

# \$5000 winner will be chosen Saturday afternoon!

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Someone will win \$5000 in Pigeon this Saturday.

The fifth and final weekly drawing in the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce's "Let's Wheel & Deal" contest will be drawn... and then one of those five Pigeon shoppers will win the Grand Prize of \$5000 in shopping money, good at any participating local store.

The first four winners are Bert Jackson and Noel Wichter, both of Pigeon, Orville Reed of Bay Port and Don Barbret of Caseville.

**Grand Prize drawing** is at 4 p.m. in Downtown Pigeon, and several other drawings -- including the Chamber/Pigeon Lions 50-50 drawing -- will be conducted that day. No children's drawings will be conducted, but the Thumb Two-Cylinder Club hopes to give free hayrides during the afternoon.

Free bean soup will be available, too, according to Chamber President Rhonda Buehler.

and Karen Damm (Greenfields), all of Pigeon, and John Richmond, Jr. (Kent McKenzie Jewelers) of Filion.

Barbret and Eisiliones held keys that opened the two special locks Saturday, and Barbret chose to come back this Saturday for the finals.

Eisiliones chose a \$100 clock from Kent McKenzie Jewelers, purchased by local insurance agents -- but turned down \$200 in shopping cash and a \$300 curio table from Diener's Home of Fine Furnishings behind the other doors.



**WELL, SANTA, I WANT:** Santa Claus talked to nearly 150 good boys and girls Saturday, during his annual Lunch With Santa, sponsored by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce and local businesses.

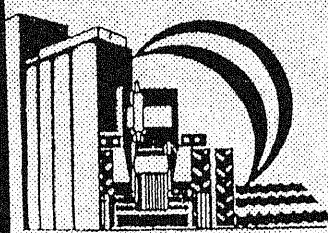
The kids got a take-home bag of goodies, compliments of local boosters.

HERE, eight-year-old Joy Leipprandt and six-year-old Jenny Sturm chat with the jolly old man.

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WEDNESDAY, DEC. 19, 1990  
THROUGH TUESDAY, DEC. 25, 1990



**DON BARBRET**  
4th Weekly Winner

**LAST WEEK'S** teen winners of \$10 in shopping money were Jaime Niebel, Kelly Damm, Julie Stevenson, Missy McIlhargie, all of Pigeon. \$50 teen winner was Shawn Diebel of Bay Port.

**KIDS' TOY WINNERS** were Jennifer Richmond, Eric Nieschulz, Courtney Finkbeiner, Emily Sting, Bucky Rowe, Neil Gaeth, Jr., and Matthew Kraft, all of Pigeon; Suzie Krohn and Chad Schulz, both of Elkton; T.J. Whittaker of Caseville, and Jonathon Schulze of Bay Port.

Eric Dumas of Pigeon won the children's bike.

**ADULTS** who earned \$10 in shopping money Saturday, attempting to win a semi-finalist spot in the \$5000 drawing are: Glenn Maust (ticket from Co-op Elevator), Arlin Swartzen-druber (Village Variety) and Rose Eisiliones (Pigeon IGA), all of Bay Port; Richard Jackson (Pigeon Motor Sales),

Eleanora Dubs (Shetler Plumbing), Deb Herzog (Pigeon Lumber), Cheryl Wascher (McCormick Motors)

### KILMANAGH AND UNIONVILLE UNITED METHODIST

Dec. 23 - Unionville, 9:15 a.m. Worship, 10:30 a.m. Sunday School.  
Kilmanagh, 10:45 a.m. Worship, 9:30 a.m. Sunday School.  
Dec. 24 - 6:30 p.m. Kilmanagh Children's Christmas Eve Program  
8:00 p.m. Unionville Candlelight Christmas Eve Program

### ST. FRANCIS BORGIA CATHOLIC CHURCH, Pigeon

Dec. 24 - 6 and 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass  
Dec. 25 - 9 p.m. Christmas Mass

### CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH, Pigeon

Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Children's Program  
Dec. 24 - 10:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion Service  
Dec. 25 - 9:30 a.m. Christmas Day Communion Service  
Dec. 31 - 7:30 p.m. Service of Prayer for Peace  
Jan. 1 - 9:30 a.m. New Year's Day Service

### GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH, Caseville

Dec. 23 - 10:30 a.m. Advent Worship Service  
Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Dec. 25 - 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Festival Worship  
Dec. 31 - 7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship

### ELKTON MISSIONARY CHURCH, Elkton

Dec. 23 - 7 p.m. Candlelight Music and Meditation  
Dec. 31 - 7 p.m. New Year's Eve Film: The Genesis Solution (Biblical View of Creation)

### MICHIGAN AVENUE MENNONITE CHURCH, Pigeon

Dec. 23 - 9:30 a.m. Children's Christmas Program

### ST. ROCH CATHOLIC CHURCH, Caseville

Dec. 24 - Midnight Christmas Mass  
Dec. 25 - 9 a.m. Christmas Mass

### HAYES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Pigeon

Dec. 24 - 8:30 p.m. Candlelight Service

### OWENDALE R.L.D.S. CHURCH, Elkton

Dec. 23 - 11 a.m. Christmas Sermon by Evangelist Ellis Gardner  
Dec. 23 - 7 p.m. Christmas Program

### OWENDALE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dec. 19 - 7 p.m. Church School Program "An Old Fashioned Christmas"  
Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m. Candlelight and Communion Worship Service

### SALEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Pigeon

Dec. 24 - 7 p.m. Children's Musical, "King Jesus," and Candlelight Service

### FIRST UNITED METHODIST

#### CHURCH, Pigeon

Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service

### BAY PORT R.L.D.S. CHURCH, Bay Port

Dec. 23 - 11 a.m. Worship "The Light of God's Joy"  
Dec. 23 - 7 p.m. Celebration Program "What Joy Christ Brings"  
Dec. 24 - 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service "God's Light, Christ Jesus"

### ST. JOHN'S EVAN. LUTHERAN CHURCH, Berne

Dec. 23 - 7:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Service  
Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m. Children's Christmas Service  
Dec. 25 - 10 a.m. Christmas Day Song Service  
Dec. 31 - 7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Service  
Jan. 1 - 10 a.m. New Year's Day Service

### ELKTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Elkton

Dec. 24 - 7 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

### ST. FELIX CATHOLIC CHURCH, Pinnebog

Dec. 24 - 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass  
Dec. 25 - 11 a.m. Christmas Day Mass  
Dec. 31 - 6 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass

### TRINITY EVAN. LUTHERAN CHURCH, Elkton

Dec. 23 - 4 p.m. Children's Christmas Service  
Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Worship Service  
Dec. 31 - 7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship

### ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH, Linkville

Dec. 24 - 7 p.m. Children's Christmas Eve Program  
Dec. 24 - 10 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
Dec. 25 - 9:30 a.m. Christmas Festival Service  
Dec. 31 - 7:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion Service

### COMMUNITY WESLEYAN CHURCH, Elkton

Dec. 23 - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School Christmas Program and Worship Service

### ST. JOHN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Sand Point

Dec. 24 - 6:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service  
Dec. 30 - 9 a.m. Festival of Lessons and Carols

### CASEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Dec. 23 - 10:15 a.m. Worship Service  
Dec. 23 - 4:30 p.m. Advent Service with Sunday School and Christmas Program  
Dec. 24 - 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

## Thumb Area MARKETS

As of Monday, Dec. 17  
Wheat .....\$2.15  
New crop .....2.37  
Corn .....2.04  
New crop .....2.21  
Oats .....(A) 1.25  
Oats .....(B) 1.15  
Soybeans .....5.55  
New crop .....5.85  
Navy Beans .....15.50

### Laker Yule Concert Thursday

The Laker High School auditorium will be the scene Thursday night, Dec. 20 of the annual Laker Music Department Christmas concert. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature all the high school and junior high school instrumental groups, including the newly-organized high school jazz band, the sixth grade band, junior band and the high school concert band.

Also being featured on the concert are several selections presented by the vocal department's junior high chorus and the high school choir.

## LJH student musicians earn medals

Laker Junior High instrumentalists turned in medal-winning performances in every one of their events at last Saturday's solo and ensemble competition at North Branch, sponsored by District III of the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association.

The Laker musicians garnered 14 first division (superior) ratings and three second division (good) ratings in the 17 events that participated.

Second division ratings were awarded to: Paul

### Pigeon news

Friday night and Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Rathje were guests of Mr. and Mrs. James Rathje and family in

Shupe, French Horn solo; Gretchen Eichler, piano solo and Laura Winkel, flute solo. **First division** ratings went to: Julie Winkel, piano solo; Jill Collison, piano solo; Josh Salsbury, tenor saxophone solo; Kari Swartzendruber, flute solo; Gretchen Eichler, flute solo; Jill Collison, flute solo; Kari Gehrs, piano solo; Becky Lackie, piano solo; Janelle Wiederhold, flute solo, piano solo; Cris Kaufman, piano solo; Hayley Herford, piano solo; Laura Winkel, piano solo and Amy Ackerman, piano solo.

their granddaughters Melanie and Stephanie to the Grandparents Night at the Lutheran Church.



### Two Santas in Bay Port?

It may look as though TWO Santas were in Bay Port Saturday afternoon, but only one is the real thing — and he was happy to greet many youngsters who visited him during his brief time at Bay Port State Bank.

The Bay Port Chamber of Commerce conducted the free event. Each child got a "goodies bag" to take home... until Santa comes next week.

(By the way, the REAL Santa in the picture with the Schulze kids is the guy on the right!)



## \$5000 to help plan Pigeon's future

Pigeon is ready to take a major step into the 21st century.

Village Council voted last week to earmark \$5000 to apply for a grant to oversee community development through a master design.

Being sought is participation in the state's 1991 Community Design Advisory Program, on behalf of the village and Pigeon's Strategic Planning Committee (SPC).

The program is part of the Design Michigan effort, coordinated through Cranbrook Academy of Art, Bloomfield Hills. Caseville participated in the program last year.

Design Michigan is a non-profit, statewide outreach program of Cranbrook which is funded by and operates in partnership with the Michigan Council for the Arts. It was established in 1976.

The money would be paid if Pigeon is selected for the project. Notification should be received by late January, according to Village Supt. Janet Heckman.

A committee of the village and SPC will coordinate the program, which would recommend building improvements or town themes based on professional drawings of existing buildings.

"The Strategic Planning Commission wants to keep working with the village," said SPC leader Rob Steele. "Things have succeeded here in Pigeon because people work together."

Steele said SPC volunteers will do all legwork needed on the grant, with the village contributing the grant application funds.

"We want to start with something small, finish it — then go on to major projects," Steele said.

He noted a \$300,000 Department of Natural Resources grant could be sought for major development, according to SPC plans.

Being considered throughout the Pigeon Area are: ■ bike paths (perhaps to Laker High or to Caseville), ■ campgrounds,

■ a mini-park near the Historical Museum, ■ community swimming pool and others.

The next SPC meeting is Thursday, Jan. 17 at 7 p.m. at the Pigeon District Library.

Steele said the SPC concept, as overseen by the Pioneer Seed Company to enhance the quality of life in America's small towns, is considering building a band shell in a farm motif. A museum of agriculture is also being considered, and the now-vacant Pigeon farmers' market on W. Michigan Ave. may be reactivated.

"Pioneer has chosen Pigeon as a town they wish to work with," Steele said. "They believe we're trying to do the things they want to see done." Some outside money may be available for worthy projects, he added.

Low-cost financing may be possible, and volunteer workers could keep costs down — "for the right plan," Steele told Council.

"If we are to survive into the 2000s, we've got to take some initiative," Council member Bob Fluegge said. "I would definitely encourage working with these volunteers, with their enthusiasm and interest."

## Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

### SPORTS EQUITY MEETING SET

Persons interested in seeking to change the Michigan High School Athletic Association's current school classification system are invited to a meeting Wednesday night in Bad Axe.

Several area coaches, athletic directors, parents and others will discuss the problem of inequities between public and non-public high school athletics at 6:30 p.m. this Wednesday, Dec. 19 at the Bad Axe High School Library. "We would like to form a group... to work on viable and practical solutions," says one organizer, Dane Nibel of Pigeon. "Our goal will be to persuade the Michigan High School Athletic Association to change from its present-day system."

"If a change is to occur, it will take the combined efforts of everyone in the Thumb Area," Nibel said.

### NEW BAD AXE HIGH COMING?

Bad Axe School District voters will decide next fall whether to approve construction of an \$11.5-million high school complex and auditorium. School Board members voted last week to accept a citizens' committee proposal to construct a 106,000-sq.-ft. high school complex and an 8400-sq.-ft. auditorium at a new location on Barrie Road west of Bad Axe. School millage would increase to pay for the complex, likely by up to 8 mills for 30 years to pay off construction bonds.

The building would allow replacement of the 60-year-old junior high school in Bad Axe, and junior high students could use the current high school complex.

Also, John R. Males, 43 of Manistique, has been offered the Bad Axe Schools' Superintendent position, to replace K. William Pietscher, who is retiring. Males is superintendent of the Rapid River School District near there.

### CAN BOAT BE REFLOATED?

The owners of the sunken tugboat Barbara Lyn hope to raise the vessel next spring from its resting place in 200 feet of water off Huron City.

Ryba Marine of Cheboygan say the 57-foot tugboat went down about 12 miles off the tip of the Thumb about 1:20 p.m. on Oct. 1. It was towing two barges from Monroe to Alpena when 12-foot waves overtook the boat. Crew member Joe Ross, 35 of Cheboygan, died after spending nearly six hours in the water. Three other men survived.

### O-G STUDENT STRUCK BY CAR

An Owen-Gage student escaped serious injury last Tuesday when she was struck by an auto in front of Owen-Gage High School in Owendale. Angie S. Hill, 13, was at the west circle-drive entrance when she was struck by a car driven by Christopher Harp, 18 of Gagetown. He told Huron County Sheriff's Deputies his car's throttle stuck, about 8:25 a.m.

Hill was taken to the hospital and released, and Harp was cited for defective equipment, reports said.

### MONTH'S BUILDING IS DOWN

September housing starts in Michigan fell 36.1% compared with August, according to figures from the Michigan Association of Home Builders.

Statewide, 2757 housing units were started in September, down from 4313 in August. September's total value was \$289.5 million, compared with \$342.1 million in August. However, that change is down just 15.4%, since the average price of a September housing unit rose to \$105,273 compared with the August average of \$79,374.

Year to date, 23,769 housing units have been built thus far in 1990, compared with 23,484 in 1989, for a 1.2% rise. Total 1990 value is \$2.793 billion, up 5.3% from the 1989 value of \$2.652 billion. Average house value for 1990 is \$117,848.

### COURT PROCEEDINGS

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

■ Roy A. Deering, 21 of Bay Port, pled guilty to impaired driving; ordered to pay \$490 fines and costs, attend Common Ground rehabilitation program and loses driver's license for 90 days;

■ Dale A. Binder, 38 of Pigeon, pled guilty to impaired driving; ordered to serve three days in Huron County Jail, pay \$490 fines and costs, attend rehab. program and loses license for six months;

■ Kelly L. Pierce, 31 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to drunken driving; 30 days in jail, \$590 fines and costs, attend rehab. program and loses license for 18 months;

■ Pattilee J. Potter, 43 of Port Austin, pled guilty to impaired driving; 10 days in Huron County work program, \$215 fines and costs, attend rehab. program and loses license for 90 days, and

■ Jeffrey D. Ales, 27 of Elkton, found guilty in a non-jury trial of trespassing on farmland, following a recent investigation by Michigan State Police; two days in jail and \$250 fines and costs.

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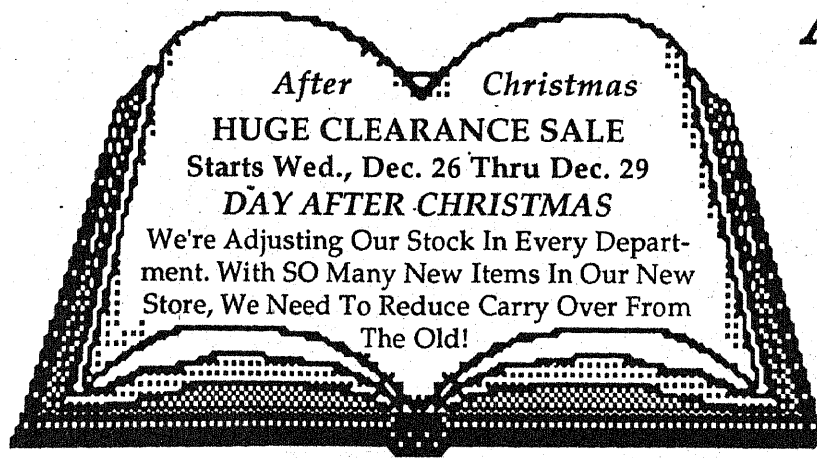
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HOPE YOU'LL LOVE YULE! This is the most blessed and happy time of year, to recall the Savior's birth with family and friends. Hope your holiday is happy.

Due to the holidays, please note these adjusted deadline schedules:

Final news and advertising deadline for our "New Year's Greetings" edition of Wednesday, Dec. 26 is 5 p.m. this Thursday. We'll appreciate your help and observance.

NO JAN. 2 ISSUE: The Progress-Advance will not publish a weekly issue for Wednesday, Jan. 2, 1991.

There is little news to gather and even fewer ads in these slow weeks, and so we're making the Dec. 26 issue to cover the two-week period through Tuesday, Jan. 8.

Likewise, The Progress-Advance office will close at 5 p.m. this Friday, Dec. 21 and will not open again until 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 2.

"People" magazine and other periodicals put together such "end-of-year" issues to save labor and expenses, and we're trying it as an experiment this year. Regular deadlines for the Wednesday, Jan. 9 issue will be observed — news at 5 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4 and ads at 10 a.m. on Monday, Jan. 7.

WE'RE ALL POORER: The death this week of John Knechtel ends an ongoing struggle with cancer for one of Elkton's longtime leading business people.

Knechtel's Market was a mainstay of the Elkton business community for several generations. The smell of home-smoked meats and sausages was always unmatched — and John loved to talk about newspapering, business, family and things in general.

He was a proud booster of his hometown. We're all sadder this special season that we can no longer see his red cheeks glow as he tells a story or makes a point.

Our sympathies, of course, go out to the whole Knechtel family. You're in our prayers.

WAL-MART WILL BE BIGGEST: Wal-Mart Stores is about to overtake Sears as America's No. 1 retailer soon. Their everyday discounting and aggressive marketing made them the No. 2 retailer this past month, when they passed Kmart.

Sears had \$27.48 billion in sales during the first 10 months of the year, compared to \$25.46 billion for Wal-Mart. But, Wal-Mart is growing at a 25% rate, vs. just 2.1% for Sears — meaning Wal-Mart will be number one by early spring, probably...

WISH I'D SAID THAT: "December 26 is the day we begin hearing the sound of Christmas bells!" (Dr. Doug Buehler)

### Eric is final bike winner!



ERIC DUMAS of Pigeon was one happy youngster Saturday, when he won a boy's bike in the last kids' drawing sponsored by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce. No children's drawing will be conducted this Saturday.

**As we see it**

**Still The Greatest Story Ever Told...**

And it came to pass in those days that a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. And this census first took place while Quirinius was governing Syria.

So all went to be registered, every one into his own city.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and lineage of David, to be registered with Mary, his betrothed wife, who was with child.

So it was that while they were there, the days were completed for her to be delivered.

And she brought forth her firstborn Son, and wrapped Him in swaddling cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.

Now there were in the same country shepherd living out in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night.

And behold an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. Then the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for

behold I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

"And this will be a sign to you: you will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger."

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying:

"Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, good will toward me!"

So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherd said to one another, Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. *Luke 2: 1-17*



**FROM UNDER THE WILLOW**  
By WANDA EICHLER

**The wonder of Christmas**

The wonderful thing about Christmas is that it comes. Like babies that have to be born, Christmas comes. There's no stopping it. The world might not be ready, yet Christmas comes.

In this day of tangled lives too busy to celebrate the simple, Christmas comes.

For those who've lost a loved one, Christmas comes.

For the child awaiting Santa, Christmas comes.

For the clergy who has carefully prepared the Advent sermons and still the parishioners ask for carols in early December, Christmas comes.

For troops clustered close to the Holy Land under the Saudi Arabian night, Christmas comes.

For lonely ones, seeking refuge from life's tired sameness, Christmas comes.

For families, for little ones, for the sick and hungering, Christmas comes.

There is an intangible inevitableness about Christmas. Christ steals into our hearts when the nights are longest and the days are coldest. The northern ancient peoples couldn't have chosen a better time of year for Christmas to come.


Christmas comes tripping into our souls like a child, fresh from a bath and toothbrushing, coming in to say good night. There is a wonderful sweetness and warmth. We cradle the Child in our laps and exchange hugs and prayers. Only this Child is God incarnate.

This child of warmth and light is the Lord of Light, the Lover of our souls and the Hope of nations.

The child trips off to bed. Our hearts are captured again and we are made new in hope.

Christmas comes. Thank you, God. Christmas comes.

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

**DEAR EDITOR:**

I got my daughter from the Netherlands to write my last article, but she is now in Ohio visiting some people that were over to her place visiting them.

I sure had an enjoyable couple of weeks. My children all were home to celebrate my 80th birthday and attend my Open House on Dec. 9. I sure had a good time and I felt very honored when so many of my friends came and wished me a "Happy Birthday."

There were a lot of things going on that day, so a lot of people just couldn't take everything in, but if you were there or not, please accept my thanks anyway. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

1990 was a very strange year for me. I was in Bay Medical Center for a week and I had to use two canes for awhile.

I was just over it real well then I had my other accident. I had that tractor for over 17 years and took good care of it. But it ran over me anyway and if the Lord wouldn't have been with me, I'd never have gotten over it.

Then I spent one week in St. Luke's in Saginaw and got home again. I couldn't get up from a chair alone and had to use a cane again. But I got over it again and put away my cane. I can't run very fast but nobody is after me anyway, so I guess I'll make it.

When I was quite young and had a birthday, my father used to tell me to run

around the house to see if I could run faster than I could the year before. Well now, I'm lucky if I can walk as fast as I could.

When I was 10 years old and in the third grade at Pigeon School, Dorothy Sturm was my teacher. She got me to stand up in front of the school and they sang "Happy Birthday" to me.

Well, when they got to the part of "Dear George," one of the boys whom I didn't like very well looked at me and grinned and said "Dear George" and I knew he was making fun of me. It made me a little mad!

That was 70 years ago, but I still remember it.

On my 25th birthday, I was working in a grapefruit canery in Florida. Down there, unless you gave a good treat on your birthday, they'd take a paddle to you. Well, I was sitting on a stool wiping out some tin cans and about six men came around.

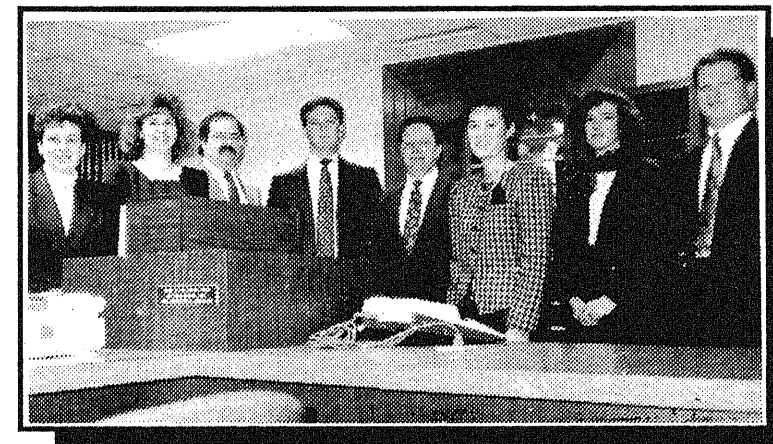
I don't know what they would've done, but I had to promise them a good treat for the next day. So I bought some cigars and candy bars. It almost cost a day's wages, but in those days, if you were getting over \$3.00 per day, you were getting good wages.

In Psalms, it says, "If a man lives three score and 10 and by reason of strength he lives longer..." Well, I am at my limit and am now living on borrowed time, so I know that by clean living and hard work, the Lord has been real good to me.

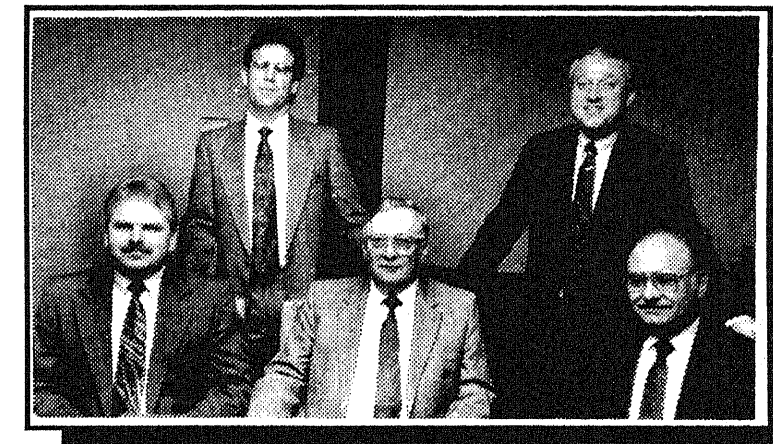
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**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

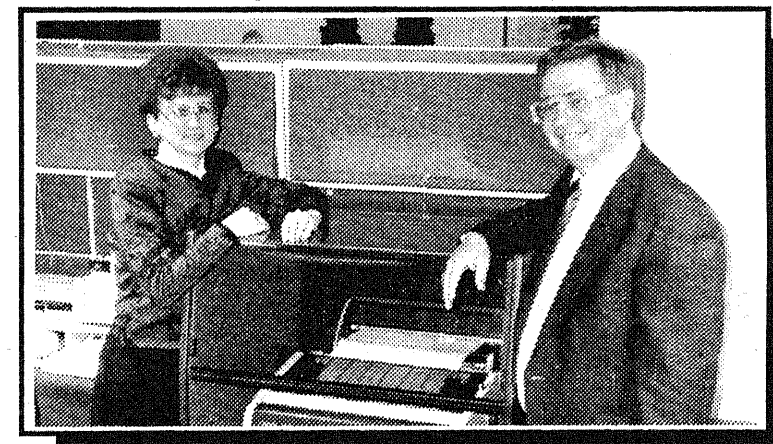
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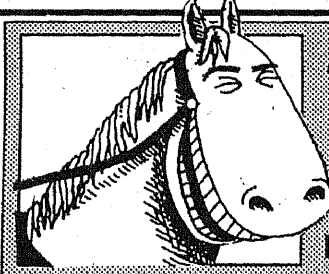


**TELLERS:** from left; Cindy Gremel, Linda Fritz, Elizabeth Maust, Charla Wichert, Jill Terrian and Gloria Stalter.



**DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL** from left; Connie Gunden, Data Processing Superintendent, Mary Werner, Receptionist, Anne Kennedy, Human Resources.

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**Horsin' Around**  
By Kate Pickering

**"AWAY IN A MANGER**

... no crib for a bed, the little lord Jesus lay down his sweet head ...

The first time we sang that tune wasn't it at the top of our lungs through toothless grins and with cowlicks in our hair despite our mother's best intentions to have us looking as neat and sharp as straight pins? 'Tis a simple, ancient song that I believe every American knows probably better than the Star Spangled Banner. It is traditionally a children's song and rightly so - easily learned and remembered from year to year - it's a bona fide classic.

Spending a lot of time around stables and maners, it has long been my feeling that a barn is not the worst place to seek shelter, or to be born. I know now that God, in his infinite wisdom, must have known that big, sleepy, gentle farm animals in steamy, warm barns are more welcoming and better hosts, at times, than the "madding crowd" of humanity, particularly the madding crowd in Bethlehem the night of Jesus' birth. "Away In A Manger" truly captures the very essence of the average stable on a cold winter's night, with its lyrical references to hay in the manger, cattle a lo'ing, and stars looking down.

This song lays out, in three short verses, the very basic foundation of all of Christendom. No Christian religion, no matter how we differ from denomination to denomination, can find fault or correct the central theme of this little insignificant song. Of all the pages and pages and volumes and volumes of theology and philosophy written and read, studied and practiced and perfected and preached over the ages, no one theory completely captures the ardent hopes and prayers of every Christian in quite the same fashion as does the last verse of "Away In A Manger..."

"Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay - close by me forever, and love me I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, and take us to heaven to live with thee there..."

*Merry Christmas*

**Thumb Area Obituaries**

**DORIS B. HASS 1926-1990**

Doris B. Hass, age 64, of Verona Township, passed away Saturday, Dec. 15 at Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe, after a long illness.

She was born Jan. 14, 1926 in Mt. Clemens, daughter of the late William and Irena (Witherspoon) Clark. She was united in marriage to Alvin H. Hass on July 28, 1945 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Kinde. The couple owned and operated a farm in Verona Township for many years.

Mrs. Hass was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe and was a 1942 salutatorian of Bad Axe High School. Her hobbies included sewing, drawing and music, especially playing the piano and accordion by ear.

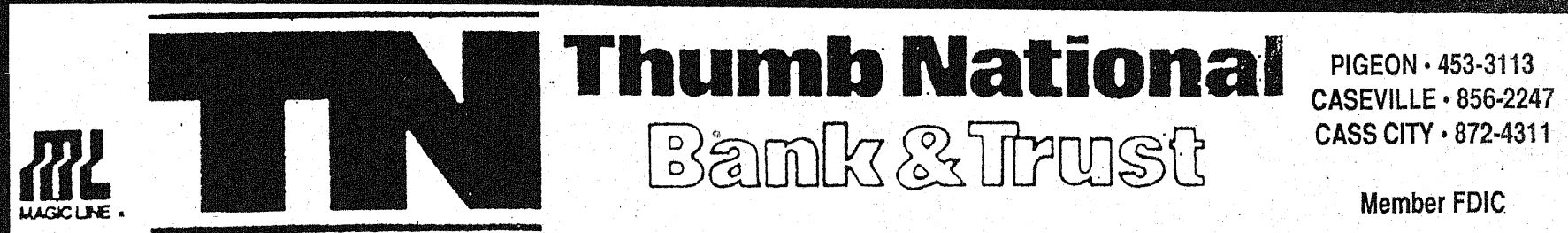
She is survived by her husband, Alvin, Bad Axe; four daughters, Mrs. Dan (Alvina) Bebertz, Reese, Mrs. Terry

(Sharon) Graunke, Gaylord, Mrs. Eric (Karen) Newberg, Midland and Mrs. Charles (Suzanne) Southworth, Ithaca; two sons, Gregory S. Hass and Brian Hass, both of Bad Axe; eight grandchildren; two sisters, Mrs. Arthur (Beulah) Hass, Redford and Mrs. Sharon Eisinger, Ferndale; five brothers, Arthur Clark, Bad Axe, Malvern Clark, Royal Oak, Lester Clark, Kinde, Bruce Clark and Eldon Clark, both of Elkton and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Wilma Clark. Funeral services will be Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. from Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe. The Rev. Roger Heintz, pastor, will officiate with burial in Colfax Township Cemetery.

Memorials by be given to Our Savior Lutheran Church, Huron County Friends for Life or the American Cancer Society, Huron County unit.

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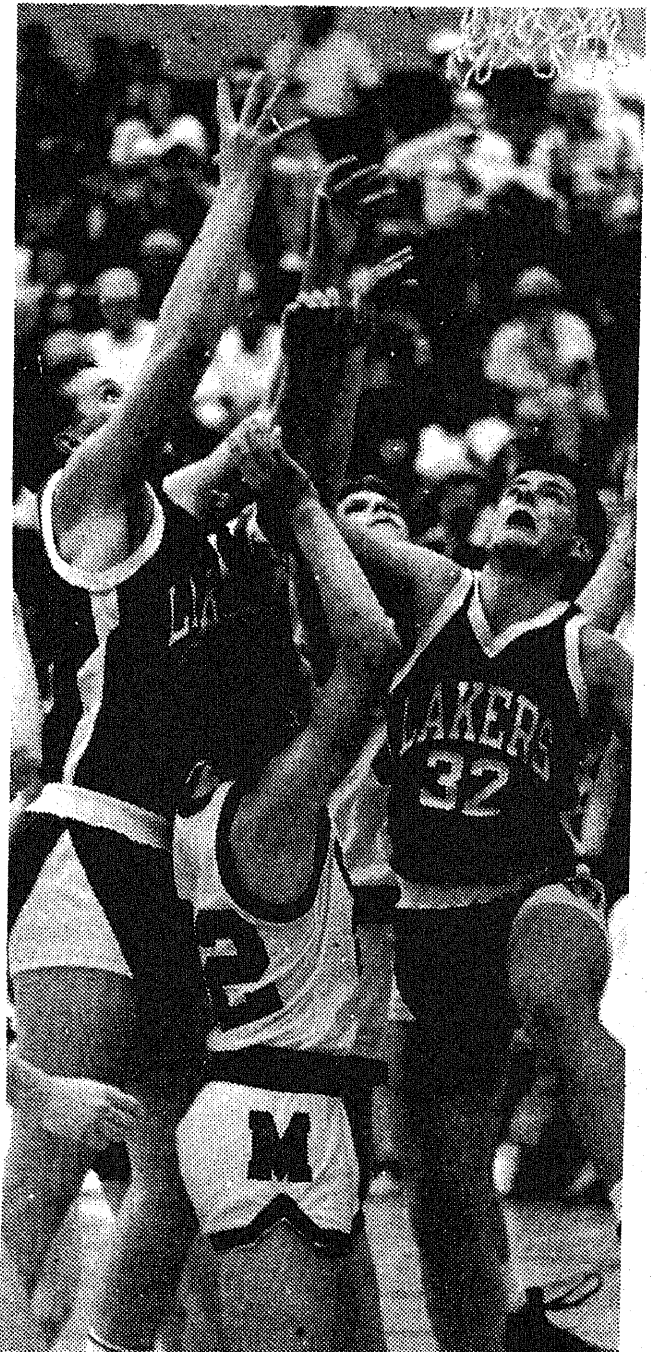
# Lakers defeat Millington 61-51 in close match

By AMY HEIDEN

At the start of Friday's game, it looked as if the Millington Cardinals might give the Lakers a spot of

trouble Friday night.

But once the Lakers got down to business after falling behind 9-2 in the first quarter, they came back in the second period to take a



commanding 29-19 lead at halftime.

During the third period, however, the Lakers seemed to lose their composure and let the Cards back into the game, and with less than two minutes left in the period, the score was tied at 37.

The quarter ended with Rick Dufty tipping in a missed Roggie Ignash shot, with the Lakers up 43-39.

The Green Team continued to dominate the scoring in the last period, as the Cards came within four points several times. Then a bucket by Ignash and a long pass downcourt from Jeremy Esch to Ignash to Rick Dufty gave the Lakers a 59-51 lead.

With 27 seconds left, Kevin Picklo was intentionally fouled and his two free throws for the technical gave his team a 10-point lead and the win.

Dave Geiger once again came off the bench to score 19 points. Dufty chipped in with 15, and Esch had 7.

This week, the Lakers host Caro on Tuesday, and match up with last year's Thumb B Champion Vassar on Friday at home.

**JUNIOR VARSITY:** The JV team's record dropped to 1-2 with a loss to Millington, 58-55. John Klosowski led the Lakers with 19 points,

while Scott Herbert followed with 12 and Jason Krohn scored 11.

Other team members scoring were Justin Maust with 6, Ben Krebs with 5, and Shawn Cariveau with 2.

**FRESHMEN:** The Laker freshman team got off to a

great start, winning the contest with USA 37-31, and defeating North Branch 43-40.

And last week, the young team defeated Millington 38-35. The game was won on a last second three-point shot by Brian Gebauer, who finished with 11 pts.

Coach David Wojcicki said that along with Gebauer's shooting, the aggressive play of Justin Herman, Tim Young, Andrew Mitin and Mike Ignash played a key role in the win.

The freshman team is now 3-0.

## Laker volleyball squad kicks off season strongly

By AMY HEIDEN

If the Lady Lakers' performance in Saturday's season-opening tournament is any indication of the team's future, then the Lakers should be making a return trip to the state finals again.

Laker coach Sue Fredericksen has admitted that her team's weakness is in its passing, but good passing was a key in the Lakers' second place finish in the Goodrich tournament this weekend.

"We passed extremely well. The girls have been working very hard on their passing, and it showed up in the games this weekend," Fredericksen said.

Almost fell first in pool play to the Laker talent, 15-

12, 15-9. Then Flint Southwestern Academy fell 15-0, 15-2, and the Lakers had no trouble with Brown city, 15-2, 15-3.

Out of pool play and into the semifinals, the Lakers took two matches from Port Huron, 15-11, 7-15, 16-14. In the third match, the Lakers found themselves down 14-8, but then Tammy Smith went back to serve and helped the Lakers come back for the win.

But in the finals, the Lakers fell in two straight matches to Davison, 9-15, 11-15.

Fredericksen said she was pleasantly surprised by her team's good showing. But her biggest surprise of the day was the debut of sophomore Kelly McLellan, who ended the day with 26 kills and 21 blocks.

"I expected it to take a little time before the sopho-

mores became aggressively involved in the game, but Kelly was hitting hard. And when she was right, nobody could stop her," Fredericksen said.

Tammy Smith also had a great day with nine kills, 10 digs, 42 passes, 14 service aces, and 14 blocks. Senior Anne Sturm came up with 9 kills, 10 digs, 12 service aces, and 9 blocks.

Junior Holly Esch had 16 kills and Amanda Barry had 11 kills. Setter Brenda Beyer had 8 digs.

The Lakers host a quad tournament on Thursday, beginning at 6 p.m., on their home court.

Progress-Advance office will close at 5 p.m. Friday, Dec. 21 until 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 2

## Eagles fall to CPS, Kingston

By KATHY MEYER

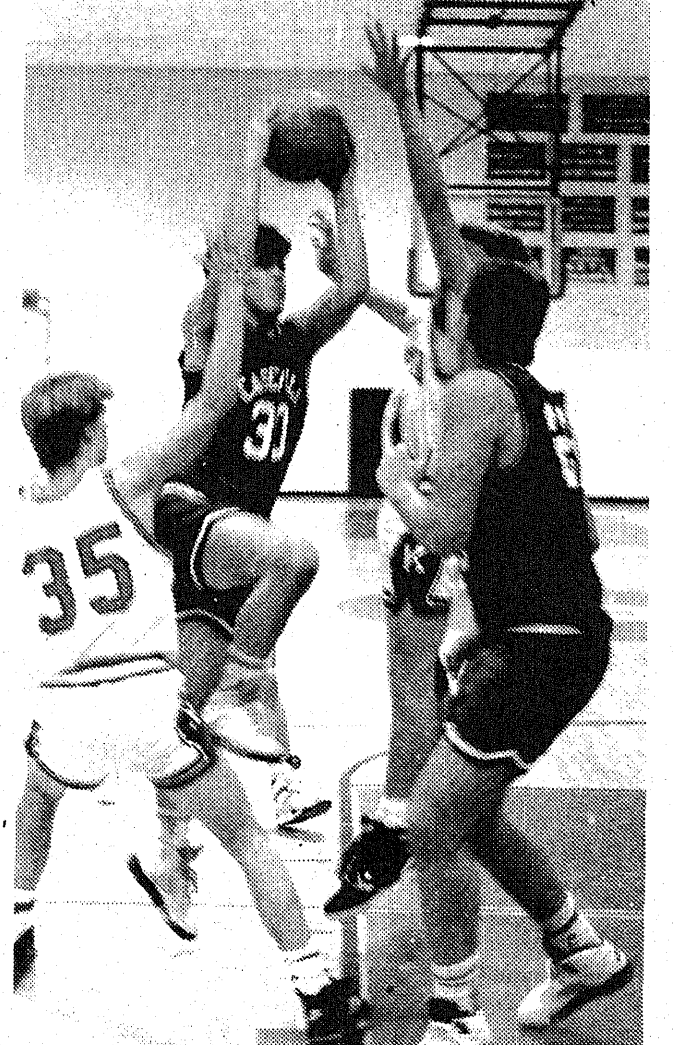
The Caseville Eagles lost to Carsonville-Port Sanilac 75-40 Tuesday, in north Central D League play.

Jeff Brunni scored 21 points for the Eagles, but no other Eagles reached double

figures.

On Friday, Kingston handed the Eagles an 87-58 loss.

Brunni again led the scoring with 20 points, while Mike McCrary scored 14.



EAGLE MIKE MCCRARY (30) tries to get through a pile of players, during the Carsonville-Port Sanilac game. Jeff Brunni looks on. KATHY MEYER PHOTO

### PIGEON VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING - 12/10/90

The regular meeting of the Pigeon Village Council was held on Monday, December 10, 1990. President David Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present - Eichler, Fluegge, Gehrs, Pobanz and Licht. Absent - Smith. Also present - James Kohl, Van Johnson, Rob Steele and Janet Heckman.

A motion to approve the minutes of the November 12, 1990 meeting was made by Eichler and supported by Pobanz. Carried.

A motion to accept the Police Operations Report for November was made by Pobanz and supported by Gehrs. Carried.

The Building Inspection report was given by Heckman in absence of Libka. A motion to accept the report was made by Licht and supported by Pobanz. Carried.

A motion by Licht to accept Gettel proposal to trade the 1988 lawn tractor and mower for an amount of \$2,285.00 was supported by Gehrs. Carried.

A motion to accept the September 13, 1990 minutes of the Bay Community Airport Authority was made by Fluegge and supported by Pobanz. Carried.

A Resolution to Promote Encouragement for Primary Enforcement of the Safety Belt Use Law was offered by Gehrs and supported by Fluegge. Carried.

A motion to approve the Accounts Payable for November was made by Fluegge and supported by Pobanz. Carried.

A motion to accept the Financial Report for November was made by Eichler and supported by Licht. Carried.

Members were informed of Primary Election dates and candidates that have filed petitions to fill the three trustee seats that are expiring on February 28, 1991.

The following individuals have filed petitions: Neal Eichler, Roger Elston, Janel Love, Durward Miller, Clifford Pobanz, Timothy Tate and Steven Tennant.

Council was informed of communication received from Haron Cablevision indicating price increase of basic cable to \$20.50 per month beginning January 1, 1991.

A letter from Huron County United Way was read indicating a \$25.00 gift designated to the Pigeon Little League.

A motion to close regular portion of meeting and go into closed session to discuss employee situation was made by Eichler and supported by Pobanz. Carried.

A motion to return to regular portion of meeting was made by Eichler and supported by Pobanz. Carried.

Rob Steele of the Strategic Planning Committee addressed members on progress of group. Discussion followed with regard to Community Design Advisory Program. Council supported request to file application for assistance in community planning.

A motion by Gehrs to offer Village financial support in the amount of \$5,000.00 in the event we are selected for the study. Motion supported by Fluegge. Carried.

A motion to adjourn was made by Eichler and supported by Fluegge. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. JANET HECKMAN - Clerk

# Obituaries



### ALVIN "JOHN" KNECHTEL 1922-1990

Former Elkton businessman, John Knechtel, age 68, passed away Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe, following a long battle with cancer.

He was born Sept. 26, 1922 in Elkton, son of Alvin Knechtel and the late Verda (Eidt) Knechtel.

He was united in marriage on Sept. 6, 1947 to Annabelle Curran at the Chandler Presbyterian Church, Elkton.

Shortly after returning from military service, he and his brother started Knechtel's Market in 1950. Several years later he left the store and started Knechtel's Meat Processing. After selling to William McCarty, he took a position with Community Bank in Ubyly, Bad Axe and Elkton for 13 years. He then returned to the market, until his retirement in 1987.

He was a member of the Elkton United Methodist Church, past president of the Elkton Lions Club, past commander of the Carpenter-Doersch V.F.W. Post No. 6013, Elkton, a World War II Army Air Force veteran, having served in North Africa, past member of the Elkton Community Club, former Elkton Village Treasurer and was a retired Elkton firefighter.

He is survived by his wife, Annabelle; four children, Marcia (Clare) Scheurer of Port Huron, Nancy (Don) Anderson of Lowell, Tom (Mary) Knechtel of Kalamazoo and Greg (Debra) Knechtel of Mesa, Az.; 11 grandchildren, Andrea, Allison, Ashley, Adam, Joshua, Kory, Brad, Kelly, Stephanie, Lisa and Troy; his father, Alvin Knechtel of Bad Axe; a brother, Wayne (Audrey) Knechtel of Bad Axe and a sister, Mary Lou (Budd) Elenbaum of Pigeon.

Funeral services will be conducted on Wednesday, Dec. 19 at 11 a.m. at the Elkton United Methodist Church. Rev. Jim James, pastor and Rev. DeWeerd Smith, pastor of the Community Wesleyan Church, will officiate with burial in the Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Memorials may be given to the Elkton United Methodist Church, American Cancer Society or the donor's choice.

Funeral arrangements were handled by Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton.

### ROY J. MARTIN 1921-1990

Roy J. Martin, age 69 of Owendale, passed away Saturday, Dec. 15 at the Tender Care Nursing Center, Cass City following a long bout with cancer.

He was born Sept. 25, 1921 in Grant Township, son of the late Claude and Mary (Hartsell) Martin. He was united in marriage on April 12, 1951 to Jean F. Tate in Cass City.

After returning from the service with the Marine Corps in 1945 he farmed in Grant Township until 1955. He was also employed at Michigan Lumber Fabricators, Elkton from 1952 until retiring in 1984.

Mr. Martin was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkton and a World War II Marine veteran having served in the South Pacific.

He is survived by his wife, Jean; his children, Kathleen (Rick) Todd of Terre Haute, Ind., Jacklyn (Dale) Steinman of Pigeon, Patricia Metzger of Cass City and Charles (Dee) Martin of Somersville, N.H.; ten grandchildren; two brothers, Kenneth (Carolyn) Martin and Maynard Martin both of Cass City; four sisters, Geraldine Bullock of Mancelona, Marie (Raymond) Belrine of Saginaw, Evelyn (Ralph) Miksa of Bay City and Isabelle (Harry) Wright of Cass City.

Two brothers and two sisters preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Monday, Dec. 17, at 11 a.m. from Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. Rev. Eugene Andrus, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Elkton officiated with burial in the Elkland Township Cemetery, Cass City.

### CLARENCE H. ENGEL 1898 - 1990

Clarence H. Engel, age 92 of Sand Point, passed away Thursday, Dec. 6 at St. Mary's Medical Center, Saginaw, following a lengthy illness.

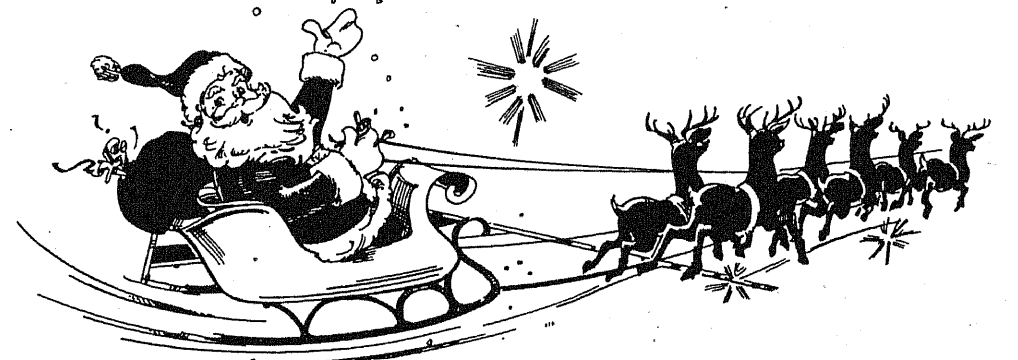
He was born Aug. 7, 1898 in Mayville. He was united in marriage to Leasel McBride on April 26, 1923. She passed away May 30, 1973.

Engel retired from Eaton Manufacturing Co. in Saginaw after 39 years of service, then came to this area to live. He is survived by four children, Frederick and Elaine Engel, Roscommon; Bertha Nye, Saginaw; Betty and Harlano Frey, Vero Beach, Fla. and Nancy Smith, Saginaw; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Nine brothers and sisters have predeceased him.

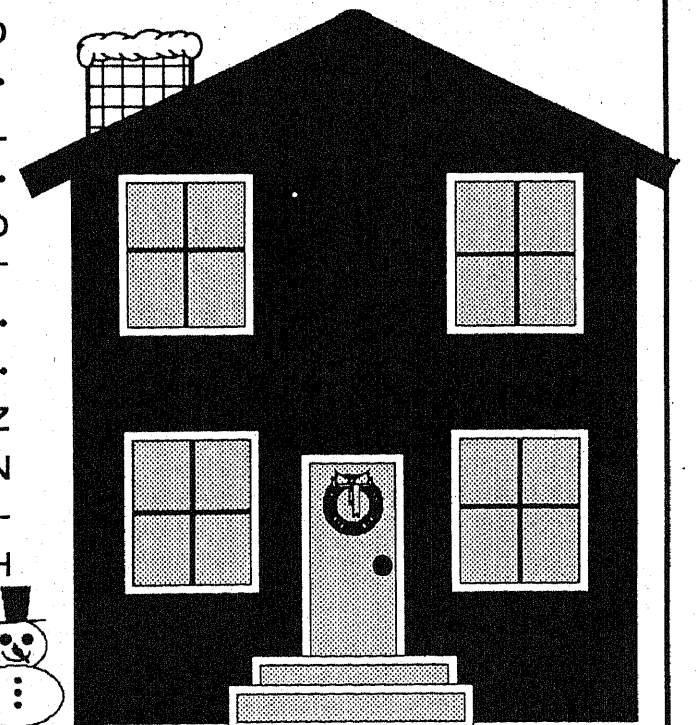
Funeral services took place on Monday, Dec. 10 at 11 a.m. at the Case Funeral Chapel, 5700 Dixie Highway. Rev. Richard A. Pierson officiated with burial in the Eastlawn Memorial Gardens Cemetery, Saginaw.

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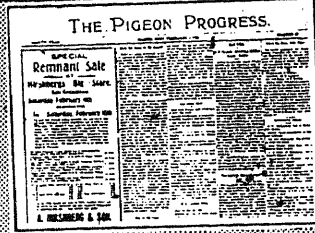
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## 90 YEARS AGO JAN. 4, 1901

Our village was again visited by fire, which consumed the residence of R.A. Haggitt. Hard work of our citizens saved nearby buildings. Loss was \$1200, with \$500 insurance.

Albert Davis returned to his studies at Big Rapids and L.A. Nottter returned to his school at White Rock.

On account of the illness of yo editor, Roy Lambert, editor of The Elkton Advance, assisted in getting out this issue of The Progress.

Bay Port Mercantile Co. is about to change its name to the Wallace & Orr Co.

## 80 YEARS AGO JAN. 6, 1911

Proston Murdoch has returned to the M.A.C. at Lansing.

D.K. Yoder purchased the Henry Zimmer 80 in section 13, Winsor.

C.E. Gunden will have an auction sale on Jan. 12. Oscar Thiel returned to Ann Arbor to resume his studies at the University.

A large crowd of farmers gathered at Diobel's Hall to organize a Beet Growers Assn. W.W. Harder was elected president, William Stein, secretary and Nate Harder, John Richmond and Otto Mavis are the executive committee.

Laura M. Eichler and Moses M. Weidman were united in marriage Wednesday at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Voelker.

## 70 YEARS AGO JAN. 7, 1921

Mrs. R. Bowman's class of Hayes Church met at the home of Joseph Gwinn New

Year's evening. Games were played and refreshments served.

A nine-foot thick coal vein is said to underlie a long strip of land in Sigel Township, along the town line, causing some excitement. Quality is said to be excellent and location is just three miles from the railroad from Palms to Harbor Beach.

There was a rumor Wednesday that G.V. Black, well-known Pigeon merchant, was dead, having been electrocuted from contact with a live wire. Progress editor George Shaw put the rumors to rest when he said he "didn't say anything about being dead."

## 60 YEARS AGO JAN. 2, 1931

A lot of new faces will be greeting people coming to

the courthouse. John Doyle is the new county clerk, succeeding "Bill" Clark; Ted Schuber follows Carl Taack as register of deeds; William J. Steadman is the new drain commissioner, taking the place of Walter Smith;

Joseph Murray is the new Huron sheriff, succeeding Edwyn Johnson who served a few months following the resignation of John L. Hoffman; Frerick Beach succeeds Alex Guyeau as prosecutor. New road commission members are Godfried Gettel of Sebawaing and Burr Lincoln of Harbor Beach.

Yesterday marked the retirement of John J. Campbell after being chairman of the Huron County Road Commission for 12 years. To "Jack" belongs credit for building up one of the greatest county road organizations and one of the best road systems in Michigan.

Last year marked the largest annual fish plant in the history of fish propagation in Michigan, with 330 million fish planted. Most were perch, pickerel, trout, bluegills and bass.

## 50 YEARS AGO JAN. 3, 1941

Murray D. VanWagoner is Michigan's new governor. Alex Guyeau has succeeded Judge Joshua Braun as judge of probate; Al C. Watson is the new prosecutor and William T. Collon is the new coroner.

Mrs. Jennie Wiley, 67, widow of Dr. F.C. Wiley, died Sunday at her home in Pigeon.

A fine business block, built by Walter Sturm, was completed in 1940. It houses S & S Motor Sales and Sime Oil Company of Caro, and has two fine living apartments upstairs.

Carl Milliken, who was station agent in Pigeon 26 years ago, has been advanced to assistant superintendent of the Chicago-Grand Rapids Division of P.M.

Choice to prime heavy steers \$11.50 - \$13.50; best calves \$14; mixed hogs \$7.10; wheat 79 cents to 81 cents; beans \$2.45 bushel; eggs 18 cents to 21 cents; butterfat 35 cents.

## 40 YEARS AGO JAN. 5, 1951

Blood donations for lifesaving plasma for use in Korea and in local hospitals, are asked on Jan. 9 and 10.

Howard C. Rather, 55, native of the Pigeon area and one of the Midwest's best-known agricultural leaders as dean of the basic college of Michigan State University, died last week. Herb Gettel, Sr. was one of the pallbearers.

The Modern Eicher Dry Cleaning Plant has added a series of new machines for cleaning, pressing and finishing.

Kilmanagh School, known as Fair Haven No. 5, is in another good year, with 38 students in 10 grades. A new tile floor was laid in the gym, the kitchen has been remodeled and all 38 students enjoy their daily hot lunch program. Mrs. Henry Finkbeiner and Mrs. Minnie Kunding are the teachers.

## 30 YEARS AGO JAN. 5, 1961

A chicken house with 9000 baby pullets, was destroyed by fire Saturday afternoon. Owners of the 200 x 50-foot house were Eldon and Roy Beachy; Richard Maust was owner of the pullets. A gas heater is believed to have caused the fire.

A coin-operated laundry has opened at Elkton, owned by Vern Bolzman. Pigeon village candidates, with no opposition, are Arthur Luedtke president, Otto Woelke clerk, Clare Dast, Treasurer, Leo Luedtke, Jr.

assessor, Clarence Yenglin, Robert Webber trustees.

At Elkton, Robert Cole for village president, Alvin Strom for clerk, Mrs. Ina Anderson, treasurer and Herb Bittner assessor are unopposed. Five men have filed for three council posts. They are incumbents Glenn Bedford, Kenneth Thumme and Melvin Farver, opposed by Edward Bailey and Riley Thiel.

An examination for rural mail carrier at Bay Port will be held and applications may be made until Jan. 24.

Huron County CROP has shipped a carload of navy beans to Hong Kong. E.T. Leipprandt of Pigeon and Thomas Nichol of Fillion are co-chairmen. The car contained 515 100-pound bags of beans, valued at \$3090.

## 20 YEARS AGO JAN. 7, 1971

Pigeon's newest business enterprise, Webber's Brush and Dry Car Wash, will celebrate open house this Thursday through Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shetler will observe their 50th wedding anniversary on Jan. 12. They are spending the winter months in Sarasota, Fla.

Gail Clunis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wager Clunis of Elkton, is a December graduate of Central Michigan University, with a B.A. degree. She received honors for academic attainment.

Prices at Pigeon IGA: Chuck road 49 cents lb.; ground beef 65 cents lb.; pork and beans, cut green beans, tomato soup, applesauce, mix or match, 10 cents can; cottage cheese 1 lb. carton 28 cents.

Market prices: beans \$9.25; wheat \$1.52 corn \$1.40 soybeans \$2.71.

## 10 YEARS AGO DEC. 25, 1980

Bruce Leipprandt of Pigeon, was re-elected to serve a two-year term on Farm Bureau Services board of directors at the recent stockholders annual meeting at Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Durward Miller were honored on their 25th wedding anniversary with an open house, Sunday, Dec. 28 at Mennonite Fellowship Center hosted by their children.

The five winners of prize money in the Pigeon Lions Club "Shopper Bonus Drawing" were Meta Menzel of Bay Port, \$300; Paul Swartzendruber of Bay Port, \$100; Dennis Jarvis of Pigeon, \$25; Louis McCarthy of Pigeon, \$25 and Dave Armbruster of Pigeon, \$25.



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# Woman looks for reasons for gifts

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
I just finished reading the letter from Mrs. W.C. of Vancouver, who buys underwear for schoolchildren. What a joke! It's bad enough that she is such a buffoon, but then you send her \$300 to buy more! Don't you think Mrs. W.C. could find a better way to help children other than buy underwear? Did you get a receipt from the store where Mrs. W.C. purchased it?

I always thought you were a big show-off, but now I see that you're an egotistical jerk, too.

I add up the donations you give each week in the paper. Although I'm confident you probably give to various charities as well, the amount in the paper doesn't even come close to what I give to my church. Also, you don't see me BROADCASTING mine like you do!

In closing, I guess you'll keep on giving money to idiots who claim that their biggest concern in life is underwear. You are really a stupid person.—MS. E.B., Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

**DEAR MS. B.:**  
Well, madam, it takes one to know one. My stupidity lies in that I didn't send the compassionate Mrs. W.C. more than \$300 at the time of her request to support her most worthy cause. I rectified that situation, however, by sending her an additional \$300 last week.

Out of the thousands of letters I receive each week, yours is the only one complaining about supplying underwear to underprivileged children. If that doesn't tell you something, maybe this will: In the words of Bart Simpson, "Eat my shorts!"

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**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
I'm a single mother living on welfare. I've completed all but two courses for a two-year degree. State welfare pays for my rent, schooling, books and gasoline but not for my personal incidentals.

My five-year-old son has been diagnosed as hyperactive. Since last May, he has been an inpatient at Yale Children's Psychiatric Hospital. His stay there is paid for by welfare. Next month, he will be released to attend a special school, and the local board of education will pay for his schooling and transportation.

My biggest problem is I find myself without funds for incidentals. Without additional financial assistance, I might not be able to complete my degree. If I do not qualify for your assistance, will you suggest another source of fund-

ing?—MS. A.L., Meriden, Conn.

**DEAR MS. L.:**  
You wrote that without additional financial assistance you may not complete your two-year degree. What do you call free schooling, free shelter, free transportation and free medical care for your son?!

I am so sorry that the good taxpayers in Connecticut are not supplying you with extra money for "incidentals." My suggestion for a new source of funding is to look no farther than the end of

### Achievements

Navy Seaman Recruit **Scott Smith**, son of Douglas Smith of Pigeon has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, Fla.

During Smith's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

His studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in physical education and hygiene.

A 1990 graduate of Unionville Sebawaing Area High School, Sebawaing, he joined the Navy Reserves in August 1990.

your arm. That five-digit appendage you'll find is

called a hand. Try using both of yours and work for what-

ever else it is that you want. —\$\$\$\$\$\$—

# Thumb Kids' Letters to Santa!

"JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY..."

### CROSS LUTHERAN THIRD GRADERS

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I have been good. How is Rudolph? I would like a Game Boy and TV and a start up rig and a Tiger game for Christmas.

PAUL HUNT

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I have been a good boy. How is Rudolph? I want for Christmas a wrestling buddy, a Game Boy, a new football, I want a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles tape, I want a new skateboard. My mom wants a new popcorn popper. My brothers want Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.

MATT LePAGE

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I have been a good girl since last Christmas. How is Rudolph and the other reindeer? Is it cold up at the North Pole? I would like a Teddy Bear and I would like a blaster. I hope you have a good Christmas!

MELISSA WINKEL

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I have been a good boy!! I would like a blaster and a wrestling buddy. And I would like some racers, a toy gremlin and telescope.

ALEX B. CHAMPAGNE

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I have been a good little boy since last Christmas. I want a toy gremlin. I would like a Super Mario and I would like a Garfield toy.  
Love,  
JOHN TROST

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I have been a good girl since last Christmas. If you have time up there I would like Shaker Dome that has the North Pole. Oh, I also would like Super Mario 3.  
Love,  
KRISTINE LIEDKE

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Blessed are they who share the magic and wonder of Christmas. As the holidays unfold, may you and your loved ones enjoy its divine spirit and infinite joys.

Extending to you our best wishes for a wonderful Christmas Season. We hope that you will find peace and contentment, hope and happiness this Christmas and always. Thank you for your patronage.

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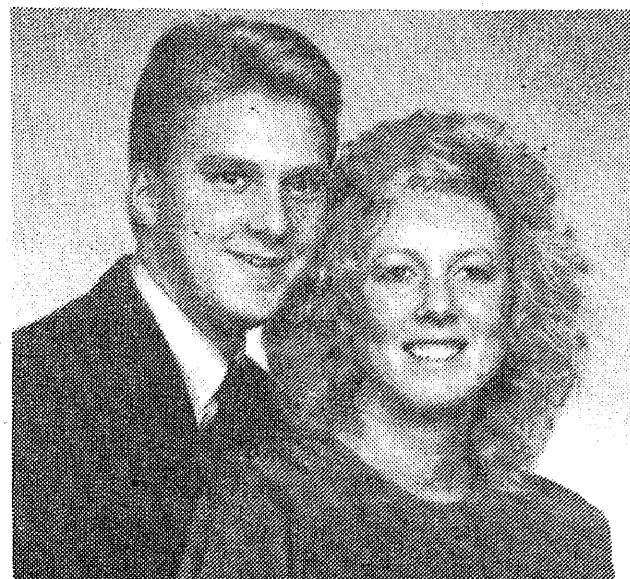
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# Engagements Announced

## Dutcher - Zehr



Patti Dutcher and Colin D. Zehr, both of Grand Rapids, are happy to announce their engagement. The couple are the children of Rhea Dutcher Walden and the late John Dutcher of Bay Port and Mr. and Mrs. Walter Zehr of Beaver Falls, New York.

The bride-elect is a 1983 graduate of Laker High School and graduate of Bayshire Beauty Academy. She is currently employed at Risk Management Services as an administrative assistant. Her fiancé is a 1982 graduate of B.R.C.S., New York and a 1987 graduate of Michigan State University. He is currently employed as a district manager for Telmark Inc. A May 25, 1991 wedding is being planned.

## Gardner - Craig



Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gardner of St. Joseph and Mrs. Thelma Craig of Pigeon and the late Blake Craig are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Dawn Marie and William Michael.

The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of St. Joseph High School. The prospective groom is a 1985 Laker High School graduate.

The couple plans a Aug. 24, 1991 wedding.

## Esch - Schulz



Charles and Cathy Esch of Elkton are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Gina Esch to Lonnie Schulz, son of Ronald and Bonnie Schulz, Pigeon.

The bride-elect is a 1988 graduate of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School and is employed at The Lunch Bucket and H & R Block of Elkton. The prospective groom is a 1985 graduate of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High and is employed at the Village of Elkton.

An Oct. 26, 1991 wedding is being planned.

## Pigeon news

Shannon Pionk was entertained at the home of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Born for her 11th birthday with Elmer and Myrna Born, Rick and Holly

Born and Kriste Lasceski. Mr. and Mrs. John Trowbridge and family of Warren were weekend guests of his mother, Mrs. Elsie Trowbridge.

## Thumb Kids' Letters to Santa!

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY...

DEAR SANTA,  
For Christmas I want Baby Uh-Oh, Baby Alive, Baby Oopie Daisy, a Magic Nursery New Born, Baby Shivers, Go-Go pup, a trolley, a Sipper Baby, a bottle for baby and a bow for my hair and walking baby and Little Miss Sparkles. Good luck,

Santa,  
Sincerely,  
ASHLEY FRITZ  
DEAR SANTA,  
I want a metal detector and a Bubble Gum Machine with a stand, a color TV, a robot, a computer, a camera and last, but not least, a Christmas Bear. Merry Christmas, Santa.  
Your friend,  
PETER VOLLMER

DEAR SANTA,  
I hope you are having a nice time. What I want for Christmas is a doll that walks with you and a Go-Go My Walking Pup. My brother would like a big, big sled but not toboggan. The hills are too small for a toboggan. How is Rudolph? I hope he is doing good.  
Love,  
LINDSAY HERZOG

DEAR SANTA,  
I live on a farm. I like tractors and my calf named Ninja. I like to play with farm toys, so I would like a feed truck and a side dump wagon. I plan on leaving milk and cookies for you. Your reindeer can get some hay in the barn.  
Your friend,  
COREY OESCHGER

## Merry Christmas

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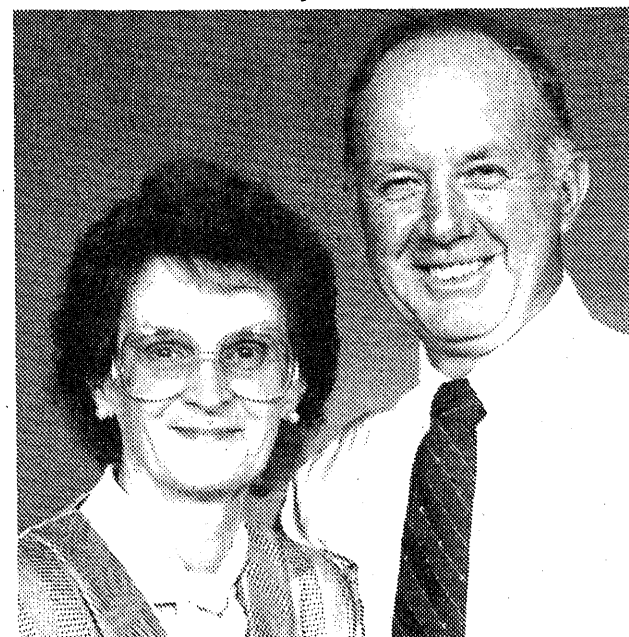


FRONT ROW From Left: Kay Fortsch and Peggy Pittenger. STANDING: Nancy Buchholz, Curtis Strickland and Becky Cieslinski.

**TN** Thumb National Bank & Trust  
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# Couples celebrate Anniversaries

## Mr. and Mrs. James Kohl



The children of James and Lorraine (Henne) Kohl are honoring their parents' 40th wedding anniversary with a family dinner in Bad Axe.

The Kohls were united in marriage Dec. 23, 1950 in Bad Axe and now reside in Pigeon. They have five children Mrs. Dave (Tina) Dietzel, Owendale; Mrs. Bruce (Pam) King, Bad Axe; Mrs. Paul (Cheri) Garno, Saginaw; Darin (Kim) Kohl, Big Rapids; Brian Kohl, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor and 10 grandchildren.

## Schulzes observe 65 years!



Adolph and Mollie Schulze, Midland, formerly long-time residents of Pigeon, celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on Dec. 10. Their children and grandchildren held a dinner party in their honor in Midland.

Elna Mae Oesch and Dr. Duane Schulze are two of the couple's nine children who have made Pigeon their home.

Children, grandchildren and great-children total 60 throughout the United States.

## Roe, Dubs honored



TWO HURON COUNTY ROAD Commission employees retired recently from the Pigeon Division. Pictured from left are Bill Roe with 38 years and Bob Dubs with 28 years. They were guests of honor at a party at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe, given by their fellow workers from Pigeon. The employees from Bad Axe, Sebawaing, Harbor Beach, Kinde and Port Hope, friends and family attended.

## Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Fritz



Leonard and Leona Fritz of Elkton were honored on their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house, Sunday, Dec. 9 at the Elkton Civic Center hosted by their children and grandchildren.

The couple was united in marriage Dec. 7, 1940 at the Elkton Evangelical parsonage. Those in the wedding party were Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ewald and Mr. and Mrs. Milford Ewald, all of Elkton.

The Fritzes have a daughter, Marge Buschlen, Pigeon and son, Robert (Donna) Fritz, Elkton, six grandchildren and one great-grandson.

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From Left, Chuck Green, Debby Kiley, Michelle Green, Mary Ziegelmann, Stacey Ziegelmann and Mark Green. Missing: Debby Musloff.  
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**Caseville Food Pantry**

As with other local food closets, the Caseville Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items to supplement food provided through the Human Development Commission. Donations of food can be dropped off at St. Roch's Catholic Church.

**St. Roch's Food Pantry**  
St. Roch's Catholic Church  
6925 St. Roch's Drive  
Caseville, MI 48725 • 856-4933

SEND DONATIONS TO:

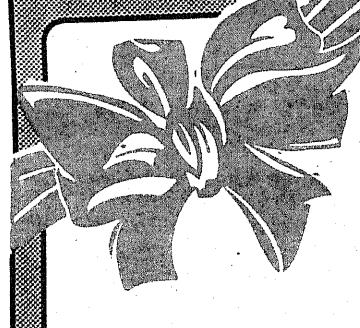


**Huron County Dept. of Social Services Volunteer Services**

Funds donated are used for a contingency fund to buy items that are not covered by government funds, for emergencies. Monies are also used to send children to summer camp, Youth Haven near Jackson. Leftover money last year allowed some children to go to Bay Shore Camp.

**HCSS Volunteer Service**  
1911 Sand Beach Rd. • Bad Axe, MI 48413  
Mary Ann Tenczer • 269-9201 Ext. 222


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**Friends For Life Hospice**

The Friends For Life is modeled after the Hospice concept. Volunteers go into the home of a terminally ill patient and help with a variety of chores, such as running errands; cooking meals, relieving the primary caregiver. Volunteers are always needed. For more information and to send donations, contact:

**BARB KUBE**  
945 McMillan Rd. • Bad Axe, MI 48413 • 269-8683




**Pigeon Food Pantry**

Stocks a variety of non-perishable foods for distribution to families who may have a drastic loss of income or other family emergency. Donations of canned and boxed foods are always welcome, as well as money to purchase perishable foods. The pantry works with the Huron County DSS, but occasionally takes referrals.

**The Pigeon Food Pantry**  
First United Methodist Church  
Pigeon, MI 48755

SEND DONATIONS TO:



**American Cancer Society Huron County Unit**


The main focus of the ACS is to provide funds for research and education about cancer, and to help patients who have the disease. Volunteers are always needed, and donations are welcome.

**American Cancer Society**  
c/o Sally Beers  
11911 Winter Road  
Sebewaing, MI 48759 • 883-3272

SEND DONATIONS TO:

## The Progress - Advance 1990 Catalog Of Christmas Giving

The Progress - Advance is pleased to offer here a selection of worthy local organizations who have a list of "Christmas Wishes" during the holiday season and all year long. While we are all busy with the "hustle and bustle" of Christmas preparations, now is the time to find ways to help others who are less fortunate. Here is a thoughtful way to finish up your Christmas "shopping."

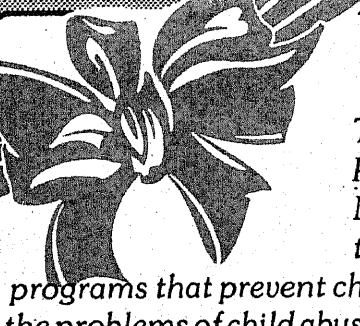


**The Salvation Army**

In Huron County, the Salvation Army works through the Department of Social Services, using donations for supplemental needs for families receiving assistance. One example of a supplemental need is a refrigerator or stove for a needy family.

**The Salvation Army**  
State Headquarters of Eastern Michigan Division  
501 Bagley Avenue  
Detroit, MI 48226

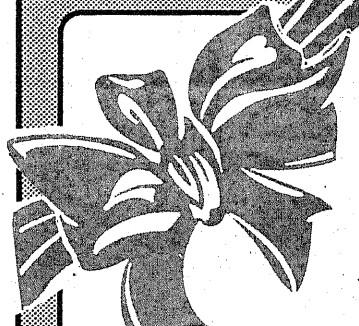
SEND DONATIONS TO:



**CA/N**

The Huron County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect is a 60-member organization whose purpose is to promote programs that prevent child abuse, educate the public about the problems of child abuse, and raise funds for the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan and local programs.

**HURON COUNTY CAN COUNCIL**  
1911 Sand Beach Road  
Bad Axe, MI 48413



**Operation Desert Shield**

Although it's too late to get Christmas "goodies" to the troops in Saudi Arabia in time for Dec. 25, it's never too late to keep them in your prayers and to send out packages that will arrive after the holidays. They are always in need of our concern and our giving, even if the holidays do pass before packages arrive. Keep these points in mind when sending packages to our Operation Desert Shield Troops.

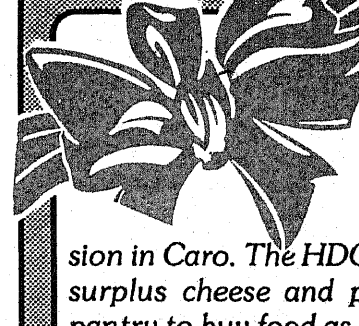
**TIME:** Under the best conditions, packages will take at least six days to reach Saudi, so don't send any perishable items. Because temperatures in transit may get as high as 150 degrees, avoid sending even canned meat or veggie products.

**"NO-NOs:** Any form of pork or alcoholic product are strictly prohibited because of religious beliefs in Saudi. Gifts sent may have trouble getting through customs.

**HEAT:** Pre-packaged items treated with preservatives will fare better in the extreme heat and high humidity than homemade products under these conditions. Avoid purchasing products that say, "no preservatives added."

**BEST BETS:** Best items to send are dried and intermediate moisture foods such as dried fruits treated with a preservative such as sulfur dioxide. Avoid cakes/cookies that will get stale fast or break/crumble in transit. Candies and gum should be individually wrapped. Don't send products like chocolate that melt. Vacuum-packed nuts treated with antioxidants should arrive safely. All case officials suggest sealing foods in plastic bags or other see-thru containers, so customs officials can see the contents without ripping items open.

If you'd like to send "goodies" but don't know who to send them to, turn to The Progress-Advance Operation Desert Shield listing of local service personnel for addresses. And, as always, keep our men and women serving in Saudi Arabia in your prayers.

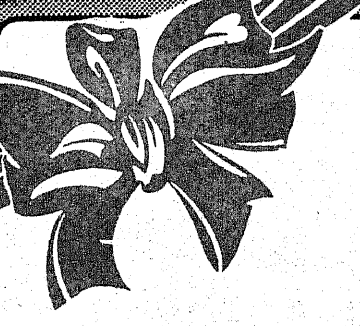


**Bay Port RLDS Food Pantry**

This organization works through the Human Development Commission in Caro. The HDC provides some non-perishable items such as surplus cheese and powdered milk and provides grants to the pantry to buy food as it's needed. Like other pantries, it's intended for emergency use. Serves the Bay Port, Sebewaing, Owendale and Elkton area.

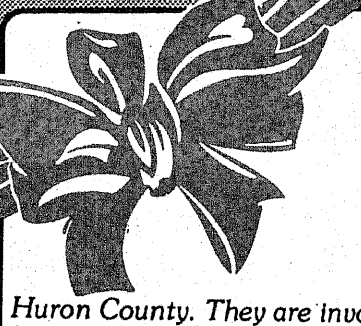
**RLDS CHURCH**  
c/o James Dubs  
Bay Port, MI 48720  
or call 656-2772

SEND DONATIONS TO:



**Bluewater Youth For Christ**

A new YFC Director, Ken Smeader, has just returned to this area to assume the director's role. It is hoped that through the generosity of the community, the \$15,000 BWYFC has borrowed in the last few months can be repaid so that the organization can begin 1991 in the black. A gift to YFC this month would be a real "morale booster" for the staff, which works to share Christ with Junior and Senior High students in the Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port, Unionville - Sebewaing, North Huron, Bad Axe, Harbor Beach & Uby Schools.



**Huron County Special Olympics**

The Special Olympics Program involves sports training and competition for the mentally impaired in Huron County. Approximately 100 area residents, from age eight through adult, fit this category in Huron County. They are involved in activities ranging from soccer, floor hockey, cross-country skiing, snow shoeing, basketball, track and field events and bowling. They compete locally and at state events. The program receives no state or federal funding and relies solely on donations and monies raised through fund-raisers. For more information about the program, persons may call the Huron Learning Center at 269-9274.

**Huron County Special Olympics**  
c/o Dale Hill  
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SEND DONATIONS TO:




**Handi Riders 4-H Club**

The club offers horseback riding for handicapped youth. It's an educational experience and type of therapy that helps build self-confidence and muscular control. Walking volunteers are always needed for the one-hour session. Donations are used for training volunteers.

**HANDI RIDERS 4-H CLUB**  
c/o Cooperative Extension Agent  
Room 104 County Building  
Bad Axe, MI 48413 • 269-9949

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**H.E.L.P.**

One of the most important skills is the ability to read, but at least one in four adults in Huron County can't read. They're functionally illiterate—they can't read or write. But these people want to learn to read, and tutors are desperately needed to teach reading & writing skills.

That's where Huron's Efforts for Literacy Progress (H.E.L.P.) comes in. They match volunteers with willing and motivated students to help stamp out illiteracy in Huron County. Tutors take 12 hours of training before they begin to teach a student, and materials are provided free. Volunteers are always needed, and so are cash donations to purchase needed tutoring materials and to defray mailing expenses for H.E.L.P.'s newsletter. If you're interested in giving the gift of reading, call Donna Moody at 269-9502. If you'd like to make a cash donation, you can mail your check to:

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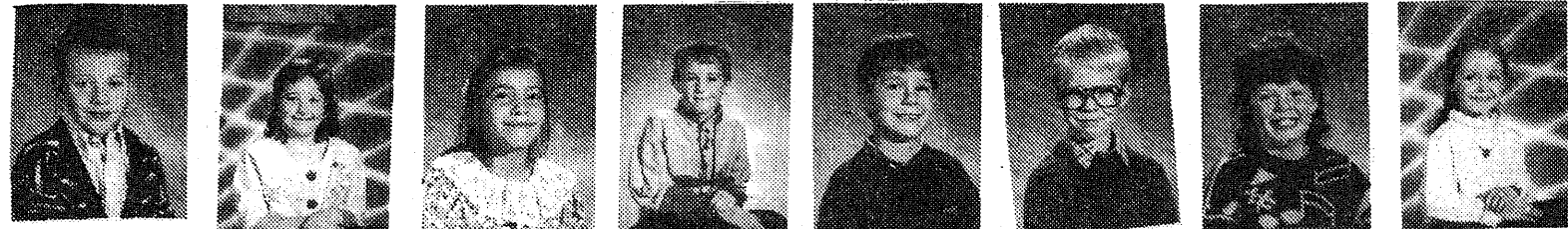




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**SECOND GRADE -  
MRS. KROHN  
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DEAR SANTA,  
I would like some basketball cards and some Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. Will you please get me a waterbed? I want a bean bag and a Nintendo, with some games like Zelda.  
Your friend,  
RYAN FRITZ

DEAR SANTA,  
For Christmas I want a Nintendo and a Magic Nursery doll and a dollhouse and Go-Go my Walking Pup and a New Kid on the Block doll and a calculator.  
Your friend,  
JENNIFER PEYERK

DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a play house to play in, a Magic Nursery Baby and a ten speed, Go-Go Walking pup, Bridle pony, Baby Uh-Oh and a calculator.  
Your friend,  
GINA GRAIELLO

DEAR SANTA,  
For Christmas I would like some Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle guys. And I would like Pac Man. And I would like all

the Simpsons. And how are your reindeer doing? I hope they are doing good!  
Your very best friend,  
REID MATTHEW KILGUS

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a remote controlled car, a Nintendo and Game Boy. I also want a turtle outfit. I want a ten speed bike. I need a calculator.  
Your friend,  
STACER DAMEN

DEAR SANTA,  
Is Rudolph's nose still shining? How is Mrs. Claus? For Christmas I want a calculator. I will leave milk and cookies out for you.  
Your friend,  
TREVOR THOMAS

DEAR SANTA,  
I want for Christmas a Barbie. I want Nintendo 3. I want New Kids on the Block. I want Simpson dolls. I want a tape. I want a bean bag. I want a Bar-

ble house.  
Your friend,  
JESSICA ROBERTS

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a Magic Nursery Baby, a small Barbie doll house and Wedding Fantasy Barbie. Has Mrs. Claus baked any Christmas cookies for you, yet? Well, that's about it. Merry Christmas!  
Your friend,  
WANDA HEBERT

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a Magic Nursery Baby

and I want a Barbie and a doll house and I want a Go-Go Walking pup and I want Baby Uh-Oh and I want a calculator.  
Your friend,  
ERICA HALEY

DEAR SANTA,  
Would you please give me a Nintendo? And more Ninja Turtles please. And please all the Simpsons and their couch and a remote control car. Have a great, very great Christmas.  
Your friend that loves you,  
ZACHARY TALAREK

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**Yuletide Greetings**

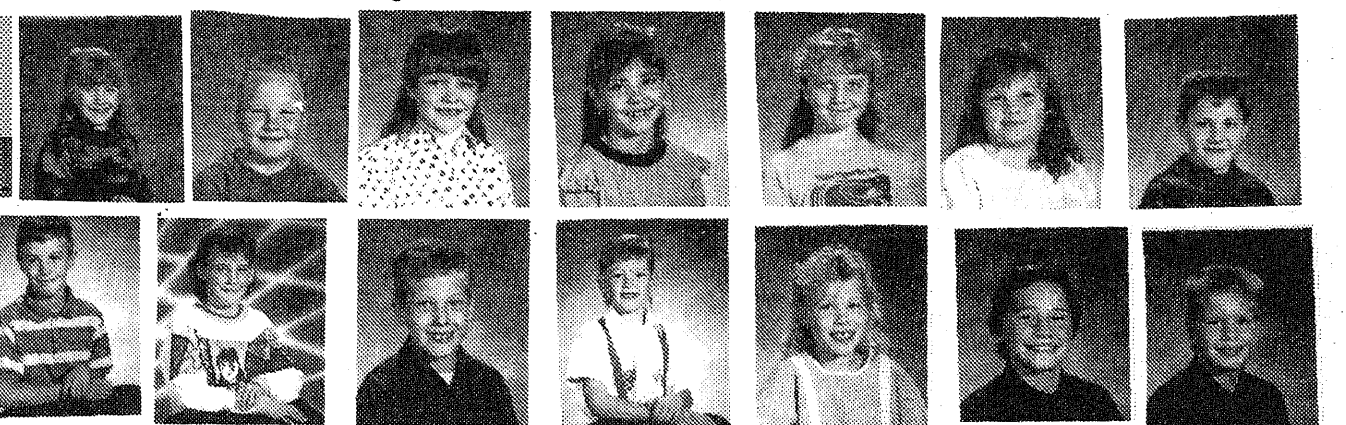
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JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY...



DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a Magic Nursery Baby. Please bring me a New Kids on the Block book. How is Mrs. Claus doing?  
Your friend,  
CARRIE A. BULLA

DEAR SANTA,  
How have you been? How are the reindeer? Are they ready for the trip? Here is what I would like for Christmas: playdough, calculator, pencil sharpener and paper.  
Your friend,  
CINDY COLLINGS

DEAR SANTA,  
I wish for a good Christmas and a Go-Go Walking pup and a New Kids on the Block and a bean bag and a ten speed and a slater and a Baby Uh-Oh and some Barbies.  
Your friend,  
APRIL WIMMER

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a remote control car. Now will you please bring me a Nintendo turtle tape. Merry Christmas! I love you!  
Your friend,  
KASON MCCAIRNS

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a go cart and a waterbed and Mario Bros. 3 and a bean bag and a three wheeler.  
Your friend,  
LAURENCE GAINES

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a kitten and a bed. Has Rudolph's nose quit yet? What kind of cookies do you like? And finally I want you to have a Merry Christmas!  
Your friend,  
KRISTI A. FOGARSI

DEAR SANTA,  
Please give me a Nintendo, Mario Bros. 1 to go with the Nintendo. Will you give me a new bike? Please give me a

B.B. Gun. How are the reindeer doing?  
Your friend,  
JAMES A. JOHNSON

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a remote control truck, football cards, Mario 3 and Ninja Turtles. Did Rudolph's nose go out?  
Your friend,  
STEVEN R. HARREN

DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a Magic Nursery and I would like a bike too. Well, Santa, will you tell me how are the reindeer? How do your reindeer fly and I want a Go-Go my Walking pup.  
Your friend,  
TRISHA ANN CLARK

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a Zelda Game for Nin-

## Pigeon news notes

Mrs. Ada Binder was a birthday dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Dubs, in honor of her great-grandson, David Gilbert's third birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Freeman spent four days last week visiting in the upper peninsula with their son, Daniel in Newberry and Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Freeman and family in Wallace.

Kevin Ohlrogge of Warren visited over the weekend with his parents, Mr. and

tendo. And I want a remote controlled car. I want football cards, about 10 packs of them. And I want more sheets for my bed.  
Your friend,  
SCOTT HERFORD

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a ten speed and a walking doll and Go-Go Walking pup. How is your reindeer? And how is Mrs. Santa? I saw you and the reindeer one night.  
Your friend,  
REBECCA CHRISTNER

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a bean bag and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles game, Simpsons game and basketball.  
Your friend,  
DAN GUIGAR

Mrs. Lawrence Ohlrogge. Mr. and Mrs. Marlin Rathje were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Young and family in Saginaw. They also attended the Christmas Concert given at Peace Lutheran Church.

Thanks for reading The Progress-Advance

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# Thumb Kids' Letters to Santa!

JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE BELLS, JINGLE ALL THE WAY...

## FIRST GRADE - MRS. RUMMEL BAY PORT ELEMENTARY

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a B.B. gun. I love you, Santa. How is Mrs. Claus doing? How are the elves doing too? How are the reindeer? How is your sleigh doing too, Santa? I love you too.  
JIM KUHL

DEAR SANTA,  
I love you. My friends will play with me. I want a surprise for Christmas. How are your elves?  
From,  
ZACHARY ALLEN

DEAR SANTA,  
How are your elves doing? I want a doll for Christmas and I believe in you. How is Mrs. Claus?  
From,  
RACHAEL FRITZ

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a clown for my baby brother. I want a doll that lights up. I hope your deer are O.K.  
Love,  
KALA McCRIMMON

DEAR SANTA,  
My name is Nick Sanchez. I am six years old. My birthday is December 25.  
Love,  
NICK

DEAR SANTA,  
How are your elves? I want a radio and a remote control car.  
Love,  
DAN SANCHEZ

DEAR SANTA,  
How are you? What I want for Christmas is a Magic Nursery Baby. I hope that you and Mrs. Claus are O.K. I hope you write back. Happy Christmas.  
Love,  
KIM RATHJE

DEAR SANTA,  
I can't wait until Christmas. I love you, Santa. I love your reindeer. I want two batteries, a remote control car and a train.  
Love,  
CHAD DEMING

DEAR SANTA,  
How are your reindeer and Mrs. Claus? Can I have a race car with remote control?  
Love,  
TIM FOSS

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a car and a turtle.  
Love,  
ALLEN HALL

DEAR SANTA,  
How are your reindeer? I want a Ninja Turtle for Christmas.  
Love,  
BRANDON RICHMOND

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a new bike for Christmas and a new Nintendo and a couple of tapes. The end.  
JEREMY ROSE

DEAR SANTA,  
How are you? How is Rudolph. How is Mrs. Claus and how are your elves? I want for Christmas Hot Wheels.  
Love,  
DUANE PETRIC

DEAR SANTA,  
How are you doing? I want a Sony tape player for Christmas.  
Love,  
JEFF YODER

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a turtle suit and a turtle guy, too. I want a turtle van. I love you. Tell the elves hello. My sister wants a Barbie van and a sleeping dog. My cousin wants a Heman guy.  
From,  
CHAD MITCHELL

DEAR SANTA,  
Santa, how are Rudolph and how are the elves? How have you been? I want anything you bring.  
Love,  
BEN

DEAR SANTA,  
How are you and Mrs. Claus? I want a play car.  
Love,  
BENNY HOWARD

DEAR SANTA,  
How are your reindeer and Rudolph? How is Mrs. Claus? Love,  
MEAGEN PHELPS

DEAR SANTA,  
We have picked you up on our radar. How are your elves? I want Super Mario Brothers 3 for Christmas.  
Love,  
JUSTIN CARTER

DEAR SANTA,  
I love you and Mrs. Claus. How are your reindeer? How is Rudolph? I want Go Go Walk Pup. I want a G.I. Joe for my brother.  
Love,  
KAYLA GNAGEY

DEAR SANTA,  
Do you want a letter? I am not going to tell you what I want, but I love you.  
Love,  
CAMERON LACKIE

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a Nursery Baby. How is Rudolph? How are the elves working? Are you having fun?  
Love,  
SARAH HIMMEL

DEAR SANTA,  
I like you because you bring lots of presents to boys and girls and you make lots of people happy. I liked the presents that you gave me last year. This year I would like some make-up and a new Nintendo. And one other thing I want is a new Barbie bike.  
Merry Christmas,  
TIFFANY STEINMAN

## FIRST GRADERS - MRS. STURM PIGEON ELEM.

DEAR SANTA,  
It is almost Christmas time. I hope your elves are getting lots of toys made. I was good this year. Please bring me a new blue, red, yellow and pink bike. I want a Ninja Turtle van and some more Ninja Turtles. We will have some cookies on the table for you. I love you, Santa!  
Merry Christmas,  
JEREMY KREH

DEAR SANTA,  
I want to know if your elves are really busy. I have been busy in First Grade getting ready for Christmas. I have been really good. Please bring me Nintendo and New Born Shiver. I hope you get all the toys made in time for Christmas.  
Merry Christmas, Santa  
BECKY DIEBEL

DEAR SANTA,  
I like you! I might have some goodies for you at my house Christmas Eve. My mom said I have been good this year. I would like some drums. Keep warm because it is cold outside.  
Merry Christmas,  
DAVID DILLEREE

DEAR SANTA,  
I have been a good girl this year. I have been playing in the snow. How deep is the snow in the North Pole? I want a Super Mario Duck Hunt and a gerbil. Be careful if snow storms come on Christmas Eve. I will leave out some cookies with sprinkles on them for you.  
Merry Christmas,  
BRENNIA TERECK

DEAR SANTA,  
I will put milk and cookies out for you if my mother makes some cookies. I have been good this year. I would like a bike and some Barbies for Christmas. Have a good trip and stay warm.  
Merry Christmas,  
JESSICA BORN

DEAR SANTA,  
I want Light the Light. I want a new Barbie. I want another Teddy Bear. I want Baby Sparkles and James T. Sparkles, too. I'd like to have a Christmas tree full with stuff on it. I want a new beauty shop for my Barbie. I want you to bring me some roses.  
I love you, Santa!  
KATIE SCHUETTE

DEAR SANTA,  
Please may I have a Ninja Turtle sleeping bag and a four wheeler. I would also love a cave and a Big Foot.  
Love,  
JOEY FIBRANZ

DEAR SANTA,  
I want P.J. Sparkles, Western Fun Dog, Western Fun Horse, Dance Magic Barbie, Ice Capades, Fashion Plates. Thank you! Have a happy Christmas.  
CALEIGH RASMUSSEN

DEAR SANTA,  
I want to see your reindeer. Does it snow a lot in the North Pole? I will leave you lots of cookies. I want you to bring me lots of toys. I really want a mountain bike, sled and a remote control car. Thank you, Santa.  
I love you,  
CORY McCAIN

DEAR SANTA,  
How are you doing? I have been a good boy this year, but I tricked my mom and dad once. For Christmas please bring me a Ninja Turtle van and some Ninja Turtles. Have a nice trip.  
Love,  
GARRET SHETLER

DEAR SANTA,  
Are you and the elves having fun making the toys? I hope you are making lots of toys! I have been a good girl this year. For Christmas I would like a Barbie and a Barbie Doll house. Make sure you get your reindeer in shape for the long trip to Michigan.  
Merry Christmas,  
KARISSA GUNSELL

DEAR SANTA,  
I have been working hard in school. I have been a good boy this year. For Christmas I would like a Ninja Turtle van and a new football because my old one has a hole in it. The elves should help you pack the presents.  
Merry Christmas,  
CRAIG WEITZEL

DEAR SANTA,  
Hi Santa and Mrs. Claus. Are you working and getting ready for Christmas? I have been a good boy this year. Please bring me games and stuff like that. On Christmas Eve I will leave some chocolate milk and cookies out for you.  
Merry Christmas,  
LUKE REYNOLDS

DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a remote control car, a working bench that has a saw on it and it has a screwdriver. I would like a G.I. Joe and some NBA Basketball cards. Will you please come here?  
Love,  
JUSTIN GUNDEN

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a dolly named Baby Uh-Oh. And I want a dolly Santa. And I want a game called Ninja Turtles. I would also like a Slap-on-Bracelet and a Barbie.  
Love,  
MARGARET LANGLEY

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a Game Boy and I want a G.I. Joe tent, a little Piston Basketball hoop, a sound G.I. Joe and a G.I. Joe Cobra airplane, a Ninja Turtle van, and pizza thrower, and a batman cave. I want the bat jet and batman, and the batmobile, the Joker and Robin. I want one of those play Ninja swords. I want Michealangelo and Rafael, and Master Splinter, and Donne-

DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a square hay baler and I would like some more train track without the train. I hope you have a nice ride this Christmas.  
Love,  
DANNY AZAROVITZ

## CROSS LUTHERAN SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a Barbie doll, New Kids on the Block Fashion plates, Babe Alive, a toy ice cream maker, P.J. Sparkles, Shark Attack, Operation.  
I love you, Santa!  
RACHEL EDEN

DEAR SANTA,  
I would like Baby Sparkles. Some Flying Pirates also, please.  
Love,  
JENNY STURM

DEAR SANTA,  
May I please have a Baby Sparkles?  
Love,  
LACEY KOPAH

DEAR SANTA,  
Please bring me a play dough set and a Baby Sparkles. A Barbie Doll, too.  
Love,  
AMANDA BUSCHLEN

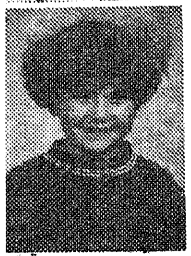
DEAR SANTA,  
I would like Super Mario Bros. 4 and Party wagon. I would like Abbadox, too.  
Love,  
ANDY RUMMEL

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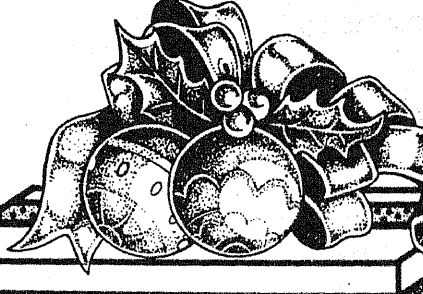
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DEAR SANTA,  
I want Super Mario 4, too. I want the Turtle Blimp, shredder, and the wacky Leonardo, one of those Foot Clan and another Foot Clan, a Ninja Turtle tent. I want Operation Wolf for Nintendo and the Ultimate Warrior Stuffed Animal.  
Thank you, Santa Claus  
JOSHUA LePAGE

DEAR SANTA,  
Can I have some G.I. Joes for Christmas. Can I please have a Ninja Turtle van.  
Love,  
AARON SMITH

DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a square hay baler and I would like some more train track without the train. I hope you have a nice ride this Christmas.  
Love,  
DANNY AZAROVITZ



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# The Progress-Advance's BOWLING REPORT

## PIGEON MONDAY MAJOR LEAGUE

Damm's Inc. .... 41  
J.O. Wurst ..... 36  
Lee's Landscaping ..... 31  
Osentoski Farm Equip. 31  
Greenfields ..... 30

\*J & B Plumbing ..... 30  
Bay Shore Collision ..... 26  
Pigeon Lanes ..... 24 1/2  
Bay Shore Realty ..... 23 1/2  
McKenzie Jewelers ..... 23  
\*Pigeon Motor Sales ..... 20  
Village Qwik Stop ..... 16  
\*Incomplete

High team series and game: Greenfields 2423 (858), J & B Plumbing 2414 (863), Osentoski Farm Equip. 2401 (859), Damm's Inc. 582.  
High individual scores: T. Drabek 602 (210, 200), J. Gunden 574 (212), J. Eckel 560, L. Dressler 545, T. Gunden 222, V. Smith 211, B. Parrish 201.

## PIGEON TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE

Ju-Dens ..... 37 1/2  
Ralph's Tavern ..... 34  
Peoples Choice Mkt ..... 31  
\*Eicher's Cleaners ..... 27  
\*Steinman Agency ..... 26  
Osentoski Farm Eq. 23 1/2  
Farm Crest Foods ..... 22  
Dutch Kettle ..... 19  
\*Incomplete  
High team series and game: Ju-Dens 2516 (903), Peoples Choice Mkt. 2407 (878), Eicher's Cleaners 2376 (839).  
High individual scores: G. Schulz 590 (220, 210), C. Anderson 580 (216, 205), R. Babiszewski 546 (200), M. Gehrs 542 (214), R. Elbing 540.

## WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES

Bittersweet Flowers ..... 41  
Bay Port State Bank ..... 34  
Bay Port Construction ..... 34  
Dodge Girls ..... 33 1/2  
Pigeon Auto Supply 31 1/2  
Cloud of Dust Ceram ..... 25  
Varty's ..... 21 1/2  
Damm's, Inc. .... 21  
Elkton Food Center 20 1/2  
Gumby's ..... 18  
High team series and game: Pigeon Auto Supply 2195 (741), Bay Port State Bank 2162 (761), Bay Port Construction 2067, Bittersweet Flowers 748.  
High individual scores: D. Deming 571 (199-190-182), G. Finkbeiner 498 (202), R. Ruth 490, C. Dubs 190.

## GUYS and DOLLS

Gunden-Henne ..... 28  
Heintz-Hundersmarck ..... 27  
Dunn-Parrish ..... 27  
Cusimano-Bailey ..... 26  
Elbing-Smith ..... 24  
Seemann-Flebig ..... 23  
Roestel-Palmer ..... 17 1/2  
Dubs-Smith ..... 16  
\*Metz-Heintz ..... 15 1/2  
\*Beachy-Weldman ..... 12  
\*Incomplete  
High team series and game: LADIES—E. Gunden 504 (177-192); MEN—L. Smith 534 (226), J. Gunden 525, E. Flebig 514, Spills converted: 3-10 R. Smith, J. Gunden; 5-6 P. Hundersmarck; 7-6-10 R. Heintz; 6-7-R. Bailey; 5-7-8 L. Morin; 2-7 D. Dunn.

## PIGEON FRIDAY NIGHT MENS'

Active Feed ..... 35  
Cooper Elevator ..... 35  
Pigeon Lanes ..... 31  
Caseville Fruit Mkt. .... 27

## ELKTON MONDAY MENS' LEAGUE

Don's Barber Shop ..... 63  
Fink's Farm Equip. .... 62  
Auto Color Profess. .... 56  
Jim's Garage ..... 53  
Moon Beams ..... 52  
Ron's Party Store ..... 42  
Ty's Bowling Lounge ..... 23  
High team series and game: Don's Barber Shop 2161 (789).  
High individual scores: T. Wichert 595 (221), J. Jaworski 549 (206), L. Daneen 534 (203), B. McGee 527 (209), S. Hurlbut 523 (203), R. Christner 512 (211), K. Schember 500, S. Bannick 207.

## ELKTON SUNDAY NIGHT ROLLERS

Hitching Post Inn ..... 22 1/2  
Ty's Lounge ..... 20 1/2  
This & That Party ..... 17 1/2  
H & H Insulation ..... 17  
Souletown Farms ..... 16 1/2  
Osentoski Equipment ... 13  
Coop Elevator ..... 12  
Fink's Farm Equip. .... 9  
High team series and game: Hitching Post Inn 1949 (682).  
High individual scores: LADIES-S. Hyzer 453 (172); MEN-D. Young 603 (192, 187, 224), J. Jaworski 557 (189, 198), R. Sobczak 505.

## PIGEON THURSDAY NITERS LEAGUE

Scheurer Hospital ..... 37  
Country Molds ..... 34 1/2  
Lee's Landscaping ..... 32  
Fink's Farm Equip. .... 29 1/2  
Elftman's Hardware ..... 29  
Village Barber ..... 28  
Butcher Block ..... 26  
J & B Plumbing ..... 25  
McCormick Motors ..... 24 1/2  
Kuhl Lumber ..... 23 1/2  
Pigeon Telephone ..... 23  
Dutch Kettle ..... 22  
High team series and game: Village Barber 2160 (758), Fink's Farm Equip. 2076, Kuhl Lumber 2075, Elftman's Hardware 742, Dutch Kettle 730.  
High individual scores: S. Buchholz 531 (196, 177), C. Taschner 496 (201, 174), T. Gnagey 480, A. Dubs 478 (170), D. Herzog 469 (177), B. Schulz 175, M. Murdoch 171, A. Dubs 170.  
Five consecutive strikes: S. Buchholz.

## ELKTON THURSDAY NIGHT LADIES

Ty's Lounge ..... 33  
Thumb Hardware ..... 32 1/2  
P & L Party Store ..... 30  
Burnhoffer Surge Sales 29  
Bay Port State Bank ..... 28  
3 Sisters Ice Cream ..... 27 1/2  
Ron's Party Store ..... 23  
Pratt's Appliance Rep ... 21  
High team series and game: Thumb Hardware 1816, P & L Party Store 634.  
High individual scores: J. Rosenthal 548 (198), D. Schuette 531 (179), D. Seley 491 (192), L. Jaworski 483, B. Wichert 481, K. Kingsrud 177, C. Kubiak 176.

## TY'S TUESDAY P.M. LADIES

Alley Cats ..... 34 1/2  
Four Spares ..... 34  
Channel Dusters ..... 20  
Unpredictables ..... 15 1/2  
High team series and game: Alley Cats 1637 (578).  
High individual scores: B. Forster 470 (188), C. Kohn 412 (171), G. Reibling 441 (161), A. Buschler 401 (158), M. Chappel 441 (158).

## PIGEON MONDAY LADIES LEAGUE

Griggs Greenhouse ..... 30  
Yaroch Asphalt ..... 26  
Pigeon IGA ..... 25 1/2  
Impression's Hairstyl ... 25  
LaFave Steel ..... 23  
Town & Country Beau. 22  
Beachy Eggs ..... 21  
Diener's Home of FF ..... 21  
Pigeon Lanes ..... 20 1/2  
Thumbodles ..... 17  
Terra ..... 16 1/2  
A & W Cleaning ..... 16  
High team series and game: Yaroch Asphalt 627, Grigg Greenhouse 1721.  
High individual scores: G. Zimmer 506 (186-183), D. Quick 478, J. Deering 470 (171), N. Depooter 467, M. Richardson 466 (175), R. Voss 462, B. Rapson 181, P. Hundersmarck 173, V. Pipe 171, V. Hodge 170.

## Dec. 3 Make-Up

High team series and game: Grigg Greenhouse 1817 (635).  
High individual scores: J. Deering 529 (187-181), S. Meyersieck 497 (190), R. Voss 478 (171), G. Zimmer 456 (171), N. Depooter 453, G. Henne 182.

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# Thumb Kids' Letters to Santa!

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From Page 25

DEAR SANTA,  
For Christmas I want a Barbie playhouse, a sewing machine and a lot of Nintendo games. How is Mrs. Claus doing? And you too?  
Sincerely,  
STEPHANIE DRURY

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a Barbie. The Barbie I want is called Dance Club Barbie. By the way, how is the North Pole?  
Love,  
CARISSA EDEN

DEAR SANTA,  
I want to have a G.I. Joe, a Ninja Turtle backpack, a Game Boy and a Nintendo.  
Love,  
TRAVIS LEE

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a Dance Magic Barbie. She is so pretty. I think she is neat and cool!  
Love,  
CARLY McCORMICK

DEAR SANTA,  
How is the North Pole? I hope it's not too cold. Santa, this is what I want Nintendo, a Game Boy and a Barbie.  
Love,  
KRISTIN WISENBAUGH

DEAR SANTA,  
For Christmas I want Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. I want Donatello, Rafael, Leonardo, Michaelangelo, Splinter, Shredder, Krang and Slash. I also want Nintendo games called Super Mario Brothers 3 and Chip and Dale's Rescue Rangers game.  
Your friend,  
MIKE McQUEEN

DEAR SANTA,  
How is the North Pole? I want a Game Boy, Jordan vs. Bird Starting Lineup and a mini typhoon.  
Love,  
CORY McLEAN

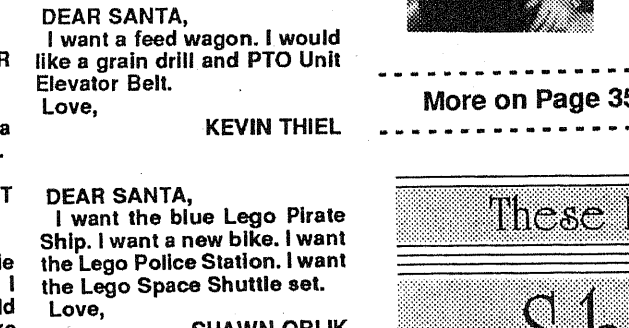
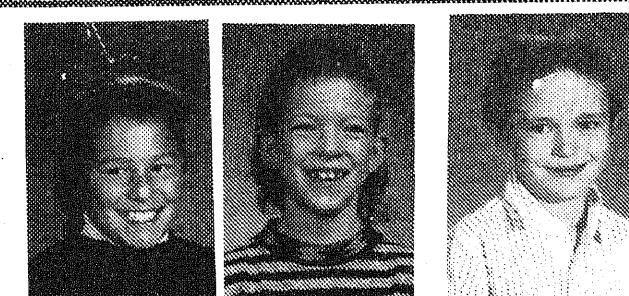
DEAR SANTA,  
I want Nintendo because my mom can't buy it for me. And I want some turtles.  
Love,  
KEITH VOELKER

DEAR SANTA,  
I've been good. Have you been good? You are nice.  
Love,  
CARISSA SMITH

DEAR SANTA,  
I want a Power set. I'm good. I will see you December 24. I might see you some other day. I want some candy.  
Love,  
MATT SOPER

DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a race track, a remote control car and a car.  
Love,  
JAMES MCKNIGHT

DEAR SANTA,  
I would like Ken and Barbie clothes. I would like Legos. I would like P.J. Sparkle. I would like Baby Alive. I would like Hush Little Baby. I would like

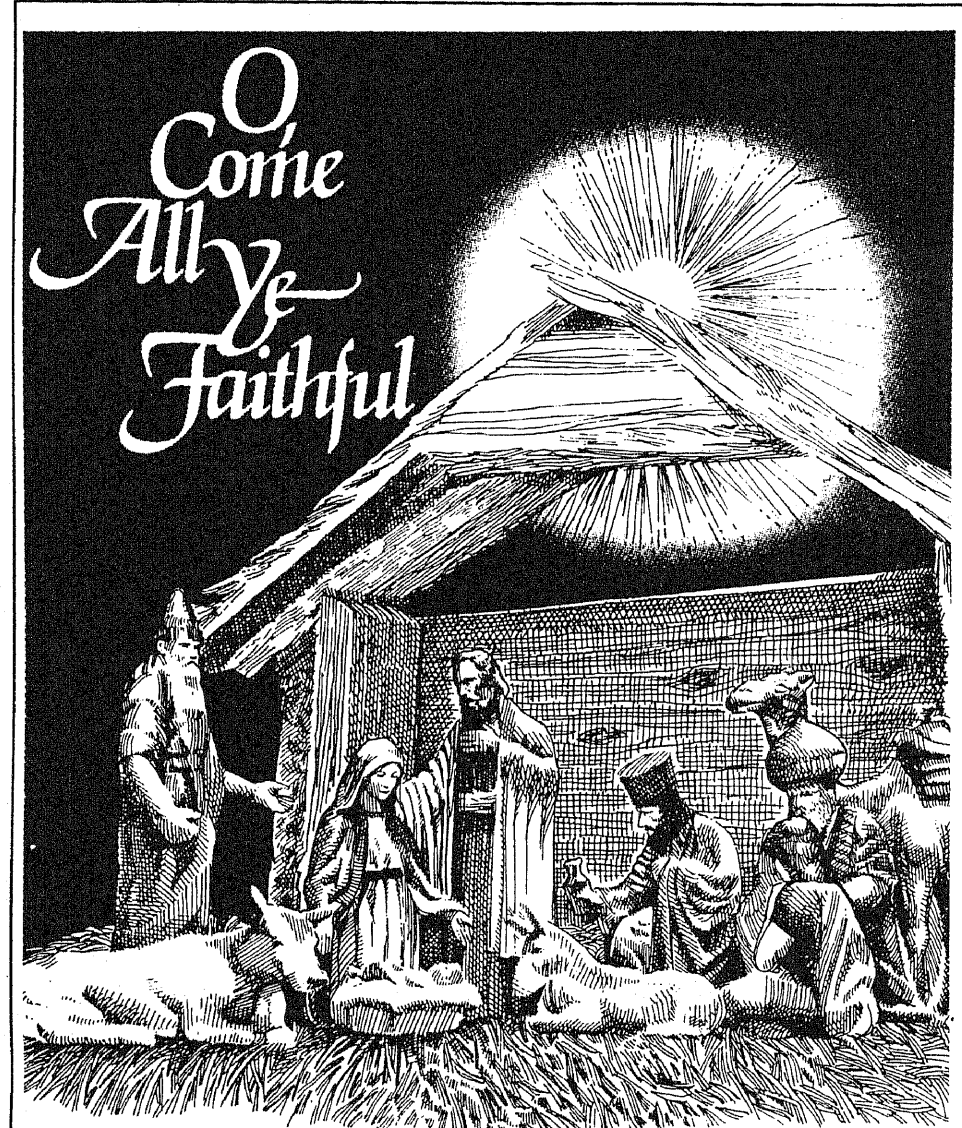


# SEASONS GREETINGS



From left: Patsy Walsh, Therese Humphrey, Lauren Fleming, Sandy Hyzer, Linda Beyer and Mary Schuette.

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WHO SAYS TEENAGERS DON'T CARE? Laker teens obviously do, as they collected 2,714 items of food last week. All the donation will be divided among food pantries in Elkton, Pigeon and Bay Port.

The student council sponsored the food drive, and students brought in their donations to their first hour class, or their homeroom in the junior high. Students in Sharon Zaleski's and Lynn Stahl's junior high homerooms tied for the most food items donated, and high school students in Lee Daneen's first hour class brought in the most for the upper-classmen.

"These kids didn't do this for a reward," said assistant secondary principal Lisa DiCamillo. "They did it because they care. Some of the kids who brought in food went through their neighborhoods asking for donations."

HERE, Brad Bruce, Tammy Smith and Sherry Stauffer display the many boxes and bags of food that were to be delivered to the food pantries.

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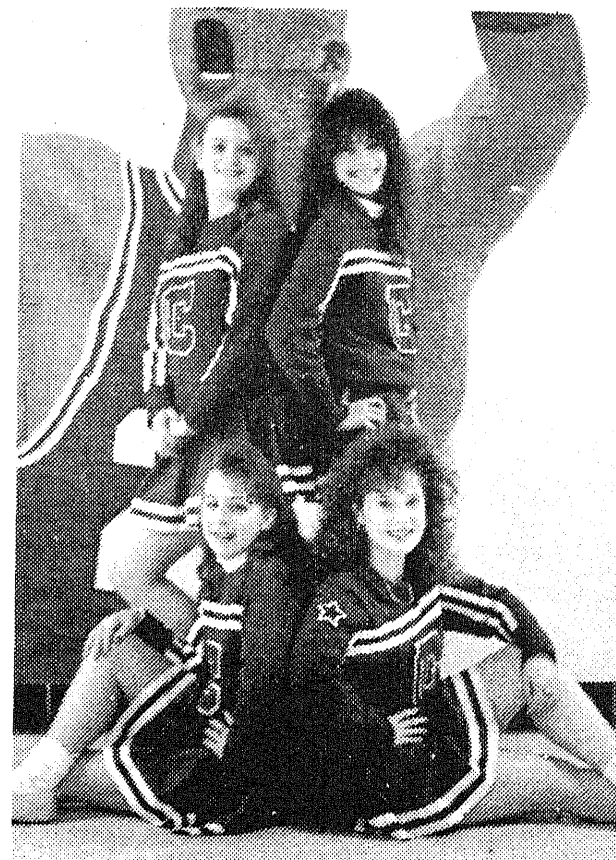
## Basketball • Volleyball • Cheerleaders



**CASEVILLE VARSITY BASKETBALL**

Front: Chris Zimmerman, Peter Groff, Mike McCrary,

Chris Bixman, Paul Samborski.  
Rear: Coach Robert Merlington, Lamont Lenar, Jef Brunni, Brian Smith and John Malett. Missing: Jeff Oorbeck.



**CASEVILLE CHEERLEADERS**

Front, Destiny Guster, Co-Captain Wendy Karle.  
Rear, Co-Captain Teresea Hoffman, Terri LaFontaine.

### Wascher expects good v-ball play

After a two-year absence, Caseville varsity volleyball coach Cheryl Wascher is back to lead her team to what she hopes will be a winning season. Wascher is no stranger to Caseville, as this is her 11th year with the school district. She coached volleyball for eight years, then took two years off. Now, she says she's got a

strong team, with eight seniors and five juniors, including four returnees from last year's squad. "One of our strengths will be our aggressive service reception, and our aggressive attack," Wascher said. Penny Murdoch will be a factor as the team's top hitter, and Cheri Peter will be the team's lead setter.

Kim Bailey and Karl Jo Nevin will also be setting the ball for the Lady Eagles, and Wascher says the two are "good backrow players." "The front row won't be too shabby, either, and the depth of the team will help when the going gets tough. "Our league is pretty well-balanced this year. This team looks like it has a lot of potential," Wascher said.



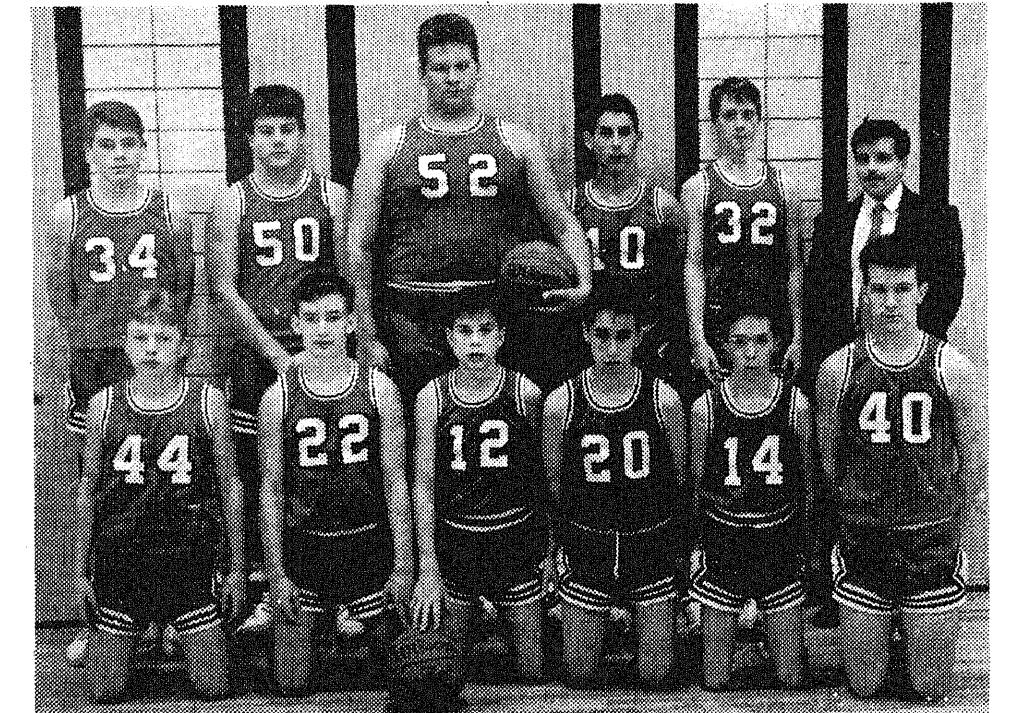
**CASEVILLE VOLLEYBALL**

Front: Kim Pittenger, Mary Hebert, Jill Miller, Erica Jones, Patricia Molina, Robin Crandall.  
Rear: Coach Cheryl Wascher, Wendy Karle, Karl Jo Nevin, Penny Murdoch, Cheri Peter, Kim Bailey, Kelly Gembariski, Karen Gillingham.



**CASEVILLE JV VOLLEYBALL**

Front: Jodi Anczewski, Missy Thick, Stacey Meissner, Janet Ufford.  
Rear: Celeste Leach, Terri LaFontaine, Shannon Guster, Marg Bailey, Mandie Fritz, Coach Kathy Engleman.



**CASEVILLE JV BASKETBALL**

Front: Danny Duffy, Ryan Lackie, Tyler Williams, Randy Britt, Chris Stahl, Bobby Samborski.  
Rear: Kevin Gettel, John LaFontaine, Ed Gaertner, Mark Samborski, Eugene Dombrowski and Coach Mark Harmon.



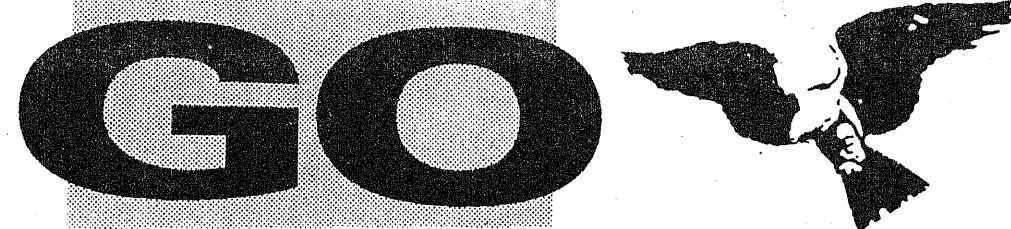
**CASEVILLE JV CHEERLEADERS**

Front, Laura Gavilinski, Janet Ufford. Rear, Hollie McCrimmon and Carrie Hewlett.



**CASEVILLE POM PON SQUAD**

Front, from left: Jill Miller, Penny Murdoch, Teresea Hoffman, Kim Bailey, Cheri Peter, Shannon Guster.  
Back row: Kim Pittenger, Patricia Molina, Robyn Ploe, Kelly Gembariski, Karl Jo Nevin, Jodi Anczewski.



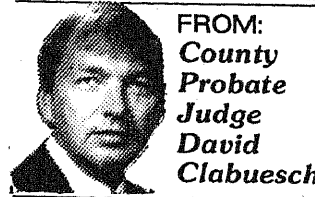
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# NEWS THAT COUNTS FROM THE COUNTY



**FROM: County Probate Judge David Clabuesch**

**HURON COUNTY PROBATE COURT**  
December 5 - 11

Estate of Celia Talaski, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 28,786. Supervised Probate, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Delphine Kubacki, De-

ceased, of Uby, File 29,743. Independent Probate, Closing Statement filed.  
Estate of Ida Johnson, Deceased, of Port Hope, File 28,318. Supervised Probate, Receipt of Distributive Share filed, Order of Discharge filed.  
Estate of Richard M. Gunsell, Deceased, of Pigeon, File 28,894. Supervised Probate, Motion for Payment of Attorney Fees filed, Motion to Dismiss Claim filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Harold B. Alexander, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 29,805. Supervised Probate, Inventory filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed, Order Determining Heirs filed.  
Estate of Hubert Prichard, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 29,871. Supervised Probate, Final Account of Personal

Representative filed.  
Estate of Vieta Newman, Deceased, of Huron County, File 29,738. Inheritance Tax Receipt filed.  
Estate of John Nicholas, Deceased, of Gagetown, File 30,045. Will filed.  
Estate of Irene Osentoski, Deceased, of Sheridan Township, File 30,046. Will filed, Petition for Commencement of Proceedings filed, Testimony Interested Parties filed, Register's Order filed, Acceptance of Trust filed, Letters of Authority filed, Notice of Appointment and of Duties of An Independent Personal Representative filed, Claims Notice filed.  
Estate of Frank Kubacki, Deceased, of Uby, File 29,699. Supervised Probate, Supplemental Final Account of Personal Representative filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.

Estate of Ralph B. Peterson, Deceased, of Kinde, File 30,010. Supervised Probate, Petition for Exemption from Michigan Inheritance Tax Pursuant to MSA 7.562(4) filed, Affidavit in Support of Petition for Exemption from Michigan Inheritance Tax Pursuant to MSA 7.562(4) filed, Notice of Hearing filed, Proof of Service by Ordinary Mail filed.  
Estate of Alfred LaBelle, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 27,075. Independent Probate Report, Petition and Order for Continuing Pendancy filed.  
Estate of Douglas Norman Rauschenberger, Deceased, of Caseville, File 29,997. Supervised Probate, Proof of Publication filed, Order Determining Heirs filed.  
Estate of Irvie Boyd Bowen, Deceased, of Harbor Beach, File 30,047. Petition and Order for Assignment, Estate Not Exceeding \$5,000 filed.  
Estate of Leo Thiel, Deceased, of Bad Axe, File 30,044. Petition and Order for Assignment, Estate Not Exceeding \$5,000 filed.

in Section 14 of Huron Twp.  
John Nay, Jr. and Cindy to William J. Holz and Tammie L. Burdelsky; a parcel of land located in Section 32 of Colfax Twp.  
Margaret Ginter to William E. McCarty, Jr.; a parcel of land located in Section 8 of Colfax Twp.  
Ivan N. Kokotovich and Stephanie M. to William F. Roberts and Marie A.; a parcel of land located in Section 33 of Bingham Twp.  
Carol D. Wiley to Joyce M. Kasserman; a parcel of land located in Section 2 of Meade Twp.  
Donna J. Stanton to Thomas F. Pfeiffer, Jr.; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.  
Lyn D. Caig and Terry L. to Philip F. Shoemaker and Mary E. Shoemaker; a parcel of land located in the City of Bad Axe.

NO. 5212 R & M TRUCKING, 4164 N. Verona Road, Filton, MI 48432. By: Robert H. Nichol, 4264 N. Verona Road, Filton, MI 48432. Filed: 12/7/90.  
NO. 5213 ED'S BUMP SHOP 709 King Street, Bad Axe, MI 48413. By: Henry E. Wisenbaugh, 820 Beech Street, Bad Axe, MI 48413. Filed: 12/11/90.

**HURON COUNTY JUDGMENTS OF DIVORCE**

Nancy E. Grown vs- Ricky C. Brown. Steven E. Bouverette vs- Wanda K. Bouverette.  
Kurt W. Bach vs- Karen S. Bach. Linda K. Powell vs- Edward R. Powell.

**HURON COUNTY MARRIAGE LICENSE APPLICATIONS**  
Week of December 10

Norman J. Klein and Mary B. McGathy. Frank G. Wedding and Jennifer L. Reed.  
Michael D. Moore and Bethany A. Mida.

**HURON COUNTY CO-PARTNERSHIPS**  
Week of December 10

NO. 935 HURON MEDICAL EQUIPMENT, 1100 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe, MI 48413. By: Bay Medical Services, Inc., 2711 Center Avenue, Essexville, MI and Central Huron Enterprises, Inc., 1100 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe, MI 48413. Filed: 12/7/90.



**FROM: County Clerk Helen Lemanski**

**HURON COUNTY ASSUMED NAMES**  
Week of December 10

NO. 5211 MAUST PHOTOGRAPHY, 854 S. Bay Port Road, Bay Port, MI 48720. By: Mrs. Erma Maust, 854 S. Bay Port Road, Bay Port, MI 48720. Filed: 12/5/90.

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Clifford A. Schultz and Cheryl to Bernard B. Bakart; a parcel of land located in Village of Port Hope.  
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**FROM: County Register Of Deeds Frances Holdwick**

**HURON COUNTY WARRANTY DEEDS**  
December 5 - 11

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**DUE TO THE HOLIDAY, THE REGULAR MEETING OF WINSOR TOWNSHIP BOARD WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 8, 1991 AT 7 P.M.**

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Christmas Eve Service  
December 24 - 7:30 p.m.

# Thumb Kids' Letters to Santa!

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DEAR SANTA, I want pants, I want Barbies, I want P.J. Sparkles, I want Baby Sparkles, too.  
Love,  
KARI KREH

DEAR SANTA, I would like a little car, a remote control car and a remote control airplane.  
Love,  
JUSTIN WIEDERHOLD

DEAR SANTA, I would like a Little Miss Hair doll and a computer.  
Love,  
JILL SCHULZ

DEAR SANTA, What I want for Christmas is a desk and some markers.  
Love,  
LAURA MOSACK

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DEAR SANTA, I want a jet plane, I want a train set, I want a bike, I want a pool, I want Dolphins.  
Love,  
CHRISTOPHER LEIPPRANDT

DEAR SANTA, I would like Legos and some crayons.  
Love,  
DEREK McNAMARA

DEAR SANTA, I would like a baby that cries and then drinks her bottle. Can I have a doll house?  
Love,  
SYLLINDA YOUNG

DEAR SANTA, I would like it so that there was peace in this world.  
Love,  
NATHAN HARDER

DEAR SANTA, I would like some Battle Beasts and Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles.  
Love,  
KYLE PROTZMAN

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Love,  
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**Club news**  
**ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS**  
Elkton Senior Citizens met on Dec. 11 for their weekly pot-luck meal. Thirty-three members and two guests were present. A special welcome was given to Betty Horton and Agnes Schulze. Clayton Gemmel offered the table prayer.  
With Clayton and Ardis Gemmel in charge of music the Birthday song was sung for Carl Kunstman, Margaret Gates, Clayton Gemmel and Vera Sherwood. The Anniversary song was sung for David and Georgeanne McDowell in honor of their 25th.  
Elizabeth Schelke and Hazel Beach led the group in the singing of Christmas carols. Roy and Bessie Furness entertained with several selections on the ukulele and mouth organ.  
Plans were finalized for the Christmas dinner and Ray English and Harold Renn were thanked for buying the tree for the Civic Center and having it decorated.

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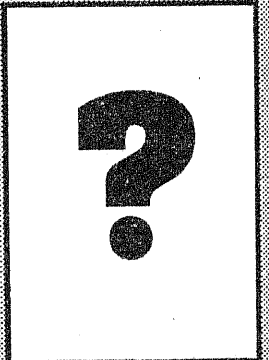
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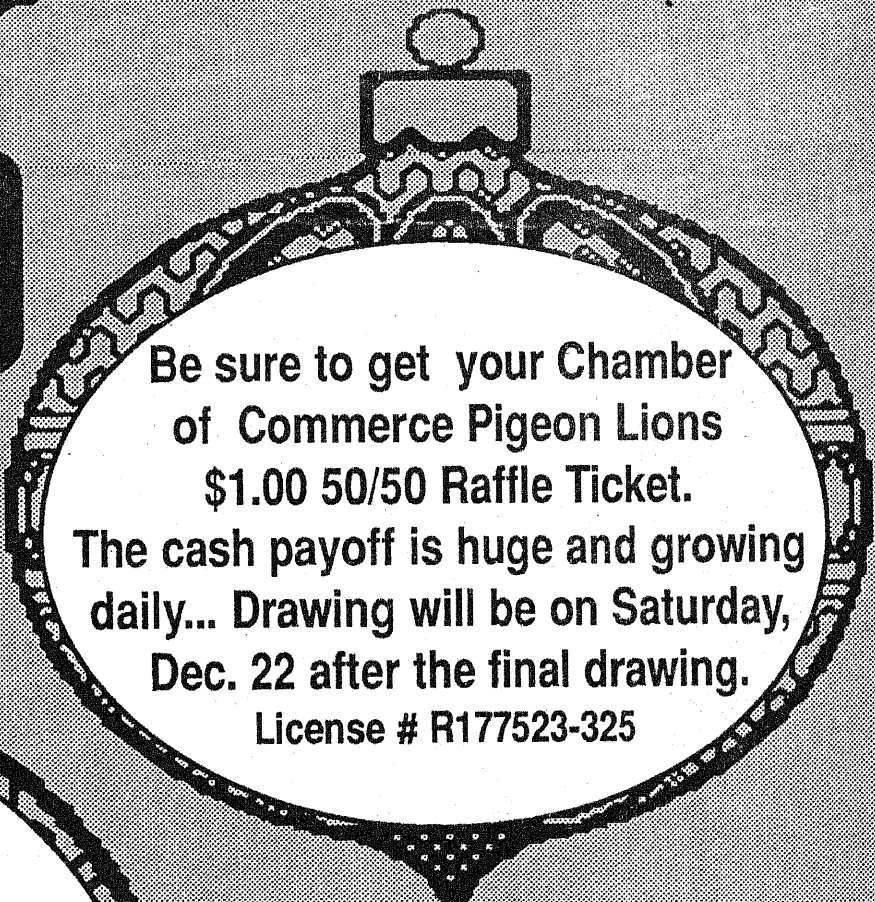
DON BARBRET

WEEK 5

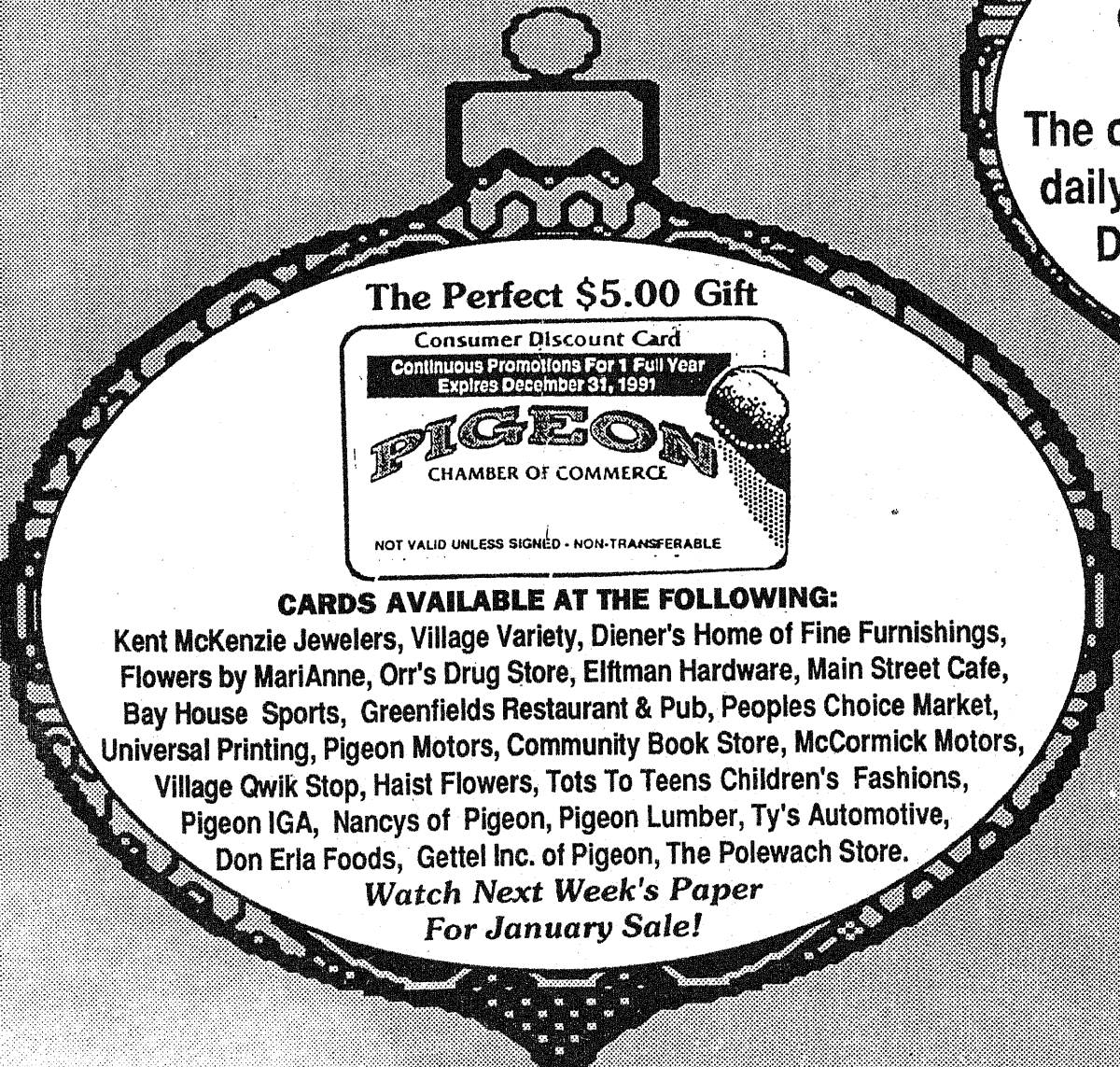


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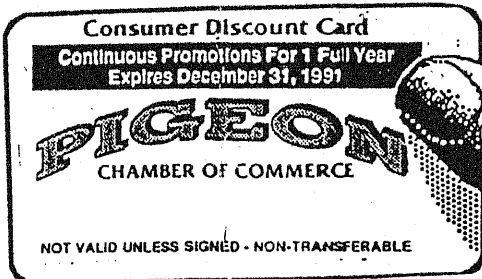
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