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Special marriage, special attendants

They celebrate more than Christmas

By AMY HEIDEN

They sit in chairs separated by a small table, but that separation matters not at all. Across that short distance and perhaps unconsciously, his right foot and her left foot touch and slightly rub together.

It's a small action, but it's one that speaks volumes about the love that Catherine Rickman and Ken Graf share.

It's the kind of touch shared by two people who have obviously found their true soul mates.

Graf and Hickman cemented their connection by marrying Friday at First United Methodist Church in Pigeon. Michael Karpovich was the best man and the groom's sister Catherine Clark was maid of honor.

Also participating in the small private ceremony were the other members of their new family, Buster and Miss C. — Buster served as ring-bearer and Miss C was the flower girl.

Later, neither one congratulated the bride and groom or shared in the refreshments.

Buster is Graf's black Labrador retriever and Miss C is Rickman's yellow Lab and they weren't at the ceremony as well-wishers.

They are Rickman's and Graf's Leader Dogs, serving as eyes for the blind couple. The dogs were the catalyst for the new love and marriage because the couple met at the Leader Dog School for the Blind in Rochester.

Graf was at the school to pick up a new dog, following the death of his previous Leader Dog. Still grieving over his companion's death, Graf struck up a conversation with Rickman, who also was there to receive a new dog after her previous dog was retired.

Rickman was still recovering from a bad marriage, while Graf says he too was still stinging from a relationship gone sour.

They began talking about their lives and a special bond began to grow between them.

"We had a mutual understanding of how the other felt," Rickman said. "We understood the grief each other felt about the loss of our dogs. We both cried and held each other. Sighted people don't



FOUR-SOME: The newly-married Catherine Rickman and Ken Graf proudly walk down the aisle after their wedding at First United Methodist Church in Pigeon, with attendants Miss C and Buster leading the way. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

understand that these dogs are our eyes and we depend on them."

And ironically, Rickman's new dog was a yellow Lab while her previous one was black. And Graf took possession of Buster, a black dog, and his previous dog was yellow.

They can tell you the exact date they met and the

connection was made—but Rickman was hesitant at first.

"I had made up my mind that I wasn't going to get married again after getting out of my previous marriage," she says. "The last thing on my mind was getting married."

But Graf popped the question and Rickman said yes and they moved to Pigeon, where they're now a

familiar sight in town as they take their daily walks.

They had originally planned to be married at the Huron County Courthouse, but their friend Helen Woodward convinced them that a small church wedding would be better. Rev. Willard King performed the ceremony Friday morning, with

only close friends and family in attendance.

Graf has been blind all his life while Rickman lost most of her sight in a car accident when she was four. She has very limited vision now and says she eventually will be totally blind.

A lack of sight has never stood in the way of either of them doing what they wanted

to do. Graf attended a school for the blind in Lansing, then took classes at Saginaw Valley State University. He lived in Saginaw for a few years, then moved to Arkansas for a year before moving back to Pigeon.

Rickman lived in Oklahoma where she married and had two children. Her son Bryan and his wife live in Metairie, La., with their two children, Brittney and Alicia, and her daughter Lynette Hadder and her husband Steve live at Fort Meade, Md., with their daughter SaiFon.

While she lived in Oklahoma, Rickman worked to educate what she calls the able-bodied community about people with disabilities. Serving with the Oklahoma Human Rights Commission, she helped make people aware of the rights of people with Leader Dogs.

She's well-versed in the law and neither she nor Graf shy away from speaking up about their rights and the rights of their Leader Dogs.

"I'd like to get back into some volunteer work like that and speak to groups," Rickman says.

They're both fiercely independent and share a sense of humor about their lives and their blindness.

"You have to have a sense of humor," Graf says. "It's just the loss of a sense. It's not a loss of mentality. Blind people do marry, they do have sex, they do fall in love."

The day before they married, both admitted to a bit of nervousness.

"My feet haven't touched the ground since we met," she says. "It had to be destiny that we met because we weren't looking for each other."

And Graf adds, "I'm a little nervous but I'll get over it. How often do you find someone who makes you feel so good?"

And Miss C and Buster lay quietly at the newlyweds' feet, blissfully unaware of the part they played in a special love affair.

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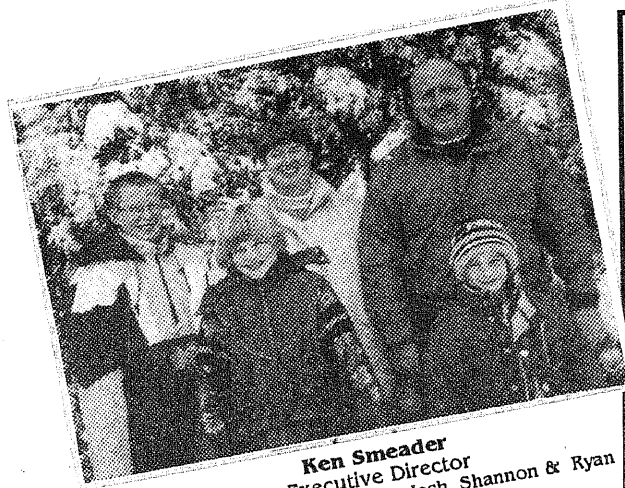
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THIS IS OUR OFFICIAL CHRISTMAS GREETING ISSUE

Christmas Greetings

from

Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ



Ken Smeader
Executive Director
with wife Connie, & children Josh & Ryan

Christmas 1995...

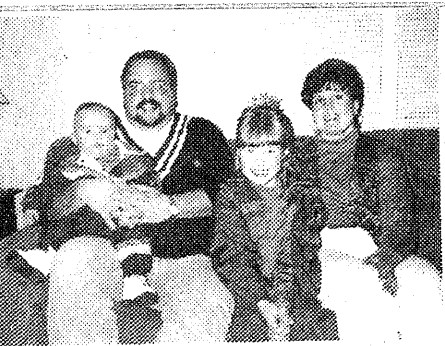
It is Christmas season again, the time that we all anticipate the coming of the Christ Child. The unfortunate thing about that statement is that there are increasing numbers that DO NOT LOOK at Christmas as the coming of a Savior. The GOOD NEWS is that Youth for Christ has been involved in more teens lives than ever before, and they are hearing about the King of kings, Jesus Christ.

We just want to take time this holiday season to thank you for your part in helping reach youth for Christ. Thank you for your support throughout the year, and what you will do before the year-ends. Together we are changing lives for a lifetime. On behalf of the hundreds of teens whose lives you have touched, and the staff and their families, we wish each and every one of you a Christ filled Christmas, and a Blessed New Year.

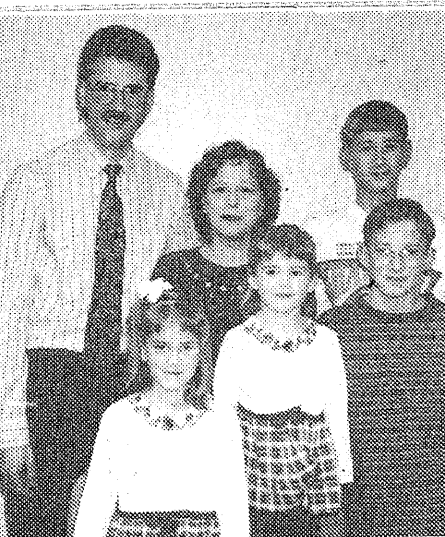
Sincerely In His Service,
Ken Smeader



Lori Kennedy,
Caro
with husband Gary & daughter Sunday Lee



Dan McLaughlin
Bad Axe/ North Huron
with wife Larami, & children Natalie & Ryan



Eugene Gascho
Administrative Assistant
with wife Suzanne & children Jeremy, Kyle, Jallissa, & Kayleen

Jesus is the Reason

Students involved in Breakfast Clubs on weekly basis:

High School	350
Junior High	160

Students involved in Music Groups: 158

Students involved in weekly night meetings:

High School	225
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Ministry Sites:

High School	13
Junior High	13
Elementary	1
Neighborhood	1 (Drop In Center)

Students involved in weekly after school meetings:

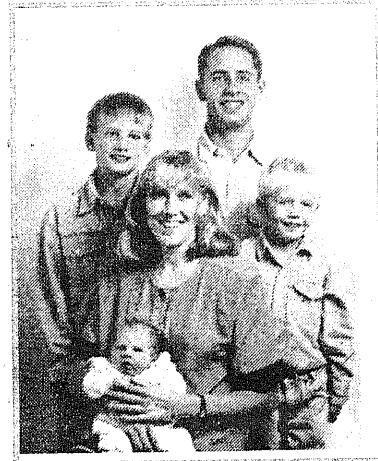
Junior High	90
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Over 700 Teens have made Christ the Center of their lives during 1995.

Number of active Board Members: 56

Number of College Interns (active as High School students with YFC): 3

Began new ministry sites in Sanilac County with part-time staff director.



Todd Cramer
Akron/Fairgrove-Reese
with wife Misty, & children Taylor, Stephen & Zachary

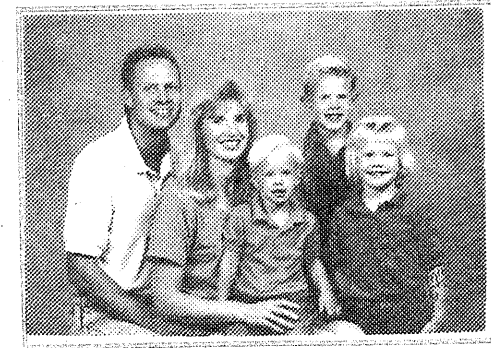
Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ Calendar of Events 1996

- January**
27 Jr. High Ski Trip
- February**
9-12 Mid Winter Convention
24 Sr. High Ski Trip
- March**
29 thru April 8 Florida Trip (Huron & Sanilac Co.)
- April**
5 to 14 Florida Trip (Tuscola Co.)
- May**
18 Jr. High Cedar Point Baccalaureates & Graduations
- June**
8-15 Covenant Mission Trip
21 thru July 2 Bike Trip

Plus

10 DIVISIONS OF Bible Studies, 15 minutes, 15 minutes, 15 minutes, 15 minutes, 15 minutes, 15 minutes, 15 minutes, 15 minutes, 15 minutes, 15 minutes.

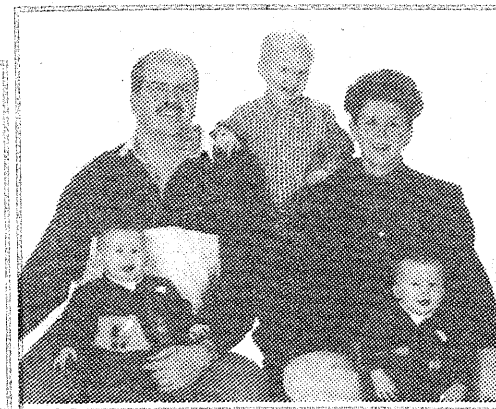
- July**
20 Auction
26 Sanilac Co. Golf Scramble
28 thru Aug 3 Mission Trip
- August**
School Starts
- September**
See You At The Pole
- October**
Michendoh
Praise Gathering
- November**
23 Christmas Auction
Lock-In
- December**
Apple Pie Sales



Ron Sider
Millington/Mayville/ Vassar
with wife Diane, & children Lucas, Kelly & Garret



Kim Leipprandt
Financial Secretary
with husband Jeff, & children Joy & Troy



Steve Fletcher
Lakers/USA/Caseville
with wife Tonya & children Scott, Nicholas, & Kyle



Ron McElvoy
Sanilac County
with wife, Nancy, & children Terry & Heidi (Angela not pictured)

Pat McArdle shows why he's Michigan's top farm worker

By DUANE GUENTHER

In the mid 1980s, when Pat McArdle did his chores on the family farm, it was just something to get done with — so he would have more time for himself.

Now, a dozen years later, McArdle can't wait to get to work to do the same sort of chores.

McArdle's initiative and goal-setting ability has made him a valued member of the Paul Leipprandt farm, where he is now employed.

However, last month that same initiative earned him more respect this time it came at the Michigan Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Traverse City.

At the meeting, McArdle received the Outstanding Young Farm Employee award for 1995, a new recognition program for this year.

His road to success began with an application form, and was followed up by a visit from the contest committee who videoed the work operation of the contestant, and finally finished with an extensive interview at the annual meeting site.

McArdle was surprised at winning the award.

"When I received the application blank," McArdle says, "I tried to think of who I could give it to."

After filling out the form himself and being selected as one of the final four contestants, McArdle still did not think about winning.

"There was one gal who really had all of the qualities," he says, "but when she was named as runner-up, I remember thinking, now who is going to win this thing?"

In the end, it was McArdle who won the "thing" — and with the winning comes the respect of other young farmers state-wide.

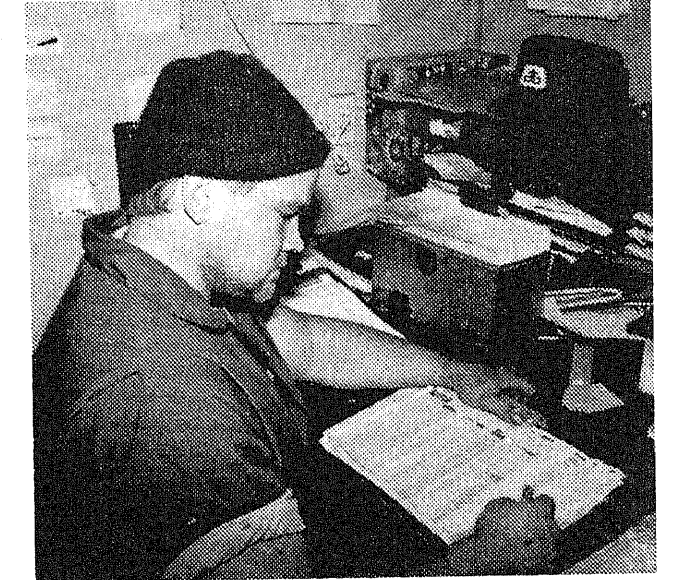
McArdle didn't always want to be associated with farming as a career.

When he graduated from Laker High School in 1987, after a successful athletic career earning All-State honors in both football and wrestling, McArdle headed

to Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, pursuing majors in English and engineering.

After the first year, he realized college life was not for him, so he returned to the area to work first at Bay Shore Marina and then at Walsh Packing.

In January, 1989 McArdle began working for Paul Leipprandt of Pigeon. For the last seven years, he has worked with Leipprandt and his son Keith in the family dairy operation. He doesn't have specific duties in his occupation, but just pitches in with the other two to do any and all jobs associated with the farm and dairy business.



PAT McARDLE of Pigeon goes over some of the Leipprandt DHIA monthly reports he uses in earning his state award.
DUANE GUENTHER PHOTO

On a recent morning, McArdle had just finished milking 136 cows, had worked on some special water problems due to the cold spell, and was in the process of cleaning up from the morning milking.

While this may sound like a lot of drudgery to some, McArdle claims much of his time is spent behind a desk where he and the others keep a constant check on each cow's milk production.

"If you want to stay profitable," McArdle says, "you have to know which cows are making you money."

McArdle and the Leipprandts get help making those decisions from monthly reports of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association, (DHIA). Those reports give information on how much milk a cow gives, what its after-feed profits are and the Selmatic Cell Count (SCC).

It is the SCC goal McArdle has set for the Leipprandt dairy herd which helped to win his Young Farmer Award.

Since the SCC count is directly related to mastitis, a low count indicates a healthy herd.

But, more importantly, a low count means higher profits. McArdle is shooting for a SCC herd average of 150,000.

McArdle is no stranger to high goals and hard work. He has proven that on the football field and the wrestling mats while in high school, and power lifting competition which he now pursues as a hobby.

But his highest goal is to work with the most healthy and productive dairy herd in the state of Michigan. McArdle's Outstanding Young Farmer Award could mean he is heading in the right direction.



WOW, THAT HOUSE LOOKS GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT! But no one was snitching bites from the Gingerbread House built by teacher Robert Reed's fourth grade students at Caseville Public School.

Reed's students spent a week figuring the dimensions of the house, and using those figures to determine how many graham crackers would be needed. They also needed to learn how many peppermint candies to use for the perimeter of the eaves of the house, Reed said. The students not only constructed a beautiful house, but had fun learning about determining area and perimeter.

The student's house is on display at Thumb National Bank's Caseville office. Here, Reed and his students, along with Thumb National Bank employees, display the Gingerbread House.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

All The News That Fits We Print!

by Mark Rummel

FAVORITE OF THE YEAR? — This is likely my very favorite Newsweekly issue of the year, since it's full of holiday cheer — and kids' messages.

We proudly present our 18th annual Christmas Memories Contest winners in this jam-packed 52-page edition, and we hope you enjoy the messages some of your friends and neighbors are sharing. It's always a highlight for me.

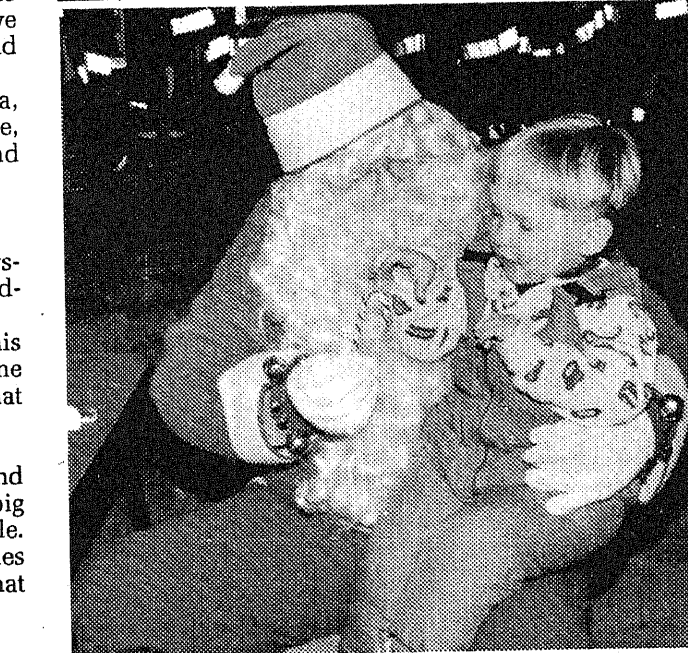
Then, you'll also find HUNDREDS of letters to Santa, written by Second Graders from Sebawaing, Unionville, Pigeon, Owendale, Gagetown, Bay Port, Elkton, Caseville and beyond. They've got PLENTY of items on their lists! Happy holidays, and best wishes.

HOLIDAY DEADLINES: Please remember that our Newsweekly issues during the next two weeks require early deadlines, due to Christmas and New Years observances.

Final deadline for all ads, photos and news is 5 p.m. this Thursday, for next Tuesday's (Dec. 26) edition. The same thing will happen next week, but we won't talk about that until THEN!

THANKS, STAFFERS: Our Ad, News, Comp, Printing and Delivery staffs have worked very hard to produce this big issue, and I want to thank EVERYONE for making it possible. It's a lot of work, but it brings a great number of good wishes and happy holiday messages to all our readers. That's what makes it so much fun to produce...

DESK-CLEARING: I'm a news guy, but even I can no longer read certain stories that appear in the big-city papers, or watch similar reports on TV. The dad who killed his daughter by mistake in Texas, the Detroit mom who drowned her baby, the people who cut a baby out of a woman's body... I just turn past those pages. I really do. I can't stand the senseless gore.



"WHAT I WANT IS..." — A youngster has the undivided attention of Santa Claus, during Saturday's visit to Unionville, sponsored by the Unionville Community Association at the Columbia Township Firehall. Also featured were sloppy joe and hot chocolate lunches and horse-drawn

Blade & Progress NEWS ROUND-UP

USA names Stahl, Travis for school assistance work

The USA School Board, acting on a recommendation from Supt. Rich Ramsey, approved hiring two teachers to assist High/Middle School Principal Tony Grant for the rest of the year, during the Dec. 11 Board meeting.

Jim Stahl, USA Middle School industrial arts/social studies teacher, and Tim Travis, USA High School math/science teacher, will be given a stipend to assist Grant and work on special projects during their conference hours. The move will also give each school an administrator on call, when Grant is out of the building on other school business.

The USA Board also approved an alcohol and drug testing policy for school bus drivers.

The policy, required by law, states that drivers who respond to an alcohol test with results of .02 or above will incur a 10-day suspension and be required to attend a rehabilitation program for their first offense. A second offense will warrant automatic dismissal.

An alcohol test with results of .04 will carry a penalty of automatic dismissal, and any driver who tests positive for drugs will be dismissed. Testing begins in January.

In other action, approval was given to the boys basketball team to compete against Mayville on Feb 15 at the Palace in Auburn Hills. The Pats and the Wildcats will be one of three high school games preceding the Chicago Bulls vs. Detroit Pistons headliner later that evening.

In other action, the USA Board:
 ■ granted the December bus fuel bid to Engelhardt Petroleum;
 ■ accepted the resignation of library aide Jan Adams;
 ■ heard a national convention report from the FFA Chapter and

Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ

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50 Years!



Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Sturm

Vince and Elsie Sturm of Pigeon celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with their family at Zehnder's of Frankenth. The couple was married Dec. 17, 1945 in Toledo, Oh. Mr. and Mrs. Sturm have been actively involved in farming and in the Pigeon community. They have three children: Terry and June (Murdoch) Sturm, Jack and Pam (Damm) Sturm, all of Pigeon, and Jean Sturm of Swartz Creek. They are blessed with five grandchildren.

Engaged!



Kuhl - Mavis

Norman and Florence Kuhl of Sebawaing announce the engagement of their daughter Teresa Ann to Daniel Dwane Mavis, son of Dale and Margaret Mavis of Saginaw. The bride-elect is a 1990 graduate of Central Michigan University. The groom-elect is a 1988 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University. A May 18, 1996 wedding is planned.

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60 Years!



Mr. & Mrs. Robert Baker

Robert and Pearl Baker celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Dec. 14. They have five children, Ken and Marge (Pobanz) of Elkton, Duane and Penny (Spaeth) of Paw Paw, Marty and Debby (Glasgow) of Elkton, Charles and Marian (Baker) Thomas of Leonard, and Mike and Kathie (Baker) Maurer of Vassar. They also have 14 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

Caseville School Concert this Thursday night

The Caseville Public School Music Department will perform its Christmas Concert this Thursday, Dec. 21 at 7 p.m., in the James Stahl Auditorium. The Junior High School Band will perform "Carol of the Drum" arranged by Paul Lavender, "The Bell Carol" arranged by Paul Jennings, "Silver Bells" by Jay Livingston and Ray Evans.

The Senior High Band will perform "A Night in De-

cember" arranged by John Higgins, "The Little Drummer Boy" arranged by Calvin Custer, "Themes From The Nutcracker Suite" by I. Tchaikowsky and arranged by Claire Johnson and "The Christmas Suite" by Harold Walters.

Students will perform music from a Choral Revue by Keith Christopher titled "The Best Time of the Year." This collection of Christmas music includes songs such as "We Need a Little Christmas," "A Holly Jolly Christmas," "I'll Be Home For Christmas," "The Christmas Song" and more. The public is invited to attend. Handicapped seating is available and admission is free.

Senior Meal menu

Sebawaing 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 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

ACTIVITIES: Euchre: Monday & Friday, 10:30 a.m. Bingo: Tuesday, 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 21: Christmas Dinner & Party w/ Gift Exchange at noon

MENU: Wednesday, Dec. 20:

Pasta w/Meatballs, green beans panisian, salad bar, lettuce/tomatoes/cukes; Italian bread, apple pie.

Thursday, Dec. 21: Noon-Turkey, Ham (Bring dish to pass) Friday, Dec. 22: Oven Baked Buffet Ham w/raisin/pineapple sauce; scalloped potatoes, green beans, cole slaw, roll, cheese-cake & Christmas cookie Monday, Dec. 25: CLOSED - Merry Christmas! Tuesday, Dec. 26: Pork Chop Suoy w/Rice, green beans, carrot/raisin salad, dinner roll, strawberry pear cup.

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ACW Ambulance service needs volunteers NOW!

By DUANE GUENTHER

Most people take things for granted, like calling 911 for instance.

Reinforced by the popular TV show, the general assumption is that by dialing this three-digit number, a highly trained emergency team will be at your doorstep within minutes.

While this is usually the case, it may not be necessarily true if you live in Akron, Columbia or Sebewaing (ACW) Townships.

Because of a dwindling volunteer ambulance force, the "around-the-clock" service needed to support per-

service is endangered, officials say.

"There are times when we just don't have enough people to cover the hours," says Kathy Hare, who is Vice President of ACW Ambulance Service and works up the weekly schedule.

"On occasions, I have had to contact the county dispatcher and ask that calls from our area be diverted to the Fairgrove or Sebewaing service," she adds.

Hare, along with ACW President Alice Vermeersch, are presently working hard to breathe new life into the sagging ambulance service.

"We are trying to schedule a Medical First Responder (MFR) class after the first of the year," says Hare. "People tell us they don't like to drive, so we are bringing the class to them."

According to Hare, the class will be taught by a paramedic from Bay Medical Center. Although the class is geared for people interested in an ambulance service, it could be very helpful for teachers, school bus drivers, and firemen.

Anyone interested in registering for the class, or finding out more information about the ACW Ambulance

Service may do so by contacting Kathy Hare (674-2608), or Alice Vermeersch (674-2328). Ambulance officials note

many people know a friend or family member who has needed ambulance service in the past year. "Multiply that by the number of people liv-

ing in this three-township area, and you begin to realize how very vital the ACW Ambulance Service really is," supporters say.

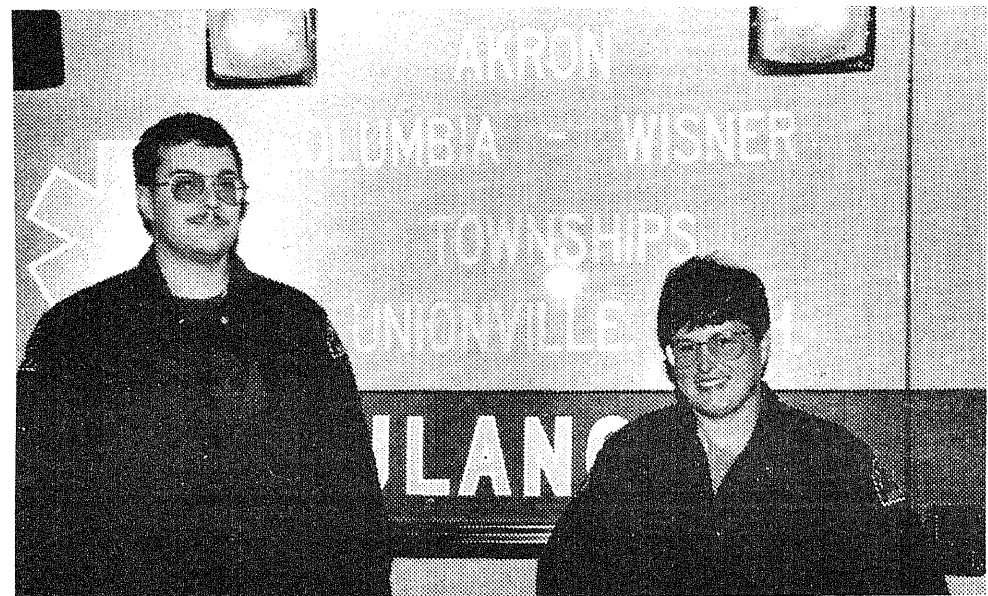
The USA Guidance Department hosts a financial aid meeting at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Jan. 4 in the high school cafeteria, says Guidance Director Carmel Savera.

Bruce Goodburne, Associate Director of Financial Aid at Delta College, will be the presenter.

The meeting is open to the public, but is especially important for students, and their parents, who plan to attend college or vocational school next fall.

The evening's agenda will include an overview of the financial aid process, the various types of financial aid forms available.

USA financial meeting is Jan. 4



HELPERS NEED HELP: ACW's past President Ken Curry poses in front of their medical rig with incoming leader, Alice Vermeersch. Both are working diligently to recruit new volunteers for the ambulance team. DUANE GUENTHER PHOTO

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June Kretzschmer is Caseville Village's new Office Administrator

By AMY HEIDEN

Keeping up with the paperwork and finances of a village like Caseville takes someone who has experience reading a balance sheet and who knows what a budget means.

June Kretzschmer fits the bill perfectly, and took over the newly-created Office Administrator position in Caseville last week.

Payrolls, balance sheets,

bookkeeping and budgets aren't new to Kretzschmer, as she and her husband Vern owned and operated Kretzschmer Home Center in Pigeon for 21 years. After selling the business in 1993, the couple moved to Ann Arbor where she was finance con-

troller for Crown House of Gifts, a five-store chain of gift stores.

But they became home-sick for Huron County, so they have moved back, this time making a home in Caseville.

"We decided to come home because we missed it here," Kretzschmer says. "Vern was born and raised here, and it's been our home."

The Office Administrator position was created when former Village Controller Pam Damore resigned in October.

Kretzschmer will be responsible for running the village's business office, in-

cluding all accounting procedures, pension investments, budget preparation and collecting water bills and taxes.

Kretzschmer sees her job not only as an administrator, but also a front line buffer between village officials and the public.

"This office can be a public relations effort when residents have a question," she says.



JUNE KRETZSCHMER on the job in Caseville. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

Nature Center hosts winter cook-out

Area residents and their families are invited to a Winter Cookout on Thursday, Dec. 28 from 12 noon to 3 p.m. at the Huron County Nature Center.

Hot dogs and hot refreshments will be provided. Activities will include a hike, nature games and fun.

For more information, contact Barbara Quinn at 517-856-2341.

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Thumb Area CALENDAR

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

Tuesday, Dec. 19 - Parkinson meeting
Parkinson's Caregiver & Support Group meets 1 p.m. the third Tuesday of the month at Hills & Dales General Hospital, Cass City. Details: Nancy at 872-4053 or Jean at 872-2121.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - American Legion Aux. 293
Will meet at 12:30 p.m. at Sugar Creek, Sebawaing, with gift exchange and bingo following the meeting.

Wednesday, Dec. 20 - Food Pantry needs help!
Pigeon Food Pantry needs volunteers to help deliver food baskets for Christmas. Please be sure you have all items to be delivered. There will be several items for each family in addition to the boxes, with deliveries starting at 9 a.m. from Pigeon First United Methodist Church.

Thursday, Dec. 21 - USA begins Christmas Break
At close of classes today. Wednesday, Jan. 3, classes resume.

Thursday, Dec. 21 - Akron Township Meeting
At Municipal Bldg., Beach St., Akron at 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Dec. 25 - CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday, Dec. 28 - VFW & American Legion Meeting
To discuss 1996 Memorial Day Celebration at Legion Hall, M-25. Group meets last Thursday of month.

Thursday, Dec. 28 - Winter Cookout
The Huron County Nature Center will host a fun family event from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Activities will include refreshments, a hike, nature games, etc. Details: 517-856-2341.

Monday, Jan. 1, 1996 - NEW YEAR'S DAY

Tuesday, Jan. 2 - Sebawaing Gobblers Meeting
8 p.m. at Sebawaing Sportsmen's VFW Hall. Group meets first Tuesday of each month.

Monday, Jan. 8 - Quit Smoking program starts
Bay Medical Education will host "Fun and Games for Those Thinking About Quitting Smoking" from 7-8 p.m. in West Conference Room of Lincoln Center, 820 S. Lincoln, Bay City. No charge for program. For more info 517-894-3937.

Monday, Jan. 8 - USA Middle School Parents
USA Middle School parents' meeting will be at 7 p.m. in the Middle School library.

Wednesday, Jan. 10 - USA dismisses early
USA Schools will be dismissed early to allow teachers to take part in in-services. Each building will meet individually, but all buildings will focus on School Improvement and NCA. Elementary dismisses at 12:50 p.m. for walkers, shuttles and late buses. Middle school and high school 1 p.m. Hot lunch will be served. No afternoon Skill Center or afternoon Kindergarten.

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Christmas Services

Sunday, December 24

9:30 AM - "Immanuel God Is With Us"
7:00 PM - Children's Program
10:00 PM - Candlelight Service
"The Light Shines in the Darkness"

Monday, December 25

9:30 AM - Christmas Worship - with Holy Communion
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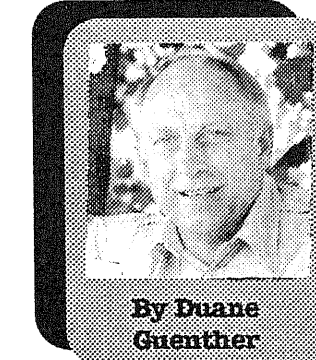
Finding a covey

It was supposed to be easy. At least that's how it looked when we made plans a couple of months ago.

The idea was to transport my new hunting puppy to a game-filled region in southern Indiana where he could fill his nose with the wonderful scent of wild birds.

Things had been looking up all fall. Cody, the lemon/white English Setter pup who now has staked claim to our household, was whelped 6/19/95.

I had picked him up from an Illinois breeder in September and for the next month he received some expert instruction on becoming a hunt-



By Duane Guenther

ing dog via a good friend of mine.

Besides the typical training, Cody had been introduced to pen-raised birds at an early age, and become every

proficient at nosing out and locking up on the quail and chukars hidden for his benefit.

During the next month, I took him home, and although I had been sternly warned not to expose him to pheasants during his puppy stage, I couldn't resist taking him to a little woodlot where a couple of roosters hang out.

Instead of driving the young pointing pup crazy, like running pheasants are supposed to do, these birds had a habit of hunkering down near a tiny ditch, and Cody made perfect points on both before they ended up in the family freezer.

However, the big event was supposed to take place in December. At nearly six months, Cody had filled out

to be a very large dog. He did not yet have the stamina necessary to run with the big dogs, but the time was ripe to

put him over wild birds so he could get the his first big whiff of quail scent that only comes from a tightly packed covey.

Quail are the ideal birds for young dogs. They rarely

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Best Wishes for the Holiday Season!

It's been said many ways, many times, in many languages — Merry Christmas!

Let us add our sincerest wishes for a happy, healthy, and safe holiday season, and our thanks for your support and patronage over the past year. We look forward to serving you again in the coming year, the beginning of a new and exciting decade. Peace and joy to you and your loved ones.

From the Council & Staff of the Village of Pigeon

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Open House Winners

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GRAND PRIZE DRAWING: Richard Stros

CHILDRENS' DRAWINGS: Laura Stoeckle, Sean Tschirhart, Nathan Forman, Ryan Walter, Abby Booms, Kaitlin Swik, Amy Schroeder, Denny Mattice, Cassandra Tomlinson, Lee Miller, Jr., Jessica Roberts, Kayla Smithers, Aleska Szymanski, Laura Lubeski, Brooke Ondrajka, Robert McKinnin, Robert Gucwa, Travis Ahearn, James McKnight, Scott Robinson, Kaylee Roggenbuck, Kayla Guitar, Errin Mausolf, Janel Hessling, Amber Arntz, Phillip Messing, Travis Goniwicha, Douglas Currie-Watts, Zane Pleiness, Kyle Essenmacher, Courtney Ploetter, Tyler Maschke, Nevin Pleiness, Shane Jackson, Joseph Gust, Heather Schultz, Matthew Simmons, Rhonda Gusa, Allyson Koglin, Alex Lackowski, Alicia Dufty, Jeffery Reidel, Ryan Nitz, Jordan Gaeth, Cameron Vermeersch, Jessica Backus, Stephanie Dorsch, Marissa Engelhardt, Aaron Eberlein, Taylor Marciniak, Laura Bailey, Andrea Hill, Rakel Osentoski, Teri Gentner, Magen Morell, Zachary Tyll, Andy Depcinski, Richy Bensinger, Garrett Gentner, Jordan Kaufman.

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Woods & Waters

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run when confronted in the wild, but would rather burrow beneath tight cover and hope everyone and everything passes them by.

The trick used by many trainers is to use adult dogs to first find the covey, and then let younger dogs work an area where the trainer now knows birds are located.

So here we were, pounding our way down Interstate 69 with guns and gear loaded behind the seat of my S-10, and seven dogs, stashed safely in an array of boxes lashed within the bed. Our destination was Dugger, IN, the favorite hunting haunt of the gentleman sitting next to me, and a hot bed for the quail we were seeking.

We arrived to find Indiana's summer and fall had been miserably dry. Jack, my host for the trip, had been down a couple of times earlier, and although the birds were jumpy and had a tendency to flush prematurely, he had seen plenty of them.

Our daily agenda was simple. We rose before dawn, breakfasted with the locals at a neat little bait shop/restaurant, and then loaded the dogs for the day's hunt.

The first order of business would be to stop at a secluded lane bisecting a harvested soybean field. It was an ideal place to let the dogs release some energy without losing track of them or endangering the pups with traffic from nearby roads.

Once the edge was taken off we would proceed to a series of different hunting spots and work the dogs in shifts.

Sonny and Ching, a mother/daughter combination would usually be the first pair to work an area. In

the prime of their hunting life, they would cover a field slicker than the new wipers I had installed on my truck last week.

Later, Daisy, an old veteran in her last years of hunting, and Cody would take their turn.

This pair was perfect for each other. The years had slowed Daisy down and her patience in the field seemed to rub off of the exuberance of Cody's youth.

After 15 or 20 minutes both were ready to return to the boxes for a much needed rest.

We had hunted hard, both dogs and men, but simply

could not find any birds. I kicked up a small covey the first day and knocked a bird down that Daisy was able to find, but no birds for the pup.

On the last day of the hunt, with my spirits lower than the moisture content of the entire state of Indiana, we were traversing a big draw which grew heavy cover on both sides.

Daisy and Cody had been working ahead when Cody suddenly began to get very birdy. Several quick casts back and forth brought him to a tangle of brush at the draw's edge.

There, as if it were a cut out of a book on classic points and pasted on the landscape, Cody locked up.

The birds flushed before I could get into the best position, but I tipped one as he escaped through the trees and then dusted a late riser seeking refuge to my left.

There had been seven birds in all. Not a large covey by any means, but a very important one in both the lives of Cody and me...

Christmas Eve tradition at St. Paul

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Linkville, is pleased to invite the community to its traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Sunday, Dec. 24 at 10 p.m.

The St. Paul Choir, led by Faye Errer, will sing several selections. Errer, joined by Angie Dubs on the flute, will also present piano and flute duets "What Child is This?" and "O Holy Night."

Pastor Timothy Loewe's Christmas Message will be "The Light Shines in the Darkness," based on John 1:1-14.

The service will conclude with the candlelight singing of "Silent Night, Holy Night."

St. Paul Ev. Lutheran Church is located on Kilmanagh Rd., 1/2 mile east of Caseville Rd., five miles south of Pigeon and two miles north of Owendale. For details, call 517-453-2271.

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"she... laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn." **LUKE 2:7**

From the instant of His conception as a human being, Jesus, the Son of God, was pursued, crowded out, hunted, insulted, vilified, punished and finally murdered.

The Creator abused by His Creatures! Before He was even born, his parents were forced to travel with the Christ Child. When He was born, it wasn't in a room, or a human shelter, but amidst cattle in a stable. Next He was hunted by a jealous, murderous Herod, so His parents escaped with Him by night into a foreign land.

Although He came to earth to be the Redeemer of all mankind, the ones He came to save turned on Him in every situation.

The religious leaders of His day hated and despised Him. The government of that time used Him as a pawn. He was robbed of His legal rights, his life, and even His clothing was bartered away. The men He came to save spat on Him, struck Him, crucified Him and stood by to watch Him die.

Was there ever love like this, that kept His face turned steadfastly toward His purpose in life to redeem mankind through suffering and death?

We know the result. By His resurrection, His Father, the righteous God, accepted His sacrifice and granted eternal joy and bliss to His Redeemed.

So how does the modern world see Him? Do we respect and honor and thank this Lord and Redeemer? We all know the answer!

If anything, this "enlightened" age with all its knowledge and science on the "information highway" treats Him worse than any who have gone before.

In closing out the 20th Century, His Name is despised in the world centers of government. The name and face of Jesus the Savior is banned from public schools.

Even public parks are forced to refuse His image or display of His Name.

Worse than open public opposition is the sinister ignoring of His Name and Birth in this Christmas Season. CHRISTMAS is shortened to Xmas. Rudolf gets top billing over the Savior of mankind. Santa Claus wins credit for loving and gifting the world. Christmas cards greet the happy season,

ignoring the reason for the season. **Practicing Christians** become nominal Christians, feasting and celebrating each other and themselves, forgetting the Birthday-King Himself.

How long can a so-called Christian nation, or a "civilized world," pose in those roles and escape identification and subsequent punishment?

America, the Christian world and the individual Christians are celebrating on the slippery slope, that shows more cracks and breaks each day.

The annual message that the Savior is born is being delivered to mankind in thousands of churches, and in millions, even billions, of hearts and minds.

This is the season to celebrate His Birth, to prepare our hearts and to acknowledge and celebrate Him as our personal Redeemer, our Lord of Lords, our Savior-King.

Let mankind know that joy has come to the world, and thus help earth receive its King.

To acknowledge and accept Him is so easy, so simple, yet so certain! It means to say and to know that Jesus Christ is the Lord, for He has redeemed me and every sinner.

Christmas time is the right season, and it grants every believer total redemption from sin and an eternity with Him. **PRAYER: God and sinners reconciled, Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King! Amen."**

— By WALT RUMMEL



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Thumb Sports Review

Lakers sink Pirates

The Lakers gained another basketball win on the road Tuesday against Harbor Beach, then turned around and won their first home game later in the week against USA.

The rivalry with Harbor Beach is one of the best in the Thumb, and Tuesday's game was no exception as the Lak-

ers outlasted the Pirates in overtime 76-67.

The Lakers led the Pirates throughout much of the game, holding a 32-28 lead at half-time.

But in the third quarter, Harbor Beach made up the difference and kept within striking distance in the fourth period.

The Lakers held a 59-57 lead near the end of regulation play, but a buzzer-beating basket by Joe Tan sent the game into overtime.

In OT, though, the Pirates let down their play and saw the Lakers run out to a nine-point win.

Pete Beachy led the scoring with 29 points, and Seth Maust added 20. Eric Gardy scored seven points, and Tim Russell and Zac King had seven points each.

LAKER JUNIOR VARSITY: The Laker JV team beat Harbor Beach 54-44, with Matt Voss leading the scoring with 16 points. Scott Anderson had nine points and nine rebounds, and Shane Schulze had a good second half with six rebounds and three blocked shots.

On Friday, the team defeated USA 65-44. Voss again led the scoring with 15 points, while Justin Chiotti had 14 and Anderson added 12. Those three players and Brian Kingsbury and Jed Barry all had three pointers in the game.

USA basketball squad alls to EPBP

An age-old West Thumb rivalry took place last Friday when the USA Patriots invaded Laker territory for a Thumb C cross-league basketball match up.

The contest pitted an energetic but inexperienced Patriot squad against a veteran laden Laker team. The outcome was predictable and the Lakers did not surprise anyone by defeating USA 75-53.

Although at the start it was obvious the speed and quickness in the Lakers defensive press was bound to wear the Patriots down, it wasn't until the third quarter when EPBP outscored USA 31-12, that the game was finally decided.

Lakers took a four point lead at the end of the first and then stretched it into a 30-21 half-time bulge. USA worked hard at a match-up man-to-man during the first half, but the Lakers continually set picks and converted easy back door baskets to keep the Patriots at bay.

Whatever Coach Bill McLellan said to his Laker squad at the intermission must have hit home, especially to se-

niorguard Seth Maust. When the green and white returned to the floor they turned on a four minute blitz that simply buried the Patriots.

Four quick USA turnovers were just as quickly converted into Laker scores. And Seth Maust, who had been held to four points during the first half, suddenly began to blaze tossing in four treys and connecting on 18 of his teams 31 points for the quarter.

"Seth Maust is a great player," said veteran USA coach John Manninen after the game, "but, tonight he played like a Division I athlete."

Although USA outscored Lakers in the last quarter, the damage was already done and a 75-53 non-league victory

was sealed.

Maust led the Laker team with 22 points followed by Eric Gardy with 16 and Brian Shaw with 11.

Jim Androl and Eric Kelly were high for the Patriots with 12 points apiece.

The Lakers return to action tonight, (Tuesday) when they host the Deckerville Eagles in another non-league tilt — while USA travels to Bad Axe tonight (Tuesday) and then begin league action when they journey to Deckerville on Thursday.

The Lakers do not have a league contest until Jan. 9 when they play at Cros-Lex, but will have a return match with Harbor Beach over the Christmas holidays when they entertain the Pirates at home on Dec. 28.

Scott Kieser completes MTU football career

The Michigan Tech University football team concluded the 1995 campaign with a 21-6 road loss to Hillsdale College.

MTU finished the season with a 5-5 record both overall and in the Midwest Intercollegiate Football Conference. The 5-5 mark was good for a sixth place tie in league action.

Playing a key role for the Huskies during the 1995 campaign was senior quarterback Scott Kieser, former stand-out athlete from Unionville-Sebewaing High School.

Kieser, who was voted MTU's Most Valuable Player and received the Sportsmanship Award, established an MTU single-game record for completion percentage (84.6) by completing 11-13 passes against Northwood (Sept 9) in the season opener.

He completed 123-of-209 passes for 1,605 yards and 13 TDs on the season. In addition, he ran for 186 yards and three touchdowns via the ground. The 6'3", 210-pounder was a First Team MIFC All-Academic choice as well as an honorable mention All-MIFC Honoree. Scott was also the Burger King Scholar Athlete of the Week for Division II during the week of Oct. 21. He was on of 12 Division II selections during the year.

In his career, Kieser completed 193-of-340 passes for 2,804 yards and 23 TDs. His 2,804 is fourth on the all-time MTU passing chart and his 1,605 yards during the 1995 campaign is fourth on the single-season list.



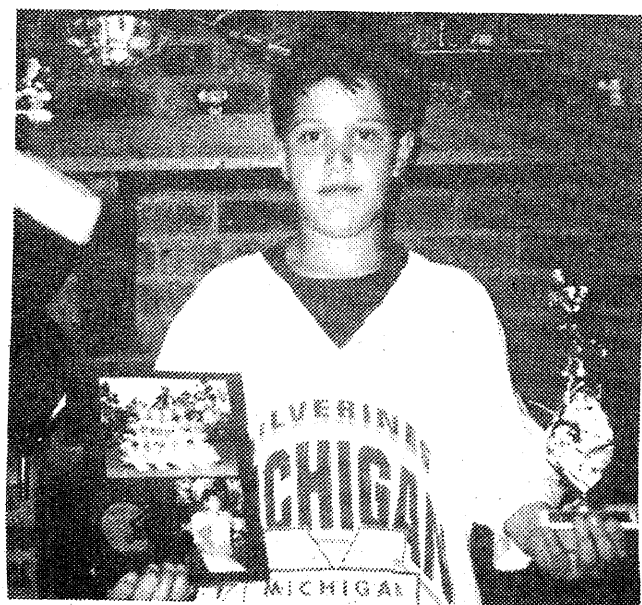
SCOTT KIESER

Kieser also totaled 3,692 yards of total offense in his career, which ranks sixth-best in MTU annals.

He is the son of Carl and Lorraine Kieser of Sebewaing.

Merry Christmas to you & yours!

Achievements



Mitchell Gainforth, 11-year-old son of Kurt and Anne Gainforth of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and area natives, recently won the honor of Best Offensive Lineman of the Year.

Gainforth played for the "Hurricanes," who finished the season with a 10-3 record which enabled the team to win the 9 & 10-year-old Recreation Championship at

Surfside Beach, S.C. Besides his football prowess, young Gainforth is a straight "A" student at Forestbrook Elementary and recently took fifth place in a school-wide spelling "B"

He is the grandson of Myron and Maxine Gainforth of Unionville.

Your local sports stop!

Businesses are getting 'all decked out' for safe driving

Michigan restaurants, bars and grocery stores began decking the halls earlier this month, with a special message for their patrons: Drive Safe this Holiday. Drive Sober.

The campaign, a public-private partnership, encourages party hosts and guests to celebrate the season with safety in mind when alcoholic beverages will be served, officials say.

Around the state, selected sites will be decorating their establishment with posters, window decals, buttons and table tents to highlight the campaign's vital message. The sites are just a sample of the hundreds of businesses that will participate in the special holiday decoration day.

Celebrity servers, including local radio and television personalities, will take part at the different locations. In addition, AAA Michigan will be on hand at each location

to serve up samples of a winning non-alcoholic drink recipe as part of the company's annual "Zero-Proof Mix-Off" contest.

"We're helping to remind people of all the ingredients that make a perfect holiday party," said Betty Mercer, executive director of the Office of Highway Safety Planning. "And that includes planning for safe and sober transportation home."

People who will be attending social functions should designate a driver ahead of time, plan to call a cab or arrange for an alternative ride home, or enjoy non-alcoholic beverages such as flavored teas or sparkling wines.

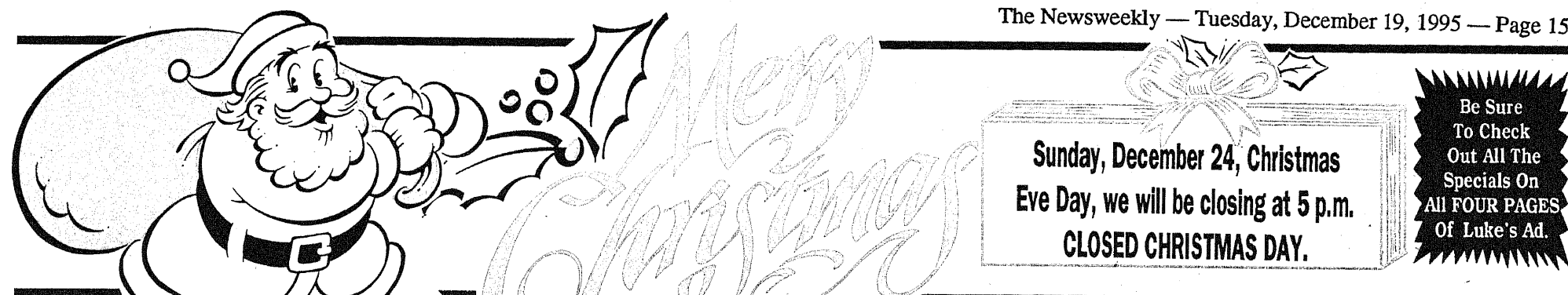
Party hosts should keep in mind:

- serve food along with alcohol, especially high protein and carbohydrate foods like cheese and meats
- don't put too much alcohol in the punch and use a noncarbonated base, such as fruit juice. The body absorbs alcohol faster when

mixed with carbonation

- make non-alcoholic drinks available and appealing
- stop serving alcohol at least one hour before the party ends
- be ready to offer alternative transportation and sleeping accommodations if needed
- Members of the Safe Holiday Coalition are: AAA Michigan, Associated Food Dealers of Michigan, Michigan Association of Broadcasters, Michigan Beer & Wine Wholesalers Association, Michigan Department of Public Health, Michigan Licensed Beverage Association, Michigan Liquor Control Commission, Michigan Restaurant Association, Office of Highway Safety Planning and Traffic Safety Association of Michigan.

In Michigan, 37.4 percent of traffic deaths involved alcohol in 1994. Over the 1994-95 New Year's holiday period, 16 people were killed and almost 63 percent of those crashes involved alcohol. During the 1994 Christmas holiday period, 23 people were killed and almost a third of those crashes involved alcohol.



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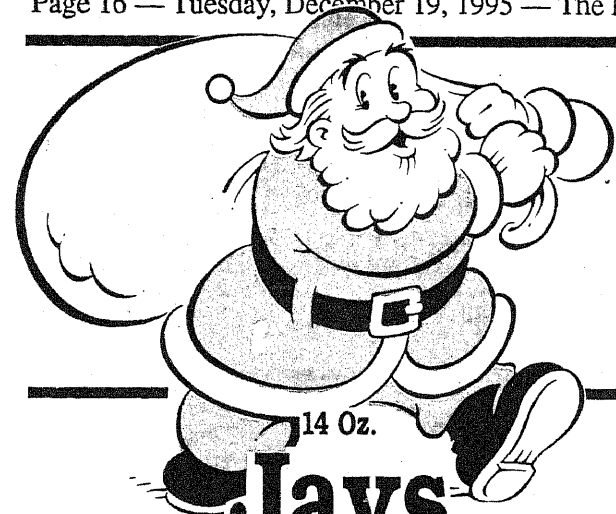
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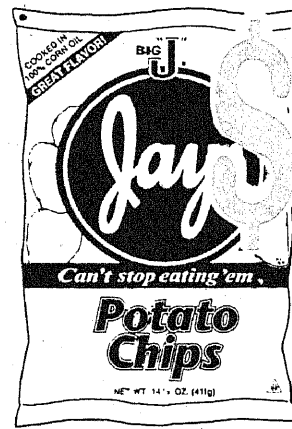
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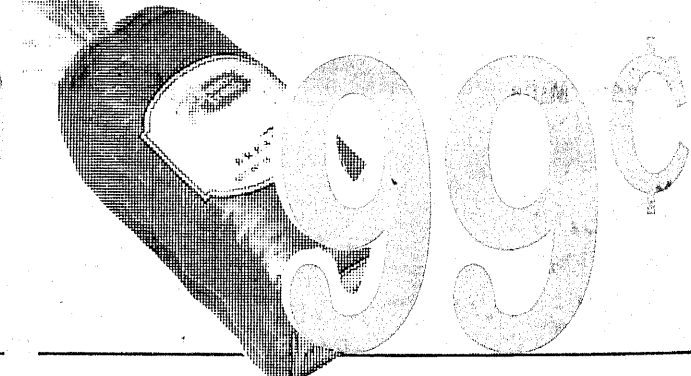
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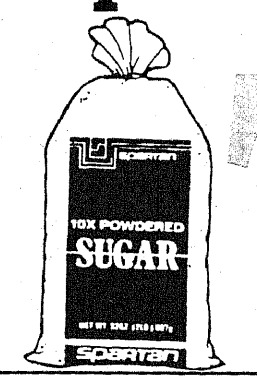
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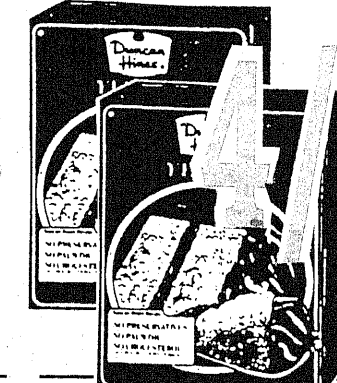
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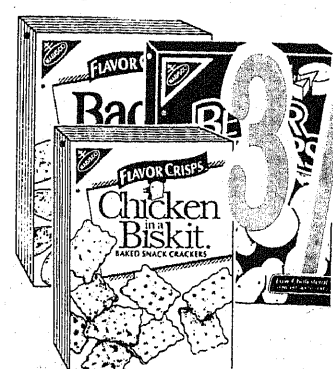
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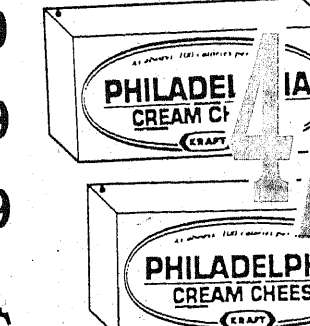
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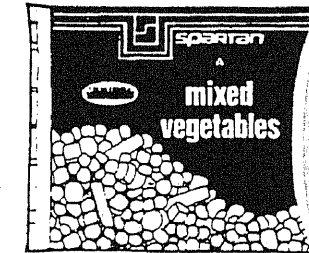
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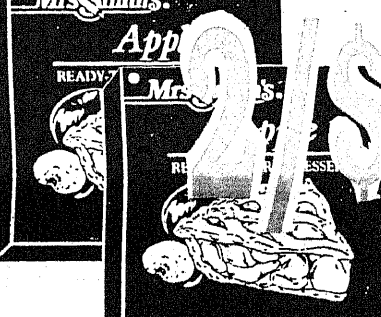
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Outreach Clinics are scheduled for Monday, Jan. 22 at Scheurer Hospital in Pigeon from 3 to 6 p.m., and Thursday, March 28, at Dr. Canfield's Office in Sebawaing from 3 - 6 p.m. A parent or legal guardian must accompany anyone under 18 years of age. Parents should bring their child's past immunization record.



TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHOIR of Sebawaing will joyfully present the Christmas musical "In All His Glory" Sunday, Dec. 24 at the 10:45 a.m. worship service. This cantata written by Kathy Frizzell and Karly Worley uses various musical styles arranged by Bruce Greer brings the message of Jesus' birth into our modern lives. The public is invited to join Trinity congregation in opening their hearts to the true meaning of Christmas. COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

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DOCTORS PERFORMING surgery at Scheurer Hospital will be able to get a better view of the patient, thanks to recently installed operating room lights in one of the surgery suites. The Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary donated \$8,500 to purchase the new lights, which can be focused to provide an intense beam of light at a particular area, according to Head Surgical Nurse Marilyn Herford. A new surgical table was added weeks ago, and now both operating rooms can be used at once. Shown here in the operating room with the new lights are Herford, staff nurse Judy Kretzschmer, Auxiliary President Peggi Lepprandt and Dr. David Bracciano. AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

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White Eagle Lodge is reorganizing

The White Eagle Lodge is being reorganized after several years of inactivity, says Financial Secretary Victoria Wolak.

The Caro Area lodge, an affiliate of the Polish National Alliance, a fraternal benefit society founded in 1880, was organized 60 years ago to serve needs of Polish Americans in the Thumb Area.

Any past or prospective members interested in the formation of the new White Eagle Lodge may contact Wolak at 2083 S. Kingston Rd., Kingston, 48741 or phone at (517) 683-2465 or Ed Jagosz 464 Wireline Rd., Caro 48723, (517) 673-8226.

Other committee members are Norbert Jankowski, Bob Scheil and Barbara and John

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Nights and Weekends



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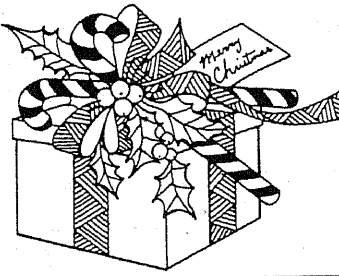
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Sokol.

A 1996 Polish English calendar that lists the purposes and programs of the Polish

National Alliance is available free of charge by contacting Norbert Jankowski at Stanley's Bakery in Caro.

Season's Greetings



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Achievements



Ann Herford of Elkton received her cap and pin on Friday, Dec. 15 from the Delta College School of Nursing, R.N.

Herford has accepted a position in the Neuro/Surgical Unit at Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

Spring Arbor College announced that **Joshua Salsbury** of Elkton and **Jennifer Murdock** of Bay Port were awarded Presidential Scholarships for the 1995-96 academic year.

Presidential scholarships in the amount of \$1,250 are awarded to full-time student who have earned a 3.7 grade

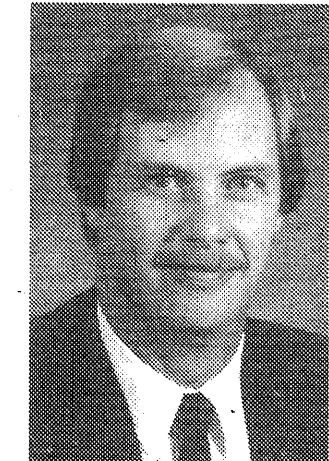
point average in high school or in previous semesters at Spring Arbor College.

Spring Arbor College is a private, four-year Christian liberal arts college located near Jackson.

recently in a community banking environment. His background and skills will enable him to blend easily into Signature Bank's culture" Ouellette says.

O'Driscoll is a member of Huron County Hockey Association's adult team A and coaches a Bantam Midget team.

He and his wife Cindy have two children, Tracy 9, and Terry 6.



Donald O'Driscoll has been named Assistant Cashier and Data Processing Manager for Signature Bank, headquartered in Bad Axe.

The announcement was made by President/CEO Thomas Ouellette. O'Driscoll is responsible for all aspects of the bank's data processing and proof operations, and researching new methodologies to augment daily operations.

"Don brings with him 20-plus years of experience, most

and Bruce's parent is Marilyn Bruce of Port Austin.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must earn a 3.0 grade point on a 4.0 scale.

Final kids' winners from Pigeon drawing

Ten lucky children took home toys following Saturday's Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Kids' Drawing - the final one of the 1995 Christmas season.

The following children were toy winners: Isabella Schember and Tara Herford, both of Elkton and Keith Voelker, David Lisoski, Tim Heilig, Michelle Thiel, Stephanie Roedel, Courtney Siewert and Heather Taylor of Pigeon and Josh Elenbaum of Owendale.

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December 23, Saturday
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December 24, Sunday
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WEDNESDAY AFT. LADIES

Sebawaing 12/13/95
 Go Getters 5
 Four Rollers 4
 Lucky Strikes 3
 Tri County 2
 High team series and game: Tri County 1605-599.
 High individual series and game: A. Pommerenke 469-166, 154; M. Gettel 449-173, D. Grueth 448-188, J. Haist 187, B. Winter 183, W. Eberlein & M. Draehill 156, J. McLaren 154.
 Splits: A. Pommerenke 4-5-7, H. Schafer 5-7, D. Grueth 5-6, W. Eberlein & M. Gettel 3-10.

THURSDAY NITERS

Pigeon Lanes 12/14
 End of 1st Half
 Buschlen Snowplowing 35
 Lee Steinman Agencies 33
 J & B Plg. & Htg. 32
 Clark Hardware 32
 Gerry's Distrib. 29
 Village Barber & Sty. 19
 High team series and game: Clark Hardware 2207 (756-751), Lee Steinman Agencies 2118 (740), Village Barber 2053.
 High individual series and game: G. Norington 496-199, P. Schember 495, M. Verschoore 489, D. Schmidt 197, C. Sy 189, M. Martinez & S. Bedore 184, R. Rasch 183.
 Triplicate: M. Schwartz 135.
 Splits: 5-7 G. Smith, N. Lidie, K. Fritz; 5-6 G. Smith; 3-10 P. Parrish, P. Machowicz.

WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES

Pigeon Lanes 12/16
 McCormick Motors 34
 Bay Port Construction 27
 Bay Port State Bank 25
 Niebel Plg. & Htg. 25
 Gumbly's 23
 Cloud of Dust Ceram. 22
 High team series and game: Bay Port State Bank 2193 (763), Bay Port Con-

struction 2128 (748), Niebel Plg. & Htg. 2104 (773).
 High individual series and game: A. Gotham 487 (180-177), D. Yahn 458 (171), L. Strak embery 457, J. Abbott 454, S. McLear 454, L. Rolle 463, P. Machowicz 453, D. Fuers 465, H. Thick 194, D. Kuch 179, S. Kuhl 171.
 Splits: 6-7-10 R. Voss; 3-10, 4-5-7 D. Yahn; 5-6 T. Gnagey, P. Kellerman; 4-5 P. Machowicz; 7-8 A. Gotham; 5-7 S. Kuhl.

MONDAY MAJOR

Pigeon Lanes 12/11
 Lee's Landscaping 69
 Bay Port State Bank 61
 Osentoski Farm Equip. 60
 J.O. Wurst 47
 C.D. Sandblasting 47
 *Damm's 47
 *Pigeon Lanes 46
 High team series and game: Lee's Landscaping 2608 (956).
 High individual series and game: M. Rathje 666 (218), J.D. Gunden 542 (205), M. Graf 533 (226), G. Drabek 215, R. Damm 207.

TUESDAY CLASSIC

Pigeon Lanes 12/12
 Pigeon Lumber 60
 Dutch Kettle 60
 Farm Crest Foods 49
 Osentoski Farm Equip. 49
 *Steinman Insurance 39
 *Peoples' Choice Mkt. 30
 *Incomplete

WEDNESDAY NITE LADIES

Pigeon Lanes 12/13
 McCormick Motors 34
 Unionville 32
 Hare Shop 32
 FBI Guys 32
 Ed's Bar 29
 Ed's Bar II 27
 Dairy Barn 26
 Trapper John's 22
 Paul's Market 19
 American Legion 18
 High team series and game: McCormick Motors 2347 (961).
 High individual series and game: T. Koch 587 (245), R. Koch 556 (221), D. Smith 535, L. Smith 197.

Bay Port Construction

..... 31
 Niebel's Plg. & Htg. 28
 Gumbly's 27
 Bay Port State Bank 25
 Cloud of Dust Ceram. 23
 High team series and game: Gumbly's 2128 (745), Bay Port Construction 2018 (728), Niebel Plg. & Htg. 1984 (706), McCormick Motors 1947 (718).
 High individual series and game: P. Maxwell 540 (178-213), D. Deming 508 (180-188), A. Gotham 489 (171), D. Herzog 463 (165).
 Splits: 2-7-9 P. Kellerman; 3-10 K. Christian; 5-8-10 A. Kleinfield; 5-10 P. Holt.

MON. NIGHT SLAMMERS

Sebawaing 12/11/95
 Millerwise TV 55 43
 Sparty's 54 44
 Ben Franklin 52 46

TUESDAY NITE LADIES

Unionville 12/12/95
 Paul's Serv/Mkt 40
 FBI Gale 33.5
 Ed's Bar 32
 VanBevern Produce 28.5
 Socier's 27
 Hare Shop 25
 Lee's Own 35
 Trapper's 13
 High individual series and game: Paul's Serv/Mkt 2231-777, Hare Shop 2150-755.


WEDNESDAY NITE MEN

Unionville 12/13/95
 Hare Shop 32
 FBI Guys 32
 Ed's Bar 29
 Ed's Bar II 27
 Dairy Barn 26
 Trapper John's 22
 Paul's Market 19
 American Legion 18
 High team series and game: Ed's Bar 2532-887.
 High individual series and game: R. Remar 602-209, 201; T. Lowthian 227, D. Kain 208, T. Strieter 205, 201.

THURSDAY A.M. LADIES

Gateway, Unionville 12/7/95
 Country Ladies 26 22
 Turtles 26.5 19.5
 Merry Makers 24 24
 Blazers 17.5 30.5
 High team series and game: Blazers 1333-463.
 High individual series and game: B. Fletcher 500, B. Comment 196.

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TUES. USA SR CITIZENS

Sebawaing 12/12/95
 Ben Franklin 33
 Kuhl-Bauer-Meissner 29
 Mutual Savings 29
 Signature Bank 26
 Othersen Ins. 24
 High team series and game: Ben Franklin 1891-673.
 Women's high individual series and game: H. Krauss 545-208, 178, 159; S. Pierce 474-164, 160, 150; A. Houthoofd 469-164, 156, 149; R. Bush 448-167, 142; E. Keyser & J. Haist 150, F. Kuhl 149.
 Men's high individual series and game: M. Kuhl 5-6, H. Krauss & E. Euler 3-10.

THURSDAY NITE MEN'S

Unionville 12/7/95
 Trapper John's 33
 McAlpine Ins. 29
 Paul's Serv/Mkt 27
 Sebawaing Auto 27
 Ed's Bar 26
 Roy's Cigo 25
 U.S. Army 21
 High team series and game: McAlpine Ins. 2622-694.
 High individual series and game: E. Kata 595-226, J. Kata 553-200, D. Bargar 523, D. Poole 522, G. Sy Sr. 521.

MONDAY NIGHT LADIES

Unionville 12/11/95
 American Legion Aux 421. 40
 Bleacher Creatures 32
 Deisler's 23
 Thermogas 17
 High team series and game: Bleacher Creatures 1729-627.
 High individual series and game: S. Sella 476-196, A. Vermeersch 475-180, K. Linzner 474, L. Bargar 183.
 Splits: K. Hare 5-8-10.

USA SR CITIZ. FRI. MIXED

Sebawaing 12/8/95
 Kunding & Kroll 33.5
 Jackie's Flowers 31.5
 Luke's Market 30.5
 Balzer Ins. 26.5
 Deisler's 24
 Dinkel-Juengel 19
 High team series and game: Dinkel-Juengel 1778-841, 572.
 Women's high individual series and game: H. Krauss 489-184, 158; L. Hawry 478-176, 157; M. Verschoore 474-189, A. Houthoofd 467-187, 162; F. Kuhl 155, J. Pobanz & M. Kuhl 147, R. Bush 144, S. Pierce 143.
 Men's high individual series and game: H. Pierce 572-202, 192, 178; C. Adams 488-176, 168; L. Heakroth 155, J. Bonini 144.
 Splits: M. Nichols 4-7, M. Kuhl 5-8-7, H. Krauss, E. Euler & E. Walthier 3-10.

SUNDAY NITE ZOMBIES

Sebawaing 12/10/95
 Gaeth-Schultz 29
 Kuhl-Bauer-Meissner 27
 G's & V's 27
 Terrill-Finkbeiner 26
 Gregory-Kroll 26
 Myers-Erwin-Gunden 26
 Vandiver-Bloomer 18
 Ewald-Werschky 17
 High team series and game: Ewald-Werschky 2042-702.
 Women's high individual series and game: R. Finkbeiner 503-174 (2); J. Ewald 485-174, G. Vasquez 464, J. Schultz 459-181.
 Men's high individual series and game: B. Haist 701-297, 234, 200; R. Werschky 677-234, 223, 220; J. Bauer 603-208, 203, 192; J. Finkbeiner 592-231, 196; T. Vandiver 556-201, 191; L. Kuhl 538-186, D. Ewald 508-193, B. Bloomer 504.
 Splits: D. Werschky 3-10 & 4-5, D. Ewald 4-5-7, J. Finkbeiner 2-10, C. Gaeth & J. Schultz 2-7, P. Schultz 3-10.

WOMAN'S MON. NITE "A"

Sebawaing 12/11/95
 Sebawaing Lanes 68
 Clearhout's 63
 Carrie's Canvas 55
 Kuhl Construc. 47
 Satow's 44
 Sugar Shack 38
 High team series and game: Carrie's Canvas 2401-872, 790.
 High individual series and game: P. Bauer 557-194-191; C. Guilds 531-191, 188; D. Harris 528-191, 180; L. McHalpine 494-186, J. Sting 489-181, S. Stevenson 182.
 Splits: C. Reithel & G. Vasquez 5-7.

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MONDAY LADIES LEAGUE

Pigeon Lanes 12/11/95
 Caseville Small Animal Clinic 33
 Terra 32
 Impressions 31
 LaFave Steel 29
 Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home 28
 Town & Country Beauty Shop 25
 Gascho Furniture 23
 Caseville IGA 22
 V & B Crafts 21
 Pigeon Lanes 21
 Beachy Eggs 20
 High team series and game: Town & Country 1835 (636), Terra 1789 (653), Meyersieck-Bussema 1691 (588).
 High individual series and game: S. Meyersieck 508, J. Christian 483 (182), D. Deming 482, J. Vollmer (204), A. Kleinfield (181), R. Voss (181).
 Splits converted: 3-10 M.J. Meiningler, J. Vollmer, E. Bauley; 5-6 J. Christian, E. Bennett; 5-10 B. Diller; 9-10 E. Bennett; 5-6-10 G. Albrecht; 4-5 G. Gunden.

FRIDAY NITE LEAGUE

Pigeon Lanes 12/8/95
 Albrecht Auction 32
 J & B Plumbing 29
 B. K. LeMasters 26
 Co-op 23



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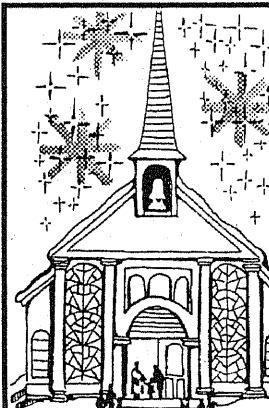
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WOMEN'S MIDWEST POOL

(End of 1st Half) 12/5/95
 Sparty's 91
 Ralph's 74
 Ralph's Place 60
 Luce Goose 57
 Pigeon 54
 Bud's 51
 Ed's Bar 43

MEN'S MIDWEST POOL


(End of 1st Half) 12/6/95
 Luce Goose 58
 Pigeon 52
 Ralph's 46
 Gagetown 46
 Bud's 45
 Ed's Bar 41



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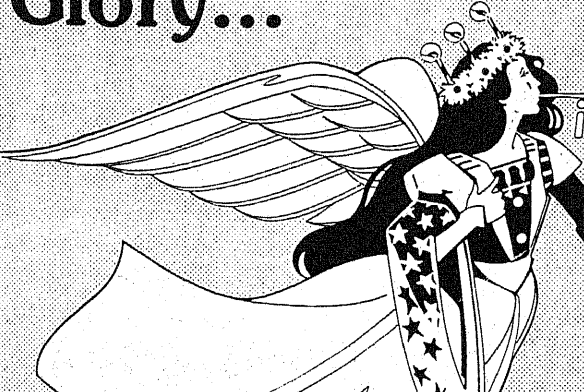

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Mike Thede Family recovering after home fire

By DUANE GUENTHER

Last Tuesday afternoon as Donna Thede of Bay Port was getting a jump on her Christmas baking, and her husband Mike was sleeping off a bout with the flu, she heard a funny noise, like ice sliding off the roof.

When she heard it the second time, she became concerned and went outside — to find smoke curling up from the roof of the couple's house.

She immediately woke her husband and the two ran outside to find not only smoke but also flames of fire destroying their home on M-25 near Mud Creek.

While Donna called 911, Mike Thede ran to get a ladder and garden hose as the two began to battle the blaze.

"It was like a bad dream," she remembers, "I stood inside the house with the hose and watched burning embers landing on my mantel and then igniting my poinsettias."

She was still trying to quench the flames when a police officer arrived on the scene and escorted her out of the house.

The Fair Haven Township Fire Dept received the call about 2:38 p.m. and responded immediately, according to Fire Chief Ralph Forman.

Once on the scene, back-up calls were issued to Caseville and Winsor Township. Before the fire was secured

25 firemen were battling the blaze.

The three departments employed two pumpers and four tankers while fighting the fire which took more than three hours to extinguish.

While most of the fire was contained within the roof area, Foreman estimated that more than 70% of the structure was damaged both by fire and the great amount of water needed to quench the blaze.

According to Mike Thede, a fire marshal who inspected the burned-out dwelling on Wednesday ruled out both a

The family lost their home last week in a sudden fire, but no one was injured.

chimney fire and faulty wiring as a potential cause. "His best guess," Thede says, "is a hot ember from the fireplace passed onto the chimney and got lodged in the shaker-style roof."

Although there has been an outpouring of care and comfort for the Bay Port

couple, both say that is not necessary. And, they agree they are very lucky.

"It was fortunate that we were home," the couple says, "and although the timing is terrible, we got plenty of things out and our entire family is safe."



THE THEDE HOUSE on M-25 between Bay Port and Mud Creek, after the fire.



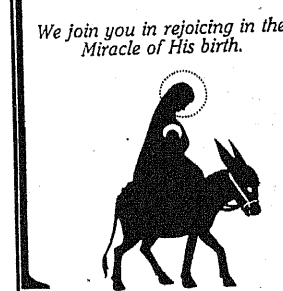
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CASEVILLE KIWANIS CLUB

The Caseville Kiwanis Club celebrated its 28th Anniversary on Dec. 9, in addition to honoring Caseville Public School teachers at the group's annual Christmas/Teacher Appreciation Dinner at Mitch's, Hidden Harbour.

The club's original charter was issued on Dec. 9, 1967.

At the weekly meeting on Wednesday, Dec. 13, Al Eicher, Pigeon native, made a video presentation of the work he is doing to preserve the history of Huron County on videotape.

Some tapes are completed, but much work remains, as nearly a year of work is required to complete a 60-minute tape covering a specific community.

Eicher has already completed videos about Pigeon and Sebewaing, and is working with many other communities to complete their historical videos in coming years.

The Dec. 20 meeting will feature the annual Santa Claus visit with fourth graders from Caseville Public

School. Hamburgers are on the menu and presents will be distributed.

OWENDALE WOMEN'S CLUB

The Owendale Women's Club recent meeting was hosted by Rosemary Gaeth, and the group enjoyed a tour of her beautifully decorated Christmas home.

Ten club members and two guests, Liz and Jody Fritz, attended the meeting. President Joyce Sheldon noted that all cheeseballs are sold, and profits will be used for community projects. Gifts were exchanged from names drawn in the fall.

The January meeting will be girls' night out with a movie and dinner, weather permitting.

ST. PETER LADIES AID, Bach

The December meeting of St. Peter Lutheran Ladies Aid, Bach, was held Dec. 7 with a Christmas theme arranged by hostesses Anna Sting and Nancy Nast.

The singing of "Away in a Manger" and a thought-pro-

voking reading "An Inn in Bethlehem" opened the meeting.

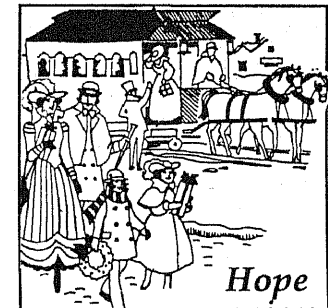
Among the matters of business was the re-election of Inez Nitz and Rose Faber as president and financial secretary respectively. The committee for the Carol Koch fundraiser reported that it had been very successful. The combined funds from St. John, Kilmanagh, and St. Peter, Bach, will be matched by Lutheran Brotherhood Michigan-Lu Branch of Alpena.

Gifts will be prepared and distributed to the shut-ins of the congregation. The group also agreed to make tray favors for the Lutheran Home in Frankenmuth for the month of September.

During the social hour several games were played after which the hostesses served refreshments topical of the Christmas season.

CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

A total of 70 members met Tuesday, Dec. 12 with Presi-



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Thumb Area Club News

dent Angelo Micalc leading in the Pledge. He thanked Sally Ryan, Lou Vallance, Marge Heckman, Alma Stahl, Harold Dunning and Jetta Muhme for the "earlybird" goodies.

Welcomed back were Leo and Helen Kolowich and Frank and Mary Ellen Janes.

Micalc thanked volunteer Christmas decorators Ed and Theresa White, Ceil Peyok, Ed and Sue Reynolds, Joan Micalc, Virginia and Ed Krieg-

and Mary Hasselberg. Celebrating birthdays this week are Fred Hasselberg, Sue Reynolds, Martha Weremiuk, June Poisson, Lou Vallance and Helen Stillwell.

Travel chairman Jetta Muhme planned future trips to Keewadin in April, Hol-

and Chesaning in July. Micalc reminded members that the club will be closed whenever local schools are closed due to inclement weather.

The January schedule will be distributed next meeting

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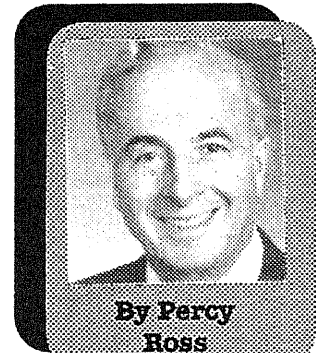
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By Percy Ross

A couple of weeks ago, he was helping my cousin move when an overhead box fell on my husband, knocking his glasses off. These are no ordinary glasses. The right lens has only a clear lens because he has no vision in that eye. The left lens has two special lenses mounted in the carrier lens.

They look like a rifle scope. One is microscopic for reading and the other is telescopic for distance. Needless to say, they are very expensive. We took out a loan of \$1,800 to pay for them. Now the cost of repair is \$420. Thank God they can be repaired, but only if you can help.

I already work a second job and we just can't come up with \$420. I wouldn't normally ask, but I'm des-

perate to have my husband's limited vision restored. He's so deserving. — Mrs. S.F., Memphis, TN.

DEAR MRS. F.:
As I was reading your letter and got to the part where you said your husband's glasses cost \$1,800, I thought, "Dear God, please let there be an alternative."

When the cost of \$420 lets me off the hook cheap and I'm rushing it on to you today. Bottom line - your husband sounds very deserving and even if it took \$1,800 to get the job done, I would have sent it.

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MR. ROSS:
My husband's mother was recently diagnosed with Hepatitis B. She is now on a liver transplant waiting list. As you are probably aware, Hepatitis B is much more contagious than the HIV virus. Unlike HIV, thankfully, there is a vaccine to protect against Hepatitis B. This is where my request comes in.

My husband and two of my children have not had

the vaccine. I have had it because I am a volunteer on a local ambulance service. Although we are lucky enough to have health insurance, immunizations are not covered. My husband and I both work, but finding the extra money has proven impossible.

I've checked with the local health department and the cost is \$65 for each child and \$130 for adults. Could you please find a way to share \$260 of your wealth and make a mother a little less concerned every time her children visit with their grandmother? — Mrs. P.N., Saginaw.

DEAR MRS. N.:
Find a way? For this cause, I'd create a way if I had to. The \$260 I'm sending will reunite your extended family. Thanks for the eye opener/wake up call.

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DEAR MR. ROSS:
I want you to know I've been crazy darn near all my life. Fact is, I'm so crazy sometimes it scares me. Not only am I crazy, I'm also

poor. My life is just plain miserable. Why just last week me and Harold (that's my dog), were out walking around checking dumpsters for something to eat when we run into this fat lady.

I was telling her what a good dog Harold was and this lady has the gall to ask me how come Harold only has three legs. I said, "Shoot, lady, doesn't every-

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Sebewaing Township Library News

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During the past year acts of kindness have been greatly appreciated.

body know you can't eat a good dog like Harold all at one time?"

So, Mr. Ross, if you could see your way clear to send me a couple hundred, I would use the money to buy some good food and leave Harold alone.

Please hurry, though, because I'm real hungry and Harold is getting mighty nervous. Just send cash to

Western Union and I'll pick it up. — Mr. H.G., Evansville, IN.

DEAR READERS:
Contest time! Write me in 200 words or less how you would respond to Mr. H.G.'s request, c/o "Vegetarian," P.O. Box 39000-H, Mpls, MN 55439.

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FRANK KELLY HONORED: Sebewaing Rotary enjoyed its annual Christmas dinner Tuesday, Dec. 12 at Sugar Creek Restaurant in Downtown Sebewaing.

A highlight of the evening was the presenting of the Paul Harris award to long-time Rotarian Frank Kelly of Bay Port. The Paul Harris Award is highly regarded by Rotarians, and is given in recognition of outstanding service to community and business.

HERE, Rotarian Denise Wineman presents the award to Frank Kelly, and wife Pauline looks on. COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

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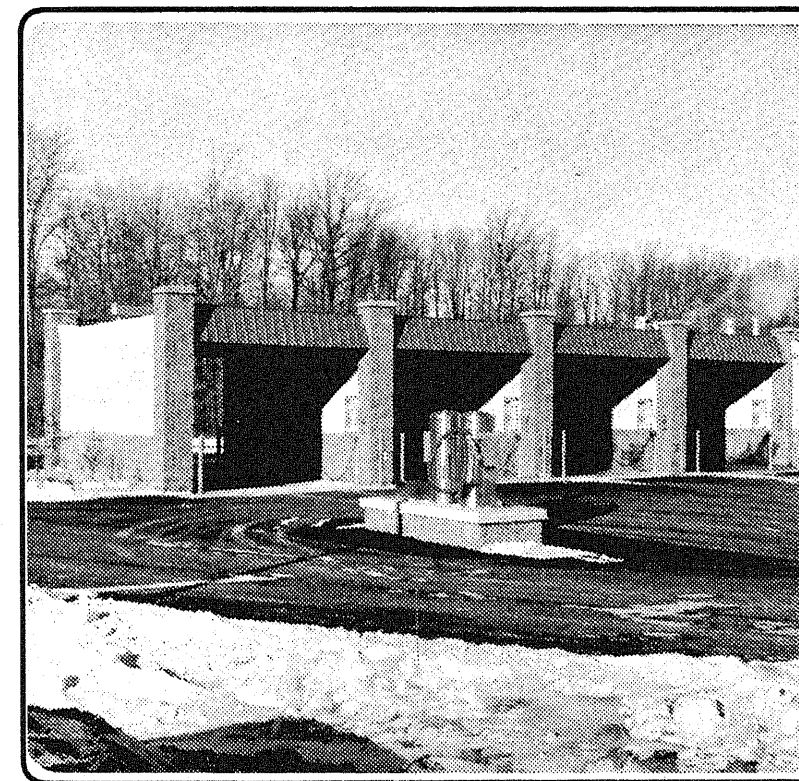
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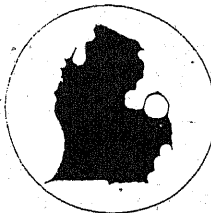
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