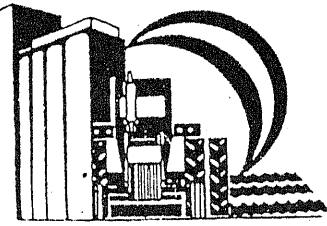


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9-1-1 system earns final approval

By MARY DRIER

A 3-county emergency phone system was approved for Thumb-area residents last week, but you may have to wait as long as 2 years before you can dial 911 for police, fire or medical emergency assistance.

Commissioners in both Tuscola and Huron counties approved the final 9-1-1 plan during their meetings on Tuesday, and Sanilac County approved the plan for their county on Wednesday.

According to Michigan Bell's 9-1-1 Account Service Administrator Diane McGuire, this is the first time three Michigan counties have coordinated efforts to bring emergency phone service to a region.

The Thumb counties were the first in the state to join together in applying for state funding. Joining together to cover a larger service area gave their application a bet-

ter chance for state approval for funding and more leverage in negotiating prices for equipment, according to State Representative Dick Allen.

"It was through Dick Allen's efforts that each of the three counties received grants for \$180,000 for the 9-1-1 system," said Tuscola County Commissioner Robert Russell of Vassar.

The next step is to outline a "Master Street Address Guide" of every address and phone number for which fire, ambulance and law enforcement departments cover the address in all 3 counties.

According to McGuire, it will take about 18 to 24 months to complete the Master Street Address Guide and for each of the five telephone companies serving the Thumb to install the necessary equipment and phone line modifications for the emergency phone system.

Commissioner R. Dale Wertz of Bay Port said he has heard no opposition whatsoever to the 9-1-1 plan, but some residents question why it is taking so long to get the system operational.

"The counties are going to an enhanced 9-1-1 system that will automatically bring the caller's phone number, address and a list of what departments are responsible for that area," said Huron County Sheriff Michael A. Gage.

"We have to manually gather the address information and begin putting it into the data banks to make sure every telephone subscriber is covered," said Gage. "It will be a lot of work, but it will be an invaluable benefit to the Thumb residents."

By dialing just three numbers (9-1-1) instead of the usual seven, very young children can call for help if necessary, said Huron County

Commissioner Julia Heilig. Heilig also noted having one uniform emergency phone number is a great benefit to Huron County because of the large number of tourists who visit the county.

Gage estimates that 16,000 persons visited Huron County's Caseville Park over the July 4 weekend. With that many tourists in the area, Huron County had a record number of 1015 LEIN (Law Enforcement Information Network) inquiries on driver licenses and for warrants from car registrations. In one 24-hour period, Huron Central Dispatchers handled one request every 1 1/2 minutes.

"I have never seen so many people in the area," said Gage. "I thought the county would break off on float away - that's a lot of people."

The exact cost for each telephone subscriber hasn't been calculated yet, but the cost should remain under 85¢ per month per phone customer, and will probably drop to about 35¢ when the non-recurring costs of implementing the system are paid off, said McGuire.

Regardless of which of the three counties or which telephone company, all residents with telephone service in Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac counties will pay the same rate, said McGuire.

A central dispatch system was needed before a 9-1-1 program could be operated, as Huron County did in 1990.

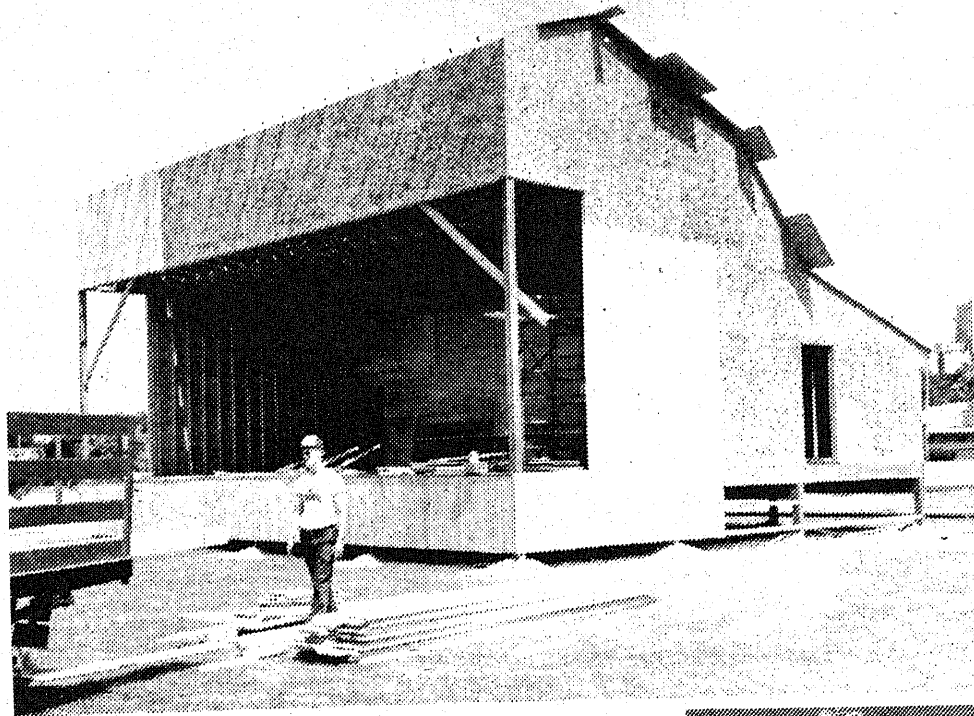
'Footloose' to highlight Farmers' Festival show



THEY'RE DESCRIBED as a "real audience band," and Thumb Area folks will get a chance to hear the clapping and toe-tapping music of "Footloose" during next Friday night's stage show at the Pigeon Band Shell.

The four-piece acoustic music group presents irresistible enthusiasm as they perform bluegrass and ballads, blues and swing jazz, traditional and contemporary folk music.

"Footloose" replaces Kelly Garver, who cancelled due to illness. Comedy magician Doug Scheer will kick off the 7 p.m. show.



Saturday's the night for Dixon performance

Pigeon's band shell is formally "open for business" Saturday night, when concert pianist Barbara Dixon presents the first summer concert in the just-completed facility at Pigeon Recreation Park.

Pigeon native Dixon will present her vocal and instrumental performance about 8:30 p.m., following the "Young Peoples' Concert" at 7:30 p.m. That showcase will feature a repertoire of acts by local music students, as coordinated by Joan Marotzke and Annie Elchier.

As many as 30 volunteers worked several nights this week in roofing and siding the band shell, above, so it will be ready for Saturday's performance.

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BARBARA DIXON

How much for the pie this year??

Every year Katie Albrecht bakes a perfect peanut butter pie for the Bluewater Youth for Christ Benefit Auction, and every year the bidding is spirited. Last year, Albrecht's pie sold for \$200, and the bidder donated it back and it sold for another \$100.

Pretty steep price for a pie, you say? Maybe, but the pie tasted great and it was a small price to pay to help spread the gospel of Jesus Christ to the youth of Huron County, according to BYC Executive Director Ken Smeader.

The 12th annual edition of the popular benefit auction gets underway this year at 9 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 10, in Pigeon's Recreation Park.

Thousands of donated items will go on the auction block, plus there's Huron County's largest bake sale.

Other highlights include Mrs. Steckley's freshly-made doughnuts, made while you watch.

Volunteer auctioneers Herb and Virg Albrecht and R. Dale Wertz make the auction a fun attraction to bidders and spectators alike, but there should be plenty of spirited bidding on items such as a solid oak table donated by L.J. Gascho, an 8 ft. by 12 ft. utility shed, shopping sprees at McDonald's Food & Family Center in Bad Axe, a 1979 Chrysler LeBaron, or a 1978 Buick.

One very special item will go on the auction block, and it will bring a lot of interest, Smeader said.

It's a special commemorative bronze bell, donated by John and Gloria Swartzendruber of Pigeon.

The couple had the bell specially made in Sweden especially for the auction, Smeader said.

Some of the most popular "items" on the auction block are the special dinners, which net several thousand dollars each year.

This year an extra special dinner goes up for bids—dinner at the Port Austin Lighthouse for up to four couples, donated by Lou Schillinger and the Port Austin Reef Light Association.

The dinner begins with a boat ride on Lake Huron over to Turnip Rock, then the 2 1/2 mile ride to the lighthouse for a grilled salmon dinner cooked by Cindy Schlabach.

Other dinners include a Christmas dinner, a Chinese dinner, and dinner of the Deep South.

PIGEON DISTRICT LIBRARY
News And Notes

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

The theme for the Tuesday, July 23 Preschool Story Hour will be "Farmers" with the stories "Farmers" and "Earth."

Exercises, fingerplays, songs and flannelgraphs will be part of the activities planned for the children.

Children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. sessions. A registration fee is required per family per year.

SHOW CASE DISPLAY

A "Cow" collection, owned by Marie Leipprandt of Pigeon is on display in the Community Room Show Case.

She started collecting after a friend challenged her with the idea that everyone should have a collection of some kind. After working on the State and County Committee for Dairy Promotion and building their new dairy in 1985, she noticed cows seemed to be popular. Many friends and relatives have helped by giving cow items as gifts.

"I would like to thank the wonderful people who have

helped me with this hobby," says Marie.

Some items you will see are cups, glasses, towels, pictures, windchimes, a hand-puppet, stuffed cow toys, spoon rests, a stool, a Precious Moments Cow, and a recipe for cow pie.

SUMMER READING PROGRESS

A total of 133 children have qualified in the Pigeon District Library's Summer Reading Program "Read On The Wild Side" for the August party. The children must read 10 or more books to qualify.

Winning the weekly drawing for the "Pizza Hut" gift certificates during the week of June 24-29 were Greg Yackle and Angie Swartzendruber. Winners for the week of July 1-6 were Kory Wiederhold and Kristin Reibling.

BOOK RESALE

Stop by the library during the Farmers' Festival for the Annual Book Resale, July 25 and 27 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, July 27 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. There's a book for everyone.

QUILT SHOW

Quilt displayers may register their quilts for the annual Pigeon District Library "Quilt Show" anytime by calling 453-2341.

The display is set for July 25-27 during the Pigeon Farmers' Festival.

MINIATURE CIRCUS IS HERE!

John Ballard of Sebawaing will have his "Miniature Wooden Circus" on display at the library on Friday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AMNESTY WEEK

"Amnesty Week" is July 22-27 at the Pigeon District Library. Any overdue books for fines may be brought into the library and granted amnesty. You won't have to pay the charges, but you must come in!

FREE MOVIE

"White Fang" is the free movie the Pigeon District Library will show on Thursday, July 25 at 1:30 p.m. Pre-school age children must be accompanied by a parent.

Just 7 Days until the 1991 Farmers' Festival in Pigeon!

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Help Available Through Assault Crisis Center

Mary Drier Special Writer

The recent shooting death of Kathryn A. Carter during a domestic incident comes as a shock to the community, and is the first domestic homicide in the village in almost 30 years, according to police records.

However, on a national level her death is not a rare event. Law enforcement statistics indicate that approximately 40% of the women murdered in the country are killed in a domestic violence incident.

According to statistics provided by the Thumb Assault Crisis Center, 3-4 million women are beaten in their homes each year by their husbands, ex-husbands, boyfriends, or lovers. Violence against wives will occur at least once in 2/3 of all marriages, and battering is the single major cause of injury to women—exceeding rapes, muggings and auto accidents.

"Many people don't believe there is violence and abuse in the Thumb and many don't believe it can end in death, but it does and we are seeing it more and more in the Thumb," said Social Worker Karen Kopka.

In Huron County, the state police, the sheriff's department and local law enforcement officers responded to 16 domestic violence calls in 1990, said Sheriff Michael Gage.

While 16 may not sound like many, experts say many instances aren't reported because the victims, the neighbors and friends are afraid or too ashamed to talk about it, Kopka noted.

"There are a lot of women who are abused and don't say anything. Some of that silence is being broken, but we still have a long way to go," said Kopka. "There are a lot of times when friends and family don't know abuse and battering is going on because the victim doesn't talk about it, and most always the abuser will hit the victim in places where the bruises won't show and is easily covered by clothing."

There are no boundaries limiting domestic violence to culture, educational status or income level. Statistics indicate the three professions with the highest rate of abuse are attorneys, police officers, and doctors.

Abusers frequently present a polished public face and can be highly respected members of a community, but have a completely different personality at home.

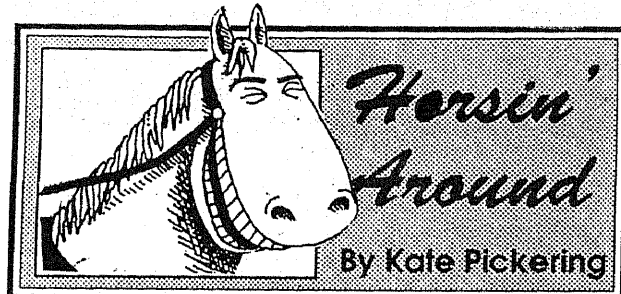
Domestic violence is often a progressive chain leading from verbal abuse to emotional abuse and to physical and/or sexual abuse.

Although less common, police records show some women also regularly abuse their spouses or boyfriends. The Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center serves Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Lapeer counties, and has a safe house where women can seek temporary shelter that is open 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

The center also offers support groups and counseling services in each of the counties.

For more information, or to seek help, the toll-free number is 1-800-292-3666.

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FUDGE AND HORSES

Every year since the turn of the century, thousands of people from as near as Mackinaw City to as far as the Orient have traveled to Mackinac Island, Michigan for a variety of reasons. Many, such as myself, relish the 20 minute ferry crossing. (We always sit on the top, rain or shine, hot or cold, because nothing beats an "ocean spray" in the face for invigorating revitalization!) Many people go to experience the unusual reality of a completely functional-albeit-careless civilization. Many go to admire the outstanding, prime examples of Victorian architecture. Many go to treat themselves to a night-or-two's stay at the lavish, historic Grand Hotel with its expansive porch which is visible from clear across the Straits. Many go for a tour of the ancient fort, to see the strange arch rock, to learn more about the island's intriguing history, or perhaps they hope to catch a glimpse of the Governor should he happen to be there.

People can be seen strolling along the water's edge, taking in the fresh sea breeze, tossing crumbs to eager gulls, bicycling - huffing and puffing - up the hill into obscurity, or sitting on the front porches of the many bed and breakfasts, drinking in the fume-free air.

But I go for only 2 reasons . . . I've seen the fort, and I've seen the soldier-filled graveyard. I've heard the stories, and I know about the Indians. I have ogled every lattice-encrusted, shuttered and domered house, photographed every angle of the Grand Hotel, and imagined every sort of death from a plummet off of arch rock. I have inspected every souvenir in every souvenir shoppe and seen every T-shirt available in every T-shirt store. I've walked down every street, road, and pathway open to the public and stopped to smell every flower - wild or domestic - that grows along those same thorough-fares. Why then, you must be asking, would I ever want to go back again?

Because Mackinac Island is primarily permeated with the unmistakable essence of my two-most-favorite components . . . fudge and horses . . . that's why I go back! Sure - I have my own horses, and I've yet to taste the batch of fudge that tops my sister Mary Jo's, but nowhere else on earth do those two elements come together to form the very spine of a small land masses' very economy and existence! To be there - drinking in the fragrance of sweaty horse-flesh and leather coupled with that of burning sugar and butter - why, Mackinac Island's success and allure make me proud to have fudge/horses for my two most all-encompassing addictions!!

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RECOLLECTIONS Of By-Gone Days
 BY GEORGE KEIM

Some time ago I was at an auction sale and got a box of odds and ends and found a button hook.

I told my son what it was and he didn't know. You have to be at least 60 years old to know what a button hook is, let alone having ever used one.

Years ago, button shoes were the going thing. Everybody had them. Some women had some that came over halfway to their knees. I remember when I was quite young we boys had to wear shirts that had buttons on one side of them and buttons all the way down.

I hated them but when your mother told you you had to wear them, you just did.

Back in those days if a young fellow wanted to give his girlfriend a birthday present, he'd give her a pearl-handled button hook and she'd be pleased with it.

When the strap shoes came back, I had a pair, but my mother went to town and they had a sale at the shoe store and she got me a pair of button shoes for half price.

In those days, money was scarce and my Dad said I'd have to wear them and shut up.

Well, I wore them to church that winter and the next summer when we put up hay, I had to drive the horses.

Well, I always went barefoot and that hayfield was very hard on my feet so Dad said, "Put on your shoes."

I told him I didn't have any except my Sunday ones and he said, "Put them on." And 'til I got done, those button shoes weren't fit for Sunday or even any other day.

Another thing you used to have to do was to shave your

neck every week. So every Sunday morning, I'd shave my Dad's neck and he'd shave mine 'til I got bigger and then Dad wouldn't do it any more.

Then all the men had to wear garters because their socks didn't have elastic in them and they'd come down if you didn't have "supporters," like some people called them.

One old lady insisted that her son wear them, so before he'd go somewhere, he had to take them off.

Of course, she caught him doing it and if he wouldn't have been so big, he'd have gotten a licking!

Then they had what you called detachable collars on our Sunday shirts. You had a collar button in back and in front, the women made them wear them so they wouldn't have to wash their shirts every week. Well, that soon went out of style.

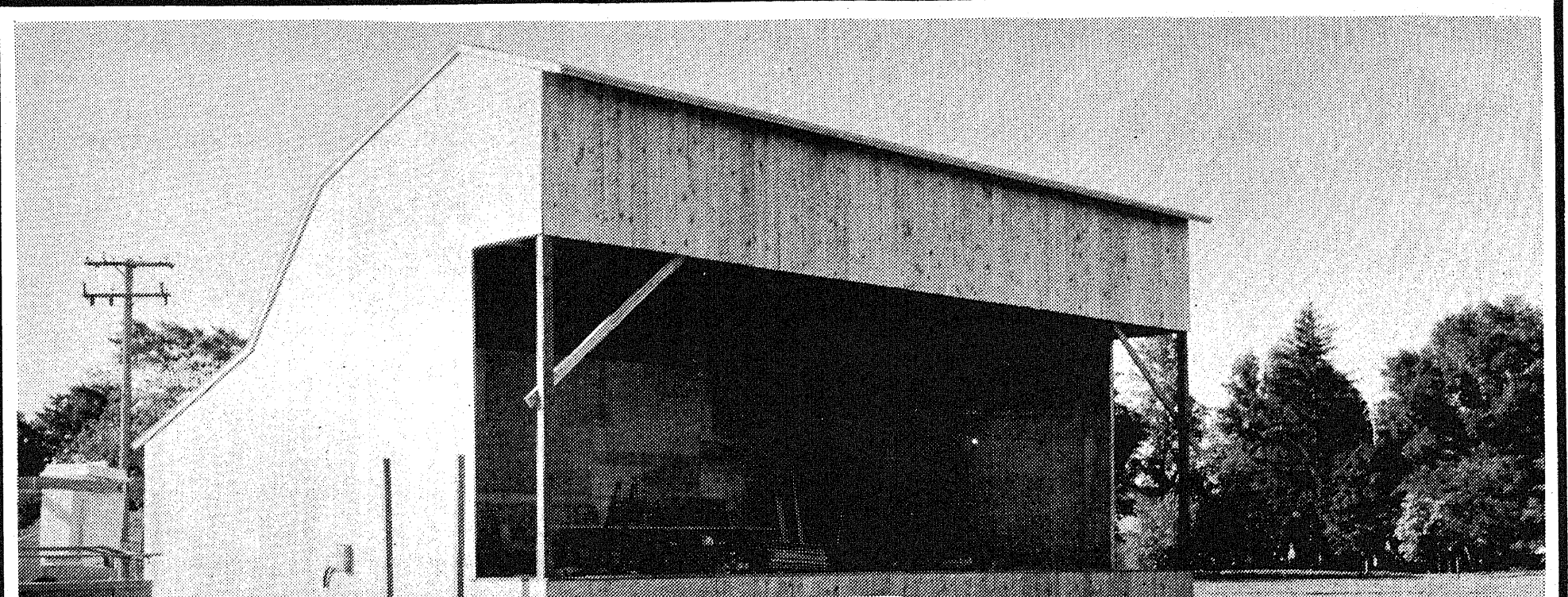
I never could wear a belt to keep my pants up, so I wore suspenders. Well, there was a fellow who always snapped them and once when we were in church, he reached up to snap them and I loosened it -- and it flew up and hit him in the face!

He never did it again. A lot of people saw that happen and laughed!

It says in Psalm 100:1, "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands." Well, there is a difference between a joyful noise and a racket and I still think when I go to church I want to go and sing and praise the Lord. If I miss one Sunday, the whole week is shot and everything goes wrong.

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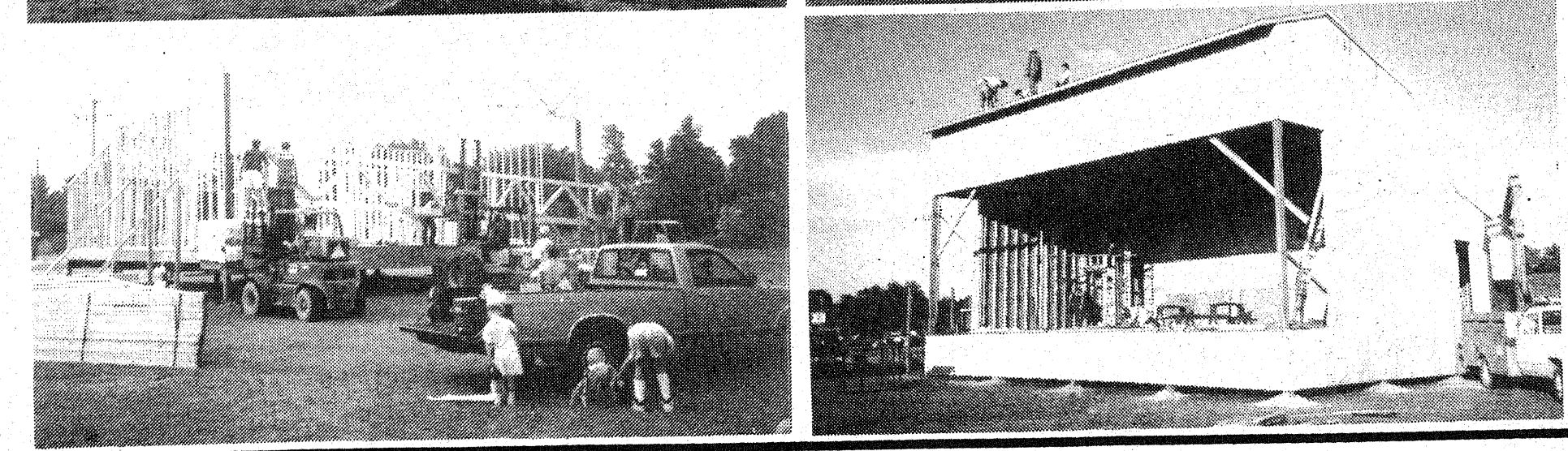
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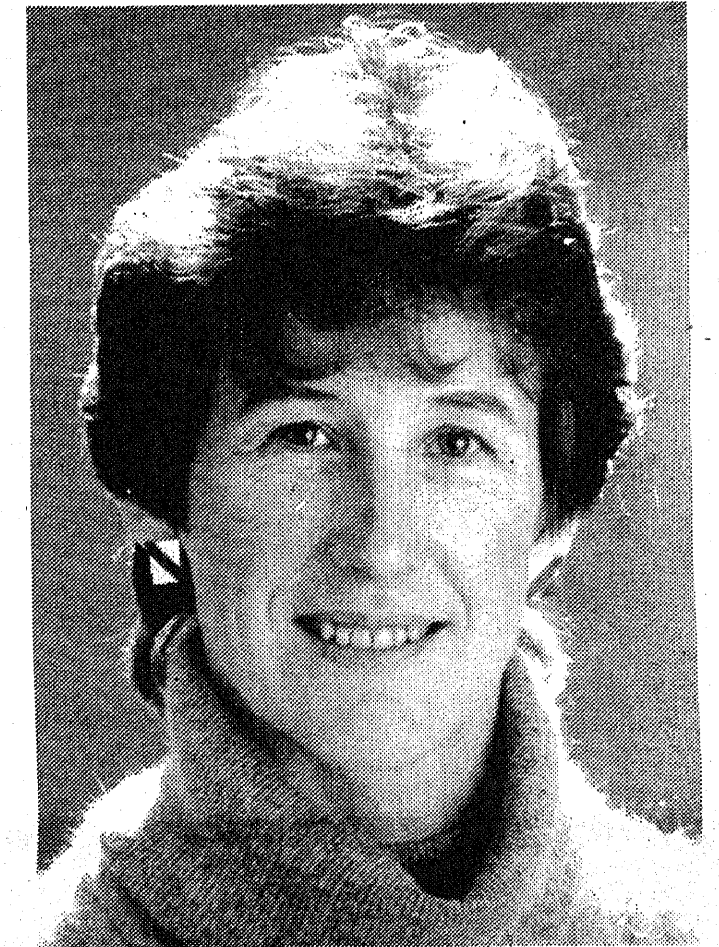
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LINKVILLE: A proud family "links" up with its 100-year history

By AMY HEIDEN

Last weekend, carloads of strangers poured into the small community of Linkville. They were all there to celebrate the community's Centennial year, marking 100 years since Christian Link put his name on the new lumber camp.

Descendants of Christian Link gathered in Frankenthum over the weekend, and on Saturday, they traveled to Linkville, then to Sebawaing, where they presented a tin from Christian Link's old store to the Sebawaing Historical Society.

The following history is from the January 15, 1981 issue of The Progress-Advance.

The year 1991 will mark the 100th anniversary of the start of construction of the Pontiac, Oxford and Port Austin Railroad, which entered Huron County in Brookfield Township, passed through Owendale, into Winsor, then moved through Pigeon, through McKinley Township, into Caseville Township, and terminated in Caseville village.

Construction of the stretch required slightly more than two years, and when it was completed in 1883, it was an important means of moving farm products, lumber and salt from the county, in exchange for manufactured goods, including farm tools, coal and other products necessary for the economy of the Thumb.

Much of the land of the interior townships of the county was still to be cleared. Early settlers, seeking farmland, were often content merely to cut down the trees and burn the lumber and stumps to speed up clearing operations.

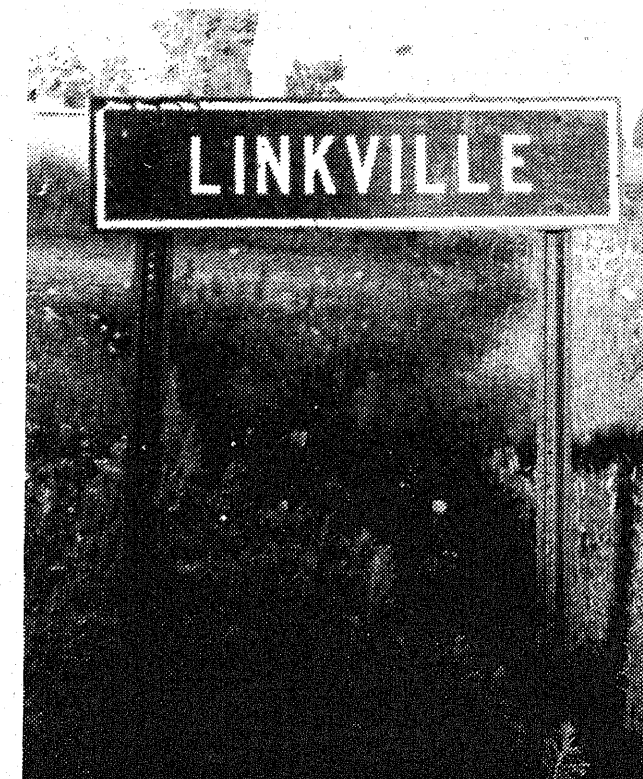
Unless there was a passable roadway, or a stream big enough to float logs, there was little hope of utilizing the big trees that were cut down. Once the farm's own need for lumber was satisfied, there was little to do with the trees but to burn them.

With the coming of the railroad, however, more lumber camps sprang up and offered a new alternative for disposing of the lumber.

Soon after the railroad was completed, the Christian Link family arrived from the Sebawaing area at a point about six miles north of the Huron County line, and set up a lumbering site.

They opened a general store and soon there was a stove factory, then the ever-needed blacksmith shop, followed by a boarding house and hotel. A need was soon recognized for mail service and in 1890, Christian Link was granted a permit to establish a post office.

He chose the name Linkville. Christian Link was born



A SIGN welcomes visitors and residents to the once-bustling community of Linkville.



ABOVE, St. Paul's Lutheran Church is the primary structure in Linkville today. The tiny town between Pigeon and Owendale has a proud history, now being celebrated in Linkville's 100th year.



THE ORIGINAL LINKVILLE STORE is shown in this undated photo from the mid-1890s. Christian Link is shown, at the center of the picture.

in 1845 in Trossingen, Province of Wuerttemberg, in southern Germany, which had been impoverished by wars and famines.

His father, Johannes Link, and his wife, the former Katherine Messner, packed up their six children in 1854 and came to America, landing first in Canada.

Some years later, they moved to Michigan, settling first near Saginaw Bay, between Rose Island and Bay Port. Christian was fifth among six children.

eight children, including a set of twin boys who died soon after birth.

Mrs. Link died, too. Later Christian remarried, this time to Katherine Giese, whose family had come to the area from Canada.

Christian and Katherine had two children, first a daughter Katy, and in 1888 a son, Fred Link. Katy was married to Fred Kerby, and they had six children, the latest one a daughter, Marym only eight days old when the mother died.

The infant, now Mary Diechman of Hemlock, was raised by her grandparents, Christian and Katherine Link.

It was the second time that the Links had "adopted" an infant, for in 1900, Christian's sister-in-law died, leaving a daughter, Viola, whom they raised.

Fred Link, son of Christian and Katherine, was born in Linkville in 1888, and in 1909, he met and married Alma Gerth, whose family resided on a farm halfway between Linkville and Kilmanagh.

Miss Gerth, also a native of Canada, had moved to the area with her parents in 1894, when she was four years old. They had seven children: Wilbert, Walter, Fred, John, Lorraine, Vero, and Mario. Linkville is located on Kilmanagh Road, so that the



THE WEDDING PHOTO of Katie Giese and Christian Link, for which Linkville was named.

north side of the street is in Winsor Township and property on the south side in Brookfield Township. The hotel, stove factory, blacksmith shop and lumber mill are long gone, along with the Linkville elevator.

In 1980, St. Paul's Lutheran Church installed a full-time pastor, Rev. Paul Hoyer, after sharing a pastor with Caseville's Good Shepherd congregation for a number of years.

At one time, St. Paul Church operated a Christian Day School, but that was closed about 35 years ago. In 1979, the Ladies Aid celebrated its diamond jubilee and many members of the Link family returned for the vent.

They attended the Linkville community's 75th anniversary in 1965, and the 90th anniversary in 1981, too.

The biggest celebration in years, perhaps ever, was when Linkville, along with many towns, marked the 200th anniversary of the founding of America.

That 1976 observance was highlighted in Linkville by many festivities, but the biggest attraction was the parade, which stretched out all the way from the town to Caseville Road, a quarter mile away.

Woods & Waters

Silent Sports

By DUANE GUENTHER



Makes you want to go right out and buy a \$1,000 canoe, doesn't it? Don't laugh, many people did last year.....

The Angler is poised motionless at the edge of the pool, trying his best to emulate the Great Blue Heron, a fishing cousin noted for his stealth in approaching unwary fish.

It is very important he keeps movement and noise to a minimum. He may even sink to his knees to reduce the outline of his body against the bright, summer afternoon.

He hesitates, slowly works his long rod, and finally casts the tiny black and white fly near the log at the edge of the pool.

The fly lights as delicate as an angel's kiss and is immediately sucked into a trout's mouth. A short, but fierce, fight follows and finally the fish is brought to hand where it is held aloft and admired. All 10-inches of it.

Why does this man spend so much time and effort on such a small fish? He could do so much better in a large boat, outfitted with the lat-

est fish finding gear and bristling with rods, whose lines and lures are deposited in the fish's dining room by means of electronic downriggers.

A cross country skier slips along the trail with the effortless ease of running water. The woods, through which he travels, is quiet, save the squeaking of waxed skies on brittle snow and the man's panting, partially deflected by small clouds of icy breath.

He is miles from the trailhead and the warmth of his parked car, but he seems undisturbed.

The diagonal stride and smooth glide he is using will eat up the miles, while his body benefits from one of the most perfect forms of exercise.

Why does he torture his body? He could go a lot faster on a snowmobile.

The Kayakers slip along the rocky coast of Michigan's first national park, poking

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the nose of his sleek craft in and out of the hundreds of inlets that ring this majestic island.

When he is faced with a formidable obstacle, he merely heads his frail boat towards the open lake and slips gently over the wicked looking waves.

His camping gear is stored in the aft cockpit, protected from wetness by a tight fitting lid. On the few occasions when water comes over the bow, a spray skirt deftly diverts it back in the lake.

A two-bladed paddle provides the power and a rudder, controlled by foot pedals, makes the boat highly maneuverable.

Why does the man grunt and groan each time he digs the paddle in? He could cover so much more distance in a power boat, and have more storage for his gear.

There are others I could tell about; hikers, bikers, canoeists and tent campers, each dedicating themselves to what has become known as "silent sports."

The reasons for their involvement are many. Some like the slowness, becoming addicted by their obstinacy

to the fast-paced world in which they live. Others simply like to be close to nature, peering in crannies and smelling the flowers as they pass through the outdoors.

Still others place emphasis on doing things rather than results from things being done.

Whatever the reasons, one thing is for sure. The number of people engaged in "silent sports" is skyrocketing, some will say it is just that there are more people using the outdoors, but experts, with a good feel for the pulse of outdoor pursuits claim the rise in interest and numbers is real.

Stores, which cater to such outdoorsmen, are springing up all over. One such place is Cartwright and Danewell in Grayling, an outdoor store that most businessmen bet would not last more than a year.

The store is owned and operated by people who not only offer function, style and value to those in pursuit of silentsports, but also believe that human kind was not

meant to sit, but to live life to its fullest through life sports, to enjoy the great outdoors—not only in one's younger years, but to the end of one's days.

Outdoor Report

July 15, 1991

DNR OFFICIALS HAVE ESTIMATED the 1991 deer kill to be slightly over 430,000 animals. This number makes it the second largest deer kill in history.

While the figures are estimates, officials maintain that the numbers are fairly accurate because they are taken from a mail survey conducted by the department. The survey was given to 35,196 deer hunters and information received from these persons are used to estimate deer kills for each individual season.

While many deer hunters scoff at such a method to arrive at a deer kill figure, DNR biometricians feel the number is accurate to within 5%.

CAR ACCIDENTS, involving deer, declined this year for the first time since 1982. While officials indicated that the size of the deer herd may account for such a decline, others feel that the general public may be driving more cautiously.

The largest decrease came in the Upper Peninsula while the largest increase in car/deer accidents came in Oakland County.

PERCH FISHING HAS BEEN FAIR to good throughout most of the Thumb, but walleye fishing has taken the limelight during most of this month. Angling for these gamefish has been excellent for the past several days.

Trotting Hot 'n' Tots is still the best method to catch them and with the warm weather, try to get your lures a little deeper, especially on bright, clear days.

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Sebewaing man charged in wife's death

By MARY DRIER

A 48-year-old Sebewaing man is scheduled for preliminary examination Thursday in Huron County District Court on two felony charges in connection with the alleged shooting death of his wife, Kathryn A. Carter, 40.

Donald W. Carter was arraigned Friday and charged

with one count of open murder and one count of felony firearms.

Mrs. Carter was fatally shot in the left chest area with a .38-caliber handgun. Police reports indicate the slaying occurred during a domestic argument between the couple.

Police received a call about 9:27 p.m., Wednesday, July

10, that there had been a shooting at 604 Maple Street on the north end of town.

Carter was taken into custody at the residence without incident.

The couple had been married for about 10 years, and friends and family described the marriage as "stormy," but said they were surprised at the violent way the relationship ended.

Neighbor James LaPratt Jr., 26, who lives across the street from the Carter residence, said he heard the gun shot.

"I heard a noise and wasn't really sure if it was a gunshot or a firecracker. I was a little puzzled when the neighborhood dogs didn't react to the noise," said LaPratt. "Then two minutes later there were cops swarming all over down here."

LaPratt said he had never witnessed any domestic violence between the couple nor had he heard the couple fighting before the shooting. The only problem LaPratt said he was aware of was a property line dispute between Carter and another neighbor who lives beside the Carter residence.

Huron County Sheriff Michael Gage said according to his records this is the first domestic homicide to occur in the village of Sebewaing in almost 30 years.

Mrs. Carter's mother, Hope Winter, 67, of Sebewaing said she knew there had been some domestic problems between her daughter and son-in-law, but the tragic outcome was a great shock.

"It comes as a real surprise - I'm numb," said Winter.

Several friends of the Carter and Winter families who asked to remain anonymous said Mrs. Carter was "physically and verbally abused" and had left her husband for about two months a year ago, but had returned in an effort to work-out their problems.

Wintersaid she couldn't say if the statements of abuse were accurate.

"I don't know," said Win-

ter. "Kathy was never one to complain."

According to Winter, she had seen the couple about six hours before the time of the shooting and "they seemed very happy then."

The Carters have 2 children, Linda, 6, and Charles, 1, who were staying with Winter at the time of the shooting.

Friends and co-workers of Mrs. Carter describe her as "quite, pleasant, a conscious worker, and a very loving and caring mother."

Mrs. Carter had been employed for about nine months as a nurse's assistant at Tender Care Inc., a senior citizens home in Cass City.

Carter worked as a forklift driver at Sebewaing Industries for several years.

Carter was convicted of a felonious assault in 1968.

Mrs. Carter was a 1969 graduate of Sebewaing High School and a 1980 graduate of the Northeastern School of Commerce, Bay City.

Carter's court appointed attorney is Douglas J. Lee of Bad Axe. However for Friday's arraignment, attorney Steven J. Sattler acted as counsel for Carter.

A \$50,000 cash bond was set for Carter. As of press time, he remains lodged in the Huron County Jail.

If Carter is found guilty, the murder charge carries a maximum penalty of life in prison, and the felony firearm charge carries a mandatory two-year sentence, said Huron County Prosecutor Leslie A. Hagen.

The Carter children will continue to stay with their grandmother and donations to help care for them may be sent to: Mutual Savings & Loan Association, 8880 Unionville Road, Sebewaing, MI 48759.

Thanks for reading The Progress-Advance.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PIGEON VILLAGE COUNCIL Monday, June 24, 1991

A Special Meeting of the Pigeon Village Council was held on Monday, June 24. President David Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: Eichler, Miller, Gehrs, Smith, Pobanz and Licht. Also Present: Ray Hayes, Ken Smeader, Bill Esch, Bob Keehn, Bob Cove and Janet Heckman.

A motion to approve the levy of 14.3245 mills for the 1991/92 fiscal year was made by Eichler and supported by Licht. Carried.

A motion by Eichler to rescind a motion made at the May 13 meeting, to go with Waste Management of Almont for trash collection and to re-open bids for further study. Motion was supported by Smith. Carried.

Trash collection bids were again opened for discussion. New options were given by Cove Sanitation, Inc.

A motion was made by Licht to accept the bid of Cove Sanitation, Inc. for a one-year period at \$7.25 per month, and also to prepare to begin recycling at curbside. Motion was supported by Miller. Carried.

President Geiger appointed Ken Licht as Village representative and Janet Heckman as alternate at Bandshell Committee meetings.

A motion to adjourn was made by Eichler and supported by Pobanz. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Heckman, clerk

Obituaries

WILLIAM JAMES PUTMAN 1921-1991

William J. Putman, age 69 of Owendale, passed away suddenly on Sunday, July 14 in Pigeon.

He was born in Grant Township on Oct. 31, 1921, son of the late Jess and Mary (Kavanaugh) Putman. He was united in marriage to Norma Jean Howard on June 6, 1948 in Greenup, KY.

Mr. Putman was a World War II Army veteran, having served in the European Theater and a member of the VFW Post No. 4115, Sebewaing. He was employed as assistant manager of the Michigan Milk Producer Association in Sebewaing for many years. He was Owendale Township Clerk for 20 years and was currently serving as Trustee. He was also a fireman for over 25 years in Owendale and a member of the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene.

Mr. Putman is survived by his wife, Norma Jean of Owendale; three daughters, Mrs. Jessica (Kit) Ricker, Owendale, Mrs. Jeanette Learman, Elkton and Mrs. Jennifer (Brian) McLaren, Owendale; six grandchildren; a great-grandson; two sisters, Mrs. Gertrude Endersbe, Owendale and Mrs. Willard (Helen) Ellicott, Owendale and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Alton and Frank Putman.

Funeral services were conducted on Tuesday, July 16 at 1 p.m. from the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene. Rev. Tom Humphreys, pastor, officiated with burial in Grant Township Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Gagetown Church of the Nazarene.

Arrangements were handled by Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon.

ELIZABETH GAGE 1902-1991

Elizabeth Gage, age 89 of Caseville, passed away Monday, July 15 at Huron Medical Care Facility, near Bad Axe.

Mrs. Gage was born on March 10, 1902 in Monongha, WV., daughter of the late Dominick and Minnie (Trupo) Tropea. She was united in marriage to Milton D. Gage on April 7, 1936 in Crown Point, IN. He preceded her in death on June 26, 1977. She is survived by a daughter, Angeline Maciosek, Caseville; a granddaughter, Ms. Barbara Maciosek, Caseville; one brother, Leonard Tropea, East Detroit; five sisters, Mrs. Julia Demitri, Manchester, Mrs. Anna Schlicke, Saline, Mrs. Paul (Virginia) Jessup, Pigeon, Mrs. William (Helen) Calven, Shelby Twp. and Mrs. Margaret Strzepek, Leesburg, FL. and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, July 17 at 11 a.m. from the Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon with burial in the Caseville Township Cemetery.

REGULAR MEETING OF THE PIGEON VILLAGE COUNCIL Monday, July 8, 1991

The regular meeting of the Pigeon Village Council was held on Monday, July 8, 1991. President Dave Geiger called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: Miller, Gehrs, Pobanz and Licht. Absent: Eichler and Smith. Also Present: Bill Esch, Mrs. Orpha Tillman, Arthur Patterson, Lupe Flores, James Kohl, Van Johnson and Janet Heckman.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 10, 1991 regular meeting was made by Licht and supported by Pobanz. Carried.

A motion to approve the minutes of the June 24, 1991 Special Meeting was made by Gehrs and supported by Licht. Carried.

A motion by Gehrs to donate \$7,500.00 to Bandshell project was supported by Miller. Motion carried.

A motion by Licht to close School Street and to make Park Street one-way traffic from Rollie Smith Drive to Moeller Street during the scheduled Bandshell events was supported by Pobanz. Motion carried.

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

A motion to accept the Financial Reports for June was made by Gehrs and supported by Licht. Carried.

A motion to accept the minutes of the Bandshell Committee meeting held on June 13, 1991 was made by Pobanz and supported by Miller. Carried.

A motion by Miller to go into Closed Session to hear a complaint brought against an employe. Employe named had requested a Closed Session. Motion supported by Licht. Carried.

A Resolution to adopt a Pursuit Driving Policy and a Deadly Force & Firearms Policy for the Police Department was offered by Gehrs and supported by Licht. All ayes: Carried.

A motion to adjourn was offered by Pobanz and supported by Miller. Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Janet Heckman



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