By AMY HEIDEN

More than 700 workers at Active Industries are without jobs because of a lockout at the Elkton plant, after rejecting 371-152 a contract offer that would have replaced the one that expired Jan. 15.

When members reported to work last Tuesday morning, they found the doors to the plant locked and a sign posted saying no work was available.

Local 628 President Bob Wilson said the lockout is not a strike by workers, but a business closure by management. Union members would have been willing to work without a contract, he added.

The proposed new contract calls for a two-percent pay increase the first year of the contract, plus a cap of 30 cents on cost-of-living raises the next two years.

Health insurance coverage would be reduced from full coverage to a plan with a deductible and 80-20 coverage.

An increase in pensions for new retirees was offered, but former retirees' pensions would be frozen. And the company would no longer pay for arbitration and negotiating time for union stewards and officials, under the proposed contract.

Wilson said union members were pleased with the pay increase proposal, but that the whole package together was unacceptable.

"It would have been a different story if we hadn't had our wages frozen the last four years. If we had been getting raises right along, and they said this is an area we have to correct, we might have been more receptive," Wilson said.

"But when they want to hit retirees, the union time, the insurance all at the same time, it's a pretty big cut."

One of the main objections to the proposed health insurance plan was that previous retirees' insurance plans would have changed to the new plan.

"The previous retirees forced to buy insurance through the company because of a previous illness would go under the new contract," Wilson said. Retirees use more of their health benefits than do younger members because of age-related illnesses.

Active General Manager Donald Stern termed the lockout "an impossible situation." "The last thing we want is a situation where we have a strike or otherwise," Stern said.

The company has been under increasing pressure from the major automakers to reduce its costs, Stern said, and because of the current recession, orders for stampings from Huron County's biggest employer have been stagnant.

"Sales have eroded the past six months. There's no work available."

Management staff has also been pared accordingly, Sternsaid, dropping from 95

a few months ago to 72 now.

insurance costs for employees has risen in the past few years, also, company officials say, and the new insurance package would save the company about 10 percent of the cost of the present policy.

Wilson emphasized that the union is not on strike, but that the company had locked workers out.

"A strike has never been

our intention. Nobody wants to go on strike," he said.

"We'd be there today working under the old contract. But sooner or later you have to draw the line of where you're going to stop giving back."

He also acknowledged that even if the contract had been approved, all but about 100 employees would have been laid off from their jobs.

"We were going to be laid

off anyway. The only reason they kept us this long was to run parts ahead for the next 90 days. So the economy is not helping us," Wilson said.

Union members may not be eligible for unemployment benefits because of the labor dispute, Wilson said, but the union plans to appeal any denial of benefits.

"If they (the company) are going to stall around with unemployment, that's going

to put the hurt on us, and that's what the company is hoping for," he said.

"The more you hurt, the more you'll accept this or something less than this."

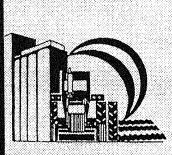
Other union locals in the Thumb haven't had much to say to each other in recent years, Wilson said, but those unions have offered help to Local 628 members, he added.

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WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23, 1991 THROUGH TUESDAY, JAN. 29, 1991

The Moons slow they care..

LOCAL CUB SCOUTS and Girl Scouts from Pigeon troops turned out by the dozen to show their support for U.S. troops now serving in the Persian Gulf. The Pigeon **Chamber of Commerce** supplied the yellow ribbon as the youngsters gathered Friday to put ribbons on trees downtown. "It's one small way kids can show how much they care about what is going on in the Gulf." says Chamber President Rhonda Buehler. PICTURED HERE, GIR Scout Tiffany Burk attaches a yellow ribbon

to a tree.





AIW LOCAL 628 President Bob Wilson and Craig Haag discuss insurance coverage with agent Kathy Shaw at the Local's union hall Friday. Union members were given information on short-term health insurance policies from two companies, and applied for unemployment benefits during the lock-out at Active Industries.

Huron Casting, Inc., has announced plans for a \$1.1 million expansion program which will expand the foundry's capacity by 50% and could bring up to 25 more jobs to the Pigeon plant. Huron Casting officials DeVere Sturm, LeRoy Wurst

DeVere Sturm, LeRoy Wurst and Gary Bendrey met with the Pigeon Village Council last week, seeking a 12-year abatement reducing property taxes on the expansion by half, through an Industrial Facilities Tax Exemption certificate.

The men said a new melter -- valued at \$550,000 -- and a cooling conveyor line are planned and would greatly increase plant capacity.

Council formally approved the tax abatement, noting that original exemptions sought when the Hartley Street foundry opened in 1977 have expired in 1989 and one does so this year. Several others end in 1994, when the property goes on the full property tax roll.

Construction should begin in the near future, officials said.

In other business, Council:

Agreed to seek a compromise with the Farmers Home Administration, which is requested the village seek new bonds and different financing for the \$473,000 still outstanding from the 1969 sewer construction project.

Just how -- and just exactly

when -- highway M-142

through Pigeon will be

repayed was to be the subject of a Tuesday morning

meeting between Michigan

Department of Transporta-

tion officials and local lead-

Engineers and planners from MDOT were to discuss

the long-sought repaving

project, which will include

the highway east-and-west

along Michigan Avenue to

the stoplight corner, then

south along S. Main Street,

according to plans.

The current bonds, at 4 3/4%, will expire in 2009 and principal payments total \$20,000 this year.

Council voted to pay FmHA \$120,000 and keep the current bonds in force. Payments would be finished in 2005 and yearly interest savings would be \$5700, said Supt. Janet Heckman.

New suspension policy in effect at Lakers

Laker secondary school of school." administrators have a new geon-Bay Port Board of evaluated at the end of the to Bad Axe in March. Education approved in- school year, DiCamillo said. The board approved sendhouse suspensions at their meeting last Monday night.

Assistant Secondary Prin- around an unused undericpal Lisa DiCamillosaid the in-house suspensions would Elkton Elementary School, be an alternative to use to and Supt. Robert Drury said modify behavior problems. siderable soil contamination.

"Currently, we have verbal warnings, parents' calls at home, parent conferences, Saturday detentions, out-ofschool suspensions and the Probate Court quiet room," DiCamillo said. "This gives us another alternative."

would be given to a student for certain infractions, such as excessive tardiness, truancy, profanty or continual misbehavior.

A room in the high school would be used for high school students, and they would spend no more than two days a week in the suspension study room. The room will be stocked with textbooks, encyclopedias and other study aids, and a monitor would be with the students at all times, Di-Camillo said.

Two or three substitute teachers will be hired for the program, and will be able to tutor the students. "The students will be able to complete their regular assignments and they won't lose their grades," DiCamillo

"Plus, we can make sure they get their work done,

The program will begin

ground storage tank near the preliminary tests show con- CASEVILLE

From soil samples taken, the gasoline that leaked from the tank has traveled horizontally towards a nearby drainage ditch. The contamination isn't deep, though, he said, because a In-house suspensions layer of clay soil prevented the gasoline from soaking deep into the ground. Com-

> available for at least 45 days, Drury said. But the district is working closely with TMI to conform to the guidelines of the Michigan Underground Storage Tank Financial Assurance fund. The fund would pay for the district's removal and decontamination costs

> plete test results won't be

Town & Country dancers invited this Saturday

10:30 p.m. at Cass City High

Lessons on rounds dancing Onalee Ewald. Julian and Rathje. will take place at 7 p.m. All square dancers are welcome.

certain guidelines are met.

Students in the third tool in their disciplinary at the beginning of the next through fifth grades will be toolbox, as the Elkton-Pi- semester, and will be re- visiting the Artrain, coming

TMI Evironmental Ser- ing the students at a cost of The Bay Port teacher, who vices has been testing soil \$1 per student. The monies teaches reading to Chapter 1

Linda Oeschger was recognized by the board for an award she received from the Michigan Reading Council.

Thumb club news

RETIREMENT CLUB The Caseville Retirement Club met at the American

Legion Hall on Jan. 15 with

109 members present.
President Ed White asked all to stand and greet their neighbors. The Lord's Prayer was then recited. A moment of silent prayer was conducted for all service men

and women in Saudi Arabia. The Pledge to the Flag opened the meeting. White thanked Rose Koenig and Marion Parent for reading 35 blood pressures assisted by Louise Gerrard.

Mildred Beadle, Marge Heckman, Stella Budrick, Rose Morosini and Shirley Ritchie were thanked for the "earlybird" goodies. Ray Gerrard announced last payment was due by Jan. 29

Evelyn Magwood and Ber-Members of the Town & nard Seiland were in the Country Square Dance Club hospital. Peg Hill, Tony overnight guests of Mr. and will sponsor a dance this Kolter, Ed Steinman and Les Mrs. Phillip Young and Saturday, Jan. 26 from 8 to Grunow are now at home.

Marie Paljanoseki celebrated

their anniversary. RUSH LAKE FARM BUREAU

The Rush Lake Farm group conducted their December-January meeting, Thursday, Jan. 4 in the home of Opal Dufty. A 12:30 (noon) potluck dinner was served.

Cassette tapes of discussion topics "Estate Planning"and "Building Consumer Confidence" were played and discussed.

Opal Dufty read the fun sheet. The Fred Mc-Bride's will host the March

Pigeon news

attended a basketball game between Michigan Lutheran Seminary and Swan Valley for the "Cabin Fever" trip. on Friday night. Their Frank Janes reported grandsons, Kyle and Ryan Young, are members of the team. Then they were Friday family. On Saturday they Birthdays were celebrated traveled to visit their son and by Margaret Kelly and family, Mr. and Mrs. John

By AMY HEIDEN & do if they're suspended out above \$10,000, but only if would come from the students, will receive a Cel- the Thumb Area Reading district's gifted and talented ebrate Literacy Award from Council.

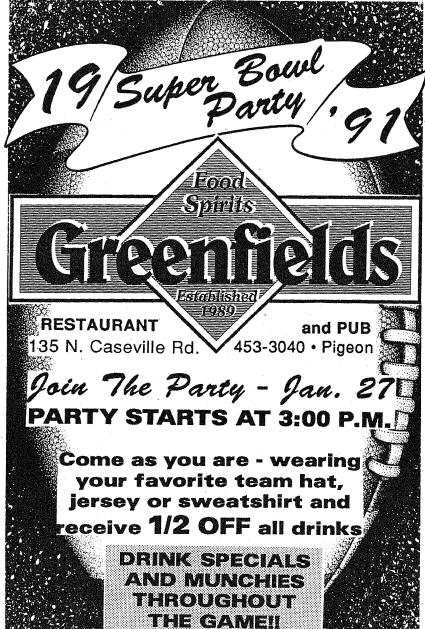
She's a new face on Elkton postal route

By AMY HEIDEN

driven the route as a substi-When the former route tute carrier, being an area carrier for the Elkton Post native and an Elkton resi-Office retired, Cheri Diebel dent -- and she knew all the stops and the customers. was ready to take over. Now the job of regular After all, she was no



Cheri Diebel of Elkton stands ready to serve her postal customers, as she takes over her new route duties.



Diebel jokingly says, "Now I'll never get to watch my favorite soap opera."

But she says she emjoys the combination indoor/outdoor job, and watching the seasons change as she drives the route.

"One of the best parts about the job is having lunch with my grandparents who live on the route," Diebel says. "The people are interesting, and most are friendly and helpful."

Diebel is married to Ron (Jake) Diebel, and the couple has three children, Jeff, Jennifer and Jason. She also serves as choir director at Cross Lutheran Church, Pi-

In her spare time, she says she enjoys playing the piano and alto sax, and is in the last semester of a two-year Choral Director program from Central Michigan Uni-

She is the daughter of Paul and Maxine Walsh of Pigeon.

Lake-Chandler news notes

By MILDRED BALLAGH

Frances and Mary Richmond spent Friday afternoon at Saginaw Valley State University visiting Scott Richmond and Rick Behm.

Frances Richmond spent a couple of weeks with her daughter and family Debbie, Mike and Benjamin Dorenkamp in Plymouth. Debbie has accepted a position with the University of Michigan..

Sheriff Gage's 'K.A.D.' means Kids Against Drugs

look at these three letters— County students—most of ward, will be: coming weeks and months.

The letters stand for "Kids represent a brand-new, tapes, produced locally with multi-faceted program from Sheriff Mike Gage and the beinformative folders, books Huron County Sheriff Department.

K.A.D. is the newest Sheriff Department weapon to help in the ongoing program are a deadly-serious threat that must be fought at all

SGT. WOODWARD HEADS K.A.D.

Sgt. Brent Woodward, who has been heading Sheriff Department safety programs

K.A.D—because you'll be them in the fifth grade seeing them a lot in the will receive three programs of one hour each to acquaint them with the well-planned Against Drugs" and they series. There will be video local officials, and there will and T-shirts. The message from all is "Kids Against

> The message will be carparochial schools already involved in the D.A.R.E.

ANTI-DRUGS TO BE EMPHASIZED

Among the program sec-tions that will be empha-

ALL THE NEWS THAT FITS AP Style Stop the presses! Pica

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

EXTRA!

LET'S HOPE & PRAY that the Iraqi War ends very, very soon and that unreasonable people involved see reason. Let's hope and pray that Americans come home safely, too. program will not preclude

IT IS TRUE (MOSTLY): We"ve heard "a little more" about Sheriff Department considthe family holiday gathering that "went to the dogs," as ers essential to the health described here last week. Here's the real story:

Christmas Friday found this family gathered together, and dents, Sgt. Woodward said. a beautiful meat tray it was -- complete with half a ham, four He listed the "Do You Drink pounds of sliced turkey and an entire hickory stick sausage. and Drive?" class for sopho-The family indeed put this beautiful main course tray on the mores, started in 1983, and back porch -- then later looked out to see the neighbor's dog so far seen by more than running away... after leaving three pieces of turkey, period. 7,500 students. "All I can hope," the nameless Pigeon homemaker told us, Huron County youth show "is that the dog got sick from eating it all!"

WHAT A WEEK FOR TV! Last week's start of the Iraqi started in 1983, according to War caught many folks by surprise Wednesday night. But, the sergeant. That program much as people remember what they were doing when is being presented in various President Roosevelt died, or when Sputnik went up, or schools in January. when President Kennedy was shot or when we landed on the moon, likewise people will recall how they first heard Classes are also continuing the start of this war.

Cable News Network (CNN) has really "come of age" and in April, headded. Other during all this. Even our defense secretary has been quoting classes, such as "Safety for from CNN reports. The live coverage has put the TV net- Hallowe'en," will be offered works to shame, too -- and it's been fascinating to watch this seasonally upon request.

CNN's status as a world-leader in providing information will never again be questioned.

■ Speaking of TV, President Bush's speech announcing the war was watched by more Americans than any broadcast in TV history, with the exception of President Kennedy's 1963 funeral. In all, 79% of metro U.S. TV homes watched the President last Wednesday night, A.C. Nielsen Company ter plant, Sebewaing Indussays. When total U.S. figures are in it easily could be the tries, has donated a truckmost-watched TV event ever -- higher than the 80% who load of canned foods, the tuned in to the Kennedy funeral broadcasts.

■ Sunday's Super Bowl will be very costly for TV commernated money, and the local cials. A 30-second spot will cost more than \$800,000 -- up at another sister plant in from \$700,000 last year. And, ABC plans 56 of them. Also, Marion, Ind., also donated the network says the game likely won't be postponed, \$600 to purchase canned regardless of what war changes happen.

While watching the Super Bowl, you'll see Diet Pepsi publish a call-in phone number which enters you in a \$1 urged to apply for food million sweepstakes -- and gives you a coupon for a free 2- stamps from the Department liter bottle of Diet Pepsi. The company will immediately of Social Services, and to announce three \$1 million prize winners right after the

Diet Coke, meanwhile, has been giving out 75 million game pieces for its own contest. Prizes range from a free 2liter bottle to \$1 million...

ON AN AVERAGE DAY IN AMERICA, we drink 524 million servings of Coca-Cola..

COSTS OF WAR: One round for an M-16 rifle costs 26 cents. Each M-16 costs \$420. A Tomahawk cruise missle efits, the union must be recosts \$1 million each. Each Bradley Fighting Vehicle costs imbursed for any strike pay \$1.5 million. And each F-15 fighter plane costs \$30.7 million, according to USA Today...

WISH I'D SAID THAT: "Most people stop to think. The trouble is, they forget to start again!" (Karl Hertz) between union and company officials.

BAD AXE—Take a good "Well over 700 Huron sized, according to Wood-

Lecture topics such as "Why the Kids Do Drugs," "Peer Pressure," "Self Esteem" and "Do's and Dont's," such as what to do if you find drugs on a playground law enforcement and drivor along a sidewalk;

Video tapes made with Probate Judge David Clabuesch explaining court procedures, a special message from Sheriff Gage, a trip ried by Sgt. Woodward to through booking and jailing of convincing kids that drugs every elementary school in steps with a Sheriff Departthe county, with the excepment correctional officer, tion of one public and two and how sniffing dogs are used to help find drugs, etc;

T-Shirts imprinted with the K.A.D. message, to be worn by students in parades and for special events;

Anti-drug folders provided by Caseville Eagles; Books, "Let's All Work to Fight Drug Abuse," highlyregarded detailed books from L.A.W. Publishers of Dallas, purchased by Huron County business places;

Coffee mugs bearing the K.A.D. message, for teachers in school lounges and dining rooms to keep the message in mind.

OTHER PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE

The broad scope and importance of the anti-drug other programs that the and safety of Huron resi-

a 42% reduction in accidents and arrests since it was The Pleasure Boating

through two weeks of March

From Front Page

The union at Active's sislocal at General Cable dofoods, he said.

Union members are being investigate other agencies for help if it's needed.

Should unemployment benefits be denied, union members will receive \$60 a week from the International union's strike fund, Wilson

But if and when workers receive unemployment ben-

Another bargaining session was scheduled Monday

MANY PROGRAMS

Through the years, Huron County Sheriff Department has provided a broad variety of programs relating to safety,

Included through the years are such popular features as Safetyville now seen by more than 17,000 students, mainly Kindergarteners and first graders, since it was started

Another popular offering is "Operation Identification," a voluntary fingerprinting program that attracted 4,500 participants the first year.

"Since fingerprint patterns never change," Woodward said, "even a child's fingerprint can be vital for identification in later life."

FUNDS COME IN MANY FORMS

And how are such programs financed?

Sheriff Gage pointed out that the Sheriff Department budget requires that the entire safety program be carried out by Sgt. Woodward, without substantial time from other personnel.

So. Sheriff Gage said, Woodward is careful to sandwich the programs through the year, carrying out one step after another, without causing overtime or extra time to upset the bud-

Further, the Sheriff went on, there are many loyal supporters, businesses, individuals and friends who are willing and anxious to promote safety, anti-drug activity and other essential teachings, especially for children.

"To all of them, not only our Sheriff Department, but the entire population of Huron County owes a great debt

Curbside recycling coming to Caseville Township?

By AMY HEIDEN

As recycling becomes more of a way of life than something of a novelty, Caseville Township residents may be enjoying the convenience of posting a \$20,000 bond. curbside recyling in the fu-

The new Waste Manageseveral times in the past few months to discuss ways to implement more recycling efforts in the township. Committee member Bill

Toth said the committee is seeking input from township Maryland. residents about steps the group can take to make recycling easier.

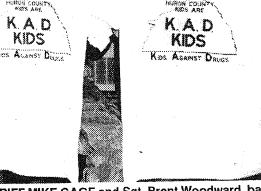
Cove Sanitation was contacted about a curbside recycling program, but no response has been received from them yet, Toth said.

sides Toth include Charles years in prision and a \$10,000 fine. Kirk, Ed Reynolds, Jack Hopkins, Don Bennett and

many children have been Sheriff Gage concluded.

of gratitude, because no one shown the right way to go in can estimate how many lives a time of temptation. All of have been saved, and how us are deeply grateful,"





SHERIFF MIKE GAGE and Sgt. Brent Woodward, back, get help displaying K.A.D. T-Shirts and award certificates from fifth graders Michael Rifenbark and Lisa Olsen, both

Bay Port-Caro-Caseville-Elkton-Fairgrove-Gageto.

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HOSPITAL OFFICIALS TO SPEAK

Two local hospital administrators, Dwight Gascho of Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon, and Pat Miller of Caro Community Hospital will be featured guests on "Momentum," a public affairs broadcast of WUCM TV-19 this Monday, Jan. 28 from 8 to 9 p.m.

The hour-long segment will discuss "The Plight of Rural Hospitals" and will feature an open line for people to call in during the last half-hour of the show. The program will air live, according to WUCM spokesmen. The program is also broadcast on WUCX TV-35, Ubly-Bad Axe.

JAMES HAIRE PLEADS GUILTY

A 20-year-old Pigeon man pled guilty to a charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm, less than murder, and is scheduled for sentencing Feb. 19. James R. Haire is charged in connection with a 10:30 p.m.

Dec. 19 incident in Bay Port, involving the shooting of his uncle, Walt Haire, 29, in the leg over custody of a boat left behind after another family member moved to Flordia. The charge of assault with intent to do great bodily harm,

less than murder, carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison or a \$5,000 fine, according to the Huron County's Prosecutor's office.

Haire remains lodged in the Huron County Jail in lieu of

MURDER TRIAL POSTPONED

The trial of a 36-year-old Port Austin man charged with ment Committee has met open murder in the stabbing death of Mariano Sanchez of Elkton has been rescheduled for April 2.

Ronald Floyd Griem is charged in connection with the alleged July 18 stabbing death of Sanchez, 41, at Sanchez's home in Colfax Township.

Griem's trial was rescheduled from Feb. 5 to allow enough time for completion of DNA tests underway in Originally bond had been denied, but Huron Circuit

Judge M. Richard Knoblock set bond at 10 percent of \$500,000. Ğriem remains lodged in the Huron County Jail in lieu of If found guilty of the open murder charge, Griem faces a

maximum sentence of life in prison. Sandra Raffin is a co-defendant in the case and is scheduled for sentencing Feb. 19 as an accessory to a felony Committee members be- after the fact, which carries a maximum sentence of five

Raffin is lodged in the Tuscola County Jail because the Huron County Jail doesn't have facilities for women pris-



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As we see it

Stores will survive, thanks to service

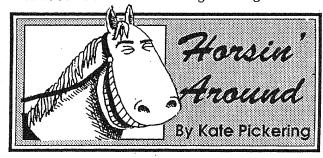
While Americans risk their lives in the Iraqi desert fighting for Kuwaiti freedom and an end to world oppression, another battle is brewing much, much closer to our homes here in the Upper

Next week's opening of a Wal-Mart store in Bad Axe is being viewed with honest horror and nervousness by many local business people. Even though they've often been open for many years, and even though their stores have fairly served customers for generations, some business people worry that Wal-Mart will completely siphon away their customers, causing them to close.

Perhaps such a new store WILL do that. But we don't believe that to be the case.

What this store opening DOES mean is that ALL area merchants will have to stay on their collective toes to stay competitive. It means prices will have to be kept fair and reasonable. It means advertising must be continued -- and expanded -- to keep each store's name before the buying public.

While some stores are viewing this mega-store



FROZEN NORTH

* My horseshoer tells me that very few of his Huron County area customers go to the trouble and expense required to apply the special borium winter shoes that our horses wear. That's too bad.

It's true -it is a long, hard, day's work when Ray comes out to the farm to hand-craft the custom made, cleated shoes that will take a horse through snow and over ice, and if it is especially cold on the day that he comes, it seems especially long! And yes, the cost for his services and the material required is considerably higher than that of a regular shoeing

... but I can't help thinking that the "trouble and expense" required to keep a fat, furry horse standing around eating, sleeping, making manure and gathering dust all winter is even greater! That's why our special shoes enable us to use the horses and make them earn their keep (sort of) all winter

That's the practical way of looking at it, of course, and it's how I convince myself that the "trouble and expense" are justified. The real truth is that those shoes open up a whole I would surely go mad in if not for said shoes!

Winter is serious cabin-fever time for me, most of my only contact with the outdoors being that of braving the elements each evening to stuff yet more food and water into our dormant horses. Being able to saddle up on the weekends and head into the woods then, despite the layering and bundling up that is required, is all that keeps me from complete sit-at-home-and-watch-TV-hysteria.

Life offers many thrills of course, and the globe is saturated in beauty from sea to shining sea, but when - on a brilliantly sun-drenched Sunday afternoon - I and my horse sift through the sparkly fresh new fallen snow that blankets the woods and our trails, and I see that Tex is the first creature on the planet to make tracks in this new snow, it seems as if mom-natures has put on her beautiful, snowy-Sunday best and rolled out a fluffy white cloud of welcome just for me!! And there is something very right about the tracks that Tex leaves. We're intruders in this strange white world, that is true (or at least, Iam) but my "vessel of choice" and the footprints he leaves are as natural and as much a part of nature as the birds, bunnies, and deer who must live in the woods year 'round, and the tracks that they leave scattered lightly atop the drifts.

Tex shuffles along almost silently except for the "swoosh" of the snow and the creak of my dry saddle, and we can sometimes sneak up on an unsuspecting woodland-dwelling animal. Out beyond the trees, on the road, I can hear the roar of snowmobiles and three and four-wheelers, and the shrieks of laughter that come from the children bouncing along behind in sleds and toboggans. There is also the thunder of tractors plowing snow, the annoying "zzzzzzzzzzzzz" of the tires on a car that is stuck in a driveway, and the rumble of traffic in general. But those sounds are muffled and buffeted by the dense woods and the deep snow, and so I smile to myself and shuffle on, drinking in the fresh frosty air, taking in every spectacular snowy scene, and feeling very snug and såfe in my private winter paradise.

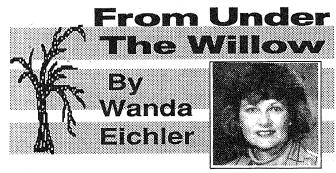
My horseshoer tells me that very few of his Huron County area customers go to the trouble and expense required to apply the special borium winter shoes that our horses wear. That's really really too bad * * * *

opening with fear, others are reacting with passion and commitment. They remember when Kmart, Big Wheel, Meijer's, Action Auto and other major stores opened from Saginaw to Bay City to Bad Axe. Some are still here, while others aren't.

The one "plus" which local businesses have -- and can continue to build on -- is SERVICE. Smart store owners and operators know that "big city" businesses cannot and do not offer friendly, person-toperson service. People often are more concerned with "service with a smile" and "service after the sale" than they are solely with lowest price, biggest selection, longest selling hours and so on.

That's not to say our local stores should not try to offer such prices, selections, hours and so on. But there's more to successful business than strictly being BIG. There's more to the formula for success than simply being open 24 hours, or seven days.

We hope people who like their local towns will continue to support them. If they don't these towns won't be here in future years. But, if knowledgeable people patronize progressive stores, everybody will win. It sounds so simple, but it's SO important...



ON THE EDGE

The Grand Canyon lay beneath my feet. Stretched out in all its wonder and color and magnificence, the Canyon also held terror. Since my adolescent days, I have been afraid of heights. So when I came face to face and feet to feet with the South Rim of the Grand Canyon I had to fight my sense of falling and loss of balance even as I was overwhelmed by the colors and light and shadow before me.

I was on edge all day as we toured Grand Canyon National Park. The first person we met at the Canyon was a Catholic priest who was on sabbatical. He told us that he'd walked Bright Angel Trail into the Canyon on Wednesday afternoon.

started down about three in the afternoon and didn't reach Phantom Ranch until eight in the evening. I didn't have a flashlight and I walked the last half of the way in the dark. I was so terrified that I cried out. When I got to the new, magical, once-a-year world - a blustery, wintry world ranch, they welcomed me because they knew I was coming and then they told me that the war had started."

> Later that morning we walked the first switchback or two of Bright Angel Trail. Peter and Ed could go much farther than I could. I was paralyzed by my fear and stayed on a rock and watched them climb down the trail. I tried to to the store to get some cookimagine the priest finding his way through the dark into the ies for the kids. Either the Canyon.

> That's how we describe feelings when there is tension and things aren't decided. Standing at the Canyon's rim on a morekids didn't get any. The Friday in January I felt what that tension of being on edge is teacher told us we were big

> Last week's greater tension came in the Wednesday evening glish as any of the kids, but announcement of the bombing of Iraq. United Nations there were some who forces, a good deal of them from the U.S., began combat on couldn't. I used to talk Gerthe day after the Jan. 15 deadline. Combat ended the world's waiting and flung us over the edge into war.

black and white, right and wrong. But the greater reality of before I left, I sang a hymn to the Canyon. Like the people of this war is that so much is gray, While some would call it a the ancient cultures and of the Mideast, I faced east and I war of wealth over energy and oil, yet there is a freedom sang in a whispering, wanting voice. issue at stake for the tiny country of Kuwait. One can't justify the merchanting of death, yet there are countless men and women whom we know who are fighting this war. We know their names. They are mothers and fathers, sisters and the same." brothers, aunts and uncles, neighbors.

So now the world has tumbled off the edge. We have home. descended into the canyon that is war. We are descending a

It was a song and a prayer to the Ancient of Days, Creator path that leads downward with death and destruction.

In canyons, I've learned, you can reverse your direction for peace. and climb out. It just takes longer. The world knows that. Peace must still be the ultimate goal. Peace with justice and dignity, even though it will take longer.

I watched the sun set on the Grand Canyon last Friday evening from Mohave Point. By late afternoon the Canyon and I had become distant friends. I could approach the rim, camera in hand, in familiar places, sure that my vision

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RECOLLECTIONS Of By-Gone Days BY GEORGE KEIM

DEAR EDITOR:

The other night I was as leep in my chair. When I woke up, there was a war going on. I had to think back when I was six years old, my father came home fromtown and told my mother that the United States had declared war on Germany. Unless you are at least 75 years old, you just can't remember it.

My Dad went to my grandpa's room and told him. Grandpa said it was just another war. He was born in 1830 and knew about the Mexican War and he voted for Lincoln and was drafted in the Civil War, but didn't pass his physical examina-

Then he saw the Spanish-American War and he heard a lot about the war with the Indians. So World War I was just another war for him.

I started to school in the fall of 1917 and I remember several times seeing a lot of boys going through town on the P.M. (Pere Marquette)

Once the whole school was there and on the way back to school, the teacher sent a girl girl didn't get enough or ate

Anyway, I and about six enough to go without.

I could talk as good En-

man to them and I guess the teacher thought I was a spy or something and she didn't

like me verv well One day, a kid came to school and said he had a uncle in the war and the teacher made a fuss over him Another had a cousin in the Army and she almost made a hero out of him. Then I told her I had a brother in the Army and the teacher only said, "Oh, well."

They didn't ration gasoline during World War I, but a lot of people still had horses and buggys to go to town.

My Dad had a Studebaker four cylinder and one Sunday, we went to church with it and somebody told him he could be arrested for driving, because it took gasoline. Some people did leave

their cars set and used their horses and buggys, but nobody got into trouble. They did ration flour and sugar and a few other things. The teacher told us if we lost the war, the Kaiser would get us. Well, I didn't know who the Kaiser was, but I was a

little afraid of him. In Matt. 24:6 it says, "And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that ye be not troubled for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet."

And read the rest of the chapter and you'll see that a lot of things are still going to happen, but if a person is right with God, everything will come out right.

GEORGE KEIM

Some of us are comfortable over the edge. We like things would be clear and my steps steady. After the sun set, just

"Before the hills in order stood or earth received her

frame, from everlasting thou art God, Through endless years "O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be Thou our guide while life shall last and our eternal

of Canyons and Steadier of Souls. It was a cry for help and Then I walked away from the edge and came home.

'Year in Review' correction

or spelled wrong from the ter and Lucy Barry were imlist of persons who died, as properly spelled or not Review" on Jan. 9.

Two names were omitted The names of Paul Rachepublished in "The Year in listed, and The Progress-Advance regrets the errors.

Sheriff Gage is featured as Bay Port Chamber speaker

The 90 persons who at- other counties' prisoners. tended the 1991 Bay Port Chamber of Commerce dinner meeting Thursday even- income amounted to ing in Bay Port Hotel learned \$404,000. a lot about the operations of the Huron County Sheriff Department.

And they said they liked

what they heard. Introduced by Chamber President Forrest Williams, Sheriff Michael Gage told about the funding, operations and future of his de-

Regarding funding, Sheriff Gage said about onequarter of Huron County's operations budget-about \$1.5 million—is used by his department.

Without increasing taxes, his department's income has gone up, due largely to housing prisoners from counties that do not have adquate prisoner housing in their

Presently there are about 60 prisoners in the Huron County Jail, a big jump over the 13 incarcerated just a few vears earlier.

About 26 of them—almost half-come from overcrowded counties.

In 1988, Sheriff Gage said, to Huron County for housing from calls made by prison-

In 1989 that went up to \$226,000, and in 1990 that gerous."

increase," Gage told his audience, "that's income, for housing prisoners from other

HOW DOES HURON JAIL RATE?

"Our jail is very good," Gage told Chamber members. "We're up to code, clean and safe," adding, "It's good business to do that."

The average inmate in Huron County Jail is not a bad person, the sheriff continued, pointing out that "he may have made a mistake, may have taken the wrong route, but generally is ready to serve his term, pay his debt and return to society."

Gage said many citizens want more harsh treatment and poor conditions for prisoners, and they resent having prisoners with TV sets and phone service.

"But," Gage explained, "the county will have income of about \$129,000 income came \$1,000 to \$1,200 per month

ASC Ski-a-thon set at Sleeper this Sunday

The annual Ski-a-Thon for the American Cancer Society will start at 2 p.m. this Sunday, Jan. 27 at Sleeper State Park, located at 6435 State Park Road, Caseville, according to Sally Beers of Sebewaing, longtime worker

and booster for the ACS. Pledge sheets will be available at the park for everyone participating and skiers are encouraged to involve their friends and bring them along. "Ask your family to support you with pledges," Mrs. Beers urged.

In case there is not enough snow for skiing, Mrs. Beers suggests that participatns walk the trails in the State

In the Sebewaing area, three long-time Ski-a-Thon supporters — Marie Liken, Florence Liken and Fran Davis — are planning to take part again this year.

Anyone desiring more information is invited to call Mrs. Beers at 883-3272.

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ers. The TV sets they have are their own, and such privileges make prisoners less dissatisfied and dan-

In 1990 the jail kitchen staff served 68,000 meals to "Now that was no millage county prisoners, with a staff of just 3 people.

In 1990 the sheriff's staff received more than 7,000 complaints, which is up

WHAT ABOUT THE

Central dispatch-also known as 911—as a universal police/sheriff/fire/emergency service, is on the way for Huron County.

Presently there are 2 dispatchers on duty and they

about 800 over the previous handle all State Police dispatching. Implementation of

FUTURE?

the total plan for Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties will cost about \$150,000

For individual phone subscribers the cost may be as high as 89c per month or possibly as low as 50c.

Another step into the fu-

tion between State Police, Huron Sheriff and township and village police depart-

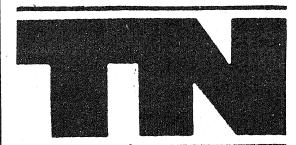
In such a case, there will be more contracting by townships with the sheriff department, whereby small local governmental units will pay the county for sheriff's services in policing.

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American Oil Company.

Allison Eicher, son of Mrs.

Eleanora Eicher, Pigeon, is

one of three WNEM-TV 5

employees who purchased

radio station WMIC at St.

Helen, Mich. He has been

associated with Channel 5

for the past three and a half

years as a technical engineer.

The other two are Jerry Burke

Mrs. Lorena E. Wiley, 60,

of Elkton, died Thursday.

Surviving are her husband,

Glen, a daughter and three

wife and two sons.



90 YEARS AGO FEB. 8, 1901

stopped or there will be

trouble. Parents had better

take warning. A.J. Ruby, F.L.

Aaron Bueschlen pur-

chased the store, business

80 YEARS AGO

and the boat made 80 miles

Thiel and Bert Morse, went

to Ann Arbor where they will

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Two Pigeon boys, George

FEB. 10, 1911

Gagetown.

Wednesday.

William Schwalm, Sr. 83, Robert Gillingham Jr. drove an old and respected resia large Packard touring car dent, died at the home of Mr. to Bay Port from Saginaw. and Mrs. Joseph Schluchter, He is the prospective pur-Pigeon. He leaves two daughters and three sons.

It looks as if Unionville is Owendale purchased the sure of a chicory factory. dray and trucking business Mr. and Mrs. John Nitz of of William Wideman. Winsor Township are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Joseph Melzer and son of Benton Harbor have pur- McKay. Young boys are informed chased the Carl Wolfe farm that lounging at the waiting at Linkville. room of the depot must be

Twenty-two men of the German M.E. Church cut wood for the church Tuesday on the Ed Diefenbach place. About 30 cords were cut and ten wagons loaded. It will be placed in the church baseand residence of William

Gage at Linkville. Mr. Gage Wellington Horlacher sold will move his farm near his lumber yard in Pigeon to the R & A Lumber Yard of Mrs. Charles Stewart, 56, Alpena. The R & A company of Caseville Township, died has also purchased lumber yards at Sebewaing, Elkton Ray Lambert and Clarence and Gagetown. Admas of Caseville have

purchased the Elkton Ad-60 YEARS AGO FEB. 6, 1931

Thomas Wilfong, 80, died at his home north of Pigeon. He is survived by two A party of gentlemen from daughters and four sons.

Pigeon were ice-boating at At Monday night's meeting Bay Port Sunday. Dr. Yale of Pigeon Village Council, it was at the helm. Frank Coon was voted that the fire desaid it is an exciting game partment would not answer

fire calls in the country if the property-owners were not contributors to the purchase of the fire truck. They could become a member by paying

had an unpleasant time Harold Smith, Nick Melcheck and Edward Wightmaking their trips Monday. man of Caseville returned One rig capsized three times before getting a good start. from their motor trip to Cali-Leipprandt Brothers have fornia. a tasty display of the product

William Bechler has taken over the A.C. Smith Dairy store window. Brands of business.

> W. B. and Ralph Richmond, Henry Strieter, Herb Gettel, Walter Baur, Theo Leipprandt, Herman Buchholz, Alfred and Charles Sturm and Edwin Eichler attended Farmer's Week at

70 YEARS AGO MSC, East Lansing. FEB. 11, 1921

William McGillivary and Church gave a chicken and Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High son, Frank, are Elkton's new rabbit dinner in honor of C.I. Diehl and Albert Buerker, blacksmiths. James Pottinger, 50, keeper long-time members of the of Port Austin reeflight, died church committee.

at his home at Pointe Aux 50 YEARS AGO FEB. 7, 1941 lighthouse service for 30

Mrs. Joseph Gunden, 77, died at her home in Pigeon. She leaves one son and three daughters.

Directors elected at the annual meeting of Pigeon Joseph Henneberger of Community Club are Dr. Willard Haist, Harold Greenan, Leo Bliss, R. Harry Leslie, Werner Clabuesch, E.T. Leipprandt and Harry

Russel McBride, 40, formerly of Elkton, died in Detroit. He leaves his widow and four children.

Pigeon Girls Athletic Assn. will sponsor a dance to raise funds for girls' sports activities, at Sunset Beach Pavilion in Bay Port. Music furnished by Art Beyer's

Pigeon Worth While Club met at the home of Mrs. Leonard Leipprandt with Mrs. Arthur Schumacher as co-hostess. Papers were given by Mrs. Perry Allen and Mrs. Walter Clabuesch.

40 YEARS AGO FEB. 9, 1951

Naomi Kraft, daughter of Erich Kraft, has been named valedictorian of senior class at Pigeon High School. Cosalutatorians are Peggy McIntyre, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren McIntyre

> Buchholz. Eleanor Licht of Central Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant, is spending her vacation with her parents, Mr.and Mrs. Herman Licht.

and Janet Buchholz, daugh-

ter of Mr. and Mrs. Adolph

Alice Byler, of nursing school at Saginaw General with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Byler.

Mrs. Ida A. Gray, 94, last Crosgove family of 14 children of Owendale, died at the home of her son, Robert, in Ubly. She leaves a son and daughter.

30 YEARS AGO FEB. 9, 1961

Members of St. Francis First senior play at the new School will be "The Thread That Runs So True," on Feb. 16-18.

Charles W. Carrington, Bay

VILLAGE OF PIGEON **RECYCLING CENTER**

The Village of Pigeon Recycling Center will be open on Friday, January 18 and 25 only. (NOT on Saturday, January 19 and 26.)

We will resume Friday and Saturday hours on February 1 and 2.

JANET HECKMAN - Clerk

Port, will receive a service award for having completed 20 YEARS AGO 20 years of service with FEB. 11. 1971 Standard Oil Division of

George Milius, retired Elkton hardware dealer, was honored with a family dinner at the home of E.T. Leipprandt, Pigeon, for his 90th pirthday anniversary.

Donna L. Bumhoffer of Elkton has been named 1971 Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow for Laker High

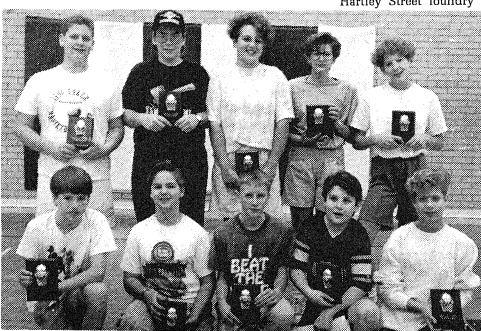
Charles Leipprandt, Pigeon, has been elected president of the Michigan Crop Improvement Assn., the official Edgar Gascho, 52, former seed certification agency for barber and farmer at Elkton, the state which promotes use died in Detroit. He leaves his of improved seed stocks by Michigan farmers.

10 YEARS AGO JAN. 29. 1981

Fire completely destroyed the Raymond Licht house about noon Friday, on Maxwell Road, Pigeon. Firemen and pumper trucks from Pigeon, Elkton, Owendale and Bad Axe responded.

The play "The Star-Spangled Girl" by Neil Simon will be presented by the Laker Drama Club. The cast includes Kevin Laursen, Karen Laursen and Vince Catenacci.

Representatives of Huron Casting, Inc., and nearby property owners met for a Monday night public hearing, and presented no opposition to construction of a 150-foot stack at the firm's Hartley Street foundry

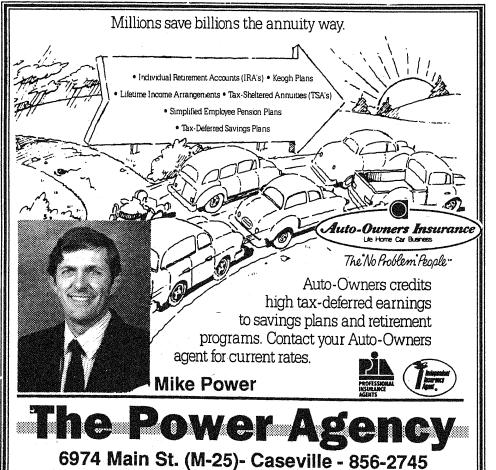


FREE THROW WINNERS: The Knights of Columbus Council #8042 of Pigeon/Caseville sponsored their annual Free Throw Contest for 11 to 14 year old boys and girls on Saturday, Jan. 19 at Laker High School.

The following winners are pictured here: front row from left, Zac King, Shannon Hospital, spent the weekend Schafer, Matt Otto, all of Lakers; Scott Anderson of Bay Port and Stephanie Lorkowski of Lakers; back row from left, Todd Tate, Brad Muentener, Amy Ackerman, Marcie Rathie and Betsy Drury, all of Lakers.

These winners will advance to District Competition on Feb. 16 at 9:30 a.m. at Laker surviving member of the High School, according to Free Throw Chairman Michael Hatch.

COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO



United in marriage

MAUST -SHETLER

Beth Renee Shetler and Benjamin Clark Maust, both of Bay Port, united their lives in marriage on Saturday. Nov. 24 at the Pigeon River Mennonite Church. Pastors Tom Beachy and Luke Yoder

Leland and Wilma Shetler and Glenn and Erma Maust, all of Bay Port. Music selections included

"This is the Day," sung by Marvin Maust; "Wedding Prayer," sung by Patricia Yoder and Joyce Keim, all of Bay Port; "Household of

"I Will Be Here," sung by the the bride. bride and groom. Musical accompaniment was provided by pianist Carol Haist of Sebewaing.

The altar was decorated. with a unity candle arrangement of raspbery colored roses and white roses. Escorted to the altar by her

father, the bride wore a white satin gown featuring heartshaped cut-outs on the front and back neckline with pearls accenting both necklines. Victorian sleeves adorned the beaded, smocked bodice. The full skirt featured lace cut-outs and a scalloped hemline, extending to an attached contoured cathedral train.

The bride carried a bouquet of white roses, stephanotis, baby's breath and ivy with satin streamers and pearl

Patricia Yoder of Bay Port, sister of the bride, was matron of honor, joined at the altar by bridesmaids Cynthia Tait of Kinde, friend of the bride; Marlene Shetler of Pigeon, sister-in-law of the bride and Tina Maust of Caro, sister-in-law of the groom.

The attendants each wore a tea-length gown of raspberry colored satin and carried a bouquet of raspberry colored roses, rose Alstroemeria, lavender wine carnations and purple statice,

officiated at the ceremony which united the children of Margo Jantzi of Virginia and Margo Jantzi of Virginia and Yoder of Bay Port, niece of the bride and Dan Maust of

brother. Brian Maust of Bay the bride Port, to stand up as best man, assisted by groomsmen neth Shetler of Iowa, brother

of the bride and Brent Maust of Bay Port, brother of the

The ushers were Marion

Caro, brother of the groom. The ringbearer was Garret The groom asked his Shetler of Pigeon, nephew of

For her daughter's wed-Roger Gingerich of Virginia, ding, the bride's mother wore friend of the grooom; Ken- a deep purple satin dress and a corsage of pink sweetheart

> The groom's mother selected a royal blue satin dress

sweetheart roses with accenting ribbon.

Over 300 guests from Mississippi, Virginia, Iowa, Ohio, Indiana and the surrounding Thumb area feted thenewlywedsatareception conducted at Laker High School.

The groom is employed at Bloomer Enterprises, Seberoses with accenting ribbon.

Brian and Pam (Rowe)

Lukasiak of Maple City are

The infant weighed 8 lbs. 2

Maternal grandparents are

Barbara Rowe of Pigeon and

nal grandparents are Mr. and

Following a week-long honeymoon cruise to the Bahamas, the couple is rewith a corsage of pink siding in Pigeon.

A daughter, Jamie Lee, was born to John and Denise Kohr, Pigeon, on Tuesdav. Jan. 15 at Saginaw General

Her weight at birth was 6 lbs. 6 ozs. and she was 20 inches long. Paternal grandparents are

John and Dianne Kohr, Pigeon. Maternal grandparents are Daniel and Beverly Gorney, Bad Axe. Paternal great-grandmother is Genevieve Kohr, Caseville. Maternal great-grandparents are Harry and Irene Gorney, Bad

Jamie was greeted at home by one sister, Jessica, age 21/

A son, Kevin Scot, was

Roger and Connie Dubs of

The newborn weighed 7 pleased to announce the lbs. 8 1/2 oz. and measured birth of their son. Tyler 191/2 inches long at his birth Adam, born Friday, Dec. 7. at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

Maternal grandparents are oz. and measured 21 1/4 Margie Buschlen of Pigeon inches long. and Richard Buschlen of Caseville. Paternal grandparents are Robert and the late Robert Rowe. Pater-

> Maternal great-grandpar- Mrs. Walt Lukasiak of Pients are Leonard and Leona geon. Fritz of Elkton and Glenn and Marie Buschlen of Pi-Paternal great-grandfather

Eleanor Dubs of Pigeon.

is August Metzger of Pigeon. Kevin is welcomed home by his brother, Kyle, age 23

Pigeon Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Rathje spent Saturday visiting

riends in Frankenmuth. Mrs. Ada Binder was a Sunday dinner guest of her son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Binder and family



Woods & Waters

Born Under The Wrong Star Part II

By DUANE GUENTHER

Continued from last week

Our sharp-tongued hostess prodded us towards the door, obviously embarrassed by our presence, gently, but firmly reminding me of all the things I must have done wrong to cause such an inconvenience to her, and her 'impeccable Inn.

She referred us to a flea-

bag motel across the road, as gan to pound against my a token consolation, but one windshield. Just then the rear the end of the first leg," I look from Sweetwife and we end of the car swerved pre- said, "then we can decide turned the car back towards



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FUNERAL DIRECTOR as COUNSELOR

Funeral Directors are not in this role and would prefer clergymen, and most of them — to avoid it. Others accept it as are not psychologists. How-part of their function and even ever, the great majority **are** find they have a gift for it. The competent to act as counsel- process is really one of selfors to people during a critical selection. The funeral directime in their lives. tor who seems to welcome

All of us have problems and issues of grief is probably has been estimated that equipped to deal with them. 90% of these problems are reated by laymen (spouses, friends, neighbors) in informa settings. The funeral director's role as a counselor is extremely important. He has certain advantages over specialists in performing some counseling functions; he is at a disadvantage in attempting to perform

The funeral director has be come a counselor because of circumstances. Some funeral directors feel uncomfortable

"I'm not going to let this rain on my parade," Sweetwife sniffled. But as I pulled the car back on the road I noticed that the once friendly snow flakes took on an ominous look as they be-

Doomsday Society Memberward to see if the snow had Things began looking up

when we reached the familiar surroundings of Grayling. Even though it was late in the evening of a popular holiday, I was confident we the many motels, or, if all my brother's house, with its secretly hidden key.

filled ditch. After fighting the

wheel to regain control I

Dinner, a great night's sleep, and a thresher-sized breakfast did wonders to bolster our spirits. By midmorning on New Years Eve day the snow had stopped, the sun was blazing in a bright, blue, winter sky and we were pulling into the parking lot of Hartwick Pines State Park for a day of skiing.

We stood in front of the sign marking the trails bundled tightly against a brisk west wind that snatched at our exposed skin and made it tingle like we had just been slapped. There were three loops, each a little longer than the other, but all used the same track for the

cariously close to the snow- how far we want to go."

The trail wound up hill and soon turned into a thick stand reached for my back pocket of pines. The view was and the comfortable bulge of breathtaking. Snow, that had my wallet holding my clung to the needles during the cold night, was released ship Card. I even looked sky-by the sun's warmth in sudden burst, like tiny white changed to rain and checked explosions. Those that the rear view mirror to make erupted nearby cascaded sure we weren't really in a down our necks with a chilly dusting. All was going well.

The first couple of miles were effortless. The track was fair, the hills were gentle and skiing conditions close to perfect. Even the weight of my day pack seemed to could find lodging at one of lighten although it was still crammed with salami, else failed, there was always cheese, crackers and a bottle of Sweetwife's favorite wine in preparation for a trail-side snack.

We passed the first return trail to the parking lot and headed deeper in the woods. The track became a little more icy and Sweetwife took a couple of spills on the downward swoops, but we were still having loads of fun.

At the second turn-off we decided to head back home, Sweetwife was obviously winded and when I noticed a slight hitch in her stride she sheepishly admitted she geon. Paternal grandparents was favoring a groin pull but are Richard and Gloria didn't want to worry me.

even more icy, and the power line we followed on the final leg was a real test of hill climbing on the upward slopes and speed control on the way down. On the nest to the last hill, I even convinced

and joined her. With the parking lot in sight, Sweetwife poised on the last crest. memory, we listened to the

down and I Unsnapped mine

Sweetwife to carry her skis alright.'

"Why don't you go first," I uggested. Halfway down she began

to lose control, headed for a couple of trees, and finally sprawled in a heap in the middle of the trail. "Are you alright?"

She didn't answer and continued to lay motionless. I flew down the hill. snowplowed to a stop a few Doomsday Society would feet short of the huddled not be threatened, at least for

shouted down the hill.

It's a girl! Born to Duane and Karen

body and as I scrambled to another year......

Peterson, Elkton, a daughter, Jessica Sue, on Friday, Jessica weighed 7 lbs. 5

ozs. and measured 20 inches long at her birth at Bay Medical Center, Bay City. Maternal grandparents are Marvin and Alice Trost, Pi-

Peterson, Kinde

Pigeon Recent visitors of Mr. and

her side she raised a groggy

head and whispered, "I'm

Hours later in the emer-

gency room of Grayling's

Mercy Hospital, after doz-

ens of X-rays, CAT scans,

and regaining her short-term

doctor advise us of how to

"No alcoholic beverages

I looked at the calendar

for 48-hours," he warned

hanging over her bed, and

noticed the red circle around

Ismiled, knowing full well

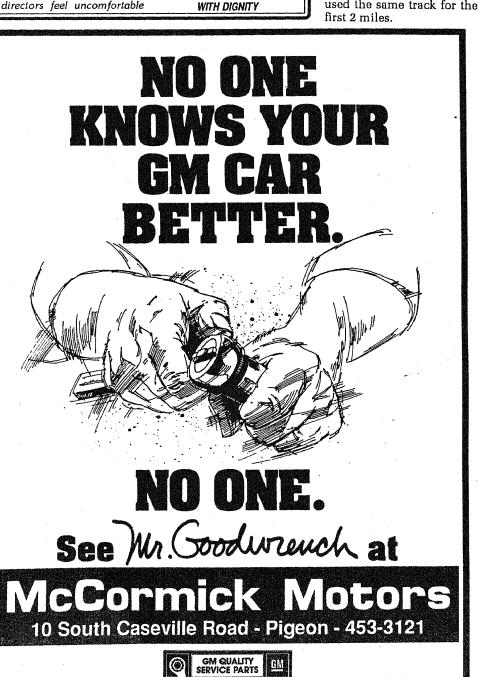
the presidency of the

care for a concussion.

December 31st.

Mrs. John Diener were her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nimtz of Sebe-Mr. and Mrs. Loren Elftman

visited Saturday with his sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jarvis in Weid-





Rigeon Prospers in the

By SALLY RUMMEL

Music will fill the air this summer at the Pigeon Recreation Park, now that plans for constructing a band shell are definitely underway.

Members of the Recreation Committee, an arm of Pigeon's Strategic Planning Committee, met Thursday night at the Pigeon District Library to set into motion their plans for a semi-permanent stage structure to be built on the northwest corner of the Pigeon Rec Park, to be used for a summer-long

series of concerts. According to Strategic Planning Chairman Rob Steele, the band shell project is an idea that has been tossed around for several months as a small step towards a long-range recreational plan

"If we can construct this band shell using volunteer labor and fund it through local service groups, we'll have a stab at getting grant money for our larger, more long-term projects," says

"Let's show the community of Pigeon our commitment to improving the quality of life here by beginning with a heard from: small project that we can ac-

complish on our own." blueprints to be drawn up by February, with actual construction to be completed in off concert.

The Strategic Planning Committee will work with Pigeon Lumber and Supply Company, in drawing up blueprints and providing materials, plus will help coodinate volunteer construction help, according to

Preliminary estimates for constructing the band shell is approximately \$5,000, which also includes dress-

of the band shell is planning the summer-long series of events that will be featured

for the band shell.

In addition to using local school talent, they are seeking other acts ranging from gospel to bluegrass, from local to more widely-known

Persons may contact Rob Steele or Jay Dubey at Thumb National Bank and Trust Co., 453-3113 or Joan Marotzke at Laker Junior High School, 453-3131.

B SENIOR HOUSING -MariAnne Dast has been in contact with a director at the Caro Senior Commons, a senior-citizens residence she would like to see modeled in

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COMING SOON: Clint Eastwood "THE ROOKIE"

at the park. Joan Marotzke and Anne

Eichler of Pigeon, both members of the Laker Fine Arts Department, will coordinate the summer events planned

'We'll just be 'getting our feet wet' this summer," says Marotzke, "but we're sure the community will enjoy the concerts in the park."

The Recreation Committee is seeking input from any community residents who have any expertise or ideas in the construction of a band shell, or anyone who has suggestions on possible performing acts to book.

In other committee areas, the Strategic Planning group

BUSINESS DEVELOP-MENT -- scott Meyersieck is The Strategic Planning looking at opening up the Committee is expecting upstairs apartment, located directly to the west of Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home into two "tourist time for a Memorial Day kick-rooms" for people who need overnight accommodations

> He estimates it would take about \$10,000 to remodel and redecorate the present apartment.

According to Clare Dast, ing room facilities, says one-third of Pigeon's homes house senior citizens and Even more important many of them would like

You AND Your Ideas Are Welcome! The land owned by Program, hoping to be se-Scheurer Hospital, approxi- lected as one of three commately 11 acres, was talked munities to be assisted with

geon? Any ideas?

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•FARMERS MARKET: Would you like

the challenge of co-ordinating

summer events? Do you have any

ideas on events to plan at the Farm-

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ES: Are you good with a hammer,

or are you a good planner/coordi-

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you a retired person who'd like to

look into housing options for seniors

Call MariAnne - 453-2425

or Clare - 453-2412

 OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS HOTEL/BED & BREAKFAST: Are you eager to have a place in Pigeon

for people to stay overnight in Pi-

Call scott at 453-2324

or Jay at 453-3113

BETTER YET . . . Come To Strategic Planning

Meeting! Our Next WIII Be Monday, Feb. 18

at 7:00 p.m. At The Pigeon District Library.

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nience to downtown shop-More information will be The Pigeon Village Council given as it becomes avail-

■ BEAUTIFICATION — Pi- if Pigeon is selected. geon has submitted its ap-

about as a possible site with a downtown master design, its proximity to medical fa- through the Cranbrok Acadcilities, the Pigeon Recre- emy of Art in Bloomfield ation Park and its conve- Hills.

Selection will made by Jan. 31, according to Rob Steele. voted in mid-December to earmark \$5,000 for the grant,

The Beautification Complication to the 1991 Com- mittee is also working to munity Design Advisory construct a "mini park" in

downtown Pigeon, complete with a boardwalk from South Main Street leading to the

Piaeon's Strategic

Planning Committee

Undate

The mini park would include a lighted sign board events, plus benches and a landscaped area.

Pigeon Historical Museum.

TOURISM — Promoting Pigeon as the "farming capital of Michigan" is the Tour- gan.' ism Committee's goal this

Rhonda Buehler is hoping to have a full schedule of Pigeon's Farmers' Market, which has sat idle for over a from the state.

"We're looking for a person to coordinate events from things could kick-off at the a public hearing. April Spring Spruce-up time in Pigeon, with flowers,

who have items to sell, but not enough to conduct their own sale.

During harvest time, people could sell fresh produce, jams and jellies, homehave the right person (s) to coordinate it and kick it off," explains Buehler.

The Tourism Committee plans to publish a brochure of Farmers' Festival events, band shell concert dates, Farmers' Market weekend

events and farm tours this Mark and Carol Stoeckle

will attend a seminar on Feb. 14 in Lansing about setting up community museums. A long-range plan of the Tourannouncing community ism Committee is to establish an Ag Museum in Pigeon, again coinciding with the theme of Pigeon as the "farming capital of Michi-

B DOWNTOWN DEVEL-OPMENT AUTHORITY -Rhonda Buehler and Janet Heckman propose that Pilocal farm tours, plus a geon begin again to actively schedule of events utilizing pursue a DDA for Pigeon, to assist in getting grant monies

Now that the boundaries of the downtown area have been established, the next spring to summer and fall at step will be to let every propthe Farmers' Market," ex- erty owner in that area know plains Buehler. "Maybe about the DDA plans through

The Strategic Planning Committee will meet again on Monday, Feb. 18 at 7 p.m. Garage Sale Weekend in at the Pigeon District Library. Iune would be a perfect time Anyone interested in keepto hold a "garage sale" at the ing Pigeon "on the grow" in Farmers' Market, for people the '90s is welcome to attend.

Pigeon

Mrs. Margie Kozlowski of Flint visited Monday with her sister, Mrs. Ada Binder. canned items, etc. The pos- Mrs. Janet Konen of Grand sibilities are endless if we Rapids spent the weekend with her mother, Mrs. Ann

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Rathke, Pamela, Kristine and Mark of Sterling Heights spent Saturday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Rathke.

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Elkton Food Center

High team series: Ty's 2503. High individual scores: D. Sweeney 604 (211-201), B. Farver 557 (212), J. Deming 538 (210), D.

Splits converted: 5-6-7-10 K. Peruski; 3-10 K. Fisher, D. Sweeney;

PIGEON WEDNESDAY

NITE LADIES

Pigeon Auto Supply8

Cloud of Dust Ceramics..3

High team series and game: Dodge

Girls 2150 (793), Bay Port State Banl

2109 (760, Damm's Inc. 2081, Elkton

Food Center 756. High Individual scores: D. Deming 519, N. Wichert 497, R. Ruth 493.

Splits converted: 3-10 P. Maxwell, J. Deering, C. Wichert; 4-5 D. Deming; 5-10 N. Wichert; 6-8-10 R. Ruth; 2-7 R. Ruth; 5-6-10 G. Gunden.

TY'S MONDAY

MENS' LEAGUE

Elkton Food Center

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Dodge Girls ..

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4-5-7 B. Chappel; 2-7 B. Farver.

JOHN SHARKEY 1902-1991

John S. Sharke, age 88 of Bay Port, passed away Wednesday, Jan. 16 at his home after a long illness.

He was born Dec. 25, 1902, in Pittsburgh, PA. He was united in marriage to Laura F. (Fritz) Hinton in Detroit on Oct. 15, 1960.

Mr. Sharkey retired from Chevrolet Gear and Axle, Detroit, after being employed as an electrical engineer. He was a former member of Redemption Lutheran Chruch, Detroit. He is survived by his wife, Laura F., Bay Port; one daugh-

ter, Mrs. Diane Mason, Detroit; one son, Edward Sharkey, Florida; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one stepson, Delmar (Dorothy) Hinton, Bay Port and one sister, Mrs. Ann Young, Detroit

Two brothers preceded him in death.

Funeral services were conducted Saturday, Jan. 19 at 11 a.m. from Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. The Rev. Steven A. Miller, pastor at Salem United Methodist Church, Pigeon officiated with burial in Assembly of God Cemetery, Sebewaing.

Memorials may be given to a charity of donor's choice.

LORI SCHWEITZER

Lori Anne Schweitzer, age 32 of Pigeon, passed away Monday, Jan. 14 at her home when a blood clot lodged in her

She was born Oct. 23, 1958 in Pigeon, daughter of Edwin and Deloris (Langley) Steinman. She was united in marriage to Dale Schweitzer on May 31, 1986 in Caseville.

Mrs. Schweitzer was a 1976 graduate of Caseville High School. She was employed by the Caseville IGA until taking a position with Bay Port State Bank in 1985. She was

recently promoted to head teller at the Pigeon branch. She was a member of the Caseville American Legion Auxiliary Jean Post 543 and attended St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Linkville

Surviving are her husband, Dale, Pigeon; her parents. Edwin and Deloris, Caseville and two sisters, Betty Steinman and Patti Steinman, both of Saginaw.

Funeral services were conducted Thursday, Jan. 17 at 11 a.m. at St. Roch Catholic Church, Caseville. Rev. Fr. Richard Meyette officiated with burial in the Caseville Township

Funeral arrangements were handled by the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville. Memorials may be considered to Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon or the Caseville American Legion Auxiliary.

WILLIAM E. A. BUCHHOLZ

William Ervin August Buchholz, age 84 of Pigeon, passed Monday was with her father, away Tuesday, Jan. 15 at the Huron County Medical Care who underwent surgery at Facility, Bad Axe.

He was born April 5, 1906 in Pigeon, son of the late Herman and Anna Marie Dorothy (Schuette) Buchholz. He was united in marriage to Alice Elizabeth Baur on Nov.

Mr. Buchholz farmed in Huron County throughout his lifetime. He was a member of Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, where he served on the church board, choir and

He is survived by his wife, Alice E., Pigeon; one daughter, Mrs. Clifford (Vivian) Buschlen, Lake, Miss.; one son, Ronald (Janet) Buchholz, Warsaw, Ind.,; eight grandchildren; seven grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Meta McKee, Sterling Heights; four brothers, Adolph Buchholz and William Buchholz, both of Pigeon, Dr. Albert E. Buchholz, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. sons. and Lawrence Buchholz, Riverside, Calif. and several nieces

Preceding him in death were one sister, Frieda and two brothers, Ernest Buchholz and Dr. Otto Buchholz.

Funeral services were conducted Friday,, Jan. 18 at Cross Lutheran Church. The Rev. Raymond E. Orth, pastor, officiated with burial in the church cemetery.

Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

Memorials may be made to Cross Lutheran Church, Pi-

DORIS DINSDALE 1906-1991

Doris M. Dinsdale, age 84 of Elkton, passed away Tuesday, Jan. 15 at Huron County Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe. She was born July 13, 1906 in Souletown, daughter of the late Edward and Mary (Melick) Cody. She was united in marriage to John Dinsdale on June 25, 1949 in Kinde. He preceded her in death Nov. 29, 1982.

Mrs. Dinsdale was a secretary and receptionist at the Detroit Boat Club for many years, retiring in 1967. She returned to the Elkton area to live in 1983.

She is survived by two sisters Marguerite Murphy, Chevy Chase, MD. and Marie (Rex) Libkuman, Elkton. Two brothers, Mike Cody and Pat Cody, preceded her in

Funeral services were conducted Friday, Jan. 18 at 11 a.m. from Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton. The Rev. DeWeerd Smith, pastor at Community Wesleyan Church, Elkton, officiated with burial in Riverside Cemetery, Elkton.

Memorials may be given to the Community Wesleyan Church or the American Cancer Society.

Pigeon news

Mrs. Fred Becker of Detroit spent last Sunday with her parents, Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann, and on Huron Memorial Hospital in

The Sunday Night Study Group of Cross Lutheran Church met Sunday, Jan. 20 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Born. The topic was, "What's the Difference Between a Hypocrite and a Christian?" Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Haley, McBride Service and Mr. and Mrs. Jim Seley, Mr. and Mrs. Jake Diebel, Mr. and Mrs. Greg Wisner, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Edler, who with the Borns served the

FRIEDRICH (FRED) JANKE 1904-1991

Friedrich Albert Arthur Janke, age 86 of Owendale, passed away Monday, Jan. 21 at Autumn Wood, Deckerville.

Mr. Janke was born in Brookfield Twp. on May 2, 1904, son of the late Karl and Auguste (Sievert) Janke. He was united in marriage to Emma R. Wachner on Nov. 10, 1954. She preceded him in death on Nov. 2, 1984. Mr. Janke farmed throughout his lifetime.

He is survived by a stepdaughter, Annabelle Bolzman, great-grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; 15 step-great- Owendale; three step-grandchildren Mrs. Diane Ellicott, Bad Axe, Roger Bolzman, Bad Axe and Bruce Bolzman, Bay Port; one step-great-granddaughter, three step-great-grand-

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Ben Janke and

Funeral services will be conducted Wednedsay, Jan. 23 at 1 p.m. from Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon. The Rev. Roger Heintz, pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Bad Axe, will officiate with burial in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

Memorials may be given to Alzheimer's Association or the American Cancer Society.

OTHER THUMBAREA DEATHS

Laura Schave, 93, Port Hope, passed away Jan. 12. bor Beach, passed away Jan. Beatrice Walsh, 84, Sher- 14. man Township, passed away

Robert Tageson, 68, Har-

Alger Fisher, 69, Port Austin, passed away Jan. 14.

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High team series and game: Griggs Greenhouse 1813, Terra 696. High Individual scores: S. Mey-ersieck 505 (188), K. Gaeth 496 (201), E. Bennett 497 (198, 171), D. Quick High team series and game: Greenfields 2541 (928-812), Bay Shore Collision 2441 (818-812-811).
High individual scores: C.
Basinger 574 (201), T. Damm 553
(209), J. McQueen 549, T. Drabek 225, P. Basinger 213.

PIGEON TUESDAY CLASSIC LEAGUE

Eicher's Cleaners. Farm Crest Foods . Peoples Choice Mkt. 4 Steinman Agency .. JuDen's . Dutch Kettle ... Ralph's Tavern ..

Osentoski Equip. High team series and game: Osentoski Equip. 2442 (849), JuDen's 869, Ralph's Tavern 855, Eicher's Cleaners 848. High Individual scores: D. Rapson 557 (219), T. Koch 556 (204), R. Koch 551 (204), J. Avalos 544, R.

TY'S TUESDAY LADIES LEAGUE

Hellman; 5-7 F. Schnepp; 3-10 M. Richardson; 4-7 L. Kain.

Alley Cats High team series and game: Al-y Cats 1598 (581).

NIGHT MENS'

Griggs Greenhouse 7 Active Feed. Coop Elevator .. *Albrecht Auction *Pigeon Lanes..

J. Schember; 4-5 D. Deering.

477 (172), B. Anklam 458, R. Voss 452 (176), L. Kain 187, S. Heliman 178, A. Kleinfeld 176, H. Good 175. Splits converted: 2-7 H. Collins, S. Hellman, D. Fuerst; 5-10 K. Murdock, G. Zimmer; 5-6-10 S.

Four Spares34 1/2 Unpredictables22 1/2 Channel Dusters21

High individual scores: G. Reibling 486 (186, 175), M. Taylor 165, B. Forster 416 (164), A. Heiden 400 (159), M. Chappel 436. Splits converted: 5-10 V. Bixler; 3-10 A. Buschlen; 5-6 M. Taylor.

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Fink's Farm Equip. 10 Auto Color Profess.. Ty's Bowling Lounge7 Moon Beams.. Napa Auto Parts ... Jim's Garage. Ron's Party Store Paiter 485 (189), S. Buchholz 473, J. Gotts 470 (179), N. Niebel 469 (181), F. Otto 460 (170), T. Gnagey 179, S. McLean 178, L. Beedle 174.

Dubs-Smith . Seemann-Flebig Elbing-Smith .. Heintz-Hundersmarck 4 Roestel-Paiter. Dunn-Parrish ... Cusimano-Bauley .. Beachy-Weidman Gunden-Henne

High team series: Roestel-Paiter J. Dubs 536 (205), P. Seemann 527 (240), D. Parrish 510 (199), L. Smith 510, R. Elbing 509.

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PIGEON THURSDAY

Scheurer Hospital12

Don's Barber Shop10 Country Maids 1 1/2 High team series and game: J & B Plumbing and Heating 2181 (763), Scheurer Hospital 2121 (789), Village Berber 2107 (725) lage Barber 2107 (735). High individual scores: A. Dubs 533 (191, 172, 170), B. Heintz 522 (195, 179), A. Albrecht 493 (187), N.

Splits converted: 5-10 F. Otto; 5-7 T. Elenbaum; 5-6-10 L. Walsh; 5-6 F. Otto, F. Behm, G. Smith, T. Gnagey; 4-5 D. Carpenter, L. Walsh, J. Gotts; 3-10 A. Albrecht, S. Buschlen, N. Paiter; 2-7 S. McLean, M. Murdoch, C. Thick.

GUYS and DOLLS

High Individual scores: LADIES

— N. Paiter 501 (205), B. Heintz 493,
A. Elbing 480; MEN — R. Paiter 558,

Splits converted: 3-10 D. Parrish, P. Hundersmarck, R. Heintz; 5-10 M. Metz; 5-7 K. Metz, A. Weidman; 5-6 W. Henne, A. Elbing; 5-6-10 W. Henne, J. Christner; 4-7-10 J.

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High team series and game: Don's YOU'LL FIND IT IN THE

High team series and game: Don's Barber Shop 2240, Ty's Bowling Lounge 797.
High individual scores: J. Jaworski 608 (211, 203), G. Willoughby 588 (223), B. Pawlowski 541 (212), D. Young 575 (205), B. McGee 511 (200), B. Zeitler 548, K. Hazard 543, K. Schember 538, J. Bernhardt 517, D. Deming 505. Splits converted: 2-9 S. Rosentha 5-6 B. Pawlowski; 5-10 B. Pawlowski; 3-10 R. Christner, B.





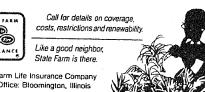


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