

Pigeon Chamber plans '96 promotion schedule

While it can be a challenge to keep up with events one day, week, month at a time, the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce is striving to work on its events calendar a year and a half ahead of time.

Finalizing Pigeon's 1996 Calendar of Events, completing plans for this year's "Country Christmas" promotion and announcing 1996 officers rounded out the agenda for last Monday night's Fall General Member-

ship Meeting held at Scheurer Hospital.

Led by President Edwin Eichler, Chamber members in attendance discussed retail Christmas hours, and were encouraged to closely follow them this holiday season.

Suggested hours include Sundays from Nov. 26 through Dec. 24, 1 to 4 p.m., Friday evenings until 8 p.m. and every evening the week before Christmas until 8 p.m.

While some Chamber members said they plan to observe Christmas Eve Sunday, Dec. 24 as a holiday, many other retailers plan to conduct "business as usual," noting that many last minute shoppers depend upon them being open.

Pigeon's 1996 Calendar of Events has been slated with the following dates:

Jan. 19-20-21 "Inside Sidewalk Sales"
March 14-15-16 "Mad About Quilts"

April 5-6 Lambs on the Street
May 3 Moonlight Madness
July 17 Tri-City Cyclists Visit
July 23-28 Farmers' Festival
Aug. 25 Corn Roast
Sept. 14 Hog Wild Day
Oct. 18-19 Fall Heritage Days
Nov. 21-22-23 Christmas Open House
Dec. 7 Country Christmas
Pigeon River Mercantile proprietor Wanda Eichler spoke about the March, 1996 event of "Mad About Quilts," saying she plans to expand it with a first-time Quilt Auction.

One of the featured quilts to be auctioned will be a "Habitat Homes Quilt," now being worked on as a "challenge block" through her store. She hopes to raise funds through this auction for the local affiliate of Habitat for Humanity.

Leading the Pigeon Chamber in 1996 will be President Edwin Eichler of Pigeon Telephone Co. and Thumb Cellular, Vice President Carrie Damm of Michigan Directory Co., Secretary

Tricia Tate of Thumb National Bank & Trust and Treasurer Brian Hazard of Nietzsche & Faupel, CPAs.

Three board members will retire after three year terms:

Peg Edler, Michelle Fortsch and Fred Orr.

"We're in the process of finding three new board members to serve in 1996-97-98," says Eichler, "and one

of them will be designated to serve as a liaison between the Pigeon Chamber of Commerce and the Huron County Council of Chambers of Commerce."

St. John's Cookie Walk is Dec. 9

How far would you walk for a few delicious cookies? You don't need to walk far if you visit St. John's Episcopal Church on Sand Point on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To get into the Christmas spirit, members of the church invite you to walk through the church's Parish Hall and select from a vast array of decorated Christmas cookies.

There are usually 45-50 varieties of delicious cookies, from sugar cookies to fruit bars to springle, lebkuchen, bourbon balls, nut crescents, pepparkakurs and much more.

Production of the cookies starts as early as October by the women of the church, with batches being mixed and frozen for baking in December.

The morning of the sale, the freshly-baked cookies are brought to the Hall and arranged on long tables. As customers arrive, they pur-

chase empty, suitably sized, decorated coffee tins, and don a plastic glove.

They are now ready to stroll from table to table selecting their favorite cookies. The cookies are placed strategically in the tin so that it holds as many cookies as possible, with the fragile varieties on the top.

The first sale was held in December, 1987 when 11 church women baked 202 dozen cookies for sale in the church.

There's much more to the sale than just cookies, though, members agree — the camaraderie of the women working on a joint project, plus the help and encouragement of women of other denominations.

The true feeling of the Christmas spirit certainly glows during this time and helps prepare for the coming holidays.

St. John's Episcopal Church is located at 8271 Crescent Beach Rd. Sand Point.

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Thumb Area Club News

CASEVILLE RETIREMENT CLUB

The Caseville Retirement Club met Nov. 21 with 73 members and one guest present.

President Angelo Micale led the Pledge and thanked "earlybird" providers Susan Reynolds, Marge Heckman, Sally Ryan, Bettymarie

Celmer, Helen Gayari and Georgina Farver.

Thirty-one blood pressure readings were taken by Lillian Hunter of Allen Home Care, assisted by member Ella Dunning.

Celebrating birthdays this week are John Weremiuk, Cookie Schafer and Pat Koller. Four couples are celebrating anniversaries, including Tom and Mildred Beadle (54 years), Lee and Ella Marries (48 years), Frank and Mary Ellen Janes and Joe and Lucy Picciurro.

The club will deliver nine food baskets this week to needy families. A reminder was given that the Food Pantry could use items. A box for donations is at the hall entrance.

The Human Development Commission catered a roast beef dinner. Next week's meal will be a potluck with the club furnishing the meat.

VFW LADIES AUX. #2236, PIGEON

VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Post #2236, Pigeon met for their regular meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at the VFW Hall with seven members present.

President Alyce Kleinfeld called the meeting to order, followed by opening prayer, the Pledge and the treasurer's report. General's Order and other department correspondence was read.

The ladies donated to several charity organizations at

the October meeting, and thank-you notes were read from several recipients, including the Pigeon District Library, Clothe-a-Child and the Pigeon Food Pantry.

A donation was sent to the Saginaw VA Hospital to be used for telephone calling cards and coupon books for the patients to use. A donation was also given to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. Bingo volunteers for the next four weeks were appointed.

A lack of interest from area schools resulted in the cancellation of this year's Voice of Democracy Essay Contest.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, Dec. 12 at 7 p.m. for a Christmas Party and gift exchange. Alyce Kleinfeld and Bette Horn are hostesses.

BAY PORT WOMAN'S CLUB

Margaret Faltyn hosted the November meeting with 10 members present.

Hostess Margaret Faltyn

and co-hostess Nastia Opanasenko served dessert and refreshments. Nastia presented Jenny Kohr with a gift as lucky person.

President Betty Smith led in the Pledge and Club Col-

lect. Donna Deming reported on Girl Scouts and the ladies ordered Girl Scout cookies.

The Dec. 12 meeting will be with Betty Smith at 2 p.m. The group will pack plates for the shut-ins and will cel-

ebate with a Christmas Party. Faltyn conducted a paper game with "yes" and "no" answers.

Roll call was "Games You Enjoyed and Played as a Child."



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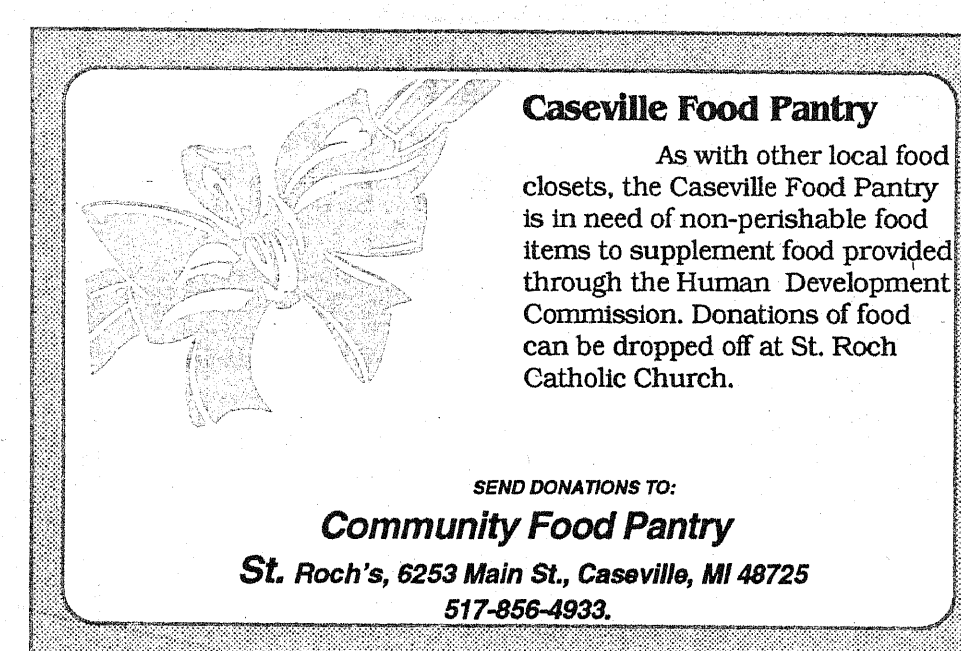
The Newsweekly's 1995 Catalog Of Christmas Giving

The Newsweekly is pleased to offer here a selection of worthy local organizations who have a list of "Christmas Wishes" during the holiday season and all year long. While we are all busy with the "hustle and bustle" of Christmas preparations, now is the time to find ways to help others who are less fortunate. Here is a thoughtful way to finish up your Christmas "shopping."



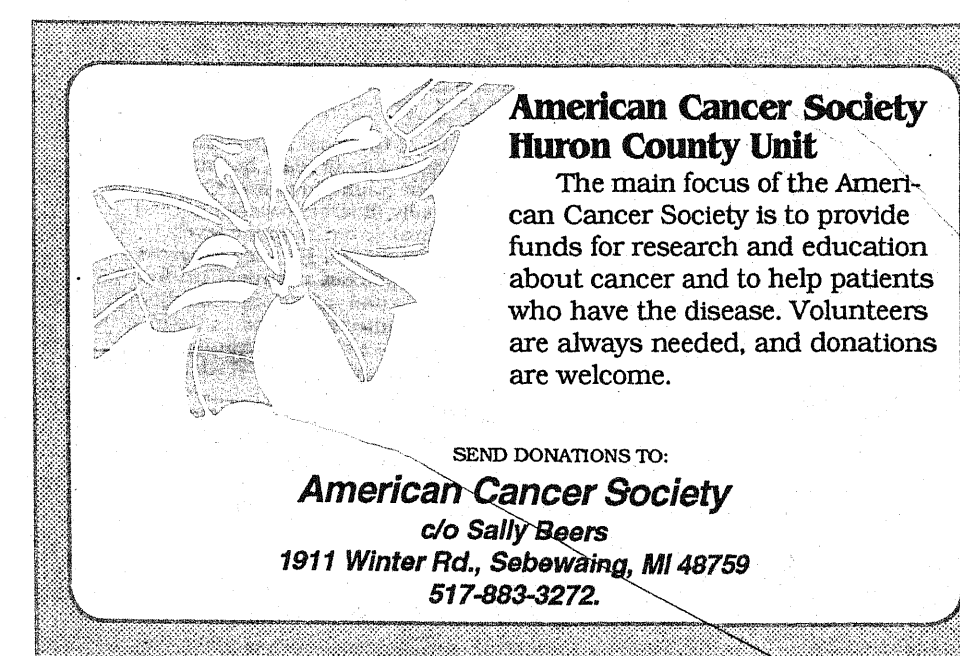
Huron County Special Olympics
The Special Olympics program in Huron County involves sports training and competition for the mentally impaired. About 180 residents from age eight through adult, are involved in soccer, floor hockey, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, basketball, track and field events and bowling, competing locally and at state events. The program relies solely on donations and monies raised through fundraisers.

SEND DONATIONS TO:
Huron Intermediate School District
711 E. Soper Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413
Attn: Jeanne Eilers
Huron County Special Olympics. Phone 517-269-9216.



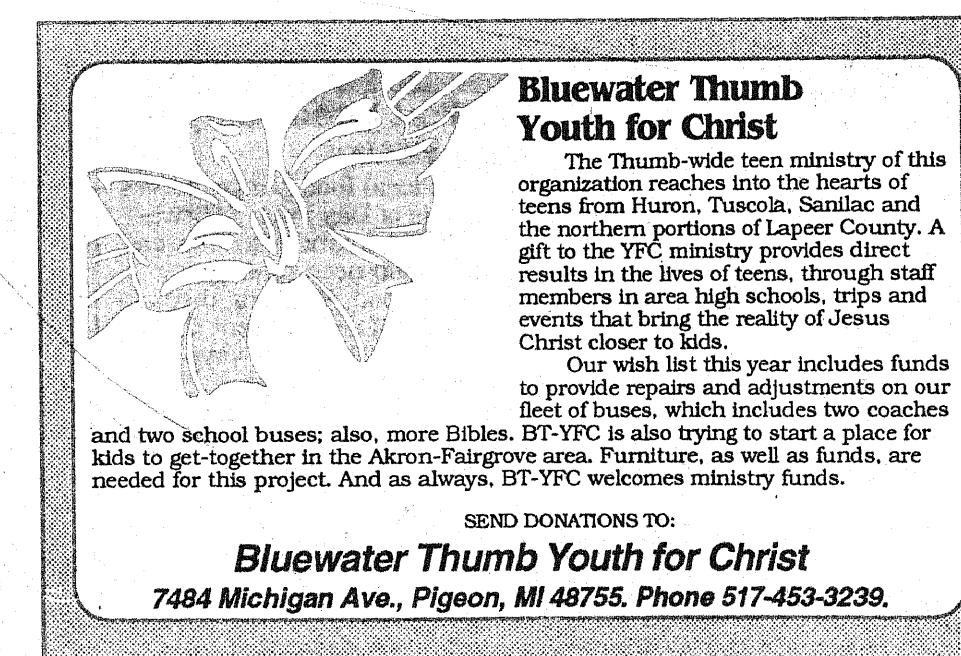
Caseville Food Pantry
As with other local food closets, the Caseville Food Pantry is in need of non-perishable food items to supplement food provided through the Human Development Commission. Donations of food can be dropped off at St. Roch Catholic Church.

SEND DONATIONS TO:
Community Food Pantry
St. Roch's, 6253 Main St., Caseville, MI 48725
517-856-4933.



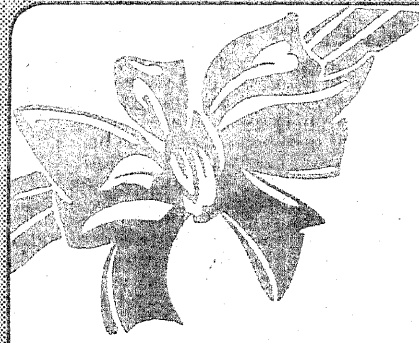
American Cancer Society Huron County Unit
The main focus of the American Cancer Society is to provide funds for research and education about cancer and to help patients who have the disease. Volunteers are always needed, and donations are welcome.

SEND DONATIONS TO:
American Cancer Society
c/o Sally Beers
1911 Winter Rd., Sebawing, MI 48759
517-883-3272.



Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ
The Thumb-wide teen ministry of this organization reaches into the hearts of teens from Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and the northern portions of Lapeer County. A gift to the YFC ministry provides direct results in the lives of teens, through staff members in area high schools, trips and events that bring the reality of Jesus Christ closer to kids. Our wish list this year includes funds to provide repairs and adjustments on our fleet of buses, which includes two coaches and two school buses; also, more Bibles. BT-YFC is also trying to start a place for kids to get-together in the Akron-Fairgrove area. Furniture, as well as funds, are needed for this project. And as always, BT-YFC welcomes ministry funds.

SEND DONATIONS TO:
Bluewater Thumb Youth for Christ
7484 Michigan Ave., Pigeon, MI 48755. Phone 517-453-3239.



Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center

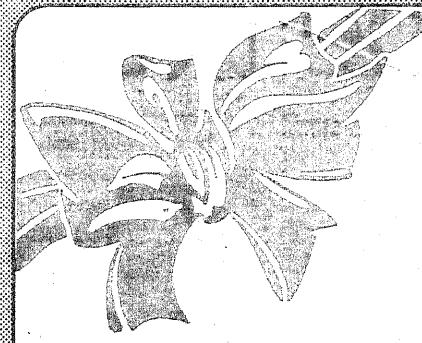
A haven of safety, support and prevention services for victims of domestic and sexual violence, as well as shelter for victims of violence, the Thumb Area Assault Crisis Center is in need of volunteers and donations.

The following volunteer positions are always needed: crisis phone worker, transportation assistant, legal/medical advocate, child care provider, public speaker, fund-raising, special event helper, general shelter aide, among others.

Our wish list includes: alarm clocks, new washer and dryer, twin size bedspreads and sheets, new living room furniture, pjs, housecoats, underwear, sweatsuits, wheelbarrow, hose reel, craft kits, personal items, cleaning supplies, paper products, scissors, Polaroid film, pliers, tape measure, paint brush, thermometer, vaporizer, 3/4" plywood to reinforce beds, pea gravel for under swingset, gravel/stone for driveway, paper shredder, desk and office table, cinder rock for landscaping, child safety gate, money to purchase reading materials, educational media, colored felt markers and one-inch binders, adopt a utility bill for six months, child picnic table, large capacity smoke air cleaner.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

P.O. Box 318, Caro, MI 48723 or
drop off at the Huron County Prosecuting Attorney's office
250 E. Huron Ave., Bad Axe. Phone: 1-800-292-3666.



Caseville Community Christmas Fund

Christmas will be a little brighter for people in the Caseville area this holiday, thanks to donations of new items of clothing, food gift certificates and a new toy for each child. The Christmas packages will be delivered on Friday, Dec. 15.

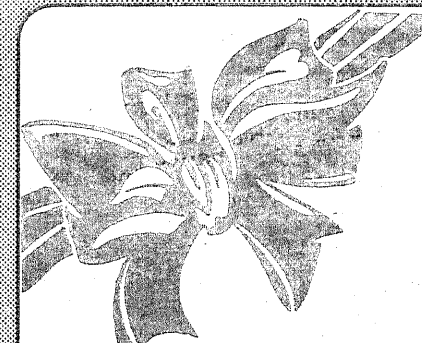
Huron Cable of Caseville is acting as a drop-off point for new, donated toys that are included in the packages and the Caseville IGA is sponsoring a Giving Tree, where local folks can pick a numbered card describing a local family and can then purchase gifts for each family member.

All these activities are coordinated by Fund Co-Chairmen Colleen Poisson and Marie Quinn.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Colleen Poisson

7002 Woodhill, Caseville or Marie Quinn at Box 1122, Caseville.



Habitat for Humanity Upper Thumb Chapter

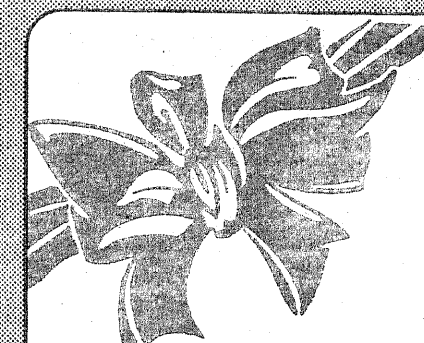
Give the gift of shelter this Christmas for a Huron County family. This local Habitat affiliate is working hard to get Huron County's first Habitat home off the ground, and we need your help! The building site is in Owendale, the family is selected, and now we need approximately \$15,000 to get the house started.

You can help make this dream come true for a local family by joining the "Dream Makers Club." Send a donation of any amount and become part of the dream. You may also send a gift as a memorial to a deceased loved one or in honor of a living person. An acknowledgment will be sent for your gift.

Volunteers are also needed for all phases of planning and construction. Contact Volunteer Coordinator Pam Bingham at 517-856-4603 evenings, if you'd like to help.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Habitat for Humanity Upper Thumb Chapter
c/o Ellen Rutherford, treasurer, Box 111, Bad Axe, MI 48413.



Scheurer Hospital

The gift of health is the most valuable gift of all, and your monetary gift to Scheurer Hospital at this time of year can help assure that quality medical care will continue to be available in the Western Thumb.

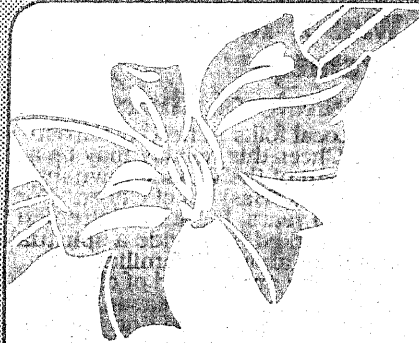
Memorials, donations to the General Equipment Fund, designated gifts in honor of a still-living loved one - all are welcome and greatly appreciated at Scheurer Hospital. You may also want to join the Humanitarian Club, pledging an annual gift of \$100 or more to Scheurer Hospital.

You are cordially invited to attend the Scheurer Hospital Auxiliary's Gift of Love Tree-Lighting Ceremony this Wednesday at 7 p.m. Your gift of just \$5.00 will help light up the tree!

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Scheurer Hospital

170 N. Caseville Rd., Pigeon, MI 48755.

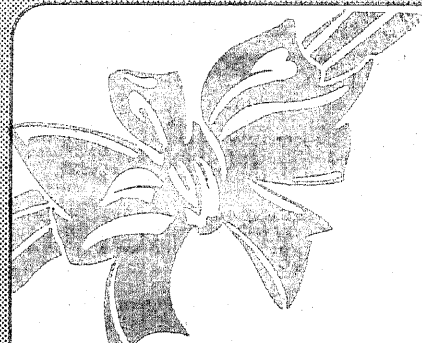


Huron County Department of Social Services

Funds donated to DSS are mainly needed for our "Crisis Fund," to help family and children with items that are not covered by government funds. For example, emergency food, prescriptions, mattresses, etc.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Huron County Social Services Volunteer "Crisis Fund"
c/o Mike Sutherland
911 Sand Beach Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48414.
Phone 517-269-9201.

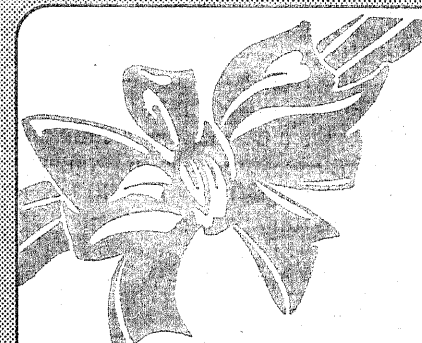


CA/N

The Huron County Council for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect is a 60-member organization whose purpose is to promote programs that prevent child abuse, educate the public about the problems of child abuse and raise funds for the Children's Trust Fund of Michigan and local programs.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Huron County CA/N Council
1911 Sand Beach Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413.



Pigeon District Library Gift of Reading

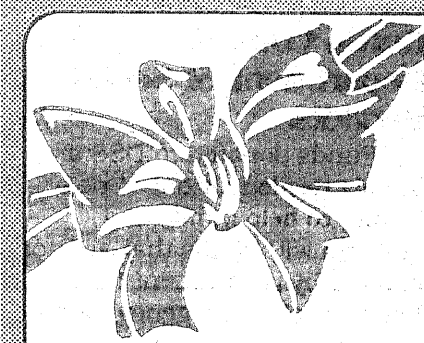
Help a child learn to love to read by providing a gift book this Christmas! Books - either new or like new - will be included with Christmas Baskets distributed by the Pigeon Area Food Pantry.

Just bring your unwrapped book to the Pigeon District Library by Saturday, Dec. 18. Local school children will be making wrapping paper to wrap the gift books.

And of course, the Pigeon District Library welcomes memorials, designated gifts and gifts to the General Fund this time of year and all year round.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Pigeon District Library
7236 Nitz St., Pigeon, MI 48755.



Winsor Township Firemen "Baskets of Cheer"

Local folks in need of Christmas Cheer this holiday may be a recipient of the Winsor Township Firemen's "Baskets of Cheer." For over 30 years, these local firemen have worked to provide a spiritual uplift for about 50 families each year, who are in need of cheer during the holiday season. The baskets contain food and goodies and are delivered on the Friday before Christmas.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

"Baskets of Cheer,"

c/o Mike LePage, treasurer, Thumb National Bank & Trust Co.
7254 Michigan Ave., Pigeon, MI 48755.



Friends for Life Hospice Huron Memorial Hospital

Friends for Life Hospice, coordinated through Huron Memorial Hospital, welcomes the help of volunteers, who complete a six-week training cycle presented by area professionals. Volunteers then become part of the direct care team of terminally ill patients and their families. Another volunteer training program is planned for late March, early April, according to Hospice Director Kathi Rafferty, R.N.

Donations are always welcome, especially personal care items, adult diapers, incontinence pads, etc. Memorial donations are also appreciated, as are donations given in honor of people still living. If you want to buy a meaningful gift "for the person who has everything," why not consider honoring them with a gift on their behalf?

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Friends for Life Hospice,
c/o Huron Memorial Hospital
100 S. Van Dyke, Bad Axe, MI 48413. Phone 517-269-9521.

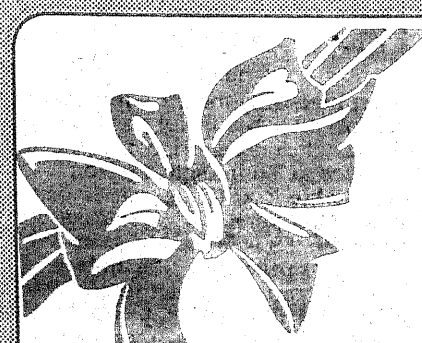


Pigeon Area Food Pantry

The shelves are in need of replenishing for the Christmas season after bountiful baskets were delivered to needy Pigeon area families at Thanksgiving. Non-perishable food items, paper products, personal care items are welcome, as well as donations of money to purchase perishable foods. If you know of a family who needs our assistance, please call Food Pantry Co-Chairmen Gertrude Schuette at 517-453-3158 or Alyce Kleinfeld at 517-453-2205. Christmas baskets are now being organized in time for holiday delivery.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Pigeon Food Pantry
c/o First United Methodist Church, Pigeon, MI 48755.



Thumb Industries

Thumb Industries, a training facility for persons in Huron County with vocational disabilities, is always in need of volunteers and donations.

Donations of usable items, including clothing and small appliances, are welcome at the organization's Thrift Store, located in downtown Bad Axe. The efforts of volunteers are greatly appreciated as they work one-on-one with clients, or in large group settings, depending upon their skills.

While the largest share of Thumb Industries' funding comes from Huron Behavioral Health Services, we also rely on the generosity of the many communities and individuals served by Thumb Industries.

Your financial gift will help Thumb Industries continue the work of supervising the work activity of clients, vocational evaluation, work adjustment program, sheltered employment program and placement supported employment.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Thumb Industries
1263 Sand Beach Rd., Bad Axe, MI 48413.



R U RED E? Ministries

John Gunden, director of R U RED E? Ministries headquartered in Pigeon, has a global mission: to reach the teenage world (literally) with the life-changing message of the Good News of Jesus Christ.

He and his staff and family will be found in all reaches of the world, from Romania to Africa and Denmark to Mexico, plus all parts in the U.S., bringing a musical message of salvation to teenagers.

Of course, all this work requires a budget, and a group of people who would like to financially help John and his ministry by supporting that budget. If you can help on a one-time basis, or would like to make a monthly pledge, R-U-RED-E Ministries will gratefully accept your gift, and is especially appreciative of your prayerful support.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

R U RED E? Ministries
Box 49, Pigeon, MI 48755.



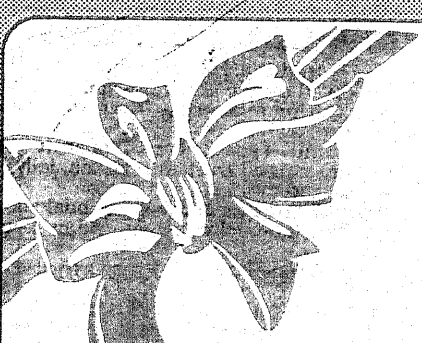
Bay Port Community Food Pantry

This local food pantry serves the needs of Bay Port, Sebawaing, Owendale and Elkton area families who need emergency help with food. Working through the Human Development Commission, the Pantry always needs non-perishable food items, personal care items, plus donations to purchase other

needed foods. If you can help...

SEND DONATIONS TO:

Bay Port Community Food Pantry,
c/o James Dubs, coordinator,
Bay Port, MI 48720. Phone 517-656-2772.



H.E.L.P.

One of the most important skills in life is the ability to read, but at least one in four adults in Huron County is functionally illiterate (unable to read past a third or fourth grade level).

Huron's Efforts for Literacy Progress - H.E.L.P. - matches volunteer tutors with willing and motivated students to help erase illiteracy in Huron County. Tutors take 12 hours of training and materials are provided to students for free.

Volunteers are always needed, as are donations. "We are relying more upon local cash donations due to continuing state-wide budget cuts," says Donna Ruark, H.E.L.P. coordinator. For more information about tutoring, call 517-269-9502.

SEND DONATIONS TO:

H.E.L.P.
46 Westland Dr., Bad Axe, MI 48413.



USA Caring & Sharing

More than 150 local families will be served by the generous spirit of the USA Caring & Sharing Program, which has been held for more than 25 years.

Canned goods, cereal, peanut butter, canned fruit, vegetables, jelly, soups and crackers are welcome contributions for the holiday baskets, which will be delivered on Friday, Dec. 22.

Financial contributions are also needed to cover the cost of milk, break, meat, oleo, oranges, apples and additional canned goods, according to Brian Reinhardt, who is co-chairing the event this year with long-time chair Bill Dodge. Eggs, sugar, navy beans

and potatoes will be donated by local companies and area individuals. ... Contributions may be dropped off at Trinity United Methodist Church, or

SEND DONATIONS TO:

USA Caring & Sharing Program
Trinity UM Church, 513 Washington St., Sebawaing, MI 48759.



Local Arts Groups Need Support, too!

The Western Thumb is fortunate to have four local active groups serving the community's love of the arts. They would be very grateful for your support this time of year.

PORT AUSTIN COMMUNITY PLAYERS: Huron County's only theater group has built a solid reputation of quality performances staged on a "shoe-string budget." Their wish list includes performers, "behind the scenes" volunteers, piano accompanists and, of course, financial donations. SEND TO: PACP, 35 Railroad St., Port Austin, MI 48467.

LAKE HURON COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL: The old Heidelberg Gallery in Sebawaing is now host to this arts group, which puts on dozens of special weekend events. Volunteer help and dollars are always needed. SEND TO: Lake Huron Community Arts Council, Sebawaing, MI 48759.

PIGEON BAND SHELL: Huron County's only outdoor entertainment venue is always looking for donations to help fund their summer concert series. SEND TO: Pigeon Band Shell, Box 379, Pigeon, MI 48755.

CASEVILLE COMMUNITY ARTS COUNCIL: This local group is very supportive of arts along the shoreline and are proud sponsors of the popular Art Show held every July. SEND TO: Caseville Community Arts Council, Box 1344 Caseville, MI 48725.

Elenbaum shares holidays with Father Christmases

By WALT RUMMEL
As calendars move into November and much of the world's population prepares for the Christmas season, a talented Thumb seamstress is continuing her year-round art of creating "Santas of Yesteryear."

Marian Elenbaum of RFD Sebawaing, who has been sewing since she was 7, has just completed her latest Santa Doll with "No. 39," designating that many of her creations. "That 'Santa of Yesteryear' gives her 16 completed this year of her special 24-inch Father Christmases.

And what Santas those are!

Made with a rigid insulated wire skeleton with arms, shoulders, thighs and legs in cloth body, the Santas have hand-poured composition faces, hands and booted feet.

Faces are painted in flesh tones, antiqued, wiped off, "blushed" and triple-sealed. Then glass eyes are inserted from inside the heads, which are attached to the bodies and then equipped with beards.

Elenbaum's beard and hair preparation requires that the mohair wool comes from the first cutting of a year-old angora goat. "That's when the wool is longest and finest," she explains.

The wool is washed three times and rinsed in water "as hot as I can stand it." Then Santa's beard is meticulously formed, combed, trimmed and attached, after which a



MARIAN ELENBAUM with some of her "friends."
WALT RUMMEL PHOTO

"skin wig" is prepared and applied.

Elenbaum's real artistry comes to the fore as her seamstress-personality takes over. She designs clothes for all Santas' patterns, which range

from old-time Father Christmas, patriotic, Russian, Victorian, all-white, Afro-American, antique and any others that customers may have seen or remembered from years past. "Each one is different

from any other that I've ever made," Elenbaum explains.

She personally designs each Santa's clothes, which includes lining each garment, buttons and button-holes for coats, and, she points out, "all edges turned down so there are no raw edges to be seen."

Coats and hats are fur-trimmed, with mink, rabbit, lamb, seal or "any other fur a customer might want to provide."

She regularly attends garage and rummage sales, selecting old coats with good furs. One coat was made from a patchwork quilt. Some have broad and wide fur capes. Some have cuffs, fronts and hems of fur. Hats are of many styles and materials, some pieced, others of fur and some with fur trims.

The details and quality of Elenbaum's Santas are further proven by the bag and toys her creations bring with them.

Her bags are always big and roomy. Some are made of suede or other leathers and all are lined.

Wherever she goes or whenever she shops she's watching for appropriate and in-scale gifts to fill Santa's bags. "Like anything wooden, preferably old. My choices include trains, musical instruments, Santa books (with pages, pictures and printing), sleighs, harps, violins, tiny doll buggies, fruits, wood

soldiers and the like," she explains. **In Santa's other hand**

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Christmas Wagon is ready to tour Sebawaing

By DUANE GUENTHER
Sebawaing Area resident will get a unique chance to

view Christmas lights this holiday season — thanks to Sebawaing's new Christmas

Wagon. The special wagon will give rides every evening from

7 to 9 p.m. on Monday through Friday, Dec. 18 - 22, according to Sebawaing Parks & Rec. Coordinator Tim Dutcher.

The "Light Tour" is being run in conjunction with the Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce's evening shopping hours. "It should give mom and dad a chance to let junior and sis hop on the wagon while they do that last-minute shopping for their children," Dutcher says.

However, the wagon just isn't for kids. Dutcher welcomes kids of all ages to take the half hour ride which he promises will get you in the holiday spirit.

Seating on the wagon is limited so a "first-come-first-serve" policy is planned. Within the two-hour time frame, everyone should be

able to make the connection. Loading will take place in front of Muellerwise Park in Downtown Sebawaing.

TRANSFORMATION: On Sundays, Dec. 3, 10 and 17, the Christmas Wagon will become the "Entertainment Wagon," as it travels through town from 1 to 3 p.m.

The village, in cooperation with the Chamber of Commerce, will host the USA Community Band, a Christmas Chorus and even Santa on the Entertainment Wagon on those Sundays.

"Be sure and look for this herald of good tidings, com-

ing to a street near you, compliments of the Parks & Recreation Department and the Sebawaing Chamber of Commerce," Dutcher invites.



SANTA GETS HIS Christmas Wagon ready for the Sunday tours scheduled for the holiday season throughout Sebawaing.
DUANE GUENTHER PHOTO

Elenbaum

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there are Christmas trees, wreaths or garlands, fully decorated with tiny beads, streamers and trinkets.

When completed, each Father Christmas is fitted to an adjustable display stand for which he "stands" at just the right height and position to exhibit him at his best.

A visitor who came to Elenbaum's farm home recently after recalling last year's account in The Newsweekly, bought one of the 1995 models "on the spot." Elenbaum still has more than a dozen in her variety of Father Christmases.

She recently put the finishing touches on a 48-inch model which was commissioned last year after that same customer took delivery on Elenbaum's first 48-inch model.

Said one purchaser of a 24-inch Santa, "I look for quality of hand-made models wherever I go, but I have never seen the like of these. They are beautiful, almost beyond

description. I would like to buy one each year, especially in one of Marian's unusual types.

"I'm thinking of possibly ordering an all-white model for next year — coat, fur, hat. That would be so striking."

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Down Memory Lane

From The Pages Of The Unionville Crescent

75 YEARS AGO NOV. 12, 1920

Koswell Fox has taken charge of the woodworking department at Schwartz's Blacksmith Shop.

In the wrestling match between Walter Gelinsky and Frank Labart last Saturday evening, Gelinsky was an easy winner in just nine minutes. A large crowd was in attendance.

65 YEARS AGO NOV. 7, 1930

Born Friday, Oct. 31, at Unionville Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Uhl, a daughter, Kathlene.

The farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Will Keyser, (Ethel Hubbell), five miles southwest of Unionville burned Wednesday noon. Nearly all contents were saved.

55 YEARS AGO NOV. 8, 1940

Clare Thomas is fishing this week with two boats, the Roamer and the Verne T, just off the bar. He is securing some perch but the greater amount of his catch is her- ring.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Becker returned home Sun-

day from their honeymoon trip through the northern part of Michigan and Wisconsin.

45 YEARS AGO NOV. 10, 1950

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hoppe, a son, Michael Dale, Thursday, Nov. 2, at Mercy Hospital, Bay City. Mrs. Hoppe is the former Gertrude Kramer.

Leon Ewald was out picking corn last week. Leon had his left foot cut off several weeks ago in a combine but is getting along fine.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Black and family have moved into the Pretzer home west of Unionville formerly occupied by the Peter Schuchs.

35 YEARS AGO NOV. 10, 1960

Mrs. Marge Achenbach and family have moved into the Milan Bush house.

Carol Elizabeth Gaeth became the bride of Daniel D. Butterfield Saturday, Oct. 22 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

25 YEARS AGO NOV. 12, 1970

A break-in at Unionville Community School had damages and losses between

\$1,000 and \$1,500. Head custodian Don Strieter discovered the break in Wednesday morning, Nov. 4 when he arrived at work at 5:20 a.m.

Unionville Junior Varsity football team, coached by Roger Remar, completed an undefeated season with a solid 44-26 win over arch-rival Sebewaing.

A son, Mark John II, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Mark Wiese Wednesday, Nov. 4. Mrs. Wiese is the former Sue Blehm of Unionville.



From The Pages Of The Pigeon Progress & Elkton Advance

80 YEARS AGO NOV. 12, 1915

Paul Praschan, Pigeon, is hunting deer in Oscoda County.

The National Biscuit Co. prizes, given by Hirshberg's Store in Pigeon Saturday, were awarded to Miss Emma Kramer and John Yackle.

J.D. Clark, O. Ostetler and H.J. Fox of Elkton and Richard Gwinn, Caseville, left on the annual deer hunt to the Upper Peninsula.

70 YEARS AGO NOV. 13, 1935

15 YEARS AGO NOV. 12, 1980

Airman Brian Duke, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Duke of Fairgrove, has been assigned to Lowry Air Force Base, CO, after completing Air Force basic training.

Elected as executive officers of Tuscola County Farm Bureau at a recent meeting of the board of directors were David Sting of Unionville, President; John Borek, Jr. of Clifford, Vice President; Kenneth Hofmeister of Gagetown, Member of Executive Committee; Loretta Kirkpatrick, Secretary-Treasurer.

Rev. G.F. Wacker celebrated his 30th anniversary as pastor of St. John's Lutheran Church at Berne on Sunday. He was presented with a purse of money.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Binder, Pigeon, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with 40 relatives and friends.

Frank J. Eisengruber, Bay Port and Gordon Dafee, Owendale, have been recommended for postmasters of their respective towns.

Rev. Meuser of Payne, OH will be installed Sunday as new pastor of Pigeon Lutheran Church.

60 YEARS AGO NOV. 15, 1935

Ten carloads of Michigan beans are moving to San Francisco canners via Baltimore and the Panama Canal. This is the first quantity sale ever made of Michigan beans to this company and is encouraging since California grown beans have been one of the chief competitors with the Michigan product.

Permanent Waves - \$2, \$3, \$4 and \$5 at Pigeon Beauty Shop. Gladys Weatherhead. -Adv.

50 YEARS AGO NOV. 9, 1945

Sgt. George Kuhl met with his brother, Cpl. Kenneth Kuhl, who was stationed in LeHarve, France, on Nov. 5. Ken served with the 5th Armored Division and George with the 3rd Infantry Division, 7th Infantry Regiment.

Frank Shetler, Winsor Twp. farmer, left Baltimore, MD Oct. 26 as one of 30 volunteer attendants for a cargo vessel of cattle which is being shipped by the U.N.R.A. for war relief in Greece.

Pigeon River Mennonite Church has contributed about \$10,000 to purchase beans which will be shipped to European countries for relief.

Senior class of Elkton Community School will present a three-act comedy, "What

Happened to Uncle," on Friday evening, Nov. 30. Cast of characters includes Marion Schweitzer, W.J. Rogers, Norma Roberts, Don Parrish, Dale Chappel, Wanda Temple, Betty Ramseyer, Audrey Parker, John Blome and Jack Thompson.

40 YEARS AGO NOV. 10, 1955

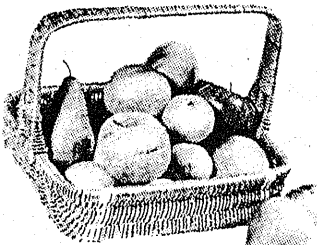
Pigeon High School's undefeated football team won the Northern Thumb C Conference football championship Friday night when they shut out Harbor Beach 27-0. Pigeon seniors on the team are Kent Paul, Cliff Buschlen, Orville Schuette, Bob Ziel, Clark Elftman, Garth Gordon, Don Shupe, Bud McCormick, Don Wing and Roger Davis.

30 YEARS AGO NOV. 11, 1965

It was announced that Scheurer Hospital Inc., Pigeon, is negotiating for purchase of the hospital building. Scheurer Hospital was incorporated in 1944 as a non-profit corporation by Dr. and Mrs. C.A. Scheurer and Ruth Clabuesch, R.N.

Jack Carroll of Consumers Power Co. announced that natural gas was turned on Nov. 2 south from Caseville along M-25, including Sand Point. Construction to Port Austin should be completed by December, 1965.

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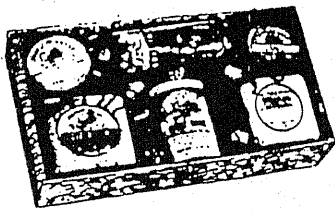
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