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Pigeon to start curbside recycling

Pigeon residents moved one step closer to a curbside trash recycling program Monday night when Village Council members voted to change collection companies.

Council agreed to sign a three-year trash collection contract with Waste Manage-

ment of Michigan - Mideast, of Almont, turning down another year with Cove Sanitation of Bad Axe, which has had Pigeon's trash contract for nearly six years.

Waste Management's trash collection bid was \$7.40 per household per

month for the first year, beginning July 1. It rises to \$7.99 in the second year and again to \$8.63 in the third year -- but Project Manager Joseph Campbell said his company will stand by those rates, no matter how trash pickup costs rise.

Like many other communities, Pigeon has seen trash charges double in the past four years as state and national agencies crack down on waste disposal sites, which can drive up costs.

Even though Waste Management's bid was higher than the one-year bid of \$7.25 by incumbent trash company Cove, Pigeon Council member Mike Gehrs said Waste Management has the kind of future plans which Pigeon is looking for.

"They have better equipment and seem to be more dependable," he said of Waste Management, a worldwide company whose stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The company collects trash in Elkton, Caseville, Sebawaing, Cass City and 27 Thumb communities, Campbell says.

Following lengthy discussion, Campbell said his company would offer a \$1 monthly discount for senior citizens 60 or older who have very little collectible trash -- plus his bid includes no charge for homes where residents are gone one month or longer.

There are approximately 450 addresses in Pigeon, resulting in about \$3300 in monthly charges, which are billed by the village to each household.

RECYCLING SET AUG. 1: The most intriguing part of the Waste Management plan is a pilot recycling plan, set to start in Pigeon on Aug. 1.

The company will provide recycling containers to 100 sample homes, where residents throw newspapers, glass, aluminum and plastic containers for weekly curbside pickup, Campbell said.

Company workers separate the recyclable items as they are collected, and income received from the items sold returns to the community.

"So, we hope to keep costs down for residents by getting back this money," member Cliff Pobanz said.

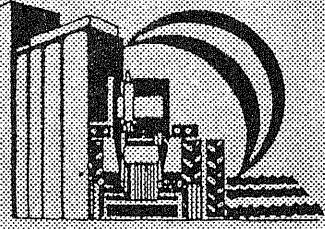
Pigeon Council plans to negotiate with the company during the next year to establish a curbside recycling plan throughout town. Campbell says the additional expense of such a system will add about \$1 to \$2 per month to trash collection costs per household -- but Gehrs noted "recycling is ahead of us. I feel very good that they can offer what we want in the future."

Members say more people
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Lakers to roll-back taxes

By AMY HEIDEN

The final figures are in on assessments in the Laker school district, and as predicted, school officials will be forced to roll back their millage in accordance with the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment.

Supt. Bob Drury told the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Board of Education at its Monday meeting that assessments in the district had risen 6.4% overall, with agriculture rising the most at an average 8.0%

Residential assessments rose an average of 7.97%, according to figures from the Huron County Equalization Dept.

Because SEVs (State Equalized Valuations) rose faster than the rate of inflation for 1990, the district will have to roll back its millage levy from 29.02 mills to 28.93 mills. That millage rate includes 5 mills that were approved by voters in 1986, 7.5 mills first approved in 1987,

and a 3.77 additional millage request in 1988.

A separate 16.27 mill renewal request on the June 10 annual election is not subject to the Headlee Amendment, Drury said, because it will be voted on after May 31.

Total SEVs for the district total \$170.25 million, which would generate \$4.94 million in revenue if the full 29.02 mills were levied, Drury said.

But with 28.93 mills levied, revenues would fall over \$15,000, to \$4.925 million.

The district will be in a deficit situation for the 1991-92 fiscal year, because expenditures will outstrip revenues, he said. That deficit will be made up from the district's cumulative fund balance of \$790,000, Drury said.

The Laker Board approved a recommendation from the insurance committee to change its property and casualty insurance to a policy through the Michigan Association of School Boards,

which would provide replacement coverage for the district's buildings, their contents, and any other structures.

Currently, the district's insurance provides a maximum dollar amount of insurance coverage, but the new policy would pay to replace any destroyed buildings and its contents at replacement cost.

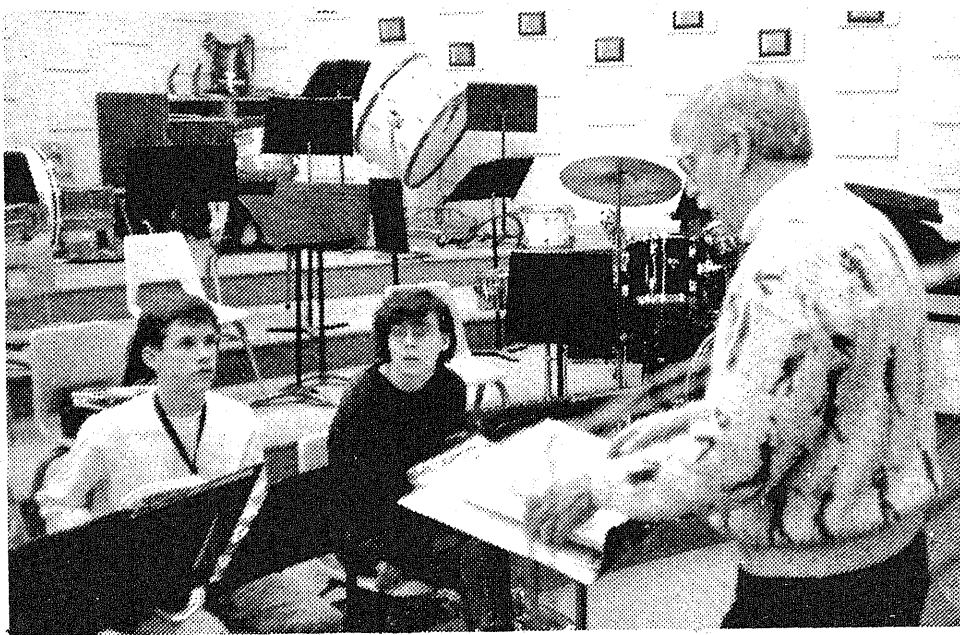
The total value of the district's buildings is over \$14.9 million, according to assessments by MASB appraisers. The new coverage would add an additional \$2,000 to the district's insurance bill of \$22,000 per year. The district will be paying a pro-rated payment of \$921 for coverage until the beginning of the new school year in September.

A request from the Village of Pigeon was approved to build a bandshell on property leased by the village and owned by the district.

The bandshell will be on
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It's the last Denbrock concert!



THIS YEAR'S LAKER BAND SPRING CONCERT on Wednesday, May 15, will be a special event, as it marks the final concert with long-time band director Bill Denbrock at the podium. Denbrock is retiring in June after 27 years with Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port schools. Denbrock will be leading the High School Band, the Jazz Band, the Junior High and Sixth Grade Bands.

The concert begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Laker auditorium.

Here, director Denbrock leads the band in a rehearsal for the concert.

Sprinkler splashing

This week's hot weather set several records for mid-May, and Sunday's 88-degree temperatures caused Thumb Area folks to cool down any way possible.

HERE, sisters Sarah and Angle Dietzel of Pigeon run through their front-yard sprinkler, and remember that school will end in less than three weeks! They're the daughters of Ken and Judy Dietzel.

'Velveteen Rabbit' hops to Lakers next week

The "Velveteen Rabbit" is coming to Laker High, when the Laker Theatre Class presents its spring play next Monday and Tuesday, May 20 and 21. Performances start at 7 p.m. in the Laker Auditorium, and Mike Terrill is director.

The play is based on the book by Margery Williams, and music was written by Laker senior student Jay Schwandt.

This children's theatre production is a story of a stuffed rabbit who becomes real through the love of a young child. The heartwarming musical brings to life the toys that represent the challenges that every child faces while growing up.

This is the sixth year the Laker High students have produced a children's play.

Woods & Waters

TICKED OFF
By DUANE GUENTHER



It was one of those perfect spring days. Warm, but not too warm. A soft breeze flitted through the trees and pushed fluffy, cotton-ball clouds across a brilliant blue sky. I nudged myself to make sure it was real and then plunged in to enjoy nature at its absolute finest.

Witnessing such perfection should have triggered some pessimistic alarm. No matter how unassuming God's creation can be, for the unobservant, some dastardly demons usually lurk behind its beauty, ready to pounce on unsuspecting victims. Today was no exception.

The sun was bright, the sky nearly cloudless, and the trail looked, oh, so inviting. Glad in shorts, T-shirt, and sneakers, with no socks, I was sure that I could overcome any obstacle encountered on the way to find the

225-foot waterfall in a hidden box canyon.

The trail was marked at the head, but once we left the river's edge we were totally on our own. Hundreds, perhaps even thousands, of hikers who had traversed the trail before us left an indentation even a blind man could follow. This would be a piece of cake.

After a quarter of a mile, the trail began to peter out. Heavy grass bent over the faint outline added to the problem, and what had once been an interstate X-way, soon began to look like an invisible Indian trace. That's when I ran into my first bramble.

It caught me just below my knee and before my nerve endings could radio their signal to my brain I thrashed forward and the thorny spikes raked their red furrow

across my shin bone. I hopped up and down howling in pain. Bending forward to inspect the damage I spotted a sight that caused shivers to run the length of my spine.

There, big as life, or should I say, as big as a pin head was not one, but six ticks. I shuddered as I flicked them off and turning to examine Sweetwife, found another three on her dainty legs. Dumb, I thought to myself. A warm day, tall grass, and bare legs, why was I so surprised.

The tick (Ixodes dammini, to you Latin freaks), is a common grassland malady. Its bite is not so bad, but Lyme disease, the illness caused by a spirochete bacterium (Borrelia burgdorferi) it sometimes carries will cause the toughest of outdoorers to wither in his

tracks. And, I was doing some withering.

The presence of the tick slowed down our enthusiasm for finding the waterfall, and even though we checked each other periodically, later that night after Sweetwife had taken a shower, I found one embedded in her shoulder blade.

Lyme disease was first recognized in the U.S. in 1975 in children from Lyme, Conn. However, the bacterium that causes Lyme disease was not identified until 1982.

It was found in Michigan in 1985 and since has popped up in most counties located in the mid and southern part of the state.

Lyme disease is an illness which can cause serious problems involving the heart, joints, and nervous systems if not diagnosed in

time. If you contract the disease you will likely have headaches, nausea, fever, a spreading rash that resembles a bullseye, fatigue and aching joints and muscles.

Without treatment, these signs may go away by themselves, or they may recur intermittently for several months.

If you want to stay away from Lyme disease, but still like to enjoy the outdoors, don't believe me, follow these simple procedures;

Wear long pants tucked into boots or socks; wear light

colored clothing; apply insect repellent that contains DEET; walk in the center of the trail and try to avoid brushing up against vegetation; check yourself, and your partner periodically; and remove any tick you find as soon as possible.

As near as I know, I didn't contract Lyme disease from my encounter with those ticks. And another thing, I didn't find that stupid waterfall either.....

Outdoor Report

Week of
May 13,
1991

Both walleye and perch fishing have been slow during the past week on Saginaw Bay. Some good walleye action was still to be had on the Tittabawassee River and fair perch fishing was reported at Port Austin. Chinook fishing was reported to be good at Harbor Beach.

Anglers fishing in Michigan's Great Lakes are being asked to "be on the lookout" for adipose fin clipped trout and salmon by the Fisheries Division of the DNR. Specimens with clipped adipose fins include chinook salmon, rainbow trout and lake trout. The adipose fin clip indicates that a microscopic wire tag may have been implanted in the snout of hatchery-raised fish. Anglers who catch these fin-clipped fish are asked to return the head as well as the length, weight, locations and date caught to the DNR. (Now if someone would just tell us dumb fishermen where an adipose fin is located, we may be able to help).

May is national wetlands month. More than 50 organizations have joined together to sponsor American Wetlands Month. Bogs, marshes, swamps and prairie potholes have been recognized as some of the most productive natural areas in the world. More than half of the 200 million acres of wetlands in the United States have been destroyed. MUCC is sponsoring the celebration in Michigan.

Capt. Dave Reports....

Perch fishing is good off North Island in the shipping channel in 35 ft. of water. Perch in the 7 to 10 inch range have been caught just off North Island in 15-18 ft. of water.

Crappie fishing remains fair to good in most cuts. For the salmon fisherman the action just north of Caseville off Oak Pte. has picked up. Nice salmon are reported in the 30-35 ft. range and also in the 45-50 ft. range both off flatlines and using downriggers.

Perch fishing out of Caseville is improving with fair action just north of the breakwall in 18-20 ft. of water and off Oak Pte. in 15 ft. of water.

-- By DAVE LEWIS,
Caseville Resort

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Laker School Board

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property next to Pigeon Elementary School, and will be used for summer music programs and school programs. The village signed a 99-year lease with the district for the use of the property about eight years ago.

Drury said that if the lease is ever terminated, the property will either be restored to its original condition or the school district will own the band shell, whichever option the district chooses.

Laker Secondary Princi-

pal Craig Douglas reported that the Chapter 1 summer school program will begin June 10 and run through July 3.

The program, for eligible Chapter 1 students or those needing extra help in reading and math skills, will be held at the Junior High School, and has 79 students signed up. Douglas secured a federal grant to pay teachers' salaries for the program.

In other business, the Laker Board:

■ Approved a request for

two-months' maternity leave for high school teacher Ellen Roth for the first semester of the 1991-92 school year.

■ Accepted the resignation of Douglas, who is leaving July 31 to become superintendent of the Oscoda School District.

■ Approved workers for the June 10 annual school election. They are Hulda Baur, Donna Deming, Dora Killinger, Evelyn Matteson, Olga Renn, Donna Schuette, Orville Snider, and Phyllis Tamblyn.

Emma Gettel passes at age 108

Officiating at the funeral of 108-year-old Emma A. Gettel Thursday afternoon in Trinity United Methodist Church, Sebewaing, Rev. Lawrence C. Brooks called the service a "once-in-a-lifetime experience".

Explaining how the world was in 1882 when Mrs. Gettel was born, Pastor Brooks said "the world changed, for she was born into one world as she lived from pioneer times into the present modern world". Nevertheless, he

added, "God and His Word abide forever".

"As she saw the changes in the world, Emma Gettel could well ask 'Is anything constant?'" Pastor Brooks declared. And then he added that God's inner voice spoke to her, saying "Never mind, Emma, just trust Me".

Mrs. Gettel, Huron County's oldest resident, died unexpectedly late Monday morning, May 6, at Ferguson TLC Home in Pigeon.

Mrs. Gettel was born Emma A. Hornbacher in Fairhaven Township on November 18, 1882, the daughter of Friedrich and Mary (Oeschger) Hornbacher. She was married to William F. Gettel in Sebewaing on May 23, 1906.

They farmed in Sebewaing Township during their entire married life, and he was secretary of Sebewaing Mutual Fire Insurance Company for many years. Mr. Gettel died on October 27, 1965.

She and her husband had 5 children, of whom 3 survive,

and she also took other youths into her the family.

Surviving are one son, Frederick W. Gettel of Venice, FL, 2 daughters, Esthe M. Gettel of Fenton and Harriet J. Ryan of Sebewaing, 6 grandchildren, many great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. At one time she was also a mother to Alvin Schmidt and several others.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ralph Gettel, one daughter, Ruth C. Terrill, 3 brothers, Edward, Frederick and William Hornbacher and 2 sisters, Julia Wing and Rose Winter, and 2 grandsons.

Dinkel-Juengel Funeral home was in charge of arrangements and burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery Sebewaing.

Friends wishing to offer memorials are invited to consider the Emma Gettel Memorial Fund of Bay Shore Camp.

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will recycle if it is made more accessible through curbside pickup, which results in less trash to be collected -- which should modify future rate increases.

Campbell said his company owns and operates the Tri-City Landfill near Sandusky, which has ample space for several decades. He said the overall recycling program -- such as the one now underway in Cass City

and planned soon in Sebewaing -- require major education of the public, which his firm will provide.

He said setting up the recycling program will likely take nearly a year, and said his company looks forward to working with Pigeon since it already has an active recycling drop-off center at the DPW Garage Friday afternoons and Saturday mornings.

-- A Proclamation --

WHEREAS: The annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States has been officially recognized and endorsed by governmental leaders since 1922 and

WHEREAS: VFW Buddy Poppies are assembled by disabled veterans and the proceeds of this worthy fund-raising campaign are used exclusively for the benefit of disabled and needy veterans, and the widows and orphans of deceased veterans, and

WHEREAS: The basic purpose of the annual sale of Buddy Poppies by the Veterans of Foreign Wars is eloquently reflected in the desire to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living;" therefore

I, David Geiger, Mayor of the Village of Pigeon, do hereby urge the citizens of this community to recognize the merits of this cause by contributing generously to its support through the purchase of Buddy Poppies on the day set aside for the distribution of these symbols of appreciation for the sacrifices of our honored dead.

I urge all patriotic citizens to wear a Buddy Poppy as mute evidence of our gratitude to the men of this country who have risked their lives in defense of the freedoms which we continue to enjoy as American citizens.

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