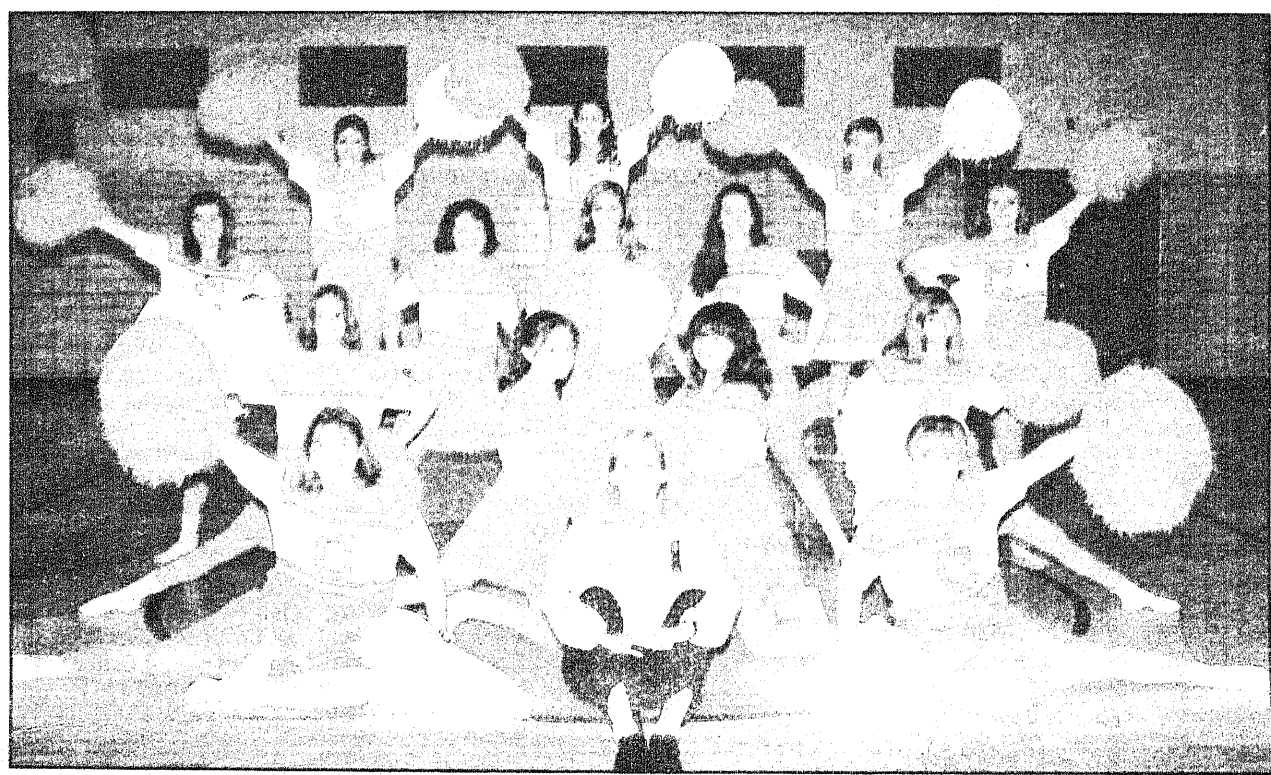


# The Newsweekly

## Be of good CHEER



**PUTTING ON THEIR DANCIN' SHOES:** The Caseville Pom Pon Squad are familiar faces to the people who watch their popular half-time show at various sports events. Pictured here are, front row from left, Audra Cilc, Coach Bonnie Wroblewski, Rachel Helms; second row, Jenny Green, Alicia Woolford, Jandi Nickerson; third row, Michelle Mohr, Nicole Campbell, Stephanie Kraft, Karla Pittenger, Nicole Cieslinski; back row, Amy Stahl, Amber Stirrett, Kristen Lisowski. Missing from photo: Nicole Ruiz de Castilla. For other Winter Sports information, see Section B of this week's edition. *KATHY MEYER PHOTO*

### Blade & Progress NEWS ROUND-UP

#### Special Sebewaing P.O. hours coming this Saturday

For customers' convenience, the Sebewaing Post Office will remain open until 1 p.m. this Saturday, Dec. 16. Packages should be mailed at least by that date to ensure they reach their destination by Christmas, says Postmaster Nancy Kiesel. She is also pleased to announce the Sebewaing Post Office now has added its new Drive-By Collection Boxes located on W. Sebewaing St., right behind the Post Office. It is accessible on the driver's side door by turning west on the new one-way portion of W. Sebewaing Street.



#### MICHIGAN "by the numbers"

**A CAPITAL IDEA:** Lansing was chosen as Michigan's state capital in 1847 because it was halfway between Lake Huron and Lake Michigan. State leaders rejected using the state's biggest city, Detroit, and more than 15 other nominees — even though Lansing also averages fewer days of sunshine than any other location in the state...

#### Adding costs to taxes...

In a quiet Dec. 4 meeting, Sebewaing Village Council voted to attach the cost of demolishing the Esterline Building plus legal fees, as a lien on the Sebewaing Historical Society's 1996 property taxes. The Esterline Building, although owned by the Society, was never occupied and therefore does not come under the tax exempt status offered such organizations, Council members learned. Sebewaing Council also proposed increasing sewer rates for residents of the Hickory Court subdivision, located on the southern border of the village. All residents of the subdivision will receive a letter notifying them of the proposal as well as a public meeting on Monday, Jan. 22, to discuss the upcoming matter.

In other business, Sebewaing Council learned:  
■ the cable TV franchise hasn't been settled at this time, and  
■ received no report on the Davis Street measurements requested at last month's meeting. — *By DUANE GUENTHER*

#### Stay off Saginaw Bay ice!

Even though icy cold, wintry weather has been the order of the day in the Thumb for the past three weeks, ice on Saginaw Bay is not safe for humans or vehicles at this time, says the U.S. Coast Guard. Ice is about one inch thick 100 feet off land, and is only two inches thick 300 feet from shore, so fishermen should stay off.

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## Solving a moral dilemma

By WILLIAM DILLER

While Christmas shopping with her mother and young daughters last Christmas season, Brenda Wichert of Elkton was faced with a moral dilemma: to take advantage of an opportunity for person gain, or use that opportunity for a higher purpose.

Wichert, 34, a Home Health Care Nurse for the Huron County Health Department, has always relied on her Christian upbringing to help her make such decisions — the type that face people daily.

She recalls a time she was eight years old.

"Mom was shopping at the Elkton IGA," Wichert says. "I took a two-cent bubble gum and told her I was going to the car. When Mom got to the car, she smelled the gum.

"Mom and Dad always taught me, 'If you don't lie, we'll stand behind you.' Lying wasn't a part of life.

"So, of course, I told her I took the gum. She made me

go in, by myself, tell them I took the gum, and pay for it.

"That was better punishment than if they had taken away a privilege."

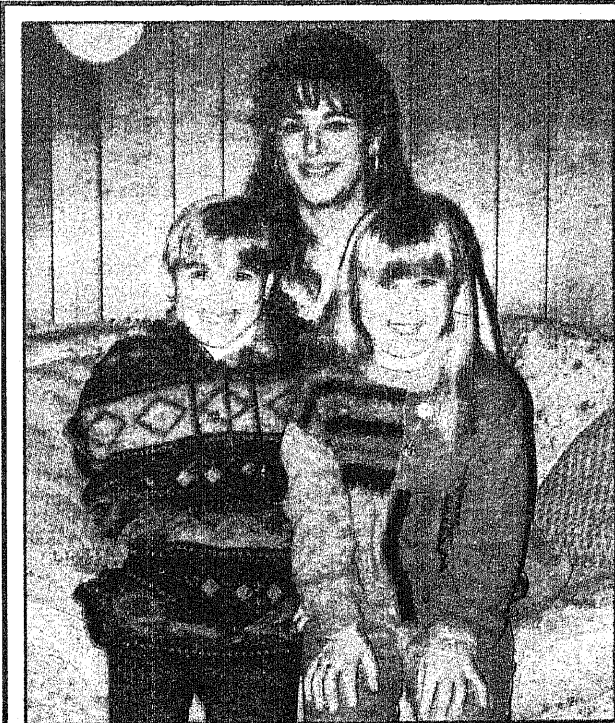
From such experiences, Wichert learned the difference between right and wrong, and learned doing wrong results in a penalty.

Today, she appreciates those lessons, and tries to pass them on to her own daughters — nine-year-old Ashley and seven-year-old Elizabeth. She hopes such lessons will help her own youngsters make the right decisions, when they are faced with their own moral dilemmas.

The situation which faced Wichert last season was finding a \$20 bill while Christmas shopping.

She was entering a store with her daughters and her mother, Donna Krohn of Elkton, when Wichert spied a \$20 bill on the floor. Her

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**HOLIDAY LESSON:** Here are Mom Brenda and daughters Ashley and Elizabeth Wichert.

WILLIAM DILLER PHOTO

WINTER SPORTS BOOK FOR ALL GOOD SPORTS

# The Newsweekly's Thumb Area CALENDAR

**Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Sebawaing Chamber meets**  
Chamber Board will meet at Village Office at 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Dec. 12 - Laker Band Boosters meet**  
Interested parents are invited to this regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. in the Laker Band Room. Details: Rhonda Buehler, 517-453-2506.

**Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Special Advent Service**  
7 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, Unionville. Orchestra will lead singing of Christmas carols. Come, share the Christmas joy!

**Wednesday, Dec. 13 - Widows/widowers meet**  
Happy Thumb Widow and Widowers Club will hold their monthly dinner and meeting at 6 p.m. at Giovanni's Restaurant in Elkton. There will be a small gift exchange. All widows and widowers are invited to celebrate the season.

**Thursday, Dec. 14 - Senior CLASS Brunch**  
Laugh Attack from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln St., Bay City. For more info and to register, 517-894-3937.

**Thursday, Dec. 14 - Tree Dedication & Reception**  
4:30 p.m. at 624 W. Frank St., Caro, and to honor Ron Schneider and Karen Kopka of Assault Crisis Center for their tireless service.

**Thursday, Dec. 14 - Huron Allied Veterans Council**  
Meeting at 8 p.m. at Sebawaing VFW Post 4115. All veterans and American Legion members welcome.

**Thursday, Dec. 14 - C'ville Historical Society meets**  
Monthly meeting is set for 12 noon at the Township/Village Hall, 6767 Main St., Caseville.

**Thursday, Dec. 14 - Indoor Carol Singalong**  
At Heidelberg Gallery, Downtown Sebawaing, from 7 to 9 p.m.

**Thursday, Dec. 14 - "United We Stand"**  
Local chapter of Ross Perot's group meet at 7 p.m., Texan Restaurant, State St., Saginaw. Public welcome!

**Friday, Dec. 15 - "Lights on for Life"**  
Every vehicle on Huron County roadways is encouraged to turn on their headlights while driving during daylight hours, to remember all those who have been killed or injured due to

drunk drivers. Details: Huron County Sheriff's Department, 517-269-6421.

**Sat.-Sun., Dec. 16-17 - Gingerbread Houses to view**  
Last weekend to view the Tree display at Heidelberg Gallery, Downtown Sebawaing. Hours are 1 to 4 p.m. Gingerbread houses made by third grade pupils of Karen Gehrs at Pigeon Elementary School will also be on display as will two gingerbread houses made by Kathy Fiebig and her daughter, Jessica.

**Sat.-Sun., Dec. 16-17 - "Shine, Jesus, Shine"**  
Christmas musical presented by Salem United Methodist Youth, 6:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary, 23 Mabel St., Pigeon.

**Saturday, Dec. 16 - Sebawaing P.O. open longer**  
The Post Office will remain open until 1 p.m. for customer convenience. Packages should be mailed by this date to ensure delivery by Christmas.

**Saturday, Dec. 16 - Santa comes to Unionville**  
Santa will visit Unionville Fire Hall at 11 a.m. Area children are invited to visit Santa and enjoy a sloppy joe and hot chocolate. Also horsedrawn wagon rides will be available. Sponsored by Unionville Community Association

**Sunday, Dec. 17 - Widows/widowers to meet**  
Happy Thumb Widow and Widowers Club Christmas Sing-a-long will be at Terr's at 2 p.m. Call her at 453-3045 for directions. Bring Christmas cookies to pass.

**Sunday Dec. 17 - Christmas Cantata in Pigeon**  
Michigan Ave. Mennonite Church Choir will present its Christmas cantata, "King Jesus Is His Name" at the church in Pigeon at 4 p.m. The public is invited to attend, and refreshments follow.

**Monday, Dec. 18 - Columbia Township Board**  
Meeting at Township Library, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 18 - Unionville Village Council**  
Meeting at Village Hall, 7 p.m.

**Monday, Dec. 18 - Hubbard Windsor Lodge 420**  
Masonic Temple, Pigeon, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday Dec. 18 - USA Advisory group meets**  
USA Middle School Advisory Committee will meet at 8:15 p.m. in the High School teachers' lounge. The meeting is open to the public.

**Tuesday, Dec. 19 - USA 5th Grade Christmas Play**  
"Santa Joins a Motorcycle Gang." 6:30 p.m. USA gymnasium. Public welcome!

## Moral dilemma?

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first reaction was, "Good, now we have money for some shopping."

Money was tight for both families, due to a lock-out at the factory where both of their husbands worked. It was a lean Christmas — and that \$20 would come in handy.

But Wichert recognized an opportunity — just as her own mother had used the bubble gum incident.

She chose to use this "found money" to instruct her daughters. She turned in the money at the store, feeling it was a good lesson in honesty for the girls. The manager of the store told her she would get the money if no one claimed it in the next few days.

While Wichert and Krohn were waiting to pay for their purchases, they overheard a mother and her young daughter standing nearby. From the conversation, it was obvious this woman was the owner of the lost money.

The woman was ready to check out, holding purchases of milk, diapers and other necessities, when she noticed the money was missing.

Even though it was the Christmas shopping season, there were no toys in the cart. Wichert had the feeling this \$20 was probably the only money the woman had.

The money was returned to the grateful owner and the Wicherts finished their shopping and went home.

It gave them a good feeling, knowing they had done the right thing, Wichert says.

In her words, "That little girl probably wouldn't have had any milk to drink if we hadn't done what was right. It would have been so easy to take that money and spend it."

"But I honestly believe that if you do what God wants you to, you'll be rewarded, even if it's just in the heart," Wichert says.

"And knowing that those people could have their milk and a little bit of food they needed was a better feeling for us."

"And you know what? That was the best Christmas I ever had!"

# Girl Scouts want your mittens!

HELP THE MITTEN TREE: Sebawaing Area Girl Scouts from Troops 872, 884 and 839 helped put up the Mitten Tree at Sebawaing Township Library. Mittens, gloves and hats are being collected for the Care & Share program, and the public's help is needed, Scouts say.



All Mitten tree donations must be dropped off by Wednesday, Dec. 20. Food and toy donations are also welcomed.

Girl Scouts shown, left to right, are Krista Langenburg, Anastasia Atkins; kneeling, Amanda Powell, Jasmine Doerr, Leah North, Jessica Doerr, Rebecca Nieschulz, Cassie DeWitt, Ashlee Weinlander and Alison Meyers.

COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

# Caseville School Program is Thursday

Caseville Elementary School students will perform their annual Christmas Program this Thursday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. in the James Stahl Auditorium.

This year's performance is "I Love Christmas" and is a Hal Leonard Choral Revue written by John Jacobson for young voices.

Songs sung will include old favorites "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," "Frosty the Snowman," "Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree," "Jingle Bell Rock," "A Holly Jolly Christmas" and "I'm Gettin' Nuttin' for Christmas."

Caseville's fifth and sixth grade bands will also perform. Seating is limited for the 7 p.m. performance, so the chil-

dren will perform a special matinee on Dec. 14 at 10 a.m. in the auditorium for grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends unable to attend the evening performance.

Handicapped seating is available and there is no admission charge.

# USA's 'School-To-Work' in full swing

Members of USA's newly formed "School-To-Work" committee have been busy planning their year's activities.

At the Dec. 7 meeting, 12 teams formed to survey area businesses reported their results and divided 19 new business sites which hold possibilities for future student placement.

The School-To-Work program is being developed in conjunction with the Tuscola County ISD, to better prepare students for the work place of the 21st Century, according to volunteer coordinator Lloyd Adam of Sebawaing.

Presently, the committee is working on a grant which would provide funds to transport elementary students to career exploration sites, purchase plaques to recognize students and the business they are working with, to pay for advertising plus production of a mini career expo day in the future.

# Winners at Elkton Lunch With Santa



BICYCLE WINNERS: Logan Tibbitts of Pigeon, left, and Crystal Brooks of Elkton were the lucky bike winners at Elkton's Lunch With Santa event on Saturday.

More than 250 youngsters enjoyed a hot dog lunch with the jolly one. The lunch was sponsored by Club 59, in cooperation with the Elkton Chamber of Commerce and the Village of Elkton. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

# Need last-minute Postal Service tips?

By LAURA SCHARICH  
Bay Port Postmaster

Many local Post Offices are extending their hours this time of year, to accommodate the increased holiday mailing activity.

But regular mail volume is staggering on its own — the Postal Service delivers about 88 million cards and letters on a "normal" day.

During the holiday mailing season, which runs Nov. 24 through Dec. 30, that number increases by 50% to 139 million cards and letters each day.

Parcels increase in numbers big enough to form a mountain of their own!

Close to 100 million Priority Mail and parcel post packages are expected to enter the mailstream during this holiday season.

In keeping with the Postal Service holiday theme this year — "Helping You Handle the Holi-

days" — packaging supplies and helpful hints are available at your local post office.

The holidays are one of the busiest times of the year for everyone, and we want to assure our customers that we do everything possible to make it easy for them to mail their cards and packages.

Your Postal Service workers hope your holiday season is enjoyable.

# New hours at Pigeon P.O.

Pigeon Postmaster Tom Balzer announces that people can now pick up their mail during extended lobby hours, Monday through Friday until 5:30 p.m.

Window service hours will be until 5 p.m., adds Balzer. Saturday hours are until 12 noon.

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# Pigeon's Pat McArdle is recognized by Farm Bureau

Pat McArdle of Pigeon is one of four young farmers to be recognized by the Michigan Farm Bureau for their leadership abilities, business skills and articulate knowledge of ag issues.

McArdle received the Outstanding Young Farm Employee Award, a new designation this year, recognizing his achievements in milking 150 dairy cows and raising 760 acres of hay, corn, wheat, barley, oats and navy beans. During his high school career, McArdle was also an all-state football player and wrestler. He received \$500 in cash from Dodge Trucks, a Carhart jacket courtesy of Blue Cross-Blue Shield and an expense-paid trip to the American Farm Bureau Federation annual meeting.

The Young Farmer Contests were announced during Michigan Farm Bureau's 76th annual meeting in Traverse City last week. Other winners included:

- Tami Craig-Walton of Sturgis, Outstanding Young Ag Leader; ■ Andrew Barboff of Stevensville, Young Farmer Achievement Award, and ■ Dave Duyck of Essexville, Discussion Meet winner, discussing the topic, "How Does Tax Policy Affect the Future of American Agriculture?"

# Court proceedings

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

- David R. Belmont, 43 of Caseville, pled guilty to domestic violence, ordered to serve 36 days in Huron County Jail and pay \$500 fines and costs; ■ Jodi L. Brown, 19 of Sebawaing, pled guilty to selling alcohol to minor; \$475 fines and costs; ■ Brian D. Diehl, 22 of Caseville, found guilty by default of defective auto equipment; \$50 fines and costs; ■ Daniel C. Dutcher, 22 of Essexville, pled guilty to no license in possession; \$200 fines and costs; ■ Terry A. Edwards, 31 of Cass City, pled guilty to illegal possession of property and carrying unlicensed gun, following a recent incident near Owendale; \$185 fines and costs; ■ John F. Guster, 70 of Caseville, pled guilty to open alcohol in vehicle; \$105 fines and costs; ■ Russell D. Harder, 21 of Bay Port, pled guilty to open alcohol in vehicle; \$105 fines and costs; ■ Ralph J. Kain, 62 of Owendale, pled guilty to selling alcohol to minor; \$150 fines and costs; ■ Thomas J. Luce, 52 of Owendale, pled guilty to selling alcohol to minor; three days in jail and \$150 fines and costs; ■ Charles E. Mansfield, 20 of Caseville, pled guilty to no license in possession and found guilty of speeding; \$220 fines and costs; ■ Darlene M. Sarviss, 65 of Pigeon, pled guilty to selling alcohol to minor; three days in jail and \$150 fines and costs; ■ Mark M. Wollford, 34 of Caseville, pled guilty to selling alcohol to minor; three days in jail and \$150 fines and costs.

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All The News That Fits We Print!  
by Mark Hummel

SOME THINGS LEARNED LOOKING UP OTHER STUFF:  
■ NO HOPE FOR CHRISTMAS - For the first time in 45 years, Bob Hope won't be starring in a Christmas special on TV this holiday season. The 92-year-old comedian isn't retiring from TV nor is he particularly ill, but he plans to devote energies toward 1996 specials, Hope says.

Bob Hope Christmas shows were always "must" viewing when I was a kid. His humor is still clean, funny and somehow always makes me smile. He has been associated with NBC radio since the 1930s, and started his Christmas specials on TV in (believe it or not) 1950...

■ NO SKELTON, EITHER: Another longtime clean comedian, Red Skelton, has announced he will no longer tour due to his advanced age — and so his Fox Theatre sell-out crowds in Detroit will be only happy memories.

I loved Red Skelton's characters on his TV show long ago, and he too will be missed by folks who appreciate his style...  
■ HOW MANY VEGGIES? How much broccoli does an average American eat in a year? A total of 3.1 pounds in 1994, up from 2.5 pounds in 1984. In the same decade, we now eat 3.1 more pounds of onions than in '84 (now it's 16.2 pounds per year) and even eat 5.6 pounds of bell peppers (up 2 pounds) per person per year...

■ HOW MUCH SEAFOOD? America's three favorite seafoods — tuna, shrimp and Alaska pollock — kept their one-two-three order in 1994. Plus, shrimp and pollock rose in pounds consumed per person.

The National Fisheries Institute lists the top 10 seafoods every year, and our per-person consumption is:

Tuna	3.3 pounds
Shrimp	2.6 pounds
Alaska pollock	1.5 pounds
Salmon	1.1 pounds
Cod	0.9 pounds
Calfish	0.8 pounds
Clams	0.5 pounds
Flatfish	0.36 pounds
Crabs	0.31 pounds
Scallops	0.29 pounds

WISH I'D SAID THAT: "How many marriages would be better if the husband and wife clearly understood they're both on the same side?!!!" (anon.)



# Caseville clubs meet, greet and eat...

## CASEVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

The weekly meeting of the Caseville Kiwanis was held at the Country House Restaurant on Dec. 6. Ann Kennedy introduced speaker of the day, Chris Wineman of Pigeon.

She presented a review of her son Michael's experiences with his bone marrow transplant treatment for aplastic anemia. She encouraged all eligible people to register as bone marrow donors.

The annual teacher appreciation dinner was held Saturday, Dec. 9 at Mitch's Hidden Harbor Restaurant with about 25 Caseville teachers honored.

A total of 66 Kiwanians, guests and teachers participated, in spite of the windy, cold, snowy weather. All teachers and Kiwanis members, plus their guests, were introduced by Caseville School Supt. James Stahl.

**CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB**  
The Caseville Retirement

club met Dec. 5 with 75 members present. President Angelo Micalè led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance and thanked early-bird providers Susan Reynolds, Paul O'Connell, Betsy Kirtek, Sally Ryan, Al Fournier and Ceil Peyok.

Welcomed back after a long absence were John and Martha Weremiuk.

A catered meal of meat loaf and trimmings was served by the Human Development Commission. Two free meal certificates were awarded to Stella Wozniak and Betty

Smith.

Celebrating birthdays this week are Ray Smith, Louie Leduc, Hazel Simmons and Cathryn Ross.

Anniversaries being celebrated are Junior and Shirley Robinson, 43 years; George and Jennie Tomlinson, 50 years; John and Dorothy Kaval, 65 years; and Joe and Margaret Forray, 60 years.

A reminder that the food pantry and Christmas fund needs our help. Also, when the local school is closed due to inclement weather, the club will be closed.

A thank-you card was received from the family of the late Charles Pudney.

Jetta Muhme, travel chairman, announced that Roy Clark will be in Chesaning in July. Reservations must be in at the February meeting in order to receive tickets.

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Dear Editor:

This last week I had a birthday and I was almost as old as my father was when he passed away. If I can do as much as he did in his life, I'll be thankful.

He was noted for his sense of humor. He raised 10 children and when he died, he had 32 grandchildren. All that were old enough either

belonged to some church or were married or in some business. There were several preachers and nurses among them and all were law-abiding citizens.

Dad was a Sunday school teacher and knew the Bible as well as anybody. He gave me a spanking when I needed it and sometimes I got by. Whenever I needed advice,

I could go to him and he always had an answer for me.

He worked at a lot of things and once he worked for a man that bought and sold horses. And once when we came walking down a street in Pigeon, a big dog about the size of a lion came running out with his mouth wide open and I was scared almost to death.

My Dad gave that dog a kick and sent him into the ditch and the dog got up and howled and ran to the barn. **Maybe my Dad** should have said "nice doggie, don't bite my little boy." But he did what anybody would do to protect his child.

We had two sons and two daughters. Both of my sons

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are preachers and my daughters are nurses. And I worked at a lot of places and took care of a lot of animals.  
It says in the Bible that a wise man regards the life of his beast. Well, I think that if it's the life of your child or your beast, a parent will try to save the life of his child. I also know that your good

works won't get you to heaven, but it'll help.  
**I always tried** to do the right thing and saw to it that my children got the best care and taught them as much of the Bible as I could. I taught Sunday school for 30 years and dug graves for over 45 years and covered up over 1,500 bodies.

So I wasn't idle very much and if I wrote a book of the experiences that I had, it would make a big book! But I don't know if many people would be interested or not.

If you have your Bible handy, read John 3:16-17..

Sincerely yours,  
**GEORGE KEIM**

### Barcia aide meets public this week

An aide for U.S. Cong. Jim Barcia (D-Bay City) is holding constituent hours in Huron, Sanilac and Tuscola Counties in mid-December. Anyone with a question or concern about an issue before the U.S. House of Representatives or who has a prob-

lem with any federal agency is welcome to attend.  
■ Wednesday, Dec. 13 - 10 to 12 noon at Huron County Courthouse, Board of Commission Office, Bad Axe.  
■ Wednesday, Dec. 13 - 2 to 4 p.m. at Tuscola County Board of Commission Office, Courthouse Annex, Caro.

■ Friday, Dec. 15 - 10 to 12 noon at Sanilac County Conference Room, Sandusky.

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### Laker Junior High Band shines!

The Laker Junior High Band was represented in 28 solo and ensemble events at the recent Junior High Solo and Ensemble Festival at North Branch Junior High. Band members from Laker earning one or more First Division ratings, the highest rating available, included:  
Brandin Elenbaum, Peter Eichler, Laura Dubey, Jessica Weidman, Erin Gulash, Marisa McCormick, Garret Buehler, Erica Allen, Jessica Schuette, Joy

Leipprandt, Josh Smeader, Tiffany Maust, Shar Henry and Melissa Winkel.  
Earning a Division 2 rating, which represents a good performance, were:  
Stacey Kreh, Jim McQueen, Jeff Nimtz, Peter Eichler, Heidi Knaus, Sarah Rouston, Anna Blakeney, Emily Sneller, Lisa Staller, Sara Hazard and Jackie Steele.  
**Junior High students** from all over the Thumb spent the last several months in preparation for the important day.

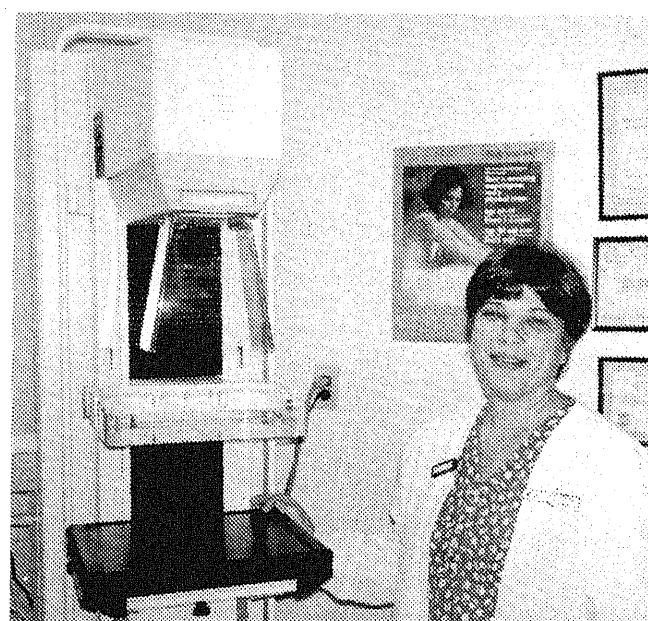
"It's always a privilege to participate in the festival," said Laker Bands Director Craig Chissus.  
"Each year the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association brings in outstanding music specialists and adjudicators which provide students with constructive written and verbal comments, which in turn help propel them to a higher level of musical excellence."



NOT EVERYONE HATED the snowstorm which almost crippled the Thumb Area last Tuesday morning. With school called off, many youngsters headed for the nearest snow piles! Chris Phillips, Sam Haag, and Jason Phillips found their haven in the parking lot of the Sebewaing Township Fire Hall.  
DUANE GUENTHER PHOTO

### Scheurer machine re-certified

Women undergoing mammography at Scheurer Hospital of Pigeon can rest assured that the mammography unit has been tested and found to be working properly.  
That's the word from Scheurer's Radiology Department Manager Tom Craig, who says the hospital's mammography unit passed a recent certification test by the American College of Radiology and the federal Food and Drug Administration for the next three years.  
All mammography units in every hospital and clinic must be certified every three years, Craig says, and Scheurer's unit passed the test on the first try.



IT'S APPROVED: Certified Mammography Technician Donna Thede stands by the newly-certified Scheurer x-ray machine.  
AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

**Radiology managers** must send in a "phantom" x-ray, taken of a simulated breast with specks resembling cancer spots. A physicist's report stating that the machine has been tested and calibrated must also be submitted every year, and those reports are included with the phantom x-ray to the ACR.  
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# Thumb Sports Review

## Pats fall to Marlette

Marlette proved to be too much for the USA Patriots last Friday night, using a pressure defense and some hot shooting by Red Raider senior guard Gabe Sowa, to secure a 59-38 cross-divisional win in Thumb C action.

In the first quarter, it looked like the Patriots would put their height advantage to good use as USA took the ball inside allowing 6' 6" senior center Bob Arnold to net 3 quick buckets which led his team to a 11-9 bulge, and then hung on for a 20-19 lead at half-time.

However, Marlette's pressure defense began to take its toll at the start of the second half when the Red Raiders reeled off 15 points, including three treys by Gabe Sowa, during a 3-minute spurt while holding USA to a single bucket.

The Patriots were then forced to play catch up ball as Marlette outscored them 20-6 during the third stanza and 20-10 in the final quarter.

Gabe Sowa tossed in 19 points to lead Marlette in its first win, while Eric Kelly had 10 and Shaun Gainforth added 9 for the Patriots.

"The kids just didn't play smartball," said USA's coach John Manninen after the game. "My guards kept trying to dribble through the press and were forced into double teams most of the night."



USA'S SHAUN GAINFORTH drives around a Marlette player on the way toward scoring two of his nine points, during the Patriots' Friday night game.

DUANE GUENTHER PHOTO

**USA J.V.s:** The Patriot JV's picked up a win over Marlette by defeating the Red Raiders 55-53. Jeff Schulz had 9 points and 10 rebounds to

lead USA. The freshman team lost a heartbreaker earlier in the night, dropping a close 62-60 game to Marlette.

## Lakers drop Redskins

It's a long ride to Sandusky, but the Lakers made the trip worthwhile by defeating the Sandusky Redskins 60-50. It was the Lakers first game and win of the new season.

The Lakers had an easy 18-10 lead after one period, and took a 34-21 lead into the locker room at the half.

The third quarter was the easiest for the Lakers, as they outscored the Redskins 18-6. Sandusky tried a bit of a comeback in the final period, outscoring the Lakers 21-16, but it was too little, too late.

Senior guard Seth Maust led the Lakers with 12 points. Pete Beachy and Eric Gardy each added 10 points, and Brian Shaw, Jeremy Brakenberry and Brian Koehler each

scored eight. The Lakers travel to Harbor Beach on Tuesday, and host USA on Friday in their first home game of the season.

**JUNIOR VARSITY:** The Laker JV had an easy time

defeating Sandusky 59-35. Jason Young led the Lakers with 14 points, while Scott Anderson added 11 points and nine rebounds, Joel Maust had nine points and eight rebounds, and Justin Chioiti chipped in with eight.

## O-G getting off to slow start

The Owen-Gage Bulldogs so far have gotten off to a slow start in the new season, losing both their games this

season. First up, they lost to Au Gres 71-52 on Tuesday night. The Bulldogs trailed by only two, 18-16, after the first quarter, and by three at halftime 32-29.

But Au Gres extended their lead in the third period by outscoring the 'Dogs 19-8 and kept up the pressure.

"They were equivalent to us in size, but they were quite a bit faster than us," O-G Coach Jim Brinkman said. "At the end of the third quarter, we just seemed to give up. And our shooting was terrible."

Joe Tkacz led O-G with 13 points, while Jason Anthes added 12 and Austin Brinkman had 11. Chad Jahr pulled down seven rebounds.

On Friday, the Caseville Eagles handed the Bulldogs their second loss 67-63.

The Eagles maintained a slight 16-15 lead at the end of the first period, then drew out to a 35-26 lead at half-time.

Coach Brinkman benched three of his starters, Brinkman, Anthes and Wade Tetli, in the third while the Eagles outscored the Bulldogs 17-12.

And when they came back in the fourth, Anthes scored nine of his 11 points, and Tetli scored eight as the Bulldogs added 25 points to the Eagles' 15.

But the effort was a bit too late, as the Eagles hung on for the win.

"This was a case where Caseville was playing a lot harder than we were," Brinkman said. "Our guys can play hard and win if they want to."

Tkacz led the Bulldogs with 18 points, and Brinkman added 13 while Mark Damm had 11.

Aaron Britt led the Eagles with 20 points, while Nick Bednerek added 13 and Bryon Graf had eight.

The Bulldogs are idle this week, then host Kingston on Tuesday, Dec. 19.

## USA Volleyball team starts year in Caro

The Patriot volleyball team journey to Caro last Saturday to open their season as part of the Caro Invitational.

"This was a good opportunity to take a look at all of my players in a game situation," said Patriot coach Roger Remar.

The Pats finished 3-5 for

the day which did not allow them to get out of pool play.

USA opened the day with a split against Cass City, followed up with another split with Bridgeport before losing a pair to Imlay City. USA then split with Clio the eventual winner of the tournament.

## New county maps now available

If you're a hunter, fisherman, hiker, bird watcher or just enjoy an outdoor day trip once in awhile, you may be interested in the "new" Michigan County Map Guide available from the Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC).

MUCC, the nonprofit outdoor public interest group based in Lansing, has updated and published the new maps as a guide to outdoor recreation.

The 176-page edition contains individual color county maps of all 83 Michigan counties, listing places to go and things to do. Maps are scaled 3/8" to one mile. State lands are identified in green, with federal lands highlighted in brown. In addition, each county has a brief history and geographic profile.

Sportsmen and campers will find a directory to Michigan State Parks and State and National Forest Campgrounds. County and local parks are also included for picnickers who do not want to travel a long distance for a day in the park.

Boaters and canoeists will find information of recreational harbors and public boat access. For those who like the dry land, but still want to be near the water, all of Michigan's lighthouses and waterfalls are listed.

There is a State Game Area and Shooting Range Direc-

tory as well as a guide to nature centers, bird watching, biking, hiking and horseback trails. For the winter enthusiasts, the booklet details 200 places to cross-country ski and 44 downhill ski resorts.

Golfers will be happy to see that the 11" x 16" guide contains a directory of nearly 600 golf courses across the state that are open to the public.

Copies are available by contacting MUCC, PO Box 30235, Lansing, MI 48909, or by phone at 1-800-777-6720.

## It's twins!

Ivan and Wendy Gingerich of Bad Axe announced the birth of twin girls on Friday, Nov. 17 at Huron Memorial Hospital.

**Hope Victoria** weighed 5 lbs. 11 oz. and measured 19 inches at birth.

**Shania Brooke** weighed 6 lbs. 4 oz. and measured 20 inches.

Maternal grandparents are James and Sue Amott of Bad Axe.

Paternal grandparents are Paul and Arlene Gingerich of Pigeon.

The girls joined two sisters, Elizabeth and Stephanie, at home.

# Deer hunters set new buck-kill record for '95

By WALT RUMMEL

For the first time in the history of Michigan, deer hunting, the 1995 firearm deer season passed the 200,000 mark for killing antlered bucks.

Overall, the state Department of Natural Resources estimated that 318,000 white-tailed deer were taken — 208,000 antlered and 110,000 antlerless. They were bagged by 700,000 hunters during the November 15-30 firearm hunting season.

The total firearm count was the second best in Michigan's hunting history, exceeded only in 1989, when hunters took 333,940 deer — 193,850 with antlers and 139,740 without.

Since many hunters took more than one deer, it is estimated that about one out of every three hunters was successful in bagging at least one deer.

The 1995 firearm deer season bagged 38% over last year, when a total of 229,640 deer was taken.

This year's record of 208,000 antlered animals killed was 20% greater than 1994's 173,840. The 110,000 total antlerless deer bagged this year was 97% above the 55,800 taken in 1994.

Among the three Michigan deer hunting areas, the northern Lower Peninsula edged out the southern Lower Peninsula (which includes the Thumb) 114,000 against this area's 109,000. The Upper Peninsula saw 95,000 deer of both kinds harvested.

For antlerless deer killed, the southern Lower Penin-

sula took first place, with 42,000 killed, against 38,000 in the U.P. and 30,000 in the northern Lower Peninsula.

## It's a boy!

Chad and Julie Jacoby of Hope are happy to announce the birth of their son, Connor Jacob, born Friday, Nov. 24, 1995.

He weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. and measured 18-3/4 inches at birth.

Connor was weaned home by his proud grandparents, Dale and Gerry Koehler of Sebewaing and Jim and Mary Ellen Jacoby of Unionville.

His great-grandparents Viola Weippert of Sebewaing, Lydia Lich of Caro and Jacob and Millie Jacoby of Unionville.

In buck numbers, the southern Lower Peninsula surpassed its previous high of 62,470 in 1990, with its 1995 record of 67,000 bucks. DNR Wildlife Division Chief George Burgoyne, Jr., pointed out that weather conditions this year were "ideal" with tracking snow in all counties on opening day.

Breeding behavior of bucks

was at its peak, making deer visible and available to hunters. Further, Burgoyne said, about 95% of corn had been harvested by opening day, compared with about 55% during the past five years.

Another point adding to the high numbers this year is that the new retail license sales system gave an opportunity to sell antlerless licenses left over after the drawing had been done.

That helped direct the harvest of antlerless deer to areas overpopulated with deer, while protecting them in areas where the DNR wished to maintain or increase the number of animals.

However, Burgoyne said that the harvest of antlerless deer, especially in the U.P., may not have been enough to prevent winter starvation of deer if the winter is severe.

Despite the fact that there were about 700,000 hunters in Michigan forests and fields, there were only 21 accidents—of which 17 were non-fatal and just four fatal.

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## Michigan Sugar announces retirement, replacement

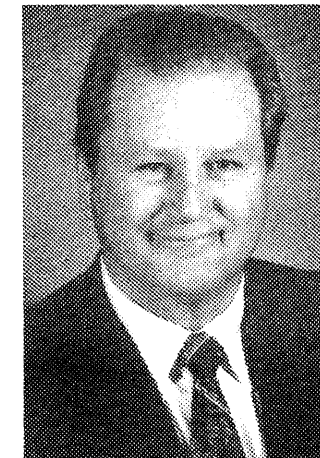
Michigan Sugar Company Procurement Director Charles Woodington of Freeland is retiring after more than 30 years in the purchasing field.

He has served Michigan Sugar Co. nearly 16 years, managing corporate procurement for the company's facilities in Caro, Carrollton, Crosswell, Sebewaing and Saginaw, as well as those in Fremont and Findlay, Ohio.

Succeeding Woodington is Steven Jolliffe.

He recently joined Michigan Sugar after nearly 20 years with National Steel Corp. in Mishawaka, Ind. and Pittsburgh, Pa.

Jolliffe and his wife Talle will be relocating to the Saginaw Area in June.



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**THE CASEVILLE EAGLES** opened the season with a close game against Port Hope. The Blue Stars won the game 57-55.

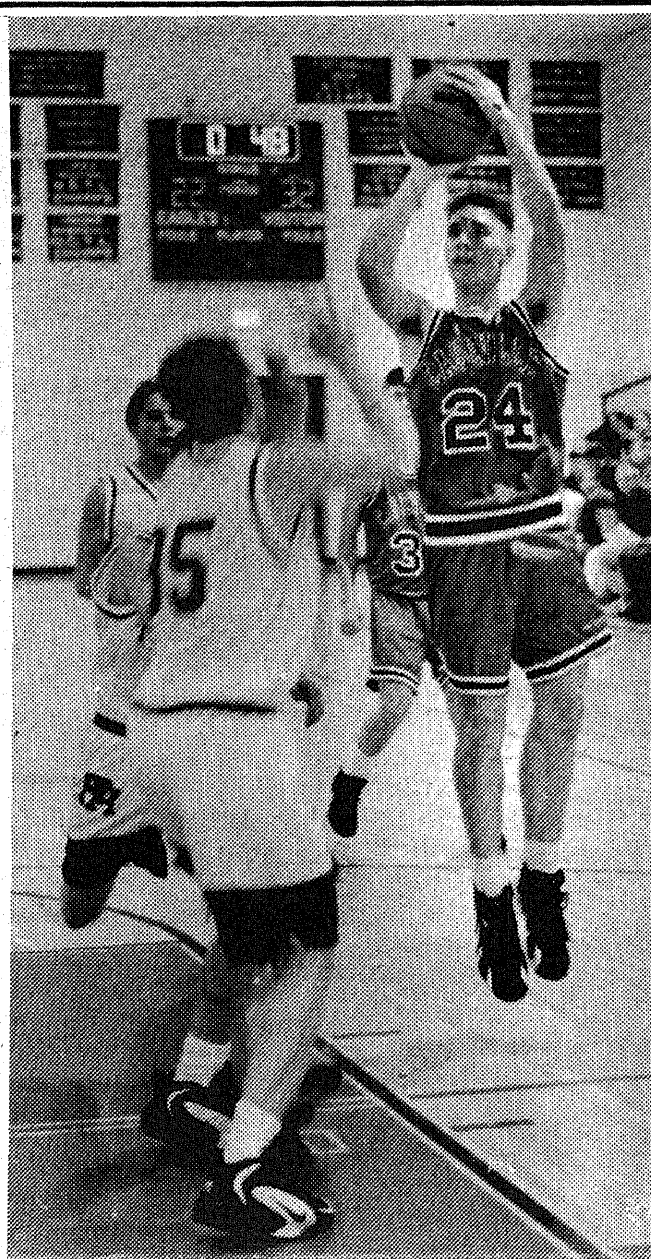
Aaron Britt led the Eagles with 23 points and nine rebounds. August Cardillo and Bryon Graf each tossed in eight points.

HERE, Britt shoots for a couple of his game-high 23 points.

THEN ON FRIDAY, the Eagles surprised the Owen-Gage Bulldogs and captured the win, 67-63.

Aaron Britt again led the Eagles, this time with 20 points, while Nick Bednerek added 13 and Bryon Graf scored eight.

KATHY MEYER PHOTO



# Thumb Area Club News

## CASEVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society of Caseville met at noon on Nov. 16 to organize for the coming year.

Changes that were voted on include a new time for monthly meetings. Meetings will remain on the third Thursday of each month, but the time has been changed to 4. This change goes into effect Jan. 18.

It was decided to discontinue mailing the monthly minutes but to keep members up to speed with a quarterly newsletter.

## Farm tax meeting is Dec. 14

Thumb Area farm producers may attend a tax update meeting at the Detroit Edison Service Center in Cass City (1/2 mile south of M-81 and the People's Choice Market), on Thursday, Dec. 14, says MSU District Farm Business Management Agent Dennis Stein of Saginaw.

"This program will give farm producers the opportunity to sharpen their understanding of current state and federal tax regulations that affect their farm businesses," Stein says.

Dr. Mike Kelsey, MSU tax specialist, is featured speaker. He works with the IRS and has offered many training sessions for tax professionals and farmers.

To register, contact the Tuscola County MSU Extension office at (517) 672-3870. There is a pre-registration fee, higher at the door.

Time is 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Detroit Edison building, 4100 Doerr Road, Cass City.

Plus, a two-day session on controlling farm finances is planned Wednesday, Dec. 13 and Thursday, Dec. 21 at the MSU Extension Office in Sandusky. For details, call 810-648-2515.

Next meeting will be at the hall at noon on Thursday, Dec. 14. During this meeting the winning ticket for "Father Christmas" will be drawn.

Raffle tickets are still available on the second annual handmade figure. Call members or Velja Cullen at 856-4787.

## ELKTON SENIOR CITIZENS

Second Vice President Gerald Fuller welcomed 25 members to the Dec. 5 meeting of the Elkton Senior Citizens.

Vernidun Newkirk offered the table prayer before the potluck meal.

"America" was sung to open the afternoon session. The birthday song was sung in honor of the birthdays of Mary Willis, Audrey Rinnert, Lorraine Brandon and Carl Kunstman.

The wedding anniversary of George and Marie Perry was also recognized. Mary and Charles Willis were in charge of music. A thank-you from Teen Ranch was received.

A Christmas tree was donated to the seniors by Hill Top Nursery.

Ray English and Clayton Diebel conducted bingo games. Cover-all prizes were won by Eldora Harrison and Mary Willis.

## AM. LEGION AUX. #293

American Legion Auxiliary Post 293 meeting was held Nov. 15 at American Legion Hall in Sebawaing.

The meeting was called to order by President Kathleen Marker with the chaplain giving the opening prayer and Pledge of Allegiance. The Preamble was spoken in unison by members present.

The secretary's report was read and approved. Treasurer's report was approved and placed on file.

Christmas cards were sent out.

Dawn Gora, Veterans Affairs Rehabilitation chairman reported she sent out Christmas gifts to veterans in the

Veterans Facility in Battle Creek.

Chairmen reports were sent to District.

New member Barb Weisenbach was initiated and given a membership pin and book.

The Auxiliary will decorate the Legion Hall and put up the Christmas tree December 3.

The December meeting will be Dec. 20 at Sugar Creek at 12:30 p.m. with gift exchange and bingo following the meeting.

## IMMANUEL LADIES AID

The November meeting of Immanuel Lutheran Ladies Aid, Sebawaing, was opened

## TATV to air Barcia show and Christmas fare

A 30-minute program discussing proposed changes in the Medicare program will be broadcast by Thumb Area Television's lower station, Channel 98, on Friday, Dec. 15 at 4 p.m.

The program will feature U.S. James Barcia (D-Bay City), Cong. John Dingell (D-Trenton) and Dr. Arthur Fleming, a Republican seniors advocate.

And on Sunday, Dec. 24, the Mind Extension University (ME/U) on Channel 99 will broadcast two holiday specials. "Jauchzet, Fronhlocket! Christmas in Nuremberg," at 6 p.m., and "Silent Night, Holy Night: A Christmas Concert in the Schauspielhaus, Berlin" at 7 p.m.

TATV broadcasts from Cass City with the cable companies in most communities receiving and distributing two channels of educational and community programming to schools and homes.

TATV is usually found on channels 98 and 99. If TATV is not found, contact your local cable company.

TATV is offered in communities in which the local school district is participating in the service.

with a Thanksgiving prayer by Marion Bohn and singing of "Lord, to You Immortal Praise."

Vicar Donald Wisenor shared his love of music with the group and also recorded music of the Seminary Chorus which averages 80 men and the 16-man Lutheran Hour Chorus. It is music which expresses faith and love of our Savior.

Vernita Currey was elected secretary for the next two years.

A vote was also taken on the annual Christmas donations for missions and personal gifts.

Refreshments were served by Gertrude Stecker and Marion Bohn.

## BAD AXE BPW GROUP

The Bad Axe Business and Professional Women met Monday, Nov. 13 at 6 p.m. at Bad Axe United Methodist Church.

Seating arrangements and table decorations were done by Allison Smith and Joan Quirk. Guests were introduced and the collect was recited before dinner was served.

Following the dinner, guest speaker Patricia Wissner presented ideas and samples of crafts for the holiday season. The meeting was called to order by President Joan

Blome. Minutes, committee reports and old and new business were brought before the body for discussion and action. President Blome presented various informational items.

President Blome presented Esther Motz with a plaque for being District Runner-up Woman of the Year. A reminder was given to the women about the Choices Champ to be held September 1996 and be thinking of a young girl they would like to sponsor or take.

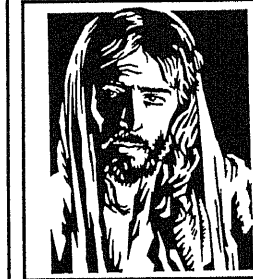
The Christmas Party will be Sunday, Dec. 17. Those wishing to attend will be going to see "Homecoming" presented by Port Austin

Community Players and eat dinner at Chuck & Jane's Restaurant in Port Austin following the play.

Alma Engel was in "Member Spotlight." Red ribbons were passed out by Bonnie Perry for the "Tie One On" campaign. Alison Smith was the winner of the 50/50 drawing. Meeting was adjourned with the reciting of the emblem benediction.

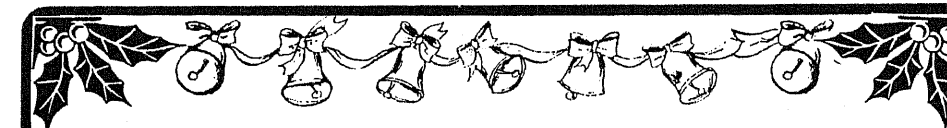
The next regular meeting will be Monday, Jan. 8 at 6 p.m. at Bad Axe United Methodist Church. The State Championship Parliamentary Procedure Team for Harbor Beach FFA will be the guest for this meeting.

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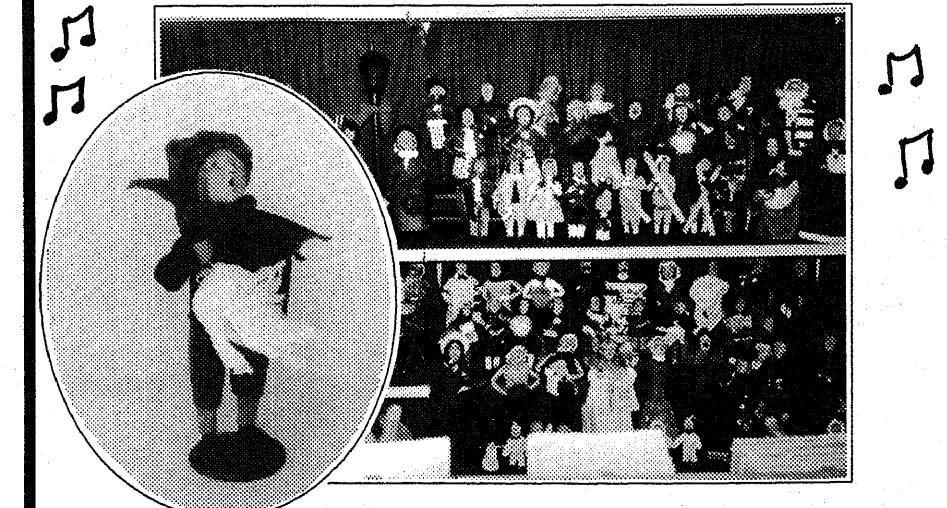


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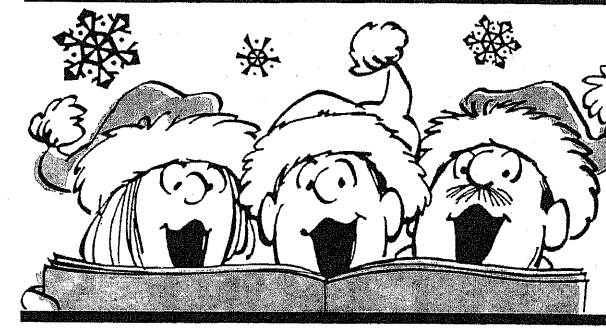
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- Serve bite-sized red potatoes — microwaved, sprinkled with Spartan vinegar or dabbled with low-fat sour cream and a sprinkle of chives or dill.
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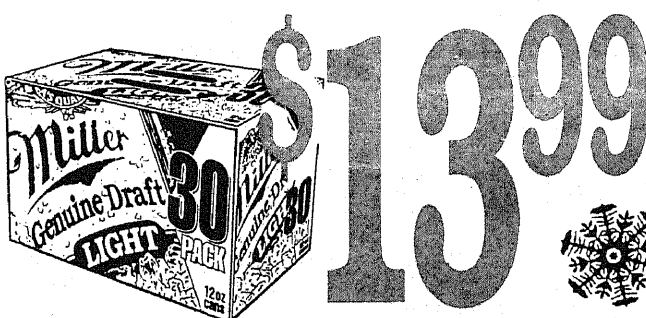
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**Pigeon 'Country' events changed**

Cold winds, blowing snow and frigid temperatures caused the cancellation of the children's Christmas lunch events planned Saturday by the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce, as part of the "Country Christmas" holiday event. Due to schedule conflicts, the event has been cancelled completely for this year. Free pizza, pop, games and

crafts planned for children, compliments of the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce, had been planned, according to Christmas Committee Chairman Carrie Damm.

In spite of the inclement weather, a number of shoppers were on hand for other "Country Christmas" events, including bake sales, free bean soup and the weekly Kids' Drawing.

Winning the 10 toys given away this week included: Emily Fritz, Jason Dunn and Kayce Damm of Bay Port and Emily Fritz, Andy Sting, Katy Lynn Essian, Justin Avalos, Jill Swartzendruber, Dan Sting, Corena Gonzales and Jeremy Avalos, all of Pigeon.

Pigeon's final Kids' Drawing will take place this Saturday, Dec. 16 at 3 p.m. with Santa and Mrs. Claus taking a badly-needed rest the week before their Christmas Eve trip around the world...

**Sebewaing Senior Meal-Site menu**

Sebewaing Senior Meal-Site, 970 Union St., welcomes all Seniors, 60 years and older and their spouses. It is open 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday. For reservations call 883-9411 8:15 - 8:45 a.m.

ACTIVITIES: Euchre: Monday & Friday, 10:30 a.m.

Bingo: Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. MENU: Wednesday, Dec. 13: Turkey Tetrazzini, stewed tomatoes, wax beans, variety bread, fresh banana.

Friday, Dec. 15: Sloppy Joes, mashed potatoes, salad bar, lettuce/tomatoes & cukes, round roll, vanilla pudding.

Monday, Dec. 18: Lemon Herb Chicken, parsley potatoes, peas & carrots, variety bread, carrot cake.

Tuesday, Dec. 19: Ham & Noodles AuGratin, peas & pearl onions, roll, peanut butter cookie.

Send us your letters to the editor

**'96 State Park permits make good gifts**

Give your loved ones a natural treasure this holiday season — a visit to a Michigan State Park.

1996 Michigan State Park annual motor vehicle permits are available for purchase at all Michigan State Parks, Department of Natural Resources District Offices and the Parks and Recreation Division Office, officials say. In addition, annual permits are sold in the sporting goods section of most Meijer stores in Michigan.

"Giving the gift of a state park motor vehicle permit is a wonderful way to share the beauty of Michigan with others," DNR Director Michael Moore said. "It's also a perfect gift for the person who has everything."

Annual motor vehicle permits and allow access to Michigan State Parks and Recreation Areas for unlimited visits during 1996.

Recipients of these gifts won't have to wait until

spring to use them, either, officials say.

Many state parks are open throughout the winter, offering cross-country ski rentals and trails, snowmobile area and winter camping opportunities.

In addition to numerous state parks offering year-round rustic camping, five state parks are open year-round and have electrical outlets, showers, flush toilets and running water.

These are Bay City Recreation Area, Traverse City State Park, Proud Lake Recreation Area in Milford, William Mitchell State Park in Cadillac and Algonac State Park in Marine City.

Other unique winter facilities include Muskegon State Park's huge inn and Porcupine Mountain State Park's 14 groomed ski runs along a 640-foot vertical drop.

For details, call any Michigan State Park or the DNR Parks and Recreation Division Office, 517-373-9900.

**Bean yields better than expected**

Dry bean yields for 1995 were a surprise to everyone says Michigan Bean Commission Executive Director Dal Kuenzli — and will end up a near-record numbers, though not as large as the 1991 mark of 1,850 pounds per acre.

The 1995 crop was drier than expected at harvest, but of good quality with most damage related to insect stings, blight and splits.

Canadian projection shows harvest similar to Michigan in yield and quality.

In other states, however Nebraska had a hard freeze with up to 17 inches of snow on a less-than-mature crop. The cold and snow are expected to cause a 30% decline plus some quality questions.

Minnesota and North Dakota had some harvest interruptions with rain. Dark-Red Kidneys in Wisconsin and Minnesota have had some severe sprouting.

Market demands for Navies and Blacks have been increasing but grower sales have been less-than-normal. Last year's 65-70% pit selling at harvest time has dropped off severely this year, Kuenzli said, perhaps to less than 35% pit selling.

Just 12 shopping days 'til Christmas!  
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**New Bean Commission members**

Eight names of Michigan bean producers have been submitted to Gov. John Engler to fill four board seats on the Michigan Bean Commission, following nominating meetings around the state.

In District 6, representing Huron County, Commissioner Jack Sturm of Pigeon is completing his second three-year term and thereby is not eligible for re-appointment.

Nominated for his seat are Richard Gremel of Sebewaing and Donald Roggenbuck of Ruth.

In District 1 (Bay/Arenac/Mecosta and Midland Counties), Tom Schindler of Bay City is finishing his second term and nominated to replace him are Gene VanDriesche of Bay City and Brian Wieland of Kawawlin.

Mark Graham of Breckenridge (District 2 - Gratiot County) has completed one term and so was re-nominated for a second term, along with Michael Chaffin of Ithaca.

Officials at the Bean Commission office at St. Johns say Gov. Engler is expected to make the four appointments somewhere around Jan. 1.

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# Engaged!



## Conyer - Hornbacher

Jerry and Susan Conyer of West Branch announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Sue, to Eric Daniel Hornbacher, son of Royce and Sheila Hornbacher of Sebawaing.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Ogemaw Heights High School and Ferris State University.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Unionville-Sebawaing Area High School and Kirtland Community College in law enforcement. He is now at Lake Superior State University expecting to graduate in May of 96.

A June 22, 1996 wedding is planned.

# Gateway, Sebawaing Sportsmen help area Sports clubs donate to schools

By DUANE GUENTHER  
Two sportsman's club from

## 80 years young!

In honor of the 80th birthday anniversary of Frieda Lenz, an open house is planned this Saturday, Dec. 16 from 2 to 4 p.m. at Sebawaing Sportsmen's VFW Hall.

Her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will host the event and invite her friends, family and acquaintances to stop by and help her celebrate the occasion. No gifts, please.



FRIEDA LENZ

The Unionville-Sebawaing Area have a long tradition of donating magazines to students in local public and parochial schools.

The Gateway Sportsman's Club of Unionville sends their contribution to USA Elementary School, and the Sebawaing Sportsman's Club gives theirs to local parochial schools. Their donations are in the form of Michigan United Conservation Club's "Tracks" magazine subscriptions, which are placed in the school's libraries.

The "Tracks" magazine is a scaled down version of MUCC's adult publication "Michigan Out of Doors," which is mailed to each of the club's members. "Tracks" was developed to heighten the awareness of conservation and environmental issues to young people of Michigan, members say.

Recently, Gateway Sportsman's Club President Don Martin received several letters from USA Elementary fifth graders, thanking his organization for their contributions, including these samples of how the youngsters feel about their efforts:

**Dear Sportsmen,**  
The entire fifth grade and I would like to thank you for buying and sending the "Tracks" magazine to us.

We would like to tell you that we learned a lot about fish, animals, like birds in forests, conservation, and the environment (sic). We really want to thank you.

Sincerely,  
Everett Rayl

**Dear Sportsman,**  
Thank you for purchasing the "Tracks" magazine. I enjoy reading them. You have very interesting articles. We have read your "Tracks" magazine in Science (Mrs. Francomb), Social Studies (Mrs. Barrigar), and in Language arts (Mrs. Barrigar).

Sincerely,  
Sarah Smith!!

Plus, Gateway and Sebawaing Sportsman's Clubs do not end their generosity with the "Tracks" magazine gifts — this year each club donated \$100 to the Caring and Sharing Program in their communities.

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# Achievements



Signature Bank announces the addition of Janelle Kirsch as Credit Analyst for the bank.

A native of Harbor Beach, she graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration degree, with a major in finance. She held a Commercial Credit Analyst position at Michigan National Bank in Flint prior to joining Signature Bank.

Kirsch's responsibilities as Credit Analyst include analyzing financial statements preparing projections of current and prospective borrowers, and assists in loan documentation.

She is also responsible for preparing management reports and special projects. Kirsch and her husband Gerald reside in Harbor Beach.

Bach-Killmanagh Lutheran School recently received \$450 from Lutheran Brotherhood, through its Congregational Matching Funds program.

Lutheran Brotherhood, a fraternal benefit society, matched the amount which the congregation raised through card sales this fall. B-K Lutheran School will use the funds for computer programs.

Lutheran Brotherhood offers a broad range of high-quality financial products and services to Lutherans nationwide.

Through its fraternal programs, the Society aids its members, their communities, and Lutheranism. Over the last 10 years, Lutheran Brotherhood has contributed more than \$360 million to fraternal programs.

## CROSS LUTHERAN HONOR ROLL FIRST MARKING PERIOD

Asterisk (\*) denotes all As:  
**THIRD GRADE:** Annie Drzewicki, Justin Essian, Adrienne Irion, Emily King, Katie Licht, Jeffrey Otto, Sydney Rasmussen, Andrew Shupe, Michael Siewert, Michelle Smith.

**FOURTH GRADE:** Corbin Buchholz, Nathan Licht, Tracy Otto.

**FIFTH GRADE:** Dan Azarovitz, Amanda Buschlen, Jon Clabuesch, Rachel Eden, Lacey Kopah, Andrew Rummel, Katie Schuette, Tressa Schulze, Aaron Smith.

**SIXTH GRADE:** Gordon Shetler, Kellie Siewert, Jesse Winkel.

**SEVENTH GRADE:** Jeremy Light, Ashley Rasmussen, Mark Shetler, Aaron Shupe.

**EIGHTH GRADE:** Jennifer Irion, Melissa Winkel.

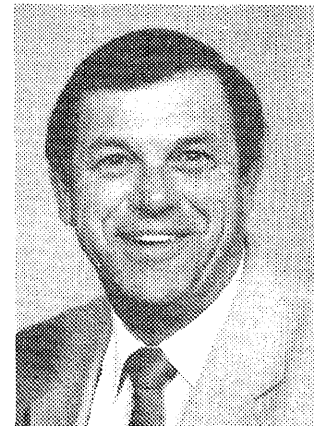
Susie Roemer, an Owen-Gage High School senior, has been chosen by fellow students to receive the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) Good Citizen Award.

This award, sponsored by the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, is open to all seniors of accredited public and private schools.

Teachers nominated Roemer along with two other seniors. The Junior and Senior classes then elected her from the candidates to receive the award.

Roemer was chosen based on her active role in the school and community. Criteria for the award include qualities of outstanding dependability, service, leadership and patriotism.

Roemer is now eligible to compete in the DAR scholarship contest at the state level. Winners at the state level will then advance to Regional and possibly National levels.



Robert Schuette of Auburn, son of Ann Schuette and the late Herman Schuette of Pigeon, was recognized for 30 years of service at Consumers Power.

He is an industrial gas serviceman with the utility's Midland office.

Schuette started with Consumers Power as a meter reader in Bay City and has been in his current position since 1976.

Two local students are among the 1,476 candidates who received degrees in commencement exercises at Michigan State University in East Lansing recently.

KEVIN PICKLO of Pigeon received a B.A. in Human Resources Management, and

CHRISTOPHER REAMES of Unionville received a B.S. in Food Systems Economics and Management.

Brenda (Myers) Wible, a Sebawaing native, is a member of the commercial advertising staff of The Doings, the weekly newspaper of Hinsdale, IL, a suburb of Chicago. Wible is the daughter of Burdette and Arlene Myers of Sebawaing. She and her husband Mike Wible reside in Downers Grove, which adjoins Hinsdale. They have one son, Ryan.

Wible and the staff of The Doings were honored for their part in preparing a 348-page Centennial Edition. Each staff member was pictured with a brief report of job description and tasks.

There was also description of owners and publishers of The Doings. The present owners are only the second family to control the publication.

The article tells that 100 years ago, on Oct. 5, 1895, the young publisher, "just shy of

his 17th birthday," distributed copies of his first "up-to-date news journal." Within the first year he had gathered 750 subscribers for the newspaper that was then a Saturday weekly. Eight communities are included in The Doings' coverage area.

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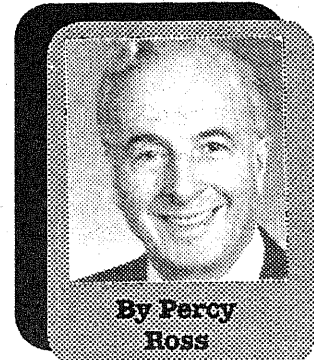
## Dying woman needs desk for son

MR. ROSS:

I'm home-schooling my son because I'm a certified teacher and I also have terminal cancer. I want to give him my time and my education, not to mention public schools that have gangs and barbed wire on the playground.

We have an old desk which has been handed down through so many people. It's broken beyond repair.

I've found at Pier 1 a child's sturdy table and chair set with matching book shelf for \$250. This will last many years (longer than I have to live).



By Percy Ross

But maybe after I go, my son will remember not only his lessons, but also a piece of me through this desk. We are swamped with my medical bills. Can you

please help me? — Mrs. M.W., Redford, MI

Dear Mrs. W.:

You certainly have an added incentive to home-school your son.

I can help you, albeit in a small way. Please accept the \$250 I'm sending to purchase a desk set for your son.

And although the desk set might physically outlive you, the impact you've made on your son's life will last forever.

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DEAR MR. ROSS:

I'm a hard-working individual who was forced to move from my apartment before my lease was up because of a stalker. Restraining orders were no barrier for this man, who would wait outside my door for me every day.

After refusing a date, I was

threatened with a weapon. I had to move in order to defend myself.

I am now being sued for \$408 to satisfy my lease agreement. I work long hours, but still live paycheck to paycheck after my rent and car insurance are paid. I have \$10 a week leftover I can pay on this debt, but no one wants payments - they want the \$408 in full.

The longer it takes to pay, the higher the interest. Please help me end this vicious cycle. — Ms. B., Toledo, OH

Dear Ms. B.:

It's not like life isn't difficult enough just getting up and getting to work every day.

You, on the other hand, get some "looney-tune" following you and placing your life in jeopardy. I would have left my apartment, too, even if it meant leaving the landlord high and dry.

In sending you \$408, it is my hope that life for you returns to normal.

Suddenly getting up and getting to work everyday doesn't sound so bad, as long as Mr. Looney-tune is out of the picture.

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DEAR MR. ROSS:

I'll tell you up front that I'm a 25 year old ex-convict. When I was released from prison, I found a job almost

immediately.

I also moved in with my mother, who is not well and was on the verge of losing her apartment. I'm not making much money, but I do make an honest living.

I'm now trying to take care of my mother and myself, which is a first for me (I was so irresponsible before I was incarcerated).

I have rationed out my income to the exact dime for the necessities, but there is no room in my pay for one thing - winter clothes.

I can't afford to miss work because of being sick - I have no sick days accrued yet. Anything you could offer would be a great help.

I'm not sure if telling you I'm an ex-con was the wisest thing, but it's the truth and my intentions are honorable. — Mr. T.H., Brooklyn, NY

Dear Mr. H.:

Understand one thing — I'm going to help you, but it's got nothing to do with you being an ex-con.

I'm sending you cash for winter clothing because you're already working and you're helping your mother. This shows me you're capable of responsibility and that's what I look for.

But for your sake, I hope you continue to walk the straight and narrow, for it is this road which will take you

the farthest.

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DEAR MR. ROSS:

Everyone who knows our problem has told me to write you. I've been putting it off but here goes! It's about my nine-year-old daughter. She just went to the dentist and needs major care.

My insurance will only pay 40 percent up to \$1,300 total. For phase one, it will cost \$2,700. She's a beautiful girl. If this isn't done her face can be deformed due to too many teeth (when her jaw grows with age).

My problem is I don't have the \$250 for the co-pay to start the monthly payments. My husband has always worked two jobs. We are generally "the givers" and not the "takers." As difficult as it is to ask, I just keep thinking about my daughter.

Is there any possibility of receiving some help? — Mrs. G.J.

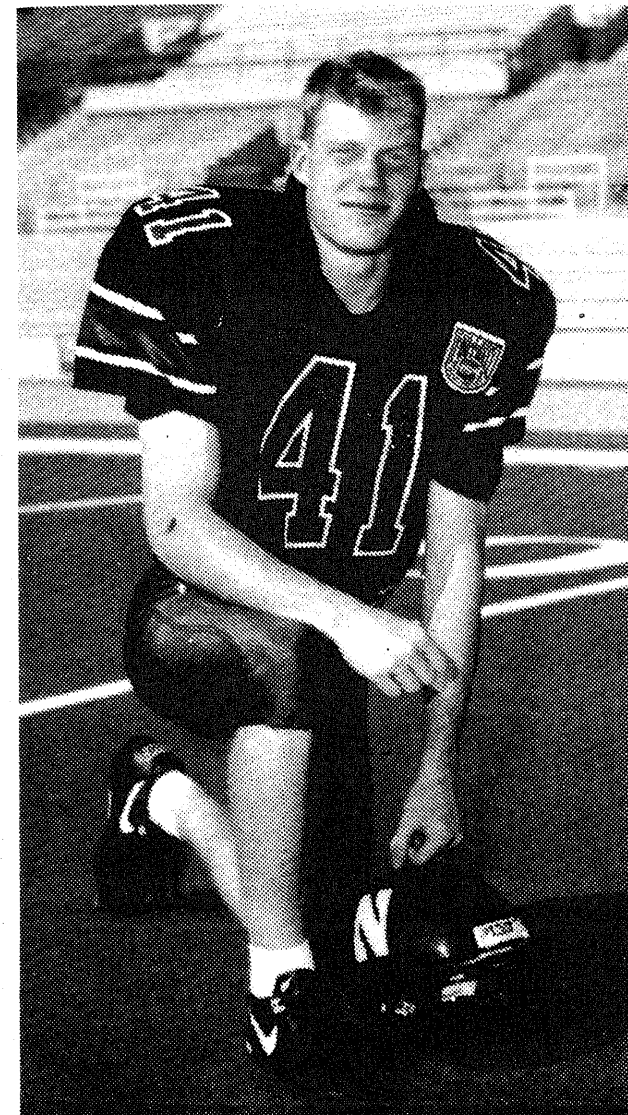
DEAR MRS. J.:

There, there, don't fret. You can begin dental care for your daughter immediately because my check is in the mail. See, it's that easy.

I understand the hard part is asking a total stranger for help, but no matter how self-reliant we are in life, at some point everyone needs a little boost. May you never have to write me again.

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## Northwestern football team has local connection!



MATT HENKELMANN

By SALLY RUMMEL

You can bet Evelyn Henkelmann of Pigeon will have her eyes glued to the television when Northwestern University faces the University of Southern California at the Rose Bowl on New Year's Day.

That's because her grandson, Matt Henkelmann, 19-year-old son of Rev. Fred and Raylene Henkelmann of Linton, ND, will be playing for the Northwestern Wildcats as a wide-receiver.

A sophomore at Northwestern in Evanston, IL, "Grandmother" Henkelmann is quick to point out he's not a starter for the Wildcats, but is hopeful he will get a chance to play during the nationally televised game.

The Wildcats, who are 10-1 this year, became Big 10 Conference Champs when the favored Ohio State Buckeyes fell to Michigan in the last game of the season — putting Northwestern on top.

It was a surprise victory, since Northwestern had its last winning season in 1971 and its last appearance at a bowl game was at the Rose Bowl in 1948.

Of all the Northwestern players, Henkelmann is from the smallest high school — Linton High School.

He joked that the 12 members of Northwestern's coaching staff has more personnel than there are Linton High School starters. He practices with the team Tuesdays through Fridays and on Sunday. Most college games are played on Saturday.

A lot of emphasis is placed on nutrition and strength building, Henkelmann says. Lifting weights four times a week, he even kept up with his training while vacationing in Pigeon recently, when Laker Coach George Gardy opened up the weight rooms for him to use.

Henkelmann is majoring in speech, radio-television and film at Northwestern and works part-time at the student-run FM radio station, WNUR.

He will fly to California this week to practice with the Wildcats for two weeks. The team will move to a field near the Rose Bowl before the final week before the bowl, and they will practice once on the bowl field.

### It's a girl!

Randy and Suzanne (Schuette) Swanson of Ubyl announced the birth of their daughter, **Kassidy Nicole**, on Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1995 at Bay Medical Center.

Kassidy weighed 7 lbs. 11 oz. and measured 19 1/2 inches at birth.

Grandparents are Roy and Anna Swanson of Auburn Hills and Elmer and Nancy Schuette of Pigeon.

Great-grandparents are Grace Otto of Webster, S.D. Sally Taschner of Sebawaing and Albert Schuette of Pigeon.

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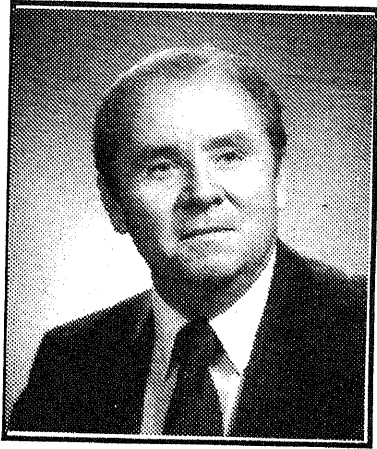




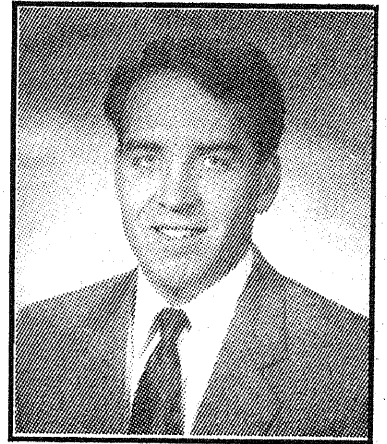




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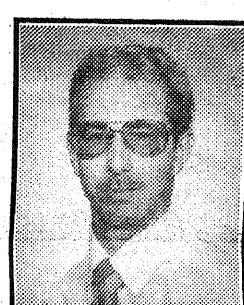
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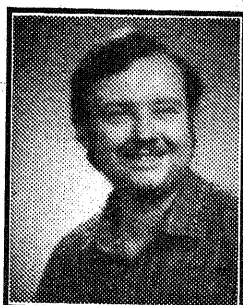
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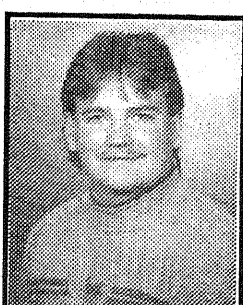
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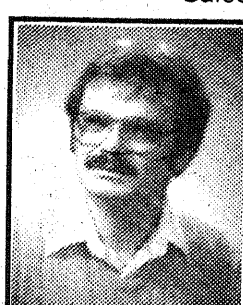
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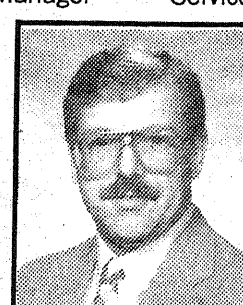
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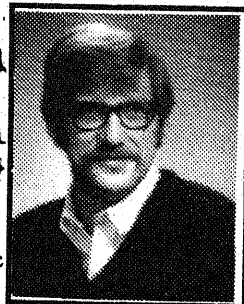
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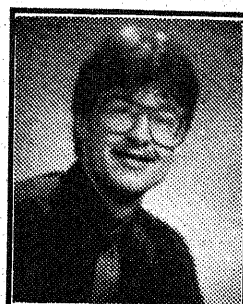
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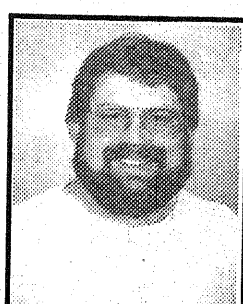
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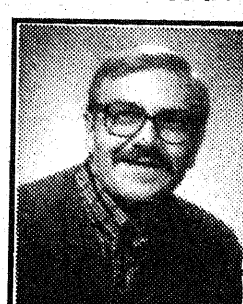
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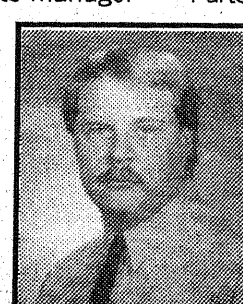
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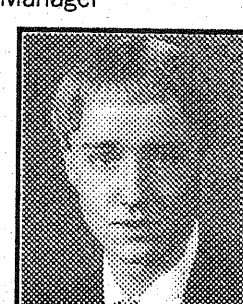
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