

The Newsweekly

Good crowds for 'Country Christmas'

By SALLY RUMMEL
Finally, some "white stuff" on the ground and more seasonably cold weather brought the Christmas spirit to a peak in Pigeon — at the first annual Country Christmas Weekend.

Highlighting the weekend were the 270 children who enjoyed "Lunch With Santa" at the Pigeon District Library and a "Christmas Lunch" at the Pigeon Elementary School — all arranged and coordinated through the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Christmas Committee in cooperation with the library and school.

Visits by Santa himself were a big hit with both age groups (age three through kindergarten at the library and first through fifth grades at the school), especially the Santa who bared his legs in basketball shorts on the courts at the school gym!

Kids of all ages enjoyed videos, crafts, games and free pop and pizza.

While kids were busy playing, many of the Moms and Dads were busy shopping, as

Pigeon businesses reported brisk sales, especially on Saturday when hundreds of people were in town to pick up their "We Make-U Bake" Apple Pies at Winsor Gallery

Downtown. There, a Christmas Bake Sale and Christmas Quilt Show were also held.

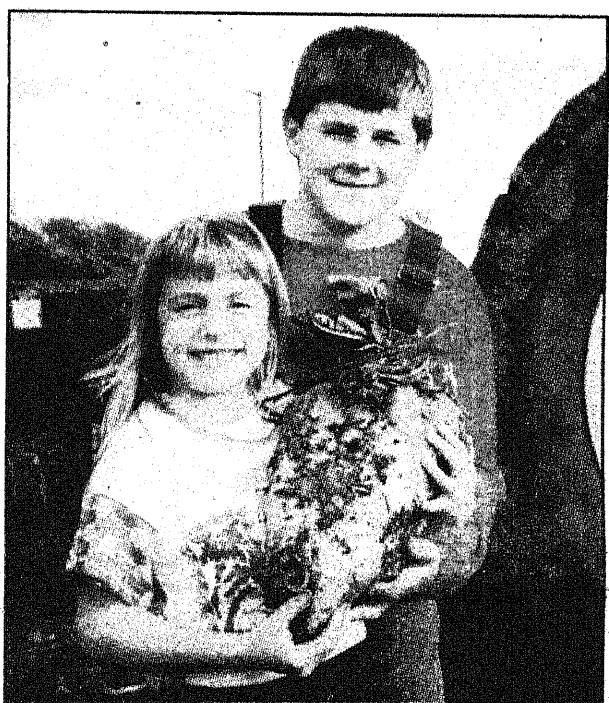
Adults and children alike enjoyed free hayrides and hot

chocolate all weekend long, compliments of Thumb National Bank & Trust Co., free bean soup, thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, and

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THAT's a big sugar beet!

BIG BEET FOR YOUNGSTERS—This wasn't a year for extra-big sugar beets, but this 12-pounder was so big that 6-year-old Amanda Vermeersch of Unionville needed a lift from her 11-year-old brother, Brandon. Amanda is a first grader at USA Elementary School in Unionville and Brandon is a sixth grader at USA Middle School in Sebawaing. They are children of Roger and Gerry Vermeersch of Unionville. PHOTO FURNISHED



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NEWS ROUND-UP

20 new jobs slated for Sebawaing Industries

At least 20 new jobs are on the horizon in Sebawaing. Installation of new equipment at Sebawaing Industries, Inc., means additional positions, officials say.

Sebawaing Village Council last week approved a tax exemption request from the company, providing a 50% property tax break for 12 years on about \$150,000 in new crane equipment. "It's not replacing a crane," said Jerry Lamoureux, assistant plant manager for Sebawaing Industries. "It's an addition to one we have to facilitate die-setting."

"Main objective of the crane is to speed up die-setting, which consequently would open up more capacity on the press line, and that is our main objective," he said.

"On the application, we indicated 15 to 20 new jobs, but personally, I think that is a very conservative estimate."

The new crane would reduce set-up time from the current eight hours to about two hours.

"This is only the first in a series of planned improvements. Our next effort is an underground scrap conveyor and then rolling bolsters," said Lamoureux.

"There are some plants that change dies in eight to nine minutes, so we have to change to stay competitive if we want to solicit new work."



M!CH!GAN "by the numbers"

NEW POSTAL RATES: O.K., so this one isn't ONLY about Michigan, but here are new prices for mailing various types of letters and packages, to go into effect early next year, according to the Postal Rate Commission:

Type of mailing	Current rate	New rate
Church bulletin	15¢	15.6¢
Postcards	19¢	20¢
First-class letter (1 oz.)	29¢	32¢
Heavy first-class letter (2 oz.)	52¢	55¢
Really heavy letter (3 oz.)	75¢	78¢
Insured mail (\$50)	75¢	75¢
Parcel post (2 lbs.)	\$1.74	\$2.10
Priority mail (2 day, 1 lb.)	\$2.90	\$3.00
Registered mail (\$500)	\$4.85	\$5.40
Express (overnight) mail (8 oz.)	\$9.95	\$10.75

M-24 gains rights-of-way

Some of the legal issues about rights-of-way for the remaining 8.3-mile cross-county portion of M-24 highway north of Caro have been addressed.

The state Department of Transportation had to get right-of-way agreements for the expanded roadway for two subdivisions off Caro's Cleaver Road. About half the owners of the 114 subdivision lots signed quit-claim deeds for the project last week.

MDOT officials will contact the remaining residents in the next few weeks to secure the remaining necessary signatures. The north end of M-24 currently meets at the M-81 intersection in Caro. Completion of the 8.3-mile remaining portion will connect M-24 with M-138 near Akron, and in turn join M-25 in Unionville.

Because of lack of state funding, construction bids probably won't be let until late 1995 or early 1996. Some state officials are seeking an increase in state gas taxes to fund such projects.

The current gas tax of 15 cents per gallon was implemented in 1982. The project should take two years to complete.

— By MARY DRIER

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Elenbaum makes Christmas special

By AMY HEIDEN
Packed away with all the special Christmas decorations, most people have one or two especially precious items that are treasured and likely to be handed down through the generations.

And bringing out that special Christmas ornament or

heirloom for the holidays becomes something of a tradition.

Marian Elenbaum's hand-crafted Santas are becoming treasured heirlooms in more homes, as word travels around the area about the quality, craftsmanship and uniqueness of her special

Santas.

Actually, Elenbaum prefers to call her creations "Father Christmas," because they're made in the image of the dignified, kindly old man of legend.

Rather than having a rolly-polly belly and wearing a red suit, her Father Christmas fig-

ures sport long coats made of fine materials and furs, carry a Christmas tree or wreath and a bag full of gifts.

The Sebawaing woman scours resale shops for old furs to use for her figures, and customers often ask her to use scraps of fur from coats handed down in their families.

So when she creates a custom Father Christmas for someone, that figure will have even more meaning as an heirloom.

She estimates that each 18" to 24" figure takes about five days to make.

She make her own composition doll faces and hands, and paints them for more realism. Then the dolls are placed on their stands and dressed in whatever finery Elenbaum has chosen. The white beards and hair are made of fine mohair.

Cleaning and combing out the mohair to get it just right is one of the more time-consuming parts of creating a Father Christmas figure, she says.

Fur coats are fully lined, and the hat and coat generally made from the same fur. Some of her figures wear coats



MARIAN ELENBAUM of Kilmanagh shows some of the "Father Christmas" friends she's created for holiday decorating. She doesn't refer to them as Santas, because they're hand-made in the traditional style of Father Christmas. Some take five days to make, she says.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

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Inside: SPORTS BOOK — 12 SHOPPING DAYS 'TIL CHRISTMAS!

USA 'Santa' play is today...

TO PUT LOCAL residents in the holiday mood, USA fifth-grade students will present the play "Santa's Christmas Tree," today,

Elenbaum

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made from rabbit fur, while others have mink or fox trim. Whatever they're made of, each one is carefully stitched by hand and designed by Elenbaum.

When the figure is nearly complete, Elenbaum adds a small Christmas tree or wreath, along with a small bag of gifts and may be a string of tiny bells.

Elenbaum began collecting Santa figures years ago, and her kitchen houses a wonderful collection of all sizes and shapes of the famous gentleman.

But a few years ago, she began making her own figures. "I haven't seen anything like these anywhere," Elenbaum says. They're all one-of-a-kind and each one is different.

Sewing the rich brocades and furs never presented much of a challenge to Elenbaum, who says she has sewn all her life.

"I was never scared to take a pair of scissors to a piece of material," she adds.

The Father Christmas figures are a way to fill the hours and keep busy, she says.

"I just do it for pleasure and it keeps me busy," she says. "I'm a busy person in that I've got to be doing something. I really enjoy working on them. They all have a little Marie Elenbaum in them."

Now she's working on a 42-inch Father Christmas, the biggest she's ever made.

But she also is willing to custom-make a figure for customers so they can own their own heirloom. A few of her customers have had their own ideas for dressing their figures and they provide the special materials in which they want him dressed.

"Some of my buyers want to pass their Father Christmas on to their kids, and they'll order one every year," Elenbaum says.

For more information on Elenbaum's Father Christmas treasures, call her at 453-3753.

Santa's in Unionville Saturday!

Notice to all Unionville area children. Santa will be making his annual visit to Unionville on Saturday, Dec. 17, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Unionville Community Center, 100 N. Main St. Santa will be accompanied by his elves and will be distributing gifts to all children who have been good this year. Santa will also be taking pictures with the children. There will be a raffle and a drawing for a special prize. Tickets for the raffle are \$1 each and are available at the Unionville Community Center. The drawing will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday. For more information, call 453-3753.

Tuesday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. in the Middle School gym in Sebewaing.

Mrs. Santa (played by Jennifer Wolf), farmer (Jason Hahn) and Santa (Joshua Engelhardt) run through their roles. The play is directed by Gail Kelly with Gail Siger assisting with music.

Fifth-grade teachers who helped with the play are Lynn Francomb, Tammie Whittaker and Lisa Barrigar. MARY DRIER PHOTO



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Sebewaing Lions honor members

SEBEWAING LION'S CLUB presented a number of awards during the recent dinner meeting.

Center, Frank Stahl received the key award for his active recruitment efforts. Stahl joined the club in 1976 and since then has been instrumental in recruiting more than 15 members.

Behind him, Ron Bolzman received recognition for 10-year membership, Steve Langford and Warren Juengel for 15 years each.

Ten-year member Randy Kauffold, and 15-year member Doug Elston and Jim



Hickie are missing from the photo. Also, Bolzman, Roy Engel-

hardt, Mel Janke, Ted LaFave, Langford, Scott Millerwise, Stahl and Fred Volz

were honored for perfect attendance. COMMUNITY CAMERA PHOTO

Successful 'Country Christmas'

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a chance to win Pigeon Money from Chamber Christmas Elves.

At the third of four Kids' Drawings sponsored by the Pigeon Chamber, the following youngsters took home

toys: D.J. McAlpine, Kathleen Gonzales, Jeff Trost, Dan Sting, Amanda Heck, Katelyn Thick, Randi Glaza, Jessica Schulze and Alexandra Gonzales, all of Pigeon and Michelle Smith of Caseville.

Final drawing will be held this Saturday, Dec. 17 at 3 p.m., after Santa and Mrs. Claus come and visit with the children, beginning at 2 p.m.

Also announced at the drawing were the winners of the "Holiday Lights" decorating contest:

Judges' Choice Winner \$150-Dale and June Schweitzer, 7280 Kilmanagh Rd.;

Judges' Choice Runner-up \$100-Mike and Lorraine LePage, 112 Moeller St.;

Viewers' Choice \$100-Bob Dubs Family, 7166 Gould St.;

Best Christmas Display \$75, Bud and Virginia Schaaf, 7496 Bliss St.;

Best Use of Lights \$75, Cal and Bea Anklam, 7437 Park St.

A total of 24 homeowners registered for "Holiday Lights," according to organizer Stacey Gettel.

Sunday's frigid tempera-

tures kept concert crowds small at "The Reason for the Season" outdoor musical concert presented by eight local groups, but shoppers, museum visitors, quilt show browsers and others were treated to a variety of unique Christmas presentations.

Pigeon's "Country Christmas" was an idea spearheaded by the Chamber to try a fresh approach to the Christmas season by providing a number of family oriented activities, rather than trying to attract shoppers by offering large-ticket drawings that benefit only a handful of people.

The Pigeon Chamber will be critiquing this first-time event at its Jan. 4 board meeting, welcomes any comments or suggestions to improve the format for future events.

It's your last to see the Vipers play FREE in '94!

You and a guest have your last chance in 1994 to see the Detroit Vipers play hockey — with two free tickets to the Dec. 28 game, thanks to your friends here at The Newsweekly.

We're giving away TWO free tickets, at each of our Sebewaing and Pigeon Offices, for this big game:

■ Wednesday, Dec. 28 - Detroit Vipers vs. Indianapolis Ice at the Palace, Auburn Hills, face-off at 7:30 p.m.;

Two tickets will be given away at each of our offices to one lucky person — just be the first person to bring a 1995 calendar into either office after 1 p.m. today (Tuesday.)

You'll receive two complimentary tickets to this game, and then the action (and fun) can begin! Decision of our judges is final; only two tickets per person/family at a time.

It's your last chance to enjoy hockey this year, from your friends at The Newsweekly!

All The News That Fits

We Print!

by Mark Rummel

DESK-CLEARING: ■ If you can't find something of interest in these 44 Newsweekly pages, you're not trying! We've got a GREAT selection of items from all over the Western Thumb. ■ And, welcome to the 185-plus families reading us for the first time this week, as our phone subscription drive continues. We've appreciated the strong support and interest! ■ At least two of the stories in this issue came to us from readers who contacted us. They told us about these interesting people/events, and stories resulted. That's a good rule: phone, write or fax us with your story ideas — we'll try to turn those thoughts into stories and pictures. That's what we're here for! ■ And speaking of contacting us, I've received several more e-mail messages in recent weeks. The latest came from Sebewaing native Scott Guenther, and we appreciated hearing from him, by computer. Again, our e-mail address is: **MARKR7690@AOL.COM**

They're seeking baby rattles for Bulgarians...



SHAKE, RATTLE AND ROLL: Cross Lutheran Sunday School first-grader Sarah Azarovitz shows a Baby Rattle collection on a miniature Christmas tree - a first-time project for the Cross Lutheran Sunday School.

New or gently-used baby rattles and small toys are being collected for the Thumb Area Love Is For Everyone (LIFE) Adoption group, which distributes the gifts to orphanages in Bulgaria, where small babies are abandoned because their parents are unable to care for them.

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4 injured in 2 car crashes

Two separate rear-end accidents Dec. 6 injured four area residents.

■ **Two men are recovering** from an accident at 10:45 p.m. four miles south of Sebewaing on M-25.

Injured were Patrick Gruehn, 40 of Owendale, and Steven Brink, 20 of Unionville. Gruehn sought his own treatment and Brink was taken to Bay Medical Center, Bay City.

According to police reports, Gruehn was traveling south on M-25 when he stopped to turn into a driveway. Brink was also southbound and hit the Gruehn vehicle from behind, as he didn't see it had stopped to turn.

■ **Also, an accident six miles** southwest of Bad Axe on M-53 injured two women at about 12 noon.

Injured were Selma Schulz, 61 of Sebewaing, and Linda Mellendorf, 50 of Elkton. Schulz was taken to Hills and Dales General Hospital, Cass City, and Mellendorf sought her own treatment.

Police said Mellendorf was traveling south on M-53 and stopped to make a turn when the vehicle driven by Schulz struck the stopped vehicle from behind.

— By MARY DRIER

New Unionville copier?

Unionville Village Council members are expected to make a decision on purchasing a copy machine during the Village Council meeting Monday, Dec. 19 at 7 p.m.

The village treasurer last month received approval change a three-month certificate of deposit to a 12-month certificate and to transfer \$100,000 from checking to a six-month certificate.

Correction

Due to incorrect information received, the Sebewaing recycling article in the Dec. 6 Newsweekly should have read:

Waste Management will provide curb-side recycling collection because of provisions outlined in the contract village officials signed when they accepted the company to provide trash collection. There are four remaining years to go on a five-year contract.

■ Also, the photo of Immanuel Lutheran students gathering supplies was not a community camera photo, but was taken by Newsweekly Reporter Mary Drier.

Court proceedings

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

■ Sandra M. Kretzshmer, 26 of Saginaw, pled guilty to disorderly conduct, following an Oct. 30 incident in Sebewaing; ordered to pay \$50 fines and costs;

■ Michael J. Fournier, 34 of Essexville, pled guilty to open alcohol in auto and littering, following a June 25 incident at Sleeper State Park, Caseville; \$230 fines and costs;

■ Cheryl L. Ellington, 25 of Grand Blanc, pled guilty to writing non-sufficient fund checks, following incidents May 14 and 15 at a Caseville store; \$467.12 in fines and costs, including \$187.12 in restitution;

■ Dana L. Roller, 18 of Bay City, pled guilty to illegal blood alcohol level under age 21, following a recent incident in Sebewaing; \$200 fines and costs and loses license 90 days;

■ Joseph W. Saia, 26 of Madison Heights, pled guilty to consuming alcohol on highway, following an Oct. 15 incident in Caseville; \$105 fines and costs;

■ Kevin R. Stevens, 26 of Canton, pled guilty to illegal possession of alcohol, following a May 8 incident in Caseville Township; \$130 fines and costs;

■ David A. Gaeth, 25 of Owendale, pled guilty to driving while license suspended; ordered to serve 15 days in Huron County Jail and pay \$200 fines and costs;

■ Vickie L. Hallock, 42 of Port Austin, ple guilty to impaired driving; \$535 fines and costs, 12 months' probation and loses license 90 days;

■ Donald R. Hartz, 30 of Elkton, pled guilty to disorderly conduct; \$100 fines and costs;

■ Angela M. Moorefield, 20 of Rochester, pled guilty to drunk and disorderly, following a Sept. 4 incident in Caseville; \$150 fines and costs;

■ Frederick M. Sosnoski, 24 of Clinton Township, pled guilty to entering state park with no permit, following a May 30 incident at Port Crescent State Park; \$44 fines and costs;

■ Ryan D. Sprague, 21 of Bay Port, pled guilty to improper/no license

The Newsweekly Forum

As we see it Pluribus, too little unum...

These United States of America were founded on several wonderfully simple — yet superbly important — principles of liberty, freedom and individual rights. Our common national culture says it all, and says it very well: *E Pluribus Unum*, from many comes one.

But, as historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr. writes in his book "The Disuniting of America, there is too much *pluribus* and not enough *unum* these days. Our concept of America and Americans didn't just happen; it was created with a purpose. Four hundred years ago, Spanish, French, English and Dutch settlers braved the raging Atlantic Ocean to journey to this far-off America. In time the English prevailed over their counterparts — and over the native Americans already living here — to establish the beginnings of our North American culture.

Those who prevailed stayed in close contact with their English and Scottish kinsmen, as these amazing new ideas of individual rights and freedoms caught their imagination. In time, the Revolutionary War was fought to allow these settlers to choose more of their own destiny, in their own manner.

The U.S. became that great "melting pot" we've all come to know, where all men (and women) were gradually welcomed and accepted as equals. Even slaves who came here as chattel eventually were granted their freedoms, by Abraham Lincoln in the 1860s and federal laws in the 1960s.

But what would have happened to this grand America, if our ancestors had continued to embrace monarchy or totalitarianism, as was prevalent in the lands they left? We wouldn't be here now, would we?

But, as Schlesinger notes, America today is tearing apart at the seams, as the selfish needs of the individual become more sought-after than the good of the whole. Tribal ethnicism threatens to replace the pluralism which makes our nation great.

Toleration, understanding and acceptance must again become our norm. Our ancestors fought for individual freedoms, yes, but in the context of United States, not for the good of any one ruling group, no matter what color, wealth, position or promise. We need more *E Pluribus Unum*...

Readers Write Consumers should be aware of these helpful tips

By KATHY KINGSRUD
Caseville

The worst of my nightmares is over and now I have to work on the healing process. This entails telling consumers about my experience with Gunsell's Furniture and Design Center in Caro.

In the summer of '93 I purchased my dream home near Caseville. After seeing advertisements, I was very impressed with the claims made by this company. What I didn't do was check out these claims, such as that they had licensed designers and designers on staff.

The National Council for Interior Design Qualifications states that "The professional interior designer is a person qualified by education, experience, and examination..." I discovered this business CAN'T have licensed designers as there is no such title in Michigan.

The two people this particular store had sanctioned as "designers" did not and still do not have the formal education necessary to honor themselves with such a title.

It's time Michigan passes a law making it mandatory to be licensed in the field of interior design, to abolish such deceitful practices.

Six months later I found I was being sued! Feb. 17, 1994 I spoke with one of the owners and told her I was NOT at all satisfied with certain items and wanted a refund. They made several attempts to correct a grossly fouled up job but it just kept getting worse. She sued me for the balance due.

Ironically I was the customer with numerous unacceptable items in my home, not to mention all the damages that occurred in my house due to their negligence, and I was being sued!!!!

Other professionals who witnessed these particular items were appalled at what they saw and wrote statements to that effect.

There was no recourse but to hire an attorney and countersue.

There have been six complaints filed with the Attorney General's office against this company as of this writing.

3. DO NOT order or put any money down until you are provided with an itemized account (everything broken down).

PLEASE don't let them get away with saying "Oh, There's no charge for that," or "I gave you that for nothing" or "That's free." UTTER NONSENSE!!!!

They are not about to pay someone to install YOUR carpet, so the carpet price itself will include labor whether you realize it or not.

4. DO ask if they have a restocking fee. That is what some stores charge customers if the customer does not accept an order due to any number of reasons. The store returns it to stock and charges you. Think twice about shopping at a business that has this policy.

5. DO get several estimates. More money doesn't mean better service.

Did you know some carpet dealers have their own private names attached to their carpets from the manufacturer? This is done so that the average consumer is unable to compare prices elsewhere.

6. DO keep a record of all correspondence, to whom you are speaking and what was said. This will help in case you need assistance. "Merchants are obligated to take back any item that's defective or misrepresented when sold." The Detroit News 1/8/94.

I had to pay an attorney to recoup what should have been done by this business in the first place.

7. DO take pictures... They don't lie.

8. To be on the safe side, DO NOT GET A STORE CREDIT CARD. My credit was approved for 90 days—same as cash yet this salesperson ran a large sum through a 30-day interest-bearing account. It was a headache trying to straighten that out!

Use your own Visa or Master Card and pay only when you are satisfied upon delivery of goods or services.

9. DO seek out other professionals to evaluate your situation. Get their comments in writing. If you still are not satisfied and unable to negotiate sensibly with the owner, write and file a complaint to:

Dept. of Atty. General
Consumer Protection Division
P.O. Box 30213
Lansing, MI 48909

All complaints are public record and can be made available to you for 20 cents a copy.

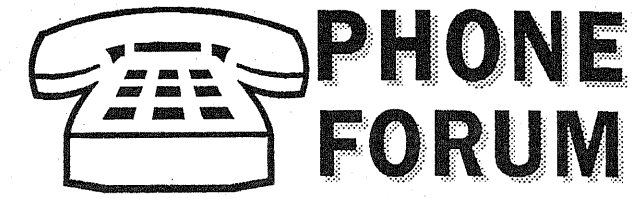
10. DO ask to see credentials and verify their authenticity.

"For the rest of the story..." On July 18, 1994 the judge had ordered settlement negotiations between the female owner and me.

Being advised of the amount a trial would cost on top of my already outrageous legal fees, and being told that the judge would most likely not

person who claimed to be a "designer" and spoke of nothing but quality goods and service.

Call 453-3100 5 p.m. to 8 a.m. every day



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Edited by MARK RUMMEL, News Manager

Irene of Sebewaing: Congratulations to Sebewaing Women's Civic Club, for hosting the fine homes Christmas tour. And a thank you to all the homeowners who so graciously shared their homes for a most delightful Sunday afternoon.

Tracy of Sebewaing: This is a complaint about all the drivers who insist on speeding through Downtown Owendale at 8:15 every morning. It's dangerous to drive at the speeds you do in a school zone, and I'm constantly getting pushed because I do the speed limit. Posted speed is 25, not 50. If you're in such a hurry to get somewhere, set your alarm earlier so you don't injure any children. Slow down for the kids - you know who you are.

P. of Millington: This is a reaction to C.T. of Akron: Those comments are ridiculous. There are over 400 Tuscola County employees, many of them non-union. Norma Bates has insulted probably 80% of them in one way or another. So many things have gone on, such as Mr. Hoagland just getting an \$8,260 raise. (You obviously know lots about this situation, J. Regarding political leaders, both you and C.T. are entitled to your opinions. That's what makes America great.)

J. from Sebewaing: I called Phone Forum two weeks ago about a complaint. Why wasn't my topic printed? (Thanks for bringing up that topic. We get MANY more Phone Forums than we have room to print. Regarding your yours wasn't printed then, your type of complaint should be taken directly to the store, not aired here first. That's what an editor is for. Do it by letter, if you want, but contact the business directly.)

?? of Sebewaing: This is regarding the story about children being picked up for school, door-to-door: I think that's foolish and way too expensive. I think children are too spoiled nowadays. I think schools should be tougher on the bad kids on the bus. Here's a question for the superintendent: How can bus drivers be baby-sitting infants on the bus, while they're driving? Thank you.

(That's a good question. If you think it's a serious problem, contact the superintendent or the transportation director.)

J. from Elkton: Why would the Armchair Quarterback ask a question about O.J. Simpson's guilt or innocence? Simpson's gone beyond being a sports figure. He's just a famous man accused of brutally murdering his wife. And if you want my opinion, he did it.

A. from Elkton: When is Harron Cable going to wise up and give us something different on cable? We get two shopping channels, which is two too many, and that religious station that is just like that show by the crooks Jim and Tammy Fay Baker. Give us something good, like VH-1 or the Cartoon Channel or the Sci-Fi Channel.

(Sounds like a reasonable question, A. Viewers need more variety, not doubles of country music, religious and shopping channels...)

P. from Lakers: Why were there so many parochial schools in the girls' basketball playoffs? There's something wrong with the playoff system. And you can't tell me those schools don't recruit. Maybe they don't recruit with money, but some of those kids wouldn't ordinarily go to those schools without some kind of incentive.

(It's an age-old question, and a reasonable one. Watch for the Armchair Quarterback to tackle that one soon, I'll bet...)

C. from Elkton: Congratulations to Elkton native Kathy

Yarns From The Thumb

by Walt Rummel



■ We're in Day No. 347, which is TUESDAY, DEC. 13, and we have just 18 days remaining in 1994. Phillips Brooks, American clergyman and composer, was born DEC. 13, 1835, in Boston. His best-known hymn is the Christmas carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem." He lived to be 57... In Sweden this day is Santa Lucia Day, a nationwide celebration of festival of light. Lucia is a young girl, attired in a long flowing white gown who serves friends, families and guests with coffee and lussekatter (saffron buns) in the early morning. . . 19M20P19R89... Birthdays today, actors Dick VanDyke 69, Tim Conway 61, John Davidson 53, and archer/singer Ted Nugent 45 . . .

■ American Aviator James Doolittle became a World War II hero by leading a squadron of 16 B-25 bombers, launched from aircraft carriers, dropping bombs on Tokyo and four other Japanese cities, and landing in China. That happened April 18, 1942. Much earlier he was the first person to fly across North America in less than one day. Jimmy Doolittle was born DEC. 14, 1896... On this date in 1911 Roald Amundsen, four companions and 52 sled dogs were the first to locate and visit the South Pole. All survived. One month later another group of five perished in a similar attempt... President George Washington died 195 years ago today, on DEC. 14, 1799 at Mt. Vernon... actress Patty Duke is 48 today and Singer Charlie Rich is 62...

■ Alexandre Gustave Eiffel, who designed the thousand-foot-high, million dollar wrought iron Eiffel Tower in Paris, was born DEC. 15, 1832. He died 91 years and eight days later... The famous Sioux Indian leader, warrior and medicine man, Sitting Bull, died in a skirmish with U.S. soldiers along the Grand River in South Dakota on DEC. 15, 1890, at the age of 56... actor Don Johnson is 45 today...

■ Fifty years ago today, on a rainy, foggy DEC. 16, 1944, eight Nazi Panzer divisions attacked in what became known as the Battle of the Bulge. The fierce battle almost — but not quite — broke through Allied lines in the Ardennes in France. Generals Montgomery and Patton responded and at a critical time, the weather cleared and Allied aircraft could effectively bomb Nazi forces and supply lines by DEC. 26... DEC. 16, 1773, is the date of the Boston Tea Party, when American patriots, dressed in Indian costumes, boarded a British vessel at anchor in Boston Harbor and dumped 350 chests of tea into the water... football's William "The Refrigerator" Perry is 32, actress Liv Ullmann is 55 and TV journalist Lesley Stahl is 53...

■ There'll be a Full Moon tonight... On DEC. 17, 1790, the Aztec Calendar, one of the wonders of the Western World, was discovered beneath the ground by workmen repairing Mexico City's Central Plaza. It is an intricately-carved stone, 11 2/3 feet in diameter, weighing 25 tons, a highly-developed calendar monument to the Sun... On DEC. 17, 1903, brothers Orville and Wilbur Wright achieved the first documented successful powered and controlled flight of an airplane. The first flight was piloted by Orville and the second by Wilbur. Each were sustained for less than one minute. It happened at Kitty Hawk, NC... journalist William Safire is 65 today...

■ The greatest big league baseball player of them all, Tyrus Raymond Cobb, who played more than 3,000 games over 24 years with a lifetime batting average of .367, was born in Atlanta, GA, on DEC. 18, 1886... Joseph Grimaldi, the greatest clown in history, was born in London on DEC. 18, 1778. He was the original "Joey the Clown"... singer Jamie Fricke, a regular vocalist on The Statler Brothers program, is 44 today...

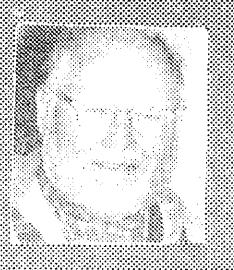
■ Five years ago today, on DEC. 19, 1989, U.S. troops launched a drive on Panama to seize President Manuel Noriega and topple his government, seven months after he had declared the popular election (which defeated him) null and void. The "war" lasted only hours, and Noriega surrendered on Jan. 4, was found guilty of drug trafficking and is confined in a U.S. prison... anthropologist Richard Leakey is 50, actors Robert Prichard is 49 and Tim Reid is 50, and actress Cicely Tyson is 55 . . .

■ Thank You! Thank You! To the many, many wonderful people in all these Upper Thumb towns who spend untold hours and even more dollars in "lighting up Christmas."

The displays in towns and rural areas in these parts are truly beautiful! Many have a genuine professional touch, and some require lots of special equipment to reach the tops of homes and trees to display their Christmas message. If you haven't gone out evenings to drive through your own town, the

Recollections Of By-Gone Days

by George Keim



DEAR EDITOR:

Well, these last few days have been real good, even though I'm a year older than I was.

I feel good and with my new glasses, I can see to read a lot better and now, I've got lots of time. I always like to read historical books and I have a lot of them, so I'll get caught up a little.

I was at the Huron County Historical Society banquet and I liked the program. It was about the Titanic, the big ship that they said couldn't be sunk.

I heard my Dad tell about it, plus I have a book on it that was printed a long time ago. I guess I'll get it out and read it again.

Then they had a drawing and I won the last prize! They sang "Happy Birthday" to me and I felt pretty good about it.

Lots of people sent me beautiful greetings and I really appreciated it. Even several people I don't know sent me greetings, but that doesn't matter - people read my articles and I thank the Lord many times that I've got such a good memory.

I hope I can keep a sound mind as long as I live, and maybe I'll have some more birthdays.

When I was a boy and had a birthday, my Dad used to tell me to run around the house and see if I could run as fast or faster than I could the day before.

Well, now I'm lucky if I can get around the house at all!

On my 25th birthday, I was in Florida working in a grapefruit cannery and was cleaning some cans. Several men came after me and told me I had to treat them or take a licking. Well, I begged off 'til

the next day, then I got some candy bars and a few cigars and gave them out.

On my 30th birthday, I was working for a farmer and we were cutting down trees with a cross-cut saw and it was raining. I sure was glad when the day was over.

On my 10th birthday, I was in the third grade and I had to stand up in front of the school and they sang "Happy Birthday" to me.

When they got to the place where they said "Dear George," one boy I didn't like made a face at me and said "Dear George" and smiled at me. It kind of made me mad at him.

Healwys picked on me and one day, I couldn't take it anymore and I gave him a good licking and that's all it took.

We got to be good friends. We'd give each other shirts off our backs if we had to today.

Well, a lot of things have taken place since I was born. My Mother told me I weighed 12 pounds when I was born.

As soon as I was able, I worked as a hired man mostly on the farm, but I did work on that railroad and on the road from Caseville to Bay Port and in canning factories in Florida and Michigan. I lived through the Depression and I can remember when the Spanish Flu went around and a lot of people died and had bad luck and good luck.

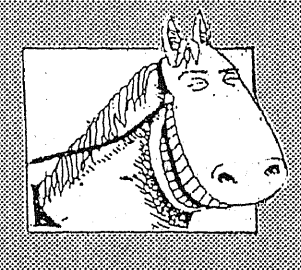
I had a very good wife and I've still got four very good children.

I'm not a rich man, but I've got a good place to stay and lots of good friends, so what more could I want?

Sincerely yours,
GEORGE KEIM

Horsin' Around

by Kate Pickering



It's a dog's life!

I am empty and unfulfilled!

Oh, I know . . . I am blessed and lucky and arrogant and ungrateful. With a barn full of beautiful horses and the best friends and family in world, what could I possibly be wanting for?

Well, lots of women - when they get to be my age - begin to feel twinges of want for children. But I must admit, though

two Beagles for hunting. They were wonderful dogs that I loved beyond telling. But they were hunters first and foremost, and gave all their love and devotion unquestioningly to my brothers.

Into young adulthood, a mangy black dog I nicknamed "Poncho Villa" wandered into our barn one cold November afternoon. He was severely malnourished and sporting a fresh bullet wound, so I took him under my wing, tended his wound, and fed him back to health. For one glorious, short year, I thought I at last had "my own dog."

But Ponch, though loving, loyal and obedient, was despised by my sister due to his tendency to pester her beloved cats and snack on their expensive food! Then, certain neighbors began to question me about his origins and the unexplained bullet wound he had come with. Some began to accuse him of being "the mangy stray" they had seen running deer.

Well, one day he just disappeared - as quickly and mysteriously as he'd arrived - and though I wandered and called to him for days, I never saw him again.

Now I just love dogs "by proxy." Mom and Dad still forbid dogs at the homestead, and my sister stills fancies her stable an exclusive "cat haven." Apartment life just doesn't offer the living space a dog needs to be happy and healthy... and it is there that I run out of options.

So when I find myself in desperate need of dog-love, I borrow my friend Barb's funny Dalmatian, who jumps right in the truck with me and helps me do chores. Or sometimes I roll around on her living room floor with her sweet old Cocker Spaniel "Bud." I have also been known to stop by friends and relatives or call on certain neighbors just to play kissy face with their canine friends.

So if I am one day your guest, and you find I am not paying much attention to our conversation, please forgive me and grant me just five minutes with Rover. Sometimes, my heart aches for that special brand of unconditional love that comes so exclusively from dogs!

A Wahre G'schichte...

s'War die nacht before Weihnachten

Es ist understandable das wenn wir long-ago Weihnachten rememern, das meiste Memories haben mit Kirche und Christliche Services zu tun.

Durch das Jahr gingen wir immer regularly in die Kirche, und ein Junger musste ziemlich krank sein vor er genug Excuse hatte zum Heim bleiben.

Aber der Gottesdienst der die gresste Impact an uns hatte war surely der Weihnachtsabend Service da wir Kinder unser Lieder singen mussten, und unsere Recitations gaben vor den grossen Baum in die Kirche.

Es hat mir immer mystified wie die Kirchen Elders und Trustees den grossen Baum durch die Doors bringen konnten. Der Baum war hoch, hoch, hoch, und wir kleine Kids in die front Rows waren beinahe underneath geessen.

Das hat uns gut ge-pleased, weil wir hatten even dann schon aus-ge-figured das unsere Eltern konnten uns nicht so gut dort watchen, als wenn wir weiter zurueck sassen.

Wir waren doubly-excited bis wir das erste Lied sangen, weil wir wussten nicht ob wir even ein Squeak von unsere kleine fellow-Students kriegen werden.

Wir kannten Alle das erste Lied, "Ihr Kinderlein Kommet, O Kommet doch All." So haben wir lustig gesungen, und alles ging gut entlang.

Da wir zu Recitations kamen, waren wir up-tight bis das fertig war. Von dann an war alles pure Fun.

Endlich kamm das Allerbeste — da die Elders und Ushers die grosse Baskets brachten, ge-filled mit Braune Papier Saecke. Excitement von Singen und Reciten war gar nichts compared mit Excitement das die Christmas Saecke machten.

Alle sorte Nuesse waren in jeden Sack — Walnuts, Peanuts, Pecans, Almonds, Brazils und die kleine Hazelnuesse. Auch im Sack war immer eine grosse Orange und eine Hershey Chocolate Bar mit Almonds!

Die Elders und Ushers haben immer tuechtig ge-smiled dieweil Sie die Saecke aus ge-handet haben, aber dann haben Sie ge-whispered, "Keine Peanut Shells auf den Floor, sonst muesst Ihr Eure Saecke zurueck geben."

Fuer uns kleine Kerle und Maedchen war das genug Warning. Die Jungen die brave genug waren zu Peanuts cracken mit

Last weekend for Christmas viewing at Heidelberg Gallery

By LAKE HURON COM. ARTS COUNCIL

■ **Last weekend** to view the Christmas display at the Heidelberg Gallery in Downtown Sebewaing. Don't forget to vote for your favorite tree... a quarter in the canis-

ter in front of the tree will do it.

Gallery hours are Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. ■ **On Thursday, Dec. 15**, at 7 p.m. the Gallery will host a Christmas Sing-along, led by Rev. Michael and Sue

Norton of Trinity United Methodist Church.

Come and relax among the Christmas displays and sing your favorite carols and perhaps learn a new one.

■ **A donation** has been

given to the Arts Council by the bowlers of Mr. B's Custom Frame & Gift Shoppe — LeAnn Fuerst, Benita Graf, Susan Gremel, Cathy Hodder, Doreen Schnitker, Carrie Taschner and the bowlers

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those who hosted during November — Yvonne Ball, Florence Liken, Polly Mertz, Fred Pommerenke, Erna Rummel, Rod and Noreen Tietz, Dorothy Wenzel and Doris Wiltse.

Damms offer new tractor line



NEW LINE: Damm's Inc., one of Pigeon's oldest businesses, recently introduced a new tractor line for the Thumb Area.

The Belarus (pronounced Bel-a-RUSE) tractors, made by the largest tractor manufacturer in the world, offer farmers a lower-cost alternative to the more well-known line.

Belarus tractors are known for their low initial cost and efficiency, according to Damm's Inc. co-owner Ron Damm, and have been available in the U.S. since 1974. Belarus tractors are designed to be easy to maintain and have some features not available on the major lines the public is familiar with, Damm says. The power front axle will automatically engage if the rear wheels slip over 5%.

And, purchase price is about half the cost of the competition for a comparable tractor, he adds.

"Price is the big selling point," says co-owner Randy Damm. "At this price, a farmer can buy a new tractor instead of used tractor. The Belarus will do the same job as any other tractor without the frills."

Damm's Inc. was founded

in 1919 by the current owners' grandfather, the late Roy Damm. It is now owned by brothers Randy, Terry and Ron Damm.

Shown here with a newly-

arrived Belarus tractor are employees Bob Katzinger and Les Simmons plus Randy, Ron and Terry Damm.

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Six members met at the home of Opal Duffy for an open potluck meeting.

Mona McBride led with the Pledge and the Farm Bureau Creed was read in unison.

Duffy led the discussion and played the videotape on "The Size and Scope of Michigan Farms." Following discussion, the fun sheet "Alpha and Omega" was read.

The December meeting will be with the Conkeys.

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Subway opens Wednesday in Sebewaing

Dwayne Smith of D.A. Johnston Construction Co., Vassar, was busy a few days ago getting the floor ready for the opening of a Subway sandwich shop in Sebewaing.



IF YOU HAVEN'T finished your Christmas shopping yet, here's a unique gift idea that will benefit a local organization.

Cooperative Elevator Co., in cooperative with Ertl Toy Co., has developed a 1/84th-scale model semi-tractor with trailer which displays the company's five locations. The model is a collector's item with only 1,250 to be produced.

Cooperative Elevator locations in Pigeon, Sebewaing, Elkton, Akron and Gagetown are selling the models. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the purchaser's favorite school organization.

"The newly-formed USA-FFA Alumni Affiliate asks for your support in designating the USA-FFA Chapter as your charity," says fund-raising Chairman Ken Currey. Here he shows the model.

The money will go to fund an FFA chapter and the projects they do in the community.

MARY DRIER PHOTO

Site of the Subway is in the former Sears building, 614 S. Unionville Road (M-25). It is scheduled to open this

Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 10 a.m., according to owners Bud McCormick of Caseville and Joe Eisengruber of Sebewaing.

Subway offers a variety of hot and cold sandwiches and salads made fresh for each customer, using Italian white or wheat bread — baked fresh daily in the store, they say.

Available are four-inch round sandwiches, six-inch

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 the Meal-Site at 883-9411 between 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m.

ACTIVITIES: Euchre: Monday & Friday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. Bingo: Tuesday, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON: Thursday, Dec. 15, 12:00 Noon (Donation)

MENU: Wednesday, Dec. 14: Pork Steak w/Sauerkraut, squash, Waldorf salad, rolls, rice pudding.

Thursday, Dec. 15: SOUP & SANDWICH LUNCHEON - Noon Friday, Dec. 16: Beef Stew w/ Carrots, potatoes & onions, stewed tomatoes, biscuits, fresh bananas.

Monday, Dec. 19: Pepper Steak, buttered noodles, mixed vegetables & oriental blend, hot rolls, tapioca pudding.

subs, foot-long subs plus salads and other accessories. And, big party subs are available, they add.

Subway is the fastest growing franchise for six years in a row according to "Entrepreneur" magazine, says McCormick.

"We are looking forward to continuing the Subway tradition of great food and great service," says McCormick. "Since we are the fastest growing fast food franchise in the country, we'd like to invite people to come in and taste why we're number one."

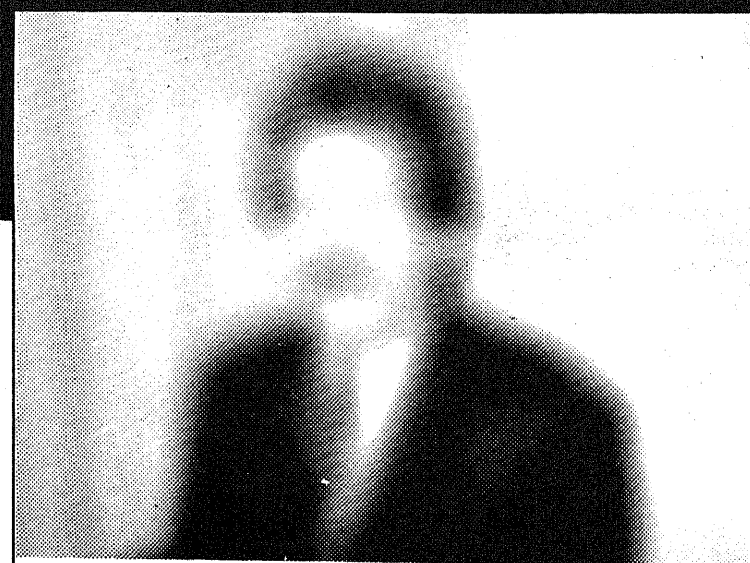
McCormick is also owner of the Subway restaurants in Vassar and Cass City. Another new one will open soon in Caro in the former Midas Muffler Shop on M-81 west of town.

Store hours are 10 a.m. to midnight Sunday to Thursday, and 10 a.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday.



DWAYNE SMITH at work at Subway. MARY DRIER PHOTO

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Mr. & Mrs. Hazen Parker

Hazen and Joyce Parker of Gagetown celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary with family and friends on Dec. 4 at the Arrowhead Golf and Country Club, Caro.

Joyce Lucht and Hazen Parker were married Dec. 2, 1944 by the late Rev. Raymond Kretzschmer.

The couple have two daughters, Mrs. Beverly (James) Copeland of Gagetown and Mrs. LouAnn (Mark) Dean of Clare and five grandchildren, Bradley, Melissa and Jodi Copeland and Brent and Jessica Harger.

Engaged!



Damm - Folk

Robert and Karen Damm of Pigeon would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Christine Marie, to Christopher Folk, son of Nancy Folk of Pigeon and John Folk of Raleigh, NC.

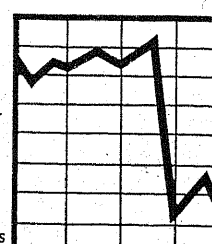
Christine is a graduate of Laker High School and Michigan State University. She is employed at Protection Technology, Inc. in Moorestown, NJ.

Christopher is a graduate of Cass City High School and will complete his bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice from Saginaw Valley State University in December.

The couple are planning a November, 1995 wedding.

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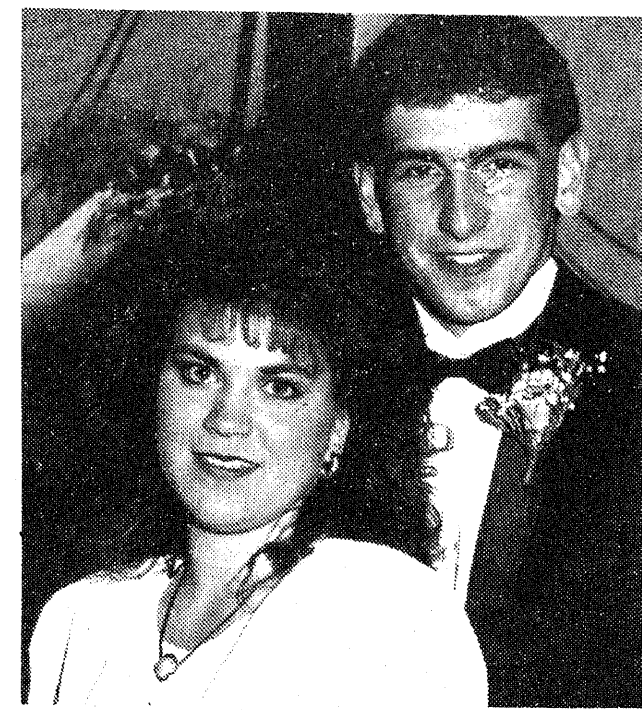
Roestel - Sorrell

Donald and Peggy Roestel of Pigeon announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Marie, to Matthew Warren Sorrell, son of Jack and Patricia Sorrell of Carson City.

The bride-elect graduated from Laker High School in 1990, attended Saginaw Valley State University and is currently employed as Assistant Manager at Lady Footlocker in Fashion Square Mall, Saginaw. She is participating in the company's management program.

The prospective groom graduated from Carson City-Crystal High School in 1989 and will graduate from SVSU next May with a degree in Computer Systems. He is presently employed on campus and coaches baseball for SVSU.

The couple plans an Aug. 26, 1995 wedding at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pigeon.



The (Elf) Fun Continues this holiday in

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HOLIDAY STORE HOURS

Most Pigeon retailers will be open Sunday, Dec. 18 from 12 to 4 p.m. and evenings 'til 8 p.m., the week before Christmas. Many businesses will close on Monday, Dec. 26, but customers should check with individual retailers.

THANK YOU

Our warmest and most sincere thanks are extended to the volunteers from the Pigeon District Library, the Pigeon Elementary School, the Pigeon Historical Museum, Musical Performers, parents and other helpers who made our first-ever "Country Christmas" such a success. It is the working together of our community that gives us such strength! And our biggest thanks goes to you, the customer, for shopping in our stores and supporting our community with your shopping dollars all year long!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS
From the Elves of the
PIGEON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE



The Newsweekly's Thumb Area CALENDAR

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - Musical Concert at Trinity
Trinity United Methodist Church, Sebawaing, will present a musical concert at 7 p.m. featuring Devin and Yvette Chisholm. Public's invite to attend.

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - Auxiliary Unit 293 to Meet
American Legion Auxiliary Unit 293 will hold its December meeting at the Legion Hall with a 12:30 potluck lunch, Bingo and gift exchange.

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - USA Band Boosters meet
Band Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. in USA High School Band Room. Meet second Wednesday of month. Interested persons are welcomed.

Wednesday, Dec. 14 - USA Boosters to Meet
USA Athletic Boosters will meet at 6 p.m. in USA High School Cafeteria.

Thursday, Dec. 15 - Akron Township Board meets
Akron Township Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. at the Municipal Bldg. Meet third Thursday of month.

CALL "PHONE FORUM" BY 5 P.M. EACH FRIDAY

Thursday, Dec. 15 - Christmas Sing-Along
The Heidelberg Gallery, Downtown Sebawaing, will host a Christmas Sing-Along, at 7 p.m., led by Rev. Michael and Sue Norton of Trinity United Methodist Church. Come, relax with us and enjoy your favorite Christmas carols.

Thursday, Dec. 15 - Early USA Schools Dismissal
Due to an in-service day, early dismissals are: USA Elementary School (walkers and shuttles) 11:05 a.m.; (late buses) 11:20 a.m. USA Middle School (walkers and shuttles) 11:20 a.m.; (late buses) 11:20 a.m. USA High School 11:15 a.m. Hot lunch will not be served.

Friday, Dec. 16 - USA Sloppy Joe Supper
USA Music Boosters will sponsor a Sloppy Joe Supper from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at USA High School Cafeteria during the USA vs. Laker basketball game.

Saturday, Dec. 17 - 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.

Saturday, Dec. 17 - Final Pigeon drawing
Kids can win 10 prizes at the 2 p.m. drawing Downtown.

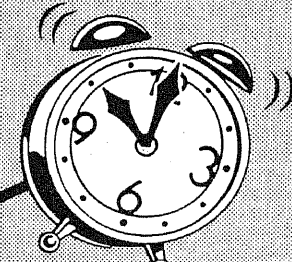
Sunday, Dec. 18 - Michigan Ave. Menn. Cantata
"Great day! A Choral Celebration for Christmas" will be presented at 4 p.m., followed by social time/refreshments.

Sunday, Dec. 18 - Sunday School Christmas Program
Trinity U.M. Church, Sebawaing, will present its Sunday School Christmas Program at 6:30 p.m. Public's invited.

Monday, Dec. 19 - Merged Lodges Meet
Northern Star Lodge of Sebawaing and Hubbard Windsor 420 of Pigeon will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, Pigeon, beginning with installation of officers. The group meets every third Monday.

Monday, Dec. 19 - Unionville Village Council meets
Unionville Village Council meeting at 7 p.m. at the Village Hall. Meet every third Monday.

Monday, Dec. 19 - Columbia Twp. Board session
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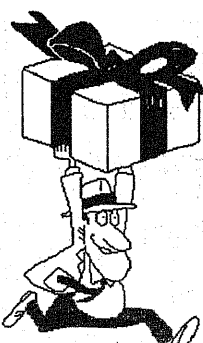
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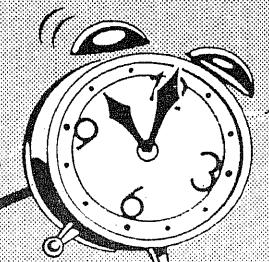
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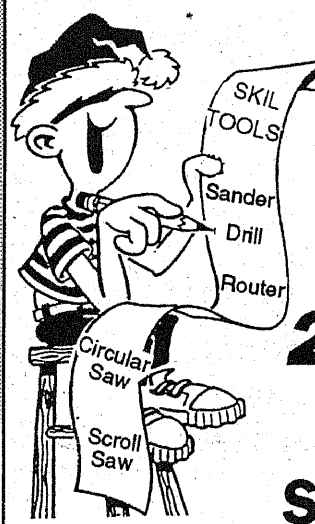
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Pigeon woman feted with surprise 80th party

Pigeon resident Ada Binder was honored on her 80th birthday with a surprise party hosted by her family on Nov. 20 at her home.

The daughter of Melvin and Grace (Wakefield) Dean, she was born in Bad Axe and married Arnold Otto Binder on Oct. 12, 1940. He preceded her in death on July 6, 1951.

Celebrating with her were her daughter, Fern Dubs and Arnetta Schulz and her son, Dale Binder.

Her family also includes 10 grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and brothers and sisters Ellen Knight of Greensboro, NC, Nola Sands of Fort Myers, FL, Zelma Butterfield and Marjorie Kozlowski, both of Flint and Ray Dean of Harrison. Family members and friends attended from Elkton, Pigeon, Sebewaing, Flint and the Detroit areas.

Binder was employed at Scenic Convalescent Home, the former canning factory, both in Pigeon and Brown's Egg Produce in Bad Axe during her professional years. Now in retirement, she enjoys crocheting, quilting and bird-watching.

She attends Salem United Methodist Church in Pigeon.



ADA BINDER

ing mittens for the Caring and Sharing program.

Front row from left, are Erica Czewski, Tiffany Glaza, Sara Periso, Wendy Errer, Fennifer Czewski, Nashia Prich, Nickie Rinnert

and Brittney Voisine. Second row, Trista Czewski, Candi Rhodes, Cynthia Anderson, Amanda Wise, Nicole Albrecht and Jessica Covarrubias.

Third row, Jessica Claer-

hout, Staci Gaeth, Lisa Kain, Alison Myers, Sandy Deeg, Tricia emergy, Krista Langenburg and Amanda Powell.

Back, Angie Hunt, Jessica Saenz, Ashley Weinlander

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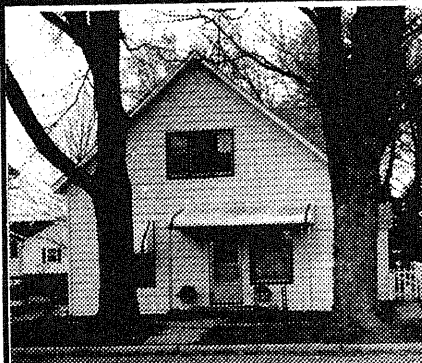


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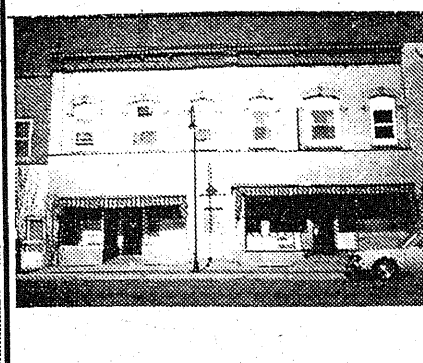
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◊ Flatten packaged dough for crescent rolls and use an angel cookie cutter to cut out dough. Bake according to directions and serve warm in a basket lined with red or green napkins.

◊ Most cookie doughs can be refrigerated for several days before baking. Present decorated cookies in a napkin lined basket.

◊ Prevent nut bread from crumbling when sliced by cooling completely and storing for 24 hours before slicing. Slice with a sharp, thin bladed knife in a sawing motion.

◊ Give homemade goodies in jars with pretty covers. Use pinkie shears and cut circles of calico fabric to place over lids and tie with a bow or ribbon.

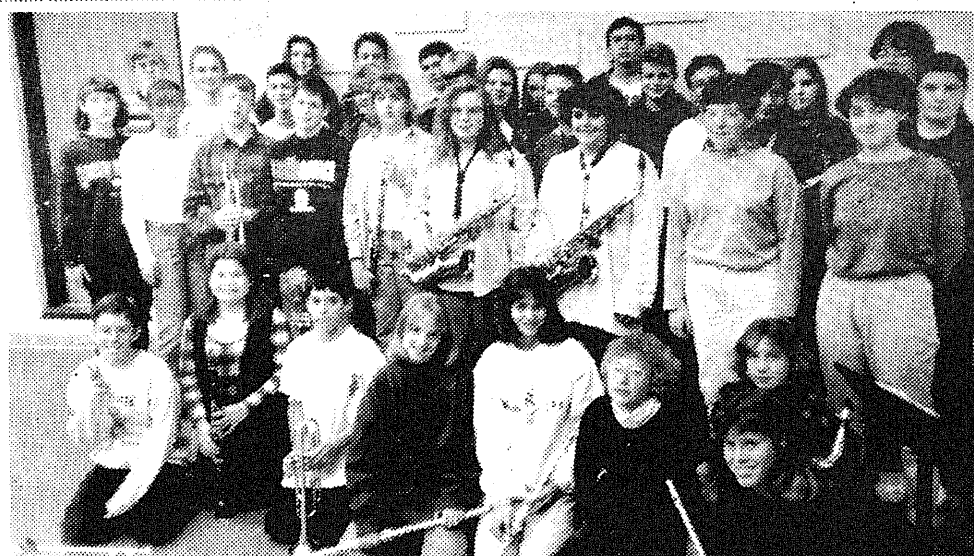
◊ Layer an assortment of nuts in a decorated jar to make a delicious and attractive gift. Choose whole nuts rather than pieces.

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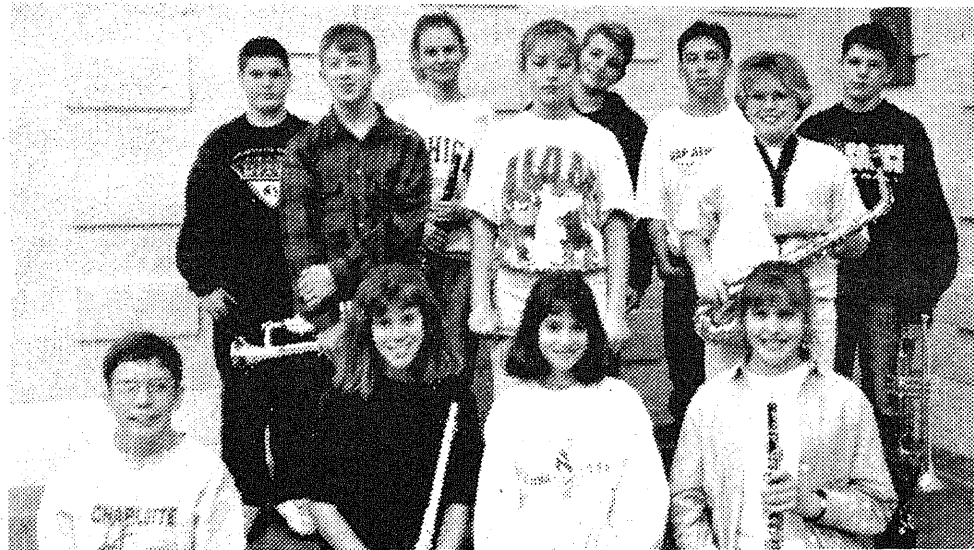
A TOTAL OF 36 Laker Senior and Junior High Band students participated in the Michigan School Band and Orchestra Association's Solo and Ensemble contest. The annual event was held at North Branch High School on Dec. 3. Of the 43 events that were entered, 31 were awarded a rating of I (Excellent), 11 were rated II (good) and one was awarded a III (Fair) rating.

Seventh graders participating were: Erica Allen, Shar Hengy, Heidi Knaus, Sarah Rouston, Jessica Schuette, Stacey Kreh, Stacey Smukala, Melissa Winkel, Erin Gulash, Marisa McCormick, Jessica Weidman, Peter Eichler, Laura Dubey, Tiffany Maust, Brandon Elenbaum, Courtney Rozema, Garrett Buehler, James McQueen.

Ninth graders participating were: Melissa Bursick, Kim Gascho, Nathan Gulash, Matt Buehler, Scott Gross.

Eighth graders participating were: Kim Langley, Dana Albrecht, Sharon Hebert, Melissa Knowlton, Jill Kretschmer, Jason Diebel, Rory Duffey, Jeff Dubey, Charles Krohn, Melanie Rathje, Eric Swartzendruber, Jeremy Wissner, Crystal Peyer, Russell Robinson is Laker Music Director.

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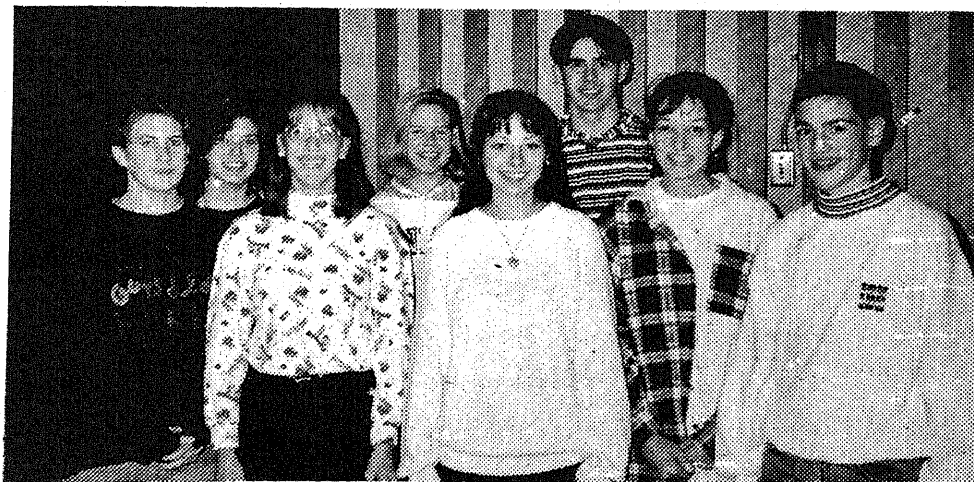


TWELVE LAKER JUNIOR HIGH MUSICIANS were chosen to participate in the 1994 Huron Area Junior High Honors Band. Band students were chosen from local districts, including Lakeland, Bad Axe, Caseville, Harbor Beach, North Huron, Owen-Gage, Uby and Vassar. Students were chosen by a committee of music educators based on the strength of their musical ability and experience.

The Honors Band concert was held at North Huron High School on Nov. 6. Laker students participating were, front row, from left, Jim McQueen, Erin Gulash, Jessica Weidman and Laura Dubey.

Second row: Jeremy Wissner, Racheal Whittaker, Candi Collison. Back row: Jason Diebel, Kim Langley, Peter Eichler, Rory Duffey, Jeff Dubey.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO



EIGHT LAKER HIGH School Band students were selected to participate in the 1995 Tri-County Honors Band, consisting of the top high school band students from Huron, Tuscola and Sanilac Counties.

Its purpose is to give outstanding young musicians an opportunity to participate in a more challenging musical experience than they usually receive in their home schools. Students are selected by a committee of directors from taped auditions, says Laker Music Director Russell Robinson.

The Honors Band concert will be Sunday, Jan. 29 at 3 p.m. at the James Stahl auditorium at Caseville High School. Guest conductor this year will be John Whitwell from Michigan State University. Guest soloist will be Edward Mallett.

Laker students chosen for the Honors Band include, front, from left, Cristina Kauffman, Brandi Clark, Janelle Wiederhold, Kari Gehrs, Nathan Gulash.

Back row: Jennifer Diebel, Kristen Hedley and Bryan Clark.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO



HUG A BEAR: Two year old Jake Collins of Pigeon presents a teddy bear to Huron County Sheriff Michael Gage, as part of the county's "Hug A Bear" Program, which provides over 50 bears a year to children or very elderly people in distress.

The presentation of over a dozen bears donated by residents of Country Bay Village in Pigeon was made last Tuesday. Assisting in the presentation were Country Bay Village Manager Linda Sobczak and residents Martha Laetz and Ray Green.

According to Gage, the bears are used to calm children who face stressful situations through local law enforcement agencies, fire departments, criminal courts, at accidents scenes and even for some elderly Alzheimer patients in need of a bear's comforting hug.

SALLY RUMMEL PHOTO

PACP offers kids' holiday show

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas — at least at the Port Austin Community Theatre.

Under direction of Penny Pearson, "A Storybook Christmas" is continuing its run this weekend, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 16-18.

In "A Storybook Christmas," Santa's workshop is visited by one's favorite storybook characters, including the Wolf, Little Red Riding Hood and the Three Little Pigs.

Santa is played by Marv Kuziel, Mrs. Claus by Pat Marlin, Head Elf is played by Sarah Reigle and Toni Miller. Felix is played by Mike Williams. Details, call 738-5217.

She's a Caseville bike winner

Meaghan Fortsch, almost 4 of Caseville, got an early Christmas present last week, when she took home a brand-new bicycle following the Caseville Chamber of Commerce's Christmas Drawing.

She's the daughter of Dan and Michelle Fortsch.

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Sebewaing Chiropractic Clinic adds massage therapy

By MARY DRIER

A new aspect has been added to chiropractic care — massage therapy.

Kathleen "Katie" Kreager is a certified massage therapist who works at the Sebewaing Chiropractic Center with Dr. Aaron Rackham.

Massage therapy is used for muscle relaxation and to augment spinal adjustments, experts say.

Dr. Rackham does the adjustments first and gives a report to Kreager, so she knows what muscles need massaging for relaxation.



JUDY REMAR, sitting, receives a massage from Certified Massage Therapist Kathleen (Katie) Kreager as part of her chiropractic care.

MARY DRIER PHOTO

"During his examination, he determines what areas are holding a lot of muscle tension," says Kreager.

"I massage those areas to relieve muscle tension so the adjustment he did will hold better," says Kreager.

"My purpose is to relax the muscles around the hips and spine. He puts the bones back in place, but if there is a lot of muscle tension, the tension will pull the bones back out of place again."

By combining the adjustment with massage, the area is "re-educated" to return and stay in its natural alignment, she says.

Judy Remar of Sebewaing is one of Kreager's patients. Remar has used chiropractic care for several years, but started using massage therapy

when Kreager joined the center in October.

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Down Memory Lane

From The Pages Of The Pigeon Progress & Elkton Advance

80 YEARS AGO DEC. 18, 1914

Fred Jacob has purchased the Ed Pedler farm just east of Pigeon.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Milliken, Bay City, a daughter, Mrs. Milliken was formerly Luella Paul of Pigeon. A total of 10,500 horses went through the tunnel at Port Huron from the Thumb in one week. They were purchased for war purposes and will be shipped to Europe. Receipts by the Pigeon electric light plant for current during November will be \$130. This is considered encouraging as many users only had juice part of the month and there are still many yet to be wired. Cost of fuel and oil for the month was \$108.

70 YEARS AGO DEC. 19, 1924

New officers elected by Pigeon chamber R.A.M. include J.N. Spence, H.B. Harder, R.H. Orr, Harold Paul, B.D. Eddy, Verne Geiger, Harry Leslie, J.A. McLean, G.H. Anklem, Roland Staibus, Louis Staibus and George Wilfong. Mrs. William Riley, Bay Port, entertained the 500 Club Saturday. Prizes were won by Mrs. W.H. Wallace, Jr., Mrs. John Lobdell, Mrs. Harvey Dutcher, Mrs. M.J. Smith and Mrs. Robert Lambert.

A serious fire in the Elkton Hotel was narrowly averted Thursday when Martin Wilcox, proprietor, discovered and extinguished flames in one of the rooms.

60 YEARS AGO DEC. 14, 1934

J.W. Leipprandt & Son have purchased the Brueck building in Pigeon from Second National Bank of Saginaw. The building will be remodeled and the three sections to the south will be occupied by the Leipprandt Store. The meat market will remain where it is and the restaurant will be moved to the next door south of the market.

Mrs. Oscar Eicher is assisting at the Elkton Cooperative Elevator during the absence of Miss Hazel Malpass, following an operation.

Other board members are Ralph Steinman, Mae Farmer, Wilfred Power and W.H. McLean. Building committee members are Lillian McLean, Rosemary Ruppert, Muriel Walton, R.L. Harvey, Wallace Hart, Nick Dorney, Noel Perry, Stewart Henry, Robert Nichols and John Holtzhofer. Notice: C. Scheurer, physician and surgeon, will open an office over Orr's Drug Store, Pigeon, on or about Dec. 22. - ADV.

A new oil well is being

started this week on the farm of Frank Opaka in Grant Twp. Mr. and Mrs. Herklas Dietzel, Pigeon, are visiting at points in Canada.

Friends gave Mr. and Mrs. John Weiss, Pigeon, a surprise party Sunday for their 20th anniversary.

50 YEARS AGO DEC. 15, 1944

Winsor-Pigeon War Finance committee reports that response to the Sixth War Loan Drive is lagging and only about 70% subscribed of the quota.

Pigeon Village President Horlacher has announced there will be no packages of candy and nuts for the kiddies this year at the town hall park as it is impossible to get them. Elkton Community Christmas program will be held in the High School auditorium Sunday. Taking part will be Rev. L.E. Mitchell, the high school band, Doreen Web, junior choir, Mary Lou Knechtel, senior girls' choir, Joyce Biber, Arlene Hewitt and Rev. E. Hart.

Lieut. Clarence Gettel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Gettel,

Pigeon, has advised his parents that he is somewhere in Germany.

40 YEARS AGO DEC. 16, 1954

Over 200 relatives and friends gathered in Pigeon Methodist Church Dec. 5 to honor Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Yackle's 50th anniversary. Elkton Methodist Sunday School Christmas program will be Wednesday. Leaders are Mrs. Ray English and Mrs. Alvin Taylor. Mrs. Mervin Hoffman is organist.

Residents of Caseville School District met to discuss the proposed elementary school expansion. A special election will be Dec. 21 according to Board President Jess Hoy.

30 YEARS AGO DEC. 17, 1964

Two more bicycles were awarded by Pigeon merchants Saturday in their Christmas gift drawing program to Cindy Huchholz of Pigeon and Randy Fritz of Sebewaing. James Matteson, Laker High

School sophomore and son of Supt. and Mrs. James Matteson, will receive the Eagle Scout Award, highest in scouting, Dec. 19.

The five sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bauman of Elkton — Ken, Ted, Ron, Sherry and Audie — are all students of Central Michigan University this year.

Receipts of \$5,500 from Huron County for CROP purchase of Michigan beans in 1965 are reported by chairman E.T. Leipprandt, Pigeon. Committee in charge of the Christmas program at Elkton Evangelical U.B. Church includes Mrs. John Knechtel, Mrs. Ken Weatherhead, Mrs. Steve Kosenko and Mrs. Arnold Herford. Mrs. Clifford Weidman will be pianist.

10 YEARS AGO DEC. 5, 1984

There's happiness and excitement in Caseville Eagle territory as Coach Randy Bingham's Girls' Basketball Team won its District Tournament crown Saturday, 54-46, over North Huron.

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Bicycle winner for the final week of the children's gift program of Pigeon Chamber of Commerce was Kevin

Wolfram of Pigeon. Jim Buchholz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reinhardt Buchholz, Elkton, received a B.A. degree in accounting with honors at Michigan State.

Judy Lee Hoy, Gina Marie LeBlanc, Jana Lee LeBlanc, all of Caseville, have been named to the Dean's List at Northwood Institute.

The 1974 campaign for Scheurer Hospital Fund is nearing the 1/3 mark toward the goal of \$300,000. The new campaign is aimed at reducing the \$655,000 debt on the new hospital building.

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will offer a winter birth preparation class based on the Lemaze method beginning Jan. 8.

More than 700 people gathered at Laker High School Saturday for the annual Community Christmas Bazaar, organized by First United Methodist Church Women.

From The Pages Of The Sebewaing Blade

60 YEARS AGO DEC. 14, 1934

The Sebewaing Plant of Michigan Sugar Company will pay \$276,800 on Saturday.

Fire of undetermined origin destroyed the Sebewaing Bowling Club building Wednesday, in Immanuel Lutheran Church grove.

The play, "Two Days to Mary" will be presented in Kilmanagh School Dec. 20-21. Cast members include Vern Hornbacher, Glen Gunden, Walton Kuhl, Adina Wing, Marion Terrill, Olga Gugel, Earl Maust and Arnold Engelhardt.

Helen Kelly, Bay City, and Clarence Liken were united in marriage Saturday in Detroit by the Rev. W. Hagen.

50 YEARS AGO DEC. 15, 1944

Pvt. Robert Millerwise, wounded in tank battle action in France, has arrived at a New York hospital.

Three Sebewaing men have been wounded in action. Pfc. Tony Pacewicz was slightly wounded in Germany; Pvt. John Buehler, Jr. wounded in action in France, as was Pvt. Carl Buehler, his brother.

40 YEARS AGO DEC. 18, 1954

Inclement weather, which caused a long drawn-out sugar beet harvest, together with reduced sugar content, has cut the first payment to Sebewaing plant growers to about \$615,000.

Thomas Horning was chosen Worshipful Master of Wallace Lodge, F&AM, Sebewaing. Millard Ringle is senior warden and Collier Ruebel is junior warden.

Sebewaing High's basketball team lost to Elkton Friday 45-36. Bryce Nimtz was high scorer with 12 points.

A Christmas-related hobby that is especially interesting at this time of year is that of Mrs. John Ritsema, who molds nativity scene figurines.

30 YEARS AGO DEC. 17, 1964

An auction to settle the estate of the late John Tredup estate will be Dec. 19.

Roy Schairer of Bay City, son of Mrs. Alfred Schairer of Sebewaing, and Beverly Kay Grunewald of Bay City announced their engagement and plan a May 1 wedding. Mrs. Earl Williams and Mrs. Frank Kaatz left Saturday for California where they will visit their children.

20 YEARS AGO DEC. 19, 1974

Dr. Rosemary Havey will open a medical practice in Sebewaing in 1975. Winners in the third Sebewaing gift drawing were

From The Pages Of The Unionville Crescent

75 YEARS AGO DEC. 19, 1919

William Layer sold his farm last week to Ernest Wein-garth.

Little Geraldine King is the proud possessor of a beautiful German piano which was delivered this week, a Christmas gift from her maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Colling.

65 YEARS AGO DEC. 20, 1929

Norman Graf and Miss Gladys Gardiner of Saginaw were married Dec. 14, in Saginaw.

Alice Hovey slipped on the icy curb at Memorial Park corner Tuesday noon and broke her ankle.

A sound instrument was installed Friday night at the Temple Theatre and was used Saturday for the first time.

55 YEARS AGO DEC. 22, 1939

Ed Yanke is driving a new deluxe Chevrolet. S.B. Achenbach was in Cincinnati, OH to attend Don Achenbach's graduation from the college of Embalming, and accompanied Don home.

Born Dec. 17 to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ertel, an 8-1/2-pound son named Bruce John. She is the former Alice Schulz. Frederick Othersen will leave Friday for Chicago to visit his sister, Mrs. Milligan, and then will leave for Nassau in the Bahamas where he is the steward in the exclusive Porcupine Club.

45 YEARS AGO DEC. 16, 1949

Charles Guenther, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Guenther,

has received his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State College.

The condition of Roland Louis was reported as "fair" at Mercy Hospital, Bay City. He suffered injuries in a fall at his home Friday evening. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Skirlo, Wednesday, Dec. 7, a daughter, Barbara Ann.

35 YEARS AGO DEC. 10, 1959

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Emil Storm of Akron, a daughter, Sunday, Dec. 6.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. James Ewald, a son, Mark James, Friday, Dec. 4. The mother is the former Edith Schuch. Born to Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hofmeister, a son, Tuesday, Dec. 8.

25 YEARS AGO DEC. 11, 1969

A daughter, Rocal Lynne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Larry VanHoost (Karen Hoppe) Friday. Seniors on the honor roll this marking period are Gail Beatenhead, Sue Bell, Deborah Brady, Faith Brinkman,

Mark Colestock, Marsha Elenbaum, Candice Irion, Connie Joles, Brenda Kapuscinski, Betty Orban, Brian Patton, Bethany Prime, Gary Schulz and Patricia Strieter.

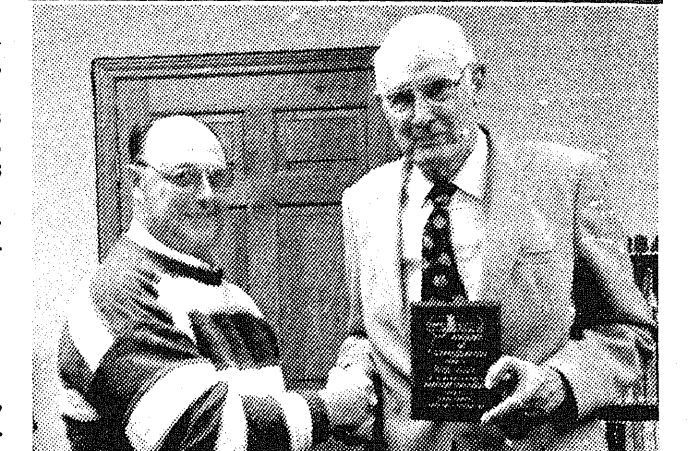
15 YEARS AGO DEC. 13, 1979

Charles Gall and Robert Hewitt invite area residents to the Grand Opening Sale of Gall and Hewitt Builders Supply, Unionville, this Friday and Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Gremel were weekend visitors of their

son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Gremel. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Holzwart of Flint, Frieda Lenz of Sebewaing and Mollie Holzwart were Thursday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lehner. Mr. and Mrs. Norris Luther of Chicago were Sunday overnight guests of Nina Luther.

Couples of the Euchre Club held their Christmas Dinner-Party, Saturday at the Linden-Hof, Bay City. The group returned to the Kenneth Bell home for dessert, exchange of gifts and card playing.



McKINLEY TOWNSHIP Supervisor Jerry Beyer, left, presents an appreciation plaque to Township Building Inspector Russ Allen of Pigeon, who is retiring after 10 years of service. Allen was honored during last week's McKinley Board meeting. SALLY RUMMEL PHOTO

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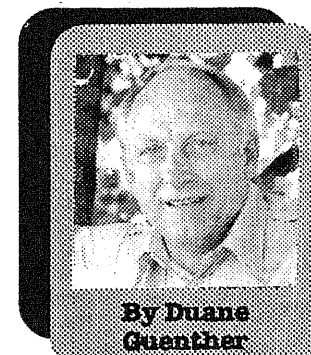
A light snow began falling sometime during the early evening. It wasn't just a dusting, which usually happens several times during the early part of December, but the first real accumulation we've had all year.

Nose pressed against the cold glass, I peered through my bedroom window before crawling into bed and estimated the depth at close to 4 inches.

It was a tracking snow all right. Just what I needed to get my bowhunting blood racing for the final leg of the season, I thought. Tomorrow should be a great day in the woods.

I left early the next morning, long before the weak winter dawn kicked off its nighttime comforter and crawled lazily up the eastern horizon.

I'm usually not a morning hunter, but since my motor was racing from the night before and I would be hunting close to home, I decided to perch in a favorite tree and watch the woods user in a new day.



By Duane Guenther

The stand was no stranger, even though I had hunted it very little over the past two years, and has always produced its fair amount of deer sightings. Perched in a triple-trunked cedar, it offers a visual panorama of three major runways which wind through a small stand of woods connecting a bedding and feed area.

I reached the stand after a short walk from my parked truck, detouring several yards more than needed to make sure I approached in an upwind direction. Now, blowing a long vent of steam from the physical exercise, I stood

beneath the familiar cedars and looked warily at the snow encrusted branches which would serve as my ladder to the blind.

I had promised myself earlier in the season that this would be my last year hunting in tree blinds. I have nothing against tree blinds, but as each year passes, I get a little older and the trees seem to be a little higher.

Today, those ice-glazed branches reminded me a little of Jacob's ladder, and I did not wish to be found lying on my back watching the angels descending to pick me up. I suddenly decided that discretion would be the better part of valor.

Instead of ascending, I found a thick, brushy spot downwind from a junction in the runway where I burrowed in, leaving just enough of an opening in which to cant my recurve.

Before leaving my truck I had shoved a couple dozen ears of corn in my backpack. While not much of a bait pile, I scattered them alongside the runway in hopes of momentarily detaining any passing deer.

My real hope was to permanently detain a nice buck, but as the old timers say, "You have to see 'em before you shoot 'em."

Dawn came slowly, inching its way up the horizon like an old man. Although I was dressed warm and rested my tush on an insulated pad, like the dawn, the cold was also slowly creeping, right into my joints.

I began to fidget, a real no-no for ground level bow-hunters, and would have continued had it not been for a sudden flash of movement to the right of my blind. I froze, literally, even though I was doing a pretty good job figuratively.

In a heartbeat the nearest corn cob was covered by a mass of feathers materializ-

ing into the form of a large Blue Jay. He stood, spraddled, over the cob and in a clear, resonant voice perfectly mimicked the call of the Red-tailed Hawk.

I'm not sure whether he did this to scare off any would be intruders, or just to show off, but finished, he appeared satisfied with his work and proceeded to bang his sharply pointed bill against the tough kernels of corn. He fed for a few minutes and left as quickly as he came.

For me, the morning woods were alive with sound. After spending the last several years in hushed silence, a new pair of hearing instruments have opened up a new world. While they are not at their best at a basketball game or a wedding reception, they are worth any annoyance when I wear them in the out of doors.

This morning was no exception, for I heard the fox squirrel scampering long before he cautiously ap-

proached the Jay's leftover breakfast.

Working furiously, as if he knew we were in for another snow storm, this reddish-brown woods scavenger poked his cavernous cheek pockets to an exploding point before rushing headlong up a nearby tree to disappear into his winter quarters.

I'm not sure if he had filled his ladder up, or could not stand the temptation to rest and snack, but after three trips, he never returned.

However, the cobs were left unattended for only a short time before a flash of red announced the arrival of a wintering Cardinal. The Northern Cardinal is perhaps the most beautiful of all songbirds.

I'm sure Bluebird lovers would question my comment, but placed into the drab color scheme of a winter landscape, the brilliant red offers a stab of life.

The Cardinal pecked at the corn absentmindedly and

showed little irritation when a couple of Black-Capped Chickadees descended from a nearby bush to snatch up the little tidbits left by the bigger birds.

These little acrobats became bold enough to position themselves next to the cob the Cardinal was feeding on and reaped the harvest from the bigger birds' work.

While it was fun watching the squirrels and birds working over my meager corn pile I suddenly realized the reason I had left my warm bed that morning was to encounter deer, which to this point I had not encountered.

I stayed another hour, to make the total three. That's about all my frail body could stand.

The squirrel returned twice more, apparently his cache still needed to be filled, and the Chickadees hung around as if to keep me company, but as for deer, December bowhunting is strictly for the birds, and squirrels....

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The new Elkton office is located south of Ackerman Park at 120 Mullen Street and is scheduled to open in late February.

Prior to moving over to TEAM ONE, Bivens spent 18 years at Mutual Savings

Bank's Pigeon office. A lifelong Elkton resident, Bivens is also active in her church, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Caseville — and her community — as a member of the Scheurer Hospital Board of Trustees.

She and her husband John have two children, Daniel and Melissa, a son-in-law, Michael Buggy and three grandchildren, Kathaleen, Elijah and Hannah.

TEAM ONE Credit Union is a full-service credit union in operation since 1935, with its main office in Saginaw. The Elkton branch has been open since 1986 and prior to becoming TEAM ONE, was known as West Huron Community Credit Union, Education Employees Credit Union and originally, Active Credit Union.

Western Michigan University has named 187 sophomores who were initiated into the university's chapter of Alpha Lambda Delta Oct. 16.

Included from the Western Thumb are:

Paige Nelson of Caseville; Meagan Duever and Gregory Nintz, both of Elkton. To be eligible for the national honor society, inductees must be full-time students working toward a bachelor's degree. They must have a grade point average of 3.5 or

better during their freshman year.

In addition to encouraging scholastic achievement, the society promotes intelligent living, a continued high standard of learning, and assists students in recognizing and developing meaningful goals for their roles in society.

Marine Pfc. Jeremy Jensen, son of Kay Jensen of Caseville, recently completed recruit training and was promoted to his present rank. During the training cycle at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, CA, recruits are taught the basics of battlefield survival, introduced to typical military daily routine and personal and professional standards.

All recruits participate in an active physical conditioning program and gain proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close-order drill.

Pfc. Jensen is a 1994 graduate of Caseville High School.

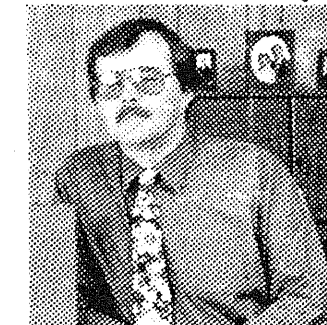
Aaron Wenzel, son of Alan and Cathy (Snider) Wenzel of Freeport, IL, is one of 151 seventh and eighth grade students from throughout Illinois to be named a 1994 Illinois Mathematics and Sci-

ence Academy Junior Scholar.

Junior Scholars are selected on the basis of their high scores in the statewide Talent Search Program and nomination by Illinois' Educational Service Centers.

Wenzel is the grandson of Mervin and Phyllis Snider of Elkton.

ance in the regionals. Ertman was coached throughout his career by Tim Travis.



Farm Bureau Insurance agent Frank Kluger of Elkton recently received a 2000 Award, with two diamonds out of a possible award from Farm Bureau of Michigan at its recent state meeting at the Renaissance Center in Detroit.

The award is based on coordination of logo and color

and for the overall impression of his facility. Kluger has his office on N. Main Street in Elkton.

Chiropractic Center aids USA Caring & Sharing

To help the USA Caring & Sharing Program, the Sebawaing Chiropractic Center is holding a food drive this Wednesday, Dec. 14 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For the donation of non-perishable food items, new chiropractic participants will receive a consultation, an adjustment, a limit of x-rays if necessary (a \$125 value), and existing patients can receive a free treatment, says Dr. Aaron Rackham. For details, call 883-9090.

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G.P.M. ENTERPRISES, INC., 3753 S. Murray Rd., Mayville, by Ronald G. McRea and Evelyn B. McRea, filed 11/6/94.
LANGE INTERNATIONAL, 260 Bradleyville Rd., Reese, by Bernard P. Lange, filed 11/9/94.

MONTAGE IMAGES, 8159 Bray Rd., Vassar, by Judy Osman, filed 11/17/94.
HOOVER ENTERPRISES, 1083 James St., Vassar, by Daniel F. Hoover and Karen S. Hoover, filed 11/30/94.

MAIN-TECH SERVICES, 10297 Millman Rd., Millington, by Gary C. Booksch, filed 11/30/94.

WILEY PRODUCTS & TECHNICAL SERVICES, 4248 Lakeview Dr., Mayville, by Robert A. Wiley, filed 12/2/94.
COMPUTER ELITE, 5514 VanGosen Rd., Fairgrove, by Michael B. Hall, filed 12/2/94.

Tuscola County Co-Partnerships

WHEATON PLACE, 1946 Main St., Fairgrove, by Ruth C. McGuire and Connie J. Palmer, filed 11/10/94.

SAGINAW VALLEY RANCH, 715 E. Frank St., Caro, by Patrick Joslyn, Walter Roenick, Donald L. Tuckey, Robert L. Tuckey, Charles Mantey, Donald Everts, Jr. and Charles H. Tuckey, filed 11/30/94.

Tuscola County Marriage Licenses

Tony Erin Church and Tricia Lynn Cox
Kash Howard Childs and Stacey Rhea Coleman
Kevin Jamie Blasius and Patricia Lynn Hensel
Charles Sidney Willette and Nancy Alice Kennedy

James Eric McRea and Amy Lynne Young
Martin James Damm, Jr. and Tracy Lynn Wolfe
Justin Daniel Kuznar and Kristie Lynn Hunter

Gerard William Bennett and Dana Lynn O'Harris
John F. Kastraba and Tina Ann English
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Welcome Lee Baldwin, Jr. and Brenda Jill Jones
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Jason Lee Wood and Nancy Renee McPherson
Charles Tracy Willette and Tracee Lynn Thomas
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Huron County Assumed Names

NO. 7265 KEIMESTATES, 181 N. Bay Port Rd., Bay Port, by Wayne J. Keim, 181 Bay Port Road, Bay Port, and Mary Maarsen, Costelanderweg 114, 1432 AN Aalsmer, Netherlands, and Charlene J. Neer, 2330 Town Court, Ypsilanti and Howard Keim, 209 N. Weaver, Hesston, KS, 67062, filed 12/5/94.

NO. 7266 HARBOR BEACH AREA FIREDEPARTMENT, 202 N. Huron Ave., Harbor Beach, by John Arbaugh (Pres.), 1830 Schock Rd., Harbor Beach, David Hunter (Sec.) 236 N. Third St., Harbor Beach, filed 12/6/94.

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Michael M. Herman and Tracy L. Neumann
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Michael J. Arnold and April J. Thoning
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Huron County Warranty Deeds

Evelyn Genewick to Richard L. Crisman; a parcel of land in Huron Twp.
Lottie Gorelski to Thomas A. Baranski and Kathleen M.; a parcel of land in Section 9 of Dwight Twp.

Agnes S. Korleski Estate to Ernest M. Korleski, Virginia Mashikian and Mary Grey; a parcel of land in Section 34 of Port Austin Twp.

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Westland Properties to Aimee Sparling; a parcel of land in the City of Bad Axe.
Roy L. Ratoliff and Janet H. to Jeffery S. Nieschulz and Michelle; a parcel of land in Section 22 of Colfax Twp.

James E. Power and Angela to Daniel J. Barallo and Patricia A.; a parcel of land in Section 18 of Hume Twp.

George V. Carless and R. Laverne Carless to Joseph Daley and Elizabeth M. Smith; a parcel of land in Lake Twp.

Burroughs Materials Corporation to Richard L. Seward and Connie L.; a parcel of land in Section 2 of Fair Haven Twp.

Gabriel B. Clor to Irvin Klee and Cheryl and Timothy J. Klee; a parcel of land in Cassville Twp.

Joseph Lasky and Beverly to Edward James Goretski and Marie Jean; a parcel of land in Section 29 of Lincoln Twp.

Mark G. Bender and Christine E. to William J. Nowicki and Nadine A.; a parcel of land in Lake Twp.

Eva L. Grigg to Dale W. Kretzschmer and Lorraine L.; a parcel of land in Section 31 of Lake Twp.

Ublly Community Schools to Jean Sheffels and Raymond F. Gibson; a parcel of land in the Village of Ublly.

Robert E. Drury and Lois, Robert J. Drury and Leslie to Janis L. Ibbetson and Delores J. Wendorf; a parcel of land in Lake Twp.

Wendolin Clabuesch and Gertrude to Gregory P. Dunn and Diane M.; a parcel of land in Lake Twp.

Reginald P. Killing and Virginia J. to Carl W. Heichland and Carole A.; a parcel of land in Lake Twp.

Duane E. Tiney and Mary L. to Mark A. Mayworm and Carrie S.; a parcel of land in Section 23 of Oliver Twp.

Estate of Rita V. Ostrowski to Richard O. Trepkowski and Deanna C.; a parcel of land in the Village of Caseville.

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Elkton-Pigeon Bay Port Board of Education November 14, 1994

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REGULAR MEETING
CASEVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD
DECEMBER 5, 1994

Unapproved Minutes

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JOHN A. SHETLER 1900 - 1994

John A. Shetler, 94 of Pigeon, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 6 at his daughter's home in Warren.

He was born in Kalona, IA on Jan. 1, 1900, son of the late Joseph J. and Anna (Hosteller) Shetler. He was united in marriage to Sabina Weidman in Pigeon on Jan. 12, 1921. She preceded him in death on Jan. 25, 1986.

Mr. Shetler was a bookkeeper for the Pigeon Cooperative Elevator Company before his retirement. An active member of Gideons International since 1952, he held the office of Zone Leader from 1958-1960, State Secretary from 1961-1963, Second Vice President from 1964-1966 and First Vice President during 1967. He was a member of the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church.

His survivors include a daughter, Mrs. Dolores (Joseph) Caradonna, Warren; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; a brother, Dan Shetler, Vancouver, WA; three sisters, Mrs. Mary Boller and Mrs. Agnes Swartzendruber, both of Kalona, IAA and Mrs. Lydia Teuscher, Goshen, IN and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five brothers, Henry, Emil, Omar, Eli and Frank.

Funeral services were conducted on Friday, Dec. 9 at 11 a.m. from the Michigan Avenue Mennonite Church, Pigeon. The Rev. Jay Miller, pastor, officiated with burial in the church cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Gideons, Meals on Wheels or Hospice of Southeastern Michigan.

The Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

WALTER L. LUETTKE 1921 - 1994

Walter L. Luettkie, 73 of Pigeon, passed away at his home on Thursday, Dec. 8 at his home, after a long illness.

He was born on Feb. 7, 1921 in Bay Port, son of the late Albert and Louisa (Schember) Luettkie. He was united in marriage to Annabelle Greenwood on June 26, 1948 in Lorraine, OH.

Mr. Luettkie was a member of the Elkton Missionary Church. He was a World War II Army veteran, serving in the Pacific. At the time of his discharge he was a Staff Sergeant. Prior to his retirement in 1982, he was employed as a mechanic at Pigeon Motors for 32 years.

His survivors include his wife, Annabelle; two brothers, Henry (Julia) Luettkie, Pontiac and Floyd (June) Luettkie, Cass City; a sister and stepbrother, Lena and Morris Graes, Harvard, IL and another stepbrother, Howard Graves, Washington; two stepdaughters, Fern Hockstedt, Harvard, IL and Betty Patterson, Ublly and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Lloyd and Clarence.

Funeral services were conducted on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 1 p.m. from the Elkton Missionary Church. The Rev. Dr. Alan Yerkes, DeWitt and the Rev. Larry Salsbury, pastor, officiated with burial at Grand Lawn Cemetery, Pigeon.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Elkton Missionary Church or Scheurer Hospital.

The Meyersieck-Bussema Funeral Home, Pigeon, handled funeral arrangements.

WALLACE THOMAS CONNERS, JR. 1926 - 1994

Wallace "Skip" Connors, 68 of Caseville, passed away Wednesday, Dec. 7 at the home of his daughter after a long battle with health problems.

He was born Jan. 12, 1926 in Caseville, son of the late Wallace and Alice (Kelly) Connors, Sr.

Mr. Connors worked at his father's business, Caseville Metal Products, for a number of years before going to Detroit, where he worked as a welder for Ford Motor Company. After retiring for health reasons, Mr. Connors moved back to Caseville, spending his winters in Florida.

He was a member of the Caseville F.O.E., Caseville Rod & Gun Club, Caseville American Legion, Lions Club and Moose Lodge in Florida and was a World War II Air Force veteran.

Surviving are his wife, Phyllis; two sons, Michael Connors of Detroit and Patrick (Susan) O'Connors of Caseville; his daughter, Colleen (Paul) Poisson of Caseville; four stepsons, Terry (Jenny) Watterworth of Monroe, Larry Watterworth of Lansing, Daniel (Debbie) Watterworth of Lapeer and Jerry Watterworth of Nashville, TN; two stepdaughters, Cindy (Bill) Striplin of Atlanta, GA and Toni Watterworth of Caseville; a brother, Darrell (Butch) Connors and a sister, Jean (John) Guster, all of Caseville.

A memorial service was held Friday, Dec. 9 at the Champagne Funeral Chapel, Caseville. The Rev. Gregg Mayberry, pastor of the Caseville United Methodist Church officiated with burial in Caseville Township Cemetery.

MILDRED WALKER 1918 - 1994

Mildred M. Walker, 76 of Caseville, passed away Sunday, Dec. 11 at the Huron Medical Care Facility, Bad Axe.

She was born April 29, 1918 in Detroit, daughter of the late Thomas and Bertha (Haneline) Conway. She was united in marriage to Joseph L. Gray in Detroit on April 4, 1941. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1954. She then married Clarence R. Walker on May 16, 1963 in Waterford. He preceded her in death on Nov. 19, 1977.

She lived in the Detroit/Pontiac area most of her life, moving to Lake Township in 1985.

Surviving are two daughters, "Pat" (Maynard) Carter of Lake Twp. and Pearl (Byron) Carter of Howell; her son, Robert Gray of Pinckney; 14 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren and her sister, Mae Snyder of Detroit.

Preceding her in death were her son, Arthur; one brother, Jack Conway and one sister, Beatrice.

Graveside services were held Monday, Dec. 12 at the Waterford Center Cemetery, Pontiac. Elder Ellis Gardner of the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints officiated.

Champagne Funeral Chapel, Elkton, was in charge of funeral arrangements.

JOE MCCORMICK

Word has just been received from his daughter, Pat McCormick, of the passing of former Pigeon resident Joe McCormick, who died June 27, 1994, following a heart attack.

A memorial service was held for him in Phoenix, AZ on June 30 and another one in Illinois in August.

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Rev. Willard A. King

Worship 10:30 a.m.

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would like to thank everyone involved for a successful auction on Saturday, December 3. To area businesses and individuals for their outstanding donations; Sporty's for the use of their facility; Dale Wertz auctioneer; Jim Hickie for picking up donations; Dale Koehler, Al Nietzke, picking up donations and working at the auction; and to all the buyers. Your generous donations and support are very much appreciated and provide a strong foundation to build upon for our area youth.

Thanks again,
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The Pigeon Office 453-3100

Heartfelt thanks to my family, relatives, friends, and neighbors for their prayers, visits, cards, flowers, gifts, and just for being there during the months I spent in Bay Med. Center and the Bay Rehab Center and since I've been recuperating at home.

Special thanks to Rev. Weavil and the prayer groups of the Unionville Moravian and St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Caro.

Many thanks to Jack, Jeanette, MaryAnn, Don, Ken, Gladys, Barb, and the ACW Ambulance Crew. God bless each and everyone of you.

Irene Kuhn

IN GRATEFUL APPRECIATION for the wonderful help and support of family, the get-well cards, ambulance crew - Nancy, Brenda and Arlene for transport to hospital. For the visits and prayers of Pastor Hagenow and Vicar Heinzen and the calls from friends since returning home. Arnold Layher.

I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK-YOU to my family, relatives and friends, Pastor Hagenow and Vicar Heinzen for calls, visits, prayers, cards and flowers at the hospital and at home. I would also like to say a Special Thank-You to Paul Klaus, Carl and Fern Kunisch, the Sebewaing Fire Dept. and Ambulance Crew and everyone else who helped out at the accident. My sincere appreciation. Amy Kuhl

WANTED

TEXAS REFINERY CORP. - needs mature person now in SEBEWAING area. Regardless of training, write W.O. Hopkins, Box 711, Ft. Worth, TX 76101.

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WE WISH TO EXPRESS our sincere appreciation to all of our family, relatives, neighbors and friends for flowers, cards, memorials, food and the warm words of sympathy. Thanks to Rev. Bickel, the pall bearers, and the Ladies Aid at Bach for serving lunch. To Warren and Sandy Juengel for their many acts of kindness. Special thanks to the many care givers at Bay Medical Care Facility, especially Sue and Diane, for taking such good care of Della. Your kindness will always be remembered. Family of Della Koch.

I WISH TO THANK my family and friends and neighbors for their many acts of kindness while I was a patient at St. Mary's Hospital. A special thanks to Elder Haley and Ginny for their visit and our local churches for their prayers. I will never forget you. Ralph Harder.

AVON CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE - Thursday, Dec. 15, 9-8, 20% off entire inventory, 6066 French Rd., Unionville, Diane Schultz, 674-2435.

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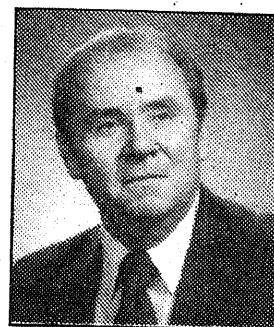
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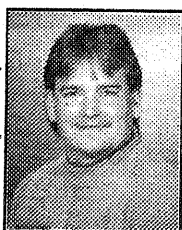
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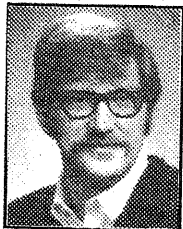
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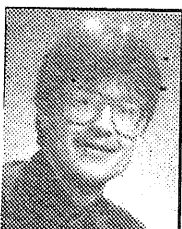
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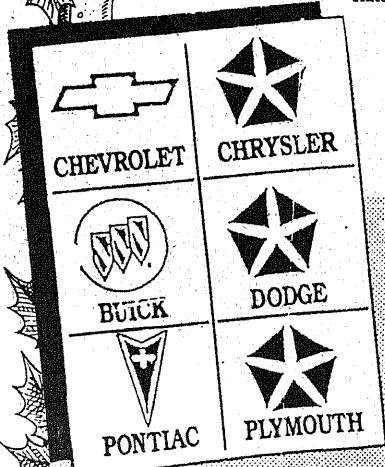
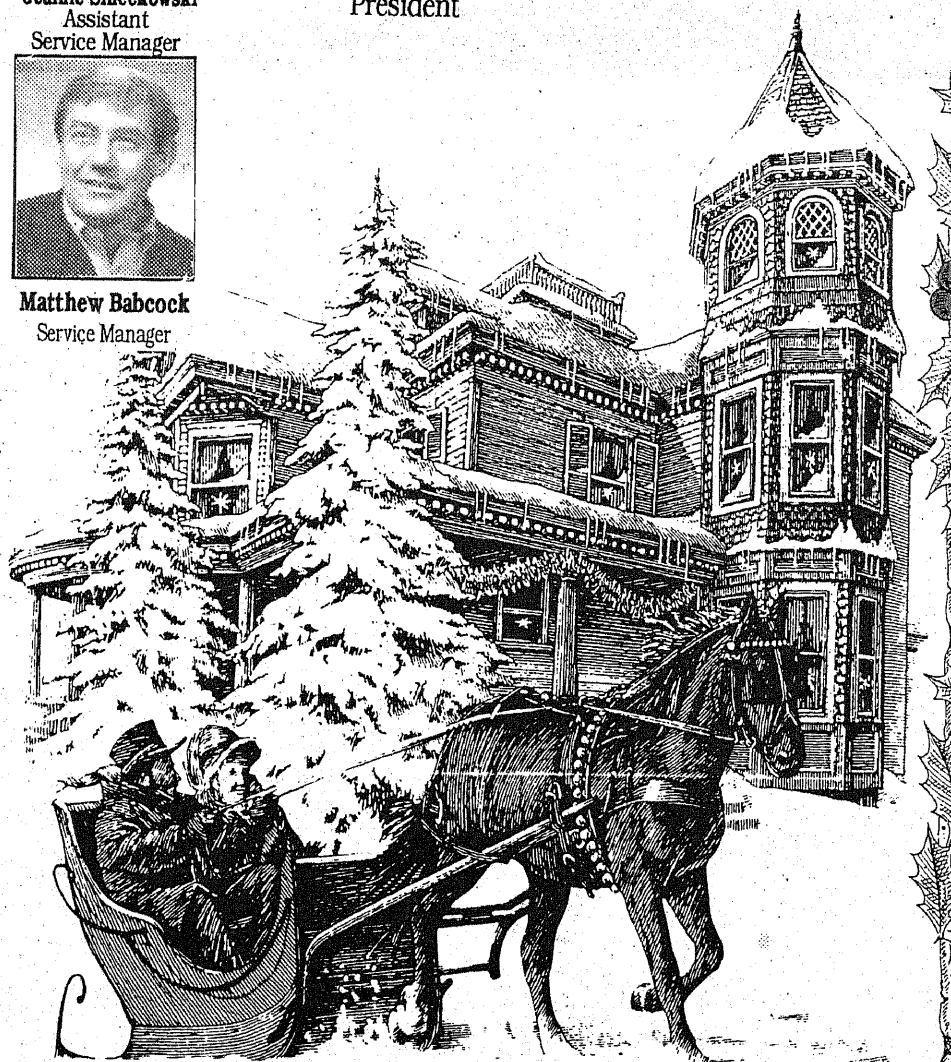
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