

# She's celebrating first Christmas in her own apartment

By SALLY RUMMEL

She goes to work every day, shares an apartment with a roommate, cooks her own meals, plays her favorite sports on weekends and attends church every Sunday.

And this holiday, she has very special reasons to celebrate.

It doesn't sound like an extraordinary life, but for 36-year-old Annie Essian, these everyday accomplishments are milestones in her life.

Born developmentally disabled, 10th in a family of 13 children, Annie has spent her entire adult life living in the home of one of her siblings, most recently for 2 1/2 years in Pigeon.

But all that has changed since Dec. 3, when a federally funded program, Community Supported Living Arrangements (CSLA), has made it possible for Annie to move into an apartment in Bad Axe with another developmentally disabled adult.

Now instead of molding her life into the lives of other busy family members, Annie has been able to make a new life of her own, making choices — and having freedom she never dreamed possible.

There was a time not too long ago, remembers her sister-in-law Sheri Lynn Essian of Pigeon, married to Annie's brother Patrick, when that

freedom she now savors was a possibility she dreaded.

"Whenever we mentioned the idea of 'someday maybe she could live on her own,' she would run into her room and cry," recalls Sheri Lynn, who as a mother with three young children of her own, was also Annie's daily nurturer and care-giver.

"It has been wonderful to see her grow and mature to this point. I always knew it was a possibility for her, but she had to come to that realization for herself."

Sheri Lynn admits that maybe the busy-ness of their household helped Annie come to that realization sooner.

"With three children of our own to take care of, and the 'distance factor' of many of Annie's activities, we just couldn't get her to all of things she now takes full advantage of," explains Sheri Lynn.

"Now she bowls and snowshoes for Special Olympics, is involved in the 4-H Handi-Riders program, plays basketball and is in a central location for so many opportunities."

Just keeping track of all of Annie's weekly activities requires a daily calendar on the wall of Annie's new kitchen.

Now when Sheri Lynn or one of Annie's brothers or sisters call to make plans with



ANNIE ESSIEN enjoys cooking up a meal and maintaining her own apartment, now that she's living on her own with help from respite providers. SALLY RUMMEL PHOTO

her, she can easily check whether or not her schedule is free.

While Annie and her roommate giggle like college sorority sisters, they have more supervision than what most independent adults of that age group enjoy.

A "respite provider" is at

their door every morning from 6:30 to 8:30 a.m., supervising their morning activities, including dressing, breakfast, clean-up before they leave for their day of work and learning at Thumb Industries.

And a "respite provider" is back again in the afternoon

and evening, until 8:30 p.m., supervising grocery shopping, laundry and helping the women learn "life skills" that they've never needed before — like managing their own money, learning how to read directions on labels to make simple meals, and other daily tasks.

But all is not work when a "respite provider" is on duty.

The care-giver's role is more like that of a helpful friend, providing emotional support and encouragement for the new life these women lead. When Annie and her roommate tackled a laundromat on their own for the first time, they had help and support from a caring adult who could help with the sometimes frustrating coin mechanisms and other new experiences.

"The gals loved watching the dryers go round!" says Brenda, one of the respite providers who accompanied them to the laundromat.

Not all of their outings are work-related. This Thursday, four developmentally disabled adults will be joining two caregivers for a holiday trip to Frankenmuth, where they will enjoy the lights and beauty of Christmas.

Many of their other outings are taken on Saturdays, when they are less restricted with the work demands of the week, although they are required to get their apartment clean first.

Annie and her roommate are two of 19 adults in Huron County now taking advantage of the CSLA program. Administered by Theresa Knecht from Community

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# ANNIE LOVES BEING ON HER OWN...

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Mental Health, the program is not only open to developmentally disabled adults — it's all designed to create independent living experiences for people with cognitive or physical disabilities, like multiple sclerosis, muscular dystrophy, blindness or other life-long situations.

**To be eligible**, a person must:

- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Have a cognitive or physical disability that set-in before the age of 22;

- Be on Medicaid or eligible for Medicaid;

- Be a Huron County resident.

Knecht explains that CSLA can also serve people who are living with family mem-

bers or living independently in a community, although not when living in a foster care setting.

Another interesting aspect of the program is that the disabled adults themselves are responsible for "hiring" and sometimes "firing" their respite providers. "It's up to these adults which respite providers they want in their lives," explains Knecht.

"Presently, Annie and her roommate have four respite providers that take turns in the morning and evening."

The women are then on their own for the nighttime hours, although they have access to immediate help by phone if

needed.

**Basically**, CSLA provides funds for the hourly wages of these respite providers, plus pays for any equipment needed that is not paid for by Medicaid.

Annie and her roommate share the monthly rent of the apartment, plus pay for meals and their other living expenses, explains Knecht.

CSLA also looks for funds from other community resources, including the Department of Social Services, local agencies and from home health care dollars.

**It has been** a "new lease on life" for Annie, who has spent all 36 years of her life in the care of others.

Now she enjoys the freedom of deciding what she wants to prepare for meals (she and her roommate share cooking responsibilities every other night), when she wants to go

to sleep and what activities she wants to be involved in.

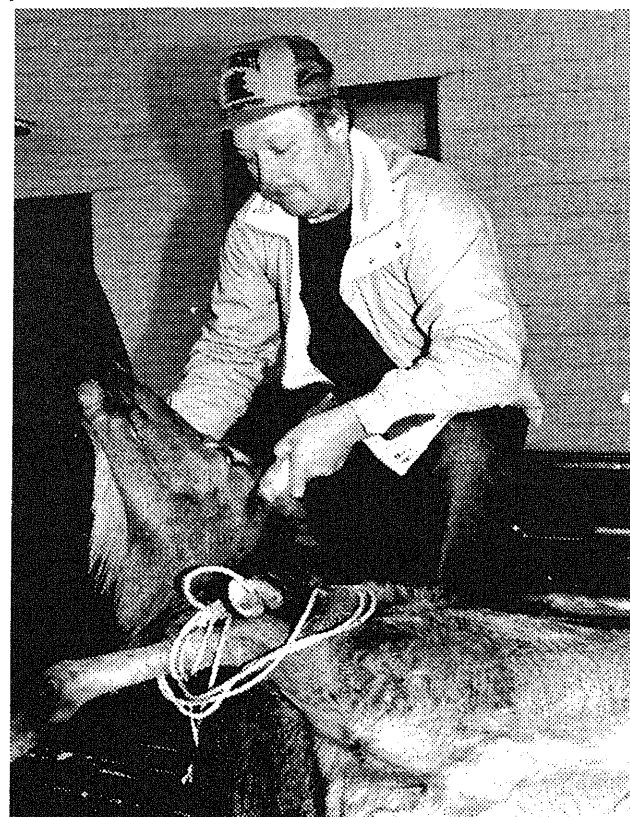
With that freedom also comes some negative situations that need to be dealt with — like how to handle uninvited visitors who come to the apartment, and how to resolve conflicts, but so far, the positive outweighs the negatives for both Annie and her family.

"I can't say enough about how proud we are of Annie," beams Sheri Lynn.

"I think she is enjoying her independent life so much, I'm not sure she would enjoy living with our family again, having had a taste of making her own decisions and choices."

Annie will be spending the holidays with Patrick and Sheri Lynn and children, then will return "home" to her own apartment for the New Year and her new life.

# Bags first elk



STEVE EINHARDT of Sebewaing bagged his first elk about 4:30 p.m. opening day, Dec. 6, in the Pigeon River Forest area.

This was the first time Einhardt received an elk permit. He had applied for one once before, but was turned down. Einhardt was the only one from the Sebewaing area to receive an antlerless elk permit.

The elk dressed out at about 300 pounds.

MARY DRIER PHOTO

# 2-Cylinder Club elects Dave Dietzel

By DAVE DIETZEL

The Thumb Two-Cylinder Club met Dec. 4 for its annual election of officers' meeting. One of the topics on the agenda was an overview of the 1994 parade season with climaxed with a first place finish in the Annual Christmas Parade in Bad Axe.

Also on the agenda was the upcoming Anniversary Banquet on March 25, at the Ubyl Foxhunting Club. The banquet is to celebrate the founding of the club in March 1987.

**In addition** to a superb meal put on by the Foxhunting Club, there will be a short business meeting followed by a knee-slapping, table pounding, impromptu auction conducted and instigated by one of county's most notorious commissioners.

The auction will have items related to the two-cylinder tractor, crafts, collectibles, antiques, and anything in between. One word of caution, nothing or no one is absolutely safe at this sale. Rumor is that collectors will buy anything!

The meeting concluded with the election of new officers for 1995. Outgoing president Martin Kubacki turned the gavel and the office over to newly-elected President Dave Dietzel.

**Joining with** Dietzel on the executive board are:

Vice President Russ Hazard, Bad Axe; Treasurer Jim Stahl, Bad Axe; Secretary Jim McQueen, Owendale; Directors Rod Craig, Bad Axe, Wes Gebauer, Bad Axe, Gerald Auten, Cass City, Glenn Roggenbuck, Harbor Beach, Jim Prime, Fairgrove, Luci Kubacki, Ubyl, and Director Pro-Tem Martin Kubacki, Ubyl.

The Two-Cylinder Club was formed for the preservation of the Two-Cylinder tractor, its memorabilia and lore. To join the Club, one must only have an interest in the Two-Cylinder tractor or its history and how it relates to us.

**For more information** on how to join the club, contact the Membership Chairman, Rod Craig at 269-2293.

Next meeting will be Jan. 6, at the Huron County Courthouse in Bad Axe at 7:30 p.m.

## It's a girl!

Born to David and Paula (Pitcher) Orr of Simsbury, CT, a daughter, **Stephanie Lyn**, on Tuesday, Dec. 6, 1994.

Stephanie weighed 9 lbs., 4 oz. and measured 21 inches long. She was welcomed home by brother, Travis.

Grandparents are J.C. Pitcher and Rich and Vera Wroblewski all of Sebewaing.

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## Laker field trip changes

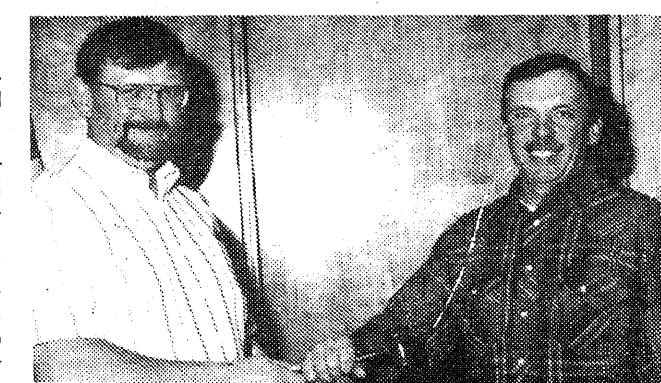
Laker sixth graders will get a change of scenery at this year's field trip camping experience.

Instead of going to the Sleeper Outdoor Center near Caseville, campers will travel to Camp Leelanau for a three-day, four-night stay. The Board of Education made the change at last week's meeting.

Supt. Robert Drury said the change was made because the campers will get an extra day for activities. And because the camp has its own professionals, more science programs will be offered.

**Bus drivers and custodians** will be receiving a 3% raise for each of the next two years after the Board ratified their contracts. And Drury's contract was renewed for one year, with a three-percent raise. His salary is now \$64,512.

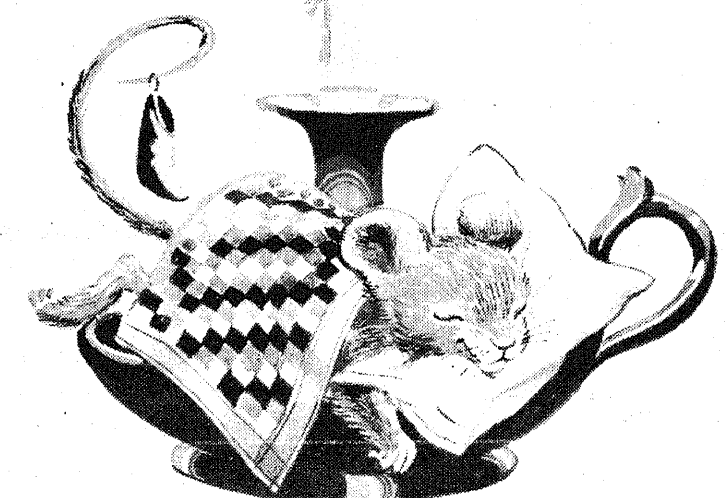
— By AMY HEIDEN



NEW THUMB TWO-CYLINDER Club president Dave Dietzel, right, accepts the gavel from outgoing president Martin Kubacki.

CHUCK BLAKE PHOTO

It was the 12 months before Christmas...



## In the 12 months before Christmas, there were LOTS of mice stirring. The children were NOT snuggled, quietly in their beds.

- ✓ Over 300 teens each week during the year were at Breakfast Club.
- ✓ Another 130 in Music groups.
- ✓ Another 175 involved in weekly night meetings.
- ✓ Another 150 were at Florida Break-Away.
- ✓ Over 500 involved in "Lock-Ins".
- ✓ Over 225 went to Cedar Point.
- ✓ Over 130 made the trip to D.C. '94.
- ✓ YFC staff shared the Gospel with over 700 teens at various camps.
- ✓ 26,000 teens heard the name of Christ in our YFC's 3-county area.
- ✓ Over 100 Jr. Highers involved in weekly Jr. High Ministry.

'This Christmas, we praise God for all the miracles He worked thru YFC in the lives of young people'



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# Pigeon Library

## PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR

Because of the holidays, there will be NO Preschool Story Hour at the Pigeon District Library on Tuesday, Dec. 27. Story Hour will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

## CHRISTMAS SENIOR FILM FEST

Irving Berlin's "White Christmas" will be shown this Thursday, Dec. 22 at 1:30 p.m. Seniors are invited to bring their friends.

## HOLIDAY HOURS

Saturday, Dec. 24 - Close at 1 p.m.  
Monday, Dec. 26 - Closed  
Regular hours will resume for the rest of the week. Happy Holidays!

## FREE MOVIE THIS FRIDAY

"Lassie" will be the free featured movie on Friday, Dec. 23 at 1 p.m. in the AV Room of the library. Please, no food or drink in the library and children under age three must be accompanied by an adult.

## WHAT SHALL WE GIVE THE CHILDREN?

What shall we give the children? Christmas is almost here.  
Toys, games and playthings, as we do every year?

Yes, for the magic of toyland is part of the Yuletide lore.  
To gladden the heart of childhood, but I shall give something more.

I shall give more patience, a more sympathetic ear, a little more time for laughter, or tenderly dry a tear.

I shall take time to teach them the joy of doing some task.  
I'll try to find time to answer more of the questions they ask.

Time to read books together, and take long walks in the sun.  
Time for a bedtime story, after the day is done.

I shall give these to my children, weaving a closer tie.  
Knitting our lives together with gifts that money can't buy.  
— Anonymous

## MRS. STURM'S PIGEON FIRST GRADERS WRITE...



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LOVE,  
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DEAR SANTA,  
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LOVE,  
JUSTIN ARNOLD



DEAR SANTA,  
I like you. I want a teddy bear and a horse toy. I will make cookies for you.  
LOVE,  
TERESA BROWN



DEAR SANTA,  
I want Rollerblades. I like you.  
LOVE,  
BOBBY COLLIS



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I would like you to bring me a sled with a steering wheel. I will leave you a treat.  
LOVE,  
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Sealed bids will be received until 1:00 p.m. on December 29, 1994, for the following farmland:

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Bids may be mailed or delivered to Michael D. Otto, Attorney, of 7340 Michigan Avenue, Pigeon, Michigan 48755, on or before December 29, 1994, and will be opened at 1:00 p.m.  
Seller reserves the right to accept or reject any bid. Bids must be accompanied by a 10% deposit. Persons who have submitted bids will be given the opportunity to raise their bid opening. Evidence of title will be furnished to successful bidder for examination prior to closing of sale. Possession of farmland to be given on date of closing.  
Farmland is enrolled in P.A. 116. Farmland is owned by the Marie C. Schuette Revocable Living Trust.

MICHAEL D. OTTO, Attorney for Seller  
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## "MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER" - "CHRISTMAS MEMORIES"

### OUR HAPPIEST HOLIDAY

By JEANNETTE McDONALD  
Owendale

It was the year 1958. I was expecting our third child, with very special anticipation. I had already had two little sons, prematurely, who died shortly after birth.

My husband and I were very concerned about this pregnancy as it also had some signs of being premature.

It was a quiet Friday evening around 8:30 p.m., and I began to feel a bit uncomfortable. Having had false labor a number of times, we sort of hesitated but soon decided we'd better get to Scheurer Hospital.

Off we went in our '57 Chevy, breaking a few speed limits as we traveled the seven miles to Pigeon.

The admitting nurse checked me in, and shortly asked my husband to go to the local football field and get a doctor, where they were in attendance at a football game.

Sure enough, 28 minutes after checking into the hospital, our third son, Darren, was born, small, but yelling his lungs out, a very good sign especially since the first two hadn't cried and expanded their immature lungs.

Fortunately the doctors did arrive in time and the nurse had the assistance needed. Since the baby was early, coming breech, extra attention was given to the birth.

Drs. Elliott, Dixon and Scheurer, along with the hospital staff, rejoiced with us at the healthy baby born as they

had shared in the loss of the other two.

To this day, I am grateful for their consideration and job well done. I tell my son, you were born between halves of the football game.

So I would say again, our happiest Christmas to that point in our lives was 1958 when we finally had a family to share the joyous birth of our Savior with.

Our little gift made our home complete.

Years later, to complete our family with another son, Mark, daughter Dena and little Angie, who too was not meant to be ours to keep for very long, passing away shortly after birth.

We cherish the births of all six children and feel blessed that we were given the privilege to raise and nurture three of them to adulthood.

### MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MEMORY By Kim (Fluegge) Leipprandt Pigeon

...so many memories come to mind, such as Christmas Eve when I was 5 or 6 years old. My dad's family gathered each year after the Christmas Eve program at church and this year the "Fluegge" Christmas was at our home.

The evening was lots of fun, wrapping paper flew in every direction, everyone was sharing in the merriment of the season when we heard a rap on the front window.

Several (and I mean several) small heads struggled to get a glimpse of the figure outside. I'll give you a hint — "he had a broad face and a round

little belly that shook when he laughed like a bowl full of jelly."

Santa told us that he was trying to come to our homes and that we should go to bed so he could make his visit. The next moment found us cousins in bed, all 17, clothes and all!

Another favorite... Christmas when we never got dressed all day! Christmas Eve left huge drifts everywhere. Grandma had the turkey at her house, Aunt Jane had the salads and we had the pies — but no one could get anywhere.

The power was out but Mom managed to cook our "Christmas dinner" (chili) in the fire place and we put on our "new" pj's and played our Christmas games all day.

Christmas 1982 found a new mom (me) at home with a baby as Joy was born Nov. 16. We spent a lot of time getting to know each other, rocking in the chair and listening to Christmas carols.

I kept thinking of how Mary must have felt knowing she had the earthly care of the "Savior" ahead of her as the awesome responsibility of motherhood became a reality for me.

"Sleep in heavenly peace" can certainly be evident here on earth, just look into the face of a sleeping newborn. Probably my most favorite Christmas memory started to be my worst.

My Grandpa had been sick for a long time. Mom, Grandma and Aunt Jane made many trips to Saginaw and each Sunday afternoon, we would all make that trip. Dec. 21, 1967, Grandpa went

"home" to be with our Lord. Grandma said that his passing at this time of year would be a nice way to remember him. Tears and sadness soon gave way to smiles as the memories returned.

Grandpa "C" was a thin, quiet man, very gentle and loving. His grandchildren were very important to him and he always had time for them. I think he bought that extra big white Lazy Boy chair on purpose.

There always was room for Grandpa and one child in the seat and one child on each arm. Grandpa loved to read and especially loved to read to us. My favorite was 101 Dalmatians, he must have read that 101 times!

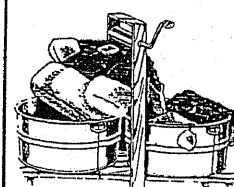
It's Christmas time and once again favorite memories fill each of our minds. I hope your memories bring you joy, smiles, laughs and maybe even a few tears as you reflect on what Christmas means to you.



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Thanks for letting me share my favorite memories. Merry Christmas!

(Merry Christmas Grandpa "G")

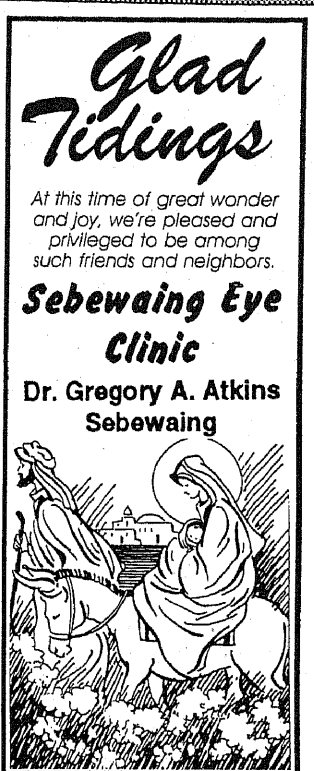


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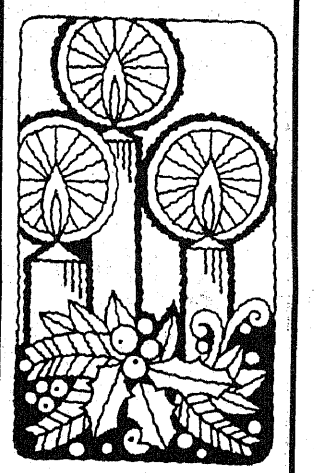


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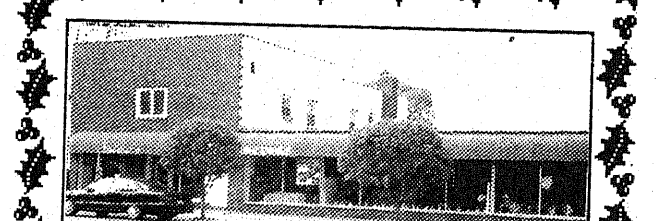
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# A.E. Scheiwe Music Fund gains contributions, donations

The A.E. Scheiwe Music Foundation of Sebawaing — which has been providing music scholarships and equipment for West Thumb youngsters for nearly five years — received a huge boost from memorials donated after Scheiwe's death in October.

Scheiwe, who was known as "Mr. Music" in the Thumb,

came to Sebawaing in June, 1922, to teach and play organ for Immanuel Lutheran School and Church.

Although retiring as a full-time teacher in 1972, he continued his career for more than 70 years, still teaching organ classes and playing the church organ until shortly before his death at the age of 92.

Erma Rummel, who has been chairman of the Foundation board since it was begun, said that applications will be available in late winter to young musicians of public and parochial schools in the Western Thumb.

She said the awards can apply to music lessons, beginning or advanced, purchase of instruments and/or music or for attending music camps or schools.

Applicants may request a blank from her by writing to

41 S. Beck, Sebawaing, 48759.

Among those donating to the Foundation since his death are:

Douglas Fidler, Deborah Wissner & family, Mr. & Mrs. Michael Nolan & family, Mr. & Mrs. Terry Voiz & family, Mrs. Laverne Boike, Elsie & Larry Brock, Florence Liken, Dorothy Winter, Fred & Nelda Gnagay, Doris King, Marie Liken, Doris Liken, Allen & Velma Corley,

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**NOW OPEN:** People were lined up at the counter before the Subway restaurant opened at 10 a.m. last Wednesday at 614 S. Unionville Road (M-25), Sebawaing.

HERE, Assistant Manager Moe Eisengruber helps a customer pick out a variety of toppings.

Subway offers a variety of hot and cold sandwiches and salads made fresh for each customer. Italian and wheat bread for the sandwiches are baked fresh daily in the store.

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

MARY DRIER PHOTO

## Here are Pigeon's final week winners

The 1994 Pigeon Christmas Season is still going strong, with evening hours during this busy week before Christmas, but formal activities of the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce Christmas Committee are winding down.

At Saturday's final Kids' Drawing, these youngsters took home toys after visiting with Santa Claus:

Amanda Heck, Angie Mascorro, Josh Kunisch, Justin Essian, Jillian Roestel, Kacie Schulte and Jordan Rozma, all of Pigeon.

Neil Gaeth of Bay Port; Isabella Schember of Elkton and Gary Nye of Hemlock.

Santa is now returning home to the North Pole to put the finishing touches on his Christmas "shopping" before his Christmas Eve trip 'round the world.

Santa's Christmas Elves were busy handing out Pigeon Money as a thank-you to shoppers for shopping in Pigeon. These adults and teens were lucky recipients during Country Christmas Weekend:

Patti Damm, Dexter McNamara, Fran LePage, Connie Gunden, Steve Schultze, Blanca Knowlton, Tina Langley, Gina Smith, Jerry Guster, Carol Faust, Ms. Buschlen, Ann King, Karl Erner, Roberta Danks, Becky Wacholowski, Wendy Terwilliger, Judy Gaeth, Bev Walsh, Cyndy Rathje, Jeff Elenbaum, Adena Davidson, Cheri Chastain, Adam Meyersieck,

Peter Eichler, Leigh Fluegge, Marcia Merchant, Kay Nieschulz, Sue Schweitzer, Denise Arneson, Marge Stevenson, Mike Bolda, Sheldon Miller;

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MENU: Wednesday, Dec. 21: Chicken Tahitian, baked potato, spinach, blueberry muffins, grapefruit. Friday, Dec. 23: CHRISTMAS DINNER - Oven Roast Ham, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, cole slaw, dinner rolls, cherry cheesecake, Christmas cookies. Monday, Dec. 26: CLOSED - Merry Christmas!

Tuesday, Dec. 27: Golden Baked Chicken, sweet potatoes, peas, variety bread, mandarin oranges.

Wednesday, Dec. 28: Beef Tips/ Roasted Potatoes, Lima beans, tossed salad, rolls, cantaloupe. CLOSED FRIDAY, Dec. 30 and Monday, Jan. 2

## Boating classes start Jan. 10

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary, Sebawaing Flotilla, will offer boating classes at 7 p.m. beginning Tuesday, Jan. 10 at USA High School, for boaters over the age of 12. Classes are a 13-week program. There is a charge. For details, call 375-2470, 674-8658 or 883-2843.

## 'I Can Cope' starts in January

Hills & Dales General Hospital and the American Cancer Society are teaming up to offer the "I Can Cope" series for anyone facing cancer — patients, family members and friends.

This series of eight classes covers topics such as cancer diagnosis, treatments, managing side effects, communication skills, community resources and much more. It is a free service of the Cancer Society and will begin in January. For details, call Kerry Blue at the hospital at 872-2121.

## Western Thumb Bowl

**FRIDAY NITE MEN'S Pigeon Lanes 12/9/94**  
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Active Feed ..... 26 1/2  
Co-op ..... 25  
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Splits: Lang 3-10.

**THURSDAY A.M. LADIES Gateway, Unionville 12/8/94**  
Country Ladies ..... 30 22  
Merry Makers ..... 26 26  
Blazers ..... 25 27  
Turtles ..... 23 29  
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High individual series and game: B. Fletcher 562-242.

**MONDAY LADIES LEAGUE Pigeon Lanes**  
End of First Half  
Meyersieck-Bussema ..... 32  
Town & Country ..... 29  
Split Makers ..... 28  
Terra ..... 28  
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Pigeon Lanes ..... 22 1/2  
Caseville Sm. An. Clinic ..... 21  
High Team Series and Game: Meyersieck-Bussema, Funeral Home 1923 (633). High individual series and game: S. Meyersieck 521 (197).  
Splits converted: 3-10 H. Good, D. Basinger, E. Bauss; 5-7 A. Kleinfield; 5-10 D. Cusimono, L. Kretschmer (2); 6-8-10 J. Muhne; 4-5-7 J. Beachy.

**MON. NIGHT LADIES Unionville 12/12/94**  
Thomas Marine ..... 34  
Amer. Legion Aux. 42133 1/2  
Schmidt's ..... 28 1/2  
Deisler Funeral Home ..... 16  
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High individual series and game: G. Karnath 474, B. Coones 191, S. Ruppel 179, K. Lowthian 456-178, E. Schmidt 441.  
Splits: G. Vermeersch 2-7.

**MEN'S MIDWEST POOL 12/14/94**  
George's ..... 60  
Pigeon ..... 60  
Bud's ..... 54  
Ed's ..... 54  
Gagelown ..... 53  
Ralph's ..... 43

**BANTAM Unionville 12/10/94**  
A. Matthews ..... 8  
A. Jones ..... 6  
B. Vandiver ..... 6  
C. Koepf ..... 5  
A. Matthews ..... 5  
S. Koepf ..... 4  
Ja. Goslin ..... 4  
Ju. Goslin ..... 3  
High individual game: C. Koepf 63, A. Jones 57.

## Weidman family celebrates

Some 65 members of the late Alfred and Elizabeth Weidman families gathered the Saturday after Thanksgiving for a dinner reunion at the United Methodist Fellowship Hall in Elkton.

Seven out of the 11 Weidman children were present, including Orville, Lester, Donald, Gary, Herb, Donna and Bernadine.

Youngest family member present was Jared Weidman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Weidman of Cass City. Families came from Sterling Heights, Indiana, Cass City, Saginaw, Spring Arbor, Caro, Highland Park, Grand Rapids, Elkton, Caseville and Utica.

## Lake-Chandler news notes

**By MILDRED BALLAGH**  
Spending the Thanksgiving Holiday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross were Erdene Saylor of Grand Blanc; Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Eimers, Andrea and Beth of Unionville;

Mr. and Mrs. George Brown and daughter Baylen of Port Austin; Lowell Brown and Ann Herman of Bay Port; Delos Ross and Willetta Ferguson of Caseville and Paul Ross of Clio.

Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh spent several days with Bill and Jan Ballagh at New Lothrop and joined 27 relatives and friends for Thanksgiving dinner in the home of their daughter, Mary and Fred Grunert at Three Rivers.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo McIlbargie and daughter Pam spent Thanksgiving in Grand Blanc with Craig and Marsha Brown and family.

Rolle Dast spent Thanksgiving in Saginaw the home of his sister, Ida Graham and his niece, Kathy Dumas.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
130 High St.  
Elkton, MI  
Rev. Eugene Andrus

Children's Christmas Eve Service  
7:30 PM - Saturday, December 24

Christmas Day Service  
10:00 AM - Sunday, December 25

New Year's Eve Service  
7:30 PM - Saturday, December 31

New Year's Day Services  
10:00 AM - Sunday, January 1, 1995

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# Lakers remain undefeated, despite USA's close call

The Lakers' basketball team kept their record unblemished with two wins last week, downing Harbor Beach 67-56, and surviving a scare by USA 55-54.



## Let's talk about parochials

Last week in Phone Forum, "P. from Lakers" hit a bad nerve of "The Armchair Quarterback."

P. asked why there are so many parochial schools in the high school playoff system. Just the thought makes a lot of people's blood come to a boil. How the Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) continues to let this happen is a mystery. The plain hard fact is - public schools and private schools don't play by the same rules.

A school like Detroit Country Day can go anywhere in America to lure good athletes to their school.

Locally, the Lakers have had the most experience with the public vs. private issue. As frustrating as this issue is, Laker coaches Bill McLellan and George Gady have never hid behind the issue when a football loss occurred to a private school. Instead, they turn it into a positive experience, knowing they did the best they could with the cards dealt to them. At Lakers, the recruiting occurs in the hallways, gymnasiums, classrooms, lunch rooms and the wood shop!

I am quite confident that Lakers might have a couple more State Football Championships if separate tournaments were held. Bill and George would have to agree, although it would be very modestly. My overall opinion, a complete overhaul of the playoff system to separate church and state is a must.

**THINKING OUT LOUD:** ■ Longtime area sports announcer Tom Meyer's distinct voice never changes. You can be zipping through the channels and if you hit WLEW and he is on, you have to admit, you stop. He has a harmless way of causing Thumb Area rivalries to get fired up. He does it in good fun and it has to be taken that way.

Personally, in a tight game, I always hope he picks the other team to win, it gives you a sense of confidence that he put the "kiss of death" on 'em! Just kidding, Tom!

■ For the Detroit Lions playoff run, maybe they should activate Cecil Fielder in case a lineman goes down! He hasn't worked too hard lately.

■ The Detroit Pistons without Joe Dumars and Grant Hill are not a pretty sight. Not only do they have a lot of class, they have a lot of talent. Stay healthy boys, or it could be another long season.

**PARTING SHOT:** How Central Michigan could allow their All-American running back Brian Pruitt to get hurt in practice is a shame. Dick Flynn did a great job this year, but that practice injury put egg on his face. Save the hits for the bowl game.

At this point in the season, he didn't need any hit conditioning. He could have made a difference, especially in team confidence going into the game.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** If the Lions rally and make the playoffs, should Wayne Fontes get a new contract? Call Phone Forum at 883-3100 or 453-3100 and give us your answer.

In Tuesday's action, the Lakers used a 29-point game by Seth Maust to seal the win.

The Lakers stayed out in front the entire game, leading by 12 during the second quarter. At halftime, they were up 32-26. Going into the final period, the Lakers led by 10, with Harbor Beach trying to chip away at that deficit.

But that chipping didn't work, as the Lakers' Heath Krohn connected for six unanswered points in the final period. Krohn ended the game with 13 points.

Besides Maust's 29 and Krohn's 13, Tim Russell scored nine. Eric Gady, Jeremy Brakenberry, Matt Pauly and Pete Beachy each had four.

On Friday, the USA Patriots hosted the Lakers and nearly handed them their first loss of the season.

But the Lakers came away with the one-point victory when a last-second full court pass from Aaron Eurich to Brian Hofmeister missed its mark.

The Lakers got out to an early 17-3 first quarter lead, but the fiery Patriots came back to tie the game and then take a two-point lead late in the second period.

In the third, the Lakers again led by as many as nine, but once again the Patriots managed to cut that margin to three before the quarter ended.

Patriot Jesse Karls connected with three consecutive three-pointers with just over a minute left in the game to tie the score at 52-52.

Maust scored a free throw near the end and Krohn hit the first of a one-and-one, before USA's Matt Kuhl tied it up again.

Maust picked up a foul going for the basket in the final seconds and hit one before intentionally missing the second. The Patriots grabbed the rebound and called time out, and because the clock hadn't sounded, officials put a sec-

ond back on the clock. After the time out, the Patriots tried for the full-court pass, one which had worked well in practice, but it went a bit wide of its mark. USA's Kuhl led his team with 20 points, Karls scored

## 4-H tractor safety classes expected

4-H Tractor and Farm Machinery Safety courses will be offered again in January, if there is enough interest.

"We are offering to set up a class in any community that has 10 or more youth willing to enroll in the class," said Huron County Health Department Farm Safety Specialist Geraldine Smith.

"If your 4-H Club has youth who are interested, give us a call," she says. Adults to serve as instructors are also needed. For details, contact the Health Department at 800-833-8550 or 269-9721.

16 and Eurich had 10. Bob Arnold had 10 rebounds. The Lakers were led by Brakenberry, who scored 17 points. Maust was held to 10 points, and Krohn added 10 and got 11 rebounds, while Gady had nine.

**LAKER JUNIOR VARSITY:** The Laker JV team lost both contests last week. They fell to Harbor Beach 40-38, with Scott Lundberg and J.D. Wheeler both scoring seven. On Friday, they fell to USA

58-49, with Matt Otto getting 11 points, Wheeler adding eight and Aaron Greguers scoring seven. Rick Rokicki had seven rebounds.

**USA JUNIOR VARSITY:** In their only game of the week, the Patriots defeated the Lakers team 58-49. Shawn Gainforth had 16 points and five rebounds, and Jim Androl had 14 points and six rebounds. Dan Sweetman scored 11 and grabbed seven steals, and Ryan Kohl had five assists.

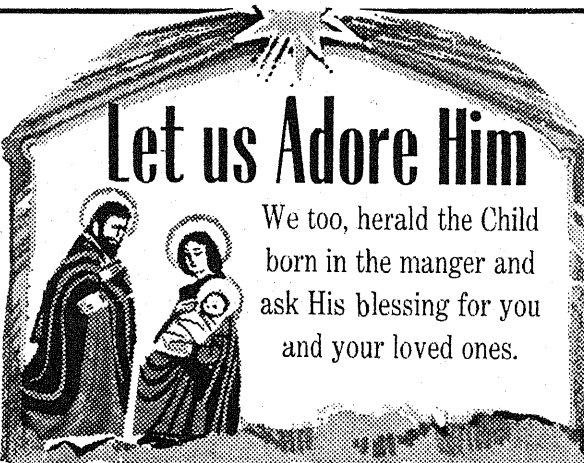


## Yuletide Cheer

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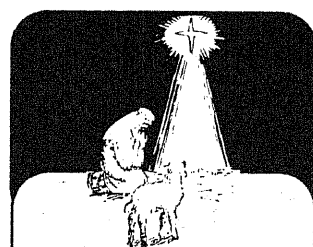


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## "MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER" - "CHRISTMAS MEMORIES"

### MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER

By SARAH ORJADA, 14  
Caseville Public School

My favorite Christmas present ever is my puppy. He's a fawn-colored pug, you know — like Otis on the movie "Milo and Otis." His face is all smushed in and it looks like he doesn't have a nose.

Some people think he's ugly, but I think he's a cutie. His name is Samson, but we call him Sam for short.

I love to take Sam for a walk because he's so funny to watch. He jumps in leaf piles and on dandelions. Sometimes he grabs sticks that are twice his size and starts running around with them.

I've only had one pet before, when I was 1 year old, so I

don't remember him. I love my puppy and I hope we can keep him for a long time.

### MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER...

By ROLLIE SMITH, JR., 15  
Caseville Public School

...was when my whole family got together at my grandma Krenz's house for Christmas dinner. It was a few years ago and my memory is a little foggy.

I remember watching my little cousins running around and having fun. I also remember listening to all my uncles' bizarre stories they were telling.

I do remember my grandma being very happy and that is one of the reasons that it was one of my favorite Christmas!

My favorite uncle is my Uncle Kenny, whom I don't get see too often because he lives so far away. I have made arrangements to visit my Uncle Kenny this Christmas vacation.

I hope my whole family gets together this Christmas. I don't remember what year it

was or any of the gifts I received but I sure remember those memories I had that Christmas!

I think those memories are far better than any gift I ever received!

### MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER

By MARCIE BLACKBURN, 15  
Caseville Public School

My favorite Christmas present ever was my leather coat. I have many reasons why that was my favorite gift.

I have been waiting for my leather coat a long time. The worst thing my mom did was to buy me a backpack, and then put my coat in there. I did not think they would go out and get me one after they told me I would not get it until ninth grade.

Now once I start thinking about it I feel kind of bad because she saved up all her money to buy my sister one and me one.

I am grateful for my coat because it keeps me warm during the winters. I wear my coat only in the winter. I try not to wear it when it is

raining out, because it could damage the coat.

Another reason I like my coat is because I can wear it out to nice places and to casual places, too. Having a leather coat is a lot of responsibility.

There are many things you need to watch. For example, do not let any salt or rain get on leather. You even have to watch out for too much sun. Like I said, I like my coat a lot. I am very thankful for it.

### MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER

By MICHELLE MOHR, 14  
Caseville Public School

It was the Christmas of 1985. I was 5 years old. My family and I were on our way back from the Christmas Eve service at church. I couldn't wait to get home and open presents.

I had that little car for 3 years after that, and had some great times with it, until it broke down for good. When we had to throw it away.

I missed it, but I knew I was getting a little old for it. I'll never forget that little car.

After what seemed like forever we finally pulled in the driveway. I jumped out of the car and ran into the house.

Parked under the tree was one of those cars for little kids to ride around in. It was a Rolls Royce.

I was so excited. I hopped in and started cruising around the house. I was riding around for about 15 minutes when it stopped. I was so ticked! Santa ripped me off.

My dad told me it just needed to be charged up. I guess I over-reacted a bit. After it was done charging I started to cruise around again.

Even though I'll have to wait until next spring to drive it again, it will still be my favorite.

Another reason I enjoy it is because it was one of the fastest (if not the fastest) personal watercrafts in production last year.

### MY MOST FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER

By LEVI ZAGORSKI, 15  
Caseville Public School

My favorite Christmas present ever is my jet-ski that I got last year. It is a Sea-Doo XP with an 80 horsepower 650 cc engine.

It is my favorite because it gives me a lot of freedom to go where I want. I also like it because I was the first person in my class to get one.

Another reason I enjoy it is because it was one of the fastest (if not the fastest) personal watercrafts in production last year.

Even though I'll have to wait until next spring to drive it again, it will still be my favorite.

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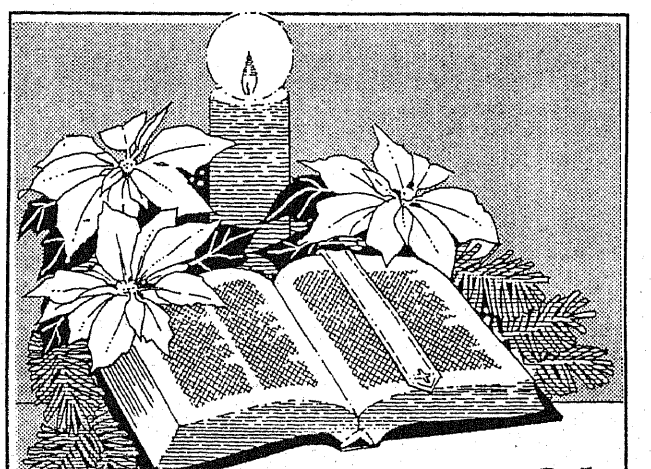
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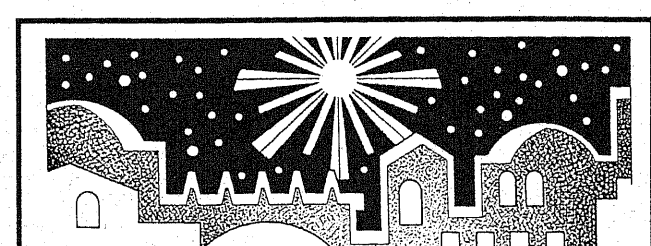
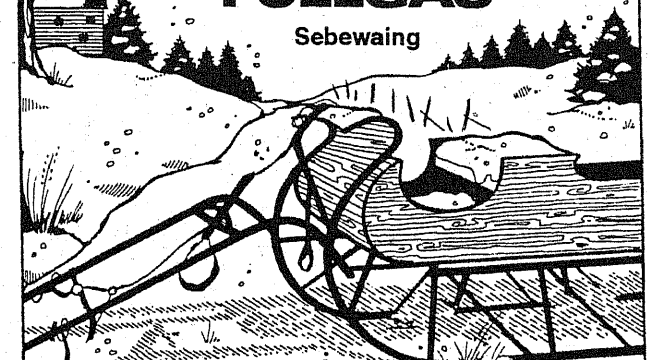
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## Holiday Greetings

# POP'S PLACE

Rose Island  
Hank,  
Donna,  
David

**DEAR SANTA,**  
How are your reindeer doing?  
How are your elves? I have a new baby boy. Please bring a puppy.  
**LOVE,**  
KAYTI DAVIDSON

**DEAR SANTA AND MRS. CLAUS,**  
I want my family to be happy at Christmas and I want a surprise. How are your reindeer? I heard that Prancer is sick. I hope he gets better. I know how you feel because my dog got hit.  
**LOVE,**  
ALEXANDRA GONZALES

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I will leave you some cookies. Will you leave me a horse?  
**LOVE,**  
SAMANTHA KAPPEN AND SISTER LINSEY

**DEAR SANTA,**  
How are your reindeer and wife doing something. Please bring doing nice.  
**LOVE,**  
BRIAN HAGAN

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I want a big radio but Courtney wants to talk to you.  
**LOVE,**  
COURTNEY FRITZ

**DEAR SANTA,**  
How are your reindeer and elves? I want Rollerblades.  
**LOVE,**  
JESSICA KOHR

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I want a dollar for me and Ryan and Mother and Father. I will wake up when I hear you.  
**LOVE,**  
BRETT McBRIDE

**DEAR SANTA,**  
We are studying the North Pole. I want Rollerblades for Christmas.  
**LOVE,**  
JACKIE HARDER

**DEAR SANTA,**  
How are your reindeer. I want a new van for my mom. For me I want a flashlight.  
**LOVE,**  
MICHAEL (NO LAST NAME)

**DEAR SANTA,**  
How are your reindeer? Can you bring me a Power Ranger?  
**LOVE,**  
SCOTT LANGLEY

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Are your reindeer ready for Christmas? How are you going to go to my house without Prancer? I would like a bed.  
**LOVE,**  
BROOKE ERLA

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Can you bring us some toys. How do you fly? Do you have some magic? I like your presents. Can you bring a puppy? I love you.  
**LOVE,**  
RENEE JACOBS

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Can you get me a boom box for Christmas? How are you doing anyway?  
**LOVE,**  
NEIL GAETH

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I wonder how are your reindeer? Are you feeding them? Please give me a radio-mote control car.  
**LOVE,**  
JOSHUA SWARTZENDRUBER

**DEAR SANTA,**  
How are your reindeer? Can you bring many presents? Mrs. Claus did you make cookies?  
**LOVE,**  
ALEX TURNER

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I want a big radio and I want to see you at night. So wake me up.  
**LOVE,**  
SHAUNA MCGATHY

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I want a remote control car and a boom box for Christmas. Did the elves make them?  
**LOVE,**  
AARON DIEBEL

**DEAR SANTA,**  
How many letters do you have? I hope you get me something good for Christmas.  
**LOVE,**  
KAYLA AVALOS

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I have been good to people. Please bring me a basketball. Bring my mom a new car.  
**NICKI SHIVLEY**

**DEAR SANTA,**  
How are you? I want a remote control fire truck.  
**LOVE,**  
JOSH G.

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I feel sorry for Prancer. Can my Dad please have a new pickup truck? Can my Mom have a new car too?  
**LOVE,**  
CHAD HURREN

**DEAR SANTA,**  
I am sorry Prancer died. I want a Telephone Tammy.  
**LOVE,**  
BRITTANY EILE

**DEAR SANTA,**  
Is Rudolph still being good? Please stop at my house.  
**MICKELENE HACKMAN**

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Have Yourself A Very Merry Christmas

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# The Laker Wave

News and Information About The Elkton - Pigeon - Bay Port "Laker" School District — Vol. 7, No. 3 — December, 1994

## Survey Results To Be Tallied

**By Robert Drury**

The time is drawing near for the collection of the community interest surveys that ask for feedback regarding the issue of a central elementary school for our district. To date, there are about 1,100 surveys out in the three communities.

Those completing the surveys include parents of students in grades kindergarten through 5th, members of various civic and social clubs and groups, employees from some of the larger area employers, and drop boxes in each of the three communities.

In addition, anyone who would like to receive a survey who would not be in one of the above groups are asked to call 453-2097 and a survey will be mailed to them.

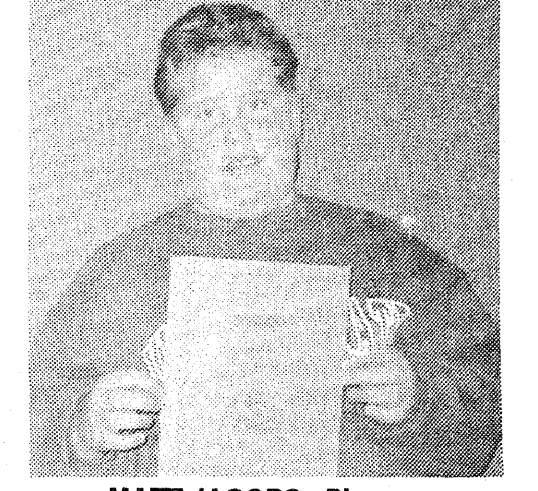
**It is the intent** of the school administration to have all completed surveys collected by December 23rd so the results can be tallied over the Christmas break.

The survey results will be released at the January 9th, board of education meeting, and copies of the survey results will be printed in flyers to be passed out to the public.

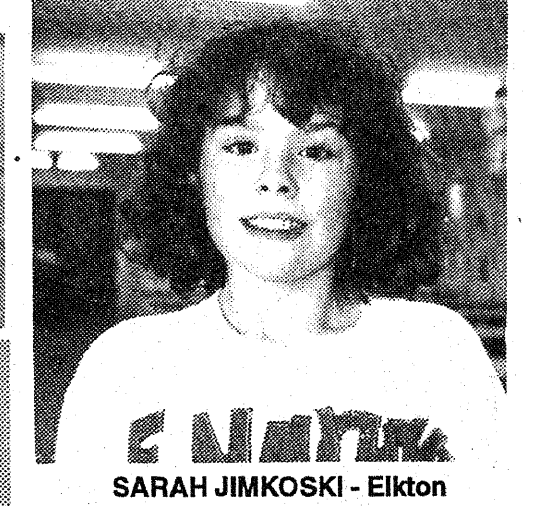
**With the survey information**, along with other information such as financing costs, building location, curriculum offerings, and possible reuses of the existing elementary buildings, our board of education will determine what course of action our district will take regarding elementary education in the upcoming years.

## Bay Port State Bank Awards Savings Bonds

Bay Port State Bank recently announced winners for the first marking period in its annual Savings Bond Program for honor students attending elementary centers in the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District.



MATT JACOBS - Pigeon



SARAH JIMKOSKI - Elkton



BRENDA GAETH - Bay Port

Each marking period, the names of students in the 4th, and 5th grade who make the honor roll are placed in a hat according to individual elementary centers. Then three student's names are drawn, one from each center, and each wins a \$50 Savings Bond.

**The winners** for the first marking period are as follows: Sara Jimkoski of Elkton Elementary, Matt Jacobs of Pigeon Elementary, and Brenda Gaeth of Bay Port Elementary.

The Bay Port State Bank salutes these fine students and congratulates them on their academic success.

Administrators, teachers, and especially students, of the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District heap kudos on the Bay Port State Bank for their continued commitment to promote academic success.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

### The Growing Lansing Influence On Our Schools

**By Robert Drury**

What our children are learning, the types and kinds of services they receive, and the amount of money we receive for educating them are some of the growing influences we are currently experiencing from our elected officials in Lansing. Lawmakers duties regarding education include setting standards, establishing programs, determining eligibility, requiring accountability, and providing funding.

For example, state lawmakers set the minimum requirements for high school graduation, including mandating specific courses of study and competency tests measuring student achievement. Then it becomes the responsibility of each school board to implement programs that will enable students to meet those requirements. Lawmakers also provide money for incentive programs, which enable school districts to expand their offerings for special student populations.

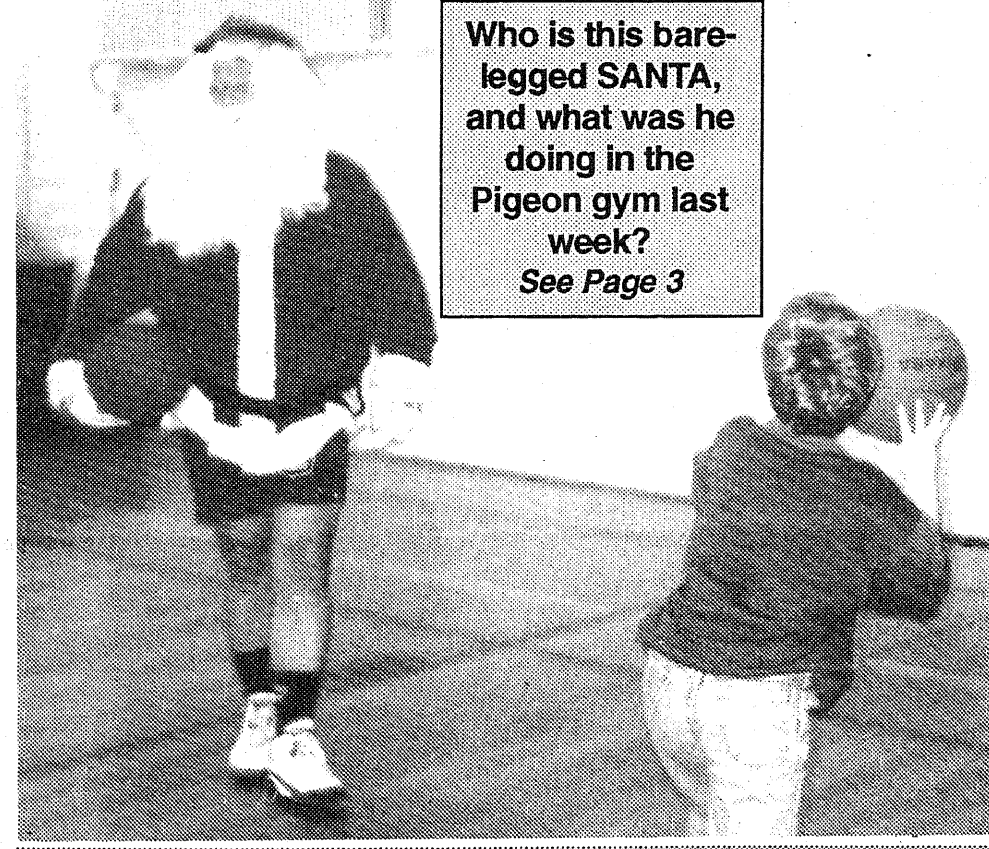
Establishing laws that regulate the ability of school districts to secure money for capital improvements such as building construction and computer technology is another function of our lawmakers. Funding may be obtained through the sale of bonds approved by voters and is based upon each school districts ability to repay its debt.

**Schools depend** on state lawmakers for the resources for their operating budgets. When preparing our annual budget, we must wait for our legislators to approve the state education budget.

In developing the budget for education, lawmakers use a complex formula that takes into account the amount of tax monies from the various revenue sources spelled out in Proposal A. Student enrollment figures are applied as the basis for dispersal of this money. These funds eventually translate into a "per pupil" allocation, which refers to the amount of money received and spent on each student during the school year.

**The entire educational process** is in constant change. As new legislation is passed by our federal government, states must adjust their programs and policies to reflect the new federal standards. School districts must then implement the changes required and adjust their curriculums to meet the new mandates. One thing is for sure, school curriculum is always in a state of growth and change.

As parents and community members, you are encouraged to become more involved in the educational process. You can do this by getting to know your legislative representatives, learn all you can about proposed legislation that impacts education, and know the candidates for public office and how they feel about educational issues.



## When Sgt. Woodward Visits Career Class 8th Graders Learn Safety

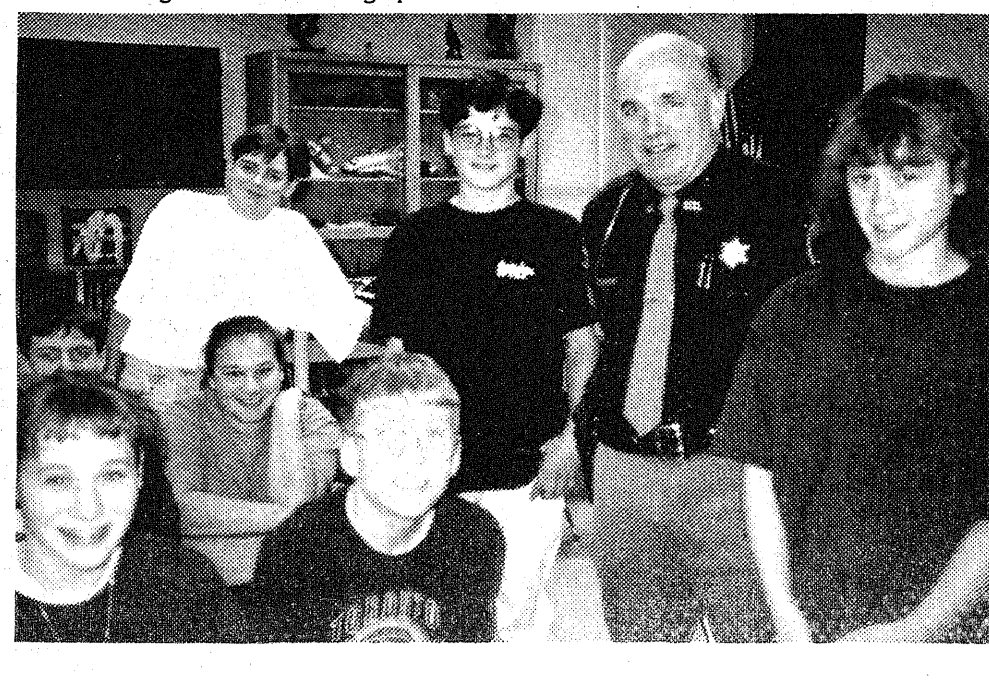
**By Diana R. Tereck**

On November 29, 1994, Sgt. R. Brent Woodward, Laker High School Alumnus, returned to school to teach the eight-grade careers class about jobs and careers in Law Enforcement. He also reviewed background information for our upcoming field trip to the Courthouse and County Jail.

Sgt. Woodward has been returning to Laker Junior High classrooms for several years. He has been educating our students through presentations such as: Boater Safety, Safetyville, and Career Education, just to name a few.

It is overwhelming to watch the students as they participate in his presentations. I truly enjoyed the expressions on their faces when they remembered attending Safetyville when they were in grade school (and who was driving the tricycle and did not stop at the red light).

Sgt. Woodward is highly respected and well-liked among our students. He provides a valuable service to our community by reaching out to our young people.





## Laker High School

# Counselor's Corner

By Sue Frederiksen

As the end of the 1994 year rapidly approaches, I have been busy meeting with the juniors to discuss a variety of issues. We begin the meeting by going over the transcripts to ensure that all of the students have taken the courses required to graduate on time.

The MEAP tests are checked to see if the student will receive a state endorsed diploma upon graduation. Portfolios are looked at and discussion occurs as to what needs to be completed by the end of the junior year. Lastly, we talk about the future plans of the juniors, what they wish to do upon graduation and where their

lives will take them.

Those students planning attending college need to plan on taking the ACT test at the end of their junior year. To help the juniors prepare for the ACT, the students have been notified that we have all sorts of preparation materials located in the guidance office. From booklets to computer programs, the juniors can stop in and sign out materials at their convenience.

Just last week, I met with those students who participated in the PLAN and PSAT tests. The students received their results and were encouraged to take them home to share them with parents. When I begin to meet with sophomores

at the end of this week, we will discuss possible career options and how they can best explore these options.

Seniors met on Wednesday, December 14th to write personal statements which are a requirement of the portfolio. All juniors will be meeting on Monday, December 19th, to take the ASVAB test. This test will be helpful to students in trying to explore career interests.

As you can see, even though the year is rapidly drawing to a close, we are still exceptionally busy here in the guidance office. If at any time you have any questions, please feel free to call or stop in to talk. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

## Financial Night Was a Great Success...

On Thursday, December 8, 1994, Laker High School hosted a financial aid night for the parents of seniors planning on attending college. Bruce Goodburn, Assistant Director of Financial Aid at Delta College was the guest speaker. Mr. Goodburn has worked in financial aid for 24 years.

During the evening, he covered the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Form, line by line, explaining to parents the best way to fill out these important forms.

Some important tips from Mr. Goodburn were: parents should try to fill out their income tax forms before tackling the FAFSA; parents should return the form as soon after January 1, 1995 as possible. This way, if there are any errors in it, it can be sent back before the deadline date.

It was also stated that for those individuals who turn their forms in at the last minute, should not use next day air or registered mail. Forms sent this way are set at a separate desk, and many times are not opened until after the deadline date.

The turnout for the evening was excellent. Parents had the opportunity to ask specific questions regarding their concerns. Mr. Goodburn's willingness to share his knowledge was greatly appreciated.

For those parents unable to attend, the FAFSA forms are in the counseling office. Ask your senior student to stop in and pick one up before Christmas break. If you have any specific questions, please call the counseling office, at 453-2348, and ask for Miss Frederiksen.

## Visiting The Tech Center

Deputy Warren Kuhl led our tour through the jail facility, Central Dispatch, and Licensing Bureau. All of the students got the general impression that jail would definitely not be the place for someone who is claustrophobic, student courtesy, politeness, good conduct, and appropriate behavior as reasons.

We do have wonderful students at Laker Junior High School. We all owe a debt of thanks to each and every parent who has done such a wonderful job! Thank you!

Sgt. R. Brent Woodward concluded our tour with a comment that I feel all of our students' parents should hear. He informed the students that Judge Karl Kraus, Judge Clabuesch, and the Sheriff's Department always enjoy the student tour groups from Laker Junior High. They cited

Visiting the Huron Area Technical Center on December 6th proved to be an enjoyable and educational experience for 58 eighth grade students. They had the opportunity to tour the facility and see the 12 programs which will be available to them as juniors and seniors in high school.

A panel of Laker High School students answered questions regarding individual programs. The trip culminated with a delicious lunch served by students in the Hospitality/Food Service Program. Everyone agreed the chocolate chip cookies were a sweet ending to their trip.

SEE YOU WHEN SCHOOL RESUMES ON JAN. 3, 1995

## Using The Library...

By Pete Batzer

The public library is a valuable community resource. It is available for use by children and adults and has endless educational and entertainment possibilities. Take the time to familiarize yourself and your family with the many beneficial aspects offered.

The vast choice of books is the most obvious benefit of the library. There are also programs offered for various ages throughout the year. Books on tape and videos are also available for check-out.

The most recent newspapers and magazines can be read at the library as well as recently published books. If a book is unavailable, often it can be obtained on loan from another library.

Throughout the school year, your child may need to use the library for a variety of projects or school assignments. Take the time to show him or her how to find the information they need and where it is located in the library. Utilize the library as a resource and encourage your child to do the same.

## Making Math Into 'Fun For Family!'

Recently, 42 families representing each of the three elementary centers in the EPBP School District enjoyed an evening of fun-filled math activities. The evening began with some math brain teasers and a light meal.

Families were divided into groups where games, and math activities, that could be used at home, were explained and played.

While parents and elementary age students played the math games, younger brothers and sisters were treated to a Mickey Mouse video.

The next parent involvement meeting is being planned for early spring and entitled Mega Skills Announcements and registration forms will be sent home with the elementary children.



# Around the Elementary Centers

## Successful Country Christmas at Pigeon

By Dave Wojcicki

Through the cooperation of many people, elementary students in the Elkton-Pigeon-Bay Port School District enjoyed themselves with a variety of activities on Saturday, December 10th. On behalf of the community, I would like to thank the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce for providing the funding which made this day possible.

The day began at 12 noon with approximately 150 first thru fifth graders chowing down of pizza from Alyce's Palace, and activities began shortly after and continued until 2 p.m.

Students enjoyed basketball, watching the Lions football game and participating in craft projects which were directed by Pete Batzer, Jim Liston, and Wanda Eichler respectively. Helping Mrs. Eichler with the crafts were JoAnn Sturm, Angie Wicher, Pat Anderson, Kathy Krebs, Amy Wojcicki, and Arlene Swartzendruber.

Cookie decorating seemed to be one of the most popular activities. Students really enjoyed

the "cookie walk". A cookie sighting outside of the school was very rare. Providing leadership for this activity were Peggy Edler, Dana Edler, Patty Cucinello, and Coleen Krohn.

Junior high students Jennifer Peyerik, Crystal Peyerik, and Heather Orr were in charge of showing videos to the younger students.

Children were also allowed to take part in a bowling activity. As I checked in at the alley, it looked as if the students were really enjoying themselves. Many thanks go out to the Gunden's for allowing the children to bowl, and to the following people who helped monitor this event: Linda, Dale and Corey Oeschger, Connie and Kim Gaeth, Troy Stafford, Jim Yackie, Lorraine LePage and Branden Damm.

Mike LePage did a wonderful job playing Santa Claus. Others who assisted with various things and deserve thanks were Pam Sturm, Gail Schmuck, Kathy Swartzendruber, Sally Rummel, and Dave and Carrie Damm.



## First Snowfall!



Elkton Kindergarten students Kurt Abbe, left, and Thomas Lewis enjoy the year's first snowfall on the playground.

By Pete Batzer, Principal

## Pigeon and Bay Port Elementary Report

### LAKER "A" TEAM

With the completion of the first marking period in November a number of Pigeon and Bay Port students became members of the Laker "A" Team.

This is a very special group of students that have put the extra effort into their school work that allows them to receive all A's on their report cards. This level of achievement is recognized by the presentation of a T-shirt and a pin. For every future marking period that a student is again able to earn all A's, another pin will be presented.

For those students who did not make the Laker "A" Team the first marking period.....we are still looking for members!

### MORLEY CANDY SALE

The annual Pigeon Elementary Morley Candy Sale is now completed. Total sales this year were \$7,646.00. While this number is down a little from last year, the school and students will still benefit from the efforts of the students and the help of everyone who purchased candy.

Profits from the candy sale will be used to purchase a variety of supplies and provide for extra activities for the students. Thank you to everyone who once again made the sale a success and supported their students and school.

Special congratulations go out to Chad Hurren who was the schools top salesperson this year. Chad sold a total of \$336.50. In addition to the prizes from the company, Chad was also awarded a Game Boy with the Donkey Kong cartridge.

### NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Continuing the tradition of excellence both in and out of the classroom, the following group of students were chosen by their teachers as the Students of the Month for November. Congratulations!!

Developmental Kindergarten: Kyle Wiederhold  
Kindergarten: Ryan Smeader & Ronnie Higdon  
1st Grade: Mickelene Hackman & Kayle McKenzie

2nd Grade: Rachel Swartzendruber & Courtney Harbin

3rd Grade: Brandon Gaeth & Randi Glaza

4th Grade: Karienne Yackie & Brad Damm

5th Grade: Ben Haag & Erica Kiehl

### "CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD" AT BAY PORT ELEMENTARY

The elementary Christmas programs began on Thursday, December 8th at Bay Port Elementary. The theme of "Christmas Around the World" added a new and interesting angle to this year's performance.

Students from every grade level participated in celebrating the joy of the season by singing, playing instruments and several skits revolving around Christmas. Under the direction of Mrs. Witczak, the students enthralled and entertained the audience. By the end of the show, it was evident that the excitement of the students had infected the entire audience.

If you were unable to attend the Bay Port Christmas Program, you still have an opportunity to enjoy the Elkton Elementary Program on Thursday, December 15th, or the Pigeon Elementary Program on Monday, December 19th. Both of these shows will begin at 7 p.m.



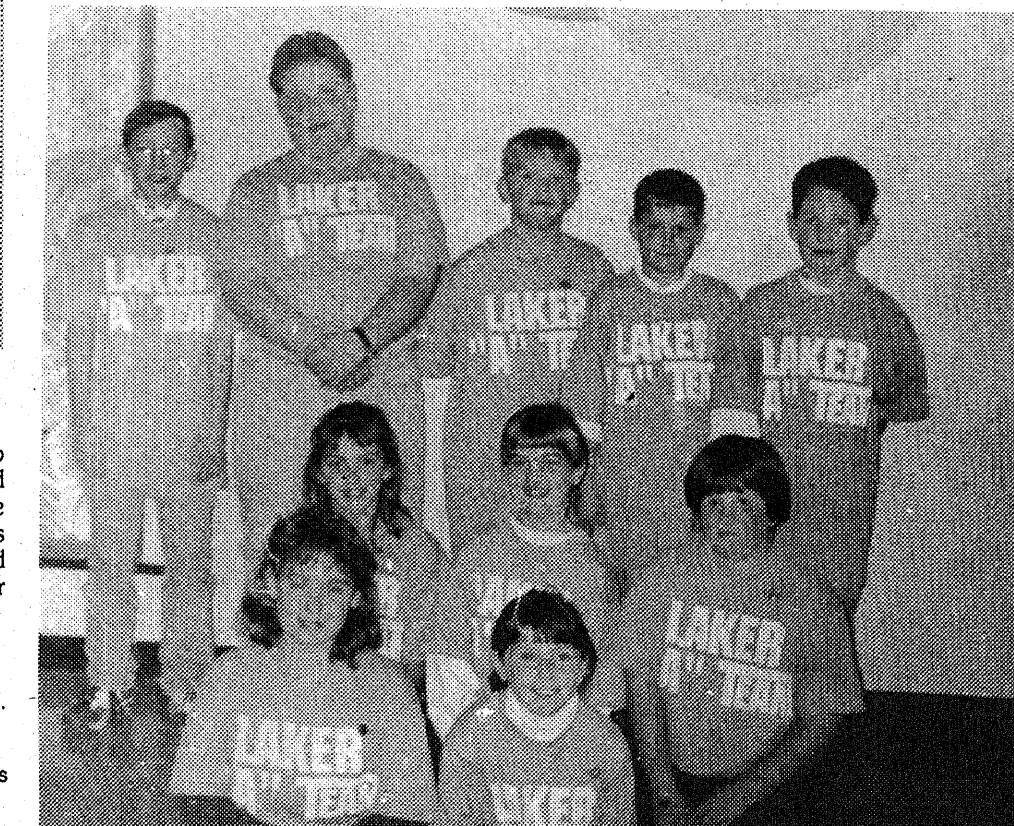
## Elkton Elementary Report

By Ben Phillips  
PRINCIPAL AWARD

Mr. Phillips is giving out Principal Awards to students that are caught doing something good at school. This award can be turned in to the office for one Tootsie Roll Pop. These awards are given for such things as saying please and thank you, walking in the hall, holding the door open for someone, giving a compliment, etc.

### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 15 ..... Grandparents & relatives  
Christmas Program - 1:30 p.m.  
Dec. 15 ..... Christmas Program - 7 p.m.  
Dec. 23 - Jan. 3 ..... NO SCHOOL -  
Christmas Recess  
Jan. 3 ..... School Resumes





By L.J.H. Counselor Kathy Dickens

# Help With Fighting Drugs

By Kathy Dickens

The holiday season for most of us means gathering with the ones we love and celebrating the spirit of giving. Most of us would agree that Christmas is a magical time of year for young people.

We adults go to great lengths to get just the right toys or clothing for the young people in our lives. We are often so busy shopping, wrapping gifts, or baking, that we often forget that the greatest gift we can give to our children is our love and our time.

It's not only important during this time of year to give children love and attention. We must also be good role models. Our children form their ideas and habits by following the examples we set. It is ever so important at this time of year that we model good decision making when it comes to celebrating with alcohol. We want our children growing up under the influence of parents, not under the influence of alcohol.

Please consider the following information for review with your children:

We will provide adult supervision for all children visiting our home.

We will provide a secure place for the storage of all forms of alcohol.

We will not serve alcohol to youth, nor will we allow youth under legal drinking age to consume alcohol in our home or on our property.

We will be good role models for our children and their friends.

## A BILL OF DRUG FREE RIGHTS FOR YOUNG AMERICANS

As young Americans under the age of 21, we have the right to grow up:

FREE from the alcohol industry's intense advertising and marketing pressures.

FREE from the alcohol industry's urging us to drink "responsibility" when it is illegal for us to drink at all until we turn 21.

FREE to ask the alcohol industry to quit exploiting American's young people and behave responsibly towards us.

FREE to conclude that even one drink can evoke devastating consequences, which we have learned from the addictions and deaths of family

members and friends.

FREE to be provided with healthy, drug-free adult and youth role models.

FREE to learn the truth about alcohol—that it is addictive, illegal, and unsafe.

FREE to tell the alcohol industry and others who pressure us, to leave us alone!!!!

## 7 WAYS TO SAY "NO"

Say no with:

HUMOR - Use a quick, witty response to end the conversation or shift attention.

DIRECTNESS - Use a firm, confident "no" without any explanation.

A BUDDY - With a friend, agree ahead of time that you will both support each other. When the time comes, both of you can say "no" together.

AN EXIT - Know your surroundings. When the time comes, physically leave the area.

AN EXCUSE - Excuse yourself with a valid, responsible concern.

AN INVITATION - Offer an alternative activity.

IMAGINATION - Use your imagination to shift the attention elsewhere.

# Laker Junior High Principal's Corner

By Richard Pauly

I sincerely hope everyone is enjoying this joyous Christmas season. It is certainly a busy time for parents and students alike. For most of our students, the Christmas season is the most favorite time of the year.

Our Jr. High band students competed in a solo and ensemble competition on Saturday, December 3rd. As always, our band members achieved some very high marks.

Our Jr. High Student Council, in conjunction with the High School Student council, held a food drive the week of December 12th. Spirited homeroom competition helped make this a very successful event. The food will be used to help stock the pantries in the towns of Elkton, Pigeon and Bay Port. Many thanks to our students for a job well done!

The Junior and Senior High Christmas Concert was Monday, December 12th. An excellent evening of entertainment was enjoyed by many parents and community members.

All parents will soon be receiving Progress Reports for the 2nd marking period. If you have any questions or concerns regarding these reports please call the Jr. High Office.

As the holidays draw closer, frazzled moms, dads, and relatives wonder what to buy for their children. Educational gifts are always a good idea. Calculators, board games, books, flash cards, etc, all make wonderful gifts.

Remember, your children are only young once. The time you spend with them is the most precious gift you can give them. Once the time is gone, you can never get it back.

Have a safe and joyful Holiday Season and feel free to contact me for any reason. I'm always interested in your questions or concerns.

## IMPORTANT DATES

December 23 - Jan 2 ..... Christmas Holiday  
Jan. 3 ..... School Resumes  
Jan. 9 ..... Laker School Board Meeting  
Jan. 20 ..... End of 1st semester, 1/2 day for students, dismiss at 11:15 a.m.  
Jan. 25 ..... Two-Hour student delay  
Jan. 18 ..... Fun-Night 6-9 p.m.

## LJH Students In Knowledge Open

By Diana R. Tereck

Thousands of students in 50 states and 24 countries competed December 7th in the 23rd Knowledge Master Open academic competition. Middle school, junior high, and high school students at nearly 4,000 schools faced their computers and 200 tough questions to vie for top scores based on the accuracy and speed of their answers.

Laker Junior High participated with a team of 15 students. The team consisted of Academic Coach Diana R. Tereck, Team Captain and computer wizard Matt Schaefer, Tri-captains Alicia Bouck, Sharon Hebert, and Jeff Zarnke. Seventh grade participants included: Pete Eichler, Erin Gulash, Adam Meyersieck, and Jane Miller. Eighth grade participants included: Dana Albrecht, Caralee Maust, and Melanie Rathje.

The Knowledge Master Open was designed to stimulate enthusiasm for learning and recognition for academic accomplishment. The contest runs on classroom computers to allow all students the opportunity to compete in a large academic event without the expense of traveling to a central site. Results of the contest are tabulated into overall, state and enrollment-size rankings by Academic Hallmarks, a Colorado publishing firm that hosts the event.

All of the students who participated did a fantastic job and were "Auk-cellent" (excellent). They received scores of 100% in the following categories: Economics and Law, English, Biology, Art and Music, and Useless Trivia.

The Spring 1995 Knowledge master Open is scheduled for April 19, 1995.

# Sights & Sounds of Christmas



The Laker Choir performs at their recent Christmas Concert. Director is Mrs. Anne Eichler.

The Laker Junior High Band performs its Christmas Concert, under the direction of Rusty Robinson.





# "MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER" - "CHRISTMAS MEMORIES"

## MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER

By **ROBERT PETER, 14**  
Caseville Public School

I'm judging my favorite Christmas present by how many hours I got out of it. I thought back a few years and I think that my CD player is the greatest present ever.

At the time I thought a CD player was the greatest thing in the world. I had a tape deck for so long that a CD player was a step up in life.

I like my CD player for a few reasons. It finds tracks faster, has better sound, and they can't eat CD's like tape players can eat cassettes.

I found another use for my player other than playing CD's. I used its speakers for my Game Gear and for my computer.

Unfortunately I don't use it anymore because my 20-some CD's are outdated. And I haven't bought any in a

while because I'm not working this time of year. But as soon as I get some money I'll start using it again.

## MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER

By **KRISTEN ROTH, 14**  
Caseville Public School

I've always wanted a pony. Ever since I saw my mom's first horse I fell in love with them. I always used to dream about riding my pony all around. Across the farm, down the road, even through the woods.

I started riding when I was three years old. My mom has owned horses for almost 18 years. I always wanted to know how it would be to have my own pony.

My mom always said, "You're not old enough to handle the responsibility." Every time she said that, I would argue and argue that I was. It never really seemed

like she listened to me. She would just turn her head and roll her eyes.

On Christmas morning when I was 6, I woke up, ran downstairs, and followed the usual routine. First search the stockings, then check under the tree for any presents that had my name on them.

Around seven o'clock the rest of the family came downstairs. We opened all the presents. Then, disappointed because I didn't get the one present I really wanted, my mom spoke up.

"Did you do the chores?" "No," I replied. "Well, maybe you should help me."

We put on our snow suits and went out to the barn.

As I was opening the big door to put out the horses, I saw her.

The most beautiful little pony I'd ever seen. Dandy was her name. She was a brownish color, with a few white spots.

I loved my parents so much right then. I ran to them and

gave them each a big hug and kiss.

That was the best present I had ever gotten.

## MY BEST CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER

By **JASON GETTEL, 15**  
Caseville Public School

It was a couple of years ago. My parents were out Christmas shopping and my brother and I were home by ourselves.

Suddenly the phone rang. It was my parents calling from the car phone. They said they'd be home at about 11:30 p.m. and then I heard this little, high pitched bark.

I thought nothing of it, that it was just a bad connection. I went to bed about an hour later.

Then around midnight I was awakened by a big, wet, slobbery tongue lapping at my face. It was a cute little brindle boxer pup.

I was so excited because I had always loved boxers. I couldn't believe it - this was

MY first dog. True we have had two boxers before this one (one died and we sold the other when we moved) but they weren't mine.

I knew dogs require a lot of time and responsibility but I accepted the challenge.

We named her Justice and I think she's turning out quite well, although she is still pretty hyper.

This is the best present I ever got because it keeps on giving and loving back.

## FLANNEL SHEETS

By **DANIEL LISOWSKI, 15**  
Caseville Public School

My favorite Christmas present ever was the Northstar flannel sheets that my grandma and grandpa gave me.

The flannel sheets are awesome. They keep me warm at night, a lot warmer than the cardboard box surrounding my bed.

The box was my fort. It kept all the monsters out of my room. My puppet Socko and I were so afraid. After I got the flannel sheets they were like a force-field surrounding my bed. No one could touch us.

Then one night the aliens came. They tried to get me. I was under the sheets and the aliens couldn't touch me. They got Socko, though. I miss that guy.

After that night the aliens never came back.

I love those sheets. They are still on my bed to this day. The sheets are so comfortable. They keep me warm, but not so hot that I start sweating.

They have a cool design of cows on them. Those sheets were the greatest present I ever got because they've outlasted any other present

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I've broken thousands of toys but I still have my flannel sheets. I'll save those sheets and give them to my kids when the monsters try to attack them.

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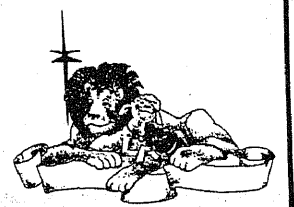
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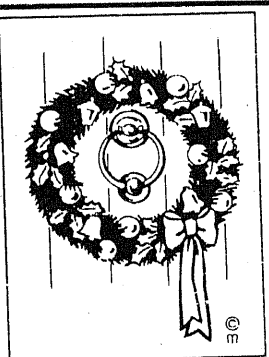
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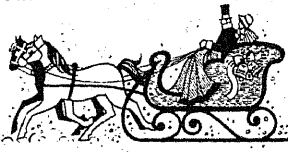
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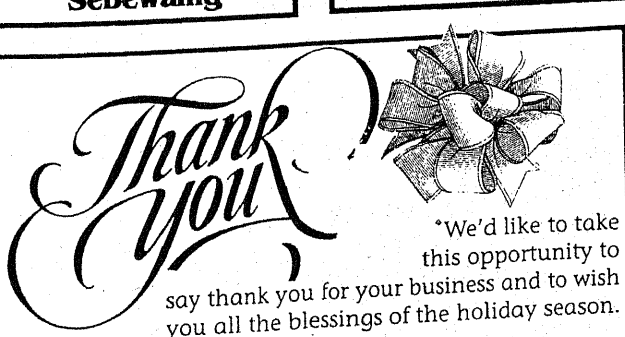


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Guess who was sitting next to it? My DAD! I was so happy and excited that I got to spend Christmas with my father. This was going to be the best Christmas ever, I thought to myself.

I learned at a young age that being with family is the most important part of Christmas. That was "my favorite Christmas present ever!"

## MY FAVORITE CHRISTMAS PRESENT EVER

By SHERI EADY, 14  
Caseville Public School  
My favorite Christmas present was the present I got this year. I got it early, and this present was from my dad. The present he gave me was

a Remington 20-gauge shotgun. He gave it to me early, Nov. 12, three days before hunting season opened on the 15th.

I didn't think I was going to get my new gun this year, because he gave it to me so late. When my dad brought my gun home he said, "Look what I got for myself! Just kidding. This is your early Christmas present!" I just looked in amazement and said, "Thanks soooo much!"

Dad said, "You're welcome, and take good care of it." I said, "Don't worry I will!" I love hunting because it's so peaceful in the woods, and it gives me a chance to sit and think about things. I sat from morning until night in the woods Tuesday, Nov. 15.

My dad was hunting on the other side of the woods. I saw four deer that day, but no bucks! The next day I wanted to go hunting so bad, but I had to go to school. I told my dad to hunt in my blind, because I thought the deer would come again.

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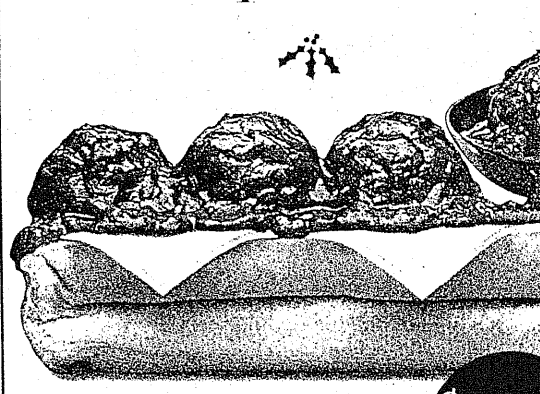
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# Down Memory Lane

## From The Pages Of The Sebewaing Blade

### 60 YEARS AGO DEC. 21, 1934

Wilfred Armbruster, Leland Gallow and Claude Carpenter went to Detroit last Thursday to seek employment.

Mildred Gettel, student nurse at Mercy Hospital, Bay City, was home for the celebration of the 40th anniversary of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Strauch.

Doris Baur won a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago for her outstanding 4-H club work during the year and was sent as a delegate with expenses paid by Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce.

### 50 YEARS AGO DEC. 22, 1944

Rev. A.A. Austin, who has been pastor of Sebewaing Assembly of God for the past 2-1/2 years, has accepted a call to be pastor at Applegate.

William O. Kurzer, flight surgical technician, has been awarded the Air Medal by the 12th Air Force for outstanding work in evacuating wounded in the Mediterranean Theatre.

Mrs. Clemens Heckman and infant daughter Ruth Esther were brought home from the hospital Sunday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Buehler, Dec. 20, a son, at the home of Mrs. Lena Schilling. Mrs. R.E. Fournier and infant son William Roland came home from the hospital on Sunday.

### 40 YEARS AGO DEC. 23, 1954

The Misses Joyce Faist, Frances Harrison and LuAnn Swartz have passed their State Board examination and are now registered nurses. The Misses Faist and Harrison are employed at Saginaw General Hospital and Miss Swartz by Dr. J.J. Zuzga.

Dorothy Heinitz has completed studies in Airlines Communications at Minneapolis, MN.

Herman Volz, attending Case Institute in Cleveland, OH, is home for the holiday vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Volz.

### 30 YEARS AGO DEC. 24, 1964

Michigan Producers Dairy Company entertained the children of the employees at a Christmas party at the VFW-Sportsmen's Clubhouse Thursday. The youngsters received many fine gifts.

### 20 YEARS AGO DEC. 26, 1974

Winner of a 10-speed Schwinn bike in the Creamette Macaroni coloring contest sponsored by Rummel's IGA was Lori Nimtz, 14, of Sebewaing. She was one of five state winners.

Eric Wild, USA football coach, has been selected as Regional Coach of the Year by the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association.

### 10 YEARS AGO DEC. 25, 1984

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Gruhn of Sebewaing and Mr. and Mrs. Terry VanHoost of Unionville, announce the engagement of their children, Carol Jean to Michael Brian. A May 24, 1986 wedding is planned.

Sebewaing Chamber of Commerce President Maxine Kauffold presented a 13-inch color TV to Elda Weidner of Sebewaing after the Sunday Shopping Special.

Dawn Engelhardt, a sophomore at Northwood Institute, received a scholarship award.

Harold and Thelma Weisenbach celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 24 at American Legion Hall, Sebewaing. The couple's children hosted the event.

Edward "Bud" Volz, 64, longtime Sebewaing mer-

chant, passed away unexpectedly Wednesday, Dec. 19.

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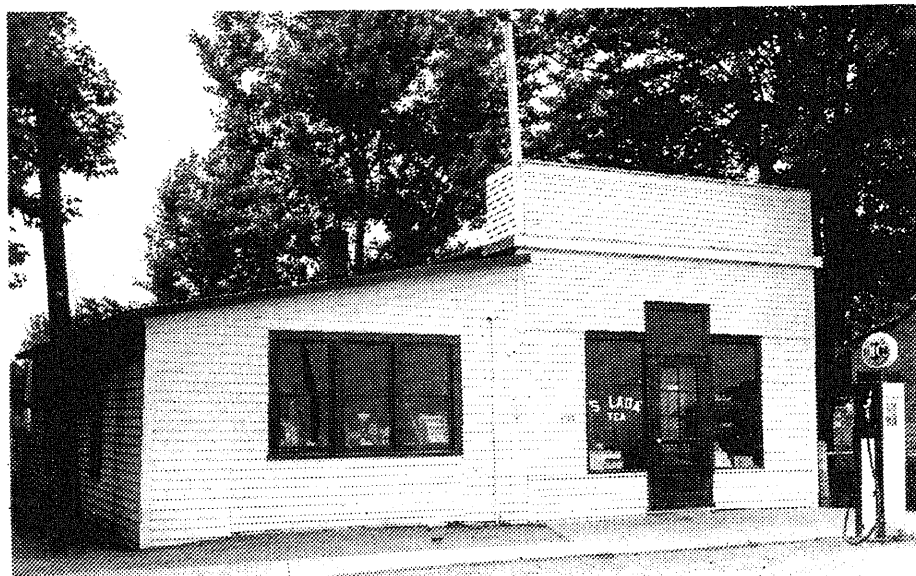
## From The Pages Of The Pigeon Progress & Elkton Advance

### 80 YEARS AGO DEC. 25, 1914

Paul Wachner has leased the Farmers Bank building in Pigeon and will open up a meat market.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. George Loosemore, Pigeon, a daughter on Monday.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. August Blundy, south of Pigeon, was damaged by fire Monday evening.



**RECOGNIZE THIS PLACE?** We had such good response to our recent oldtime "Steele - Harnessmaker" picture in The Newsweekly that we're bringing you another puzzle. This unidentified picture from our files poses this week's mystery. Can anyone identify this little store/gasoline station?

Several oldtimers have been working on it, but each "solution" was followed by another question. Among the guesses we've had was the old Volz Store on Sebewaing Road where Caro Road dead-ends at the east end of Sebewaing, the original Elmer Haist Station at the North Center-North Beck Street in Sebewaing, the old Gaeth Gas Station in Bach, the Louie Bertrand Gas Station in Sebewaing, and the Bolzman Service Garage and Station in Kilmanagh. So, you folks with good memories, come to our rescue and tell us where this is—or was? Thanks very much!

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The wedding of Mr. John Muentner and Miss Mary Harris, both of McKinley, will be at Hayes M.E. Church next Wednesday.

The home of Henry Harrison of Soule was destroyed by fire, together with all furniture and clothing. Loss will be about \$2,500.

The marshal of the city of Harbor Beach has given notice that all horse owners who leave their horses on the street an unreasonable time or unblanketed will be prosecuted.

## 70 YEARS AGO DEC. 26, 1924

The icy roads of the past week have been the cause of many cars turning over and going into the ditches. Every day a number of accidents are reported in this area. Fortunately, no one has been seriously injured.

James Richmond has his fine new farm home about completed near Caseville and expects to occupy it about the first of the year.

Mr. and Mrs. James Quinn, Jr. of Detroit are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Quinn at Caseville.

Mrs. Charles Gillingham entertained the 500 club at her home in Bay Port Friday. Prizes were won by Mrs. William Riley, Mrs. Elmer Jerome, Mrs. P.C. Smith and Mrs. R.B. Lambert.

Dr. Dougald Monro and Duncan Monro, Kinde, Dr. Munroe and children and Mrs. Monroe of Elkton and Mrs. Catherine Wurm, Bad Axe, are spending Christmas at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J.E. Wurm, Pigeon.

## 60 YEARS AGO DEC. 21, 1934

A community Christmas Tree program will be given tonight at Pigeon Town Hall Park with a musical program and short address by Rev. Buerkle. Every boy and girl present will be given a package.

Jacob E. Hartsell, 90, the last Civil War veteran in Grant Twp., died Saturday. He is

survived by three children. Only four veterans remain in Huron County.

Forty businessmen attended the Pigeon Community Club meeting Friday evening in Hotel Heasty. After dinner, the Pigeon High School quartette sang. Members are Leo Luetke, Wendolin Clauesch, Roland Danks and Theo Belding. There was step dancing by the Misses Pariseau and McMann and songs by Dewey Pariseau.

Clarence Mayhew, mortician at Dearborn, has purchased the Schmuck and Weber Furniture Store and Funeral Home in Elkton. Mr. and Mrs. Mayhew and family will move to Elkton soon.

New officers of the Elkton Local of the Farmer's Union are Wesley Motz, Walter Schuette and Martin Soehner.

Pigeon Worthwhile Club held its Christmas meeting at the home of Mrs. Ernest Clauesch. On the program were Mrs. Belding, Frieda Meuser, Mildred Woelke and Mrs. Paul.

## 50 YEARS AGO DEC. 22, 1944

Dr. C.A. Schuerer, Pigeon, announced filing articles of incorporation for Scheurer Hospital. The hospital building, which is nearly completed, joins the office building of Dr. Scheurer, and will have two floors and about a 15-bed capacity.

Newly-elected church and Sunday School officers of Pigeon Evangelical Church are Herman Kretzschmer, Tillman Soldan, Ezra Maierle, Edward Geiger, Alfred Roberts, John Eichler and Edgar Edighoffer.

## 40 YEARS AGO DEC. 23, 1954

A testimonial dinner for Sanford A. Brown, Bay Port, state treasurer-elect, was held at the Silver Dollar Club, sponsored by Bay Port Chamber of Commerce. Speakers included Gov. G. Mennen Williams, G. Kirk Haley, Harold Finan, Supt.

Ellis Vandeventer, Bernie McLeish and Vic Lukasiak, Chamber president. Frank Eisengruber was toastmaster.

Winners of grand prizes in the Pigeon businessmen's Christmas Shoppers bonus plan were Mrs. Elmer Ropp, automatic washer; Lois Wichert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wichert, Bay Port, electric range; Mrs. Mark Wallace, Pigeon, electric clothes dryer; Mrs. Vincent Sturm, Pigeon, TV set.

Floyd Richmond and R. Harry Leslie were chairmen of the annual Rotary-Rotary Ann Christmas party Monday at the Vollmer Hotel.

Winsor-Oliver Extension group members entertained husbands and children at a Christmas party hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Mike Renn, Jr.

## 30 YEARS AGO DEC. 24, 1964

Fall term graduates from Michigan State University include Paul Geiger, Pigeon, B.A. Accounting, and Douglas Fisher, Caseville, B.A. Business.

Winning bicycles in the final drawing of the season sponsored by Pigeon merchants were Annamaria Karle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Karle and Jeff Wiechert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wiechert, Pigeon.

Second Lieut. Clark Kretzschmer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kretzschmer, Pigeon, has earned U.S. Air Force silver pilot wings upon graduation from flying training school at Moody AFB, GA.

A Pigeon student, Robert Haist, son of Dr. and Mrs. Willard Haist, was a member of a quartet which took first place in singing competition at Albion College.

## 20 YEARS AGO DEC. 26, 1974

Lola Stein was first prize winner in this year's Pigeon Chamber Christmas drawing. Her prize was a four-day trip for two to Disney World or \$450 in cash. Mary Richmond

won second prize, \$250 worth of merchandise certificates. Other prize winners were Clark Faist, Bill Renn, Ted Jantz, Mrs. John Halasz, Ralph Niebel, Mrs. Tom Goyette, Mrs. Wayne Dubs, James Schwanitz and Patty Thick.

Michigan Public Service Commission granted a rate increase to Pigeon Telephone Co. Charges for a one-party residence telephone will rise from \$3.50 to \$6 per month and from \$6.50 to \$12 for a one-party business line.

## 10 YEARS AGO DEC. 12, 1984


Last Friday, 20,000 bags of navy beans bound for Ethiopia were loaded on a truck supplied by the Mennonite Central Committee, a relief agency with access to distribution points in the drought-stricken country. The navy beans were supplied by concerned Western Thumb Area restaurants and Cooperative Elevator.

Mrs. Lydia Schember of Elkton received a picture of Gov. James Blanchard along with a letter on the occasion of her 90th birthday anniversary.

Weekly winners in the third holiday drawings sponsored by Pigeon Chamber of Commerce are Dick Pauly, Pigeon, \$100 shopping cash prize, and Bryon Swartzendruber, bike winner, is the 19-month old son of Marv and Chris Swartzendruber, Pigeon. Other children's winners include Jenny Avalos, Scott Lundberg, Brandon Fritz, Amy Bach, Jeff Trost, David Love, Candice Avalos, Angie Mascorro and Shannon Pionk, all of Pigeon, Aaron Britt and Shaun Dunn, Caseville; Devin Morley and Jason Diebel, Elkton; and Eric Gaeth and Joshua Fritz, Bay Port.

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# Newsweekly's News Round-Up

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project is about \$11 million." Welke says he learned about the additional money Friday. However, he cautions finances are always uncertain. "I heard on the radio that (President) Clinton is going to cut taxes \$50 billion and one of the places to take money from is the transportation department, so it (the project) could depend on much money he is going to take away from us," says Welke. "We are cautious about saying we have the money in the bank when it is only on paper."

**MDOT's Design Department** will have the necessary paperwork done soon, to have the project ready for bidding as soon as the funding is identified.

"We are committed to move ahead with this project and to try to find funding for it," says Lou Lambert, MDOT deputy director of planning. "What we are doing now on a lot of these projects is going project by project and looking at our resources and whether we can do it."

Lambert says he expects to let bids for the project in April or May of 1995 and to have construction work begin in the summer.

"MDOT is changing. We are trying hard to meet the needs of our customers and to be more sensitive to those needs, and to meet our commitments," said Pannecoek.

Highway M-24 is a northern route out of Detroit which now ends in Caro at M-81. But completion of the 8.3-mile cross-country section would connect it with M-138 near Akron and with M-25 in Unionville.

The only continuous routes from Detroit to the Thumb Area are M-53 and M-19, which are both on the eastern side of the Thumb.

— By MARY DRIER

## High marks for MCC

Mennonite Central Committee moved from fifth-best relief and development agency last year to second place this year in "Money" magazine's annual ranking of the efficiency of various U.S. charities.

More significant, perhaps, is the acknowledgement MCC received from the heads of other relief and development agencies. This year, "Money" asked the heads of 111 large U.S. charities to rate their peers anonymously. Out of the third who did, consistent high marks were given to lesser-known relief groups Mennonite Central Committee and Habitat for Humanity International, the latter which has started a Huron County chapter.

"We're honored by the peer-ranking," says Helen Glick, MCC Great Lakes co-director. "Our rating in 'Money' magazine will likely go up and down over the years, but our peers see the long-term results of our work. They see our workers

and volunteers in action."

**Organizations are ranked** according to the percentage of income actually spent on overseas programs, compared to what is spent on support staff and expenses.

Glick credits the efforts of thousands of volunteers at both the community level and within the organization, for the high efficiency ranking MCC receives. There is also an ongoing financial commitment from congregations, community groups and individuals, making a lot of fund-raising unnecessary. MCC is the relief and development agency of the Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Churches of North America. Founded nearly 75 years ago, the agency currently has about 900 people working in 50 countries around the world.

## New Huron ANR agent

Kurt Anderson of Pigeon began his duties Dec. 1 as Michigan State University Extension Agriculture and Natural Resources agent in Huron County.

The position is supported partially by a grant from Huron County.

Anderson is responsible for Extension education programs in dairy production, farm management and milk marketing. He was graduated in 1981 from MSU with a Bachelor's Degree in dairy science. From 1981 until his Extension appointment he was a partner in B & K Farms near Pigeon.

The Huron Extension Office is in the County Building, 250 E. Huron, Bad Axe. Phone number is 517-269-9949.

## Write-ins at Kinde?

One seat on the Kinde Village Council is open for a write-in candidate, or if no votes are cast, an appointment to the position will be made by the Council.

Incumbent Democrat Edward Miller and Republican incumbent Gerald Irwin are seeking re-election to their expiring two-year terms, at the March 13 General Election.

Gerald Horetski resigned during the last Council meeting and is not seeking re-election, leaving his Council seat open. Because there is no competition, a Primary Election isn't necessary and voters will only have to go to the polls for the General Election Monday, March 13, 1995.

## Newsweekly correction

The man shown in the center of last week's Newsweekly Page 3 picture of Sebewaung Lion Club award winners should have been identified as Frank Stoll, not Frank Stahl. The Newsweekly regrets the error.



THERE WAS NO "Claus" for concern when eight-month old Caleb Hare had his first visit with Santa Saturday when the Unionville Community Association brought bought the jolly old elf to town.

Caleb is the son of Tammy Hare of Unionville.

MARY DRIER PHOTO

## THAT's a bright star!

There is a guiding light in the Thumb. David and Ann Jahr have done an outstanding job of

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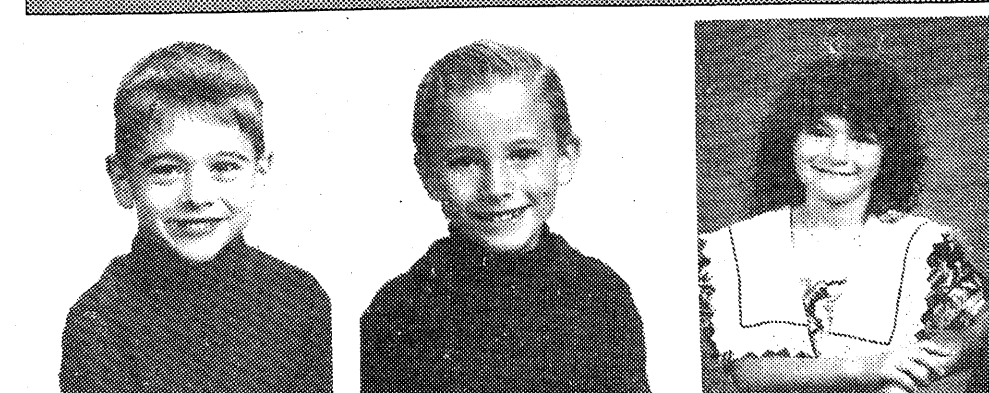
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LOVE YOU,  
HAYLIE DUFFY



DEAR SANTA,  
I leave you cookies and milk for you. I want a mountain bike and I want a Nintendo tape.

LOVE,  
PAUL GAETH

DEAR SANTA,  
I would like a new Barbie and Fashion Magic and have a Happy New Year.

LOVE,  
COCO GONZALES

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LOVE,  
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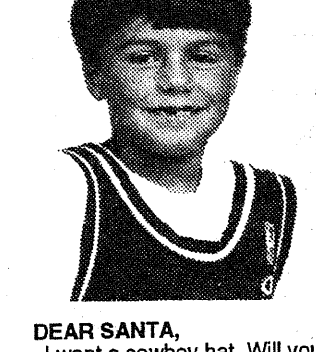
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LOVE,  
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DEAR SANTA,  
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LOVE,  
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## Ex-Pigeonite Jay Schwandt writes his first opera

By AMY HEIDEN

As a music student at Albion College, Jay Schwandt has been doing more than just studying music theory. The 1991 Laker High School graduate has just had his first opera presented on the stage at the college, a full-length production of "Song of the Siren."

Schwandt has his first exposure to opera when he began attending Albion, majoring in music performance and English. He has always been a musical talent, performing with the Laker band and drama troupes, and working as pianist and music director for the Port Austin Community Players.

It took the better part of two years for Schwandt to compose the opera, because of school and PACP commitments.



JAY SCHWANDT

The three-act opera was done as part of his honors thesis and music department honors and is a typically dark and tragic operatic tale, according to Narciso Solero,

Schwandt's thesis advisor and music director and pianist for the opera.

The opera tells the tale of an old man looking back on his life to unlock the mysteries behind a seductive voice he has mistaken for love.

**Psychology** of the opera is very modern, while the play itself is right in keeping with opera tradition, with soaring voices singing the parts of the characters. Schwandt also performs in his opera, playing the old man in his younger days.

After graduating from Albion, Schwandt plans to go to graduate school with an eye on teaching composition at the college level. He'll also continue to compose music, he says.

Schwandt is the son of Rev. James and Yvonne Schwandt of Tecumseh. They formerly lived in Pigeon, where Rev. Schwandt was pastor of First United Methodist Church.

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DEAR SANTA:  
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DEAR SANTA:  
I would like a racetrack and a remote control car.  
YOUR FRIEND,  
WILLIAM ALLEN

DEAR SANTA:  
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and eight-pack of markers?  
YOUR FRIEND,  
BEN HOPPE

DEAR SANTA:  
I would like to play in the snow. But I wish I could have a baby puppy and kitten.  
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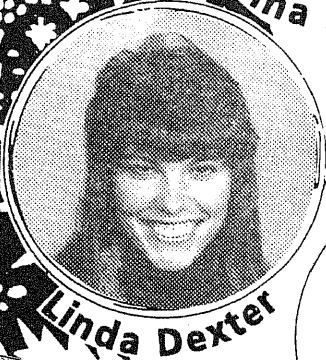
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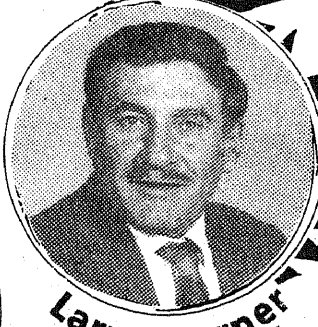
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