

# One will be the '91 Elkton Teen Queen!

School may be starting within the next week or so, but these 11 young ladies have their attention on Friday, Aug. 30 -- when one will be crowned Miss Elkton Teen Queen to kick off the annual Elkton AutumnFest celebration.

Judging was conducted last week at the Civic Center, and now only the judges know for certain who the queen will be. The public won't find out until Friday night at the Elementary School, as part of the Labor Day-weekend fun.

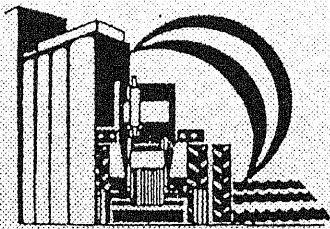
This year's contestants are, seated, from left, Melanie Smith, Angela Winkel and Jill Keyworth. Standing are Jennifer Kretschmer, Tracy Smithers, Wendy Seley, Nicole Kolar, Jodi Bruce, Jodi Forster, Becky Farver and Karen Bruce.

Next week's Progress-Advance will feature the entire AutumnFest schedule, plus more information about the Teen Queen candidates.

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# Aiello is ready to strike up the band...

By AMY HEIDEN

New Laker High School Band Director Vince Aiello has stepped into a mighty big pair of shoes, left by retired director Bill Denbrock.

He looks around the band room at the school, with all the award plaques, and promises to "keep the tradition going."

But while he'll try to keep the winning tradition alive, he's got a few ideas of his own about the directions the Laker band might take in the future.

"I'd like for the band to travel a little bit. I don't know if that is something possible, but when kids travel, they don't come back the same person. Going to new places opens their eyes," Aiello says.

While travel for the group may be a few years off, he's got a few immediate changes in mind.

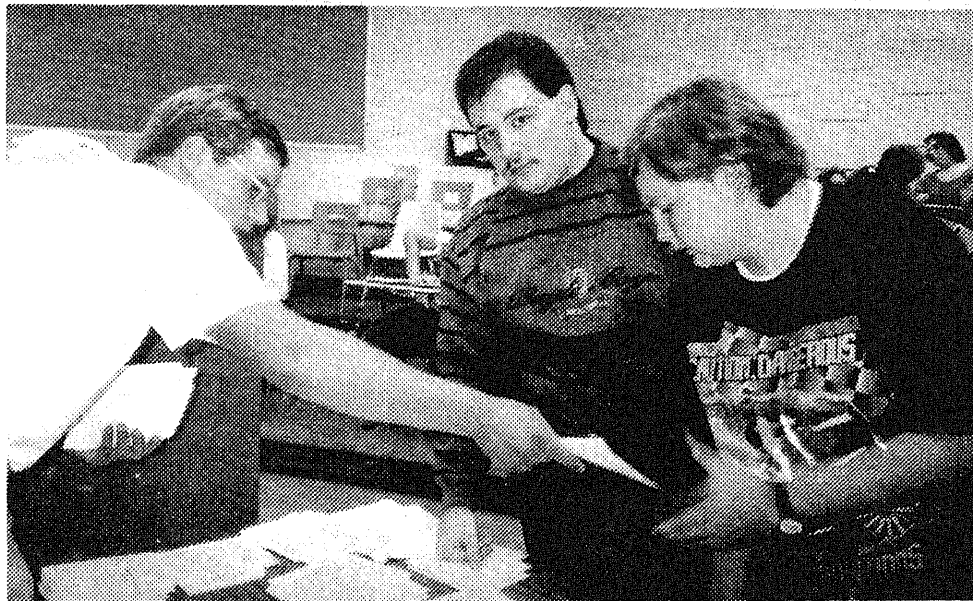
He's already got the plans for a new marching show on paper, ready for rehearsals, and the jazz band might get a few new members.

"I heard them once last year and there's some real good players there," Aiello said. "I'd like to find a few players to fill in the holes."

Aiello comes to Laker High from L'Anse Cruese High School North, where he helped lead the jazz band and the marching band.

This is his first full-time teaching position, but one he's been looking for for quite a few years.

"When I got into college, I



NEW LAKER BAND DIRECTOR VINCE AIELLO, center, gets help handing out scores for the upcoming concert from Willie Eichler and Tim Richards. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

knew I wanted to teach," he said. He graduated from Wayne State University with a bachelor's degree in music education, and is working on his master's degree.

Aiello says his family isn't especially musical, but his dad had a collection of records that first interested him in music. "I wanted to play the drums, but Dad said I couldn't play drums in the house," Aiello said. So he learned to play the trumpet instead, and has played in bands since the fifth grade.

He also enjoys playing percussion, and says he wants to write percussion and arrangements for the jazz band.

He's hasn't spent all his time in school bands, though.

He played with the Southfield Symphony Orchestra, and with friends at weddings, and in a polka band. "I like just about all kinds of music," Aiello said.

Band should be fun, he said, but there are two rules that band members should live by.

One is to never miss rehearsal, and the other is to never miss a performance. "When a member misses a rehearsal or a performance, they're letting the band and the school down. But more importantly, they're letting themselves down," Aiello said.

Music is "magic", he says. "Your music is part of yourself, not just blowing air through a horn. I get emotional about music."

And that's the attitude he hopes to pass on to his students.

And while he has lessons to teach the students, he says he'll listen to their suggestions.

"Their input has a lot to do with the program. I like to know what they're thinking," he said.

Aiello's first public performance with the band will be at Pigeon's bandshell on Sat. Aug 24, when they'll open the show before the Steve Wood Quintet.

## Saturday Band Shell Concert features Laker High Band, Steve Wood Quintet

"So Long, Summer" will be the theme of this Saturday's outdoor concert planned at the Band Shell at the Pigeon Recreation Park.

A special appearance by the Laker Marching Band, under the direction of new Band Director Vince Aiello is set for 7:30 p.m., followed by an 8 p.m. concert by the jazz group Steve Wood Quintet.

Families are encouraged to come early for the best seating and parents with young children can use the playground equipment up until concert time.

Once the concert begins at 7:30 p.m., parents will be asked to bring their children with them to their seats so that the entire audience will be able to hear and enjoy the concert.

"Children who need some extra attention are more than welcome to use the park area for quiet play, as long as they are supervised there by a parent," explains Neal Eichler, a representative of the Pigeon Village Council who also sits on the Band Shell Committee.

"We want to encourage families to come with their children, but hope that parents will bring their children to their seats once the concert actually starts."

Refreshments will again be available at a special Band Shell Concession Stand, which will return all profits to the Band Shell Committee for future entertainment. A nominal donation will be accepted at the gate for concert-goers, according to the committee.

While this "So Long, Summer" concert marks the end of the Band Shell's premiere summer concert series, the Band Shell Committee is hoping to present at least one more fall concert featuring local talent. More details will be available as soon as a date and group have been set.

## Laker High orientations set

Orientation meetings have been announced by Laker High School Principal Lisa DiCamillo, to help make the start of school better organized and smoother for students and parents.

All ninth graders and parents are invited to an orientation meeting at 7 p.m. this Wednesday, Aug. 21 (tonight), at Laker High. Students will receive handbooks, schedules, locker assignments and other needed information. Questions will be answered at this time.

All 10th, 11th and 12th graders are asked to report to the high school between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 22 to have pictures taken, receive schedules, get locker assignments and take care of forms, DiCamillo says.

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## Caseville grant 'on hold'

Members of the committee supporting the proposed Caseville Community Center plan to re-submit their design study grant application, following a turn-down by the National Endowment For the Arts.

The committee had submitted a grant application with the hopes that the National Endowment For the Arts would fund an \$8,000 design study to get the project off the ground.

Huron County Economic Development Director Carl Osentoski assisted with the grant-writing process and is confident another submission will get the Caseville group closer to grant approval.

The Caseville Community Center project is an off-shoot of the five-year strategic plan for the Village of Caseville, designed by the Southfield

firm of Harley, Elliott, Pierce and Yee, as part of an overall development of the Saginaw Bay shoreline.

The committee is hoping that a Community Center can be built to accommodate an art exhibit area, meeting rooms, auditorium and library.

According to the National Endowment For the Arts, the grant application needs to include more specific information about the type of art exhibits sought after, a description of theatre events planned, a list of civic groups who might use the community area of the building, etc.

"The more detailed information we can submit, the more likely it is our next grant application will be accepted," according to Nancy Begg, secretary of the Caseville support group. The group plans to re-submit the

application in time for the December deadline.

The National Endowment For the Arts also felt the \$8,000 design study is too low a figure. The Community Center committee plans to raise the figure they will ask for in their next grant application, following discussion at the group's next meeting this Wednesday, Aug. 21 (today) at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall.

Meanwhile, they are still seeking fund-raising ideas to bring the Community Center proposal closer to reality.

The Caseville Community Council for the Arts has kicked in a \$500 donation to help with expenses and Community Center committee members are working on a 50/50 raffle.

They have also been selling t-shirts and sweat-shirts to raise funds, but are looking for some more profitable ideas.

**HURON COUNTY RESIDENTS BY AGE**

Here are the number of Huron County residents by various age groups, as enumerated by the 1990 U.S. Census Bureau:

under 5 years	2439
5 to 17 years	6938
18 to 20 years	1222
21 to 24 years	1573
25 to 44 years	9560
45 to 54 years	3285
55 to 59 years	1599
60 to 64 years	1917
65 to 74 years	3678
75 to 84 years	2117
85 years and older	623
<b>Total population</b>	<b>34,951</b>
(Median age)	(35.8)

## Elkton Bloodmobile coming Aug. 28

The Elkton Blood Mobile will be Wednesday, Aug. 28 from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at the Elkton Civic Center.

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## Hundreds attend Scheurer Open House



Several hundred Western Thumb residents learned about nuclear medicine and met the area's two newest doctors, during Sunday afternoon's open house at Scheurer Hospital, Pigeon.

AT LEFT, Scheurer Administrator Dwight Gascho, center, chats with Dr. Carol Wyse, left, and Dr. Nehal Tawansay, right. Both doctors have regular office hours in Scheurer's Medical Arts Building at 170 N. Caseville Road.

BELOW, Rick Beaver shows how Nuclear Medicine scanning works, during one of the tours Sunday.

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

CAREFUL READER -- Iva Sturm of Caseville wrote this week, to remind us to properly use the word "interment" in obituaries. Occasionally, she noted, we've incorrectly printed "interment" -- which is very different from "internment." Webster's Dictionary says interment is "to bury." Meanwhile, internment is "being confined, as prisoners of war, enemy aliens and the like, during wartime."

She asked us to help her "save my reputation as a speller" -- and that's the least we can do. Thanks, Mrs. Sturm, for helping us correct this error. As always in this business, spelling 999 of 1000 words properly isn't enough.

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THREE SMART PROMOTIONAL IDEAS: We're always looking for good town-wide promotions, and these came to mind:

- Elvis officially came back to Memphis last week -- Memphis, Mich., that is. The little town near Mt. Clemens put on a two-day Memphis Music Festival and Elvis impersonators were there. GREAT way to capitalize on a town name!
  - Lexington over on Lake Huron puts on a storytelling festival each year. Town leaders invite storytellers from all over the state to come to the village's Harbor Park and share some of their tall tales. One story told of the legendary Great Lakes captain Jumbo Schultz, who weighed 385 pounds and stood 6-feet-5. He "ate so much, he was paid to stay off ships," they said. NICE idea for a fun, unusual festival...
  - The St. Clair Rotary Club (hometown of Todd Bigger and Dick Pauly, among other famous folks) is sponsoring its fifth annual six-day cruise on the 1000-foot Great Lakes freighter, the Walter J. McCarthy. Raffle tickets offer a round-trip "cruise" for four adults from St. Clair, just south of Port Huron, to Superior, Wis., and back on the ship hauling coal to Detroit Edison. The winning ticket of 1000 entered will be drawn Sept. 4, and proceeds go to community projects.
  - I'D LOVE to take a cruise such as that through Lake Huron, up the Soo Locks, through Lake Superior and back. You KNOW it would be beautiful...
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SHARING TV TIME: Since fewer and fewer folks watch gavel-to-gavel coverage of political conventions, NBC and PBS will share resources next summer. The NBC news staff will broadcast the entire G.O.P. and Democratic meetings, but part will air on PBS and other parts on NBC itself. Other times, the network will run regular "paying" shows...

Meanwhile, TV's top five shows last week were "60 Minutes," "Cheers," "Designing Women," movie "Commando" and "Northern Exposure." I rarely watch many of those. I never miss "Cheers," and friends say "Northern Exposure" is a wonderful treat (but I haven't seen it yet).

TV's bottom five shows last week were "Totally Hidden Video," "Ferris Bueller," "Claws," "Parenthood" and "Vidiot." I have never seen ONE of those, by the way...

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DEPENDS ON CLOUT: The remarkable happenings in Russia since Sunday night are still being announced as these words are written, but one or two facts again surface:

- First, whoever has the Army and rest of the military with them will win the game, and
- If there's any doubt, refer back to first point.

The conservative, right-wing branch of the Communist party never gave up control of the military or the dreaded KGB -- and they came in very handy when Mikhail Gorbachev needed to be moved aside. What a world...

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WISH I'D SAID THAT: "Those with tongue in cheek rarely bite off more than they can chew!" (Charlie Kirk)

## Thumb Weekly News Round-Up

**34,951 PEOPLE LIVE IN HURON**

Huron County's population stands at 34,951 residents who live in 13,268 houses or apartments, according to early findings of the 1990 U.S. Census. That's down 1508 residents -- or 4.1% from the 1980 figure.

Of the 1990 total, 17,840 are women and 17,111 are male. Nearly all are white -- 372 are Hispanic origin, 89 are American Indians or eskimos, 60 are Asian or from Pacific islands, 22 are black and 153 call themselves "other races."

A total of 9377 persons -- or 26.8% -- are under 18 years of age, while another 6418 people -- totaling 18.4% -- are 65 and older, the figures show.

The median age of Huron County residents is 35.8 years, and owner-occupied homes are worth an average of \$44,500 each. Typical (median) rent is \$229 per month for renter-occupied housing units, the Census shows.

In all, 19,755 housing units are available in Huron County, but but 6487 were vacant on April 1, when Census figures were collected. Most of those were seasonal or recreational homes, totaling 5100 in all.

Nearly two-thirds of local families -- 62.4% -- are married-couple families, with one or two parents living in 9679 homes. Of those houses, 320 have headed by males only and 1080 are headed by females only.

Another 27.1% of local homes are non-family households, totaling 3589 addresses. That includes non-related persons. Another 3212 persons live alone -- and 1831 of them are 65 years of age or older.

**HURON COUNTY'S HOME VALUES...**

Huron County has five homes worth \$300,000 or more and a total of 103 homes worth \$150,000 or more, according to figures from the U.S. Census Bureau. That's more than twice as many as next-door Tuscola County's 40 such homes, explained mostly thanks to Huron County's summer/vacation homes along Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron.

Here are the values and number of owner-occupied houses in Huron County, as of this year's Census:

Less than \$50,000	4182
\$50,000 to \$99,999	2545
\$100,000 to \$149,999	290
\$150,000 to \$199,999	66
\$200,000 to \$299,999	32
\$300,000 or more	5
Median home value (in dollars)	\$44,500

**MAYES TAKES HASC JOB**

William Mayes has been named Instructional Services Program Administrator for the Huron Area Skill Center, and has given up his post as Superintendent of North Huron Schools. He replaces Charles Dumas, formerly of Pigeon, who has been named Superintendent of the Portland School District.

Mayes' last day as superintendent is Sept. 13. He had held the post for the past three years.

Two candidates were interviewed from among two dozen applicants, according to Huron Intermediate School District Superintendent James Mapes.

**FIRST NATIONAL DECLARES DIVIDEND**

A cash dividend of 40 cents per share has been declared for all shareholders of record on July 31, to be paid Aug. 15, by First National Bank of Bad Axe, a wholly-owned subsidiary of First of Huron Corp., of Bad Axe.

Thomas G. Ouellette, First National Bank president and C.E.O., announced the dividend Friday.

First National Bank of Bad Axe, established in 1970, has offices in Sebawaing, Bad Axe and Harbor Beach and has assets of \$91 million.

**LAKE GUARDIAN SEEKS WATER FLEA**

The federal research vessel Lake Guardian set sail last week on its maiden voyage of scientific discovery on the Great Lakes, from its home port of Bay City. The 180-ft-long ship is operated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and includes a crew of 11. It replaces the Roger Simon, a 1940-ship based in Milwaukee.

One of the early research efforts for the Lake Guardian is study of the spiny water flea, which was discovered in Lake Huron eight years ago, apparently entering the Great Lakes in the ballast of a salt-water ship. About the size of a pencil eraser, the flea reproduces quickly, has no natural Great Lakes predator and eats the same zooplankton eaten by native fish. Young fish cannot eat the Bythotrephes because of its sharp, spiny tail, officials say.

**JUPITER FISH KILL TOTAL: 42,000**

The Sept. 16 explosion of the tanker MV Jupiter in the Saginaw River at Bay City killed 42,000 fish, says the state Department of Natural Resources.

A report on the environmental impact of the blast said the explosion's concussion killed the fish. Within 100 yards of the vessel, dead fish had severe bleeding in their gills, eyes muscles and brains, says the report by Terry Walkington DNR district supervisor.

One crew member died in the explosion and fire the lasted three days, which has been called the worst fire ever on the Great Lakes.

## Cross Lutheran marks 100 years

The Cross Lutheran Church congregation has been awaiting its Centennial Celebration, set for this weekend, Aug. 23-25.

The weekend will kick-off with Friday night's "Evening of Praise" at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be Pastor Fred Henkelmann, son of Pastor and Mrs. Ernst Henkelmann, a long-time pastoral family of Cross Lutheran Church. A hymn sing and a retrace of events that happened 100 years ago are planned.

## Farm Tour set

Dave and Kathy Eichler's Whipple Tree Farms will be the featured Farm Tour this Saturday, Aug. 24 at 10 a.m.

Visitors to the "egg factory" located at 2304 Gageton Rd., Pigeon, will see fully-automated egg-gathering, and will visit three smaller houses where eggs are gathered manually.

## Letters from our readers

Thanks for horseshoe support

DEAR EDITOR: We had one of the greatest horseshoe tournaments during the 1991 Pigeon Farmers' Festival, because of the generosity of the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce's monetary gift and the gift of two trophies by Ty's Auto Parts and Service of Pigeon.

Sincerely,  
MILT KREH AND NELMER WRIGHT  
Pigeon Horseshoe Club

## Laker JH orientations set tonight

Dick Pauly, Laker Junior High School principal, recently announced plans for the "start of school" orientation meetings.

On Wednesday, Aug. 21, at 6:30 p.m. all sixth grade students and parents are invited to an orientation meeting to be held at Laker Junior High School. The students will receive handbooks, schedules, locker assignments and other pertinent information. Questions and concerns will be answered at this time.

On Thursday, Aug. 22, between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:40 p.m. all seventh and eighth graders are asked to report to Laker Junior High to HAVE PICTURES TAKEN, receive their schedules and locker assignments.

# PIGEON DISTRICT LIBRARY

## News And Notes

### PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

The theme for the Tuesday Aug. 27 Preschool Story Hour will be "Paddington" with the stories "Paddington Does It Himself" and "Paddington On The River." Exercises, fingerplays, songs and games will be part of the activities planned for the children. A special film strip "The Bears Bicycle" will also be shown. Children from age three to five are invited to attend either the 9 or 10:30 a.m. sessions. A registration fee is required.

### LIBRARY VIDEO CLASSICS

The John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur foundation library classics project is a

traveling video library through the White Pine Library Cooperative. For the month of Aug./Sept. '91 "The Jewel In The Crown" will be featured. This series deals with the impact of historical events on the lives of people caught in the turbulence of a nation struggling to break the chain of oppression. The tale begins in 1942, five years before Indian independence and concludes with the Civil War that followed the birth of the nation.

The 14 episodes in this collection includes: "Crossing The River," "The Bibighar Gardens," "Questions Of Loyalty (Mayapore 1942)," "Incidents At A Wedding (Pankot 1943)," "The Regimental Silver (Mirat 1943)," "Ordeal By Fire," "Daughters of the Regiment,"

"Day of the Scorpion," "Takers of Silence," "An Evening at the Mabaranees," "Traveling Companions," "The Moghul Rule," "Pandora's Box" and "The Division of the Spoils."

These videos are free to check out for two days.

### CIVIL WAR VIDEOS

This is the first full-scale documentary of the conflict that cost 620,000 lives and redefined the meaning of freedom in America.

These movies may be rented out for two days at a cost of \$1 each. They include: "1861-The Cause," "1862-A Very Bloody Affair," "1863-Simply Murder," "1863-The Universe of Battle," "1864-Valley of the Shadow of Death," "1864-Most Hallowed Ground," "1864-War is All Hell" and "1865-The Better Angels of Our Nation."

### THE PAMPHLET FILE

The frequently overlooked but valuable resource in the library is the vertical file, which holds the pamphlets, clippings and other materials not appropriate for cataloging or shelving.

The collection is extensive. With subjects ranging from Pigeon to Africa, from gardening to illiteracy.

Students will find it especially useful for current event reports. Materials on events so recent that few, if any books have been published.

The vertical file's value does not end with student reports. Those who travel will find files on states and on many countries around the world.

Consumers pamphlets are here, as well as up to date information on many dis-

### Club news

#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY NO. 543

The meeting opened at 7:05 p.m. by President Norma Farver. Prayer was given by Chaplain Bettmarie Celmar, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Secretary Eileen Taft gave her report and read the minutes of the last meeting. Treasurer Marion Parent gave the financial report and was approved for audit. A donation was approved for the Caseville Community Chest.

Hostesses for Sunny Acres for Aug. 8 were Frances Gorski, Velma Meyers and Marion Parent. Those for Aug. 22 are Norma Farver, Marie Darby and Marion Parent.

A thank you was given to those helping with the Blood Mobile and to William (Bill) Beadle for his help at Sunny Acres in July.

The meeting was closed at 8:05 by Norma Farver and prayer by Betty Marie Celmar. The next meeting will be Sept. 4 at 7 p.m.

ases. Information about states and local government and current level of the Great Lakes can be obtained.

Most materials may be checked out at least two days. Any library aide will tell you if there is likely to be a folder with information on the subject you are researching.

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6. I will praise my child for at least one success daily.
7. I will arrange for my child to use the library and visit

bookstores to select books independently.

8. I will help find listeners to whom my child can read.

9. I will encourage my child to buy books and educational games.

10. I will listen to my child when he reads, or about what's happening at school.

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### VILLAGE OF CASEVILLE -- ORDINANCE 91-3 CASEVILLE TOWNSHIP PENSION PLAN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE AND ESTABLISH AN ANNUITY OR PENSION PLAN FOR THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES OF CASEVILLE TOWNSHIP AND TO AUTHORIZE THE TOWNSHIP SUPERVISOR AND THE TOWNSHIP CLERK TO CONTRACT, IN THE NAME OF THE TOWNSHIP, FOR SUCH PLAN; TO DEFINE THOSE CLASSES OF OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES WHO SHALL BE COVERED BY SUCH ANNUITY OR PENSION PLAN; TO SET FORTH THE PRESPECTIVE PER CENTUM SHARES WHICH CASEVILLE TOWNSHIP AND THE OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES SHALL CONTRIBUTE TO THE PREMIUM OR CHARGES ARISING UNDER SUCH ANNUITY OR PENSION CONTRACT AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE DEDUCTION OF CONTRIBUTIONS FROM OFFICERS' AND EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION; TO ESTABLISH THE TIME AT WHICH EXISTING AND FUTURE EMPLOYEES SHALL BECOME ELIGIBLE FOR SUCH PLAN AND TO FURTHER ESTABLISH THE NORMAL RETIREMENT DATE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES; TO PROVIDE A METHOD FOR NON-COVERAGE OF AN OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE OF THE ANNUITY OR PENSION PLAN; TO SET FORTH A DATE WHEREIN EACH PERSON COVERED UNDER THE ANNUITY OR PENSION PLAN SHALL HAVE A VESTED RIGHT OR INTEREST IN SUCH PLAN; TO RATIFY AND CONFIRM THE VALIDITY OF ANY ANNUITY OR PENSION PLAN IN EXISTENCE ON THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THIS ORDINANCE; AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERewith.

THE TOWNSHIP OF CASEVILLE, HURON COUNTY, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

**SECTION 1:**  
This ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Caseville Township Pension Plan Ordinance."

**SECTION 2:**  
Pursuant to Public Act 77 1989, as amended, the Township of Caseville hereby creates and establishes an annuity or pension plan and program for the pensioning of its officers and employees, and for such purposes, also hereby authorizes the township supervisor and the township clerk to contract, in the name of the township board, with any company authorized to transact such business within the State of Michigan for annuities or pensions.

**SECTION 3:**  
The annuity or pension plans created established and contracted for under this ordinance shall cover each person within the following classes of officers and employees:  
All members of the township board.  
All township building inspectors.  
All township employees who are employed for more than twenty (20) hours per week on a regular basis.  
All township assessors.

**SECTION 4:**  
A. The Township of Caseville shall annually contribute 50% per centum of that portion of the premium or charges arising under such annuity or pension contract for each person within the class of officers and employees enumerated in Section 3 hereof. Such contributions shall be secured from the general fund of the township. Each person within such class of officers and employees shall be responsible for the remainder of the premium or charges and the township treasurer is hereby authorized to deduct the same from each person's pay, salary or compensation and to apply the same to such person's responsibility.  
B. Each employee who is employed on the effective date of the annuity or pension plan shall be eligible for coverage on that day provided he or she then meets the following requirements, otherwise to be eligible on the first policy anniversary on which he or she meets them:  
1. He or she has completed at least one year of continuous employment.  
2. His or her age (nearest birthday) is at least Eighteen years and not more than Seventy years.  
Every employee's normal retirement date shall be the policy anniversary of the annuity or pension plan nearest his or her birthday.

C. Any person desiring not to be so covered shall give written notice to the township clerk that he desires not to be covered, and if the notice is received before the person has become covered, his coverage under the contract shall cease as provided for in the contract.

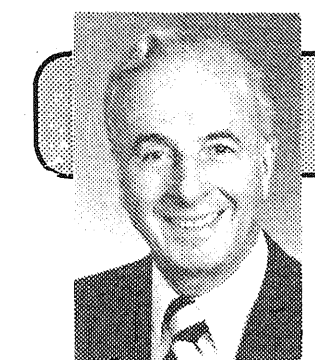
**SECTION 5:**  
Each person so covered under the annuity or pension plan shall have a vested right or interest in such plan immediately from the date the plan becomes effective for such person.

**SECTION 6:**  
The Township of Caseville hereby ratifies and confirms the validity of any annuity or pension plan in existence on the effective date of this ordinance.

**SECTION 7:**  
This ordinance shall take effect on the date of its publication. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Board Member Joseph M. Cic, supported by Board Member, Margaret Barton, moved the adoption of the foregoing ordinance.  
Yeas: 4 Nays: 0 Absent: 1 ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED.

Rose Marie Spies, Township Clerk  
Caseville, Township  
Huron County, Michigan



## "Thanks a Million" By Percy Ross

Send your letters to: PERCY ROSS, c/o Progress-Advance, P.O. Box 35000, Minneapolis, MN 55435. Please include your telephone number.

# 'King of France' gets his answer

**DEAR READERS:**  
In a previous column, I ran the following letter: "Dear Mister Ross: I have just been informed that, as the son and heir of Louis XVII, I have an inheritance coming in the form of land—the entire state of Colorado. But I find that the 'deed of nation' is in Barcelona, Spain and I need money to get there. Any chance that you would like to invest in the king getting his just inheritance?—PAUL ROI DE FRANCE, PREMIER, Boulder, Colo."

I then pledged \$200 to any person whose response I printed in my column. The following are the prize winners:  
**DEAR MONSIEUR:**  
We have searched every "Pueblo" in Barcelona to no avail for your so-called deed. We couldn't have been much "Boulder" in quest. Take an "Aspen" and call me in the morning.—CRAIG ARSENAULT, Stratford, Conn.  
**DEAR PREMIER:**  
You've made a most bold request. But a need for a deed to the nation? You jest! What you're really in need of, and I never lie is a way to get off of that Rocky Mountain high!—MRS. HELEN MITCHELL, Rapid City, S.D.  
**SIR:**  
After considering all of the very expensive modes of transportation available to Mr. Paul de France, premier of Boulder, Colo.—it would seem there is one that is very inexpensive! You'll love my idea. Buy him two life preservers—one for him and one for a case of pork and beans. Push him off of pier 13 and let him putt, putt, putt all the way to Spain. Call me collect if I win.—Mr. Jack Mudry, Grand Junction, Colo.

**DEAR BOULDER GUY:**  
You have as much chance of getting an inheritance as there is in the following: A snowball in hell, peace between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, Nixon re-elected for president, Saddam becoming a citizen of the United States, Queen Elizabeth becoming pregnant, the United States becoming totally drug-free and homes again selling for \$15,000.—MR. MARTIN SCHULLER, Wadsworth, Ohio

**DEAR FRENCHY:**  
Why stop with just a claim to Colorado? I'm sure Mr. Ross would be willing to give you a couple grand in Monopoly money. That way you can also purchase Connecticut (\$120), North Carolina (\$300) and even Park Place (\$350). Furthermore, if Mr. Ross prints my letter

and awards me \$200, I'll be able to purchase a "Railroad" myself.—PAT BAKER, Jenison, Mich.

**DEAR MR. DE FRANCE:**  
I am only 11 years old, but I have read some French history. Louis XVII died in 1795. He was only 10 years old. Maybe you are related to another Louis and got your numbers mixed up. Our encyclopedia says Napoleon sold the Louisiana Purchase to the U.S.A. in 1803. (Only part of Colorado was included in that territory.) Your deed in Barcelona has probably expired. Travel might be hazardous due to your advanced age. Maybe you could find another long lost relative who is a lawyer. You're going to need one.—JENNY BECKER, Oregon, Ill.

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
The letter that ran in the

please send the award money to this disturbed man in Boulder, along with some kind words.—MRS. MARGUERITE HUBBARD, Moorhead, Minn.

Well, readers, how right Mrs. Hubbard was. Read on:

**DEAR MR. ROSS:**  
The letter that ran in the

Denver Post from Paul Roi de France was from my son. Did you not realize that someone with thoughts like

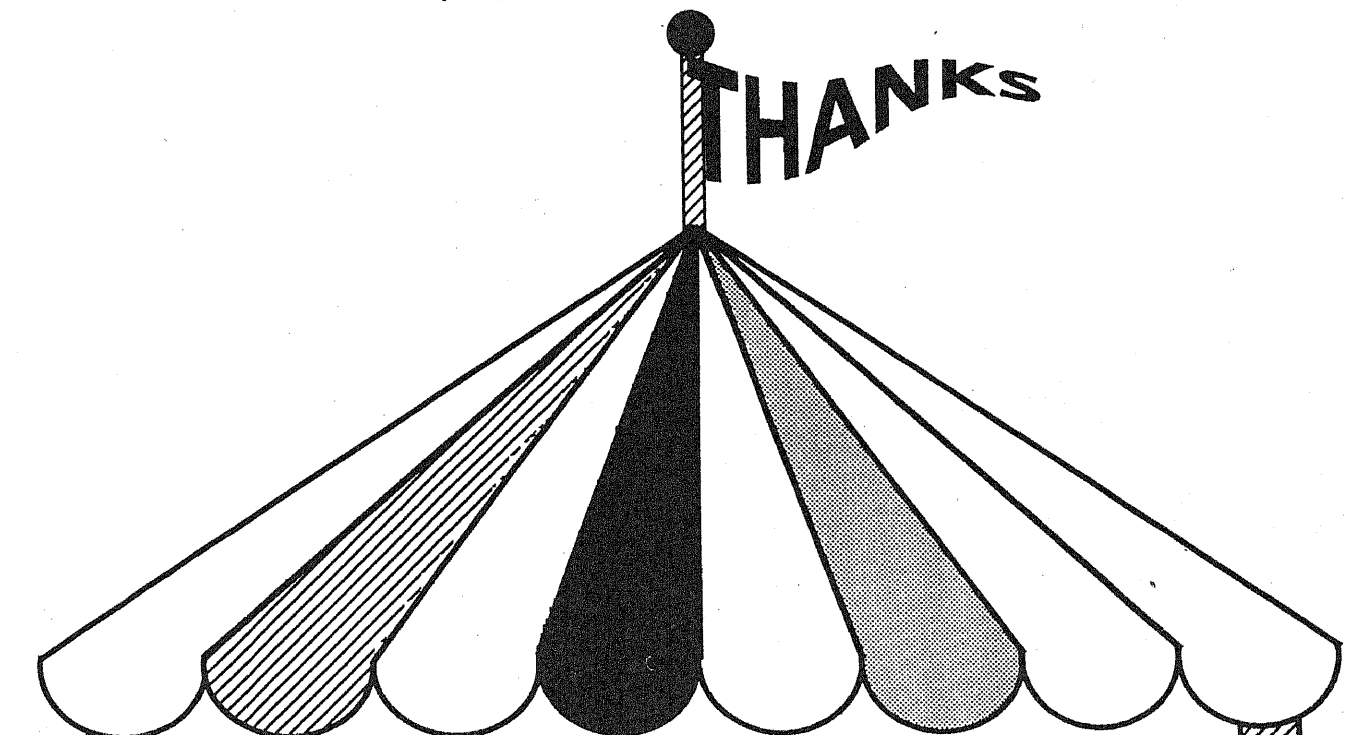
his must be mentally ill? Well, he is, and I wish you hadn't called him a "buffoon" and invited the public to earn \$200 to make fun of him. He is quite serious in his request, and your ac-

tions have hurt us.—HIS MOTHER, Boulder, Colo.

**DEAR READERS:**  
I, not you, owe this mother and her son an apology. I truly thought her son's letter was just a gag and I would never poke fun at anyone with a mental illness. I decided to follow through with the contest, though, in the hopes that the winners might

donate their prize money to their local mental health clinics.

I'm truly sorry for my ignorance. Ironically, "Paul Roi de France" of Boulder has the last laugh on me. I hope he and his mother will accept my \$400 check. After all, I did print both their letters. —\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$—



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I WISH TO THANK all my relatives, friends and neighbors for your cards, gifts, prayers and phone calls for my 90th birthday. May God bless you all. Sincerely —  
GEORGE GAETH

I WOULD LIKE to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, flowers and phone calls while I was in the hospital. Thanks to Pastor Clancy for his visits and prayers, also a special thanks to George Schnell Jr. and Gene Beitz for harvesting my crops. Your kindness will always be remembered.  
THE GARRY LOUIS FAMILY

**THANKS**  
to ALL who attended the Ball Tournament!  
**RAFFLE WINNERS WERE:**  
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2. Janet Kratz  
3. Mouse Horner  
Unionville Fire Dept.

**THANKS TO Peoples Choice Market Pigeon Co-Op Elevator Terry Houthoofd**  
for supporting our FFA and for buying my hogs at the Tuscola County Fair.  
Aaron Yenglin  
Akron

I WISH TO thank Rev. Andersen and Rev. Brooks, Dr. Hurtubise Buday and Metta and all the visitors who visited me during my stay at the hospital, all the beautiful cards that were sent to me, and especially to my husband and my family.  
BARBARA J. McCOLLUM

I WOULD LIKE to thank my family and friends who came to visit, sent cards, flowers and gifts. A special thank you to the Doctors and nurses at Hills & Dales Hospital, and to Pastor Stohlmann for his visit and prayers. God bless you.  
CHRIS SCHARICH

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Thank Again,  
Shuette Farms  
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THANKS to Shelly Fritz for her dedication to caring for others in her quick response when help was needed at Vadavilla Adult Foster Care Home. 19cb

**FOR SALE:** Used wood dinette set, 5-pieces, \$50. Satow's Home of Fine Furnishings, Downtown Sebawaing. 883-3690. 19cn

TO my relatives and many friends, thanks for all the cards, flowers, gifts and prayers given for my birthday.  
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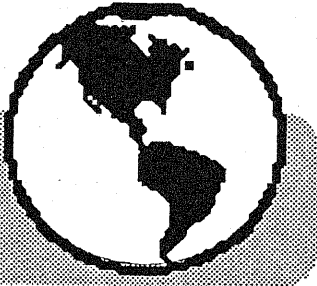
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## Around The World...

With  
**Brenda Buschlen**



The past few months of my life can easily be compared to that of a roller coaster ride. For the most part it was exhilarating and overwhelming, yet there were moments when I felt terrified or upset. My year as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student has, in a way, ended abruptly—almost giving me wiplash.

I must now take my seat on a brand new roller coaster ride and hold on tightly. If it's anything like my previous ride then I'm headed for a journey full of many unexpected surprises!!

Upon returning from my three week tour of the country Namibia on July 5, I only had 25 short days until my departure back to Michigan.

This past month of July had to be one of the most terrific yet chaotic months I have ever lived through. I rushed around trying to fit in every possible activity which I could.

On top of that, there were also farewell speeches to be written, boxes to be packed to send home, school to attend, and places to visit before leaving for home.

**In the back of my mind** I had the count-down for my return home started, but the lower the numbers became the more nervous I got!! Sev-

eral times throughout my year I tried to visualize how it would be on my final day in South Africa.

A range of questions cluttered in my mind—How would I feel? Would I be happy or sad to have finally completed my year? Would I rather stay in South Africa than return home? A part of me wanted to stay yet the other wanted to go home. I felt like I was in a tug-of-war contest and I was the rope.

It was such a wierd feeling when the day to leave came upon me. I had a tough time comprehending that my stay in South Africa was coming to an end.

**Don't get me wrong,** I was anxious to be coming back home, but at the same time I was heartbroken to be leaving South Africa. When I set off for South Africa a year ago I thought leaving my family, friends and country was one of the hardest things I've ever had to deal with. But now that I think about it, at least when I left I knew in a year's time I would return. Who knows when I'll return to South Africa—if ever?

**I refused to say good-bye** to all of my loved ones and friends that I grew close to over my year, instead I said

farewell or so long. Good-bye in my mind means forever and seems so final.

I cried, and cried and cried until there were no more tears left in me. When I drove away from Fish Hoek I cried, when I got to the airport I cried, when the announcement to board my plane was read over the intercom I cried. There was nothing else I could do.

For me to say that I was extremely sad to have left Fish Hoek and South Africa as a whole, then I think that proves that my year was a success and most worthwhile. I look forward to the day when I can hopefully return to what I now consider my second home—South Africa.

**My flights home** turned out to be hassle free which was a relief! I first had a two hour flight from Cape Town to Johannesburg. My last host dad was in Johannesburg on business, so he met and waited out my three hour layover with me.

I then boarded my British Airways plane which flew from South Africa to London.

I requested an aisle seat which I was given. It turned out to be a good thing that I changed seats because when

the plane took off I was thrilled to see the two seats beside me remained unoccupied.

Luck was on my side and I took full advantage of the vacant seats. The 12 1/2 hour flight went by remarkably quick as I stretched out and slept for eight of the hours!

I had eight hours to waste in London and rather than sit in Heathrow Airport I opted to venture into the city of London. I mainly stayed near the Piccadilly Circus area and wandered through the various shops such as Hamby's and Lillie-Whites.

**It seemed to take forever** to get to Chicago though—7 1/2 hours sitting in a cramped seat was not my way of having a good time.

I was officially back on American ground when I reached Chicago O'Hare Airport. It was there where I had to somehow locate all four pieces of my luggage. Not knowing what to do next after I gathered my belongings I tagged behind a group of people who were all going in the same direction.

The line that everyone was flowing through was the green line—the “no declaration” line.

I didn't think I really had anything to declare, I was a bit overweight with my seven pieces of baggage (I was only allowed three pieces in actual fact), but it made it this far—why stop me now?

Once the lady in charge saw me with my overflowing trolley, she immediately told me to go directly to the red “declare your item” line—I guess she and I didn't think alike or else she would have let

me go through!!

**At the red line counter** I was asked numerous questions ranging from, “Where are you coming back from?” to “What will you be doing in the United States?”

I wore my now colorful Rotary Blazer and put on a lost puppy face-like expression hoping that it would help me get through customs more easily. It worked and I was allowed to go through without paying anything for my excess baggage.

I also discovered (by looking at the T-shirts and posters) that the Chicago Bulls Basketball team were the World Champions—I almost felt foreign again for not knowing that bit of information!!

Finally after 37 hours of traveling I was now on my final part of my journey—in an hour I would be reunited with my family and loved ones.

**It was just before 11 p.m.** when my plane landed for the last time at Tri-City Airport in Saginaw.

Because I was seated near the back of the plane it took me longer to unboard—but what was a few more min-

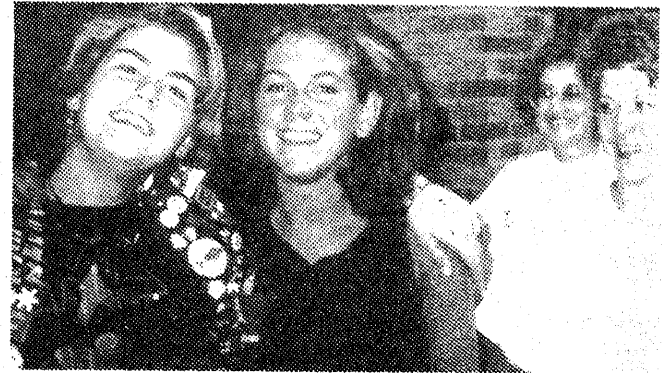
utes after waiting for a year?

Once reunited there were tears, there was laughter, there were smiles, there were even balloons, flowers and all 14 people who were there to greet me had their own bright, yellow, fluorescent sign which read “Welcome Home Brenda”—How could I have not missed them?

Since being back home I've been asked several times, “Would you do it all over again?” My response, without hesitation, is “Yes, most definitely.”

I'm glad that I made the decision to become a Rotary Youth Exchange Student. I feel it's one of the best choices I've ever made! I'm already missing my loved ones and friends in South Africa but I look forward to returning someday...soon!

Thank you, Rotary, for giving me one of the best years of my life! Also to my readers, I hope through my articles I have given you a better understanding of what it's like to be an Exchange Student, and hopefully someday you, too, will have the opportunity to visit beautiful South Africa!



BRENDA (left) meets her family while coming home.

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