Buschlen, Brenda Beyer, and Tammy Smith each had 10 aces for the day.

Henne had 40 kills and 10 blocks for the day, and Buschlen had 20 kills. Tammy Smith led in blocking with 11 blocks, and Anne Sturm had nine blocks for the day.

**JVs WIN:** The Junior Varsity team traveled to the Mitten Bay JV Classic on Saturday, but failed to come home with the trophy. They did have some nice wins, though, coming out of pool play in second place.

On their way, they defeated Big Rapids 15-3, 15-2; downed Ogemaw Heights 15-7, 15-10; fell to Valley Lutheran 8-15, 11-15; and swamped Carrollton 15-4, 15-3. In the first round of single-elimination play, Hemlock defeated the Lakers 11-15, 13-15.

Kelly Champagne led in serving with 16 aces, and Kelly McLellan and Sherry Stauffer each had 14 aces. Amanda Barry led the defense with eight kills, and Holly Esch had seven kills. Their record in match play now stands at 9-2.



LAKER RICK DUFTY (22) battles for the rebound with a Cass City defender, in a recent game.

## Eagles win one, lose one

By KATHY MEYER

Caseville had two home games this past week — and the third quarter was the difference in both contests.

**ON TUESDAY,** the Eagles lost to the Akron-Fairgrove Vikings 81-61. The Vikings scored 15 points to just two for the Eagles in the third quarter, which pretty much was the difference in the game.

Colby Cottick scored 23 points for Caseville and Jeff Brunni added 15 in the loss.

**ON FRIDAY,** Caseville outscored the Port Hope Blue Stars 21-9 in the third quarter, which made the difference the other way: the Eagles won 73-58.

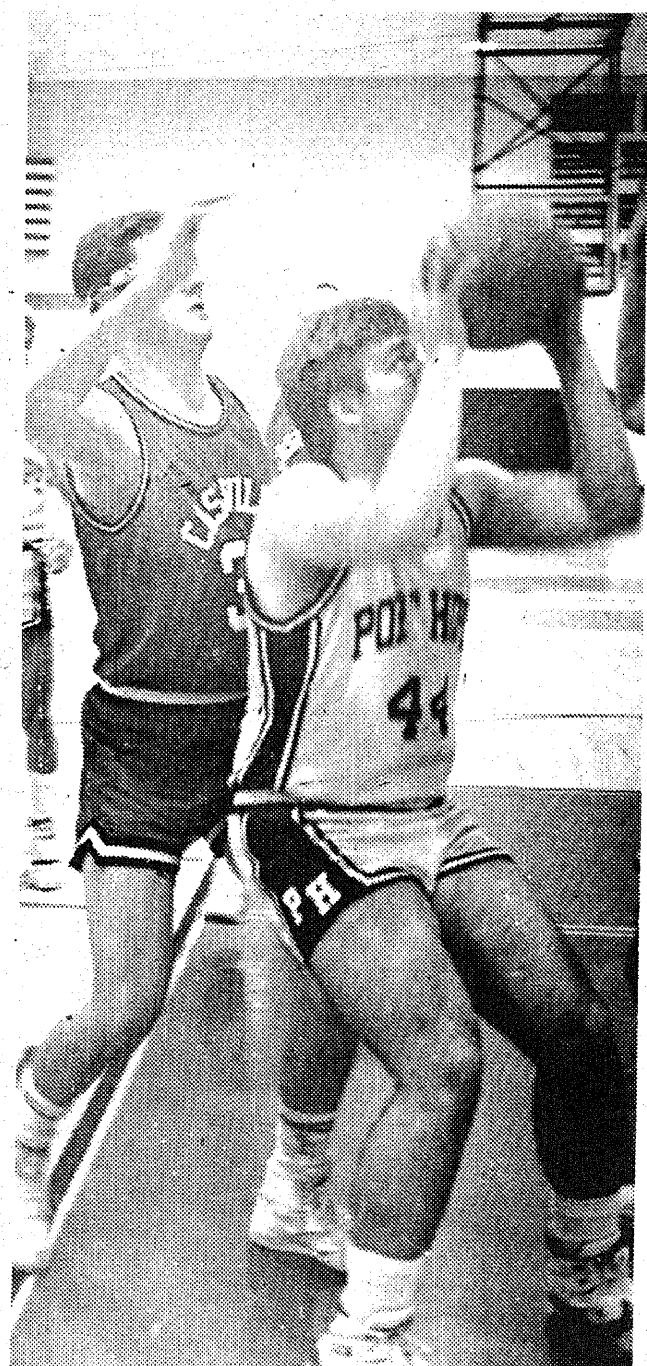
Jeff Brunni scored 22 points in the win and Colby Cottick netted 15 in the win.

**THIS WEEK:** The Eagles were to host Owen-Gage Tuesday night, then travel to Peck to meet the Pirates Friday night.

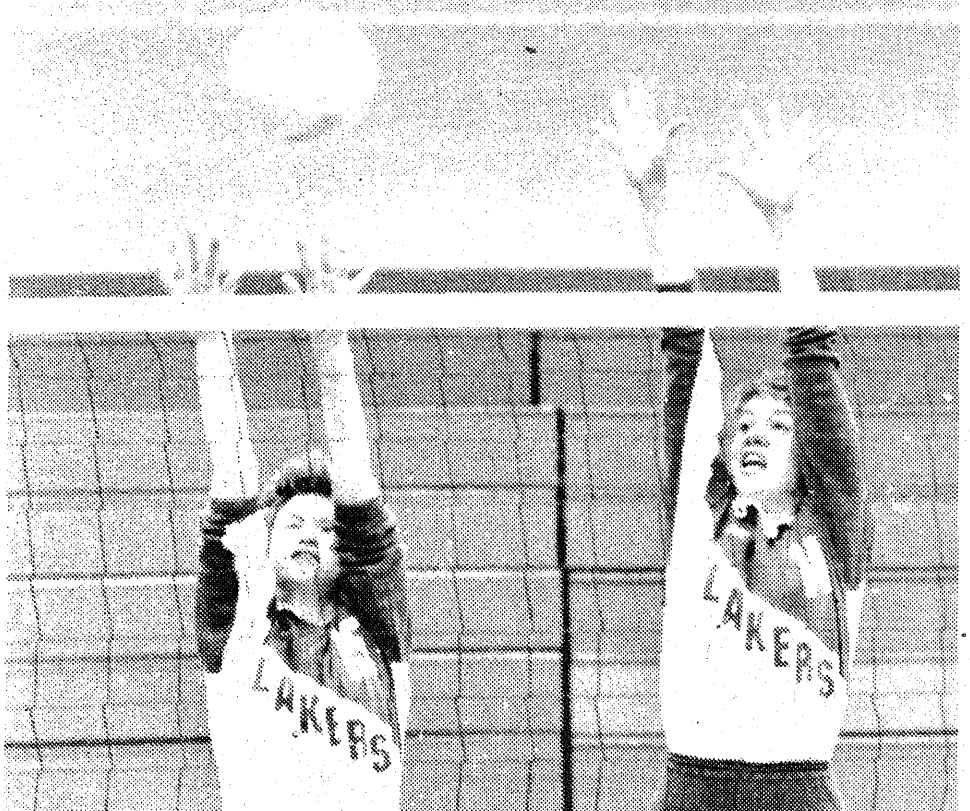
Next Friday, Coach Robert Merlington's squad travels to Kingston to battle the Cardinals, then will host Deckerville on Tuesday, Jan. 30.

**FUTURE MONTHS:** February's action includes an away game Feb. 2 at Carsonville - Port Sanilac, an away game Feb. 9 versus North Branch Wesleyan and a home game with the North Huron Warriors Feb. 13.

Then, it's on the road again Feb. 16 to Akron-Fairgrove, home to host North Branch Wesleyan on Feb. 20 and traveling to Port Hope on Feb. 23. Finally, the Eagles travel to Owen-Gage Feb. 27 and host Peck on March 2, to round up season play prior to tournaments.



CASEVILLE'S DAN BENNETT (32) will block the shot of Port Hope's Mark Brown, during last week's 73-58 win. KATHY MEYER PHOTO



TAMMY SMITH AND ANNE STURM go above the net to block a recent shot...

## Elkton sets parks/rec priority

By AMY HEIDEN

The Village of Elkton may be on its way to creating a parks and recreation authority.

Former councilman Fred Santos appeared at last week's meeting and urged the Village Council to establish an authority to raise funds and oversee recreation activities for village and area residents.

Diane Ellicott, an Elkton native and now a member of the Bad Axe City Council, also appeared with Santos and gave Council an overview of the duties and activities of the Bad Axe Parks and Recreation Authority.

**According to Ellicott,** the Bad Axe Council — like the Elkton Council — has its own Parks and Recreation committee, but the members

don't always have the time or energy to devote to recreation concerns.

"With the authority, you have a body of people whose priorities are parks and recreation. The Council sets the budget, and the authority presents its recommendations to the council," Ellicott said.

**A member of the Council** would also be appointed to serve on the authority, Ellicott said, serving as a bridge between the two governmental bodies.

Village Council would have final approval about any actions to be taken or money to be spent.

Elkton's Parks and Recreation Committee will meet later this month to discuss the issue and will make a recommendation to the full

council at February's meeting.

**OTHER BIZ:** Council also approved Dr. Francis Wilson, Janet Hydorn, Vicky Williams and Margaret Taylor as election inspectors for two elections this year.

The primary election for council seats will be Feb. 19, and the general election is scheduled for March 12, officials said.

**A special council meeting** was set for Jan. 17, at 7 p.m. to hear a presentation by a member of the Michigan Chamber of Commerce.

Ways of improving the downtown area and funding those improvements will be discussed. The development of a Downtown Development Authority were also to be discussed, village officials said. Chamber of Commerce members, business owners, and interested village residents are urged to attend.

**Mayor Pro-tem** Barb Thompson asked the council for suggestions on improving donations to the Red Cross blood drives.

She said area blood drive coordinator John Champagne had received word from the Red Cross's Wolverine Blood Region that the Elkton blood drive may be combined with Pigeon's if donations aren't increased by the June drive.

## Lake-Chandler news items

Mr. and Mrs. Dale Southworth and children, Rachel, Joseph, Abby and Charity of Grand Rapids were New Year's weekend guests of his mother, Bette Southworth. Saturday guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Southworth of Ithaca.

Mr. and Mrs. William Balogh were Monday callers of By and June Groff in Essexville.

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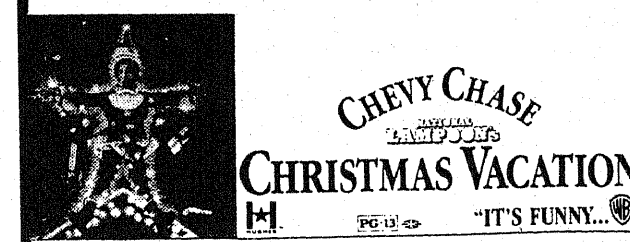
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# The Past In Print

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## 90 YEARS AGO FEB. 9, 1900

These students passed the last eighth grade examination: George McDonald, Dustus Schwalm, Harvey Schluchter, Eldwin Witwer, Frank Diebel, Anna McDonald, Katie McAuley, Frank Davis, Albert Maier, David Vanbuskirk.

Donald McAuley and Miss Lulu Foster, both of Winsor Township, were married at Bad Axe Wednesday.

The Elkton mills have shut down.

The old German M. E. Church on the Berne road, Caseville Township, is offered for sale, including the furnishings. For further particulars apply to J. W. Leiprandt.

## 80 YEARS AGO FEB. 4, 1910

Joseph Schechter will put up a large bank barn in the spring.

Levi Bueschlen is getting things ready for a fine brick house.

Farmers from McKinley and Caseville Townships made a bee and drew gravel for the concrete work and plastering for the Hayes M. E. Church. The church people thank Steinman Bros. and the Wallace & Orr Co. for giving them free gravel from their fine gravel pit near the bayou.

A. Hirsbert & Son opened up their fine general store at Owendale last week.

Members of the Bay View Club were over at the bay Tuesday, putting up their ice for the summer.

About 50 members of the Epworth League and friends were entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Walker. Mrs. E. C. Leiprandt had the program.

## 70 YEARS AGO JAN. 30, 1920

Alfred H. Sauer of Pigeon announces that he will be a candidate for county prosecuting attorney.

Frank Murphy, formerly of Harbor Beach, assistant U.S. district attorney is helping prosecute the \$30 million Army graft case. He is a veteran of the World War.

The Mud Creek School visited with the Hayes School Friday afternoon.

Value of farm crops in Michigan last year was more than \$342 million, the greatest in the state's history.

## 60 YEARS AGO JAN. 31, 1930

Lester Deming, 85, died at the home of his son, Edward, near Bay Port. He is survived by four sons, Lester, Edward, Herb and Henry and one daughter, Jessie. Orabelle Lounsbury, 24, died at the home of her brother, Americus, in Bay Port. Surviving are her father, Lee, two sisters and four brothers.

Pigeon A.C. basketball team beat the Bad Axe faculty team by a score of 30-18. Pigeon players included: Wilfong, Klinger, Highland, Bailey, Schmidt, Hartman, Roberts and Smith.

Chris Dast of Bay Port has a crew of men cutting timber on Heisterman Island for use in construction of the stone company dock east of Bay Port.

Pigeon Worth While Club will meet with Mrs. Noah Geiger. A debate on, "Resolved that a self supporting woman deserves the wage equal to that of a man for the same service given," will be held.

## 50 YEARS AGO FEB. 2, 1940

William F. Kretzschmer, 67, died at his home near

Owendale. He leaves his widow, three daughters and six sons.

Anna Marie Richmond, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richmond and Ernest J. Clabuesch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Clabuesch, were married Jan. 20.

Each day now, Bay Port fishermen take their fish shanties to the pickerel grounds, about 18 miles from shore, a shallow bar which extends from Charity Island to Bay City. Muri Keller, using a clever snowmobile, buys their fish and sells them fuel, wood and groceries.

Walter Baur, Paul Baur, Allen Gwinn, Robert Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Gettel, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Sturm and Theo Leipprandt are attending Farmers Week at East Lansing.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew McAlpine of Pigeon celebrated their 35th wedding anniversary with a gathering of friends and relatives at their home.

## 40 YEARS AGO FEB. 3, 1950

Monday night's meeting of Pigeon PTA, will be in charge of the men of the organization. Those taking part include: E. J. Clabuesch, the Berne Singers Men's Chorus under the direction of Leo Luedtke Sr. and Irwin Marquardt, of Detroit Edison, who will speak on good lighting. Herb Haist will be the auctioneer for the box social to raise funds.

An open house was held in honor of the 50th wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh B. Harder of Pigeon. They have two children, Mrs. Daisy LaVictoire of Pigeon and Clare of Grand Rapids.

Mrs. R. C. Dixon, Pigeon, was elected the first presi-

dent of the newly-formed Huron County Medical Auxiliary. Other officers are Mrs. John Ritsema, Sebewaing and Mrs. Arno Weiss, Bad Axe.

Alice Farver, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Farver of Caseville and Wallace Hart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hart, Flint married Jan. 21.

## 30 YEARS AGO FEB. 4, 1960

Postmaster General Arthur E. Summerfield announced that a contract has been given to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Pope, Grand Blanc, for construction and lease of a new post office building in Pigeon.

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Richmond marked their golden wedding anniversary at a reception in the Pigeon Evangelical United Brethren Church. They have one son and two daughters.

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Ebert of Pigeon celebrated their golden wedding anniversary at a dinner part at Hotel Vollmer. They have four children, Arthur, Roy, Alice and Lucille.

Jack Van Coevering, wildlife editor of the Detroit Free Press, will show pictures of his trip to Africa at the Caseville Rod and Gun Club.

Charles H. Heck, 67, died Jan. 31. He leaves his widow, two daughters and three sons.

## 20 YEARS AGO JAN. 29, 1970

First five winners in the 1969 corn growers contest sponsored by Cooperative

Elevator Company are Kurt Richmond, John Eichler, Lawrence and Walter Roedel, Adolph Schuette and Leon Gruhn. They were honored at the awards dinner at First Methodist Church in Pigeon.

Gail Baur, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baur, Elkton, graduated with a B.S. degree from Central Michigan University Jan. 24.

Carol J. Hoffman is the third daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Neilan Hoffman of Elkton to be named winner of the Betty Crocker Home-maker of Tomorrow award at Laker High School.

## 10 YEARS AGO JAN. 24, 1980

Two Laker students, Amy Chisholm and Margaret Maust, were awarded gold keys at the second annual Central Michigan Scholastic Art Awards Show that is on display at Hampton Square Mall, Essexville.

The Tri-County Honors Band will present its annual Concert on Sunday, Jan. 27. Laker students in the Honors Band include Renee Koch, junior, flute; Angie Dietzel, senior, flute; Margaret Maust, junior, clarinet and Don Bergman, junior, trombone.

Work on the 35-foot by 110-foot addition to the Pigeon IGA Foodliner is progressing well, and the new part should be occupied by mid-February.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dubs of Pigeon, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on Sunday, Jan. 20 at a party hosted by their children.

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## New arrivals!

Former Caseville residents Pastor Randall and Mrs. Dinah Schultz, now of Davison, are proud parents of a newborn son, **David Lee**, born Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 6:51 p.m.

The infant weighed 8 lbs. 1/2 oz. and measured 20 1/2 inches long. He joins brothers Joel, age 5 and Michael, age 7.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shope, Saginaw. Paternal grandparents are Fred and Margaret Edler, Pigeon.

Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elery Sontag, Gagetown, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shope, Sebewaing, Mrs. Stella Edler, Pigeon and Mrs. Ella Lohrmann, Sebewaing.

Brandon was greeted at home by his two older brothers Matthew and Michael.

Doug and Debbie Edler of Elkton announce the birth of third son, **Branden William**, born Dec. 11, 1989.

He weighed 12 lbs. 1 1/4 oz. and measured 23 inches long at his birth at Huron Memorial Hospital.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Shope, Saginaw. Paternal grandparents are Fred and Margaret Edler, Pigeon.

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# WOODS and WATERS

By Duane Guenther



## Small lake - big trout

"You'll be sorry." Bob warned, as he watched me put a couple of Saginaw Bay ice fishing rods in the back compartment of my pack-board.

"Those may be good for those skinny, little Perch you're used to catching," he continued, "but today I'll show you some Rainbows that will jerk that cornstalk handle right out of your hand."

With that boastful promise I dug around the back of the pickup until I found my ultra-light spinning rod and a matching reel loaded with 4-pound test line and added it to the cavernous pack I would be carrying on my back.

Ice fishing is not my favorite sport, but when an up-North-friend of mine promised me a beautiful winter walk through unspoiled country culminated with some fantastic Trout fishing, I couldn't resist.

We were going to fish a small, unpopulated lake located in the middle of one of Michigan's national forests. Bob had fished it a few times before and discovered a healthy population of planted Rainbows that made for some exciting winter ice fishing. The only catch was the lake was a considerable distance off the road, and

the trek in would be tough going. Perhaps that's why the fishing promised to be so good.

We parked Bob's pickup at the end of a lonely forest service trail. We probably could have driven a little further, but didn't want to chance getting stuck in this remote region. Although the snow wasn't really deep, Bob had brought along a couple pairs of snowshoes and we both strapped them to our Soles. They were long, narrow affairs, made from steamed ash and crisscrossed with some space-aged material in lieu of the rawhide that most snowshoes were once made of. Our boots were held in place by a neoprene harness that provided a spot for your toes and then snapped around your heel to allow you the flexibility needed to maneuver those marvels of the snow country.

Bob scoffed at my pack-board and instead opted to carry his gear in mittened hands. I'm basically a softy at heart and chose to bring along a few necessities such as: a hot seat, a small one-burner backpack stove, a thermos of coffee, an extra pair of socks, an ice skimmer, and a couple bags of chemical hand warmers.

With thoughts of proving a point, I baited the end of a Russian hook with some corn and unraveled the line on one of my favorite ice fishing rods. A short, stubby affair made of willow with a comshock handle, it had served me faithfully on large Perch and an occasional Pike and Walleye.

Fishing about a foot off the bottom, I bounced the corn-baited hook every few seconds to present a tantalizing morsel for some unsuspecting Trout. However, it was I who was unsuspecting.

The unseen fish hit with the force of a linebacker, jerked the not-so-limber rod so hard it made my teeth rattle and then proceeded to saw off the line on a sharp edge of my hole, all in the span of a second or 2. I sheepishly wound up the remaining line, stuffed the rod in my pack and assembled the ultra-light.

"You never believe me Guenther," Bob grumbled over my shoulder, "you just never believe me....."

The trip into the lake took a little over an hour, and the woods were beautiful indeed. A fresh snow had piled a few more inches on that which was already there, and the longer I shuffled, the more thankful I became that Bob had thrown in the extra pair of snowshoes for me.

Upon reaching the lake, I discovered that it was smaller than expected, perhaps 10 acres or less. Somehow, I couldn't imagine a healthy Rainbow population living beneath the ice. But as usual, Bob would prove me wrong.

He was already spudding his first hole when I caught up with him, and he motioned me to the right and expected I would do the same. Once through, Bob kicked the hole free of big ice chips and dropped a weighted-baited hook through the slushy remainder. I was still busy with my ice skimmer when he flopped the first fish on the ice, a beauty, spectacularly colored and at least 14-inches long. He pushed a couple kernels of corn on his bare hook and dropped it back below the ice.

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## OUTDOOR REPORT

Good ice fishing continues throughout the Bay area even though the mild weather of a couple of weeks ago threatened to weaken the ice. Some reports of rotten spots and open holes should cause concern for winter anglers, but for the most part the snow covering the ice insulated it well enough to keep it plenty thick.

Excellent perch fishing and good pike spearing was reported from the Quinnessee region during the past week. Anglers found mixed results in both Sebawaing and Bay Port, but plenty of action was waiting for those venturing north of Caseville. Walleye action has been spotty, but fishermen have a way of keeping a good thing to themselves, so it is possible that nice fish are being taken through the ice in a consistent fashion.

Applications for turkey hunters are due at the DNR office on February 1. The DNR has made 30,575 permits available for the Spring season which will last from April 23 through May 27. This is an increase of over 5,000 permits from last year. Permits will be available for 3 hunting periods of 7, 10 and 18 days. Hunters must select a unit when applying for a permit.

The DNR reports that the Michigan moose herd now numbers somewhere around 250 animals, and according to wildlife biologist Ed Langenau, has hit a level in growth. The DNR officials expected many more animals by the time the calendar hit 1990 and were disappointed by the low reproductive rate of cows during the past several years. Their hope is that Michigan will have a moose population of 1,000 by the turn of the century, but they will have to work some.

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# The Laker Wave

## Steering committee formed for self-study

North Central Accreditation is at the top of the minds of Laker educators as a self-study is being conducted of the High School.

This self-study occurs every seven years, providing staff and students with an opportunity to examine the value of the various parts of the high school picture.

New this time around in the self-study is a process called Outcome-Based Accreditation, or OB for short. OB places the emphasis on students instead of program. Laker staff members are looking very closely at what our students do upon graduation. The skills graduates possess are essential for this examination.

The OB model is based upon the concept of school improvement. School improvement is the premise that a good school, like Lakers, can get even better. Schools are ever-changing and updating as technology develops, and school improvement helps insure that changes will improve the skills our young people are taught.

School improvement takes planning. Key to this will be the inservice of teachers in the school improvement process. A tentative date of March 5 has been set for the first teacher inservice.

In order to provide data for the inservice, the NCA Steering Committee has been busy develop-

oping a needs assessment survey which will be given to all staff members. This survey will also be available to parents and interested community members.

A special meeting will be held on FEB. 19, 1990 AT 7:30 P.M. in the High School Library to allow interested persons a chance to fill out the survey and assist our schools in the accreditation process.

The members of the NCA Steering Committee are Lee Deneen (Art teacher), Anne Eichler (Music and Language teacher), Doug Rees (Science teacher), Duane Guenther (Guidance Counselor), Bill McLellan (Math teacher), Mike Terrill (English and Speech teacher), Yvone Bushey (Board President), and Craig Douglas (Principal).

Mary Ellen Bluem from the Huron Intermediate School District also joined the steering committee to assist us in the school improvement process. She brings to Lakers a lot of background in school improvement.

BY THE END OF THE school year we plan to have identified four or five areas targeted for improvement. Look for staff inservice days to provide the opportunity to select these areas and to develop strategies for making our school



## Science Department works with high tech

If you've been in a bank or a party store recently, and watched a closed circuit security system camera monitor your every move you would be right at home in the Laker High School biology class.

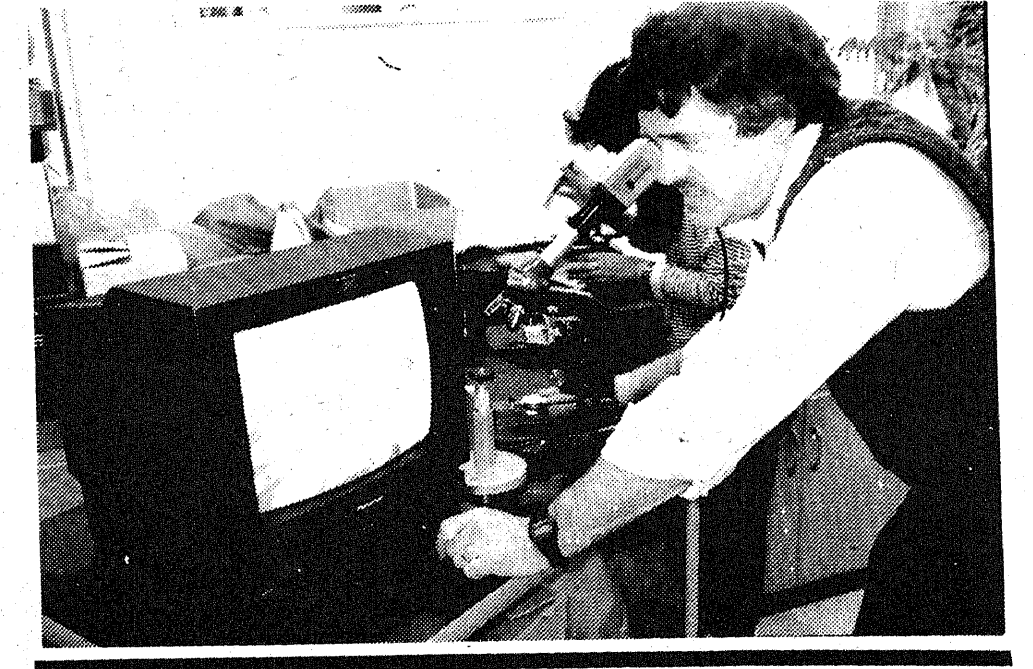
Last year, the science department invested in a Closed Circuit Video Microscopy system (CCVN for short), to enable students a broader spectrum while using the microscope.

Biologists agree that the CCVN makes their assignments in the class more meaningful and more colorful. If you would like to see the camera in action, please feel free to stop in at the high school and make arrangements to visit the biology classes.

scope and point it at any object for viewing of the monitor. In reality, you can see things of the surface or on a slide - a flea or an amoeba.

The CCVN will project images from 40 times their size to 430 times their size. It is so portable that biology instructor Dennis Gaskill can take the camera to a student's microscope and project the slide for the entire class to see.

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## Clothe - A - Student

If it is cold outside, we simply wear a heavier coat. For some Laker students, this is not possible. They only own one jacket which isn't quite big enough for a growing body.

Anyone wishing to donate coats, jackets, or accessories (gloves, scarves, hats, mittens) and other clean clothes may do so by dropping off these items Monday through Friday at the Laker Junior High guidance office. Your help in keeping our students warmer will be greatly appreciated.

May this New Year be especially good to each of you.

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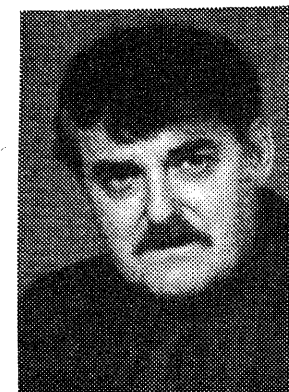
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Read Our 1990 "Here Comes the Bride" edition for all you need to know about marrying in the '90s

## Pre-counseling helps improve communications

By PASTOR JAMES P. JAMES,

Elkton United Methodist Church



In light of the fact that five out of every eight marriages are ending in divorce today, it is the policy of the Elkton United Methodist Church that those who wish to be married in our church go through prior counseling.

The purpose of the counseling is not to judge the couple to see if they have all of the "right stuff," only time and God can do that. The purpose is to talk about many of the responsibilities that go with marriage and some of the common problems that go crop up, to give this couple a better idea of the things that cause marriages to fail.

The most important of these is being able to talk and communicate to one another. If they have problems in this area, the chances are they will not be able to stay married. Other areas covered are: Reflection of Their Childhood; Analysis of Interaction with Future Mate; Religious Plans and Rating the Future Mate in important skills for Marriage.

I have been asked to address the question of what I think the future of marriage might be. I presume it to go on mostly as it has all of these years. The brides whom I speak to are still interested in the traditional things, despite all of the modernistic ideas. A recent poll taken at a college shows that men are still looking for a girl who has remained a virgin to

marry. They don't mind going out with the others, but for marriage, most prefer one who has kept herself for the one "special" man in her life. Granted, that's a double standard but it is what the polls said. My marriage will be nearing our 28th anniversary in March and although no one is perfect, I don't believe I would have done anything any other way.

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**'Commitment to marriage takes great deal of effort'**

By **PASTOR JAMES A. GORSEGNER**,  
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When one considers marriage and what it is all about, it is important to go back to the beginning. Marriage is not something that evolved or developed over a period of time in our society. The estate of marriage was established in the Garden of Eden when God created Eve and brought her to Adam, to be a "helper" suitable for him (Genesis 2:18). From the very beginning, marriage is an institution of God. Since marriage is God's design and plan, it is essential to view marriage in the light of Holy Scriptures. To begin with, marriage should never be taken lightly. God designed marriage to be a life-long union between one man and one woman who live together within the guidelines which God Himself has established. Jesus replied to the Pharisees in Matthew 19:4-6:

"Haven't you read," He replied, "that at the beginning the Creator "made them male and female," and said, "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh"? So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore, what God has joined together, let man not separate.

From the beginning, God designed marriage to be a permanent union — "until death us do part." The key to that permanence is commitment, coupled with the understanding of who and what we are. When we understand that we are weak, sinful creatures who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ, the effort needed to make and keep the commitment of marriage becomes crystal clear.

Contrary to what the media might portray, the commitment in marriage takes a great deal of effort. Since we are sinful creatures on whom Christ has showered his love and forgiveness, should not our commitment in marriage be loving and forgiving? A total commitment to marriage will find no room for selfishness and self-centeredness. There will rather be the expression of complete love and concern for the spouse.

Commitment to the marriage will throw open the channels of communication. Husband and wife will listen to each other. They will be able to talk freely about their concerns and needs. Here is one of the keys to a strong and lasting marriage. It is a marriage

built squarely on the commitment that husband and wife make to one another.

It is a sad commentary on our society when one considers the tremendous number of marriages that fail. Do people enter marriage planning to fail? I don't believe so. Do so many couples take marriage so lightly? That is a possibility. In fact, that is just one of many possibilities.

I do believe there are many reasons why marriages fail. A long list of specifics could be made. But in general, marriages fail because God and His Word are ignored. Therein is to be found another key to a healthy and lasting marriage.

When people are selfish and inconsiderate, God's Word is ignored. When people are cruel, ill-tempered and abusive, God's Word is ignored. When people "live together" for convenience or to see if they are compatible, not only is marriage cheapened, God's Word is ignored. And so the marriage fails.

In our society which is prone to whine and cry and "throw in the towel," I suppose it is easy to become negative and pessimistic and even cynical about marriage. However, the truth of the matter is that more marriages are filled with joy and blessings from God than we realize.

Scripture reveals to us three specific areas of blessing which God promises to the Christian husband and wife: companionship, intimacy and children. Within the framework of a husband and wife relationship, each one of these human needs is a wonderful joy and blessing from our God.

As young men and women contemplate marriage, may they recognize that marriage is God's plan and design. Seek further to learn all that He offers as guidelines. Marriage is a very special event in one's life. Under our Lord's direction and with His blessing, marriage will bring a lifetime of joy and happiness.

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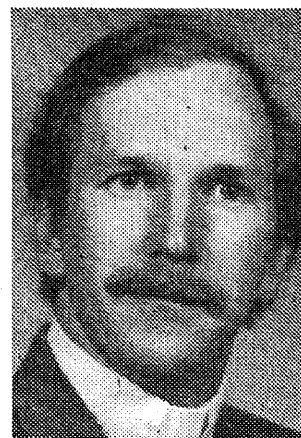
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## Pastor shares four thoughts on marriage in the '90s



By PASTOR JOHN MUELLER

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Caseville

The caller from the newspaper suggested this column speak to the topic of "Marriage in the '90s." What to say? I am not a fashion consultant, so I cannot predict the styles for weddings will become more formal or more casual. I do not have population statistics and surveys available, so I cannot offer an opinion whether the number of marriages will increase or decrease in the 1990s. What to say?

As a Christian pastor, I can say only what God tells us in His Word, the Bible. Marriage in the 1990s is the same as it was in the '80s, the '70s, '60s, '20s or 2000 years ago. God set the standards for marriage and He

has not given us permission to change those standards. What then, of marriage in the 1990s, according to God's Word?

**First, God intends marriage to join a man and a woman.** Special interest groups cannot escape the fact that God's Word tells us that marriage is between ONE male and ONE female only. Any other "marriage" is not a marriage at all, as far as God is concerned.

**Second, marriage is to be lifelong.** Under normal circumstances, only DEATH dissolves the marriage vows. Individuals thinking about marriage should choose their partner carefully, realizing that "no fault divorce" is not part of God's plan. He expects a marriage to last until death.

**Third, God has given us the wonderful gift of sex.** However, He has specifically reserved sex for a man and woman who have pledged, in proper and legal marriage vows, their life-long faithfulness and love to each other, "forsaking all others." In His wisdom, He has forbidden premarital and extramarital sex, "living together" and "trial marriage."

**Fourth, the marriage relationship is to be one of mutual support and care.** The husband, the head of the household, holds his wife in honor and loves her with a sacrificial love. The wife and supports and honors her husband. Disagreements should be worked out to the mutual satisfaction of both. Public

criticism, cutting remarks, insults and put-downs about one's husband or wife lead only to trouble.

Television and movies often treat marriage as a subject for ridicule, promoting adultery, divorce for any minor reason and making fun of those who choose to be legally and faithfully married for life. We are told, now and again, that the divorce rate is going up, more and more people are simply "living together," and marriage is a dead institution.

From a social, statistical view, perhaps (but only perhaps), the idea that marriage is "out" may appear true. What society finds acceptable will also change during the 1990s, as in the past. The entertainment industry will probably continue to undermine the institution of marriage and the traditional family unit (and unity).

**Be that as it may,** marriage, according to God's Word, remains the same, no matter what year or decade, the calendar may show. Society may not accept God's view, society may go its own way, but it was God who invented the marriage bond, and we cannot change that fact. Marriage in the '90s? It matters not what we think — fads, trends, traditions and the like change constantly.

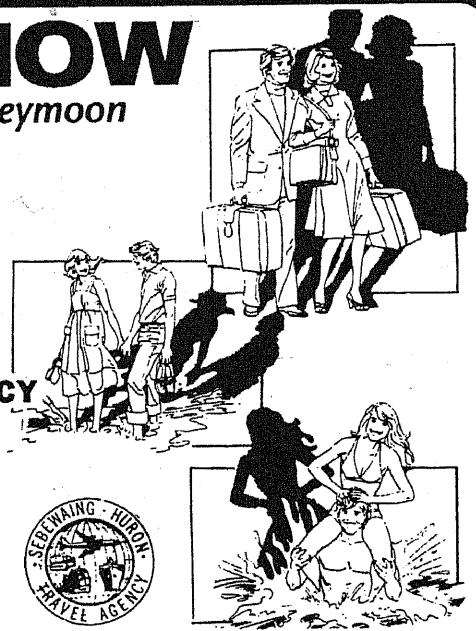
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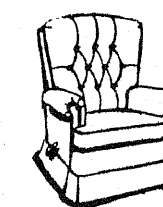


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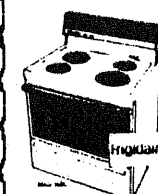


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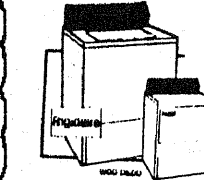
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## Favorite honeymoon destinations . . .

By **AMY HEIDEN**  
The number of destinations for honeymooners are vast, ranging from tropical islands in the Caribbean to

Mackinac Island here in Michigan. And, more and more couples are taking advantage of the local bed and

breakfast establishment for an inexpensive, memorable honeymoon.

Hawaii and Florida are always top honeymoon choices, according to Karen (Ittner) Peruski of Adventures in Travel in Caro. The Sebewaing native also says resorts in Mexico and Jamaica are fast becoming as popular. "This month, I have four honeymoon couples booked for Jamaica.

"And for \$150, you can have a complete wedding there at the 'super clubs'," Peruski said. The only restriction is that a couple must be in Jamaica two days before the wedding.

During the summer, after the June weddings, travel to Mexico and Jamaica tapers off, Peruski said, but cruises are still popular at that time.

Many couples also like to stay in Traverse City, especially at the Grand Traverse Resort. "The rooms with jacuzzis are

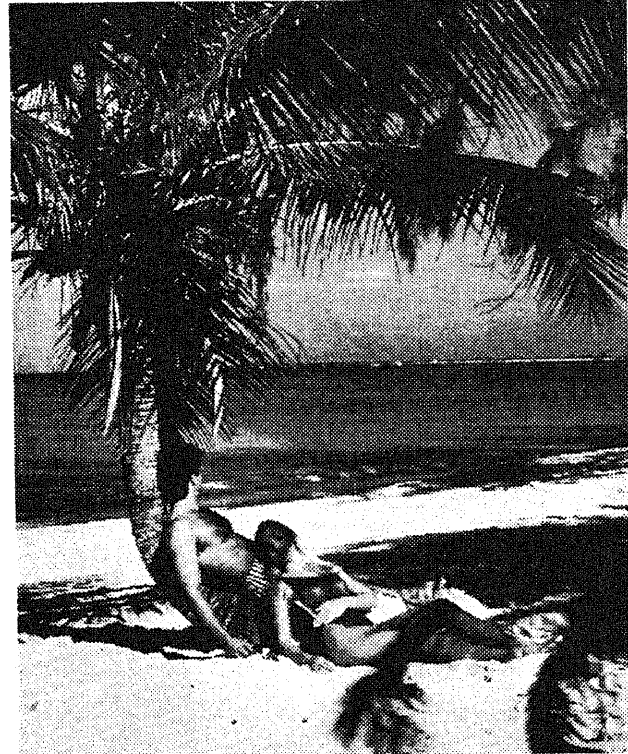
very popular, and the Traverse City area has lots of hotels with jacuzzis," Peruski stated.

The Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island is another favorite honeymoon destination, but rates are fairly expensive, she added.

But some newly-married couples, with the expense of starting a new household, stay a little closer to home. Area bed and breakfasts are popular since they offer all the conveniences of home at a very reasonable

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## Favorite honeymoons *Con't from Pg. 12*

Beth Depner, co-owner of Country Charm Bed and Breakfast near Caseville, says the months of June, July and August are very busy with newly-married couples checking in.

"Some nights we have two newlywed couples here at a time. It's kind of neat because they have something to talk about," Depner said.

Many couples whose finances are in short supply will stay at Country Charm on their wedding night or for the weekend, Depner added.

For an small extra charge, Depner provides special touches for the newly-married couple, such as champagne, fresh flowers and scented soaps, plus no check-in or check-out times.

"We try to go all out for newlyweds," Depner said. "I try to do everything I can to make their stay memorable."

There are plenty of other places to consider for honeymoons. Within 250 to 300 miles are a variety of destinations -- from camping in the Pigeon River Country State Forest, to cavorting among the many bright lights of Detroit.

Many couples spend their honeymoon camping at one of Northern Michigan's many campgrounds, and use the time to canoe, hike or just relax together.

Besides, most couples don't need swaying palms and white sand beaches to summon up a romantic mood.

Metropolitan and downtown Detroit offer several sophisticated hotels for honeymooners. The Hyatt Regency and the Renaissance Center are popular

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**BIG one!**

Future brides checking out the February/March issue of Bride's Magazine should take care.

It has 1,040 pages—798 pages of ads and 242 editorial pages. That makes it the largest consumer magazine ever published! The owners are submitting the issue to the Guinness Book of World Records in that category...

hotels for newlyweds as they offer special packages for honeymooning couples.

Short travel time, big name concerts, symphony performances, sports events and live theatre can all be enjoyed in a well-planned trip to Detroit.

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# Marrying the new stepfamily

Over 20% of 83.5 million U.S. families are now "blended" families, with more than 1,300 new step-families being added every day.

The Ozzie and Harriet nuclear family is branching out. Recent studies show that the "average" American family may include as many as eight parents and numerous children.

Complexities that arise with adaption and adoption can make remarriage

an emotional event for all family members. Here are some tips for smoothing over the transition from single parent to strong stepfamily.

**UNDER ONE ROOF BEFORE THE WEDDING:** Planning a life together is important for every couple, but for a stepfamily, it is essential.

Topics that can create conflict in marriage—how time, money and energy

will be spent—become exaggerated even further by the many family members whose opinions need to be considered.

Other conflicts can result from differences in temperament, backgrounds and traditions. The best forum for working out such conflicts is the family meeting, where each member expresses his or her feelings and needs, while everyone contributes possible solutions. Before the marriage, parents should

also discuss what role the stepparent will play in the child's upbringing.

"Some of the most successful stepparents have seen their role as similar to that of a camp counselor, an adult who shows interest and affection, yet provides leadership," says Carol Brady, Ph.D., a Houston, Tex. clinical psychologist.

**DURING THE WEDDING:** From the invitation, which can be issued with the children's names an-

nouncing the formation of a "new family," to the reception, where the children's favorite music can be played, there is one rule: When children are a part of your life together, include them in your wedding as much as possible.

**ROLES FOR CHILDREN**  
They can be your attendants or altar boys, ringbearer or flower girls. Your vows to each other might be followed by a family vow or a prayer of family unity with each member adding a phrase. Your child could take the place of a family member no longer alive; if the bride's father has passed away, her child might escort her to the altar.

"Bride" magazine's Associate Editor Millie Martini and her fiancé decided to show the importance of the child by having him at your side at the altar. "CoCo, John's daughter, will serve

in the role of 'best man' at our wedding," Martini explained. "John felt there was no one else he'd rather have beside him as he made this important commitment, and she was excited to be asked."

**REASSURE YOUR CHILD**

Even if your child seems to have adjusted to the idea of your marriage, the wedding day may surprise all of you by making him or her feel insecure. Assign a close relative to reassure and give hugs when needed throughout the day. If your children feel uncomfortable with the idea of participating in the ceremony, then include them in other ways. Assign them seats of honor, mention their names in a special prayer. Give children gifts to commemorate the day.

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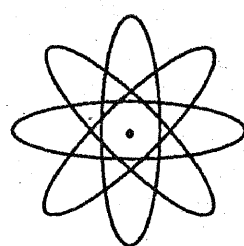
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