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## Christmas business season: great!

By SALLY RUMMEL

While romantics dream of a White Christmas, most Western Thumb Area business owners are happiest with the green variety — that is, when it comes to their cash register receipts.

While final numbers for most businesses aren't in yet, it appears to have been a Merry Christmas for both the romantics, who enjoyed a brisk, snowy holiday and business owners, most of whom reported excellent sales.

■ **Floris Wertz**, sales consultant at Community Book Store in Pigeon, said Christmas 1993 was "a very successful season."

Special in-store sales brought people in early, she says. She noted that people were selective about what they bought, looking for meaningful gifts and that the

best-selling book of all time — the Bible — did very well at the cash register.

Wertz says that people are just beginning to realize that Community Book Store can order just about any book, secular or religious, that a person finds in large, secular metro-area book stores.

"If it's in print, we can get just about any title," she explains.

■ **Karen and Phil Dast**, owners of Dast Pharmacy, are ringing holiday bells over having the best Christmas season they've ever had.

"Our expanded Gift Room has really taken off," Karen says.

In past years she says that Sunday and evening hours weren't always successful, but that this year, "we were busy every single Sunday and every evening we were open, as well as during the whole



KRETZSCHMER'S HARDWARE Owner Cheryl King with "popular" Barney Doll...

month of December."

■ **Jim King** of Bay House Sports in Pigeon was hoping for a White Christmas — as well as a green one.

While he got the White Christmas, it didn't translate into success in selling cross-country ski equipment, but he was pleased with the sale of rollerblades, sportswear and t-shirts, sweatshirts and shoes.

"We were up over last year," he notes. "While it wasn't a great year, it's certainly a step in the right direction."

■ **Paul Nugent** of Nugent Pharmacy in Caseville has the flu bug to thank for strong December sales.

"Prescriptions were definitely up for us from last year," Nugent says, "and we also did well with battery-operated and electronic toys."

He also sold lots of novelty items, including Christmas figurines and practical gifts like kitchen appliances, electric toothbrushes, etc.

"My business caters to three different types of customers," he explains. "The locals, the three-month tourists and the

six-month snowbirds. We're seeing the last of our snowbirds leaving after the holidays, so things will be quite quiet again until spring."

■ **Fred Orr** of Orr's Drug Store in Pigeon says that while he's still totalling the numbers, he feels pretty good about sales during Christmas 1993.

His was another business that definitely got a "shot in the arm" with a lot of prescriptions needed during the month of December.

"As we got closer to the holiday," our sales began to pick up," Orr says, noting that a new line called "Colonial Village" helped pick up the gift line at Orr's.

"They came in time for holiday gifting," he says, "but they've been so successful we plan to carry them all year long."

■ **It was Barney**, Barbie and bread machines at Kretzschmer Hardware this Christmas season, according to owner Cheryl King.

She reported an excellent

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Blade & Progress

## NEWS ROUND-UP

### Huron Board reorganizing

Huron County Commissioners will hold their re-organizational meeting at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 4 (today), in the County Building, Bad Axe. During the meeting, commissioners will select a chairman, vice chairman and set the meeting dates for board meetings.

### Same Tuscola Bd. leaders

Leadership of the Tuscola County Commissioners will remain the same in the New Year as it did last year.

During Thursday's re-organizational meeting, fellow commissioners unanimously selected District 4 Commissioner Norma Bates of Caro to continue as Board Chairman, with Dist. 3 Comm. Kenneth Hess of Vassar again serving as vice chairman.

Tuscola Commissioners will continue to meet at 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Tuesdays of the month at the Courthouse Annex, Caro.



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**SENDING A LETTER?** Start your new year the right way; let your lawmakers know your views on any subject of your choice. Here are some addresses and phone numbers:

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### HISD aids troubled youth

The Huron Intermediate School District has a new program to help troubled youth cope with school. It has established an "emotionally impaired" program to operate at the Huron Area Skill Center.

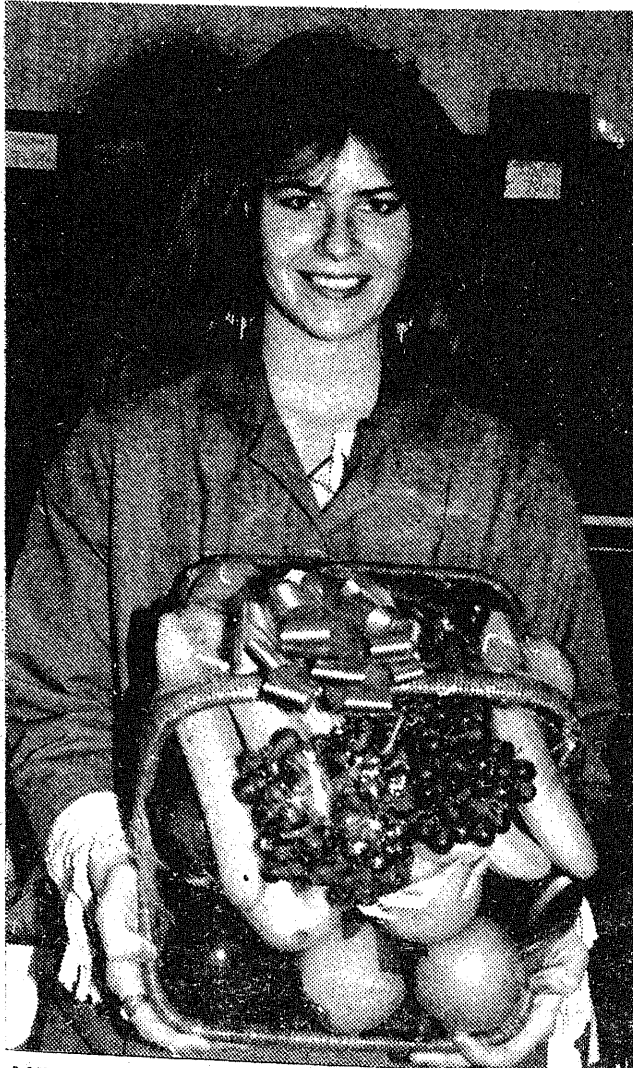
"The idea is to provide educational support to students demonstrating significant need for structure and unique programming," said HISD Supt. William Mayes.

"We provide group counseling sessions, basic skill training and general efforts to help these students learn to handle themselves in a normal classroom setting."

The program is an inter-agency effort working with school districts, community mental health, the department of social services and probate court.

The number of students involved will vary. Currently, fewer than a dozen youths involved. However, emotional problems are not confined to metropolitan areas.

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LUKE'S MARKET Produce Assistant Jennifer Koehler shows a fruit basket, a popular holiday gift item this year.

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## Strong Christmas in Thumb

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Christmas season, with only two talking Barneys left and not a Christmas light left in the store.

"People came in and were literally buying strings of lights off our decorated trees," she says with a laugh.

Kretschmer's couldn't keep up with the demand for their WellBilt Bread Machines, either. "It was definitely the year for bread machines," she says, King reported that shoppers shopped early and stayed on right through Christmas Eve.

"It was good local support right up to Christmas," she says.

It was a GREEN Christmas this year, according to Tammy Claerhout of Claerhout Greenhouses in Sebewaing, whose Christmas season really began with hayrides and painted pumpkins in October and continued right on through with reindeer and sleigh rides for Christmas.

"The weekend of Sebewaing's Christmas Open House we had close to 1,000 visitors," says Claerhout, still excited about the response they had to Noel, the live reindeer and Santa Claus, who visited the children.

Claerhout was also excited about the two new Poinsettia varieties they offered to customers in their greenhouse this year, "Freedom" and "Jingle Bells," adding that people are beginning to rely on their "Green Thumb" expertise when it comes to trying new things.

"We had also had balsam candy canes, stars and wall trees this year," she says, noting that Claerhout's Greenhouses are now closed until May 1.

"Now that it's bitter cold outside, we've had fun telling our customers about our plans for our first-ever Strawberry Harvest, planned for this June," says Claerhout. "It gives all of us something to look forward to!"

Wanda Eichler, owner of Pigeon River Mercantile & Wool Co. of Pigeon, says her

store was prepared for a lot more Christmas shoppers than it got.

"It could have been a stronger Christmas season for us," admits Eichler.

"Our classes were steady through the month of December, but it just didn't seem like there was much retail business on the street this year.

"Let's just say we were prepared for more business than what we actually saw."

Amy Guster of Amy's in Pigeon called the 1993 Christmas season "wonderful" for her store, which carries career and sportswear fashion in missy, petite and plus sizes.

Having recently added the plus sizes, Guster says it has made a "positive difference" in her sales and noted that sweaters were a big item again this Christmas and that her new lines of purses practically walked out of her store.

Christmas means an abundance of food and Luke's Supermarket in Sebewaing really cashed in with fruit baskets and meat trays, making Christmas 1993 "our best Christmas ever," according to Manager Jim Christner.

Luke's sold over 250 fruit baskets and over 200 meat trays in the last two days before Christmas.

Other food shopping was pretty well spread out throughout the several weeks prior to Christmas according to Christner.

It was a golden Christmas at Layber's Jewelry of Sebewaing, according to owner Ken Layber, who sold lots of 14k gold jewelry, as well as rings of all kinds.

Jewelry boxes were another big seller, he adds.

The farmers had a good year, so we had a good year, too. That's how John Pitcher of Pitcher's Ben Franklin explains the success of this Christmas season in Sebewaing.

"The whole month of December was great, just great," says Pitcher. "We got into a nicer line of decorations and they sold well," he added.

"People didn't seem quite as likely to hold back on their purchases this year."

One of his big sellers was a steel Tonka truck that was on special at a great price. "I could have sold a million of them," says Pitcher.

Pigeon's My Secret Garden owners Mary Beth and Jane Snider are grateful that the customers who have come to the former Marianne's Flowers & Gifts have kept coming to them, as new owners since October.

The Sniders called the 1993 Christmas season "very successful," noting that fresh centerpieces, Christmas arrangements and grave blankets and wreaths were big sellers.

"Our biggest surprise this year was that our greenhouse supplier ran out of greens," says Mary Beth. "We used everything that we had." Her daughter Jane added that

"Our Christmas season began at our Grand Opening on Nov. 6 and kept going strong right up 'til closing time on Christmas Eve... now we're working on Valentine's Day!" she says with a smile.

### New AA group in Akron - Wisner

New AA and AlAnon groups are meeting in the basement of Wisner United Methodist Church Tuesday evenings from 8 to 9 p.m.

Call John for more information, 674-2110.

AlAnon is open to anyone with a close friend or relative whose drinking affects you.



CHARLENE CRAIG and Fred Orr of Orr's Drug Store, Pigeon, look over some of their successful new line of Colonial Village pieces. SALLY RUMMEL PHOTO

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## She knits Zook Doll sweaters

By MARY DRIER

A Sebewaing woman is playing a part in doll collecting history.

Clara Burgett is a subcontractor who makes knitted sweaters for the famous Zook Dolls, sold all over the world. Specially-designed Zook Dolls are hand-crafted collectibles "born" at the Zook Doll Factory in Midland.

Burgett contracts to make the sweaters through Lezley Grzegorzczak of Kawkawlin. "She furnishes the yarn and presents the style of sweater that is designed for the year to the company to accept or reject," says Burgett.

"If the design is accepted, she buys the yarn, furnishes me with the pattern and tells me how many she wants."

Burgett says she makes between 200 and 500 dolls sweaters each year.

"I've been doing this for about five years now and I have made a different sweater each year for that year's doll."

Depending on how many colors are used in the sweater and the intricacy of the design, it takes Burgett one to three hours to make a sweater using a knitting machine.

Although some sweaters take only an hour to make operating a knitting machine requires a great deal of skill.

"Last year we went to Nashville, Tenn., and in one of the hotel's boutique shops was a



MACHINES ARE SUPPOSED to make everything faster and easier, and Clara Burgett's knitting machine does just that—but making doll sweaters as a subcontractor for the Zook Doll Co. requires a great deal of skill... and talent.

doll wearing a sweater that I had made," recalls Burgett. "I just about fell over dead."

"The doll sold for \$300 and was wearing one of the sweaters I made."

Zook Dolls are designed by Joanna Secrist. She also fashions the doll's outfits and hairstyles while her husband Pat sculpts them. The dolls are about two feet high.

They supply dolls to about 1,600 sales outlets around the world and have more than two dozen contractors who make doll clothes at home, as Burgett does.

The Secrist's use children for models in the creation of their

dolls from hundreds of photographs they are sent.

"When I get caught up on doll sweaters and have nothing else to do," Burgett says, "I make mittens and other items to sell at bazaars. I also make special orders for knitted items."

Also, Burgett has several stunning sweater sets she made for herself.



HERE'S a Zook "model..."

## Financial services office now open in Pigeon

Pigeon resident Carol Diener has opened a branch office of John Hancock Financial Services of Bay City, downtown at 92 S. Main Street, Pigeon.

Diener works as both agent and registered representative, offering investment and retirement/pension planning and funding, as well as college savings planning. Included in the services she offers is a number of John

Hancock Mutual Funds, plus a variety of mutual funds offered by other companies; life insurance products; life insurance or individual health insurance, interim health insurance, disability insurance and fixed and variable annuities.

Her Pigeon office is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., phone 453-2222.



CAROL DIENER at work in her Pigeon office, now open.

Local folks make 1994 predictions... see Page 12 inside

WISH'D SAID THAT: "The explanation of triumph is all in the first syllable." (Don Paupel)

## Blade & Progress NEWS ROUND-UP

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There are real problems in any area. There are people who suffer consequences of separation from divorce or a death in the family. There are suicidal attempts and some drug problems everywhere," said Tore Nilsen of Huron County Mental Health.

"Because we are far away from Bay City, Saginaw and big cities the frequency is less, but it occurs everywhere and no area is divorced from problems."

"This is a special program where students work with an emotionally-impaired consultant and then work with representatives from the other agencies to develop the skills necessary to handle regular classrooms effectively," said Mayes. "The intent is to get them back in the regular classroom."

"This program is only a temporary offering, not an alternative placement. Our goal is that they will gain the skills that are necessary to cope and then placed back in their regular school." —By MARY DRIER

## Week's fire report...

Investigation continues after an early morning fire in Sebewaing last Wednesday.

The Sebewaing Fire Department responded to a 7:15 a.m. call to a home on Washington Street belonging to Gerald Elston. The fire began in a couch in the living room, said Fire Chief Jeff Kroll, noting the fire was believed to be accidentally caused by a cigarette.

Damage, estimated at \$20,000, was contained mainly to the living room area. An unidentified friend of the owner was slightly injured in the fire, said Kroll. Firemen were on the scene about two hours.

## Thumb grain, bean markets

Commodity	Price	New Crop	Last Week
Wheat	3.65	3.12	3.59
Corn	2.74	2.37	2.68
Oats (S & A)	1.50/1.60	—	1.57/1.67
Soybeans	6.72	6.14	6.64
Navy Beans	19.00	—	18.50

## WKJZ 94.9 FM is 'on the air'

The new FM radio station WKJZ-94.9 has signed on the air, serving a broadcasting area from Cheboygan to Bay City, John Carroll, Jr., president of Carroll Broadcasting, announced the start-up, serving northern Lower Michigan.

With a transmitter, studio and office in Hillman, WKJZ-94.9 FM has 50,000 watts and will simulcast its programming with its sister station, WKJC-FM 104.7 in Tawas.

Programming includes country music, ABC news, local news, Paul Harvey, Detroit Lions football, U of M football, comprehensive weather and information relevant to northern Michigan. Details: 1-800-585-3515.

## HISD seeks reimbursement

Huron Intermediate School District's Board of Education signed a two-year contract with MedBill Corp., to bill Medicare for some services rendered to special education students. Supt. William Mayes said a new state law allows ISDs to seek reimbursement for certain expenses, and he believes the change will generate about \$5,000 per month.

MedBill gets 10% of what is collected, and the service won't cost the ISD anything outright. "I think is a way to help us offset some of the high costs of special education," he said.

CPA James Hall of Bad Axe presented the ISD's 1992-93 financial report. The district is in sound financial condition and finished the year with revenues of \$5.57 million, expenditures of \$5.21 million, and remaining fund equity of \$1.82 million. —By MARY DRIER

## Court proceedings

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

- William R. Hutchinson, 28 of Caseville, pled guilty to no driver's license in possession; ordered to pay \$50 fines and costs;
- Lori A. Murphy, 32 of Elkton, pled guilty to improper or no license plate; \$60 fines and costs;
- Andrew G. Pollock, 35 of Troy, found guilty of careless driving, following a recent incident in Caseville Township; \$200 fines and costs;
- William J. Goslee, 50 of Caseville, ordered to serve 10 days in Huron County Jail and pay \$200 fines and costs, following guilty plea to assault and battery charge, from Nov. 8 incident;
- Paul A. Crump, 29 of Owendale, found guilty of no proof of insurance; \$90 fines and costs.

## Corrections, amplifications

Mistakes do happen, and The Newsweekly willingly will correct errors. Please call or write us with correct information, and we'll attempt to quickly repair the mistake.



# 27th USA Caring & Sharing is BIG success for 1993

A total of 175 deliveries were the direct result of the 27th annual USA Caring & Sharing Program, according to volunteer coordinator William Dodge.

In all, 132 families in Sebawaing, Unionville, Bay Port, Owendale and Gagetown received deliveries directly from Caring & Sharing volunteers, he says.

The group also coordinated 40 other deliveries in the same area donated by area churches, individuals and organiza-

tions that wished to deliver their own.

"The average family foodstuffs delivered were in the \$75 range and many received toys, clothing and other gifts," Dodge says.

New clothing was given to Caring & Sharing for distribution by the Huron County Christian Women's Association, toys were given by Mutual Savings, Holy Family Catholic Church and many other individuals.

Plus, Caring & Sharing volunteers have already started next year's program: toys received this year were in excess of need, so two boxes of items have been wrapped in preparation for next year's distribution.

## Lake-Chandler news notes

Christmas guests of Jean McBride were Linda McBride and sons Timothy and Joshua, William McBride, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas McBride and children of Elkton, and Mr. and Mrs. Greg Bailey and daughters Nichole and Britt-

ney of Bad Axe, and Anna McBride. Anna McBride also called at the Don Bruce home in Elkton.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh spent the Christmas weekend with Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ballagh and Andy at New Lothrop. Other Christmas dinner guests were Corey and Lisa Clothier and daughter Kelli of Marion, Miss.; Tony and Sally Lopez and Sonya and Chris of Holt; Fred and Mary Gruenert, Freddie and Dana of Three Rivers.

On Jan. 5, Chandler Presbyterian Guild meets with Marge McPhee at 1 p.m.

Many hand-knitted and crocheted items were donated for distribution this year. They consisted of slippers, scarves, mittens and caps which were handmade, made in sizes for infants all the way to senior citizens.

One person alone gave over 45 handmade items, Dodge says.

Christmas trees were available, eggs were donated by Lowell Swartzendruber, beans were donated by Cooperative Elevator, Gary Socier donated potatoes and Michigan Sugar gave sugar.

Foodstuffs were also provided for the program by Human Development of Caro and many, many area residents and groups.

"It would be impossible to mention all the people who brought in foodstuffs for distribution," he says. "They

ranged from a single can to a pick-up load of items for distribution.

"Donations this year exceeded last year and that was wonderful because the number of people served this year exceeded the number of people served last year," Dodge adds.

One of the highlights of the program this 1993 year was the fact that several people who had received deliveries in the 1992 season were now donating for distribution this year, he says proudly.

One family which had received a delivery last year wrote a check for \$50 for the program this year.

Also, the number of volunteers who were available for packaging and delivering was wonderful, he says. In fact people had to be refused because so many volunteers were available.

## Michigan Sugar, Growers aid poor

More than one in every seven Michigan households lives near or below poverty level, according to the Food Bank Council of Michigan. This encompasses more than 1.4 million Michigan residents.

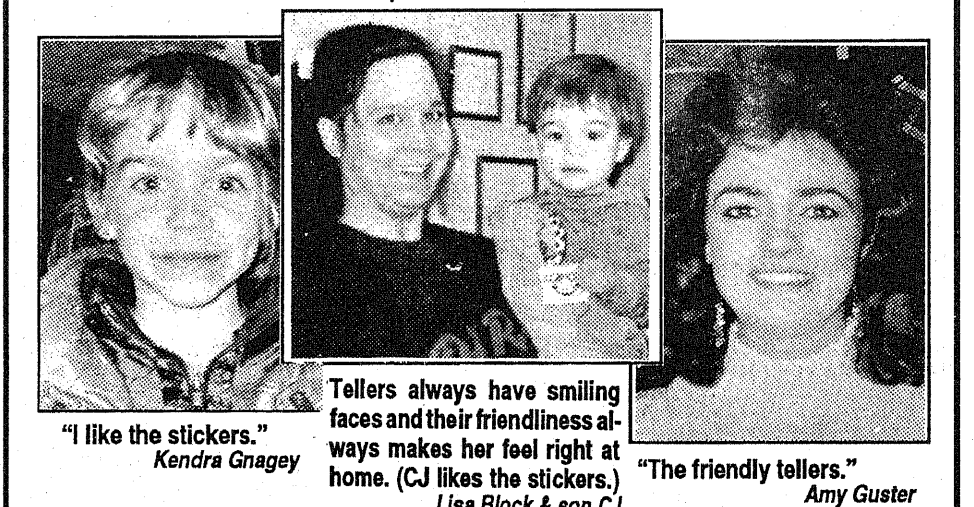
The Michigan Harvest Gathering is dedicated to eliminating hunger and improving the quality of life for Michigan's citizens in need. Michigan Sugar Company and Great Lakes Sugar Beet Growers Association, both of Saginaw, joined in the effort to fill food pantries across Michigan during the 3rd annual Harvest Gathering event. Their combined donation included 2,520 pounds of sugar, valued at \$952, plus \$500 in

cash. Helping meet the challenge for 1993 Michigan Harvest Gathering are, from left, Michigan Sugar Vice-President of Marketing Barry Brown and Great Lakes Sugar

Beet Growers Association Executive Vice-President Robert Young, as they present 504 five-pound bags of sugar to Michigan Department of Agriculture Director Bill Schutte.



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# Woods and Waters

by Duane Guenther

## Sourdough

I have a lot of thoughts pent-up within me that I ought to tell someone about. That way they won't bother me so much.

Is there anyone out there who thinks the way I do? I mean, like odors, for instance. What remains most fondly in my mind after a wilderness hike or an extended canoe trip is not necessarily the fish I caught or the scenery I encountered, but rather the aroma of food cooked over the campfire.

Are there others who think food tastes better when eaten by lantern light?

If not, then I'm a hopeless romantic... and you'd better put down the paper because all I'm going to write about is one of my favorite camping smells.

No, it isn't frying bacon or

bubbling coffee mixed with campfire smoke — although those two have a real tendency to get to you.

My favorite tantalizing aroma comes from fresh sourdough bread baked in a dutch oven.

I know I can't be alone because even non-outdoor types do a double-take when they enter a bakery or a kitchen where fresh bread is baking.

Then imagine how this odor is magnified when it comes wafting through the flaps of your mountain tent.

Difficult to produce in the outdoors?

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Most articles on sourdough place its origin during the gold rush era. Nothing could

be further from the truth.

History traces the sourdough beginning in our country to Rhode Island and credits the Marquis de Rochambeau for bringing it from France. It was used extensively on the eastern frontier and even became a staple for troops during the wars fought for con-

trol of the new world. What makes sourdough is the "starter" from which it's derived.

Nowadays, it can easily be concocted by placing 2 cups of flour, 2 cups of water and a package of dry yeast in a non-metallic bowl and letting it stand uncovered for 48 hours.

## SOLUNAR & LUNAR TIMETABLES

### JANUARY 5 - JANUARY 11

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7 Fri	01:01	07:15	01:29	07:44	09:06	05:09	03:41a
8 Sat	01:52	08:07	02:21	08:36	09:06	05:10	04:50a
9 Sun	02:44	08:59	03:13	09:28	09:05	05:11	05:53a
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## Lake-Chandler news notes

By MILDRED BALLAGH

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Conkey were recent visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Meske of Port Hope. They also attended the open house for Gertrude Quinn, who was honored for 25 years of membership in Beta Chi, an honorary teachers sorority in Huron County. Quinn was a founding member of Beta Chi in 1968.

On Jan. 13 the Caseville RLDs Woman's Department will meet with Barb Eimers. Marguerite Rodgers entertained her children and grandchildren at her home for Christmas Eve buffet.

John and Anne Licht and daughter Ashley returned to Houghton after visiting relatives here.

Christmas Day guests of Margaret Taylor were Terry Taylor and daughter Katie of Alma; Mr. and Mrs. Steve Gekowicz of Grand Rapids; and Sandra Taylor and Sam Gage.

Mrs. John Somerville, Jr. and son Guy of Watrousville and Gladys Wallis of Akron were Monday callers of Bill and Mildred Ballagh. Marguerite Rodgers, Caseville, spent a

day at the Ballaghs.

Thursday evening visitors of their dad, Fred McBride, to celebrate Christmas were Mrs. Don Bruce and sons Justin, Matthew and Timothy of Elkton, Mr. and Mrs. David McBride and sons Ryan and Brett of Pigeon, and Mr. and Mrs. John Licht and daughter Ashley of Houghton.

• Researchers have discovered that during periods of low and high tides animals seem to lose much of their natural caution. These periods are referred to as Major Periods and last approximately an hour.

• Later, it was determined that about midway between the Major Periods there was frequently an intermediate period of somewhat shorter duration, which are referred to as Minor Periods. The inclination of the moon's orbit to the Equator also affects Solunar Periods and, in extreme cases, there will be only one Major or Minor Period for the date.

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### McAlpine - Benda

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce McAlpine of Bay Port are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter Elizabeth Sue, to Greg Charles Benda, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Benda of Caseville.

The bride-elect is employed as a hairstylist and nail technician at Town and Country Hair Fashions, Pigeon. Her fiancé is an employee of Bloomer Enterprises.

A Feb. 5 wedding is being planned.

## Engaged!



### Conley - Bechler

Sherry Conley of Petersburg and Kevin Bechler of Pigeon are pleased to announce the engagement.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Conley of Petersburg. The prospective groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Bechler of Pigeon.

The couple plan a Feb. 19 wedding.

## Lake-Chandler news

By MILDRED BALLAGH

Freida Hyzer received word that her two cousins, Vivian Hollingshead Nelson of Flint and Fred Hollingshead of Millington passed away. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hollingshead, former residents of Lake Twp.

**Jan. 4:** Chandler Presbyterian Guild meets with Marge McPhee.

Dale McBride of Flint was a Sunday visitor of his grandmother, Ann McBride. Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh visited his sister, Marguerite Thompson, in Marlette on Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Wenzel and son Matthew and Aaron of Freeport, Ill., and Christine Snider of Okemos spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mervyn Snider. Other Christmas guests were Phyllis' mother, Marguerite Collins of Sunny Acres.

Newell and Clara Wightman were Christmas Eve dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Don Faupel and sons of Elkton.

Don and Judy Ahearn of Saginaw were Saturday overnight and Sunday guests of their mother, Mrs. William McBride.

Mr. and Mrs. John Steiner returned to their home in Fort Wayne, Ind. after visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kuhl.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Conkey spent a few days over Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. Archie Conkey and family in Grand Rapids and a few days with Burt and Carol Plaush in Midland.

Christmas callers of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth McBride were Beth Ann Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Don McBride of Caseville, Wendy McBride of Big Rapids and Dan McBride of East Lansing.

Beth Ann Henry of Ann Arbor spent the holidays were her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stewart Henry.

## Engaged!

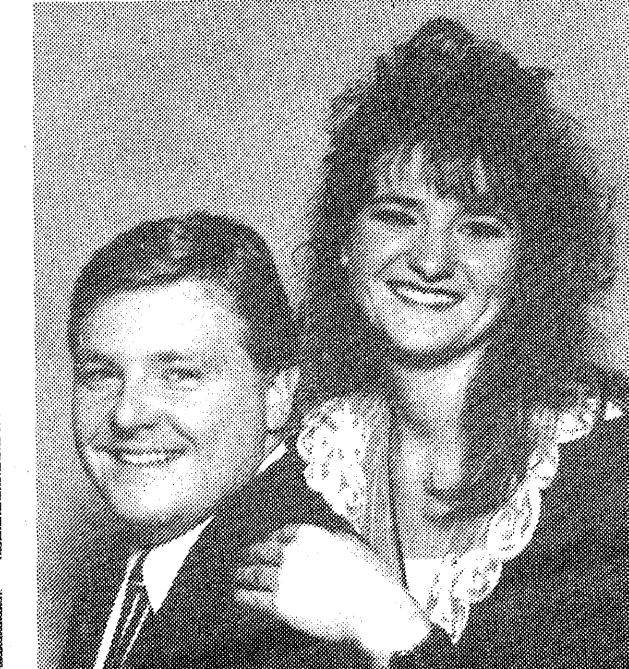


### Moridito - Bollenbacher

James and Marilyn Bollenbacher of Bay Port announce the engagement of their son, Michael, to Shela Moridito, daughter of Ruby Moore of San Diego, CA. Michael is a 2nd Class Sonar Technician in the Navy and Shela is a secretary for the Enlisted Training Department for the Navy and also serves in the Naval Reserves.

A Feb. 12 wedding date has been set in San Diego, CA.

## Engaged!



### Elliott - Furst

Leroy and Pat Elliott of Bad Axe are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Renee Lynn, to Michael John, son of John and Sandra Furst, Jr. of Unionville.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Ferris State University and is employed at Hook's Drugs, Caro, as a registered pharmacist/assistant manager.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Central Michigan University and is employed at Independent Bank of Caro, as an assistant vice-president/branch manager.

An Aug. 20, 1994 wedding is being planned by the couple.

## Engaged!



### Balk - Schember

Peter and Eileen Balk of Monroe announce the engagement of their daughter Stephanie Paige to Philip Duane Schember, son of Duane and Marie Schember of Pigeon.

The bride-elect is a collection interviewer for the University of Michigan Internal Medicine. She also attends Eastern Michigan University working towards a Bachelor's degree in business administration.

The prospective groom is a 1989 graduate of Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port High School and will graduate in April 1994 from Eastern Michigan University with a degree in accounting. He is currently employed with the Kroger Co.

A Nov. 5, 1994 wedding is planned.

### First joint blood drive coming Feb. 28

A joint Community Blood Drive for Bay Port, Elkton and Pigeon is being planned Monday, Feb. 28 by the Wolverine Blood Region of the American Red Cross.

The drive is at Laker High School and all eligible blood donors are invited to attend. Hours will be 1 to 7 p.m.

The three towns are combining their efforts to make it more convenient for blood donors to give. This will more effectively provide blood and blood products to area hospitals, officials say.

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## A-F School Board has routine business

Akron-Fairgrove School's Board of Education passed a resolution to comply with the state's adult education program guidelines, at last week's regular meeting. Supt. Kenneth Tahfs said the step is routine procedure.

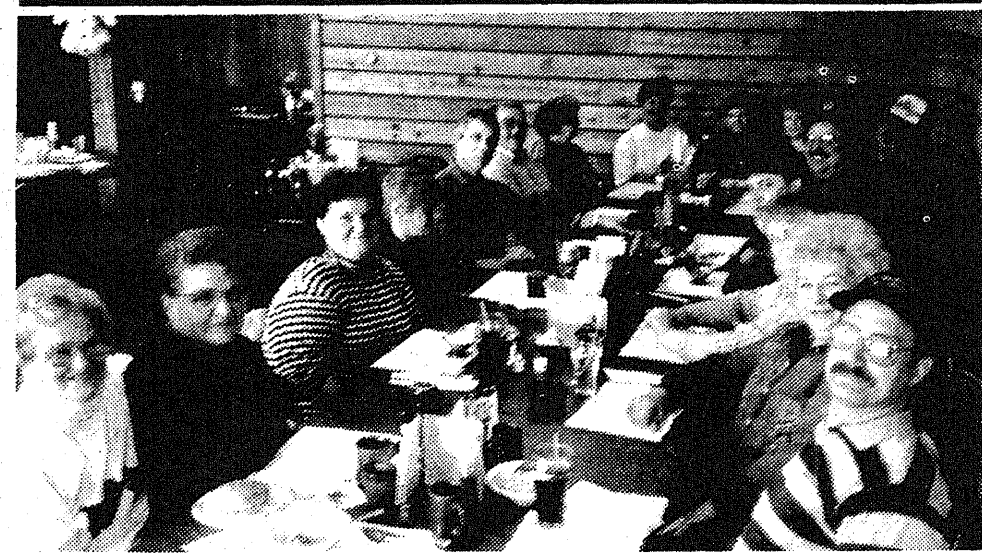
Akron-Fairgrove, USA and Kingston School Districts cooperate in a consortium agreement with Caro Schools, which offers adult education programs in those districts and pays for use of facilities. The amount of administrative costs paid to the schools has been reduced this year from 15% to 12.5% of all dollars in the program, Tahfs says.

It's difficult to predict how much money will be available to participating districts this year due to school financing uncertainties in Lansing, officials say, since adult ed. programs are also being restructured.

During the 1992-93 year, Akron-Fairgrove received about \$6,000, Kingston \$4,300 and USA \$11,000 in payments for conducting adult ed. programs. Funds vary due to the number of students enrolled, and covers heat, lights and classroom rentals.

The Akron-Fairgrove Board also learned:

- The district received recognition from State Legislature for the 1993 state championship boys' track team.



**ROTH RETIRES:** Joyce Roth, a custodian for Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port Schools for 26 years, was feted on the occasion of her retirement at a luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 28 at Mama Dee's in Bay Port.

She is pictured here at her luncheon, surrounded by co-workers and friends. Roth plans to visit her son in Holt and her daughter in Adrian with her newfound leisure time.

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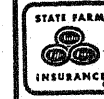
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# Some '94 predictions... and more

By AMY HEIDEN & MARY DRIER

Every single TV show, magazine, newspaper and club meeting has spent time looking back on the year 1993 just ended... and ahead to 1994. Of course, if anyone COULD predict the future, they'd choose the right lottery numbers and retire to Florida. But, we've asked several local folks to share their memories of '93, plus forecast 1994, and here are their views:

**LLOYD ADAM, Sebawaing Village President:** "1993 was a good year and I hope 1994 is as good."

"As far as the village is concerned, I hope to see backhoes doing the marina and the Millerwise Park project underway or completed. I hope that our new Council works well with the township and neighboring like we have done in the past."

**ROBERT DRURY, Superintendent, Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port Schools:** "1993 was a year of educational improvements in the EPBP district. 1994 will bring financial changes for all dis-

tricts and tax changes for voters in our state. "Is this change for the better? Time will tell."

**TED BALZER, Unionville Village President:** "1993 was a year where things started getting better for people in the area again. I think the economy is on an upswing and I think things are looking better than they have been for a while. "In 1994, I expect to see things continue to get better than they were in 1993. "Hopefully, this year we can move forward in getting a water tower and upgrade our water system."

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will hear wedding bells on Sept. 17, 1994.)

**LOIS BOHN, Sebawaing:** "1993 was a good year for us, but for a lot of people there were crises. "Hopefully, 1994 will be a more organized year for the country. "I hope for world peace and for happiness and for prosperity throughout our country."

**BILL ESCH, owner, Universal Printing, Pigeon:** "I think people in general will overall be healthier, they'll be more conscious of what they eat and the importance of exercise. I think that people will be more satisfied with their lives."

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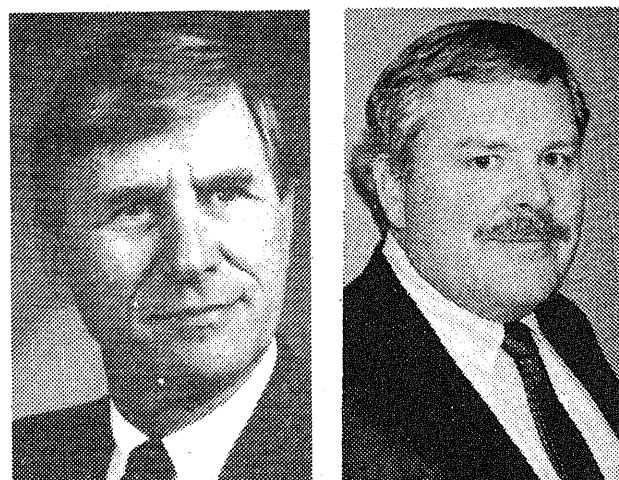
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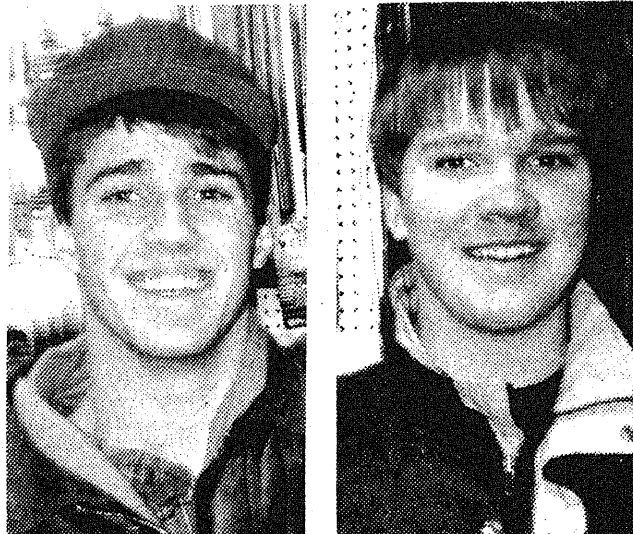
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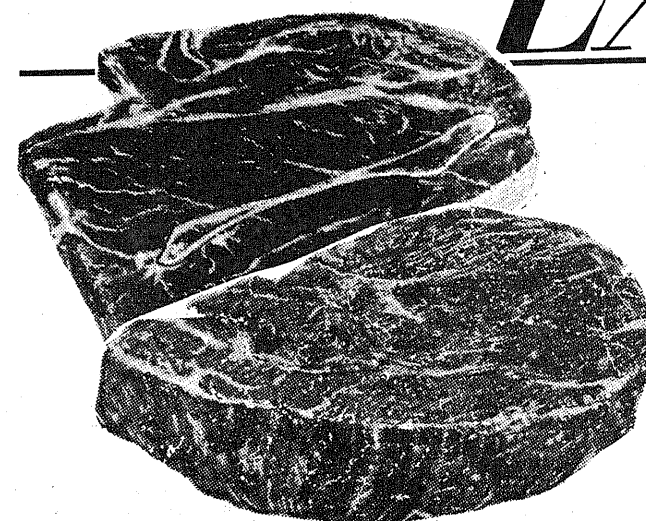


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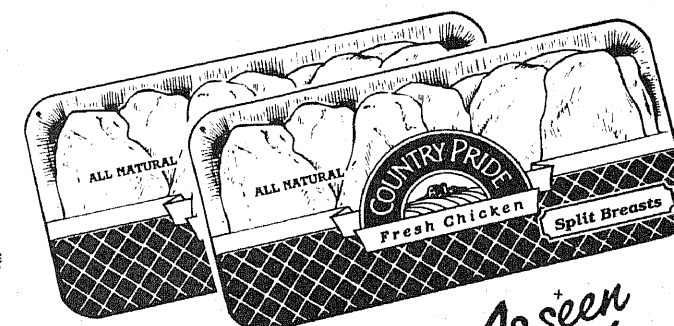
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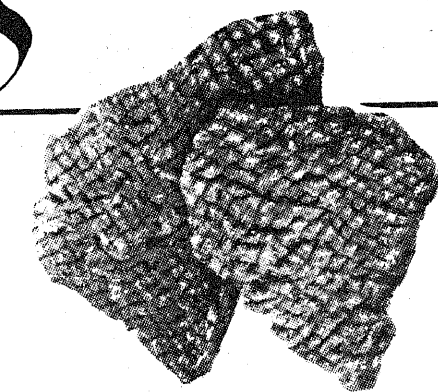
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# Down Memory Lane

## From the pages of... The Pigeon Progress & Elkton Advance

### 90 YEARS AGO JAN. 22, 1904

Thomas B. Woodworth, 63, a lawyer, died Jan. 16 at his home in Caseville.  
George Henne, 70, pioneer of Oliver Township, died at the home of his son, Joseph. Mrs. J. Aldrich Homes, wife of Postmaster Holmes of Caseville, died Saturday.  
The P.O. & N. train was snowbound Saturday night and did not reach Caseville until Sunday afternoon.  
G.B. Winters is getting the stone on the ground for a large store building which he will build in the spring. It will be located between the Arlington and the Louis Staubus shoe store in Pigeon.

### 60 YEARS AGO JAN. 19, 1934

Henry LeRoy, Caseville, celebrated his 102nd birthday on Jan. 15. Mr. LeRoy is the oldest Civil War veteran in the Thumb. He served with Co. B, 81st New York volunteers during the Civil War.  
Miss Florence Ruby, daughter of Mrs. Lottie Ruby and Claude Ruby, son of Mr. and Mrs. Abe Ruby, were married Wednesday.  
Pigeon Worth While Club met at the home of Mrs. E.F. Hess. Program was on "The Century of Progress" exposition last year in Chicago. Taking part were Mrs. H. Paul, Mrs. R.H. Leslie, Maurine Belding, Mrs. J. Doepker, Mrs. Charles Sturm, Mrs. P.L. Fritz and Mrs. Clack.  
Caseville Ladies Library Club met at the home of Mrs. Eva Drury. On the program were Geraldine Fritz, Mrs. L.F. Merrel, Mabel McCoy and Mrs. Paul Deford.

### 50 YEARS AGO JAN. 21, 1944

Military funeral services were conducted at Pigeon Evangelical Church for Martin Schneider, son of Mr. and Mrs. Levi Schneider. He was killed in a ship collision off Cape May, N.J. Jan. 6.  
New officers at Cross Lutheran Church, Pigeon, were elected. They are Lawrence Ohrogge, Gebhardt Heine, Gertrude Licht, Albert Licht, O. Woelke, Lydia Trost, Elsie Trost, Henry Schulz, Theodore Woelke and Albert Schulz.

### 40 YEARS AGO JAN. 22, 1954

Milton L. Ackerman, Elkton State Bank vice president, retired after 45 years in banking. Fellow employees honored him at a dinner party at Dorney's, Caseville.  
Miss Joyce Whelihan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Whelihan, Pigeon, passed

her state board nursing examination and is now a registered nurse at Providence Hospital, Detroit.

The 20 pupils in the first three grades of Kilmannagh Lutheran School and teacher Mrs. Leonard Weber, moved into their new school building Monday. The old school building houses 32 pupils in grades fourth to eighth, taught by Principal Leonard Weber. The building was constructed by Ted Heine, Pigeon.  
Father's Night was observed at the Thursday night meeting of Bay Port PTA. On the program were Francis LePage, Elder Archie Harder, Supt. Van Deventer, Paul Dannesberger, Sam Marow and Charles Carrington, Bonnie Boren, Judy Jerome and the Mother Singers.

### 30 YEARS AGO JAN. 23, 1964

More than 1,000 people attended the sausage supper and meeting of National Farmers Organization Saturday at Laker High School. Area honor students at Ferris State College are Karen Farver of Elkton; Larry Ott of Bay Port, Warner Schultz of Pigeon and Allen Wichmann of Sebawaing.  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Damm, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Damm, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Damm and Mr. and Mrs. Les Simmons, attended a dinner at Frankenmuth for the Oliver Implement Co.

### 20 YEARS AGO JAN. 24, 1974

Laker High School band students selected to play in the Tri-County Honors Band on Jan. 27 at Cass City include Marian Gettel, Melinda Rogers, Peggy Gettel, Cathy Krohn, Ralph Ross, Brian Hazard, Wendy Shetler, Scott Quick, Vicki Walsh and Mark Denbrock.  
Mrs. Clare Swartzendruber of Pigeon Junior Woman's Club presented a check for \$50 to Librarian Roberta Richmond to help furnish the new Pigeon Library building. The check represented profits from the club's booth at the Caseville Holly Berry Fair.  
Edward Richards received a B.S. degree in ag-soil science from MSU and Dan Richards received a M.S. in physics at CMU. Both are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Scott Richards, Elkton.  
Margo Dast, Carolyn Gnagay and Evelyn Swartzendruber, 1972 graduates of Laker High School, graduated from Baker Business University, Flint, on Dec. 14.  
Area residents who passed their state board exams in practical nursing after graduating from Bad Axe Center at St. Clair Community College are Marion Henne and Pearl

Ulrich, Bay Port, (Ulrich received the highest test score in the state); Phyllis Kretzschmer and Ann Saracheck, Caseville; Dennis Davis and Karen Heck, Pigeon.  
Edward Bailey, 47, printer and former publisher of the Elkton Review newspaper, died Jan. 16 in Florida.

### 10 YEARS AGO JAN. 11, 1984

Bay Port State Bank's Pigeon Branch construction at M-142 and Caseville Rd. is planning a spring completion date.  
The new showroom and repair shop for McCormick Motors, corner of M-142 and Caseville Rd., is under construction. Completion is expected by April.  
Pigs-R-Us, a pig farrowing operation, began operation in 1983, but a new building is being constructed at the site. Pigeon village residents will find higher water and sewer bills when they open their mail in July. Three of four usage rates will rise by 27% to 55%, with comparable sewer use jumps effective April 1.  
Cal Ankam, Pigeon mailman, retired Dec. 30 after 30 years of mail service... completing a string of 71 years in all with his father on Pigeon Route #1.

### FROM ELKTON ADVANCE FILES- JAN. 23, 1930

Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw, Elkton, visited last week in Detroit. They returned home Saturday, bringing with them a new Ford coupe.  
Mr. and Mrs. Al Fitchett have moved back from Pontiac to their farm home in Chandler.  
The Elkton Home Guards and Mothers Jewels will have a homemade candy sale Saturday at Elkton Hardware.  
Allen Ramseyer left Monday for his lumber camp near Levering where he will remain for a week.  
Mrs. Orville Eidt and daughter of Owendale, visited at the Elkton home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Schiele last week.  
Gordon Motz purchased a new coupe last week.  
Frank Wakefield had the misfortune to overturn his truck with a load of cattle which he was trucking to the Detroit market. No serious damage was reported.  
The newsprint suits are here at C.M. Beaver, the Elkton Tailor. All made-to-measure, all wool and two yards wide. Prices \$20 to \$75. — ADV.  
Members of the cast of "Cyclone Sally," a play to be presented by junior class of Elkton High School, are Herbert Eicher, Roy Ramseyer, Maurice Faupel, Orville Snider, Edna Heck, Margaret Fox, Virginia Schultz and Dorothy Baker.

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Old issues of The Sebawaing Blade and Unionville Crescent are not available this week, since originals are being microfilmed at the State Library of Michigan, Lansing.

### Soybean balloting is coming Feb. 9

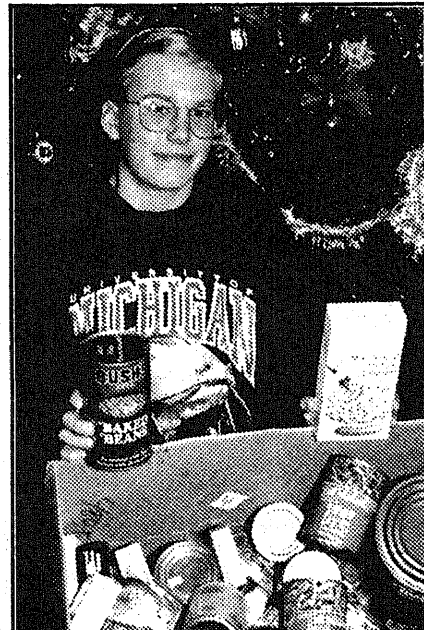
Michigan soybean growers will decide Wednesday, Feb. 9 whether they wish to participate in the National Soybean Promotion, Research and Consumer Information Program.  
The referendum will ask soybean producers if they want to continue the current assessment of one-half of one percent of the value of each bushel of soybeans sold. That amounts to about 3c for a \$6 bushel of soybeans, according to Jim LeCureux, Huron Extension agricultural agent.  
Assessment funds are used to pay for the soybean promotion and research check-off.  
The money is deducted automatically at the point of sale.  
The MSU Extension Office in each county will serve as balloting site for the referendum, and any grower who certifies that he/she produced soybeans will be eligible to vote, LeCureux said.  
Eligible soybean producers may vote in person at the local county MSU Extension Office during regular working hours on Feb. 9.  
The county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will count the ballots, determine eligibility of voters and tabulate results. For the program to continue, a simple majority of those voting must favor the pro-

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## Gardening classes coming to Caro

A Master Gardener class will be offered this winter by Tuscola County MSU Extension,

according to Joyce Muz of the Extension Service.

In the program, students are trained intensively in horticulture, covering general plant growth, soils, fertility, trees and shrubs, garden flowers and houseplants, lawns, vegetables, fruits, backyard wildlife and pest management.

The 10-week course will be taught every Thursday night from 6-10 p.m., Jan. 13 through March 17 at the Tuscola County MSU Extension Office, Caro.

The course will be taught by MSU Extension instructors and local horticulture experts.  
To become a certified Master Gardener, students must complete the class successfully and perform 40 hours of community service.

Previous graduates of Master Gardener classes have served volunteer hours at county fairs, edited newsletters, answered horticulture phone calls in the Extension Office, and assisted individuals and groups with hort projects and gardening problems.

For details, call 673-5999, Extension 228, or visit the Extension Office in Caro.

4-H Jets meet Jan. 11  
Sebawaing 4-H Jets will meet Tuesday, January 11, 6:30 p.m. at Arlene Sbresny's, 681 Hickory Court, Sebawaing.

## Tell me why...

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The first in an occasional series of short explanations about why and how things work.)

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And eventually the water, as ice, gets so cold the molecules don't move at all, just like many of us during these cold winter days. That's called "absolute zero."

At the other end of the spectrum, once matter reaches 10<sup>32</sup> Kelvin (that's 1 followed by 32 zeros), you've reached the Planck temperature. Many scientists say that's as hot as it can get...

— By AMY HEIDEN



## It's ice time!

WHETHER IT'S IN liquid or solid form, Saginaw Bay draws fishermen in all kinds of weather.

Last week's single-digit temperatures just provided the sportsmen with another opportunity—ice fishing—to pursue their favorite pastime near Quanicasee.

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# Huron seeks 'cyberspace' information center

**By MARY DRIER**  
Telecommunications is the wave of the future — and Huron County hopes to ride its crest to the state's first "cyberspace" information center.

found throughout the county, says Osentoski. "It is a different approach to economic development — as opposed to going out and attracting manufacturers," he says. "This is for enterprises that do their business electronically or for those that generate knowledge or technical information." The Information Park concept, as conceived by the Huron EDC, would include a business area designed to serve or develop industries and users whose business depends on advanced telecommunications services and/or infrastructure.

"The idea of the Information Park is to create an environment that combines the advantages of advanced telecommunications facilities and services with the exceptional natural beauty, quality of life and small-town atmosphere offered by Huron County communities," says Osentoski. "Fax machines, access to national and international databases via computer modems, 800 telephone services and the ability to transmit large volumes of information via telephone and satellite have changed how and where companies conduct business."

"These changes have created new economic development opportunities." The study was conducted by Development Strategies, Inc. of St. Louis, Mo., and funded with a \$15,000 state grant with local matching funds. "Proposed uses for the center would include 'studios' for intense information users, branch offices for technical, design/engineering firms linked to corporate offices via telecommunication networks, 'back office' operations to perform high-volume processing functions via telecommunication links, video teleconferencing facilities and a "paperless library."

Communities considered to house the proposed center are Pigeon, Caseville, Bay Port and Port Hope. "What we were hoping to develop was an economic development model that fits into a small rural community," says Osentoski. Plus, it should be "environmentally sensitive, that uses our high quality of life and life-style and can create opportunities for our children to return to the county and find employment. "By blending the concerns of local citizens with a care-

ful trend analysis, we developed the idea for the Information Park, but we needed to see if there was a market for it." Development Strategies, Inc. was hired to perform a market analysis in association with Harley, Ellington, Pierce, Yee Associates of Southfield, which provided quality of life reviews and telecommunications infrastructure study. "This is only the first step

# HCCCC to push tourism with Huron County Board in '94

**By SALLY RUMMEL**  
The Huron County Council of Chambers, the only group of its kind in Michigan, has made a commitment to work hand in hand with the Huron County Board of Commissioners to expand local tourism.

That person's salary will come out of the EDC budget, according to Claerhout. The HCCCC is planning to work hand-in-hand with the EDC on a quality assurance program, "Service First," teaching front-line business personnel how to excel in providing customer service. This pilot program will be the first in the state of Michigan, according to Dr. Ed Mahoney, who will be working with Huron County to set-up the program with assistance from Michigan State University.

In order to let the public know more about the work of the HCCCC, Rhonda Buehler of Pigeon will begin publishing a newsletter to be sent to individual Chamber members and Village Council members in their respective communities. Presently, the HCCCC is working on several brochures for 1994, including a Calendar of Events, of which 25,000 will be printed and a cross-country ski brochure developed by the Huron County Visitor's Bureau (the tourism arm of the EDC).

The HCCCC is also developing a list of program and speaker ideas for the professional development of the Chamber members it serves throughout the county. The group meets monthly on the third Tuesday of each month at Great Lakes Junior College, Bad Axe, at 7 p.m.

Christmas weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cal Reibling were Steve and Nancy Holdnick and family of Grand Rapids. Opal Dufty entertained for Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Jim Dufty, Susie, Jessica and Kristen of Weidman; Mrs. Greg Langley, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Dick Dufty, Rick and Kami; Mr. and Mrs. Kurt Richmond, Mr. and Mrs. Chris Deering, Caseville.

Claraehout expects "Service First" to be up and running within the first six months of 1994. The HCCCC is also gearing up for the 1994 Outdoorama, an outdoorsports enthusiasts event held each year in mid-winter. Huron County has always been successfully represented at Outdoorama, providing brochures and information to would-be tourists who visit booths from around Michigan, the Midwest and Canada. This year's dates are Friday, Feb. 26 to Sunday, March 6 at the Novi Expo Center. Volunteers from throughout Huron County are needed, as each Chamber accepts responsibility for manning the Huron County booth on specified dates. Overnight accommodations are available at no charge to individuals volunteering their time at Outdoorama.

The \$10,000 figure will be used for promotion only, and salaries for administrative staff will be paid out of the Huron County Economic Development Council budget, according to HCCCC President Tammy Claerhout, who vows to keep the lines of communication open with the Board of Commissioners by inviting them to meetings and events sponsored by the HCCCC.

In the past, administrative costs and salaries had been paid for out of the amount appropriated to HCCCC. The Huron County EDC office, which is primarily manned by Executive Director Carl Osentoski and Administrative Assistant Amy Braun, plans to hire a part-time clerical person to handle the day-to-day work of responding to tourism inquiries, answering the telephone and sending out mailings.

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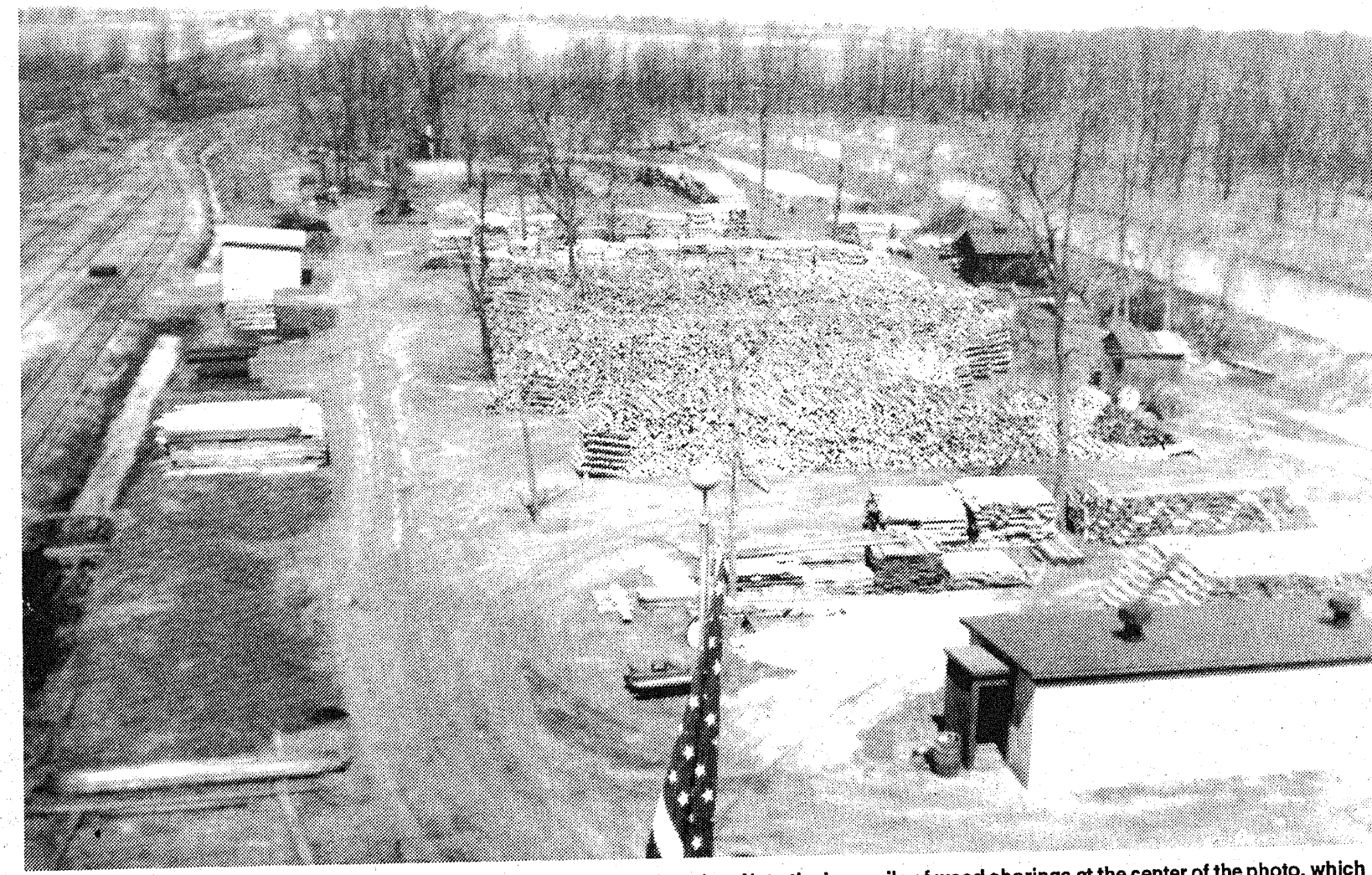
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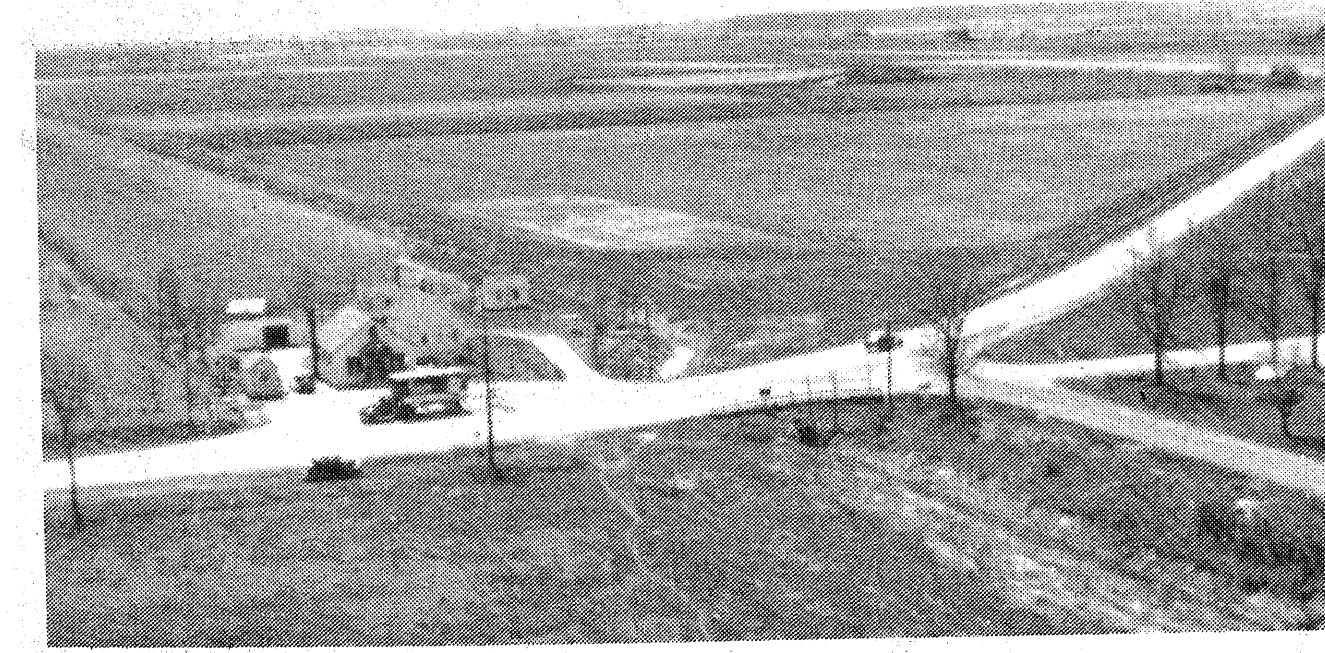
# Unionville's Coal Mine Corner... 50 years ago

**By WALT RUMMEL**  
Coal mining was big business in the Upper Thumb around the start of World War II in the early 1940s. Coal was a vital fuel to heat homes, factories and business places in those years. Because of an abundance of coal, petroleum products were freed to move planes, ships, trucks and tanks on their long march to victory. The intersection of M-25 and Bay Park Road, three miles west of Unionville, was a busy corner in those days. There were rail lines then, connecting the Robert Gage Coal Mine with the main rail line at the west boundary of Unionville Village. That intersection is where a huge pile of slag was flattened several years ago to end seepage from the slag onto neighboring land. Once known as the Coal Mine Corner, the area is a quiet place today, with the buildings and track removed and the flattened slag pile covered with topsoil.

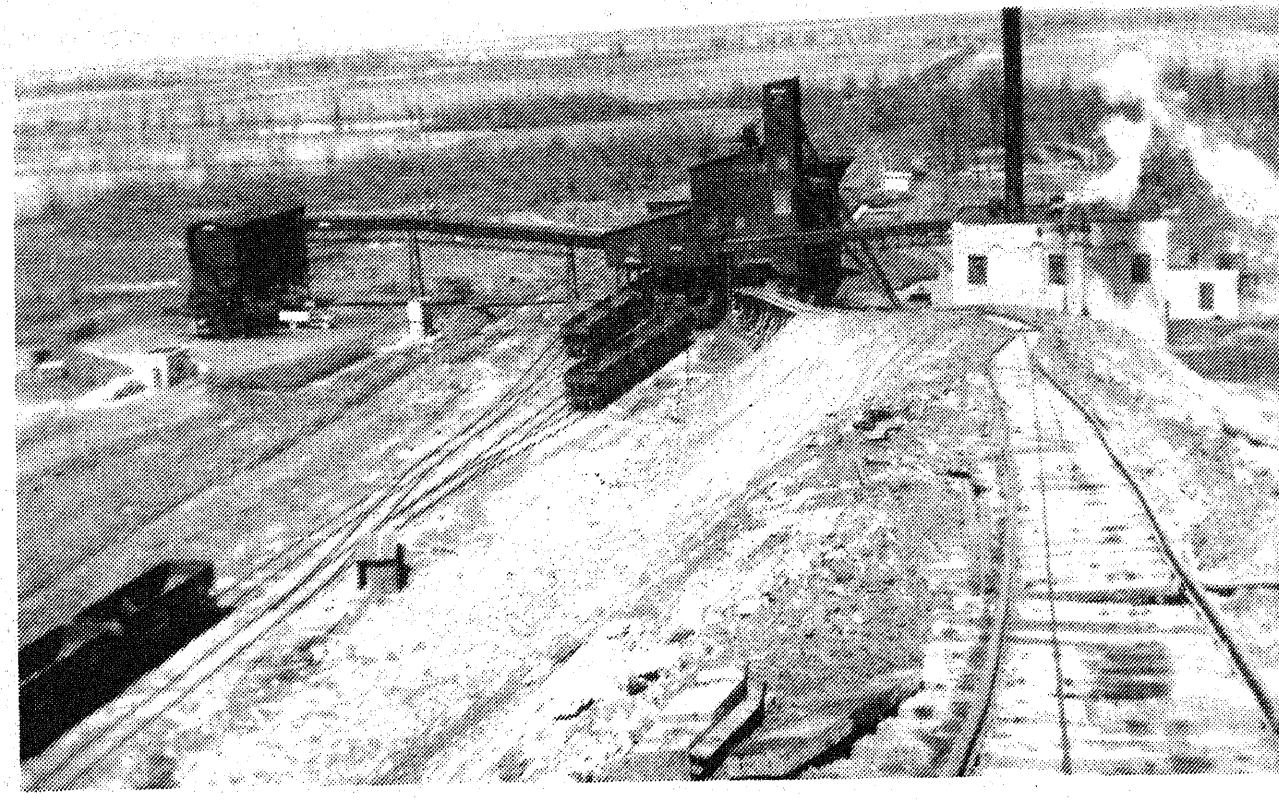


(These photos were taken by the late Hilbert Bergman, who trucked coal from the mine and eventually developed and built his own successful trucking company. When Hilbert Bergman retired, his records showed that he had personally driven trucks more than 3 million miles).

Looking north from the tippie, the photo shows out-buildings of the mine. Note the huge pile of wood shorings at the center of the photo, which were taken underground to support the roof of the mine. Shorings were put into place as coal was removed.



Looking south from the top of the slag pile, that's M-25, Bay City-Forestville Road, running from left center to right, and veering off toward Bay City in the upper right-hand corner. The road extension straight west (shown at right center) is Bay Park road, and road to lower right carried traffic into coal mine property. The business place just left of center on M-25 was Little Norway, a small family store owned by the late Sigurd Baver.



This photo shows how the slag pile was built up. Here is where the rock was broken away and separated from the coal. Then a car was pushed to the top and its rocky contents poured over the edge of the pile. The track was extended as the pile grew.

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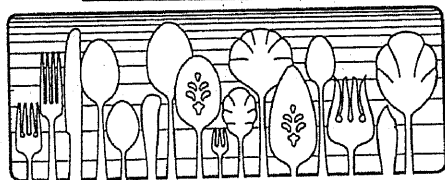
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**JOHN DIVINCENTIS** wishes to thank all who sent flowers, cards, visited and called him while he was in St. Luke's Hospital especially, Sheriff Mike & Carol Gage, Sally & Mark Rummel, Congressman Jim & Vicki Barcia, Virginia & Bob Nicholl, Dr. Peter & Irene Castilla, the prayers said at St. Roch's and St. Felix Catholic Churches and at the Caseville Methodist Church. Thank you for the delicious anniversary cake from all in 3-East at St. Luke's Hospital. Thanks for all the calls from the Barbers in Moline, Illinois, the Bahrs in West Chicago, Illinois, Regina Rapson in Green Valley, Arizona and the Hawthornes in Destin, Florida. A very special thanks to Pauline & Ed Donakowski of Bay City. Love and prayers to all. John and Agnes.

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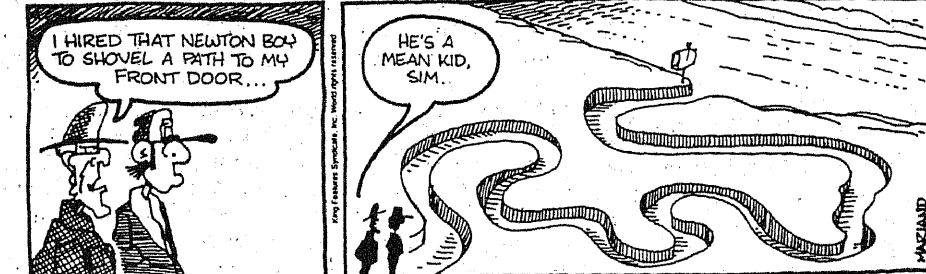
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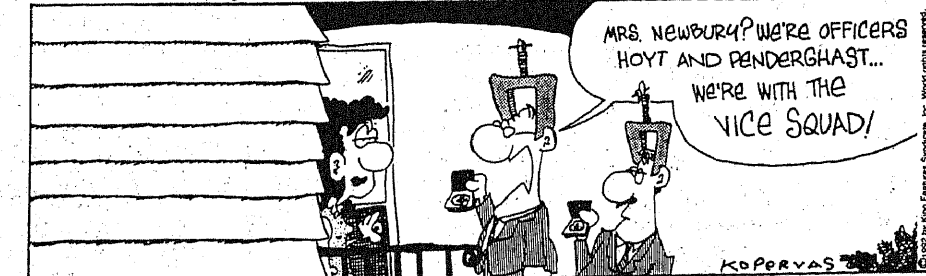
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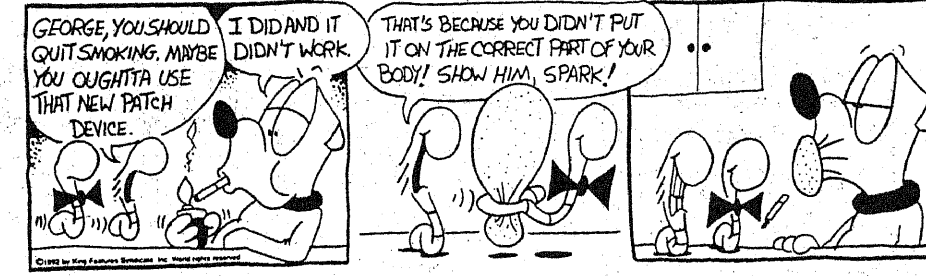
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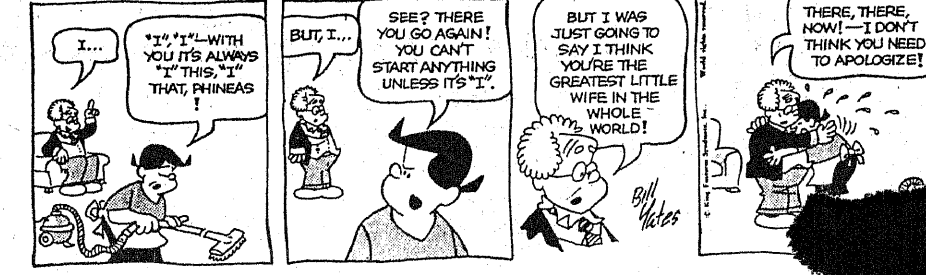
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# The Newsweekly's Thumb-Area Calendar

## Wednesdays, on Jan. 5 - Lamaze classes in Bad Axe

Huron Memorial Hospital, Bad Axe, will host a six-week Lamaze childbirth class beginning Jan. 5. Pre-registration for the 7 p.m. class is necessary. Details, Laurie Roggenbuck at 864-3165.

## Wednesday, Jan. 5 - Financial aid meeting at USA

USA High School will host a financial aid meeting at the high school cafeteria at 7 p.m. Bruce Goodburne, associate director of financial aid at Delta College, is the guest speaker.

Students (and parents) who plan to attend college or vocational school in the fall should attend, and learn the types of financial aid which are available, how to complete application forms and the financial aid process works.

## Thursday, Jan. 6 - Financial Aid Workshop

Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" School District will host a Financial Aid Workshop 7 p.m. at the high school.

## Saturday, Jan. 8 - USA Youth Basketball starts

Children in grades 1-4 are invited to the first practice of the Youth Basketball Program, at 9 a.m. in the Unionville Gym. Adult helpers also needed; please come, too. Watch for fifth grade practice news next week. Details: Chris, 674-8469.

## Saturday, Jan. 8 - X-Country Candlelight Ski Run

A one-mile trail, located five miles south of Harbor Beach at the Wagener County Park scout cabin, will be lit by candles for a two-hour run, beginning at dusk, weather-permitting. A bonfire and refreshments will be part of the activities, sponsored by Huron County Parks & Rec. Details: 269-6404.

## Monday, Jan. 10 - Scheurer Hospital Aux. meets

"Visitor's Day" will be the theme of the 1:30 p.m. meeting in the hospital classroom, with members encouraged to bring guests. The program will include a tour of hospital equipment purchased by the auxiliary of the hospital just west of Pigeon.

## Monday, Jan. 10 - Lake Huron Chorus "Guest Night"

Area ladies are invited to a special introduction to singing barbershop-style at 7 p.m. at the Huron Medical Care Facility cafeteria, Bad Axe. Details: 856-4605, 453-2524.

## 2nd Monday, Sebawaing Masons Meet

Masons meet at Sebawaing Temple, 203 S. Center St., at 7:30 p.m.

## Monday, Jan. 10 - Financial Aid Workshop

Caseville Public School will host a Financial Aid Workshop 7 p.m. at the high school.

## Monday, Jan. 10 - USA board meeting

Regular monthly meeting for the USA Board of Education will begin at 6:45 p.m. rather than at 7 p.m.

## Tuesday, Jan. 11 - Sebawaing Chamber meeting

The Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce meeting is 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. Interested persons are invited to attend.

## Tuesdays, starting Jan. 11 - Boating safety classes

U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Sebawaing Flotilla, will host 12-week boating classes at USA High School. Classes start at 7 p.m. Details, call 375-2470, 673-4734, 269-6614, 674-8658 or 883-2843.

## Tuesday, Jan. 11 - 4-H Jet meet

The Sebawaing 4-H Jets meets 6:30 p.m. at the residence of Arlene Sbresny, 681 Hickory Court.

## Wednesday, Jan. 12 - USA Blood drive

USA High School invites donors 3 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

## Saturday, Jan. 15 - K of C Free Throw Contests

The 1994 Knights of Columbus' International Free Throw Championship for youngsters ages 10 to 14 will be conducted at two local schools:

■ K of C Council #8582 hosts its event at USA High from 8 a.m. to 12 noon;

■ K of C Council #8042 hosts its event at Laker High, with registration beginning at 9:30 a.m.

## Saturday, Jan. 15 - livestock club registration

Sebawaing 4-H Livestock Club Beef Animals for Huron Community Fair will be registered and tagged. Details: Jim or Sally Brandenburg 883-3856.

## Monday, Jan. 18 - Columbia Township meeting

Columbia Township Board will host a meeting 7 p.m. at the township library, Unionville, the third Monday of each month.

## Tuesday, Jan. 18 - Parkinson's meeting in Cass City

Parkinson's Care giver & Support Group meets 1 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Hills & Dales General Hospital, Cass City. Details: Nancy 872-4053 or Jean 872-2121.

## Wednesday, Jan. 19 - USA Booster meeting

All parents of USA High School Athletes and all USA supporters are encouraged to attend the USA Athletic Boosters meeting at 7 p.m. at the high school cafeteria.

## Thursday, Jan. 20 - Pigeon La Leche League meets

Regular monthly meeting at 10 a.m. at Salem United Methodist Church for all women interested in breastfeeding. Babies always welcome. Details: 674-2676, Cheryl: 453-3091.

## Saturday, Jan. 22 - Free Myers-Briggs Workshop

Personality inventory will be given, along with instruction by Delta College teacher Vickie VanSteenhouse, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Wisner United Methodist Church, Vassar Road, Wisner. Recommended for enhancing personal and

workplace relationships. Bring lunch or order pizza with group. Please register by Jan. 19 at 691-5555.

## Monday, Feb. 28 - TISD budget hearing

Tuscola Intermediate School District's special hearing 7 p.m. for district representatives to vote on the 1994-95 budget. Each of the nine county school districts in the ISD selects a representative to vote on the proposed TISD budget, which totaled \$10 million last year.

## Monday, Feb. 28 - Joint Blood Drive at Lakers

A joint Community Blood Drive for Bay Port, Elkton and Pigeon is 1 to 7 p.m. at Laker High School, sponsored by American Red Cross. The three towns are combining their efforts to make it more convenient for blood donors to give.

**Calendar Deadline: Thursdays at 5:00 p.m.**



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## Huron Bean Day is Jan. 12

The 1994 Huron County Bean Day is Wednesday, Jan. 12 at the Bad Axe K of C Hall, west of town on M-142. Program starts at 10 a.m. with "early bird" door prizes, and there is an admission fee, which includes lunch and supplies.

The Michigan Bean Commission will be represented by Jack Sturm of Pigeon, MBC member, and Dale Kuenzli, executive director. Expert speakers include Greg Varner, John McGill, and others. Huron Extension Ag Agent Jim LeCureux 883-3106 at 269-9949.