



LOCAL MAN WINS MEDALS

PFC Matthew Miller, 1977 graduate from Eaton Rapids High School, has returned to Ft. Riley, KA. with his wife Jane and children, David and Krisha. He had spent 4 months in Ft. Benning, GA training and shooting with the United States All Army Team.

After several matches in the Southern and Eastern States where he earned 2 Bronze Medals for 12 of the 30 points needed towards his Distinguished

Rifleman Status, he, along with the whole Team, participated in the 28th Annual Interservice Championship Rifle Matches at the Marine Base in Quantico, VA. Shooting as an individual in the Interservice Excellence-In-Competition Match against all branches of the service, including reserve units, he was awarded 8 points and a Silver Medal by Colonel Wm. Deneke, USMC. Six of the top ten shooters in the match were men from the Army Team. The team also set several new records in other team matches.

The Team was then sent to Camp Perry, Ohio for the National Matches sponsored by the National Rifle Assoc. of America and the National Board for the Promotion of Rifle Practice. These matches are open to all civilians as well as all branches of service. All members of the Team had to report in at 5:45 a.m. and were on the range and shooting every day including Sunday. Most days ended between 6 & 7 p.m. Targets for these matches are at 200, 300, 600 and 1000 yards. All shooters rotate pulling targets, keeping score and using spotting scopes when not shooting in their own relays.

PFC Miller's first shoot was Aug. 2 in the Presidents Rifle Match - 10 rounds at 200 off-hand standing, 10 rounds at 300 rapid fire prone from standing and 10 rounds at 600 prone. There were 1515 men competing and PFC Miller placed 93rd with 285-7x (bulls-eyes) entitling him to the honor of belonging to the "Presidents 100", a goal strived for by all shooters. To be one of the "Elite".

On Aug. 3 the National Trophy Individual Rifle Match - all positions, all yardage, a possible 500 score, took place. 1509 men were shooting and PFC Miller placed 244th with 469-11x for a Bronze Medal and 6 points toward his distinguished. SFC Gilbreath of the Army Team was the winner of the match.

The Team Matches were held Aug. 4, and PFC Miller was named as honorary stand-by for a 6 man team. The Team placed 3rd out of 123 teams for another bronze medal. PFC Miller was then assigned by his team coach and his Sgt. Major to coach two Junior shooters from Grayling, MI for the rest of the day.

After shooting every day in competition, on Aug. 8 The Navy Cup Match was held - 20 rounds at 200 yards off-hand standing. 79 competitors in the Master Class and PFC Miller took 3rd place with 194-9x.

By showing outstanding ability and determination for excellence, PFC Miller's Sgt. Major put in for orders in July to have him transferred to Ft. Benning, GA to be assigned permanently with the All Army Rifle Team. To quote the Sgt. Major, "You don't just pick up a good new shooter every day."

Back in Kansas waiting for the much wanted transfer to come through, PFC Miller was nominated, and after going before a Review Board of Top Brass, was named Soldier of the Month for his Company and 3rd place for the Battalion.

Going "Distinguished" and being a "Top Shooter" with a few 1st place trophies next year are his goals. After that, promotion and coaching would hopefully be in the near future.

Needless to say, Matt's family and friends are very proud of his accomplishments. We all love and support him and have faith in him as he moves forward in his Army Career.

Eaton Rapids man hurt in collision

A 78-year-old Eaton Rapids man was in critical condition Friday after a head-on collision Thursday afternoon.

Frank Sobocinski was driving south on Clinton Trail at 2:20 p.m. when his car crossed the center line and struck a semi-truck driven by Michael Nichparenko, 25, of Edmore, said Eaton County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Sara Gurd.

Sobocinski was taken to Hayes-Green-Beach Hospital, then transferred to Lansing's Sparrow Hospital's neurological intensive care unit. Nichparenko was not injured.

The accident is under investigation.

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CPR training pays off when family dog choke

EATON RAPIDS — Talk about pressure. . . .

"The dog was unconscious, I couldn't feel a heartbeat and my 10-year-old son, Jason, was standing there crying his eyes out," said David Everett, describing the scene of a Sunday evening emergency.

One other thing: The dog, a 2-year-old German Shepherd named Crystal, had other mouths to feed. She gave birth to six puppies about three weeks ago.

As it turned out, Crystal became an unlikely beneficiary of David Everett's CPR training.

It was a big break for her puppies, too.

And for Jason.

David's wife, Katherine, called Monday morning with a blow-by-blow account of the life-or-death drama:

About 6:30 p.m. she and Jason took table scraps to Crystal, who was in the back yard of the Everett home

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on Waverly Road, outside of Eaton Rapids.

As Katherine and David walked back toward the house, the boy noticed that the dog was choking.

"She couldn't breathe at all," Katherine said. "She was running in circles trying to catch her breath. She was going downhill fast."

Katherine ran to the house to get her husband. By the time David got to the dog, Crystal was unconscious

and her heart had quit beating.

David, United Way coordinator at the mobile-Cadillac Reatta plant in Lapeer, had been trained in cardiopulmonary resuscitation. He figured that training would pay off with the family pet.

He began massaging Crystal's chest area. The dog's heartbeat returned.

Then he reached deep into the dog's throat and removed the obstruction — a chunk of ham. Immediately the dog began breathing on its own. Soon afterward she regained consciousness.

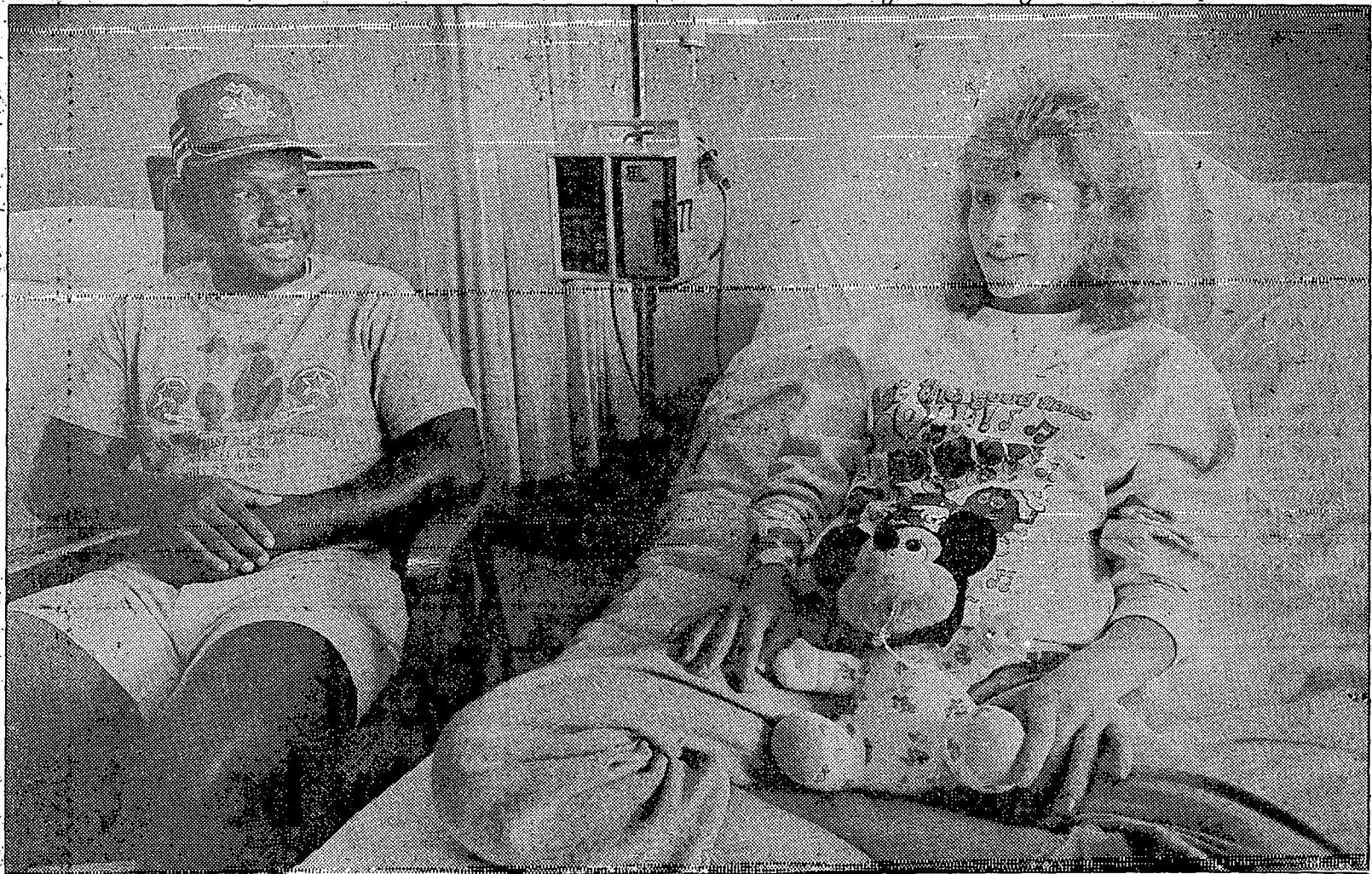
Everett was first certified in CPR five years ago, but took a refresher course two weeks ago.

This was the first time he was ever called upon to apply his knowledge.

Crystal soon was back to her old self. She was nursing her puppies Monday morning when Katherine called, obviously relieved at the way things turned out.

daughters and 1 son-in-law, Gail and Don Gibbs of Holt and Marsha Langenbacher of Lansing; 1 sister and brother-in-law, Alice and Hubert Ellison of Lansing; 6 grandchildren; sister-in-law, Ruth Estey of Lansing; and several loving nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Mrs. Mary Schneiders of Eaton Rapids, and his parents, John and Mary Schneiders of Eaton Rapids. A memorial service will be held at a later date.

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All-star visitors

Lisa Arnett, 13, of Eaton Rapids had some out-of-the-ordinary visitors Thursday at Ingham Medical Center. Lewis Lowe of Detroit Osborn High School and other participants in

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the 1989 Michigan High School East-West All Star Football Game visited the pediatrics department. The game is Saturday at Spartan Stadium. Game details, Page 4C.

Dr. J.P. Wulff Named President Of Medical Staff

At a recent meeting, the Medical Staff and Eaton Rapids Community Hospital elected its officers.

Dr. Jonathan P. Wulff, Eaton Rapids, named as President of the Medical Staff, specializes in general and family practice. He has been affiliated with the hospital since 1981, serving most recently as Secretary-Treasurer to the Medical Staff (1988-89).

Selected as Vice President was Miriam S. Daly, M.D., Albion. Dr. Daly is a family practitioner with emphasis in pediatrics. She has been a member of the active Medical Staff since 1984.

In addition Dr. Frederick W. Grove, Springport, family and general practice was installed as Secretary-Treasurer. Dr. Grove joined the hospital in 1987.

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Wulff named hospital staff president

Dr. Jonathan Wulff of Eaton Rapids has been elected president of the medical staff of Eaton Rapids Community Hospital.

Wulff specializes in general and family practice. He has been affiliated with the hospital since 1981 and was secretary-treasurer of the medical staff in 1988-89.

Dr. Miriam Daly, a family practitioner with emphasis on pediatrics, is vice-president. She has been a member of the medical staff since 1984.

Dr. Frederick Grove of Springport, who specializes in family and general practice, has been elected secretary-treasurer. He joined the hospital staff in 1987.

Eaton Rapids volunteer was hot to hurry into firefig

EATON RAPIDS — Where's the fire . . . ? Brian DeWaters admits he was in a hurry. "It's something I've wanted to do ever since I was a kid," he said. "I couldn't wait to get started."

Last Tuesday DeWaters arrived. He accepted his boots and his helmet; his coat and pants. And his lecture from Eaton Rapids Fire Chief Richard Freer. So now it's official:

Brian DeWaters — high school student and volunteer firefighter.

Actually, DeWaters was ready for the bell on his 18th birthday — by law, his earliest opportunity — but he had to wait 11 days for the chief to come back from vacation and sign him up.

Even with that delay, DeWaters is the youngest member, by six years, of the 20-member department. As far as anybody can recall, he's the youngest person



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ever to achieve firefighter certification in Eaton Rapids.

Chief Freer didn't sound quite ready to initiate an all-teen department yet: "We're going to have to wait and see how it works out," he said.

But he intends to give the rookie an honest shot. "He's been wanting to be a firefighter for a long time," Freer said. "He went through the training and passed everything. We're going to give him a chance."

Other members of the department agree.

"He did his 132 hours of training — that's quite an accomplishment for a kid his age," firefighter Rod Shultz said. "He deserves a lot of credit."

DeWaters completed the training — classroom work and practical application — while going to school and working part time at Lubahn Sheet Metal. It took him just about a year.

Now he's considering taking emergency medical technician training.

Obviously DeWaters takes it seriously.

"I intend to make a career out of this," he said.

DeWaters

Lansing State Journal 8-1-89 Eaton Rapids resident conducts symposium

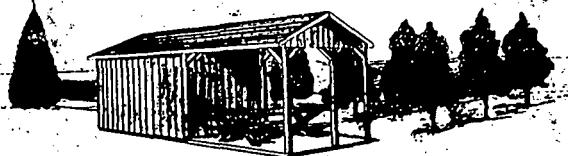
The International Geological Congress has just concluded its 28th meeting in Washington, D.C.

Michael Ryan of Reston, Va., and a former Eaton Rapids resident conducted the symposium for the Volcanic Division.

Michael is a graduate of MSU and Pennsylvania State University, and earned his doctorate on the volcanoes of Hawaii. He is the son of Herbert and Virginia Ryan of Eaton Rapids.

The Geological Congress meets every four years in major cities throughout the world.

Scott Blakey Memorial Tennis Fund



The family of Scott Blakey, Eaton Rapids Class of 1986 who was killed on the U.S.S. Iowa in April, has established the "Scott Blakey Memorial Tennis fund." In accordance with the family's wishes the money will be used to promote tennis within the community of Eaton Rapids.

The memorial tennis shelter will be constructed at the northwest corner of the high school tennis courts. This will provide equipment storage as well as a picnic shelter for tennis players using the facility. All donations are tax deductible and Eaton Rapids High School will acknowledge all donations. Any questions may be directed to Russ Hicks, tennis coach, 663-3882.

Accompanied by a drawing by ERHS drafting student Troy Peterson, Hicks has

been constructing a broad base of support for the project. "The positive response from the community has been marvelous. From the bids and materials lists we've established a \$2700 goal. Donations are approaching \$1900," commented Hicks. In addition to monetary donations, local craftsmen and building professionals have agreed to assist the project with their knowledge of construction techniques.

Construction is scheduled to begin during the last of July and early August, with a tentative dedication ceremony in mid-August. Any Eaton Rapids area resident who would be interested in donating time, labor, materials, or a monetary amount may do so by contacting the high school office 663-2231.

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Sailor's memorial fund to pay for shelter

Money from the Scott Blakey Memorial Fund will be used to build a shelter at the high school tennis courts.

Scott Blakey, a member of the Eaton Rapids High School class of 1986, was killed in April in a gun turret explosion aboard the battleship USS Iowa.

The shelter also can be used for storage and a picnic area. Drafting student Troy Peterson drew the plans for the \$2,700 building.

Russ Hicks, high school tennis coach and project director, said the fund contains about \$1,900.

Construction is expected to begin in mid-July. A dedication ceremony is planned for mid-August.

To donate money, materials or labor, call 663-2231.

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U'Ren appointed Precinct 1 councilman

EATON RAPIDS — Bruce U'Ren has been appointed city councilman for Precinct 1, replacing Tim Aben. Aben resigned when he moved to Precinct 3. U'Ren, 48, of 1407 Hall St., is an employee development instructor for General Motors Corp. He said he will run in the Nov. 7 election for the two-year balance of Aben's term.

The new councilman said he will emphasize street improvements.

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10-year-old struck by car

By SUE NICHOLS
Lansing State Journal

EATON RAPIDS — A 10-year-old girl was hospitalized in serious condition Thursday. She is the second child to be hit by a car in Eaton County this week.

Jessica Hettinger of Eaton Rapids was waiting for the school bus with her 8-year-old sister at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday on Spicerville Highway east of Eaton Rapids.

Deputy Mark O'Donnell said Jessica had crossed the highway to check on the time. On her way back to the bus stop, she waited for a truck to pass.

She darted across the road without looking both ways, and ran into the side of a car driven by Jennifer Gibson, 22, of Eaton Rapids.

O'Donnell said Gibson's careful eye on the children as she approached probably saved Jessica from more severe harm.

Gibson saw the children and the truck, and began to brake and swerve to give the children a wide berth before Jessica darted into the road.

On Monday, Kristine Wonch, 12, of Charlotte was struck by a car as she crossed the street in front of her home on Cochran Road. She died of her injuries Wednesday.

Unemployment check had a catch for Eaton Rapids woman

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EATON RAPIDS — Theresa Zens faced a frustrating dilemma:

If she waited in line for her unemployment check, she would miss a job appointment. If she kept the appointment, she wouldn't get her check.

She chose an understandable course of action:

"I burst out in tears," said the 44-year-old Eaton Rapids woman. "I was so upset by the lack of caring people."

If you think crying was an extreme reaction, consider the fact that Zens had had a tough morning at the Michigan Employment Security Commission branch office, 5015 S. Cedar St.

She had gotten in line at 7:40 a.m. and talked to three different people at MESC. It was about 1 p.m. when she lost her composure.

Zens, who is working toward a bachelor's degree in management, has been out of work since September. Last Thursday she had a job interview with a Lansing restaurant owner looking for a manager. That evening she received a call from the restauranteur asking her to come back at 1 p.m. Friday.



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This presented a conflict — 1 p.m. Friday was also the time Zens was supposed to pick up her unemployment compensation.

No problem, she figured. After all, MESC's foremost goal is employment. The commission's policy, she had always heard, was to encourage its clients to pursue all job opportunities.

Her plan was to show up at MESC as early as possible and get her business taken care of before the 1 p.m. job appointment.

The people at MESC had an important question for Zens:

Did she have the job at the restaurant or didn't she? It was an important distinction because it dictated if she was entitled to her check before her appointment or afterward.

Velma Wilson, MESC branch manager, explained that while a job entitles a client to receive his or her check early, a client whose appointment conflict involves only a job interview is asked to pick up his or her check after the interview.

The problem, Zens said, is that she wasn't sure whether she had the job or not.

"He told me to be in at 1 p.m.," Zens said about the man who was considering her. "I wasn't sure whether I was starting then or if it was another interview. I assumed I had the job, but he never really said, 'You're hired.'"

That, she said, explains why her answers to the MESC people in that regard might have sounded vague.

Wilson was skeptical:

"It takes a stretch of the imagination to believe somebody doesn't know whether she's been hired or not," Wilson said. "Sometimes when you're really

looking for a job, you hear what you want to hear."

The branch manager said that, indeed, MESC policies and practices encourage clients to take advantage of work opportunities.

"We make exceptions," she said, "but we have to make sure people aren't abusing that right."

After investigating the incident Monday, Wilson said several MESC employees told her that Zens refused to leave after she was told she couldn't get her check early and that she began harrassing one employee.

As it turned out, Zens didn't get the job — an outcome that may have had nothing to do with the fact she was a half-hour late for her appointment.

But that, she said, doesn't change the principle involved.

"It's crazy," Zens said. "I'm out of work and the Employment Security commission is making it difficult for me to get a job interview."

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Messed up heads

I am a student at Eaton Rapids Middle School and I think drugs are wrong because people can get sick. I do not think people should use these kinds of things because they do not make their lives or yours any better.

Most people get so sick that they get in accidents and cannot think because their brains get messed up.

I think people should not buy these illegal drugs. They could be better people for making this decision.

CAREN MILLER,
Eaton Rapids

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Parents need help 3-889

I'm a seventh grader who attends Eaton Rapids Middle School and I'm concerned about child abuse. I'm concerned about child abuse because the children get hurt. They should get help for the parents to stop child abuse.

The parents don't understand that their kids have feelings and the kids are scared to tell other people that they are getting abused by their parents.

I think parents abuse their kids because they use drugs or they were abused when they were kids.

I believe there should be more education on child abuse in the schools.

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Eaton Rapids**

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Jazz Production Troupe Performs



Another Smashing Success! The Academy would like to Congratulate all the Jazz Production Troupe for their outstanding performance Feb. 18 in the Lansing BOC 8th Annual Talent Show. For the past 8 years Brenda has choreographed and directed many superb dancers and dances. This year we left them Reeboking in the aisles.

The Jazz Troupe consists of 12 Academy dancers: Linda Love, Babe Shelden, Misty King, Lindsey Spencer, Julie Lankton, Amy Arsenault, Teri Davis, Lisa Harper, Angie Jones, Lisa Houghton, Nicole Raymond and Patrick Piper. With a great energetic upbeat smooth criminal production. Each student not only received fantastic compliments, exposure and experience, but they individually received an engraved wall plaque for their time and talents put forth to help make the BOC Show a Big Success with their guest appearance.

A special Thank You to all the families and friends who are so supportive of our Academy and to a truly dedicated faculty who donate their time and talents to these worthwhile students.

We have several upcoming engagements with our 2 troupes: The "Zing into Spring" Continuing Ed. Open House - March 22 with performance at 8 p.m. and a large dance competition from California to be held in Lansing, April 16 with National Finals in Las Vegas.

If any individual, business or organization would like to be of assistance to these troupes, we have a special program for sponsors through the Brenda's Dance Academy Scholarship Fund, which is a tax deductible donation. The students have been busy selling dance Calendars featuring all the students in classes at our Academy. If you haven't purchased yours...we'll be finishing the sale this month, just call and have it mailed to you. Our candy sale will begin again this month as well as the teen dances, which have been very successful and bake sales wherever we can set up.

As you can see these gifted dancers are busy preparing for summer conventions in New York or Orlando with final destination determined by the funds in the Scholarship Program.

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Elmer and Mary Lou Levering of Eaton Rapids show off their newly won millions Friday at the IGA in Eaton Rapids.

Eaton Rapids couple face Lotto decisions

By JOHN B. ALBRIGHT
Lansing State Journal

EATON RAPIDS — An auto worker who became Eaton Rapids' first Michigan Lotto game winner is cautiously planning what to do with his \$3 million share of a \$9 million jackpot.

"I'm still waiting for it to sink in," said Elmer Levering, 47, who received a \$120,288 check Friday in an Eaton Rapids supermarket, where he bought the winning ticket.

"It's still a dream world."

"It's a dream come true," added his wife, Mary Lou, a housekeeper at Ingham Medical Center in Lansing.

The check was the first of 20 annual installments coming to Levering, who held one of three winning tickets when Lotto numbers 8, 16, 31, 32, 37, and 38 turned up Wednesday

night. Twenty percent of the \$150,100 installment was held back for federal income taxes.

Two other winning tickets have not been turned in yet, said the lottery bureau's region manager, Jack Vint.

Dream or no, the Leverings said, they wouldn't rush any new-found wealth into impulsive purchases.

First, they have bills to pay, starting with the balances owed on his 1984 pickup truck and her 1984 auto.

Some day they'll buy land just outside Eaton Rapids and build a home on it.

"I gotta look toward the future," Levering said. "It's going to be used only when it's necessary to use it."

A General Motors worker for 25 years, Levering said, he will consider early retirement from his metal finishing job in a Buick-Olds-mobile-Cadillac Group plant in Lansing. He

earns \$36,000 to \$45,000 a year.

Mary Lou Levering said she'd drop her \$17,000-a-year hospital job, if that's what her husband wants.

"It's up to him," she said. "If he wants me to quit — hey, I quit. Why not? I'm just a housekeeper. I can afford to quit now."

The couple have four children and three grandchildren.

Levering said he's been spending \$10 to \$40 a week on Michigan lottery tickets for years. "I've never hit anything big until now," he said.

Levering bought the lucky ticket at an IGA store on the community's South Main Street, Mr. B's Superama.

As Levering received the installment check there from Vint, onlooker Mary Faynor of Eaton Rapids commented: "Hmmm. If he watches his money, it'll last him a while."



For the 2nd year in a row Jim Scott has brought in the winning buck in the CBS Sports Shop Big Buck Contest; Jim actually was 1st & 3rd, having shot 2 bucks the first morning. Jim received a Remington Automatic Rifle. Doug Norton took 2nd place with an 8 point with a .23 11/16 inch spread.

ER Man Wins Court Appeal

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An Eaton Rapids man was awarded \$25,000 as the result of injuries suffered in a rear-end collision.

Terrell Heintz, age 37, a self-employed carpet installer suffered soft tissue injuries to his neck as a result of the whiplash injury he sustained.

A Calhoun County Circuit Court Jury in Battle Creek found Laverne Hutchings, the driver of the other vehicle and her employer, Marshall

Lanes, Inc., negligent. Heintz was awarded \$25,000 in damages after a 4 day trial before the honorable Stephen B. Miller.

Heintz's attorney, Lawrence P. Nolan, said the accident occurred in 1982. The lawsuit was filed in 1984. The trial court dismissed the action without trial in 1985. Heintz's attorneys, were successful in bringing an appeal of the Judge's decision through the

Michigan Court of Appeals. The case was remanded to the Calhoun County Circuit Court for a new trial by the Court of Appeals.

As a result of a 4 day personal injury trial, the 6 member jury deliberated 2 hours finding in favor of the plaintiff. Plaintiff's counsel indicated the verdict with interest will total more than \$42,000.

ER...The Next Hollywood?

The Flashes Shopper's Guide 9-7-88



Eaton Rapids, the next Hollywood? Not very likely. But, a film made for Television was just completed here Friday, Sept. 2. Many familiar faces, streets and store fronts are included in the half hour drama "The Woman at the Well" directed by Jim Towers and starring Diane Moore a Detroit based actress.

The film can be seen on Channel 19 and 29 at a future date. Watch for details in the State Journal or The Flashes Shopper's Guide. The film will be shown at the First United Methodist Church, 600 S. Main St. on Sunday, Sept. 11 at 9:45 a.m.

Body identified as ex-Eaton Rapids man

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By COREY WILLIAMS
Lansing State Journal

EATON RAPIDS — When City Attorney Robert H. Warner read about a body found Monday in Lansing, he worried that the description of the body matched that of his son.

Dental records confirmed that the body, found in a shed behind 3003 E. Michigan Ave., was that of Michael Warner, 24, the son Robert Warner hasn't seen since December.

"It was just Tuesday that we noticed

in the newspaper the report about the unidentified body," Warner said. "With Michael being gone, we always wonder about something like that."

Warner's son was last known to be living in Houston.

"We kind of lost track of Michael," he said. Warner did not know when or how his son returned to Michigan.

Michael Warner's body was found by Ralph Shaheen, owner of Shaheen Chevrolet, and Gene Bryan, a building maintenance man, in an unlocked shed behind the vacant Campus Ford

dealership.

Shaheen, who is interested in buying the property, was looking it over Monday when he and Bryan found the body in the shed and called police.

"We're not treating it as a homicide," Lansing Police Detective Donald Dufour said. "Because of the condition of the body, we will not know the final results of the autopsy until toxicology results are completed."

Those results will not be available for at least two weeks, he added.

Police are not sure if the cause of

death was suicide, accident or natural causes. The body may have been in the shed at least two days, police said.

Dufour said Michael Warner was known around the Frandor area as a vagrant.

"The officers that work in that area had seen him out there quite a bit on the streets. The best we can determine from the people we talked to was that he lived on the streets," Dufour said.

A private graveside service will be held in Eaton Rapids, Warner said.



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Old shed yields body of a man

By COREY WILLIAMS
Lansing State Journal

Lansing police are unsure whether a partially-decomposed body found Monday afternoon in an aluminum shed behind the old Campus Ford car dealership at 3003 E. Michigan Ave., is the result of a homicide.

At 4 p.m. Ralph Shaheen, owner of Shaheen Chevrolet, and Gene Bryan, a building maintenance man, were looking over the vacant buildings when they noticed a foul odor.

"I really didn't see anything, but there was a bad smell," said Shaheen, who is considering buying the property. "We looked in and saw the boot and the pants. We backed off and called the police."

Police said the body appears to be that of a white man and may have been in the unlocked shed at least two days.

"There is no indication whether it is a suicide, accidental death or a homicide," said Detective Sgt. Donald Dufour. "We will treat it as a homicide until we know different."

The body did not appear to be that of anyone recently reported missing, said Lt. Howard Cleverger. "There is an indication that the person may have been seen walking around the area in the past. It could be the body of a vagrant."

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Charlotte man may have drowned in Straits of Mackinac

By COREY WILLIAMS
Lansing State Journal

MACKINAW CITY — A Fourth of July vacation with friends may have turned into tragedy for a Charlotte man believed to have drowned in the Straits of Mackinac.

Scott Ulman, 19, has been missing since Friday, after he and four friends were chased by police from the Mackinac Bridge.

"No one really knows what happened to Scott," said Thomas Hughes, 22, of Lansing. "We were out drinking Thursday night and we had an idea to go out to a



Ulman

cement block on the bridge and sit there for a while."

The 4½-mile-long bridge is part of I-75. It is against the law to walk across the bridge.

The five men, three from Lansing, one from Eaton Rapids and Ulman from Charlotte, decided not to go out to the cement block. But as they were returning to the end of the bridge they were spotted by police about a half mile from shore, Hughes said.

"Everyone went into a frenzy and took off," he said. "Nobody heard a scream, and we're almost positive Scott didn't fall."

"If anything, because Scott has done some daring stuff before, he jumped while trying to get away. Scott's an excellent swimmer."

The point on the bridge where police spotted the men is about 60 feet from the water's surface, Hughes said.

Three of the men were caught by police, but after regrouping they discovered Scott was not with them. A missing person report was filed.

A surface search of the straits has not

turned up anything, said Lt. Robert Boyer, of the Michigan State Police Cheboygan Post.

The water in that area is about 5 feet deep. Divers have not yet been called in.

"We don't know what happened to him," said Ronald Ulman, Scott's father. "We really don't know. Nobody heard him go into the water or scream."

Ulman described his son as a good swimmer and hopes Scott did not drown. "They were just doing what kids do," Ronald Ulman said. "It was just sort of horseplay. We've contacted all of our relatives that live in that area. We're hoping he is somewhere up there, but we don't

know."

The men were staying in a cabin in the area owned by Hughes' father.

"We go up there every Fourth of July," Hughes said. "We went up there with quite a bit of people."

Scott Ulman had been there since July 2. He was expected to return to Charlotte last weekend.

"Missing is what he is," Boyer said. "Whether he is in water right now we don't know. Nobody saw him go into the water."

"They are not supposed to be walking on the bridge. They were up on the bridge and down under the bridge. They were just horsing around, I guess."

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Body of Charlotte man recovered

By COREY WILLIAMS
Lansing State Journal

MACKINAW CITY — The body of a Charlotte man believed to have drowned during the weekend was found Wednesday morning near the Mackinac Bridge.



Ulman

Scott Ulman, 19, was last seen by friends at the bridge Friday morning. Passersby found his body about 10:20 a.m. after it apparently floated to shore, said Trooper Wayne Precord of the Michigan State Police Cheboygan Post.

Police chased Ulman and four friends, all from the Lansing area, from the bridge early Friday morning. Police caught three of them. When they regrouped they discovered Ulman was not with them.

"I'm relieved to know what happened," said Ronald Ulman, Scott's father. "But what can I say?"

Police have not officially listed the cause of death as a drowning. Pathologists were expected to perform an autopsy Wednesday afternoon.

"We do not suspect any foul play," Precord said.

Ulman and his friends were vacationing in Mackinaw City over the Fourth of July holiday. He was expected to return to Charlotte last weekend.

The morning Ulman disappeared, the five men decided to walk along the

bridge to sit on a cement block. They changed their minds and were returning to the Lower Peninsula side of the bridge when police saw them.

It is against the law to walk on the 4.5-mile-long bridge, which is part of I-75 and connects the Lower and Upper peninsulas.

No one heard a scream, or any sound indicating Scott Ulman had fallen into the water, said Thomas Hughes, one of the men on the bridge that morning. Ulman was described as a good swimmer.

The men had been drinking at the time of the incident, Hughes said.

The men were staying in a cabin in the area owned by Hughes' father.

Funeral arrangements are being made by the Shelly Funeral Home in Eaton Rapids.

At 83, Leah Brown still loves her music

By HELEN CLEGG
Lansing State Journal

EATON RAPIDS — Leah Brown is spreading cold cream on her hands so they'll stick to the organ keys better. She plays three times a day during the annual session of the Campgrounds where she is serving her 42nd year.

"I love it, I love it," said Brown, 83, who says she intends to keep on playing as long as the Lord and her arthritis let her. "My life has been music in and out of school and church."

Brown — her eyes wide — leans forward and confides: "They know I have to have a Baldwin organ."

Campgrounds management rents an organ and a grand piano for the annual 10-day meeting. The grounds' owner is the Michigan State Holiness Association — an interdenominational organization.

The spotlight has always been on the main attraction — the invited speakers, special musicians, the Campgrounds officers and the beautiful grounds.

But it's time to turn a little atten-

tion to the feisty musician who has been to every service and has listened to all the speakers for more than 40 years.

Brown, who plays all the hymns by heart, knows what she wants. She tells workers installing the organ to take the music rack off — she wants to see the faces of the people.

She started coming to the Campgrounds at age 5 when an aunt invited her.

"I went to watch the lady who played the one piano on the platform — and I thought that was so nice," Brown recalled.

Her home is in Galesburg, where she directs three choirs for the United Methodist Church, holding rehearsals — directing and playing one of the pianos — for three weeks in September before the October start. Al Abbott, a strong baritone, is always her guest soloist that Sunday.

In summer, she lives in Northport and plays for two churches, the Presbyterian in Omena and Covenant in Northport — except when she's at the Campgrounds.



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Leah Brown, 83, will begin her 42nd year as the organist for the Eaton Rapids Campground meeting. Though arthritis pains her occasionally, the feisty musician has not given up. "My life has been music in and out of school and church," she says.

Brown intends to keep up this no-time-for-leisure schedule, even though pain radiates across her chest from bursitis in her left shoulder, and her knees, arms and hands pain her from arthritis. Her physician wants to operate on her wrist to relieve numbness in her fingers, but he won't give her a guarantee she can play the organ and

piano afterwards.

All she asked for was pain medicine — and away she left for the Campgrounds.

And Brown will keep her upbeat pace. Before settling into her schedule, she looked over at the Tabernacle. So far as she is concerned, she'll return each year — forever.

2nd Precinct councilman resigns 6.11.88

Mike Rocca has resigned as 2nd Precinct councilman of Eaton Rapids, City Manager Dennis Craun said Friday.

Rocca, assistant superintendent for curriculum in Eaton Rapids schools, cited time pressure as the reason for quitting the council, Craun said.

Rocca was elected last November to a four-year term.

Craun said council members may act June 28 or July 12 to name an interim council member. The 2nd Precinct is a northwest section of Eaton Rapids, west of the Grand River.

The appointee would serve until a replacement election in November of 1989.

The remaining members of the council are Martha McFall, Tim Aben, Jean Kline and Mayor Daniel Wrubel.

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No newcomer *S. 20-88*
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Kathy Barks Hoffinan's column gives the impression that I am a newcomer to the political scene. However, I have been an active Republican since I was in high school.

I have regularly supported Republican candidates, moderate and conservative. I plan to support Vice President Bush's campaign aggressively this fall.

Hoffinan relates my candidacy for State Representative to "ill will" of the Robertson camp and a crusade to replace Republican office holders with "true believers like themselves." She further labels me an "ultra-conservative."

My candidacy has nothing to do with the battle in the state over the presidential race. Rather, my campaign is picking up where it left off two years ago.

If being concerned about deteriorating road and bridge conditions makes me an "ultra-conservative," then I plead guilty. If seeking solutions to the problems of quality education makes me an "ultra-conservative," then I plead guilty. If addressing the still unresolved concerns over liability rates and medical malpractice rates, and supporting less government, and opposing tax increases makes me an "ultra-conservative," then I guess I am. But those are the concerns of the people of Eaton County.

When a legislator is unable or unwilling to address the issues of concern to his constituents, whether liberal, moderate or conservative, he should expect opposition.

ROBERT BALDWIN,
Eaton Rapids

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Top performance

Lansing State Journal/ROD SANFORD

Shawn Wallace, 13, of Eaton Rapids, wows the crowd as he takes 1st place at the Greater Lansing Youth Performing Arts Competition on Thursday night at the Kingsley Center.

Tri-county volunteers cited

The Voluntary Action Center of Greater Lansing recently honored outstanding individual volunteers and volunteer groups from throughout the tri-county area.

Receiving a Community Recognition Award was the Adult Handicap Program of the Eaton Intermediate School District. According to the nomination statement, the Adult Handicapped Program is an outgrowth of an academic program offered through EISD to serve handicapped residents.

The program was begun in September 1975 and terminated, due to lack of funding, in May 1981. Several area churches had also offered a summer session of the program from 1979 to 1982. With state and federal funding gone, a group of volunteers decided to organize a community-sponsored program that would have the funds to operate year-round. Funding was obtained from area United Way organizations, plus service groups and churches. The first session was held in October 1982.

Ninety-five adults, living in 34 foster care homes throughout Eaton County, participate in a variety of free activities



Photograph by Wilma Saums

VOLUNTEERS RECOGNIZED — These volunteers were honored Thursday by the Tri-County Voluntary Action Center for their work with the Adult Handicap Program: (front, l. to r.) Mary Scott, Susie Buckley, Laura Rooney, Nancy Cattell, Howard Saums, (back) Fred West, Don Scott, Glen Ostrander, Dick Berry, and Phil Rooney.

including bingo, square dancing, crafts, films, games, dances, sports, and dinners.

Volunteers help provide transportation and serve as aides to assist in the activities which are held Tuesday evenings, 45 weeks of the year. Even though the group has two paid staff members, the activities would not be possible without volunteers, particularly a "baker's dozen" of 13 loyal volunteers who have contributed a total of 2,869 hours over the past several years.

Those volunteers, and

the number of hours each has worked are, from Charlotte, Laura Rooney, 372 hours; Phil Rooney, 171 hours; Don and Mary Scott, 530 hours; Fred West, 367 hours; Howard Saums, 106 hours; Dick Berry, 92 hours; Mary Morales, 35 hours; and Sally Bouchard, 130 hours. From Eaton Rapids, Mike Mayes, 105 hours; Harry Householder, 325 hours; and Susie Buckley, 284 hours. From Olivet, Lois Ellison, has volunteered 362 hours.

Receiving Distinguished Volunteers awards were two Eaton County

men, Glen Ostrander of Charlotte and Dave Caterino of Vermontville.

Ostrander, a volunteer at Meadowview School since 1980, is being recognized for the two or three days each week, year-round, which he spends with the special education students at Meadowview. In his volunteer role, he assists with Boy Scout Troop No. 681, Lucky Suns 4-H Club, physical therapy groups, individual activities with the classroom for severely mentally impaired students, field trips, and horseback riding for the handicapped.

"Mr. Glenn" as he is called by the staff and students is such a loyal and consistent volunteer that on the rare occasions he takes time off, he is missed as dear friends

and family would be missed.

A retired school employee, Ostrander is active in his church, and had held office in the Eaton County Retired School Employees organization, the Charlotte Senior Citizen Club, and the Eaton Special Riding Volunteer Association.

Caterino, a resident of Vermontville, was nominated for his work at the R.E. Olds Transportation Museum in Lansing. Starting with the loaning or donation of artifacts for the museum and the sharing of articles and information on Lansing's transportation heritage, Caterino joined, in 1985, a committee to research and produce a brochure on Lansing transportation landmarks.

Last year, he assisted on a video project, researching the material and arranging for shooting of photographs for the video entitled "Getting to Your Capitol From Ox Cart to Aviation," which will be shown at the museum beginning in June. He is one of three people planning and researching a special exhibit on Durant Motors in Lansing. Caterino, who works the night shift at Oldsmobile, is assisting with a major two-year inventory of the museum's collection. He was asked to assist because of his knowledge and demonstrated archive skills.

Eaton Rapids City Council Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 8 p.m. by Mayor Pro-Tem Aben, all were present except Mayor Wrubel.

Compared to the last meeting this one was a piece of cake. No hostilities, no finger pointing, just the business of running the city. There were even some empty chairs.

The pledge of allegiance, approval of past minutes and approval of invoices was taken care of next. The floor was then opened to comments and a resident of Kinneville Highway, near the Industrial Park raised concern about the stark unsightliness of the park and asked what was intended for landscaping. She brought pictures and circulated them through the crowd. The standing water in some sections raised the question of proper drainage also. The City Manager, Mr. Craun stated that more landscaping, tree planting, and drainage will be done when discussed with Mr. Hillard. The residents of the area want it out of sight. The possibility of a traffic light at the intersection of M-99 and Kinneville/Spicerville was discussed. This is a matter for the State Highway Department to determine and with the proposed widening of M-99 to 3 lanes with the center lane for left turns, maybe there won't be such problems at that intersection as in the past.

Next was the regular agenda: Item 7a - the second reading of the proposed reduction in water and sewage fees was approved. This would provide a monetary incentive for renovation of buildings that are more than 50 years old.

Item 7b - The Eaton Rapids Public Schools requested the City to collect 1/2 of the schools authorized taxes during the City 1988 summer tax collection. This practice has been done for the last 5 years and reduces the amount the schools have to borrow for start up in the fall until the winter tax collection in February.

Councilman Aben asked why the townships don't also do this? The main reason is the amount of land used for farming in the townships reduces the taxable amount due to farming deferments on summer taxes. The request passed.

Item 7c - The Mayor's appointments of Harold Hovey and Calvin Kohl to the Mechanical Board of Appeals was approved. This board considers requirements concerning heating, ventilations, cooling and other mechanical products installed in or for buildings.

Item 7d - The city adopted the proclamation read by Councilman Rocca proclaiming April as Fair Housing Month. This confirms the city's conviction to Equal opportunities.

Item 7e - Councilwoman McFall read the proclamation recognizing April 22-May 1 as Lions White Cane Week recognizing the 18,000 blind citizens of Michigan.

Item 7f - Councilwoman Kline read the proclamation declaring May 8-14 as Small Business Week commemorating the 17 million small businesses that have been the mainstays of their communities throughout the Nation.

New Business: Item 8a - A motion was made and supported to authorize the Eaton County Sheriff's Department

to purchase for the City a channel control module so the Sheriff's Dept. can handle after hours dispatching for the City if the millage proposal for 2 more full time firemen is defeated. This equipment will cost \$1,300.00 but can be returned if not needed.

Item 8b - The motion was made and supported to purchase 4 personal computers and printers for use by the City Police Department, Fire Department, Library and Electric Department. The low bid was from the Computer Shop in Eaton Rapids of \$1,676. per unit for a total of \$6,704.00.

There was a question as why the Fire Department needs a computer and who would run it. The Fire Chief informed us that several State and Federal regulations require each Fire Department to have available at a moments notice, all the information concerning all toxic substances and volatile materials used at the different businesses and plants in the area. There are some volunteers that are knowledgeable of computer functions to help update. Request approved.

Item 9 - Public Comments: Scout Troop 53 from the First Congregational Church painted the toys at the Island Park. The Foundation has contracted for a new roof on the Miller House. Membership is being considered to help raise funds.

Reports: Councilman Rocca escorted the High School Varsity and JV baseball teams to Myrtle Beach, SC recently. The teams played 8 hours of baseball each day and were complimented for their courtesy and behavior. Flags for School Pride Day Parade are being considered.

Councilwoman McFall praised Chief Seeley on help with the School kids.

Councilwoman Kline attended the Kiwanis ground breaking ceremony.

City Manager Craun - April 21 is a public forum on the millage issue at the High School Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. The millage vote will be April 28, 1988.

Bids are due by May 11 from contractors to start the M-99 project. Hopefully it will be started by June 1. There will be an open meeting with the Highway Planning Commission when a date is set. This project will smooth and widen M-99 from the North City limits to the bridge.

There was a preliminary site plan discussed with the City Planning Commission concerning the mobile home park proposed for the South West end of town off Hyatt St.

The City restrooms on Hamlin St. will be opened for the summer from 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The Gazebo on the Island Park is in serious disrepair and should be fenced off or removed. This could be a possible fund raiser project to collect approximately \$12,000 to replace it.

Mayor Pro-Tem Aben thanked Dennis Craun and Bucky Harris for their efforts investigating the Eaton Rapids Fire Department requirements.

Possible water ball fight between the City and Township Fire Departments on the Fourth of July with a traveling trophy.

Meeting adjourned.

Eaton Rapids City Council Meeting

Flashes Shopper's Guide By Sam Gibson, Reporter

The meeting of April 26 started on time as usual and all council members were present except City Manager Craun. The pledge of allegiance was made and the invoices were approved. Councilwoman Kline had a question about the Street Sweeper, there have been some inquiries by store owners about getting the street swept soon. Mayor Wrubel said he would look into the matter.

Public comments were next on the agenda and Mr. Colestock, representing the Lions Club, stated that they needed the approval of the Council so they could order the fireworks for the 4th of July celebration. Mayor Wrubel responded that the city is concerned about the insurance liability covering the person who is going to fire off the fireworks. He also stated that the city is in favor of the fireworks display and will check with the School Board and get back with Mr. Colestock.

Item 7c - unfinished business; (7a) Janet Peters representing the women's club of Eaton Rapids presented a check of \$1000 to Mayor Wrubel as the 1st donation towards the rebuilding of the gazebo on the Island Park; (7b) April 26 proclaimed Blaine Peterson Day in honor of his contribution to the community. Mr. Peterson has been a longstanding citizen of Eaton Rapids and active in the Kiwanis. Congratulations; (7c) Ron Byerly was given a plaque and was thanked for his 23½ years of volunteer fire fighting and devotion to our community. Mr. Byerly thanked the council and stated he has many fond memories he will always cherish; (7d) April 24-30 was proclaimed Gifted Child Week. Councilman Rocca said that children are our most priceless natural resource and he urged the citizens to continue to support the educational endeavors of our community; (7e) May 1-7 is proclaimed as Homemakers Week by Councilman Aben, there are 3 active clubs in the Eaton Rapids area; (7f) May 7th is proclaimed as School Pride Day and Councilman Rocca urges all citizens to take part in the celebration by coming out for the parade and visiting the schools where achievements will be displayed. This is the 3rd Annual School Pride Day; (7g) May 9-21 of May was proclaimed Clean Up Weeks by Councilwoman McFall. This is the time to show our pride in Eaton Rapids by cleaning up, spring is here and soon the flowers. Let's join in nature's ritual of renewal by doing our part; (7h) May 19-21 was proclaimed as Poppy Days by Councilwoman Kline, the VFW and American Legion will both be selling poppies to help the widows and children of American

veterans. Let us honor the dead by helping the living. Contribute generously and buy them both; (7i) Councilman Aben made the motion to confirm the Mayor's reappointment of Gary Wichman, Terry Day and Gerald Kopak to the planning commission for 3 year terms ending May 1, 1991. These 3 have done extensive work on the master plan for future development of the City. Motion carried;

(7j) the motion to confirm Councilman Aben as the Mayor's appointment as City representative to the Eaton Rapids Area Emergency Medical Services Board was made by Councilwoman McFall and supported by Councilwoman Kline.

The Board contracts with Hayes Green-Beach Hospital for ambulance service.

8: New Business was the motion by Councilwoman McFall to authorize the hiring of 3 temporary summer employees to work with the Cemetery and Parks Depts.

Public Works Union approval is required since the workers would be covered under their contract. The 1988 budget includes provisions for these summer employees and this has been done in the past. Motion carried.

9: There were no public comments.

10: Councilman Rocca stated that he had spoken with the Superintendent of Schools and there had been no formal approval of the fireworks as yet. The schools intend to support and will call the board members to confirm if needed.

Councilwoman Kline reported that the Fire issue had been discussed at a seniors meeting and came across well. She thanked those that participated.

Councilman Aben was disappointed in the turn out for the fire issue open forum at the High School but realized that most of the pertinent information was printed in the Flashes Shopper's Guide. There was applause for the people who worked on the fire issue.

The City Attorney stated that the fireworks issue was not a simple one, that many factors have to be addressed before the city can approve the liability. The public safety is first. The Lions Club must get all the credit for the work done so far.

Mayor Wrubel said he will meet with the school officials to get this issue resolved as soon as possible. The deadline for ordering the fireworks we want is May 1. So approval will have to be done prior to that date. The Lions will be having a goat raffle soon, the proceeds go to the fireworks. Buy a ticket and put someone else's name on it.

The Downtown Development Authority has no-interest loans available for improvements to the downtown area. Meeting adjourned.

3-29-88

E. R. City Council Meeting

By Sam Gibson, reporter

City Hall was filled to over capacity, standing room only. But I heard this was not the norm. To the 60 some people who gathered for this meeting my recollection may not sound totally accurate. Those who stood to speak to the council were supposed to identify themselves, some did, some did not. I tried to catch your names, hopefully I got them right, I apologize if I spelled them wrong, anyway here goes...

The meeting started promptly at 8 p.m. and all council members were present. The pledge of allegiance was the most sincere I have ever heard. The minutes of the 2 previous meetings were approved and the invoices were also approved.

The floor was then opened to Public Comments, which turned out to be emotionally charged. First of all Saretta Ulrich read a letter to the Council from the Eaton Rapids Professional Business Women's Club. The letter stated that Councilwoman Martha McFall should have been appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem in keeping with her experience on the council and with past practice. Councilwoman McFall then thanked them for their unsolicited support.

There was discussion on which special interest groups should be heard and which should be ignored. The responsibility of the council members is to all the citizens of Eaton Rapids and not to a select few. Mayor Wrubel stated that the Council may not agree with any or all of his decisions but that he based his decisions on the facts he knew and special interest groups would not be debated.

Phil Smith stated that the problems we have stem from poor communications. He then gave the definition of communication and the different ways to disrupt same. Mr. Smith then stated that the signers of a certain letter to the council had been chastised and not heard. He claimed the meeting of March 11, 1988 was a theatrical ploy held under false pretenses to gain support from the citizens and the council. Mr. Smith claimed the weakness in the leadership caused dismay in the fire department and in personal lives. He had thought that full time fire fighter issue had been settled and that they had lost a lot of good volunteers because of the issue, not to mention money.

Mr. Smith stated that he had been relieved when he heard that Mayor Wrubel was resigning and that he was asking for his resignation now.

Mayor Wrubel thanked him for his comments.

Item (7a) of the agenda concerned the rezoning of the Shelly Funeral Home from R-1 Single Family Residence to C-3 General Business.

Jim McBride stated that most Funeral Homes in "small town America" were in a residential area. He opposed rezoning on the grounds that someday a gas station or a fast food place could be put in there and he lived nearby and didn't want that to happen. Mr. McBride suggested a Special User Permit that was issued to the owner, not the property or

rezone to C-1 which has certain limitations.

Clarification of C-3 and C-1 zoning regulations was made by the City Attorney and the City Clerk. Members of the City Planning Commission then expressed their views on the matter. The Planning Commission has recommended and the Council had passed several spot zoning requests in the past and it would be a form of discrimination if this one were not granted. The business is already there, not a new business.

Mayor Wrubel then put it to a vote where it was passed to rezone to C-3. Councilman Aben reemphasized his campaign promises to make change, listen to the people and help Eaton Rapids grow. He also stated that the recent actions of the Mayor had appalled him and that he hoped it never happened again. There was applause.

Mayor Wrubel responded that this was a much harder job than he had expected and that he apologized if he had offended anyone but he had made up his mind to stay till the end of his term and let's move forward with understanding of each other, this is the first step in the right direction. More Applause.

Item (8a) of the agenda was the appointment of Wayne Moon to the Board of Review with an unexpired term ending January 1, 1991. He will be replacing Mr. Ken Devers who resigned on March 9.

Item (8b) concerned the Farmland Agreement Application of Richard and Joann Teel, 20.95 acres, Section 13 Hamlin Township, T1N, R3W. This will freeze the assessment value on the property for 10 years providing the land is used for farming. Approved.

Item (8c) the motion to allow Enviroland, Inc. of DeWitt to continue to haul the City's Wastewater plant sludge as they have for the last few years. Approved. It is used like fertilizer on farm land. Comment...the city should make sure they dump only on the farm land they are supposed to, they dumped along the road last week because they couldn't get to the farm land and it was a foul mess.

Item (8d): Disposal of electrical transformer chemicals was awarded to Recovery Specialists, Inc. of Saline, MI.

Item (8e): This was the first reading of the proposed amendment to allow the City Council to reduce Water and Sewage use fees by 50% in some cases.

Item (8f): A special meeting will be scheduled for March 29 to discuss DNR grant application for repair of the Island Park wall. More information to follow in the Flashes Shopper's Guide.

Item (8g): Authorization for parade permits for March 31 and May 7, both at 10 a.m. down the usual Main St. route. The 1st parade is for Union St. School to celebrate March is reading month (they also passed the State MEAP test with 100%...Good Job!) The 2nd parade is for Eaton Rapids School Pride Day. Granted.

Item (8h): It was decided to wait til June 1st, 1988 to make any decision about the 3 full time positions on the

fire department. By then the millage election will have been conducted as well as a study of the City's needs by an independent group of retired Fire Chiefs. Motion carried.

Item (9): Public comments...Mike DeGrow asked if this is the only place the City Council can hold their meetings? (you remember I said it was standing room only). The City Attorney stated that with adequate public notification the meetings could be held anywhere the Council decides. They must be initiated at City Hall then adjourned to wherever.

Ted Wilson expressed that the letter he sent to the City Council was a private communication to the elected officials. But that somehow the Lansing State Journal had received a copy and he could not be responsible for what they did with it. He intended private comments, not public mess.

Robert Betts asked if there will be a public meeting to discuss the Fire Dept. issue? Councilman Aben said the Fire Department Study Committee is being educated on the subject now and a public meeting should be scheduled for April 21 at the High School auditorium.

Reports: Councilman Rocca asked for a list of all School awards recipients so the City Council can take appropriate actions.

Councilwoman Kline went on a tour of all the City facilities and properties. She was impressed with the whole tour and is more cognizant of the city's concerns.

City Clerk - Kiwanis will be breaking ground Tuesday, April 12 at 1 p.m. on the Kiwanis Spring Brook Manor. The state will be taking bids from major contractors for the M-99 project from the north city limits to north Main St. Road work should begin in June, with many details to be worked out with the State Highway Dept. We will schedule a meeting as soon as we hear from them.

On Monday, April 4 at 7:30 p.m. the city planning commission will be meeting to discuss a proposed mobile home park on the south end of town.

Mayor Wrubel - The Downtown Development Committee will be accepting names for the Eaton Rapids Employee of the Year Award. If you have people working for you submit the names for consideration.

The Town Plaza Project is being discussed.

At the City Leaders meeting: Eaton Rapids Community Hospital has been receiving unsolicited donations but will need more money. Eaton Stamping is adding 11,000 sq. feet to one of their existing structures, this doesn't necessarily mean more employees but might help insure the jobs already there. Akemi Plastics is keeping busy, possible growth.

Leigh Furgason of Furgason's Pharmacy was instrumental in saving the life of a 9 month old baby who had stopped breathing. He's a hero, Applause.

Meeting adjourned at 10 p.m.

For the 6,000 or so of you that didn't attend the City Council meeting, I hope you enjoyed this.

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Letter demands ouster of Eaton Rapids' city manager

By JOHN B. ALBRIGHT
Lansing State Journal

EATON RAPIDS — Seven supporters of Eaton Rapids' three newest council members have demanded that City Manager Dennis Craun be fired for alleged leadership problems.

Craun should be ousted from his three appointed positions — manager, clerk and treasurer, they said in a recent letter to council members Jean Kline, Tim Aben and Mike Rocca.

"He has not provided the kind of strong, ethical leadership that this city demands and deserves," the letter said.

Aben, Kline and Rocca have not made

a commitment to retain or discharge Craun. Craun said Thursday he had seen the letter, but declined comment.

The seven identified themselves in the letter as supporters for Aben, Rocca and Kline in the contested council seat races last November.

They are:

■ Gary Wichman of Eaton Rapids, chairman of the city's Planning Commission and a vice president of First of America.

■ Mike DeGrow of Eaton Rapids, a Michigan Senate aide and president of the Heritage Foundation of Eaton Rapids.

■ Kathy DeGrow of Eaton Rapids, Mike DeGrow's wife and Michigan House

aide.

■ Sandy Halsey of Hamlin Township, member of the Eaton Rapids Board of Education.

■ Former mayor Larry Holley of Eaton Rapids, owner of the Holley's Bear Den restaurant.

■ Theodore Wilson of Onondaga Township, executive director of the VFW National Home and former president of the Eaton Rapids school board.

■ Linda Cooper of Lansing, director of continuing education for Eaton Rapids schools.

The letter said "a startling number of citizens" questioned in a city land-use study had called for Craun's ouster.

But Wichman, head of the planning body, said there is no documentation in the November 1987 survey supporting that.

Craun, 39, an Albion College graduate, was appointed clerk-treasurer of Eaton Rapids in 1975, and to the additional role of manager in 1980.

His annual salary is \$42,182.

Holley, as mayor, had called for Craun's firing in 1984. The current arrangement may give Craun too much power in administering the town's budget, and hiring and firing staff, Holley said.

Kline said that she, Aben and Rocca replied to the letter demanding Craun's dis-

charge that the five-member City Council is studying changes in the appointed staff.

Even before the letter, the council was studying the possibility of having one person as city manager and another as clerk-treasurer, Kline said.

Kline said she would want to keep Craun in some city position.

But in their letter, the seven said they wouldn't settle for any course that kept Craun on payroll.

"Your compromise solution to keep Mr. Craun at a minimal reduction in salary and responsibility would be a slap in the face to this community in general, and the fire department in specific," the letter said.

Eaton Rapids man runs tab for farmer's \$1 million kind



Kyle Bradford of Eaton Rapids is warming up his tractor. He knows spring is here — and that means muddy rural roads, potholes and stuck cars.

"Each spring, a number of motorists knock on my door to ask for help with their stuck cars," said Kyle, 2565 Gasle Road. "I always help them, then give them the same answer when they ask my charges — a million dollars ought to cover it."

"That's because I recall the time so many years ago when my brother and I got stuck on a rural

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The Onlooker

By Jim Hough

road. We were pulled out by a farmer who hitched up his team of horses. When the long ordeal ended and our truck was on high ground, we

asked the charge.

"The fact is, we were broke. I'll never forget the comment of that wonderful old man: 'Oh, about a million dollars ought to cover it,' he said.

"That kindness — so many years ago — can never be repaid," Kyle said.

Lansing State Journal 3-12-88

Eaton Rapids mayor opts to stay on

By COLLEEN GEHOSKI
Lansing State Journal

EATON RAPIDS — Mayor Dan Wrubel decided Friday to remain in his \$1,500 position.

He had sent a letter of resignation Wednesday to City Manager Dennis Craun, citing time pressures. His resignation would have been effective March 31.

But in a special meeting with the City Council on Friday night, Wrubel said he received enough support to remain as mayor.

"Because of the support I received in the last few days and tonight from the council, I with-

“Because of the support I received in the last few days and tonight from the council, I withdrew my resignation.”

— Dan Wrubel,
Eaton Rapids mayor

drew my resignation," said the optometrist and part-time professor of Ferris State University.

Wrubel said that before the meeting he was uncertain if he had the support of three council members. The meeting reassured

Wrubel that Councilwoman Jean Kline and Councilman Mike Rocca do support him.

"Tonight I basically got the support of two of the people," Wrubel said. "I think basically they were neutral because they were new."

Kline was ill Friday night and declined to answer questions about the meeting. Rocca could not be reached for comment.

Craun said the meeting allowed Wrubel to present his concerns. "The council needed to agree to work together and act in a positive manner for the better of the city."

"I want to know if the city council will let me run the city like a business instead of being a politician, because I'm a businessman and not a politician," Wrubel said before Friday's meeting.

Two women injured in similar accidents

Dancing Star Journal 2-23-88
Two Eaton Rapids women were injured in separate car accidents in which both drivers lost control of their vehicles and struck trees in Onondaga Township.

Laurie Winters, 27, was listed in serious condition Monday at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo. Winters

was driving along Waverly Road south of Plains Road at 7:24 a.m. Monday when high winds and drifting snow caused her to lose control of the car, Ingham County Sheriff's deputies said.

She suffered cuts, bruises and head injuries.

Christina Cogo, 31, was listed in fair condition Monday, Eaton Rapids Memorial Hospital officials said.

Deputies said Cogo was injured after her car struck a tree at 10:15 p.m. Sunday while driving north on Waverly Road just south of Plains Road.

Eaton Rapids

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mayor quits, citing time

By JOHN B. ALBRIGHT
Lansing State Journal

EATON RAPIDS — Citing time pressures, optometrist Dan Wrubel has resigned as mayor of Eaton Rapids, effective March 31.

City Manager David Craun said Wrubel had called a special meeting of the City Council for 6 p.m. tonight to review his concerns.

The city charter provides for the council to fill the vacancy by appointment until the next election, which will be in November 1989.

The mayor's salary is \$1,500 a year.

Wrubel could not be reached for comment.

In a letter delivered Wednesday to Craun, the 31-year-old mayor said: "Because of the extreme time commitment causing stress on my family, and on my business and teaching practices, I am asking that you accept my resignation as mayor of the city of Eaton Rapids."

But Councilman Mike Rocca said Wrubel might withdraw his resignation note if he finds council members can agree to resolve a fire department financing issue and get on with community development efforts.

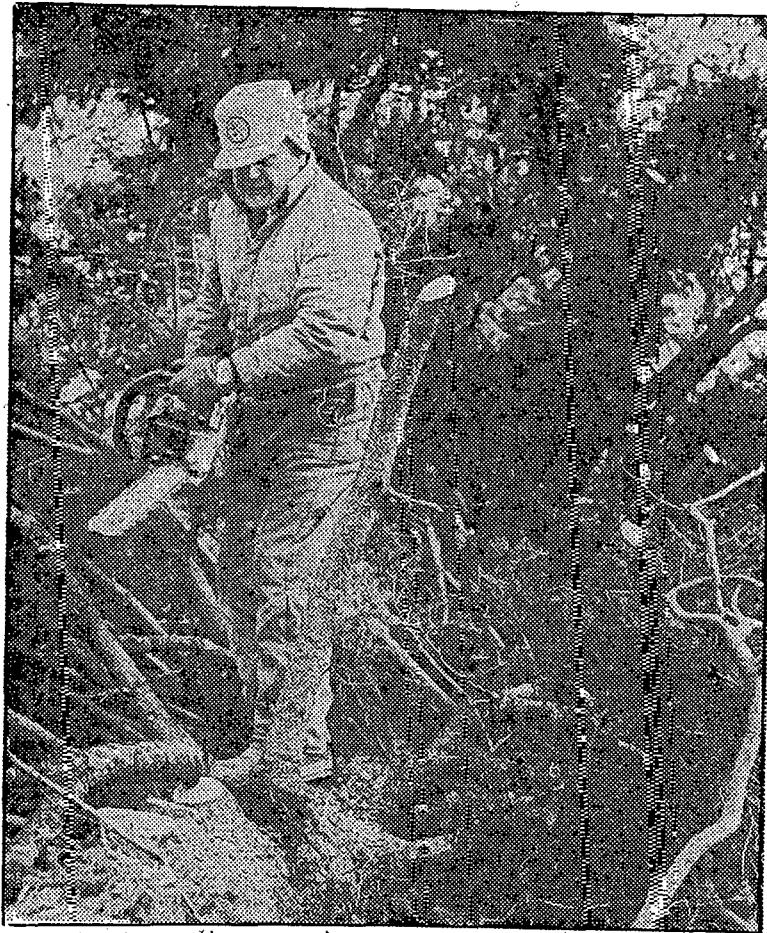
Rocca, the assistant superintendent for Eaton Rapids schools, said he conferred on the telephone Thursday with Wrubel.

Wrubel is a part-time instructor at Ferris State College in Big Rapids. A native of Charlotte, he graduated from Ferris in 1980. He ousted Mayor Larry Holley by a 2-1 margin in the 1985 city election.



Hawaiian Day party *Lansing State Journal* 5-27-88

Piilani Rupert (left) shows Dick Dillingham of Mason how to put on a Hawaiian outfit to dance a hula dance during a Hawaiian Day party at Eaton Rapids' Senior Center Friday.



Lansing State Journal/ROD SANFORD

Herb VanAken of Eaton Rapids takes a chain saw to the state Christmas tree Thursday.

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Capitol Christmas tree to become ship's cabin

Lansing State Journal

Even in death, Michigan's Sesquicentennial Christmas tree was something special.

The 75-foot white spruce was the largest to stand in front of the Capitol.

More than 4,000 lights were used to decorate it.

A special cement stand had to be constructed to hold the 36-inch trunk.

When it was cut down Thursday, it was the first time any wood from state Christmas trees was saved.

Its huge trunk was cut into 12-foot lengths, placed on a semi truck and taken to Trav-

erse City. There, the logs will be cut into planks and used to construct the cabin of the Madeline, a replica of a Great Lakes sailing ship being built by the Maritime Heritage Alliance.

The Madeline was a 54-foot, two-masted schooner which carried mostly salted herring between coastal cities during the mid-1800s.

In 1851, while wintering in Bowers Harbor near Traverse City, the ship was converted into a floating classroom for five sailors. It became the first school in the area.

The replica of the Madeline is scheduled to set sail in 1989.

Deliver Your Baby Close To Home



"I had no idea that my labor would go so quickly," stated Kelly Kellogg as she was being admitted to Eaton Rapids Community Hospital for delivery of her baby. Her labor had begun early Thursday morning, Aug. 17. She went to see her doctor at the office at 9:45 a.m. Dr. Jonathan Wulff, D.O. informed her that she was "ready to deliver any time now" and that she should go to ERCH immediately.

Kelly and her doctor had planned for her delivery to take place in a Lansing hospital. The unexpected rapid labor would make this impossible. Fortunately, Eaton Rapids Community Hospital had a fully equipped Obstetrics Department available for her delivery. Kelly gave birth to a healthy baby girl, Danielle Lee Bayes (8 lbs. 2 1/2 oz.), at 10:40 a.m. If the hospital had not had an OB Department, an

ambulance may have been required to transport her to Lansing and she would have run the risk of delivery while travelling.

Even though her delivery here was unplanned, Kelly was very pleased with the care she received. "I've already talked one of my friends into having her baby too!" she stated. "It's really nice here, and it's close for family and friends to visit."

Planning to deliver your baby close to home will give you peace of mind knowing that your hospital and doctor will be available when you need them. Choosing a doctor and hospital for your pregnancy and delivery is an important decision. Be informed! Visit our Obstetrics Department any time by calling Mary Colgan R.N. at 663-2671, ext. 536. Because We Care!

Flashes 9/29/87

Local Students

Attend

Olivet College

Aaron J. Downing Accepted To Berklee

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9-1-87*
Berklee College of Music in Boston has accepted Aaron J. Downing, son of Ronald & Patricia Downing, of Eaton Rapids, in its Freshman Class of Fall 1987.

Berklee offers the Bachelor of Music Degree as well as a 4 year program leading to the Professional Music Diploma. Majors focus

upon practical career preparation for today's vital music industry, including Professional Music, Performance, Jazz Composition, Commercial Arranging, Songwriting, Music Production and Engineering, Film Scoring, Music Synthesis and Music Education.

Renee Goodnoe, daughter of Mrs. Mary Francisco and Jeffrey Dassance, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Palmer, of Eaton Rapids have been admitted to Olivet College beginning with the Fall 1987 semester.

Olivet College is a 4 year liberal arts college located in south central Michigan. Founded in 1844, the private, residential college awards the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education Degrees.

Both students were Eaton Rapids High School graduates.



Serving Our Country

Airman Recruit Tammy Kruse

Navy Airman Recruit Tammy L. Kruse, daughter of Marilyn Kruse of Eaton Rapids has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Naval Training Center, Orlando, FL.

During Kruse's 8 week training cycle, she studied general military subjects designed to prepare her for further academic and on-the-

job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Kruse's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

She is a 1986 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School.

Eaton Rapids car crash injures two

Two people were injured in a two-car collision Thursday morning in Eaton Rapids.

A car driven by Dorothy Hyde, 82, of Eaton Rapids, was traveling south on Main Street at 8:30 a.m., Eaton Rapids police said. Hyde's car collided with a car driven by Michael Kyser, 44, of Brooklyn, that was traveling north on Main.

Kyser's vehicle rolled over three times, left the road and hit a post, police said. Kyser and a passenger, Paul McHam, 37, of Doylestown, Ohio, were taken to Eaton Rapids Community Hospital.

Hyde was not injured. All three were wearing seat belts, police said.

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Christmas isn't always tinsel, glitter and everything nice



While it is this column's intent to be upbeat and encouraging, especially in the Christmas season, I am often criticized by readers who say the world is not nearly as rosy as the column makes it seem.

I guess there is some truth in that criticism. It surely would be unrealistic to presume that all is well this Christmas, because it is a melancholy and a depressing time of year for many.

Because it might help you appreciate your own Christmas more, I offer a letter from Carol Mitchell, 4503 Bailey Road, Dimondale. She wrote:

"Dear Jim:

"I never realized that a season representing joy and celebration could hold so much heartache. This will be our first Christmas without Rebecca,



The Onlooker

By Jim Hough

our 4-year-old granddaughter, who died in April.

"Although she only spent two of her four Christmases with us, the memories are firmly woven into the fabric of our celebration. She was 11 months old on her first Christmas.

"The memory from that year that stands out the strongest is her delight in the mechanical animal displays at the mall. She would bounce up and down in her stroller and squeal with delight when they moved.

"Christmas Day that year was a double celebration. Rebecca's cousin Lee, our second grandson, had made a belated appearance on Christmas Eve morning. Rebecca ripped open her packages with help, clung to her new doll, and crawled through the house chasing her older cousin, Justin.

"The next Christmas she spent with us was her third Christmas. Her father was on a naval cruise in the Mediterranean, so she and her mother flew home from Norfolk for the holidays.

"This time, she knew what was happening and was so excited she could scarcely contain her feelings. Her eyes sparkled, and her blond curls bounced as she danced on her toes with excitement at the sight of our Christmas tree.

"I would rock her at night, sitting in the darkened living room, illuminated only by the tree lights, and we would sing Christmas carols and talk until she fell asleep.

"Rebecca loved the red velvet dress I got for her, and the velvet hair bows with jingle bells on them. She wore it everywhere that month, but the night of the church Christmas pageant was unforgettable! She was going to sing with the other 3-year-olds in the pageant.

"We had worked with her until she knew all the words to 'Away In The Manger.' Rebecca looked angelic in red velvet and blond curls, standing confidently in front of the congregation with her friends.

"As they started singing, her voice was heard above the others — but she was singing 'Jesus Loves Me' — at the top of her lungs!

"The day we looked at dolls is a memory I will always cherish. Rebecca, like me, was a true doll lover. She and I looked at every doll in the toy

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store. She finally decided which doll she was going to ask Santa to bring her.

"When she saw her new doll Christmas morning, sitting below her stocking, she was unaware of anything else. She picked up her baby and started rocking her; she was totally blissful. She and her cousins had such fun that day. We'd hear giggles and squeals of delight and there would be two blond heads and a dark one in a huddle over their new toys, or dashing down the hallway.

"I have a series of pictures from that day: All three great-grandchildren trying to sit on my mother's lap in my rocker; Re-

becca, sleepy-eyed in her mother's arms, coming downstairs to find her Christmas stocking; Rebecca putting her doll to bed; the three of them crowding around the boy's father, watching him at the computer; all of them climbing on their grandpa in his recliner to see who could hug him hardest; and the most vivid memory of all — the sounds of happiness — the laughter, giggles and singing.

"This year, it is hard to be joyful with so much pain and grief still in my heart.

"As I do my Christmas shopping, I avoid the toy departments, but little blond girls in red dresses

seem to be everywhere. I play Christmas tapes in my car and sometimes the tears roll down my face as the memories flood my mind.

"Christmas always will have a new dimension in our home; not only will it be a time of celebrating our Lord's birth, but it will be a time of bittersweet memories as we share our grief at the absence of Rebecca.

"If you see a middle-aged grandmother walking out of a toy store with a doll in her arms and tears on her face, it will be me. I've decided to buy a doll for Rebecca and give it to some little girl who wouldn't be getting one

this year. A doll for someone else's Rebecca."

(Editor's Note: Rebecca died of a childhood disease in Lansing last April at the age of 4. Her parents, Cheryl and John Crown, now living in Denver, decided they had no reason to celebrate Christmas this year. Carol Mitchell and her husband, Michael, live at 4550 Bailey Road, Dimondale.)

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Bike-A-Thon leaders named

EATON RAPIDS — Brothers Theo and Mitchell McNamara will direct an Oct. 10 Bike-A-Thon in Eaton Rapids to raise money for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Participants will sign up backers to donate a certain amount of money for every mile they ride. There will be a 2-mile track for young bikers, and a 5-mile course for older, more experienced riders, said Theo McNamara.

Though plans are not complete, he said the event probably will begin and end at Eaton Rapids High School.

The McNamara Touring Club, an 18-biker organization led by the brothers, is expected to play a major role in the fund-raiser. It is the Eaton Rapids affiliate of the Tri-County Bikers' Association.

St. Jude's, which was founded by entertainer Danny Thomas, opened in Memphis, Tenn. in 1962 to combat catastrophic diseases which afflict children. It is non-sectarian and non-discriminatory, and provides total medical care to over 4,200 patients.

For more information on the event, contact Theo McNamara after 5 p.m. at 663-4516.

Local Women Earns Trip To Florida

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Maja Fields of Eaton Rapids and her husband Samuel recently enjoyed a 4-day, all expense paid trip to Orlando, FL for the Creative Circle's annual Win-

ners Circle convention. Ms. Fields, a representative of the company, earned the trip for both of them with her outstanding sales and recruiting performance.

In the service

Joey Youngs

Pvt. Joey Youngs, son of Barbara Youngs of 7641 Anderson Hwy., Vermontville, and Charles Youngs of Eaton Rapids, has arriv-

ed for duty with the 8th Infantry Division, West Germany.

Youngs, an avionic equipment mechanic, is a 1986 graduate of Charlotte High School.

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Serving Our Country

Marine Cpl. Tony Lamson

Marine Cpl. Tony L. Butler, on Okinawa.
Lamson, son of Marilyn J. Kruse of Eaton Rapids, A 1982 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, has recently reported for duty at the Marine Corps January 1983 Marine Corps Base Camp



Serving Our Country

Scott Blakey Graduates From Gunner's Mate Technician "A" School

Flashes 6-30-87
Navy Seaman Apprentice, Scott Blakey, a 1986 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School was recently graduated from the Gunner's Mate Technician "A" School at the Service School Command in Great Lakes, IL.

During the course, he

was taught gunnery concepts and theory. He was trained in electricity; electronics; mechanics; hydraulics; pneumatics and the use of hand tools, small arms and print reading.

He joined the Navy in August 1986.

Area Students Named To Albion College Dean's List

6-30-87 Flashes
Students named to the Dean's List are: Suzanne M. Clarke, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Gary L. Clarke, Michael R. Pillsbury, son of Mrs. Karin S. Pillsbury both of Eaton Rapids; Jane A. Conklin, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Floyd H. Conklin of Dimondale; Christopher H. Boyd, son of Mr. & Mrs. David Boyd, William E. Haberman, son of Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Haberman both of Olivet.

Students must achieve a

grade point average of 3.5 or above at the completion of the semester. To qualify, students must take at least 3 units in graded courses and successfully complete 4 units.

Albion College is a private, coeducational, liberal arts school, located in the south central Michigan town bearing the same name. More than 1500 students from 33 states and 10 foreign countries are enrolled there.

Connie Desgranges Graduates From Northern Michigan

7-28-87 Flashes
Connie Desgranges graduated May 2, 1987 with a Bachelor of Science Degree from Northern Michigan University with a major in both Correction & Security Administration.

She is a 1982 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School. Connie is the daughter of Elwood and Betty Desgranges of Eaton Rapids.



DC Announces Local Students To Honor's & Dean's List

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Davenport College is proud to announce that the following students are on the Honor's List for Winter Term 1987: Kaye Lawrence, daughter of Ron & JoAnne Byerly and Becki Magee, daughter of David & Ruth Magee. To be eligible for the Honor's List you must maintain 13.5 credit hours with a 3.5 GPA.

Students on the Dean's List are: Nonda Steele, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Steele, Tonya West, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Fred West and Karen Woodman, daughter of Ernest & Nancy Woodman. To be eligible for the Dean's List you must maintain 13.5 credit hours with a 3.0 - 3.49 GPA.

Flashes 5-12-87

Craig Coolidge Received Into Alpha Lambda

Craig Alan Coolidge son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Coolidge of Eaton Rapids has been received into the Alpha Lambda freshman honor society on May 6, to receive this honor you must maintain

a 3.55 average or better.

Craig is attending Lake Superior State College and majoring in Mechanical Eng., he is a 1986 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School.

Oldest Farmer Honored At Senior Citizens Day Program

7-28-87 Flashes
By Mona J. Ellard, Extension Home Economist

13 individuals were specially honored during the awards assembly during the Senior Citizens Day program at the Eaton County Fair on Wednesday, July 22, 1987. Clement Davis, a cash grain farmer from Eaton Rapids, was awarded the oldest active farmer award. Mr. Davis, a young 88 years old, still farms 200 acres and this year he put in 65 acres of corn and harvested 23 acres of wheat.

5 4-H adult leader volunteers were honored for their many years of continued service with the 4-H program and its youth. Those honored were Marjorie Southworth of Mulliken, Felenience Miller, Delores Coles and Ruth VanVleck of Charlotte, Madeline Holben of Delta Township and Dale Wetzel of Vermontville.

6 women were honored for their service of 50 years or more with the Eaton County Extension Homemakers

Assoc. They were Eva Ballard of Eaton Rapids, Hulda Sterzick of Poterville, Catherine Wright, Lida Dunning, Ethel Simpson of Charlotte and Marian Trombley of Grand Ledge.

As part of the afternoon program, Eaton County's Centennial Farmers were recognized with special recognition for the 150 year old farms as well as the farms that just qualified this year as Centennial Farms.

Besides the afternoon awards ceremony, the Senior Citizens were entertained by the Barbershop Quartet, "Just In Time," enjoyed the artist and vocal talents of Rev. Jack Lancaster and reminisced about the "Good Ole Days" and community barn-raising experiences with Hubert Dunsmore of Ionia, McDonalds of Charlotte and Meijers of Delta Township provided the refreshments for the day.

Students Named On Dean's List At Olivet College

The following students have been named on the Olivet College Dean's List spring semester 1987: Sukie K. Gruesbeck, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Gruesbeck of Eaton Rapids, Sukie is a junior majoring in English; Leonard C. Morgan, son of Mr. & Mrs Charles Oliver of Eaton Rapids, Leonard is a sophomore majoring in Business; Carolyn McNamara of Eaton Rapids, Carolyn is a senior

majoring in Business. A grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale must be achieved to be eligible for the honor.

Olivet College is a 4-year liberal arts college associated with the Congregational Christian and United Church of Christ Churches. Founded in 1844, the private, residential college awards the Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Music Education degrees.

Dan Fuller & Scott Speck Complete Diver Certification



On the weekend of May 2 & 3, Dan Fuller and Scott Speck, both from Lansing completed their open water training in 50 degree water. Congratulations on their P.A.D.I. Scuba Diver certification.

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Local Students Receive Degrees From Albion College

An estimated 3,000 people attended the event held out doors on the College's historic quadrangle. Students who completed degree requirements in December of 1986 and those scheduled to graduate at the end of the summer semester also participated in the ceremony.

The grade point average for honors listed are: Summa Cum Laude - 3.8 or better; Magna Cum Laude - 3.6 -3.79; Cum Laude 3.4-3.599. Local students who received their degrees are: Suzanne M. Clarke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gary L. Clarke of Eaton Rapids, Biology/Psychology, cum laude; Robert A. Clink, son of Mr. Jack E. Clink of Eaton Rapids, Individual/Music; Susan M. Clough, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Robert W. Clough of Eaton Rapids, Economics, cum laude; Jane A. Conklin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd H. Conklin of Dimondale, French/English, summa cum laude; William E. Haberman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Haberman of Olivet, Economics, magna cum laude.

Albion College is a private, coeducational, liberal arts college attended by more than 1500 students from 30 states and 11 foreign countries. Founded in 1835, the College is home to the oldest, private college chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in the state of Michigan. Albion, is a member of the Great Lakes Colleges Association, a consortium of 12 highly selective liberal arts institutions in the region.



Serving Our Country

Boik Completes Basic Avionics

Navy Airman Apprentice Daniel S. Boik, son of Sharon I. Lamie of Eaton Rapids has completed the Basic Avionics ("aviation electronics") Technician Course.

During the self-paced course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center Millington, TN, Boik received instruction on the fundamentals of electronics circuitry and was introduced to the wide variety of electronic

equipment items currently installed aboard Navy and Marine Corps Aircraft. He studied airborne radar, communication and computer equipment, along with the technical manuals, safety precautions and troubleshooting procedures used for maintaining each.

A 1986 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, Eaton Rapids, he joined the Navy in July 1986.

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Brain tumor impels '87 grad to cherish life's daily joys

By FRANCES FRANKLIN
Associated Press

Olivet — Kyle Terwilliger always believed he'd be OK.

But the 1987 Olivet High School graduate's view of the future has been plagued by uncommon frustration and hardship.

Terwilliger, 18, lives with the specter of a non-malignant tumor planted in the left side of his brain. Surgery to remove portions of it has left him physically impaired. But he has chased the shadow.

"I don't dwell on it. No reason to; it wouldn't do any good anyway," said Terwilliger, with a grin.

Terwilliger was valedictorian of his class and the star of "Harvey," the senior class play.

His tumor was first discovered when he was 5. A shunt, inserted in his skull to drain fluid and give it room to grow, failed.

Last spring, the tumor's growth caused Terwilliger to become seriously ill. Surgeons removed what they could with laser surgery.

Physical impairments left him unable to grasp a pencil, eat utensil or toothbrush; tie shoelaces or button a shirt; walk a straight course or keep his balance when he bent over.



Kyle Terwilliger: Olivet teenager copes with uncertainty.

In the past nine months, he has once again conquered shoe laces. His eating is "coming, but it's still a little sloppy," he says with a good humor that has shoved aside self-pity.

He helps his mother milk cows on the family's 100-head dairy farm north of Olivet.

A distaste for taking class notes on a tape recorder prompted "super short abbreviations that I

made up myself. I didn't like tapes from the start."

Once advised to have a CT scan every six months to track the tumor's activity, doctors now say once a year is enough. The tumor isn't growing.

But Terwilliger's prognosis shows he could need treatment tomorrow or years down the road.

Meanwhile, he has learned to appreciate the small things.

In his valedictory speech he cautioned his classmates that often "goals are set because we think we'll be happy when they're fulfilled. We often become interested in material possessions, and we forget about happiness and enjoying the world around us.

"Enjoy the world around you. Take time to breathe the fresh air and notice the trees when the leaves change colors, but more importantly, notice the people around you."

Terwilliger's goals are straightforward and planted firmly in his strong religious faith. This fall he will enter Grand Rapids Baptist College to major in sociology, then he plans to enter a seminary.

"I just don't know what's going to happen," Terwilliger said. "But I'm getting stronger. I'm just thinking about getting through college, getting a job and having a family." *State Journal*
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Newborn Visits With Family



Katherine Elizabeth Reincke (7 lbs. 11 1/4 oz.) was born on May 29, 1987 at Eaton Rapids Community Hospital to Jon and Julie Reincke. Shortly after her birth her 6 year old sister, Erin and her 3 year old brother, Benjamin, were able to welcome her to the family while still in the hospital. "We were so happy to be able to share our excitement over Katie's birth with her brother and sister. They were able to inspect and cuddle her when she was only a few hours old," commented Julie.

In some hospitals the routine care of the healthy newborn does not include time for the baby and family members to be together. New parents along with other close family members, savor the first moments with a new baby. Labor stimulates a state of wakefulness and alertness in the baby that may last several hours. During this time the baby is like-

ly to become calm and begin observing and sensing the new sounds, smells and sights, touches and tastes in the environment. As the baby cuddles, shares eye contact or feeds, a fascinating and irresistible relationship begins. This is a time of "falling-in-love" and is a significant step in attachment or bonding. Eaton Rapids Community Hospital recognizes the importance that these types of bonding experiences can have on the emotional stability of newborns and their family members. Fathers, grandparents, great-grandparents, as well as any brothers and sisters of the newborn are encouraged to spend bonding time soon after birth.

"I'll never forget Ben's exuberant 'Thank You, Mom!!' when he first met his new sister. I'm glad I delivered at Eaton Rapids Community Hospital where our whole family could share our special joy."

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Roger Miller II Graduates With Honors

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6-23-87*
Roger W. Miller II (ERHS class of 84) graduated with honors June 20, 1987. From DeVry Institute of Technology, Lombard, IL.

He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Computer Information System.

Roger will begin working

for Cincinnati Bell Information System, Mount Prospect, IL after graduation as a Programmer-Analyst.

He is the son of Roger & Alice Miller and brother of Brian and Michele all of Eaton Rapids.

Dive, Dive, Dive...

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That's what is on the minds of Matt Pekul and Pat North since they completed their open water training on May 16 & 17. Congratulations to 2 fine P.A.D.I. Scuba Divers.

Janean Buckborough Makes Dean's List

Janean M. Buckborough of Onondaga has been placed on the Dean's List at Grand Valley State College. She has attained a grade point average of 3.5 or more to achieve this honor. This

grade point average has admitted her to the School of Education where she is majoring in Special Education.

Janean graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1985.

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6-23-87*

Daniel Wrubel

Doc is the professor and the mayor

By GARY MILES
Lansing State Journal

No wonder Dan Wrubel's number is unlisted.

For a doctor, part-time college professor, husband, father and mayor — all at age 31 — a little peace goes a long way.

Besides, Eaton Rapids' Doctor-Professor-Honey-Daddy-Mayor Dan Wrubel knows that if someone has to get ahold of him, they can.

"I usually only get about two hours at home a night and my wife and son aren't the mayor," Wrubel said after work at his optometry office in downtown Eaton Rapids. "All the people who really have to get in touch with me can."

See, Wrubel never planned it this way.

His practice, begun after graduating from Ferris State College in 1980, wasn't expected to be full time. So he began as an assistant professor at Ferris, 130 miles away, to make some extra money.

Then in 1985, at age 29, he was approached by some Eaton Rapids locals who wanted him to run for mayor.

"This group of people approached me and said, 'You're fairly respected in the community and have some brains, why don't you run for mayor?'" Wrubel recalled. "So five people harped on me for about five months until I told them I'd go ahead and run."

A native of Charlotte who saw optometry opportu-

Achiever Profile

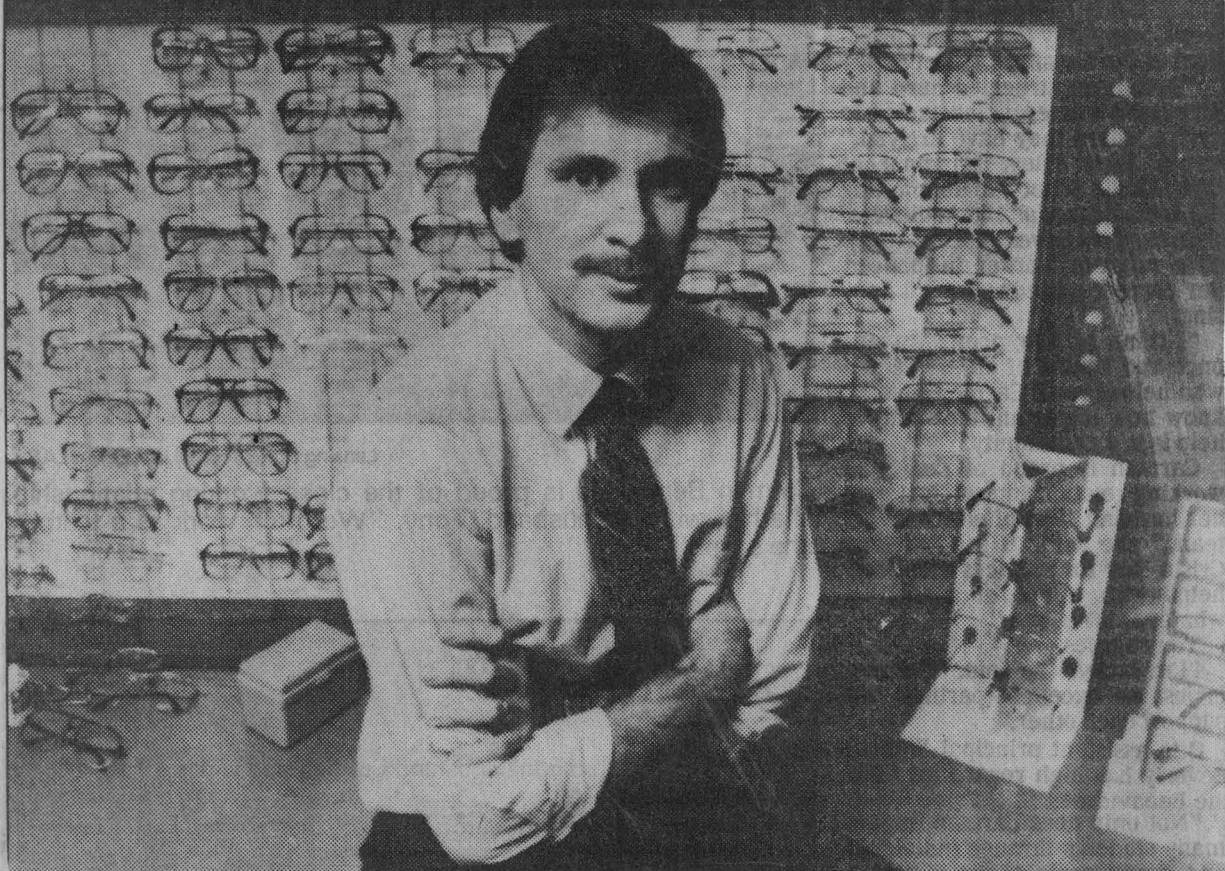
- WHO: Daniel N. Wrubel.
- AGE: 31.
- CALLING: Optometrist.
- KIN: Wife, Genie, and son, Sean, 2.
- QUIP: On what he would change about himself: "To slow down. I've always been the person who goes on a vacation and wants to do nothing, but after 24 hours of nothing, I go crazy and have to do something."

nity in Eaton Rapids, Wrubel wasn't sure that a 29-year-old outsider could be the next mayor.

"The biggest problem was I had no experience," Wrubel said. "I'd never even been to a city council meeting before."

Then again, he never thought that in three years his appointment lists would be full. Now he's added Dr. Douglas Totten to the staff, the person who nominated him for 150 Achiever status.

"He's a person who is great for a community and does his very best in everything," Totten wrote in nominating him.



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Dan Wrubel isn't just an optometrist. He's a professor, husband, father and, yes, a mayor.

Cheryl Kapff, Presented Presidential Award Of Excellence



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6-2-87

Cheryl Kapff was presented with the Presidential Award of Excellence. The award is the highest honor given by a President of a local Jaycee Chapter. "No one is more deserving than Cheryl," stated outgoing President John Merritt. "She is a very hard worker."

Cheryl, who is also the 40th President of the Eaton Rapids Area Jaycees, has been a member of the Jaycees since January of 1985. Since then she has held the offices of Director, Community Development V.P., and Management Development V.P. before being elected President. "I enjoy what I'm doing," she says. "The Jaycees have

given me the opportunity to grow while helping others."

Cheryl has a lot of support from her husband, Steve, who last year was awarded J.C.I. Senator 40298, the highest honor afforded by the Jaycee International. Their son, Matthew also likes to help out on projects.

Cheryl is one of the many who are growing because of the Jaycees. If you are interested in joining her in developing your leadership talents while helping the community, the Jaycees would like to talk to you. Men and women between the ages of 18-36 are invited to call 663-1173 or 663-1590 to learn more about how you can learn, grow and become.

School Volunteer Of The Week



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6-2-87

Tuesdays and Thursdays are special for a group of students at the Middle School. Mae Boatman tutors reading from 10:15-2:20. Besides providing individual reading practice, Mae makes the lessons fun with treats, stamps, and other rewards for good school attendance and work well done. She has taken one student out for lunch for perfect attendance this year. Her friendship with the students gives them an opportunity to talk over their

frustrations and concerns.

Mae first began volunteering in the Middle School in 1980, right after she graduated with a G.E.D. at age 55. This wonderful volunteer says "I just love working with children. In fact, if I can shape just one child's life for the better, I will feel my time was well spent." Janet Merchant, the teacher with whom Mae works, comments that Mae has made a big difference in the lives of these students.

Tracy Dodge Honored With Peltier Award

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Navy Constructionman Apprentice, Tracy L. Dodge, son of Richard S. and Cheryl S. Dodge of Rives Junction, MI recently was honored along with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-40, Port Hueneme, CA as the recipient of the Peltier Award

for Fiscal Year 1986.

The award is given by the Society of American Military Engineers to the Navy's most outstanding construction battalion.

A 1986 graduate of Northwest High School, Jackson, he joined the Navy in August 1986.

Williams Twins To Appear On Rotary Show

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After graduating from Eaton Rapids High School in 1948, twin sisters Janis and Joane Williams enjoyed successful careers as country music singers. They traveled all over the U.S. appearing at fairs, school assemblies and guesting on radio programs. Though retired from the entertainment field for many years, the twins agreed to revive their old act for one night stand on the Rotary Variety Show--the kickoff event for the 100th Alumni Celebration.

Other acts will include

both local and professional talent---vocals, instruments, comedy and magic.

The show will be in the high school auditorium Thursday, June 4, curtain at 7 p.m. Advanced tickets can be purchased at Eaton Federal Savings & Loan, State Farm Insurance Office, or from any Rotary member. "We're expecting a sellout," says Jim Miller, the show's producer. "Any tickets left over will be available at the door." Admission is \$5. Miller will also M.C. the program.

Lans. St. Journal 6-1-87

Eaton Rapids man injured in crash

CHARLOTTE — A 20-year-old Eaton Rapids man was reported in critical condition in the neurological unit at Sparrow Hospital Sunday afternoon from injuries suffered in an early morning accident.

The Eaton County Sheriff's Department said Nathan Burgess was a passenger in a car driven by David Barclay, 20, of Grand Ledge. No street addresses were available. Deputies said Barclay lost control while negotiating a curve on Narrow Lake Road north of Mills Highway and struck a tree at 3:20 a.m. Sunday.

Barclay was treated and released from St. Lawrence Hospital.

The accident remains under investigation.

Lans. St. Journal 6-3-87

Accident victim still critical

Nathan Burgess, 20, of 6701 Spicerville Road, Eaton Rapids remained in critical condition at Sparrow Hospital Tuesday from injuries suffered in an accident Sunday.

The Eaton County Sheriff's Department said he was a passenger in a car driven by David Barclay of Grand Ledge. Deputies said Barclay lost control on Narrow Lake Road five miles southeast of Charlotte and hit a tree. Barclay was treated and released from St. Lawrence Hospital. The accident remains under investigation.

Eaton Rapids High alumni to hold huge party

By HELEN R. CLEGG
Lansing State Journal

EATON RAPIDS — A record number of alumni and spouses — 1,167 — are gathering in the Eaton Rapids High School tonight to celebrate the 100th anniversary of their banquets.

The banquet will highlight three days of celebration, including an alumni parade at 11 a.m. Participating will be 26 former homecoming queens, 14 class floats, antique cars with alumni as passengers, the Flint Banjo Band, the High School Band, bicycle trick riders and decorated bicycles and the Fire Department color guard.

Brenda Hampton Smith, parade chairman,

said the grand marshall would be Dorothy Merritt — an alumni association member for 65 years — riding in a horse-drawn surrey.

The parade is to begin at Marilyn Street and go north to East Knight Street. Leonard Peters will be parade master of ceremonies, Smith said.

Before the parade, alumni can attend breakfast at the Masonic Lodge. A Kiwanis Club chicken barbecue will be held afterwards on Island Park. Also at Island Park will be a display of the contents from a 1923 cornerstone removed Friday from the old high school building on Hall Street.

Stan Phinney, centennial board president, and secretary Anne Towns and their committees have spent the past year planning the

event.

Towns said that bus tours starting at 1 p.m. will visit the old and new schools. The tours include a chance to walk through 12 of the apartments, which are part of what used to be in the Hall Street High School. Alumni will also visit the Veterans of Foreign Wars National Home about four miles from Eaton Rapids.

Phinney said the oldest living alumnus is Merle Merrit, 94, who is in a nursing home in Mount Pleasant. He and Towns sent her flowers and a letter of congratulations.

The longest time graduate at the banquet will be Dorris McDonald of Eaton Rapids, who graduated in 1913.

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ER Winners For Youth Talent Fair



Jerry Noyes of Eaton Rapids was awarded a Best of Classification Award at the 1987 Youth Talent Show at the Lansing Civic Center. He built a 2 man Kayak of plywood and fiberglass which was spray painted. The project was displayed in the Creative Crafts category.

Other winners in the 10-12 grade division were: Matthew Morgan, 2nd Design Problems; 1st Drafting; Robert Strobel, 2nd Design Problems; Dean Galusha, 2nd Design Problems; Kevin Warren, 2nd Design Problems, 2nd Drafting; Scott Curry, 3rd Design Problems; Anthony Zuk, 3rd Design Problems, 2nd Drafting; Jennifer Hohme, HM Design Problems; Todd Hardding, HM Design Problems; Tim Yeomans, 1st Drafting; Don Whipp, 2nd Drafting; Mark McManus, 3rd Drafting; William Houghton, HM Drafting; Ben Pauls, HM Drafting; Kevin West, 2nd Drawing; Richard Boughner, 2nd Graphic Arts; Mark Quimby, HM Graphic Arts; Philip Zeller, HM Graphic Arts; Kasey Wells, 3rd Textiles & Fiber Arts; Whitney Goodnoe, HM Textiles &

Fiber Arts.

7-9th Grade Division:
Cash Peters, 1st Design Problems; Leslie Edgecomb, 2nd Design Problems; Billy Paul, 3rd Design Problems; Tim Kissman, 3rd Design Problems; Keith Branch, 3rd Design Problems; Adam Pickworth, HM Design Problems; Cory Saylor, HM Design Problems; Bob Ribby, 1st Drafting; Erick Mazur, 2nd Drafting; Jeff Pepper, 2nd Drafting; Michael Scott, 2nd Drafting; Don Fless, 2nd Drafting; Kevin Grettenerger, HM Drafting; Julie Brown, 1st Drawing; Scott Yancy, 2nd Drawing; Marcie Sorrow, HM Drawing; James Kreis, HM Drawing; John Hicks, HM Drawing; Trudy Buckingham, HM Drawing; Keith Barber, HM Drawing; Richard Carnahan, 1st Woodworking; Lynn Markle, 1st Woodworking; Mick Polhamus, 2nd Woodworking; Aaron Byrne, 2nd Woodworking; Kevin Collins, 2nd Woodworking; Eric Conran, 2nd Woodworking; Craig Johnson, HM Woodworking.

5 & 6th Grades: Michael Kissman, 1st Drafting; Robert Kemper, 2nd Stained Glass, HM Woodworking.

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Eaton Rapids Man Is Opera Ambassador...

Robert Clink, a recent Albion College graduate, rehearses his role as Ike in the opera spoof "Sweet Betsey from Pike" with Grand Rapids sophomore, Laura Wood. The pair took the opera into public schools in the city of Albion to introduce students to the joys of opera. The spring project, which involved 14 music students from the college, gave local school children a taste of 5 classic opera scenes and the full-length spoof. Clink is no stranger to the opera world. A management/music major at the college, he spent last fall at the Lyric Opera in Chicago working as a management intern and receiving vocal training. Clink is the son of Jack E. Clink of 11807 Barnes Hwy.



Chris & Mike Mills Complete First Phase At Lincoln Tech. Institute



Chris Mills and Mike Mills, sons of Beverly Mills and Ted Colthorp of Eaton Rapids, have successfully completed the first phase of school at Lincoln Technical Institute of Indianapolis, IN.

Chris completed class in Electrical Systems and Fuel Systems and Mike has completed classes in Fuel Systems and Transmissions and Drive Trains.

Chris, 23, is a 1982 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, is in the Marine Corps. Reserves and the father of 2 girls, Candice 5 and Cassandra 3½.

Mike, 19, was working toward his GED through Eaton Rapids Adult Community Ed program before enrolling at Lincoln Tech.

Chris & Mike started classes on March 2 and will graduate on Sept. 22.

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Uncle Howard's Family Rebellion

By Barbara Haskell-Jones



Rainy weather did not stop the men from crank starting their vintage tractors and plowing under the corn stubble.

Lloyd H. Keeler, better known as "Uncle Howard" to most people, was host for this annual event he likes to call "the family rebellion" on his 20 acre farm outside of Eaton Rapids. Young, old, family and non-family began arriving, in spite of the cold wet weather. Some came from as far away as Flint and as close as down the road to

watch or take part in the activities. Proud owners of the old 1920's and 1930's tractors brought their machines to help plow the field for this year's crop.

Shocks of corn that had been made in the fall were hauled to the barn where the ears were removed and the stalks shredded. The corn was shelled in another machine then placed in a hand turned sorter where the kernels were separated by size. Kernels not the right size for the corn planter went

into a grinder, powered by a gas engine, and were made into a coarse turkey feed or a fine cornmeal as desired.

Originally this reunion began many years ago to celebrate the birthday of Howard's mother, Bertha Kikendall Keeler. Since she passed away in 1975 people continue to show up and have enlarged the gathering into a day of work and companionship in the country.

Karen Norton Honored

Karen Lynn Norton, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jim Norton of Eaton Rapids and a student at Central Michigan University, has been selected as one of the country's most outstanding campus leaders by the "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges" editorial staff.

She will be included in the 1987 edition of "Who's Who Among Students In American Universities and Colleges," an annual directory of outstanding students

first published in 1934.

A campus nominating committee and editors of the publication have included the name of this student based on her academic achievements, community service, leadership in extracurricular activities and potential for continued success.

She joins an elite group of students selected from institutions of higher learning in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and several foreign nations.

Kelly Mazurek Graduates From Southeastern Academy



After extensive training in Travel and Tourism Kelly

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Mazurek of Eaton Rapids is a successful graduate of Southeastern Academy, located in Kissimmee, FL. To complete the program of study, Kelly met the requirements for specialized occupational training plus work in business professionalism and career development. Kelly is now qualified and ready to begin her career in the Travel and Tourism Industry.

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Local Bowhunter Bags Cat



Flashes 4/7/87

Left to right: Kevin Towsley and his guide.

January proved to be a very exciting beginning of a new year for local Bowhunter, Kevin Towsley. His first competition of the year was the International Indoor Bowhunter Championships at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, IN. where he won the 3rd place Olympic

style Bronze medal.

Shortly after this win, Kevin went to Orifino, Idaho for a Mountain Lion hunt in Clearwater National forest. After covering about 700 miles and seeing all kinds of interesting wildlife, Kevin bagged this 135 lb. cat with a Black Widow recurve bow.



Serving Our Country

Joseph E. Cottrell Graduates From Warrant Officer's Basic

Marine Warrent Officer Joseph E. Cottrell, son of Thelma Cottrell of Springport was graduated from the Warrant Officer's Basic Course.

During the 10-week course at the Marine Corps Development and Education Command, Quantico, VA, Cottrell was prepared as a newly-appointed Marine Warrant Officer for assignment to the Fleet Marine Force. His studies emphasized the professional personal and leadership respon-

sibilities that accompany their new rank.

His training included instruction on map and aerial photograph reading, communications, infantry tactics at the small unit level, military law, personnel administration, Marine Corps history and traditions and the techniques of military instruction.

An extensive physical conditioning program complemented his course of study. *Flashes 4/7/87*

Robert Stadt Receives Award

Flashes 4/4/87
Robert Stadt of Eaton Rapids, local agent for Farm Bureau Insurance Group, has been awarded the 1987 Seal of Excellence for the high quality of his insurance business.

The Seal of Excellence is presented annually to selected Farm Bureau Insurance agents in Michigan, based on their premium production, years of experience,

and the overall high quality of specific lines of their property-casualty business.

The Seal grants agents special authority and privileges in providing insurance service to their clients.

Stadt earned the Seal of Excellence in commercial general lines, personal auto, and personal property insurance.

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Serving Our Country

Tracy Dodge Reports For Duty

Navy Constructionman Apprentice Tracy L. Dodge, son of Richard and Cheryl Dodge of Rives Junction recently reported for duty with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion-40, Port Hueneme, CA.

Tony Lamson Promoted

Marine Lance Cpl. Tony L. Lamson, son of Marilyn Kruse of Eaton Rapids has been promoted to his present rank while serving with 2nd Force Service Support Group, Camp Lejeune, NC.

Teen awarded damages

By LEILA KLAISS
Staff Writer

A rural Charlotte teenager, Penny Savage, now 18 and a senior at Charlotte High School, was awarded damages of \$395,000 last week by an Eaton County Circuit Court jury in a malpractice suit against the Eaton Rapids Medical Clinic, P.C., and Dr. Albert H. Meinke III. According to circuit court officials, this is thought to be the largest jury verdict in a malpractice suit ever awarded in Eaton County.

According to her mother, Jane Dotson, "Penny was 13 when she went to Dr. Meinke to obtain an excuse from her gym class, which was switching from swimming to track. She had injured her foot while standing on a ladder helping to paint a barn. Dr. Meinke diagnosed tendinitis and prescribed the drug Clinoril."

Brian McKeen of Detroit, Savage's attorney, says, "this is a substantial verdict, and I hope it will serve as a message that drugs are not to be used indiscriminately. This was the wrong drug, the wrong patient, the wrong dose, and the wrong length of time for the prescription." A suit against Merke, Sharpe and Dome, the maker of the prescription drug, was settled out of court.

McKeen calls Clinoril "a potent, non-steroid, anti-inflammatory medicine normally prescribed for severe cases of arthritis and bursitis."

Dotson says, "After taking the drug for several weeks, she developed a rash and went back to the clinic, where she was diagnosed as having measles, by Dr. Gerald Stipanuk, a staff doctor who is no longer

employed at the clinic. The following day, feeling still worse, she went back to the clinic again, and was at that time admitted to Sparrow Hospital."

At Sparrow Hospital, she was diagnosed as having Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, which is, according to McKeen, "the most dreaded and horrible of all adverse drug reactions. She had a blistering rash all over her body, which amounted to second degree burns." Savage spent 15 days in the hospital, part of that time in isolation and in the burn unit.

McKeen adds that the syndrome is "life threatening, and left Savage with residual mottling and blotching of the skin that is cosmetically disfiguring. It doesn't seem likely that it will improve any in the future."

According to her mother, Penny summed it up when she said, "it was a fair judgment, but it will never take away the memories, and the pain my family and I have suffered, and still suffer."

Dotson adds, "we hope it doesn't happen to someone else. You put your faith in someone and they give medicine that doesn't pertain to the condition. We weren't warned of the side effects. I guess we were lucky, but some other person may not be that lucky."

Dr. Meinke would not comment to the *News Chronicle*, when contacted last Friday, but issued a statement through his business manager, Warren White, which says, "The Eaton Rapids Medical Clinic, P.C., and Dr. Albert H. Meinke III are very disappointed in the verdict and do not agree with it in any way. The case is still in litigation and therefore we are unable to make further comment."

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Teen From 1A

"The mottled skin doesn't hurt her as much as it embarrasses," said her mother, Jane Dotson. "She's very blotchy. A specialist said a couple weeks ago the (condition) is lifetime because of vascular damage. The pain still comes in nightmares."

The defense argued that the drug given Savage was appropriate in the prescribed dose and duration.

A spokesman for the defendants — the medical clinic and Dr. Albert Meinke III — declined to say whether the verdict will be appealed. But the defendants did issue a statement:

"The Eaton Rapids Medical Clinic P.C., and Dr. Albert H. Meinke III are very disappointed in the verdict and do not agree with it in any way. The case is still in litigation and therefore we are

unable to make further comment."

Savage's attorney said the verdict was in response to his client going through psychological turmoil because of malpractice.

"This girl came very close to death," attorney Brian McKeen said. "She suffered Stevens-Johnson Syndrome, the most dreaded and horrible of all drug reactions."

In September 1982, Penny Savage was helping to paint her father's barn near Charlotte. She developed a soreness in the arch of her foot and a minor limp, but not bad enough to stay out of school.

When her gym class switched from swimming to track, though, her mother became concerned that her foot would worsen. To receive an excuse from gym class, Savage went to Meinke,

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Damages awarded to teen

By PHIL JURIK
Lansing State Journal

Penny Savage was a 13-year-old with a sore foot when an Eaton Rapids doctor gave her, in the eyes of a jury, the wrong drug in the wrong amount for the wrong duration.

Savage's foot became the least of her problems.

She won a \$395,000 malpractice verdict from an Eaton County Circuit Court jury this week for injuries and suffering from the potent prescription for Clinoril.

When the drug caused a rash, she went to the Eaton Rapids Medical Clinic and was diagnosed as having the measles, the lawsuit said. The staff doctor sent her home. She was still taking the prescription.

After Savage took her next dosage, she started vomiting and ended up in the Sparrow Hospital Burn Unit for six days with second-degree burns over 80 percent of her body, her attorney said.

"(The judgment) was fair," Penny Savage said, "but it will never take away the memories and pain my family and I still have."

Savage is now 18. Her skin remains mottled and changes with the seasons — blue blotches for winter, red for the summer sun and for nerves.

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Serving Our Country

Richard L. Webb Completes Recruit Training



Marine Lance Corporal Richard L. Webb, son of Richard and Connie Webb of Eaton Rapids, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

During the 11-week training period, Webb was taught basic battlefield sur-

vival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including squad leader, first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training.

A 1984 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, he joined the Marine Corps in November 1986.

J. C. Sharpe Completes Training

Navy Seaman J. C. Sharpe, son of Gerrie A. Rardeen of Charlotte, MI has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command Orlando, FL.

During Sharpe's 8-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of

the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Sharpe's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1986 graduate of Charlotte High School, he joined the Navy in November 1986.

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Heather McManus Wins Music Scholarship



She was accompanied by Mrs. Harrington.

Roxanne Harrington, 1984 scholarship recipient, returned to graciously express appreciation for her opportunities, and played for us.

A formal tea reception followed, honoring Presidents Month. Marion Bently was assisted by her committee consisting of Marcia VandeVusse, Norma Widger and Betty Hendrickson.

The March 26 meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church at 2 p.m. with speaker, Joy Beermald from Bunday's. Her topic will be home decorating. The committee is Saretta Ulrich, chairman, Marge Courtnage, Mary Ann Nowak, and Clara Squires.

The slate of officers was nominated and the motion was seconded. The new officers are: President, Tort Trimble; Vice President, Margaret Kyser; Secretary, Marcia VandeVusse; Treasurer, Marge Courtnage; Parliamentarian, Marilyn Beemblossom and Historian, Lorri Hengstbeck.

The traditional Music Winner's Recital was presented Feb. 26 by the U&I Club at the First United Methodist Church. The performers were presented by Judy Harrington: Rachel Gibson, a 5th grade pianist; Matt Catlin, a 6th grade pianist; Beth Harkness, a 7th grade pianist; Katina Dziewiatkowski, a 9th grade pianist; Heather Boals, an 11th grade pianist and Heather McManus, a 10th grade pianist who received the Music Scholarship Award now sponsored by the Eaton Rapids Women's Club.

Kristina Rodriguez, an 11th grade flautist, recipient of the Music Winner Scholarship in 1986 also performed.



Congratulations "BRIAN ROBBINS"

member of the Michigan Lions All-State Band Colorguard (1987 China tour) & accomplishing your dream of marching with the MSU Band this fall.

All the hard work & hassles finally paid off.

I love you & I'm very proud of you!!

Carolle

P.S. Have a great time in China

Flashes 6/16/87

Flashes 1/13/87

Shannon Rathbun Attends Gov. Blanchard's Inaugural Ball



Local resident and Commissioner for the Michigan Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Commission, Shannon Rathbun, attended the social event of the season--the inaugural ball of Gov. James Blanchard. Accompanied by model and Miss Hawaiian Tropic Liz Clark, a chauffeured limousine drove the couple first to the Pontchartrain Hotel to attend a National Press Conference Reception to meet actor John

Amos and jazz violinist Noel Pointer.

Then the couple went to the gala at the Detroit Institute of Arts where 2,500 people mingled, dined and danced the night away at the black tie affair.

Mr. Rathbun was also on the podium the afternoon before for the inauguration ceremony at the state capitol and will help coordinate events in this area to commemorate Dr. King's birthday.

Jeffrey Hall Receives Medal

Marine Lance Cpl. Jeffrey L. Hall, son of Lynn and Augusta Hall of Eaton Rapids, was recently awarded the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal.

Hall received the award for good behavior and conduct over a 3-year period in

the Marine Corps.

He is currently serving at Marine Corps Base Camp Butler, on Okinawa.

A 1983 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1983.

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Serving Our Country

Timothy Holbrook Completes Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Timothy M. Holbrook, son of W. Carl and Nancy A. Holbrook of Eaton Rapids, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During Holbrook's 8-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare

him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Holbrook's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

Flashes 1/13/87

Eaton Rapids girl, 1, injured in crash

EATON RAPIDS — A 10-year-old Eaton Rapids girl was in critical condition Friday night following a 6 p.m. automobile accident on M-50/99 north of Bellevue Highway.

A juvenile driver's southbound vehicle collided with a northbound car in which Michelle Smith was riding, said Sgt. Howard Reist of the Eaton County Sheriff's Department.

The name of the juvenile was being withheld. The identity of the driver of the other vehicle also was not available Friday.

The victim was taken to Eaton Rapids Community Hospital and later transferred to a Lansing hospital, Reist said.

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Serving Our Country

Walter (Scott) Blakey Completes Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Walter S. Blakey, son of Walter and Mary Blakey of Eaton Rapids, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During Blakey's 8-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for

further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Blakey's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

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Kendie Greenhoe Chosen As Presentations Production Assistant



Kendie Greenhoe, 23, daughter of Roger and Nelda Greenhoe of Eaton Rapids, was recently selected to serve as the Presentations Production Assistant for the nationally competitive student advertising team at Michigan State University, Byer B. Young.

The competition is sponsored annually by the American Advertising Federation. This year's competition requires the preparation of a complete marketing and advertising plan for the Chevrolet Cavalier. The team will present the campaign in Chicago this spring at the regional competition. The na-

tional competition will take place in June in Orlando, FL. The team's advisor is MSU advertising professor, Mr. Edward Scheiner.

Kendie, a senior in advertising, competed with over 40 students to be chosen for the 10-member Executive Committee.

Kendie is a 1981 graduate of Lansing Christian High School. She is currently an office manager for the law offices of Mackay, Bossenbrook, Emery, DeVine and Mallory P.C. and member of the Golden Key National Honor Society. After graduating in March of 1987, Kendie hopes to obtain a managerial position with an established advertising agency and continue her education by attending law school.

In 1986, over 100 schools competed nationally in the competition for client, Levi Strauss. MSU won the regional competition last year and both the regionals and nationals in 1981.

Lisa Collins Member Of Ballet Theatre

After holding open auditions Sept. 6 and 13, Children's Ballet Theatre of Greater Lansing welcomes Lisa Collins, a student at Eaton Rapids High School, to their Junior Company Dancers.

Under the direction of Barbara Banasikowski Smith, these young dancers

are preparing for the holiday production of "The Nutcracker Ballet." This year, Children's Ballet Theatre is proud to present for the first time live music, the MSU Symphony Orchestra directed by Leon Gregorian. The production will be in the Wharton Center Great Hall Dec. 13 and 14. **FLASHES**
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Carrie Getter Completes Training

Navy seaman Apprentice Carrie D. Getter, daughter of Stanley Getter of Eaton Rapids, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Orlando, FL.

During Getter's 8-week training cycle, she studied general military subjects designed to prepare her for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the

Navy's 85 basic fields.

Getter's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1986 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, she joined the Navy in June 1986. **FLASHES** 11/1/86



*Congratulations
Janene!*

Winner of
Eaton County Junior Miss
Scholastic Scholarship Award

We are proud of you!
Love,
Dad, Mom & Denise

FLASHES 11/18/86

Local 4-H Leaders Recognized

By Nancy D. Thelen, Extension 4-H Youth Agent

The 1986 Leader Recognition Banquet was held Oct. 25 at the 4-H Building on the fairgrounds in Charlotte. 200 teen and adult leaders and their families attended.

The banquet honored friends of 4-H and volunteer leaders for their service to the Eaton County 4-H program and recognized outstanding 4-H teens. Special club awards were also presented.

Sixty-three leaders completed their first year of 4-H leadership during the past year. Those present were recognized.

Following are local adult leaders who completed their fifth year of leadership: Glen Ostrander, Dan Haigh, Cleo Cortright, Dianna Newman, Jack Pennington, Karla Hale, Adam Wheaton, Cindy Shumaker, Carol Ankney, Carol Ruesch and Carla Maurer all of Charlotte; Nancy Thelen and Jim Greenman of Olivet; Fred Stowell, Donna Stowell, Mary Payne, Randy Babcock, Linda Babcock, Barbara Crockett and Marge Tanner all of Eaton Rapids; and Pam Catallo of Dimondale. Each received the Silver Clover Award.

Five leaders completed 10 years of leadership. Those who earned the gold Clover Award were: Herb and Marguerite McCarrick of

Eaton Rapids, Laura Polhamus and Caroline Berry from Charlotte and Nancy Henry of Olivet.

Three leaders were honored for 15 years of leadership and received the Pearl Clover Award. They were Dale and Jan Dodds from Charlotte and Julene Humphrey from Eaton Rapids.

Marian Tirrell of Charlotte was honored for 25 years of leadership and received the Emerald Clover Award.

Ruth Van Vleck of Charlotte was recognized for 30 years of 4-H leadership with the Ruby Clover Award.

Outstanding Leader Awards were presented to Kathy Pion of Olivet and Gloria Pennington of Charlotte.

Teens Rhonda Mott of Olivet, Brian Kreischer of Eaton Rapids and Laura Ruesch of Charlotte were awarded the National I Dare You award. Troy Garnant of Olivet and Christopher Langmaack of Charlotte received the Michigan 4-H Key Club Award. These awards recognize outstanding members who have been active in 4-H.

Outstanding Teen Leaders were Brian Kreischer of Eaton Rapids, Lisa Locke and Doug Pennington both of Charlotte. **FLASHES** 11/4/86



Serving Our Country

Michelle Kennedy Completes Training

Navy Seaman Apprentice Michelle N. Kennedy, daughter of Karen Kennedy of Dimondale, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command Orlando, FL.

During Kennedy's 8-week training cycle, she studied general military subjects designed to prepare her for further academic and on-

the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Kennedy's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

She is a 1986 graduate of Holt High School.

Christopher Ogston Reports For Duty

Marine Lance Cpl. Christopher R. Ogston, son of Thomas and Katherine Ogston of Eaton Rapids, recently reported for duty at Marine Corps Base, Camp

Butler, on Okinawa.

A 1984 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, he joined the Marine Corps in May 1985.

Joseph Vilvens Completes Training

Marine Pvt. Joseph G. Vilvens, son of Floyed and Lois Jude of Rives Junction, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, Vilvens was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional stan-

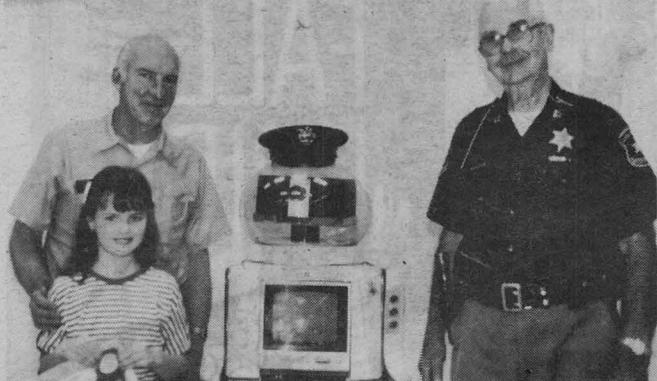
dards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills, including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

He is a 1986 graduate of Northwest High School, Jackson.

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Alicia Dawson Winner Bus Safety Poster Contest



Congratulations Alicia Dawson for winning 1st place in the Bus Safety Poster Contest. Pictured with Alicia is Ron Ryerly, supervisor of the Eaton Rapids Bus Garage. Sammy the Robot Sheriff, Captain, Pat Long of the Eaton County's Sheriff Dept. Second place went to Jason Arnett and 3rd place to Shantel Decker.

Alicia's poster will be submitted for state competition then possibly to National competition. Good luck Alicia on your posters journey that may cover 50 states.

Also, thanks for all the work and time to Mike Seeley, chief of police for Eaton Rapids and Rick Wahl of the Eaton County Sheriff's Dept.



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Clint Parsons Completes Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Clint R. Parsons, son of Thomas and Francis Parsons of Eaton Rapids, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During Parsons's 8-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the

Navy's 85 basic fields.

Parsons's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1984 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, he joined the Navy in May 1986.

Dion Brown Completes Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Dion J. Brown, son of Rodney and Audrey Brown, both of Eaton Rapids has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During Brown's 8-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the

Navy's 85 basic fields.

Brown's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1984 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, he joined the Navy Reserve in June 1986.

Sheila Pettinger To Compete For Miss Michigan Teen Title

Miss Sheila Pettinger, daughter of Stephen and Marsha Pettinger of Eaton Rapids has been selected as an entrant in the 1986 Miss Michigan Teen Pageant to be staged in the Grand Ballroom of the Clarion Hotel and Conference Center in Lansing on Sept. 13 & 14. This event will select Michigan's representative to the 9th annual Miss Teen All American Pageant staged at the luxurious Sheraton Bal Harbour Hotel on world famous Miami

Beach, Oct. 29-Nov. 2. Miss Pettinger, who was selected as an entrant-at-large, will be competing with young women from all over the state of Michigan for the title of Miss Michigan Teen. She attends Eaton Rapids High School, where she participates in spring and winter track, chorus, remains on the B-honor roll. Her other activities include cross stitch, Rover 4-H Club, rabbits, chickens and reading.

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E.R. Youth Win Awards At State 4-H Horse Show

By: Nancy D. Thelen, Extension 4-H Youth Agent



Two Eaton 4-H'ers received awards at the 1986 Michigan 4-H Horse Show held Aug. 19 at Michigan State University. Nicole Wager won a silver medal in Fitting and Showmanship, a bronze in Hunter Seat Equitation, fifth in Working Hunter Under Saddle, and sixth in Western Pleasure and in Stock Seat Equitation.

Karen Woodman, pictured above, won a gold medal and reserve champion in Western Fitting and

Showmanship, a silver medal in Western Pleasure, and fourth place in both Stock Seat Equitation and in Bareback Equitation.

The purpose of the annual event is to give 4-H horse project members an opportunity to evaluate their horsemanship skills by competing against other youths from across the state with similar interests. This year's event had 486 entries from 56 counties throughout Michigan.

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1986 E.R. Employee Of The Year



Congratulations to Deborah M. Backofen, who was named the 1986 E.R. Employee of the Year, during the 1st Annual Employee/Secretary Banquet held at Richard's Restaurant on April 23. Deborah is employed by Warner, Hart & Peters, P.C. Her capacities include secretary, manager, bookkeeper and legal assistant...to two attorneys!

Deborah's flawless performance in these areas, as well as her eagerness to surpass her basic skills is highly regarded by her employers and earned her the top contender position in a field of many.

Deborah's time management expertise includes her full time job, her family, husband Marty and children Andy and Alicia; a pursuant paralegal degree; jazzercise and many hobbies.

Ms. Backofen was presented with a big bunch of roses, a personal plaque for home or office, lots of applause and will have her name on a large plaque in City Hall. Everyone is welcome to stop in and take a peak.

The DDA Management and Promotion task force organized this 1st Annual (and very successful) Employee/Secretary of the Year event. The task force includes Jean Kline, Sharon Lamie, Jill Skinner and

Dianne VanAken.

The task force would like to thank the E.R. Ministerial Association for undertaking the difficult job of selecting our winner. Hastay's Greenhouse made up the pretty corsages and roses and donated 12 potted, flowering plants as table arrangements which were sent home with the lucky names picked out of the hat! The dinner and award presentation was held at Richard's Restaurant. The food was delicious and everyone had a wonderful time. Our speakers for the evening included Mayor Dr. Daniel Wrubel, Rev. Steven Erkel and Steven Peters. In addition to stressing the importance of this award, their humor qualified them as an excellent entertainment line-up as well. The cooperation of the City and all the Merchants was greatly appreciated and something we couldn't do without. Thanks again to all of you for making the evening so special.

Ms. Backofen stated that evening, "The fact that our employers thought enough about us to nominate us, is a great honor in itself." Her statement was echoed by all 19 employees nominated for the 1986 E.R. Employee/Secretary of the Year.

Once again, thanks to all who participated and we look forward to next year.

Eugene Littlejohn Completes Recruit Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Eugene W. Littlejohn, son of Eugene Littlejohn Jr. of Dimondale, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, IL.

During Littlejohn's 8-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of

the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Littlejohn's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1985 graduate of Potterville High School, Potterville, he joined the Navy in February 1986.



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Christopher Hall Completes Recruit Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Christopher L. Hall, son of Neil C. Hall of Eaton Rapids, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command Orlando, FL.

During Hall's 8-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the

Navy's 85 basic fields.

Hall's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

He joined the Navy in February 1986.

Marine Lance Cpl. Perry Sharp Participates In Sardinia 86

Marine Lance Cpl. Perry B. Sharp, son of Byron and Judy Sharp of Rives Junction, recently participated in the multinational exercise, Sardinia 86.

A combined landing force involving U.S., Spanish, French and Italian forces, conducted amphibious operations to seize a beachhead in the vicinity of Capo Teulado, Sardinia, Italy, in preparation for subsequent missions.

Sharp participated in establishing a beach support area, providing combat service support and landing support.

He is currently serving with the 26th Marine Amphibious Unit, Camp Lejeune, NC.

A 1980 graduate of Northwest High School, Jackson, he joined the Marine Corps in June 1983.

Chris Calvert Completes Recruit Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Chris C. Calvert, son of Chris and Polly Calvert of Springport, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command Great Lakes, IL.

During Calvert's 8-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the

Navy's 85 basic fields.

Calvert's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1981 graduate of Springport High School, he joined the Navy in February 1986.

Dawn Fowler Receives Promotion

Marine Lance Cpl. Dawn L. Fowler, daughter of Henry and Marian Fowler of Rives Junction, has been promoted to her present rank while serving at Marine Corps Development and Education

Command, Quantico, VA.

A 1985 graduate of Northwest High School, Jackson, she joined the Marine Corps in August 1985.

Sgt. Ralph Pratt Participates In Team Spirit '86

Marine Sgt. Ralph G. Pratt, son of Earl and Floy Pratt of Springport, recently participated in Team Spirit '86.

During the month long exercise, approximately 200,000 personnel from all services of the U.S. and Republic of Korea participated.

Team Spirit is the largest joint exercise conducted in the free world in-

volving approximately 28 U.S. ships, 218 Navy and Marine Corps aircraft and 28,000 Navy and Marine Corps personnel.

Pratt is currently stationed with Marine Service Support Group-11 Camp Pendleton, CA.

A 1980 graduate of Springport High School, he joined the Marine Corps in March 1981.

Steve Williams Completes Recruit Training

Marine Pfc. Steve B. Williams, son of Jeanette Davis of Rives Junction, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, Williams was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited

by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1983 graduate of Lumen Christi High School, Jackson, he joined the Marine Corps in June 1985.

Ted Ocheltree Honored For 15 Years



Ted Ocheltree is pictured receiving service award from Dr. Ted Wilson, Executive Director of the National Home.

Ted Ocheltree was honored for 15 years of service to the VFW National Home on June 12. Over 60 fellow employees and friends gathered to share a noon meal and warm memories at the Home's Guest Lodge.

In his present capacity as Community Services Coordinator, Ted oversees the recreation, health and education programs at the Home. In the past he has been in charge of personnel, done public relations and supervised the recreation program.

Deeply involved with the children and families there since he arrived in 1971, Ted and his wife, Pat, are raising their two children on campus. The family participates together in many of the National Home's extracurricular activities. Ted and Pat have contributed to a feeling of well-being within both staff and residents through their open and honest caring for others.

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Steve Kapff - JCI Senator 40298



On June 7 Steve Kapff was presented J.C.I. Senatorship 40298. The J.C.I. Senatorship is the highest honor bestowed upon a current or past individual member for their contributions to the Jaycees by Jaycee International. Jaycee International is the world wide organization now operating in 75 countries. In receiving this award, Steve becomes a life member of Jaycee International. Steve received this award for his outstanding work with the Eaton Rapids Area Jaycees and the Michigan Jaycees for the past 14 years. In his work with the Jaycees, Steve has held every local office as well as various district, region and state offices. He also has received a number of outstanding awards such as Jaycee of the year, Board member of the Year and Michigan Jaycee Presidential Award of Excellence.

The Eaton Rapids Area Jaycees would like to Congratulate Steve for all the time and effort he's given to the Jaycee Organization.

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Debbie Stahl Club Women Of The Year



The Eaton Rapids Women's Club is happy to

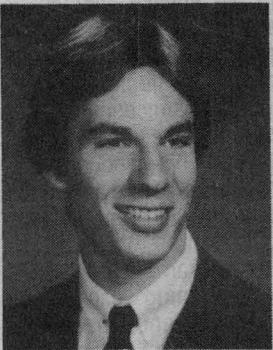
announce that Debbie Stahl was selected as the 1985-86 Club Women of the Year at the May 5 meeting.

Debbie has been a member of Women's Club for 3 years. She was chosen for this honor because of her outstanding work in church, community and club projects. Debbie was presented with the award and an engraved charm. Congratulations Debbie!

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Eaton Stamping Awards Scholarship



presented the \$1200 scholarship award on June 6 by Eaton Stamping Company President, Ralph Allswede.

The scholarship is presented annually to eligible dependents of Eaton Stamping employees who will be entering college and have attained a high score on the ACT exam.

Steve is a 1986 graduate of Holt High School and plans to major in Computer Science this fall at Michigan State University. His mother, Janell, has been an employee of Eaton Stamping since September 1977.

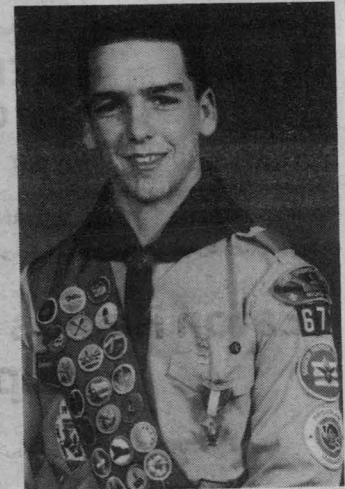
Eaton Stamping Company is proud to announce that Steve Holden, son of James and Janell Holden of Eaton Rapids, is the recipient of its 1986 College Scholarship Award. Steve was

Eagle Scout To Be Honored

Bryan Epling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph M. Epling, has satisfactorily completed the requirements and is certified as an Eagle Scout by the Boy Scouts of America.

An Eagle Court of Honor for Bryan will be held April 20, 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Church.

Bryan's Eagle Scout Project was building a set of benches at the baseball diamond on the grounds of the V.F.W. National Home. Bryan is the first scout to attain Eagle rank in the new V.F.W. National Home Troop 678.



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Local Little Leaguers Return From Kentucky



Bill Kunkel, Jake Rogers, Chad Getter, Mike Griggs, Tereck Halsey and Jason Warner were our 6 local boys who had the wonderful opportunity to represent the State of Michigan in the Ohio Valley Regional All Star Tournament.

They arrived along with families, in Fern Creek, Kentucky on Friday, July 25. The boys were placed in Louisville homes for their duration where they were treated as celebrities and had a taste of the wonderful southern hospitality. The parents met with the host families of the boys and reunited daily at the ballpark. Their 1st game was played on Saturday evening against the tough Fern Creek team. Our boys were no match for these skilled Kentucky ballplayers as we suffered a miserable 26-2 loss. Michigan came back in the 2nd round to beat Ohio 11-10, sending Ohio back home. At this point West

Virginia was also eliminated after suffering 2 straight losses. In the 3rd round Wisconsin was eliminated with our Michigan team following after suffering our 2nd loss to Illinois 8-5. Our boys played good ball and had a wonderful time. What a great experience for these boys and their families. The opportunity to meet and play ball with other 11 & 12 year olds from around the country. They were also able to tour the Louisville Slugger bat factory and each collected a novelty bat autographed by a favorite player. The boys and families returned home on Tuesday evening. This was an experience these youths will never forget.

We, the families, hope this is just a beginning for Eaton Rapids youth baseball. We need more involvement and hope to see this travel program continue and grow. Congratulations Boys, we're proud of you!

Tuesday Musicale Awards Scholarship

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Heather McManus and Krista Rodriguez

The winner of the 1986 Tuesday Musicale Scholarship is flautist, Krista Rodriguez, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Silo Rodriguez and a sophomore at Eaton Rapids High School. The auditions were held Feb. 22 at the First United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids. The scholarship pays for a two week summer session at Interlochen., Blue Lakes Fine

Arts Camp or any other music camp of the student's choice.

The alternate is pianist, Heather McManus, Eaton Rapids High School freshman and daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Jerry McManus. Both girls study music privately: Krista with Rebecca Tubbs and Heather with Sarah Copp.

First To Arrive In '86



Eaton Rapids Community Hospital is pleased to announce the arrival of the first baby born at the hospital in 1986. Krystal Fay Boggs was born at 9:52 a.m. Jan. 3, weighing 8 lbs. 4½ ozs. and measured 21½" in length.

Wayne and Lori Ann Boggs of Lake Odessa are the

proud parents. Fay Boggs, the baby's grandmother, is employed at the hospital.

The Board of Trustees, Administration and staff of Eaton Rapids Community Hospital extend best wishes to Wayne and Lori Boggs on the birth of their beautiful daughter, Krystal Fay.

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Susie Clough Chosen To Play In British Eighth



Susie Clough, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Clough of Eaton Rapids, has been chosen to play the tenor drum in the British Eighth, a new marching unit at Albion College.

The British Eighth is an 8 rank marching unit made up of the college's finest instrumentalists. The size, instrumentation and uniform of

the unit are modeled after the military bands of early 20th century England. The uniforms worn by the unit are detailed reproductions of those worn by the Buckingham Palace Honour Guard. The British flavor of the unit is well suited to Albion College. Albion College is the only college in the country to adopt the name "Britions" for its athletic teams. The word "Albion" itself, is the Old English name for the British Isles.

Clough is a 1983 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School. She is currently a Junior studying economics and management at Albion College. Albion College is a private, coeducational liberal arts school attended by more than 1500 students from 33 states and 11 foreign countries.

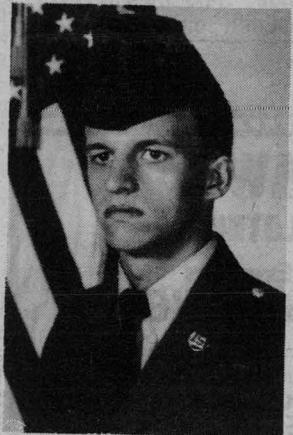
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Steven Blackwell Completes Training



Marty Blackwell, is home on leave from the U.S. Army until Jan. 4.

Steve completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, qualifying as an expert in grenade & rifle marksmanship.

Advanced training as a Medical Specialist occurred at Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio, Texas. An honor graduate in the top 5% of his class of 600, Steve maintained a 97% grade average.

Steve reports Jan. 6 to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, where he'll work in the medical clinic.

Pvt. Steven M. Blackwell, son of Gayle and

Melissa James Graduates From U.S. Air Force Electrician Course

Airman Melissa J. James daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas James of Eaton Rapids, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force electrician course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas.

She is now stationed at Little Rock Air Force Base, Ark. She is a 1984 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School. Melissa will be spending the holiday with her family.



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Thomas Cooke Completes Recruit Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Thomas W. Cooke, son of Barbara M. Cooke of Eaton Rapids, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During Cooke's 8 week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the

Navy's 85 basic fields.

Cooke's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1985 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, he joined the Navy in October 1985.

Randy Johnson Completes Recruit Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Randy S. Johnson, son of John and Diane Johnson of Eaton Rapids, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During Johnson's 8 week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the

Navy's 85 basic fields.

Johnson's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1985 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, he joined the Navy in October 1985.

Larry Davids Re-Enlists

Marine Cpl. Larry L. Davids, son of Wayne & Marilyn Stiles of Eaton Rapids, whose wife, Janet, is the daughter of Bobby & Elizabeth Whalen of Eaton Rapids, has reenlisted for 4

years while serving at Marine Barracks Naval Station, Annapolis, MD.

A 1982 graduate of Charlotte High School, he joined the Marine Corps in July 1982.

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Doug Benson Completes Recruit Training

Navy Seaman Recruit Douglas E. Benson, son of Melvin and Natalie Benson of Eaton Rapids, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During Benson's 8-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the

Navy's 85 basic fields.

Benson's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1985 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, he joined the Navy in February 1985.

Jack Dickenson Completes Tactics Course

Marine Staff Sgt. Jack L. Dickenson, son of Betty and Jack Dickenson Sr. of Eaton Rapids, MI, recently participated in the Weapons and Tactics Instructor Course.

During the 7 week training conducted in the Sonoran Desert, Dickenson participated in ground controlled intercept operations, utilizing several aircrafts. He also provided an airspace management capability and

operated in an electronic warfare atmosphere. Dickenson participated in a total of 4 scenarios, each presenting its own unique challenge.

Dickenson is currently stationed with Marine Air Control Squadron-7, Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, AZ.

A 1976 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, he joined the Marine Corps in February 1977.

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Serving Our Country

Charles Benner Stationed Aboard USS White Plains

Navy Seaman Charles F. Benner, son of Margaret A. and Charles F. Benner Sr. of Eaton Rapids recently returned from a 5 month deployment while stationed aboard the combat store ship USS White Plains, homeported in Guam.

During the deployment, the White Plains made a visit

to Papua, New Guinea where they represented the U.S. for Papua's 10 year Independence celebration.

After returning to Guam, the White Plains made a port call to Pusan, Korea and an unexpected visit to Sasebo, Japan in order to avoid a typhoon.

Kevin Kemp Completes Training

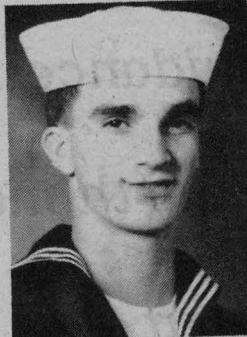
Navy Seaman Recruit Kevin K. Kemp, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kemp of Eaton Rapids, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL.

During Kemp's 8 week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for

further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

Kemp's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

Bruce U'Ren Completes Recruit Training



Navy Seaman Recruit Bruce A. U'Ren, son of Bruce and Shirley U'Ren of Eaton Rapids, has completed recruit training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, IL. Bruce has now gone on to Millington, TN to

enter Aviation Electronics A School.

After U'Ren's 8 week training cycle, he was promoted to E2. He studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

U'Ren's studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for 3 hours of college credit in Physical Education and Hygiene.

A 1985 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, he joined the Navy in May 1985.

Eric Lau Completes Recruit Training

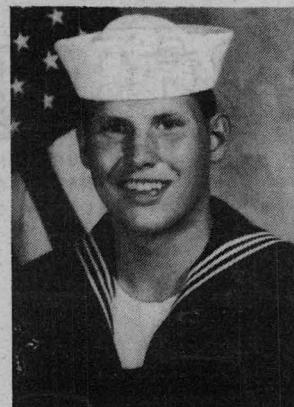
Marine Pvt. Eric D. Lau, son of Eric Lau of Dimondale, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

During the 11-week training cycle, Lau was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine that he will experience during his enlistment and studied the per-

sonal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

Dan Watson Completes Training



Percy and Wanda Watson of 9158 E. Spicerville, Eaton

Rapids, invite you to give Dan, their son, a call over the holidays or just drop in for a visit. He will be home on leave from Dec. 15 - Jan 2. Danny joined the navy in May of this year and after completing boot camp in San Diego, CA, he is completing 21 additional weeks of advanced training. Dan will be an IC 3 upon graduation, Dec. 13. He will be reporting aboard the USS Simms FF 1059 based in Mayport, Florida the first week in January.

Seaks Honored As Meridian Master Agent



Harold C. McCarthy, President of Meridian Insurance (above right with wife, Barbara) welcomes Charles Seaks, Seaks Insurance Service and his wife, Sonja, to the annual Meridian Master Agents Convention in Grand Rapids.

Charles Seaks of Seaks Insurance Service, Eaton Rapids, has been named a 1985 Meridian Master Agent. Seaks was one of 16 agents in the state to qualify for the title.

Meridian Master Agents are determined on the basis of experience, professionalism, commitment and

agency growth.

Seaks attended the Master Agents Convention in Grand Rapids, MI, Oct. 2-4. Master Agents from throughout Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio and Michigan meet annually to receive recognition and exchange ideas.

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Tracy Johnson Receives Promotion



Specialist.

Tracy attended Lansing Community College and Ferris State and is currently a member of the Women's Council of the Greater Lansing Board of Realtors. She is also a designated underwriter for the Department of Housing and Urban Development of the Federal Housing Administration.

A native of Mason and graduate of Mason High School, Tracy enjoys memberships in the Tri-County Bicycle Association and the Michigan Pocket Billiards Players.

Tracy, her husband Scott, and son Daniel reside in Dimondale.

Capitol Federal Savings has announced the promotion of Tracy Johnson to Loan Officer. Tracy joined Capitol in 1983 and has served in the Mortgage Department as an FHA-VA Mortgage

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John Colgan With Eaton Stamping Company 20 Years



ALLSWEDE-COLGAN

On Friday, January 24, 1986, John Colgan of the Press Room was congratulated by Ralph Allswede, Eaton Stamping

Company President, for completing 20 years of loyal service and presented a gold, engraved watch. Nice going John!

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Julie Knevitt Member Of Continental Singers

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quarters are in Thousand Oaks, California. The 3 month tour includes performances in the U.S., England, Denmark, Belgium, Holland and Germany. The group of 45 singers and musicians are giving concerts as part of a youth ministry sharing the gospel through music.



Julie Knevitt, a 1984 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, is currently touring Europe with the Continental Singers whose head-

Leann Overmyer Chosen As Area State Finalist For U.S.A. Teen Miss Pageant

Miss Leann Overmyer, daughter of Leonard & Betty Overmyer of Eaton Rapids, has been chosen as area representative for one year in the Michigan State Finals of the 1985 U.S.A. Teen Miss Scholarship Pageant which was held Oct. 6 at Long's Convention Center in Lansing.

Leann is 16 years of age and is a junior at Eaton Rapids High School. Her ambition after high school is to attend M.S.U. and further her career in modeling and acting. Her personal etiquette and finishing instruction by Ric Mitchell's School of Performing Arts in Lansing is where Leann plans to attend this fall under supervision of Ms. Betty Louise Bouts, Theatre Dept. chairperson.

Leann was sponsored by her parents, The American Legion Post 15, Sharon's Fashion Boutique and Mr. B's Superama, all from Eaton Rapids. Congratulations, Leann!

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Jeffrey Davis Passes Eagle Scout Board Of Review



Fifteen year old Boy Scout Jeffrey Davis has passed his Eagle Scout Board of Review. His Eagle Court of Honor will be held on

Nov. 9 at the First United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. here in Eaton Rapids.

Jeff joined Cub Pack 653 and earned the Arrow of Light award. He "crossed over" to Troop 52 four years ago. Jeff has earned 26 merit badges so far and all 12 skill awards. He has served as Assistant Patrol Leader, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. Last spring he was "tapped out" to join the Order of the Arrow. For his Eagle Scout Service Project he built benches and planters for McArthur Park here in Eaton Rapids. He plans to continue his scouting career.

Jeff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry L. Davis of Eaton Rapids.

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Roxanne Harrington Chosen As Area State Finalist For U.S.A. Teen Miss Pageant

Roxanne Harrington, daughter of Leonard and Judy Harrington of Dimondale was among 20 semi-finalists chosen from 96 contestants competing in the Michigan State Finals of the 1985 USA Teen Miss Scholarship Pageant at Long's Convention Center in Lansing Oct. 6. The girls participated in Communications, Evening Gown and Interview Competitions for the state title and crown of Michigan Teen Miss and a \$1000 cash scholarship award.

Roxanne is 15 years of age and a sophomore at Eaton Rapids High School where she is a member of the swim team, JV softball team and student council. Her special interests include playing the piano, dancing, cooking and sewing...She made the gown shown in the picture. Her plans are to attend college after graduation.

She will serve as a USA Teen Miss Area Representative for a period of one year. Her sponsors were Sharon's Fashion Boutique



and the Island Dance Centre of Eaton Rapids and Mike's Village Restaurant and Judy Harrington's Piano Studio of Dimondale.

Amy McManus Completes American Legion Student Trooper Program



Amy Jo McManus, 18, of Eaton Rapids, just completed a 5 day police training program at the Michigan State Police Academy in Lansing under American Legion sponsorship.

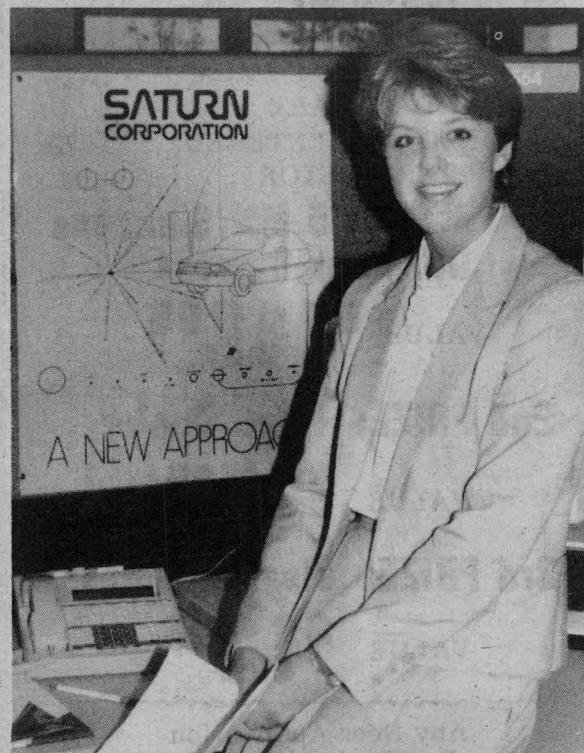
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The career oriented program, now in its 17th year, gives Michigan high school students interested in police careers the opportunity to live the day-to-day schedule of a police recruit. The entire cost of the program is covered by local American Legion Posts.

All classes are taught by Michigan State Police personnel with assistance from county and local police agencies. The students experience all aspects of police training through classroom lectures, guest speakers and in-field sessions. Every hour of the program is made as realistic as possible. For many of the students, this program is the deciding factor on whether or not to pursue a career in law enforcement.

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Wednesday, September 4, 1985

Eaton Rapids Resident Is "Saturnized"



Albion College senior Beth Doxtader relaxes at a work station in Saturn Corporation's new World Headquarters building in Troy, MI.

Eaton Rapids resident Beth Doxtader had a front row seat this summer to watch the development of the business "story of the year" - the plant location search of the newly formed Saturn Corporation.

The Albion College senior just completed a 3 month stint as an intern in the Financial Department of the newly formed corporation that is a subsidiary of General Motors. While there, she was responsible for a variety of building and staff services.

Beth is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Doxtader of 701 Cumberland Drive. She is a 1982 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School.

During a recent interview at Saturn's new World Headquarters in Troy, MI, Beth said her experiences with the company were unlike any previous business experiences she's had. "They haven't treated me like a summer student," she said. "I've been given a lot of responsibility and a chance to test my managerial skills."

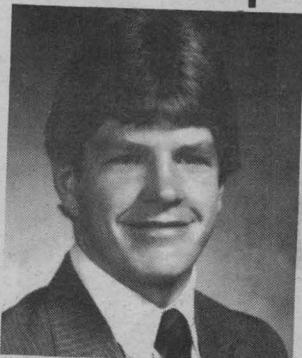
One of her major assignments during the summer was to put together an orientation program to familiarize Saturn employees with the new facilities at the Troy location. In that capacity, she wrote a brochure, contracted a film company to produce 3 videos for the company, planned and executed tours of the building and supervised the making of I.D.'s.

Saturn officials reacted to Beth's internship with words of praise. "Beth is absolutely outstanding," said Maryann Kaneski, Manager, Finance, who supervised the internship. "She's shown that interns and summer students are important team members and can contribute tremendously to the success of that team."

The Saturn staff was so impressed with her work that they encouraged her to complete her senior studies this fall and re-join Saturn as a permanent staff member. She agreed and is scheduled to join the Financial Department in December to work in the area of dealer accounting.

This was the third G.M. internship for Beth, who is enrolled in Albion College's Liberal Arts Program for Professional Management (Pro-Man). Two previous internships were with the Oldsmobile Division in the areas of purchasing and marketing. Business internships are a popular feature of the Pro-Man program. Students in that program undertake 2-3 such projects during their 4 years at the school.

Hicks & Huston Earn Scholarships To Hope College



Phillip Hicks, son of Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Hicks of Eaton Rapids, has earned the Distinguished Scholar Award in the social sciences department. Kathryn Huston, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Edward Huston of Eaton Rapids, has earned the Distinguished Scholar Award in the liberal arts department. The awards are a 4-year, \$4,000 tuition scholarship which recognizes superior academic achievement as

measured by the student's grade point average, course selection and aptitude test scores. Hope's 1984 winners averaged a cumulative grade point of 3.7 and an average ACT composite of 27.

Hope College is a 4 year coeducational liberal arts college located in Holland, MI. Affiliated with the Reformed Church in America, Hope has an enrollment of 2,550 students.

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Kerry Kirkpatrick-Linder Graduates From U of M Flint



Kerry Kirkpatrick Linder graduated with High Honors for the University of Michigan-Flint with a Degree in Physical Therapy. She was selected by the faculty as the Outstanding Senior Student and honored by the Physical Therapy Association of Michigan at the annual

meeting. The award is given in recognition of academic performance, leadership, dependability, initiative, extra-curricular activities and potential for future contributions to the profession of Physical Therapy. Kerry has signed a contract with Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

On May 4 Kerry and Bruce Linder were married at St. John Fisher Chapel in Rochester, MI. Friends and relatives from New York, Ohio, Illinois and California, as well as Michigan, joined in this celebration.

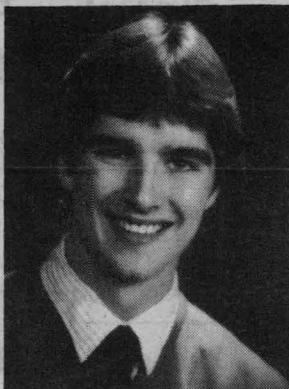
Kerry is the daughter of Robert and Fran Kirkpatrick of Eaton Rapids.

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Parish Makes Dean List At CMU

Rae Marie Parish is honored to announce that her son, Michael, has been named to the 1985 Dean's List at Central Michigan University where he has completed his freshman year majoring in Business. He is a 1984 graduate of Eaton Rapids High School.

Michael is now stationed at Ft. McClellan Alabama where he will complete 9 weeks Basic Training for the U.S. Army Reserve, arriving home on or about July 26 and returning to college in August.



Those wishing to write:
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534-80-8138, Co: A-10 MP
BN 2nd Platoon, Ft.
McClellan, AL 36205.

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Kristi Klee With U. S. Rep. Howard Wolpe



Kristi Klee, daughter of Ted & Jean Klee of Eaton Rapids, met with her 3rd District U.S. Rep. Howard Wolpe in Washington, D.C. recently. Kristi, an Eaton Rapids High School senior,

visited the capital city during the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's annual Youth Tour. Tri-County Electric Cooperative in Portland paid for Kristi's trip after she won an essay contest.

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Veterinary clinic opens

by Puff Puff and
Linda Waite

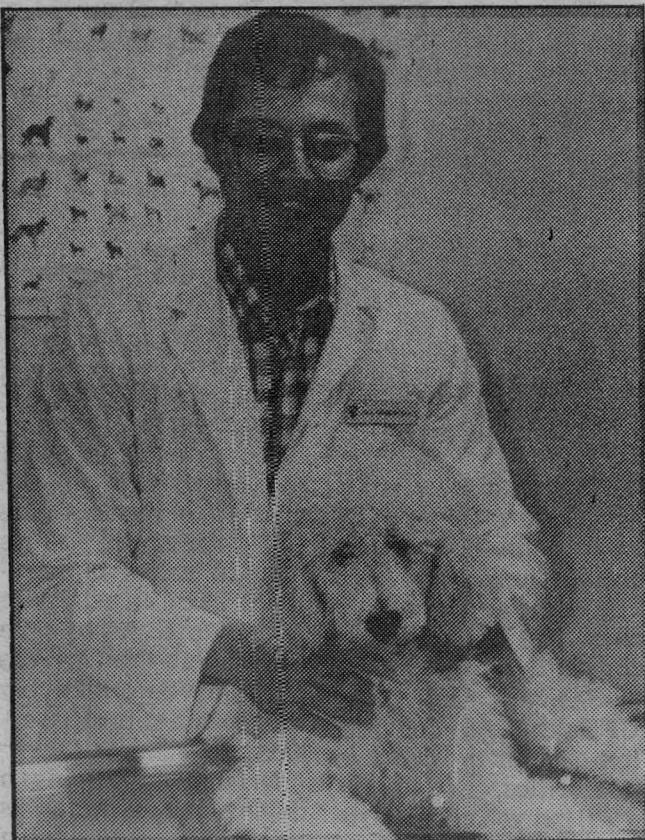
Special Note: My mistress has the assignment of interviewing the new vet in town. I think I'll go along and check him out.

After just a short trip, we arrived at the new offices of Ken Holmberg, DVM, located on Kyle Street, just south of Felpausch. Well, he smells okay, maybe I should just stay here and listen to them. My mistress began the interview.

Holmberg was born and raised on a farm in South Dakota. He spent most of his time either on a tractor or taking care of cattle. In fact, he was a real live cowboy.

However, he was not satisfied to stay on the farm, so he applied to Michigan State University and was accepted. In 1982 he graduated with a degree in veterinary medicine.

While at MSU, he met Claudett, the girl who is



Dr. Ken Holmberg and Puff Puff

now his wife. They have three children, Kenneth 3, Sarah 2, and Rachel 1.

After graduation they spent a year in a small practice in Hastings and a year in South Dakota.

Finally, they decided to move back to the Lansing area where Claudett's parents live.

After looking over the area, Holmberg decided

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Craun retires after 45 years at Millers

by Linda Waite
Staff Writer

To Dorothy Craun, the closing of Miller's Dairy in Eaton Rapids will mean retirement. She has worked for Miller's since she was in high school, part time at first, then in 1939 she started as a full time employee.

While in high school she spent most of her time in production wrapping butter and cleaning berries. Later when she started working full time she was transferred to the office where she was a bookkeeper and cashier.

whole operation at Millers, things a lot of people who are newer to the community don't know about. At one time Millers had their own dairy farms, energy source, water tower, and production plant. They made cottage cheese, ice cream, in fact just about everything that could be made from milk products.

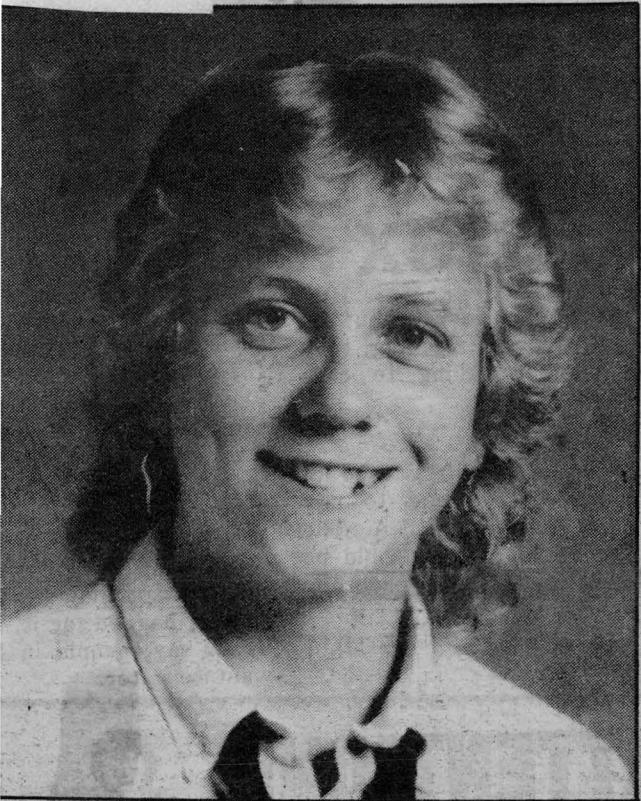
In more recent years, the operation had become just an ice cream manufacturing plant. Even that had to be discontinued due to lack of facilities.

retired, she and her husband Roy, who works at Jerry's True Value Hardware, plan to take a trip to Florida, maybe even a second honeymoon he says. Roy says they have been married 9 years, 10½ months.

He added, "His wife has a soft spot in her heart and is very easy going. She knows most of the youngest people in town since she works in the nursery at the Methodist Church and has also helped out at the primary level."

Our best wishes go with Dorothy and Roy for a happy retirement.

Dawn Graham wins essay competition



Dawn Graham

Three students from the Eaton Rapids Middle School have been named local winners in the 16th annual America & Me Essay Contest, sponsored by Farm Bureau Insurance Group.

Dawn Graham, Kristen Ocheltree and Karen Crown took first, second and third, respectively. All three received award certificates for their achievement. As the school's first place winner, Dawn's name will also be engraved on a plaque for permanent display in the school.

Her essay now advances to the state level competition from which the top ten essays in Michigan will be selected.

The top ten statewide winners, who will be announced in April, will receive plaques and U.S. savings bonds ranging in value from \$200 to \$1,000, totaling \$4,000 in prizes for

the top ten essayists. In addition, the top ten winners will be honored at a banquet in Lansing and a meeting with Michigan's top governmental leaders.

A team of finalist judges which includes Gov. James Blanchard and Lt. Gov. Martha Griffiths, will determine the top winners.

Several thousand eighth grade students from more than 550 Michigan schools participated in the 1984-85 contest. This year's topic was "My Hope for America --and How I Can Help Achieve It."

The contest, which was begun in 1968 is open to all Michigan eighth grade students. Its purpose is to encourage youngsters to explore their roles in America's future.

*Eaton Rapids Herald Press
Wednesday, April 17, 1985*

My Hope for America

and How I Can Achieve It

by Dawn Graham

When I went to the hospital to see my brother, I saw a small child who was a patient there. She was about three years old, and the reason she was there was she was being treated for leukemia, which is a form of cancer. The chemotherapy had made her hair fall out, and she was very pale and gaunt. I was told that she only had three weeks to live. It seemed like such a tragic waste of human life!

I am going to be a scientist when I grow up, and I will find a cure for this disease. So that people like that little girl will have the time to enjoy the good things in life instead of just suffering. She would have been able to see the pretty sunsets and the fall leaves, smell the flowers, and be able to hear the birds chirping. The little girl is dead now, and so are millions of others because of this dreaded disease. This is my goal, not only for America, but the whole world.

Eaton Rapids "Island City" April 3, 1985

Miss Michigan Teen Pageant

Kellie Fox, finalist in state competition



Miss Kellie A. Fox, daughter of John and Gloria Fox of Eaton Rapids, has been chosen as a finalist in the 1985 Miss Michigan U.S. Teen Pageant to be held at the Hilton Inn in Plymouth on April 6 at 7:30 p.m.

Kellie, a member of the National Honor Society, is a very active senior at Eaton Rapids High School. There she is a Student Council Representative and Yearbook Editor. She is also a member of S.A.D.D. and the Foreign Language Club.

Future plans for Kellie include attending Central Michigan University,

where she would like to study psychology. One day she hopes to be a cruise ship director.

Now, she keeps herself busy working at Holley's Bear Den and with her hobbies. She enjoys horseback riding, skiing, swimming, dancing and shopping. However, she lists as a favorite hobby, traveling. What else for a future cruise ship director.

She says she really likes seafood - lobster, crab and shrimp - and pizza, tacos, Snickers and Hostess blueberry pies.

If Kellie wins Saturday night, she

will go on to represent Michigan in the Miss U.S. Teen Pageant in Springfield, Missouri next July. Winner of the Michigan title will receive \$150 cash, jewelry, a crown, banner, trophy and an expense paid trip to the National Finals, as well as other prizes.

Tickets will be available at the door and the public is invited.

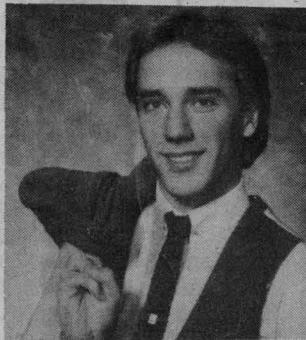
Sponsoring Kellie are Sara Bucher Realty of Eaton Rapids and Art and Interiors of St. Joseph.

Good Luck, Kellie. Eaton Rapids is proud to have you represent us.

Youth Talent Show Winners

Recently, the spring Youth Talent show was held at the Lansing Civic Center! It combines Arts, Engineering, Physical and Biological Science, and Crafts.

Special appreciation is extended to Jane Clark and Gerald Kissman of Eaton Rapids High School and James Noyes of the Middle School, who delivered and returned many of their class assignments for the show. Mr. Kissman's classes entered 65% of the entries and won the same portion of awards. Special thanks also to the families and youth who submitted projects for the credit they bring to our community.



NICK RICHARDSON

The most outstanding award for one of our youth goes to Mr. Nick Richardson, age 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gareth Richardson. Nick received a \$50 Bond and a Schmidts' Certificate for the floor plan and scale Model of an English Tudor house.

10, 11 & 12th grade winners: Juanita Caudill, Hon. Men. Art Metal, 1st Drawing; Grant Goodnoe, 3rd Art Metal; Beth Petermann, Hon. Men. Ceramics; Mark Nelson, 1st Design Problems; Nick Richardson, 1st Design Problems, Schmidts' Certificate, \$50 Bond; Pieter VandeVusse, 2nd Design Problems; Kevin Squires; Scott Blakey, Kenneth Heinz, Nancy Craft, Michael Clark, 3rd Design Problems; Bert Payne, Lori Sholty, James Murton, Hon. Men. Design Problems; Dave Kellogg, Brian Prince, Craig Coolidge, 1st Drafting; Shane Grey, Kristie Klee, Michael Clarke, William Bursely, Tiffany Hopkins, 2nd Drafting; Brent West, 2nd Drafting, Hon. Men. Drawing; Keith Klee, Bernie Hartley, Tom Sanders, Troy Oliver, 3rd Drafting; Michael Bush, Hon. Men. Drafting; Leanne Overmeyer, Hon. Men. Drawing; Shane Orbell, Steve Botti, Marty Pasha, 2nd Metal Work; Jon Noyes, 3rd Sculpture; Kimberly Clark, 1st Textiles, Fiber Arts

Flashes - April 30, 1985

Kids Are Winners In Eaton Rapids

The community of Eaton Rapids is bursting with pride these days and hopes to share its enthusiasm with others in the mid-Michigan area. It has been buoyed by the successful return to a full school program and by the winter triumphs of its championship wrestling and basketball teams. Student activities at all grade levels, culminating with the high school commencement in June, are being celebrated under the banner of "Kids Are Winners" month.

The Eaton Rapids Public Schools will highlight this special month with School Pride Day on Saturday, May 18. Sponsored by the Winners Circle citizens group and supported by the Board of Education and all segments of the school population, School Pride Day will be a day-long celebration of student accomplishments and school programs. It will run from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Eaton Rapids School Complex on Greyhound Drive.

A Parade of Winners will kick off the event at Alumni



Stadium at 10 a.m. Fine arts displays and performances, academic exhibits, a triathlon, soccer games and a community open house will expose visitors to the excitement and diversity of public school programs in Eaton Rapids. Food and beverages will be available and shuttle buses will run continuously throughout the complex.

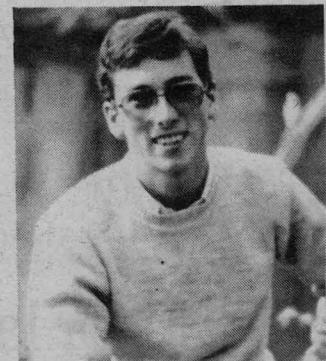
The public is enthusiastically invited to School Pride Day in Eaton Rapids. While others moan about what is wrong with today's youth, Eaton Rapids is vigorously proclaiming all that is right with its youth. Catch the spirit. Spread the word. "Kids are winners in Eaton Rapids."

Flashes - May 7, 1985

Noyes Accepted At United World College

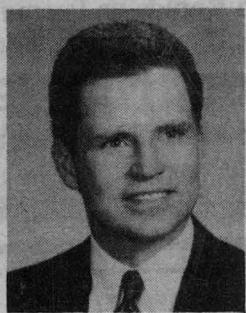
Jon J. Noyes, son of James and Barbara Noyes of Eaton Rapids, has been accepted as a student at the Armand Hammer United World College of the American West located in Montezuma, New Mexico. At the College students are prepared for the International Baccalaureate through a 2-year program which is equivalent in the U.S. school system to the senior year of high school and first year of college.

The college rests upon 2 basic convictions: that international understanding is necessary to maintain world peace and that we have a better chance of developing international understanding by bringing together students and teachers from representative nations and cultures.



Jon is completing his junior year at Eaton Rapids High School where he has been active in the Marching Band, Club and AYSO soccer, SADD and National Honor Society. The Hugh O'Brian Leadership Seminar last May in Saginaw was Jon's introduction to the United World College.

Hurst Joins Area Law Firm



Dennis Hurst, Lansing attorney, has joined the law firm of Lawrence P. Nolan and Associates, P.C. located at 239 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids.

Hurst, 33 leaves his position of 4 years as Executive Assistant to President Thomas Brennan at Cooley Law School. Prior to joining the law school staff following his graduation from Cooley in 1980, Hurst served as a legislative analyst with the Michigan House of Representatives from 1977-1981.

Hurst will conduct a general law practice with

Eaton County's largest law firm.

A Jackson native, Hurst was 23 when elected the youngest City Councilman in Jackson history, following his graduation from Michigan State University in 1975. Hurst later was elected to the Ingham County Board of Commissioners where he founded and became Chairman of the Task Force on Drunk Driving. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Drug Education Center - and programs to fight child abuse and spouse and substance abuse.

Hurst was sworn in as a member of the Eaton Rapids Rotary Club, is a member of the American Bar Association, State Bar Association and local bar association. He is the son of William and Barbara Hurst of Jackson and his grandmother was niece to former State Rep. Tyler Hull who served Eaton County in the 1880's.

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E.R. Continuing Ed Student Profile

This week's student profile features Tom Davis. Tom is very much on all of our minds here at Continuing Education because he's been hospitalized for a few weeks and we all hope he's back soon.

Tom is a special kind of person. Besides his high quality of work, Tom also is a fine social person to be around. His challenging questions, his ability to spot errors and his little practical jokes keep all of us alert. A fine sense of humor also contributes to Tom's charm.

Tom has served a very useful purpose here in our Learning Center. We always need inciteful people to "work through" a learning packet for the first time. This enables staff to correct mistakes, remove flaws and "clean up" the whole



packet. Tom has been that critical expert a number of times and we can be sure that once he's worked through it we'll be very aware of its faults. People in other walks of life get paid to do that. They're called "Trouble-Shooters." Tom Davis does ours for nothing. For this we say, "Thanks, Tom and hurry back, you trouble-shooter, you!"

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1985 Miss Michigan U.S. Teen Pageant



Miss Kellie A. Fox, daughter of John and Gloria Fox of 8884 Bradford Rd., Eaton Rapids, has been chosen to be a finalist in the 1985 Miss Michigan U.S. Teen Pageant to be held in Plymouth (5 miles west of Detroit) on April 6, 1985, at the Plymouth Hilton Inn at 7:30 p.m. she is sponsored by Sara Bucher Realty Company of Eaton Rapids, Michigan and Art and In-

terioros of St. Joseph, Michigan.

Kellie is a senior at Eaton Rapids High School and employed at Holley's Bear Den. Kellie is a graduate of Barbizon Modeling School in Detroit, MI, and will be attending Central Michigan University in the fall.

The Miss Michigan U.S. Teen Pageant is the official state final to the Miss U.S. Teen Pageant to be held in Springfield, Missouri, in July, 1985. Miss Michigan U.S. Teen will receive a host of prizes including \$150, jewelry, crown, banner, trophy and an expense paid trip to the National Finals and other prizes.

The announcement was made by Ms. Janice Harp and Mrs. Darlene Moore, co-directors for the Miss Michigan U.S. Teen Pageant. Tickets will be on sale at the door, pageant night...public is invited.

Flashes 4/2/85

Outstanding Young Woman Of America

Karen Marie Wernette has been selected as one of the Outstanding Young Women of America for 1984.

The purpose of this awards program is to recognize the many young women who give their time, talents, and unselfish service to enrich the quality of American Life. The Board of Advisors selected Karen from thousands of nominations submitted by respected business and civic leaders throughout the country.

Karen graduated from Eaton

Rapids High School in 1972. She attended the University of Michigan receiving a Bachelor of Science in Zoology. Karen then attended Michigan State University School of Veterinary Medicine where she received her doctorate in Veterinary Medicine in June 1982. Dr. Wernette is presently employed at a Veterinary Clinic in the Chicago area. Karen is the daughter of Victor and Pauline Wernette of Steele Highway, Eaton Rapids, Michigan.

Flashes - February 26, 1985

Flashes February 26, 1985 Eaton Rapids Continuing Education



Sheila Galvin is a student new to the Eaton Rapids Continuing Education program this year. Her enthusiasm, smiling personality and consistent good work make her a standout in any classroom.

Sheila is typical of many of our adult students. She is married to Michael, who works at Oldsmobile, and she is also a mother to Shawntell, age 6, and Samuel, age 3. For many that would be enough to keep busy full time, but Sheila is

able to do all that and still attend school afternoons.

Sheila likes the comedy of Richard Pryor, the songs of Willie Nelson, Conway Twitty and Loretta Lynn. She also enjoys a good steak and a meal topped off with cherry pie. A good mother's day present for Sheila would be to re-visit Nashville, hear her favorite singers, then have dinner consisting of her best-loved foods.

Sheila is studying to "broaden her horizons" and to eventually attend LCC to study landscape architecture. Thanks for joining us, Sheila and best wishes to you now and in the future.

Note: This is the first in a series of profiles of students enrolled in Eaton Rapids Continuing Education.

Scott Decess Earns Highest Rank In Scouting



Scott Decess was recently made an Eagle Scout in a court of Honor at the United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids. This is the highest rank in scouting. He is a member of troop 52.

He is the son of Linda and Roger McNutt and Scott Decess Sr. of Lansing. Scott has served as patrol leader, senior patrol leader, member of leadership corp, den chief and is

now Junior Assistance Scout Master. He was elected to the order of the Arrow in 1982.

For his eagle project he made 4 park benches and placed them on the city island.

Scott plans to continue in Scouting to earn his bronze, gold and silver palms. He is a freshman at Eaton Rapids High School.

FLASHES 1/18/85

First To Arrive In 1985!



Eaton Rapids Community Hospital is pleased to announce the arrival of the first baby of 1985. Ty Robin Newberry was born at 7:55 p.m. on Jan. 1. He weighed 8 lbs. 3/4 oz. and measured 20" in length. Dr. Barbara Supanich, a local family practice physician, assisted Eva Newberry during her delivery.

Eva, accompanied by her coach Roland Shumacher, attended preparation for childbirth classes offered here at Eaton Rapids Community Hospital. These classes are offered free of charge for those planning to deliver here at E.R.C.H. Both Eva and Roland agreed that, "The classes helped a lot."

The availability of quality obstetrical care on a local level is

important to many community members. Eaton Rapids Community Hospital has proven, through our many years of experience, to be a safe place to deliver a baby while at the same time offering personalized care. Specialized equipment, such as the fetal monitor, allow us to provide comprehensive care for the laboring mother and unborn child. The birthing chair also continues to be popular among women delivering at our hospital.

If you are seeking obstetrical care, we would like to encourage you to investigate the services offered through our local physicians and hospital. We pledge to continue to offer high quality care for you and your loved ones...Because we care!

Flashes 1/18/85

Grandmother of 6 takes Homemaker of Year title

By **SALLY TROUT**
Journal Correspondent

MASON — Maxine Robertson feels right at home at the Ingham County Fair, so it was fitting when she was named Ingham Homemaker of the Year in fair festivities today.

"I can't remember an Ingham County Fair I didn't have something entered," said Robertson, who has exhibited the past 50 years.

A grandmother of six, she said she entered the contest as sort of a

lark — it "sounded like fun." She was selected out of a field of nine for the title which was bestowed on her by Mrs. America, Susan Goodman of Tennessee, during the third annual Ladies Day ceremonies.

STARTING HER exhibiting career as a 10-year-old 4-Her, Robertson now enters primarily in the crafts, sewing and canning categories.

One treasured blue ribbon was earned for her 4-H Victory Garden

See GRANDMOM , Page 4B



Photo by SALLY TROUT

Maxine Robertson competes the crafts, sewing and canning categories.

Grandmom of 6 'Homemaker of Year'



Staff photo by NORRIS INGELS

A LITTLE OFF THE TOP — Like a child getting its first haircut, "Honey" the goat closed her eyes while owner Danielle Pendell, 11, used electric clippers to groom the animal in preparation for competition at the Ingham County Fair.

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planted with seeds provided by Sears during World War II.

"I got a first for my garden and was so delighted," she recalled. The Eaton Rapids woman still gardens and often enters the fruits of her labors at the fair.

This year she continues to rack up winnings. She has seven blue ribbons and seven red ribbons so far. She entered canned beef, pears, jellies, cookies, muffins and a pie.

"With five kids (all graduates of Michigan State University), 160 acres of farmland and dairy cattle, there wasn't time or money for vacations so we went to the fair every day instead," she said.

AS AN operating room nursing supervisor for the Eaton Rapids Community Hospital, Robertson works full time and is on call every other weekend.

For her homemaker's title, Robertson will have a tiara for one year, roses and a weekend trip for two to compete in the Detroit State Homemaker competition.

She and her husband, Charles, are ready for Detroit. "It will be fun to return to the state fair for the last time I entered anything there I was just 15 and presented a baking powdered biscuit demonstration," she said.

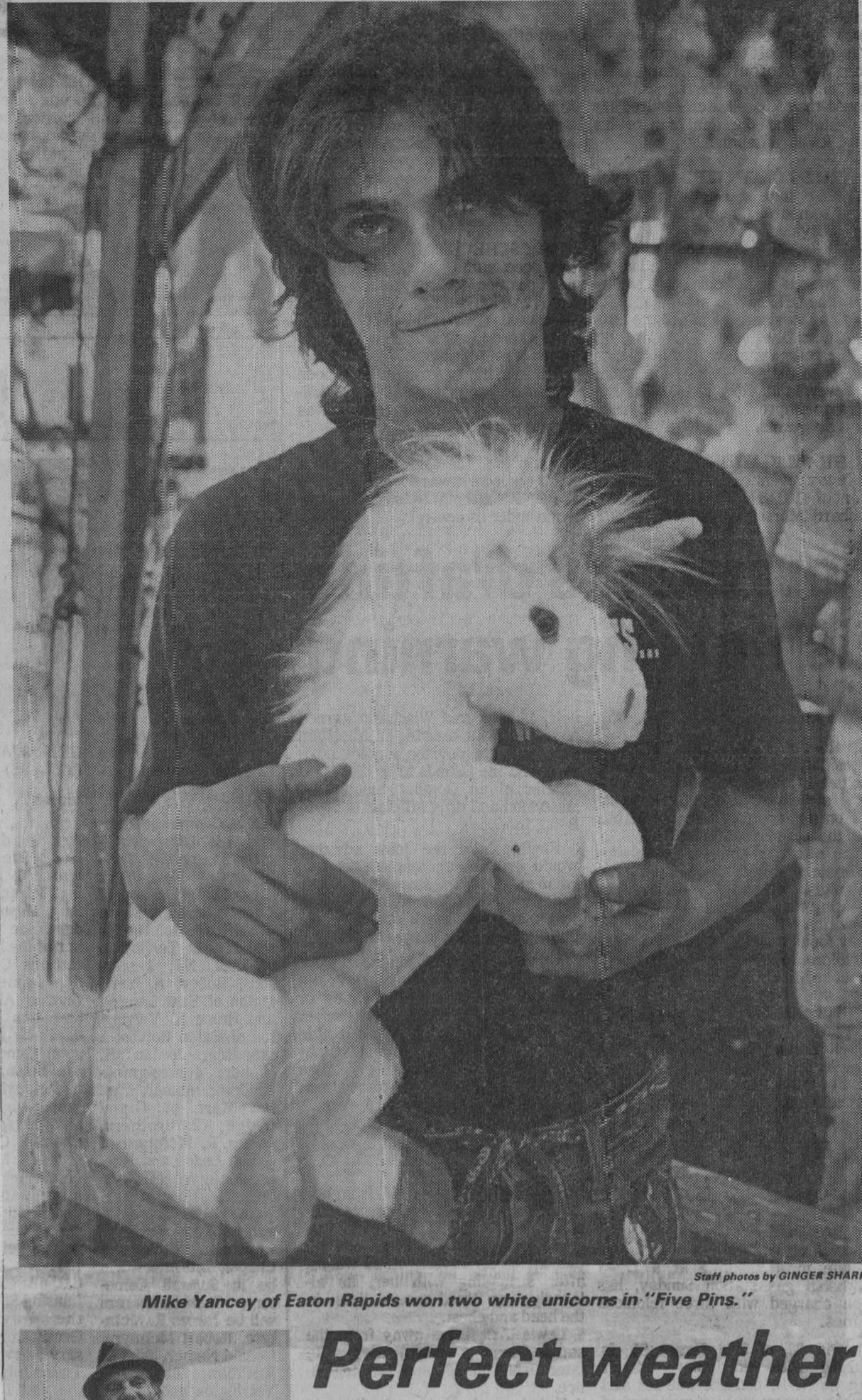
Five Generation Family



Seated: Margaret Davis holding Arch Rogers V, Standing L to R: Arch Rogers IV, Arch Rogers III and Maxine (Rogers) Miller.

A very special event took place last week at the home of Margaret Davis. There was a birthday dinner for her and a 5-Generation family dinner...a double celebration!

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Aug 14, 1984*



Staff photos by GINGER SHARP

Mike Yancey of Eaton Rapids won two white unicorns in "Five Pins."



Perfect weather blesses opening of Ingham Fair

By SALLY TROUT
Journal Correspondent

MASON — Perfect weather brought out a large crowd for Monday's opening of the Ingham County Fair.

"What a great day for a fair!" said William Sweet, chairman of the Ingham County Board of Commissioners and member of the Fair Board, as he marked the official opening of the 1984 Ingham County Fair and formal dedication of the new multi-purpose livestock building.

ABOUT 150 GUESTS gathered for the building ribbon-cutting ceremonies which recognized the first major capital improvement project on the fairgrounds since about 1960.

Government officials from the state, county, and cities of Lansing

and Mason were on hand as were a number of other longtime fair supporters.

The new building is reserved primarily for 4-H exhibits during the fair. Various specialty shows are expected to use the building during the warmer months while during the winter the space will be used for storage of RVs, trailers and boats.

THE STRUCTURE is the first step in making the fair self-sufficient, said County Commissioner Diane Byrum of Onondaga.

"With activities now possible at the fairgrounds all year, the fair will be able to continue and grow," he said.

Today's Kid's Day festivities

See **PERFECT**, Page 4B



FAIR MOMENTS — Four-year-old Ryan Renner of Lansing takes a spin at the Ingham County Fair in Mason. Near, Ned Darrcw (middle photo) cuts a tall figure as 7-year-old Freddie, the monkey, stands on organ grinder's shoe to find shade. **STATE JOURNAL**
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Five Generations



Margaret Davis seated with Brian Lee Baty; standing left to right: Lillian Moffitt, Deanna Alldaffer, Tana Baty.

FLASHES 11/13/84

Frances Rossman Honored For 35 Years At VFW National Home

Dr. Wilson presents Frances Rossman with a keepsake of her anniversary party.



Frances Rossman was surprised by a luncheon in her honor on November 1st, marking her 35-year anniversary of service to the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. More than 60 friends and co-workers gathered at Long's Convention Center to share memories and fellowship with her.

In behalf of the National Home, Executive Director Dr. Theodore Wilson presented Frances with a large silk arrangement of red roses—one for each year of service, a gift certificate and a framed dedication to

her which said in part: "The VFW National Home has been in existence for almost 60 years. For more than half that time, Frances Rossman has been loyally serving the National Home, giving of herself in the interest of needy children and families...She is a beacon of familiarity to returning alumni--a friendly face still 'at home' to help trace--and perhaps relive--the roots of childhood.."

Frances also received cards from family and friends who could not attend.

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11/13/84*

Leukemia victim getting lots of love

By HELEN R. CLEGG
Staff Writer

Though she is ill with a rare, nearly always fatal form of leukemia, Linda Marie Strang, 29, smiled radiantly last week as the Oldsmobile Girls Club presented her with a \$3,000 check.

Husband John Strang, 29, also smiled, because five of his relatives and many co-workers at Oldsmobile are selling raffle tickets and half the money raised goes to the Strang family, who live in Eaton Rapids. They have sold more than 3,000 tickets so far at \$1 each. They're hoping to reach the 4,000 mark.

"I NEVER THOUGHT there was so much love here," John said.

The Oldsmobile gifts gave the Strangs a happy jolt in the psyche as well as the pocketbook. They need \$22,000 for non-medical expenses when they fly out of Detroit's Metro Airport Dec. 1 for the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Wash., where Linda will undergo a drastic treatment regimen.

It starts Dec. 3 and she has a 50-50 chance of surviving.

Linda will undergo massive chemotherapy and total body radiation, then bone marrow will be taken from her brother, Jim Jecks, 26, and injected into her system. Jim flies to Seattle Dec. 3 and will have to stay 60 days, longer if needed.

SHE'LL BE isolated up to 100 days, and may experience infections, hemorrhaging and pain. Pneumonia is a common problem for such patients.

It is during this time, doctors say, that Linda will need the sight of her family through the window to help her endure that which seems impossible.

She and John are optimistic she'll pull through. Both know it's her only chance for long survival. A petite 5-

foot-1, Linda has kept careful records of everything since her illness was diagnosed.

She'll tell you, without hesitation, that the Hutchinson Center has treated 68 patients from around the world with cases comparable to her kind of rare chronic myelogenous: 23 are still alive, two for 10 years.

THE GIFT FROM the Girls' Club raises the total to \$16,000. Linda said, and John is figuring a probable \$1,500 to \$2,000 from the raffle.

The climb toward \$22,000 has come from contributions of friends, family, well-wishers, baked goods and rummage sales, a dance, an auction.

The amount needed was carefully calculated by Linda, who figured in payments on home and car in Eaton Rapids while they are away, an apartment and living expenses for the family — John and their two sons, Andy, 7½, and Matt, 6. Even Christmas is figured in. In addition, John must pay his medical insurance premiums while on leave from Olds.

The Olds club twice yearly puts on a "goody day" when members bring in lunches, baked goods and candy to sell to other employees. Proceeds are given to a worthy cause. President Lois Castle said one of the board members read about Linda in a Lansing State Journal story and the club adopted her cause.

John's uncle, Dick Strang, and cousins Denny Strang, Al Conley, Ron Ridenaur and Mark Strang are heading up the raffle committee.

THE BOYS KNOW about Linda's desperate attempt for a normal life "to the best of their ability," John said. But right now they are mostly excited about their first plane ride. The treatment takes three to five months; complete recovery to normal health, 6 to 9 months.

Meantime, Linda's parents, Ed and Lorena Jecks, and all her six brothers and sisters will gather for a



Linda and John Strang, seated, received a check from the Oldsmobile Girls Club represented by, from left, Kim Ramm, Lois Castle and Joan Gallinari.

giant Thanksgiving Thursday, and there will even be a mini-Christmas.

Contributions may be mailed to the Linda Strang Fund, Account 24142-9, Eaton Federal Savings and Loan Association, 307 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids, 48827.

Meanwhile, a group called the "Lansing Area Volunteer Fund Raisers" plans a "Linda Strang Benefit Bingo and Roast Beef Supper" Thursday in Northland Hall, 2101 N. East St. Supper hour is 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. All you can eat — \$5. Bingo starts at 7 p.m.

Chairman of the event is Allen Ru-

thruff, who — like Linda's husband, John Strang — is an Oldsmobile worker. Secretary to the group is Dorothy Reavis-Swift.

Ruthruff said 25 people, many of them familiar with how to run bingo games, are helping put on the affair. About 40 more persons also offered to staff the dinner and game, he said, but too many would get in each other's way.

The reason they're giving the benefit? "We just felt sorry for the family," said Ruthruff, adding his group had helped send a patient to the Institute several years ago.

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Staff photo by EILEEN BLASS

MELON MAN — Bob Casper of Eaton Rapids took a rest recently among melons at his stand on Holmes Road. Casper says he opens "whenever I get there" seven days a week.

Benefit auction planned

EATON RAPIDS — An auction to raise funds for the treatment of leukemia patient Linda Marie Strang, 29, is being planned for 1 p.m. Oct. 6, according to her aunt, Jewelene Anderson.

Strang, who suffers from the rare chronic myelogenous leukemia, hopes to fly in December to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Wash., but she and her family must first raise \$22,000 for non-medical expenses.

Anderson and her husband, Earl, will host the auction at their home, 3237 Kemler Road.

THE ANDERSONS welcome all contributions of items to be auctioned off. Auctioneer Woody Smith

of the Eaton Rapids area has volunteered to run the sale, Jewelene said. Persons may drop off items after 4 p.m. Monday through Friday or on the weekends. Or they may call the Andersons at 663-5521.

Already stockpiled for the auctioneer's block are a refrigerator, motorcycle, three bed frames and other furniture, and two black-and-white TV sets.

A DANCE for Linda is being held at the local Masonic Temple Saturday, starting at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Anyone wishing to contribute may write the Linda Strang Leukemia Fund, #24142-9, Eaton Federal Savings and Loan Association, 307 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids, Mich. 48827. *State Journal
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Her family will 'pull her through'

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By HELEN R. CLEGG
Staff Writer

EATON RAPIDS — A 29-year-old Eaton Rapids woman is looking forward to being sicker than she is now with chronic myelogenous, a rare and almost always fatal form of leukemia.

Feeling sicker is part of Linda Marie Strang's only ticket to life, short of a spontaneous cure. She must survive drastic treatment if she is to survive at all.

A petite and pretty wife and mother, she wants nothing more than to raise her two sons and to be married to her husband, John. They have been married for 10½ years.

Her sons are second grader Andy, 7, and kindergartner Matt, 6.

IT IS EASY to imagine the 5-foot-1, 104-pound Strang with vibrant energy if her health were normal.

Strang is in the seventh month of the chronic phase, an ideal time for treatment. If she were in the acute phase it would be of no use, according to her East Lansing oncologist, Dr. Kenneth A. Schwartz.

Strang, with help from family and friends, must somehow raise \$22,000 for non-medical expenses when she and her family go to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center in Seattle, Wash. (Schwartz received training at Hutchinson).

Physicians consider it more likely she will live through her ordeal if the family is with her.

Linda and John have only \$250 toward living expenses while in Seattle. Linda has figured up everything, payments on their home and car here, an apartment and other costs while in Seattle, including the boys' schooling, Christmas, and expenses for her brother who will donate bone marrow.

THROUGH HIS employment at Oldsmobile, John has Health Central insurance, which will pay for the medical treatment. However, once John goes on leave to travel to Seattle, the Strangs themselves must pay the premiums for however long he is not at work.

Appeals to 50 other organizations have provided no "up front money," John said. The American Cancer Society offered 10 cents per mile reimbursement if the family drives to Seattle and the Children's Leukemia Foundation said it would pay the family \$200 gas money. However, the family intends to fly.

Linda — who records times, dates,



Staff photo by EILEEN BLASS

THUMBS UP FOR MOM — Linda Strang's brother, Jim Jecks stands behind her and her two sons, 6-year-old Matt, on his mother's lap, and Andy, 7½.

organizations, their responses of every appeal made — said she may also be able to obtain two free wigs from the American Cancer Society — to cover up hair lost in the treatment process. Friends are planning a rummage and baked goods sale Sept. 14 and 15 and a benefit dance Sept. 22.

STRANG IS scheduled to begin her treatment in early December "when there is a bed available." Her brother, Jim Jecks, 26, will donate blood for transfusions and bone marrow. Of Strang's six siblings, only the bone marrow of Jim cross-matched with hers.

"Starting with the first day I will receive massive chemotherapy and each day will have total body radiation that completely destroys all of my bone marrow and leukemia blasts in the bloodstream," she said.

"On the fifth day my brother will be admitted to the hospital. He will

be anesthetized and they will extract bone marrow from his hip area multiple times. It will be put in my system through an intravenous procedure. Within 24 hours, Jim will be released and be on call for 30 to 60 days."

"Then my part begins," she says, looking squarely at what could be a hard and unpleasant time. She asked Schwartz to give her the facts "straight."

SHE MAY BE put in a laminar air-flow room and placed in isolation for 50 days waiting for her bone marrow graft to grow. Those caring for her will do so through windows equipped with special gloves which slip on from outside the room.

At times, Strang said, she may be subject to "infections we have never heard of before and there may be hemorrhaging."

It is then Strang will have to call on "something deep within."

Hutchinson physicians believe that the sight of her family through the glass may be a source of strength and support.

There is a 50-50 chance Strang will survive. "There is no in-between. In order to get ready for this I had to accept death as a definite possibility," she said. "We have already made arrangements in case I die. I have no fear of death; the thing I worry about is my husband and children."

ATTITUDE WILL play a large role in her recovery, Strang declares. "I can go to bed and let this overcome me or I can continue to be a mother, wife and leukemia patient," she said.

Feeling apprehensive about her forthcoming treatment, Strang is nevertheless determined to go through with it. "I want to see my kids grow up, and that's what's pushing me," she said.

Strang learned she had leukemia June 26, 1982, when the family was living in Colorado while John was taking on-the-job schooling. A physician administered an experimental drug "with which I happened to be compatible." With the disease in the chronic phase, the doctor advised the family to return to Eaton Rapids, home of her parents, Ed and Lorena Jecks, and all her siblings.

Friends, neighbors, merchants and the community have been wonderful, she said. One neighbor, Jodey Vasquez, is heading up the benefit dance. It starts at 7 p.m. Sept. 22 in the local Masonic Temple. Tickets for a \$10 donation may be bought at W. R. Thomas or Furgason's Pharmacy or by writing to "Tickets," 705 Hyatt St., Eaton Rapids 48827. Make check out to M.O. and #24142-9. Eaton Federal Savings and Loan has set up a special leukemia fund for Strang.

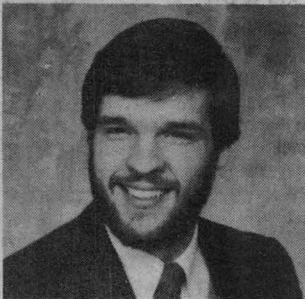
BROTHER DAN Jecks is one of the "Sea Cruiser" group who will supply music.

Rummage and baked goods sales are planned from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sept. 14 and 15 at the Gingerbread House, 107 E. Elizabeth St. Persons wishing to donate items may call Florence McCullough at 663-4406 or Sharon Johnson at 663-8624.

"I have a lot of faith in God and respect for my doctors," said Strang, who belongs to the Plains Bible Church. She and John both write contemporary Christian music and perform their own as well as the music of other Christian artists. The two boys also join in singing.

Flashes 3/30/84

Craig Byer Goes To Japan



Craig Byer leaves May 30 for a 2 year appointment in Japan as a missionary associate. He will be located in Niigata, on the main island on the Sea of Japan side, 2 hours from Tokyo via bullet train. His position will be a teacher of conversational English to high school students at Keiwa-Gakuen high school, a missionary school which was founded by Rev. Jack Moss and his wife Hatsumi.

Craig, an Eaton Rapids alumnus of 1979, is a religion major graduate of Hope College in Holland, Michigan, class of 1983. While in college he spent a summer term in Tokyo and became interested in further work in Japan. He applied through Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church late last fall and was accepted by the school in March of this year. On May 6 he was the guest speaker at the services of the Eaton Rapids United Methodist Church and was also commissioned in ceremonies as a missionary of the church.

Craig has been active in the local church and conference as a counselor at many camps and retreats, as a youth Fellowship Counselor and as a Sunday School Teacher. He is a lifelong member of the church as are his family: parents, Sam and Julia and brothers Jeffery, Christopher and Scott.

Pople Selected As Club Woman Of The Year By E.R. Jr. Women



JoAnn Pople has been selected as Club Woman of the Year for 1983-84 by the Eaton Rapids Junior Women's Club. This award was presented to JoAnn at the club's meeting, June 7 at the home of Karen Clark.

JoAnn has been an active member of the local group since 1982. During the past year, she has

helped on all of the club's projects-- being chairperson of Lunch With Santa. As head of the Home Life Department, she got her department involved in reinstituting the Vial of Life for the Senior Citizens in the community. Under her leadership, the department also sent information home with school age children regarding missing children.

JoAnn attended the State Junior Fall Conference in Ann Arbor and also the State Convention in Grand Rapids.

In her spare time JoAnn runs a day care center and tends to her family - husband, Kevin and sons, Kevin and Matthew.

JoAnn is a very important part of the Eaton Rapids Junior Women's club. We are very proud to honor her. Congratulations, JoAnn!

Flashes 6/12/84

Local Teacher/Student Leaves For Sierra Leone Africa



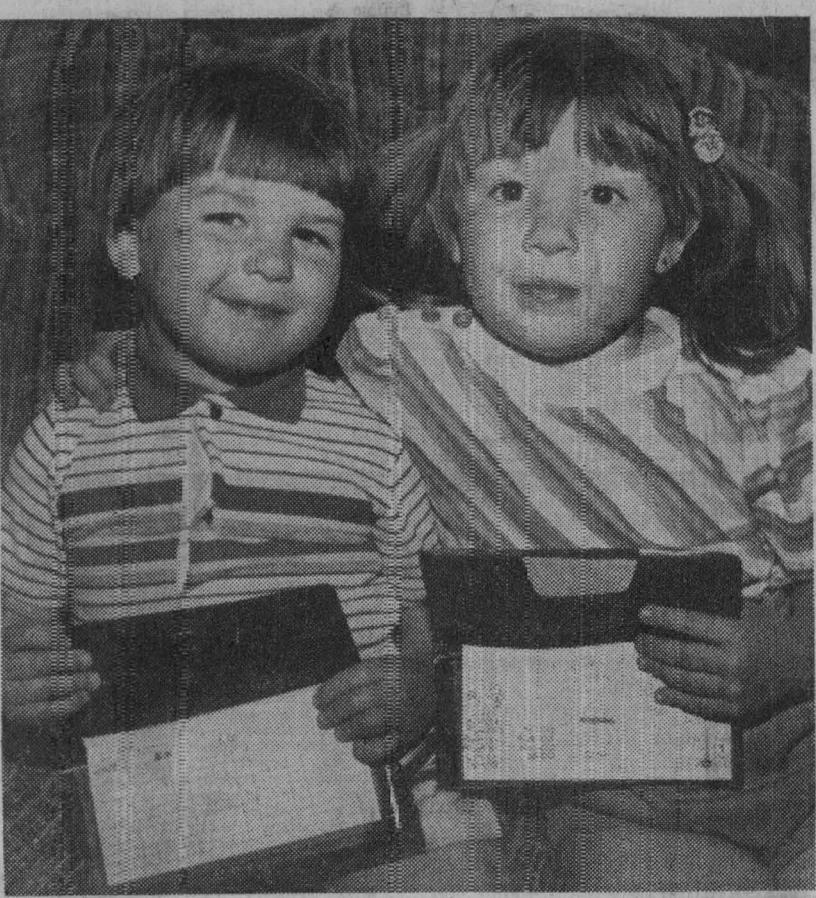
Terri Lynn Coats, a 1979 graduate of Eaton Rapids has been

accepted to the Peace Corps. Terri graduated from M.S.U. with a B.S. in secondary education, she did her student teaching in 1983, in Barry Tanners 5th grade class at Union Street School.

This past school year while waiting for her application to be processed, she substituted in the Eaton Rapids and Springport School systems. She has also kept busy working at the Paka Plaza Coney Island in Jackson on weekends and has been a Girl Scout leader this past school year.

She will be leaving for a 5 day briefing in Philadelphia on July 27th, then off to Africa for 2 years, no leaves except emergency, her job will be teaching adults to be teachers, in a very remote area.

Flashes 7/3/84



Staff Photo by GINGER SHARP

WHERE'S THE DOUGH? — Dustin Colthorp, 3, left, and his sister, Nichole, 4, wonder where the money went that was in their savings accounts.

Bank gives tots' savings to state

By DUDLEY K. PIERSON

Staff Writer

It isn't a lot of money, but Sharie Colthorp was upset because Michigan National Bank escheated \$15 from her two children's minor savings accounts.

Escheated sounds like cheated, but — according to state law — Michigan National Bank did not cheat the Eaton Rapids woman nor her children, Nichole, 4, and Dustin, 3.

The childrens' accounts were closed after two years of inactivity and the money was turned over to the Michigan Department of Treasury. Their March bank statements show "bank debit entries" equal to their total value.

ESCHEATING — THE transfer of unclaimed property to the government — is allowed by the Michigan Escheats Code, said Janet Cox, Michigan Treasury Department public information officer. Colthorp can get all of the childrens' money back by contacting the treasury department, Cox said.

Pat Rarick, new accounts supervisor at Michigan National, said the accounts probably were closed because they were inactive for two years or more and were each \$10 or less in value.

Colthorp said Nichole's account contained \$10 and Dustin's contained \$5.

"There wasn't even a notice," Colthorp complained. "I just wonder how many other people this has happened to."

IN 1982-1983, \$10.6 million in the state was escheated from such sources as bank accounts, safety deposit boxes and other property considered abandoned. Colthorp says she knows of a friend's minor savings account which was also escheated.

"On minor accounts it (escheating) is a money-saver for the banks," Cox said. "It is really a convenience for them that we take over the accounts."

The treasury department will return the money if written, called or visited by the person whose property was escheated, Cox said. The person must provide some personal information and a signature, Cox said.

There is no time limit for reclaiming the funds, she said.

"ESCHEATING IS a rather interesting law we have on the books in the state of Michigan," Cox said. "In the event that property is abandoned the state will take over custody of the property until such time that the owner can be located. In many cases people will have a bank account that they forget about."

She said sometimes the sums can be substantial but usually they are small amounts. After two years if there is no activity in an account, the bank has an option of holding it open or closing it, but after seven inactive years an account must be closed, according to state law.

Cox said the law also requires that banks attempt to notify the owner of the account, but she acknowledged that the department does not strenuously enforce that provision.

The only loss to those whose account is escheated is any interest the funds might have earned had they remained in the bank, Cox said. The state does not pay interest while holding the escheated property.

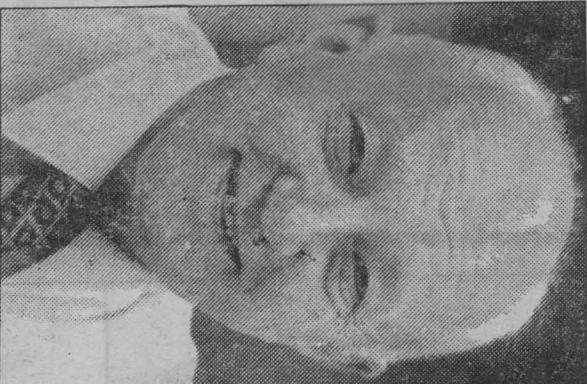
Colthorp said she would probably transfer to another bank. She complained that a MNB customer service representative was less than helpful in explaining to her what happened to Nichole's and Dustin's accounts.

"It was just like your kids' money is gone and that's that," she said.

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Town says goodbye to special doctor

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Doctor is legendary

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Bowman and Dr. Stimson's widow, Isabel Stimson, sold the old hospital to Meinke and Drs. Bert and Herman VanArk, an uncle and nephew.

Business, industry and individual contributions financed Community Hospital which opened in 1957. Today it is equipped with a birthing chair in its obstetrics wing and offers all but highly specialized surgery.

"THE ONE thing that bothers me the most right now is the outside public finds it's incredible that a small town like Eaton Rapids has the hospital it does. We are constantly being short-changed on what we do here," Meinke observes. "It is exceptional because the people raised the money to build the hospital without any government funding."

Hospital Board President Patricia Hastay said Meinke will be "sorely missed" by the community. "He has been a tremendous influence on a lot of lives, and he is not replaceable. The whole board would wish him well in his retirement."

The most remarkable change Meinke has seen in medicine is the availability of surgical service. During early years of his practice, patients had to go to the University of Michigan Hospital or Mayo Brothers Clinic for difficult surgery, such as for stomach ulcers. Now, such surgery can be done "right here in your own local hospital," he said.

Known for his incredibly long hours and hard work, Meinke nevertheless served 12 years on the Board of Education, about half that time as president. Born and raised in Detroit, he took accelerated courses at Albion College and the University of Michigan Medical School. After an internship at Sparrow Hospital, he entered the Army in Aug. 1944.

Al — as many call him — and Edmere came to Eaton Rapids in Sept., 1946. He was fresh out of World War II service in Italy with

the 86th Infantry, 10th Mountain Division.

HE CHOSE Eaton Rapids because "I wanted to stay out of politics in the big city, be near Lansing and live in a nice little town that had a hospital."

So the big city kid born in Detroit became a valued member of this community. But, blessed with a good memory, he vividly recalls his earliest years.

One of the funniest memories of his childhood was his start of kindergarten. "I hated school and played a lot of hooky. My Dad took me to school one morning and the teacher said 'Who is this little boy? I saw him the first two days but not afterward.'" His father saw to it that he went to school after that.

One of his most ironic early tales is that, because his early years were in a German-speaking home and his knowledge of English a little lacking, he was placed in a class for the retarded in the first grade. But he caught up, even skipped two half-years and graduated from high school magna cum laude, a year younger than classmates.

CLASSIFIED AS a general surgeon though not board certified, Meinke has done a lot of general practice and delivered between 2,000 and 3,000 babies.

"We wanted to take care of our own people who moved into the area as long as the treatment was good," he says.

Currently, Dr. Albert H. Meinke, Jr. is assisting in surgery and doing paper work at the clinic, plans on being in town intermittently the rest of this year. Then he and Edmere will probably live most of the time, he said, at their Torch Lake home which he has been building himself.

And he'll continue his perennial pastimes — raising a garden, charting stock and watching daily investments.

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When he and his wife, Edmere, retire to their new home at Torch Lake, Dr. Meinke will leave behind a modern medical clinic which he helped found and which today is staffed with seven physicians, plus a psychologist. One of the staff is his oldest son, Dr. Albert H. Meinke, III, who specializes in surgery.

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Wanting to show their appreciation for his service and dedication, citizens in the greater Eaton Rapids area decided to honor Meinke, 64, with a picnic June 2 on the Community Hospital grounds. The celebration is open to the public. Estimates are that between 500 and 750 people will dine on barbecue chicken and other fixings prepared by Kiwanis Club members.

CLOSE-UP

Picnic hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. A program starts at 2 during which Rep. Ernest Nash, R-Dimondale, will announce that even the state legislature marked his retirement by passing a resolution in his honor. A quartet, magician and square dance exhibition are also planned.

That evening his kinfolk, old friends and associates in the medical field hold an invitation-only banquet at Long's Convention

Center where there'll be a few short talks by some of them — for "a trip down memory lane" as one committeeman put it.

During a recent interview, Meinke spent some time on that memory lane, recalling how he came to Eaton Rapids and what kept him there all of these years.

HE WAS a co-owner of the old Stimson Hospital, predecessor to the Eaton Rapids Community Hospital. It was the presence of that hospital, founded in 1919, which helped make this community hospital minded.

When the state threatened to close the deteriorating Stimson, it was Meinke who spoke before clubs and organizations urging a citizen committee study of the situation. When a drive began for a new hospital, Dr. Meinke was at the first fund-raising social, recalls Bernie Bowman, who retired in 1969 after a 42-year nursing career.

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Volunteers ready to battle hunger again

By CHRIS GOLEMBIEWSKI
Staff Writer

Local farmers who donated more than a million pounds of food to the needy early this year are ready and willing to do it again if necessary, an Ingham County woman says.

Sara Bucher, who lives near Eaton Rapids, was instrumental last Christmas in rounding up a loose coalition of friends and neighbors eager to help the less fortunate when they heard about then-Gov. William Milliken's "human emergency" declaration.

The results were spectacular, sending semi-trucks full of food — harvested and purchased — to soup kitchens in Detroit and Pontiac.

AS THE STORY OF rural Michigan residents helping their city counterparts spread across the country, cash donations came from as far as California and from some as famous as actor Ed Asner.

Bucher said Wednesday that plans are not yet formalized to revive the food fund, "but I'm sure that could be done, if the need is there."

"I think people appreciate the opportunity to help. I really believe that."

BUCHER SAID HER partner in community projects, Valerie Kunkel, is ready and willing too.

Valerie and Tom Kunkel lost everything they had in a fire which destroyed their uninsured rural Eaton Rapids home December 17. Since then, the Kunkels have seen their past kindness repaid with an outpouring of aid from Detroiters, including Mayor Coleman Young.

"She and I were thinking that as

soon as she gets settled (in a new home), we'd talk about doing something again," Bucher said of Valerie Kunkel.

"REALLY, IN THE United States, there should be no hungry people. Farmers here are paid not to grow food. There's no excuse. Poor planning is the only excuse."

"This is more the case in Michigan than any place else, because so much is grown and stored here," she said.

Bucher said she has remained in contact with the mayors' offices of

Detroit and Pontiac. She said that they are doing all right now, but that officials in Pontiac said they are probably going to need some help later on.

"WE WERE UNDER THE impression that the situation is not so drastic as last year, because there's government money for soup kitchens," she said.

"We were never an organized group" last season, she said. "Our feeling was that was an interim situation. We realized it takes government time to gear up. That's the

way with any government functions."

But Bucher has found it "very, very troublesome" that state government seemed to do little planning in the intervening year and was not interested in the suggestions of private citizens.

"THEY'VE ALLOCATED SOME money and that's about all. They don't have figures, they don't have anything. I'm very disappointed in that."

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Area farmers eager to help

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Bucher said she contacted state emergency planning officials several times to offer continued assistance and several ideas, but was never called again.

The energetic woman said she is encouraged by news that a state coordinating task force for human needs is being reinstated.

"I'D BE VERY interested in that," she said. Bucher and her friends had several ideas she believes are still worth looking at. "We talked about organizing other farming communities to do the same thing we were doing. I still think a program should be worked out. Maybe not by volunteers, but by some officials."

ANOTHER IDEA WAS to have government contract with farmers to grow extra food. "If we'd had some estimates in the spring, we could have had crops and warehousing all set up by fall," she explained. "If it's good for the corporate food business, it's good for state food business. I don't see any reason why this kind of program couldn't be worked out."

"I tried real hard to get people interested in it."



VISIT FROM SANTA — It's no fun being in the hospital at Christmas time, but the pain was eased slightly for youngsters at Ingham Medical Center Wednesday when Santa Claus paid them a visit, assisted by officers of the Ingham County Sheriff's Department. At left, 3-year-old William Holmes of Eaton Rapids doesn't seem to be worried about his opened attire as he tells Santa, who resembled



Detective Steve McGuire, that he's been a good boy this year. And at right, a nurse holds 3-year-old Jamie Barrett of Lansing as she stares at Santa's bag while Lt. John Conatay looks on. The gifts the officers distributed came from department employees and Mason Lions Club members.

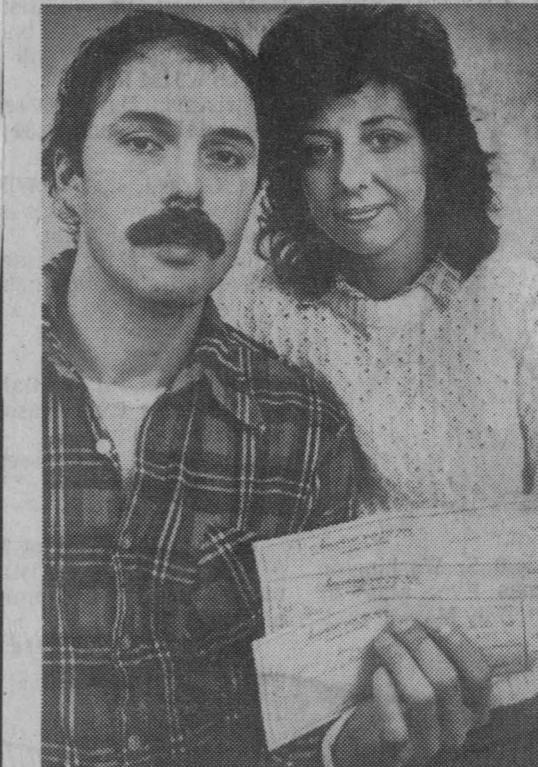
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Kunkels thankful, humble

By TERRY SHULTZ
Journal Correspondent

EATON RAPIDS — It's been a whirlwind week for Tom and Valerie Kunkel.

The young couple, forced to flee their burning home in sub-freezing temperatures last Saturday



REPAYMENT — Tom and Valerie Kunkel show the checks they received from grateful Detroit residents.

morning, spent the rest of the week receiving an outpouring of generosity from as far away as California.

The fire gutted their rural Eaton Rapids home and they and their two young children were left with only the nightclothes they wore.

The Kunkels have been under a blitz of media attention since then, culminating in Thursday's press conference at Detroit Mayor Coleman Young's office.

The couple was presented with checks totaling about \$1,500 from funds contributed by city of Detroit municipal, fire and police personnel, plus gifts of clothing and the promise of appliances from Detroit Edison.

IN ADDITION they received \$1,500 from The Lansing State Journal Lend-a-Hand fund.

Last Christmas, the Kunkels helped spearhead an effort by Eaton County farmers that provided 121 tons of food for soup kitchens in Detroit and Pontiac.

While appreciating everything that has been done for them the Kunkels are afraid all the publicity about their plight has taken away from the real plight of the hungry.

"Maybe something good will come out of (the fire) if (all the attention) brings back to everybody's mind the food problem," Valerie Kunkel said.

"I still don't feel the fire was that awful. I've got my husband and my children and, really, what else is there."

KUNKEL SAID she plans to send a note of thanks to everyone who wrote a word of encouragement or inclosed an address with their contribution.

"It makes you want to take every day of your life and give back the goodness that's been given to you," she said.

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FIGHT HUNGER — Jim and Sara Bucher of Eaton Rapids watch food leave for Detroit.

Outstate Samaritans glean food for Detroit

EATON RAPIDS — Detroit's hungry are about to receive a Christmas present — tons of food from friends they probably didn't know they had.

A group of people from mid-Michigan farmlands near Eaton Rapids have collected piles of vegetables to be distributed to the city's soup kitchens.

BY TUESDAY morning, they had 10 tons of potatoes, two tons of carrots, 1,110 pounds of onions, 400 pounds of beets, 1,000 pounds of cabbage and 300 dozen eggs, said Jim Bucher, an Eaton Rapids farmer who began the food drive.

Tuesday evening, a truck supplied by the Kroger grocery chain and loaded with 30,000

pounds of produce left for Detroit, he said. And they still are collecting more from people who either donated food or chipped in money for its purchase. With a little effort, another truck load could be ready soon, he said.

"MICHIGAN GROWS a lot of produce," he said. "There are a lot of hungry people. . . it's a terrible waste."

The food drive started out modestly, Bucher said.

"My wife and I were having breakfast Saturday, and discussing how terrible that mess was in Detroit. We thought we'd buy a ton of potatoes and take them down to Detroit."

The idea mushroomed by

word-of-mouth, he said. Anybody could do it and Bucher said he is hoping the publicity will generate more offers.

Bucher and his wife bought two tons of potatoes at \$50 a ton and neighbors got involved in the project. He said 12 to 14 people worked on gathering the food.

"Everyone insists it goes to the soup kitchens," Bucher said. "We're going to make darn sure."

NONE OF the food will be distributed in Ingham County because of the well-organized food bank efforts there, he said. "People agreed it should go where it's needed most."

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CHRISTMAS GIFT — Detroit Mayor Coleman Young presents Valerie and Tom Kunkel Thursday to return a favor from last Christmas when the Kunkels spearheaded a food drive for the needy in Detroit. The Kunkels lost all they had when their home burned down last Saturday.

Detroit returns favor to Eaton fire victims

By DAVID FOX
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — Eaton Rapids fire victims Tom and Valerie Kunkel are having the kind of Christmas that Charles Dickens novels are made of.

A year ago, the Kunkels helped spearhead a drive by Eaton County farmers that provided 121 tons of food for soup kitchens in Detroit and nearby Pontiac.

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CHRISTMAS GIFT — Detroit Mayor Coleman Young presented some gifts to Valerie and Tom Kunkel Thursday to return a favor from last Christmas when the Kunkels spearheaded a food drive for the needy in Detroit. The Kunkels lost all they had when their home burned down last Saturday.

Detroit returns favor to Eaton fire victims

By DAVID FOX
Associated Press Writer

DETROIT — Eaton Rapids fire victims Tom and Valerie Kunkel are having the kind of Christmas that Charles Dickens novels are made of.

A year ago, the Kunkels helped spearhead a drive by Eaton County farmers that provided 121 tons of food for soup kitchens in Detroit and nearby Pontiac.

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'Amazing I've had a brother all this time'

By JOHN SCHNEIDER
Staff Writer

EATON RAPIDS — Today, for the first time in his life, James Rager will share Thanksgiving dinner with his big brother, John — a brother whom he discovered just one week ago.

Asked how he felt about that prospect, Rager, 55, a 30-year employee at Lansing's Fisher Body, squirmed in a chair in the living room of his

mobile home as he groped for the proper words.

"I've been wondering if he'll like me and if I'll like him," Rager said. "It's amazing to think I've had a brother all this time. I wish this could have happened 30 years ago. It won't seem real until I meet the man. I don't even know what he looks like . . . but I'll find out."

Added Rager's wife, Evalyn: "That first night he talked to his brother, he cried. Since then, there

has been about six inches of space between his feet and the floor. Inside, he's full of butterflies. He found a brother he never knew he had; he's ready to climb a telephone pole and shout it to the world."

SHORTLY AFTER he was born — to an ailing mother who had too many mouths to feed — Rager was placed in an orphanage in Coldwa-

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Rager reunites with lost sibling

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ter. He was soon adopted by Myrtle and Charles H. Rager and reared in Eaton Rapids.

Rager said he grew up knowing he was adopted and that he had two natural sisters. He knew of no brother.

In recent years, following the deaths of his adoptive parents, Rager began to wonder about his sisters.

"**SO MANY TIMES** around Thanksgiving Day or Christmas," said Evalyn, "he would say: 'The one thing I would really like to do is know my sisters.'"

The search began in earnest two years ago. The only substantial clue Rager had was a probate court document bearing his birth name: Gordon A. Klaver.

With help from Adoptees Search for Knowledge (ASK), a Lansing-based organization that helps adoptees find their roots, James and Evalyn Rager mined library and court files, climbed over blank walls, and followed a faint trail that led them, finally, to an obituary on

James Rager's half-sister, who had died in 1974.

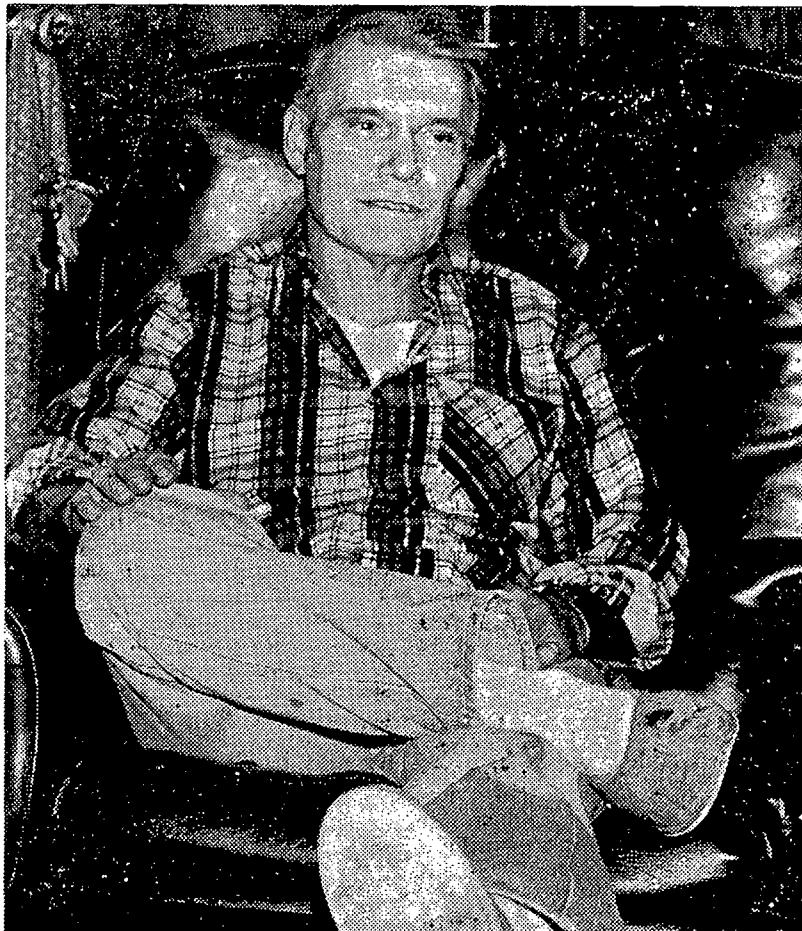
THE RAGERS checked the guest register for the half-sister's funeral. They found not only the names of the sisters (both of whom, as it turned out, had died since 1974), but this mysterious entry: John C. Klaver, Taylor, Mi.

Last week, Evalyn Rager dialed directory assistance in Taylor and learned that John C. Klaver had an unlisted number. With the help of ASK, the Ragers persuaded the operator to put through an emergency call to the Klaver home. A few hours later, after closing up the party store he and his wife own, Klaver returned his brother's call.

"We talked for an hour and a half," Rager said. "He said he didn't know I existed. I felt like getting in my car and going to see him. Then he invited us to his home for Thanksgiving dinner."

BEFORE THIS Thanksgiving Day is over, James Rager will have gained a brother.

"It's more than enough reason to be thankful," he said.



Staff photo by GINGER SHARP

ANTICIPATION — James Rager is looking forward to sharing Thanksgiving dinner with his brother, John, whom he recently found out about and will be meeting for the first time.

VANDEBUSSE

Mid-Michigan News

VandeBusse to head Ingham care facility

David E. VandeBusse, 46, of Eaton Rapids, has been named acting administrator of the Ingham County Medical Care Facility near Okemos.

VandeBusse, former administrator of the Zeeland and Eaton Rapids community hospitals, was self-employed at the time of his appointment.

He will take over for Harry Scott, who resigned last week after slightly more than a year on the job.

Judson Werbelow, chairman of the Ingham County

Board of Social Services, which oversees operations of the facility, said VandeBusse will serve on a "week-to-week" basis pending the hiring of a permanent replacement for Scott.

VandeBusse is expected to be a candidate for the job, Werbelow said, but no promises have been made.

Advertisements for an administrator are being placed in various professional publications, he said, and an application cutoff date of mid-January is being imposed.

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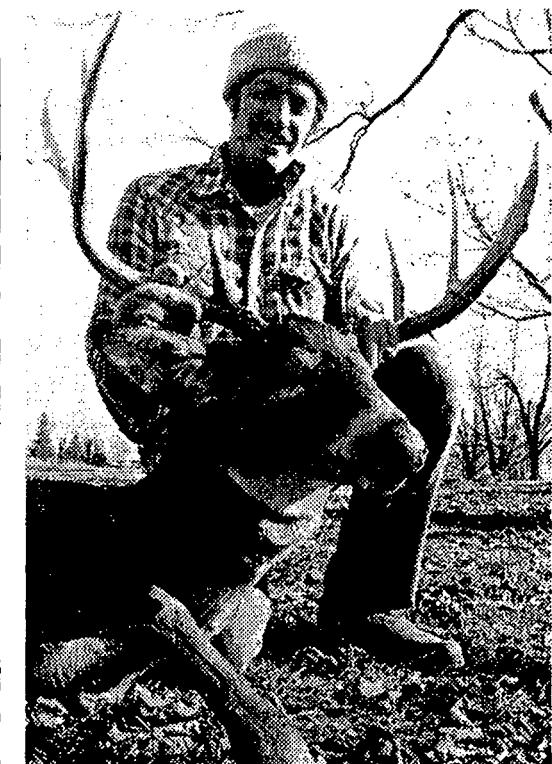
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Waldron Serving On Board The USS Tripoli



Electronics Technician Third Class Edward P. Waldron serves aboard the USS Tripoli, a 682 foot amphibious assault ship homeported at San Diego. The 23 year old Navy man is the son of Mrs. Scharla G. Waldron of Eaton Rapids and has been in the Navy 4 years.

One of 19 electronics technicians assigned to the ship, Waldron worked for 6 months in the ship's communications department

where he maintained and repaired UHF communications equipment. He is now maintaining the ship's air search radar system.

"It's been interesting aboard the Tripoli," Waldron said. "I've learned a lot. Now I know each ship has a mission and how they all work together."

Waldron was with the Tripoli during her 10th overseas deployment to the western Pacific and Indian Ocean completed in May. He participated in amphibious exercises conducted in Hawaii, the Indian Ocean, Australia, Okinawa and the Republic of Korea. During that time, Waldron also visited ports at Singapore; Perth, Australia; Hong Kong; Pusan, Korea; and Subic Bay, Philippines.

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By JEFF MAYER
Associated Press Writer

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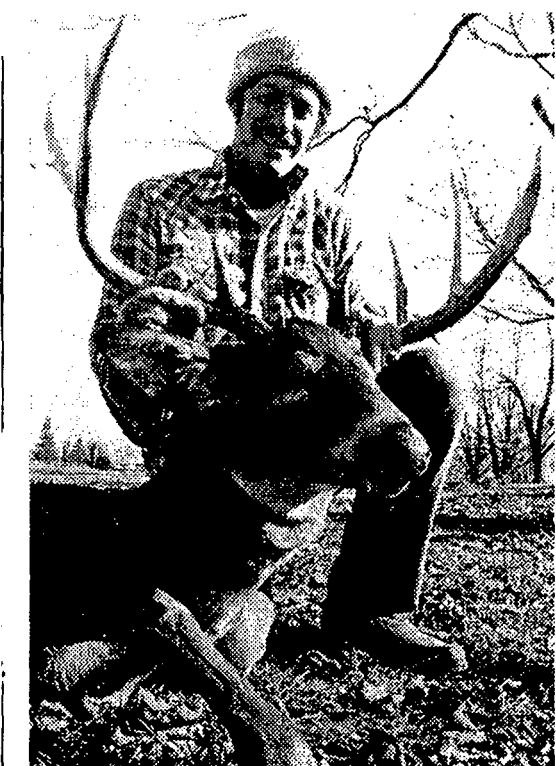
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United Way puts sparkle in their lives

By HELEN R. CLEGG
Staff Writer

A United Way agency has put a lot of sparkle into the lives of Douglas and Brenda Stevens. The sparkle comes in the form of a blue-eyed, blonde charmer named Alicia Kay, age 2.

The couple adopted her through Family and Child Services, one of the 49 Capital Area United Way agencies, after an eight or nine year wait.

The couple is now waiting for a second child — a boy, they hope. This time they are going through Catholic Social Services, another agency of United Way. They chose it on advice from professionals in the adoption field, who said their chances of getting a child sooner were better.

THEY ARE in a hurry because of their age. Doug is 35, Brenda, 34. The couple met as seniors at Holt High School, where both families had moved that year.

After their marriage, they lived in Lansing 15 years. Two months ago they moved to Eaton Rapids to a house situated on two acres — a place to keep bunnies, chickens and goats.

Alicia — a beautiful and lively child — has affected their lives "drastically," says Doug.

"**IT'S BEEN** a joy after 15 years without kids," he said. "I'd love to



HOPEFUL — Douglas and Brenda Stevens hope to adopt a brother for two-year-old Alicia Kay.

have another one just like her. You can't beat it.

"You turn into instant parents and you learn along the way. It's just great. She's really just a sparkle in our lives. Thank God for girls who give their babies up. I would like to see abortion abolished, but I

have mixed feelings about it," he said.

BRENDA SEES Alicia as "making our lives fulfilled, more complete."

"I think she has completed the family circle," she said.

As it happens, the couple was

aided in adoption hopes by the fact that Brenda's grandmother was a full-blooded Cherokee and Doug's grandmother was three-quarters Cherokee. Little Alicia also has a full-blooded Cherokee grandmother. A computer matched the couple and the little girl. But they couldn't take her home immediately. Paperwork delayed the adoption for five months.

BUT NOW having the little girl in their lives "is just a joy," both agree.

The couple has been more acquainted with United Way agencies than have most couples. Brenda worked in the office of Greater Lansing Visiting Nurse Services — a United Way agency — for three years after a stint of office work at Lansing General Hospital. She now stays at home with Alicia.

Doug began working for General Motors 18 years ago as part of a Holt High School's co-op program and has worked there ever since. He is also a solicitor for United Way at his plant.

"I THINK IT'S a worthwhile organization," he said. "I believe there are a lot of people out there who do need the help. Say if they have a fire and get burned out of their homes, the United Way is there to help."

Said Brenda: "It does help people. I agree it is needed."

Bellows Receives \$400 Scholarship



Eaton Rapids resident, Coreen Bellows, is the recipient of a \$400 Harness Horse Youth Foundation Merit Scholarship. Coreen is the daughter of Walter and D. Kayleen Bellows.

Scholarships totalling \$6,300 were awarded to 10 outstanding students planning careers in harness racing. The awards were based on academic excellence and depth of work experience.

A 1982 honors graduate of Eaton Rapids High School, Coreen is currently pursuing a degree in pre-veterinary medicine at Hope College. She is also an experienced groom and active in many organizations, including the Alpha Phi Omega national service fraternity and a representative at the Model United Nations.

The Columbus, Ohio based Foundation is a non-profit organization devoted to introducing young people to the world of harness racing. *Flashes 10/18/83*

Eaton Rapids area man 100 on Sunday

By HELEN CLEGG
Staff Writer

EATON RAPIDS — "I used to be a live wire when I was younger" declares Charley Wiseman, who will celebrate his 100th birthday Sunday.

Nowadays, he has slowed down. He doesn't smoke his pipe. He says he can't hear or see well, but adds: "I'm lucky I am as good as I am."

ONE OF HIS prime recreations is drinking a case and a half of warm Stroh's beer every week, said his grandson, Bruce Porter. Porter, his wife, Sandy, and their two daughters, Holly, 9, and Tracy, 4, live with him.

"He never drinks anything cold," said Porter, who takes him into town once in awhile for a haircut and a stop at a tavern on the way home.

Porter's sister, Joanne Miller, and her two daughters, Angie, 16, and Lisa, 15 — 4717 Whittum Road, rural Eaton Rapids — will join the Porters in welcoming friends and relatives at an open house Sunday at Charley's home, 4543 Whittum Road, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

APPROXIMATELY 150 people have been invited, Sandy said, including a nephew in South Carolina and one in Kansas; both are planning to attend. Wiseman's sister, Harriet Smith, "either 95 or 98," lives in Eaton, Ohio, and the two haven't seen each other for 15 years. The Porters are not sure if she will be able attend.

They had two brothers and two sisters who lived 41, 89, 95 and 99 years. Their parents, John Henry and Eliza Wiseman, immigrated here from Westbury, Somersetshire, England, and lived to be 89 and 84, respectively.

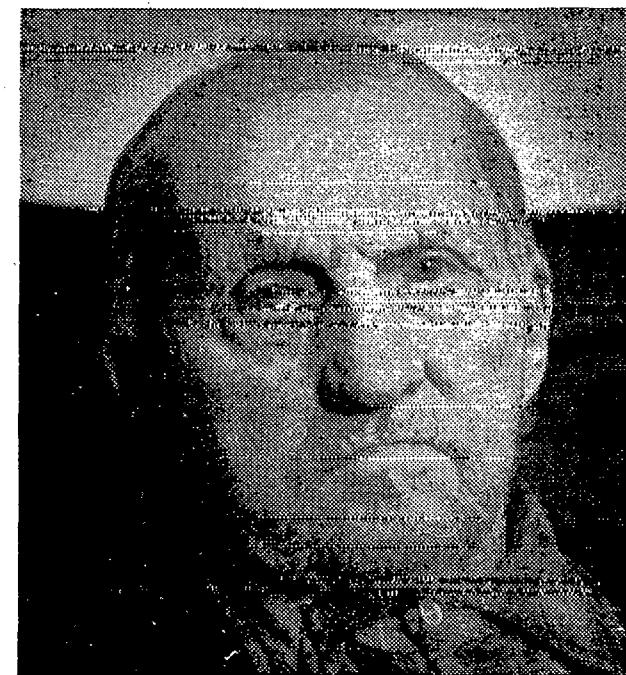
Charley was born in Tipton, moved to his present address when he was 15 and has never been out of Michigan as far as his grandson knows. The centenarian attended Eaton County's Charlesworth school, then farmed for a living, Porter said. Wiseman started raising crops with three horses and was one of the last in the neighborhood to switch to a tractor.

WISEMAN ALSO had a few dairy cows and even some sheep at one time. He was known for having one of the best crops of navy beans around — and he was known for the delicious hard cider he kept in the basement.

"I would see a lot of guys come cross-eyed out of the cellar," recalled his grandson.

Wiseman married the late Gertrude Walworth, who died in 1959. They had one child, Thelma Wiseman, who married Linus Porter. Both are deceased.

Most of Wiseman's friends are gone and it is difficult for him to communicate because of his hearing and seeing problems, Porter said. Though he walks unaided, he has little to do and mostly sits in a rocking chair. But sometimes, he said, "he talks about the old days and likes to have somebody listen."



HAPPY BIRTHDAY — Charley Wiseman will be 100 years old.

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4th graders get behind 'Vic's Day'

By HELEN CLEGG
Staff Writer

EATON RAPIDS — Wanting to show their love for ailing Mayor Vic Huddleston, fourth graders at Union Street Elementary School are planning to raise funds for "Vic's Day," which will be Saturday.

The special day is being staged by adults in the hope of raising \$10,000 to help the mayor and his family pay medical bills resulting from his months of illness.

Fourth graders also plan to raise money with a "white elephant sale" Friday in their room at Union Street School from 9 a.m. to noon, according to one of their teachers, Sue Gallie.

"HE (VIC) has been so super with the kids," said the teacher, "and they came up with all sorts of ideas how to raise funds."

They settled on the sale, and the 49 eight- and nine-year-olds are going "to clean out their drawers" at home to bring in items. Then each class at Union Street will be allowed in one at a time to look and perhaps buy.

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"I have taught in Eaton Rapids 10 years and have taken my students every year to Vic's (Vic and Billie's Party Store) for ice cream. He has given us a really good price, plus each child received a really big ice cream cone," she said.

She said Vic also sponsored children's teams of one sport or another through the years and gave his players treats after each game.

"SO THE kids thought it would be nice," to raise some money themselves, she said. Bakers among them will even bring cookies to the sale. The children also have made him "get well" cards and sent them to the hospital. And they held a poster contest. The one chosen the best was signed by all the fourth graders and taken to Vic's store for display in the front window.

"I don't know how much money we'll make," said the teacher, "but it's done with a lot of love. We'll give the money to Keith (Huntington, chairman of "Vic's Day"). It's nice to involve kids in caring for someone else. They are really putting their all into this; they are excited."

Her team teacher, Rick Smith — new to Union Street this year — also is helping.

Gallie said the sale will involve the children "in a kind of consumer project." They are advertising the event; they'll learn to make change and to sell as well as clean up, she said.

AT KING Street Elementary — the school Vic's children attended — room mothers and volunteer parents are holding a baked sale Saturday at the American Bank & Trust building from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Adults will start the day at noon Saturday and run it until 2 a.m. Sunday.

HOWEVER, BALLPLAYERS will begin early — Friday at 6 p.m. with three fast pitch softball games at the Old Athletic Field. Saturday at 9 a.m. the first of eight slow pitch softball games will get under way. At 3 p.m. a horseshoe pitching tournament will start. Players may pre-register by calling 663-1296.

Saturday a tractor pulling contest begins at 2 p.m. on Hall Street between the bridge and King Street.

Another center of activity will be Rod's Bar and Lounge where the senior citizens' "Mad Hatters" will start a music fest at 2 p.m. They'll be followed by country-western bands supplying continuous music. A pig roast and kegs of beer will supply food and drink. Weather permitting, tables will be set up outdoors behind Rod's.

Next door behind Cooper Tires, a continuous public auction will begin at noon Saturday. Among the items: a used car donated by Cooper Chevrolet & Oldsmobile.

"POP WARNER" tackle football games will be played Sunday at 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the High School Alumni Stadium.

Fund-raiser day a great success

By HELEN CLEGG
Staff Writer

EATON RAPIDS — A special fund-raising event in honor of Mayor L. Victor Huddleston raised \$10,000, according to General Chairman Keith Huntington.

Huntington and the "Vic's Day" committee members are elated that the weekend of fun and festivity reached their goal of \$10,000 to help Huddleston pay off medical bills accumulated during his prolonged illness and operations. Huddleston has cancer.

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THE SPECIAL DAY actually lasted all weekend starting with softball games at the Old Athletic Field Friday night. The fast pitch tournament was rained out Saturday; and the hope is to finish it this Saturday, Huntington said.

More than 600 people were attracted to another main part of the event Sunday at Rod's Lounge where scores of volunteers served three roasted pigs, 24 chickens and beer. Country-western bands played continuously after being started off by the senior citizen band The Mad Hatters.

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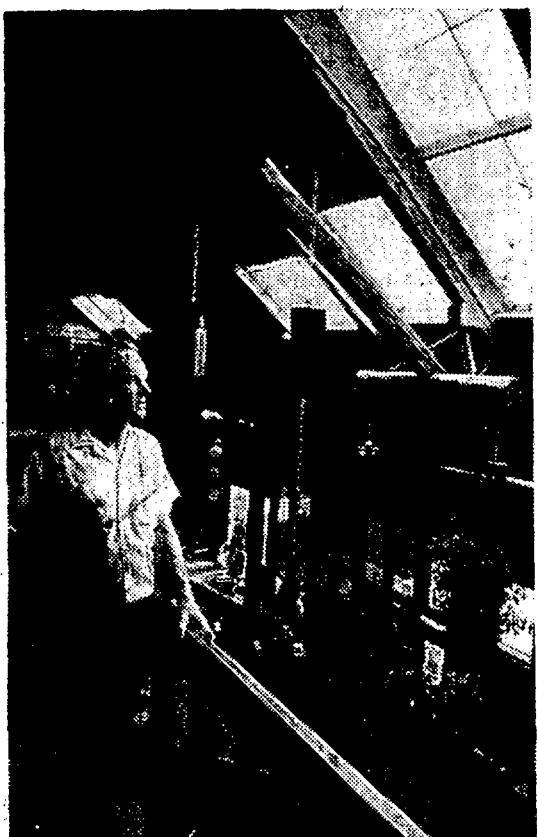
Vic Huddleston

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RECENTLY OUT of the hospital, Huddleston attended for about two and a half hours.

Contributions are still coming in. Huntington said he received a letter Monday which included a check for \$200. An accompanying note said the donor was sorry he couldn't be there "but my heart is with you. He (Vic) is a great guy and my friend."

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Sun's rays strike Cernyw Kline,
energy house

Solar energy zaps high heat bills

By SHARON McGRAYNE
Staff Writer

Any Michigan homeowner can cut utility bills in half, contends Lansing Community College professor Cernyw Kline.

Solar energy is the way. In fact, it's the only way to avoid getting zapped by big oil, big business, big government and big labor, argues Kline, an agricultural engineer turned solar energy expert.

And it works, even in Michigan, he says.

HE'S PROVEN IT by building a 3,900-square-foot solar house in Eaton Rapids — a big house that cost \$115 for utilities last year.

"Enough solar energy falls on the roof of the average house to supply 10 times its energy needs," Kline said. "The sun isn't always available in Michigan. So we have to be able to store more and use it with discretion. But we don't have to sacrifice to live better with less energy. And it doesn't have to be unattractive."

Kline's house has 11 major rooms grouped around a 40x22 feet, 32-feet-high solarium. Built

on 3 to 4 feet of sand, four inches of concrete and four inches of brick, the room absorbs and stores the heat that streams through a glass wall and skylight on the south.

MOVABLE INSULATION keeps the heat from escaping at night in winter and shades the house in summer:

The house functions as an LCC laboratory and more than 3,000 visitors have toured it. He's used almost every kind of movable insulation the experts talk about: Roman shades in summer, insulated panels to close off some windows all winter and hinged shutters to open and close others. Sliding panels move on tracks to cover the skylight. Window quilts and triple-glazing cover other windows.

He opens the skylights even on very cloudy winter days because diffused radiation and light are energy.

If the sun shone every other day, the Klines could heat their house entirely with solar energy, he says. As it is, they get 75 to 90 percent of their energy needs naturally. Last winter, they burned

less than a third of a face cord of wood 1-2 evenings a week.

HE'S GOING to use excess hot water for backup heat this winter.

The Kline house is filled with mementoes of their six years in Asia and Africa working for the University of Kentucky and Michigan State University. His specialty was "mechanization with discretion."

"I enjoy living as simply and elegantly as possible," Kline said.

He could install motors to open and close the shades and shutters automatically. It takes him 12 minutes to open or close everything.

"But this way, we're responsive to the sun too," he said. "We're part of the process ... I enjoy knowing my utility bills are going to be very low because I'm doing a few simple things myself."

Eventually, he said, if lots of little people work together, they can influence big government, big oil, big business and big labor.

"They can't sell energy unless we buy it," he grinned triumphantly.

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, throbbing drums young men during "flame 'dance" — g/lighted torches, ther Hula dancers bright costumes. Philippine Ameri- sing will dance and ng. And there'll be minutes on the out- structed in a river-

IN THE MANNER of genuine Hawaiian luaus, a whole pig plus chickens and corn on the cob will be roasted about 14 hours in an earthen pit, surrounded by corn stalks and ti leaves — and lava rocks. Pii Lani and her husband, Paul Lamb, selected from Honolulu beaches.

Unearthing the "appetizers" is fun for guests to watch, and they'll be expected to eat them with their fingers, "Hawaiian style," Pii Lani said.

Another type of chicken, sweet sour, will be part of the banquet. Guests will also dine on mahi-mahi fish cooked Hawaiian style, plus smoked fish, stir fry beef, pork noodles, coconut sweet potato and rice, a huge salad bar, banana nut bread, coconut cake and fresh fruit.

MAI TAIS — a drink of pineapple wine and light and dark rum — will be served in pineapple shells topped with an orchid. Keg beer, wine and a tropical non-alcoholic punch also assure the guests don't go thirsty.

Pii Lani, recalling the last three luaus, said that every year "I say never again; it's such a big undertaking. Then the time rolls around and people start calling." But she admits she gets nervous as luau time nears.

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3 hurt in car crash

EATON RAPIDS — Three 19-year-old Eaton Rapids men were injured about 2 a.m. Sunday when their car struck a utility pole, overturned and caught fire near Five Point Highway and Whitham Road.

Eaton County sheriff's officers said a car driven by Christopher McNamara, 19, of 807 N. East, Eaton Rapids, skidded on newly spread gravel when west-bound on Five Point Highway.

McNamara and two passengers, Zachery Bouts and Tim Perkins, both 19, of Eaton Rapids, were injured. Perkins and Bouts were admitted to Eaton Rapids Community Hospital for treatment of severe cuts and bruises. McNamara was treated and released.

Eaton Rapids firemen extinguished the blaze.

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over Indian fishing rights has got smack in the middle of down-on the Grand River, instead of at region near the waters of the Great

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Metro Roundup

Area residents elected

Two Lansing area residents have been elected officers of the American Lung Association of Michigan and six others as board members.

Joseph F. Smith of East Lansing, who is vice-president for management accounting at American Bank and Trust, was elected president for a two-year term at the recent annual meeting.

Thomas L. Uridge, director of personnel for Ingham Medical Center, was re-elected treasurer.

Susan Harvey, WILS Radio general manager and Richard Monczka, health and safety representative, UAW Local 652, were elected to three-year board terms.

Elected to a two-year term was Norman B. Keon, St. Louis, assistant chief, Division of Disease Surveillance, Michigan Department of Public Health.

Elected to one-year terms were: Susan Mortel, supervisor, energy and air quality



Michigan next month in the National School Bus Roadeo in Kansas City.

Competing in the championship co-sponsored by the Automobile Club of Michigan and the Michigan Association for Pupil Transportation were Lonnie King of Onondaga who drives for Waverly Schools; Joyce Burt of Grand Ledge who drives for Grand Ledge Schools and Kenneth Kilmer of Lansing who drives for Waverly Schools.

O'Rourke seeks office

Margaret O'Rourke, of East Lansing, announced she is running as a Republican for the Ingham County Board of Commissioners' 9th District seat.

O'Rourke, 933 W. Grand River, is married and has two children. She ran unsuccessfully for the board two years ago against Democrat Zolton Ferency.

She is a member of the Republican County Executive Board and has been active in several campaigns, including Gov. William G. Milliken's.

She is a graduate of Michigan State University and is a 9-year volunteer for the

CONGRATULATIONS!



Michael L. Rathbun, has completed his AIT Training at the United States Army Signal Center in Fort Gordon, Georgia.

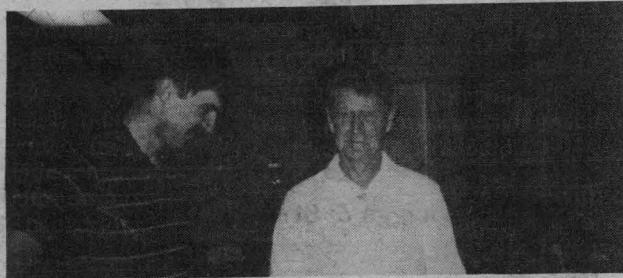
He earned an Honor Graduate Diploma being in the top 10% of his graduating class.

Mike and his new wife the former Lucinda Ashby will be living at Tacoma, Washington where he will be on active duty as a telecommunication operator.

Our Best Wishes for Mike and Lucinda from their family and friends!

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Andler Retires From Eaton Stamping



Christian Andler retired from Eaton Stamping Company June 3, 1983.

Andler started at Eaton Stamping in February, 1970, working in the Press Room before signing on as a Custodian. At a retirement luncheon held at Eaton Stamping Company's Plant 1 on June 2nd, Eaton's Vice-President of sales, Carl Davis, presented Andler with a retirement gift showing the company's appreciation for work

well done and praised Andler for making Eaton Stamping Company a better place in which to work by his diligence and pride in cleanliness. Pat Clone, representing the co-workers, presented Chris with a dirty footprint on a carpet piece as a remembrance plus gifts of congratulations.

Andler and his wife, Beatrice, reside on East Street and plan on having more free time to do as they wish. Congratulations Chris!

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CHRISTINA BROUGH KING

Mr. and Mrs. William B. Brough announce the graduation of their daughter, Christina Brough King. She received an Associate Degree in Nursing from Lansing Community College on the 14th day of June, 1981.

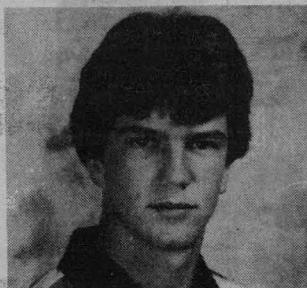
She received three Career Advancement Scholarships from the Business & Professional Womens' National Foundation and also the Georgia Emery Scholarship from the Michigan Business & Professional Womens' Club.

Christina has served as class representative to the faculty for the past two years. She has also been active in the formation of the Lansing Community College Student Nurses Association. For these efforts she was awarded a Certificate of Recognition for student participation by the college student government.

Christina is a member of the Congregational Church, the Eaton Rapids Business & Professional Womens' Club and King Street Parent Teachers Organization. She is employed by Lansing General Hospital and will be working on her Bachelors Degree at the University of Michigan.

Christina resides in Eaton Rapids with her husband, Jack, and daughter Elizabeth.

Sheppard Chosen By E.R. Junior Women's Club For Youth Leadership Seminar



The Eaton Rapids Junior Women's Club, in cooperation with Mr. Tim Culver, Eaton Rapids High School Principal, have selected David Sheppard to participate in this year's Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation International Leadership Seminar competition as Ambassador from the community of Eaton Rapids.

The local competition was open to all high school sophomores. A panel of high school teachers and administrators composed the selection committee. The criteria for selection consisted of evidence of emerging leadership ability, cooperation with fellow human

beings and sensitivity to the needs of others, ability to relate to new pursuits and acquaintances and the desire to learn and share knowledge and experience with others.

David will attend the Michigan Leadership Seminar on June 3-5 on the Eastern Michigan University campus with other outstanding sophomores from throughout Michigan. At this State Leadership Seminar, conducted by the Dearborn Jaycees, one boy and one girl will be selected to attend the annual, all-expense-paid, week-long International Leadership Seminar on "America's Incentive System". The International Leadership Seminar, sponsored by the Hugh O'Brian Youth Foundation and coordinated by the University of Central Florida, will be conducted at Walt Disney World Epcot Center, August 5-13, 1983. Those selected to participate in the International Leadership Seminar will interact with top tenth graders from every state in the nation and 12 other countries and with prominent leaders in business, government, education and the professions.

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Clough Receives Award



Eaton Stamping Company President, Ralph Allswede has presented the Company's \$1,100 a year scholarship award to Susan Clough, a 1983 Top Ten Eaton Rapids High School graduate.

Susan, the daughter of employee Bob Clough and Charlotte Clough, has been accepted to attend Albion College this fall to pursue study for a double major in Computer Science/Music.

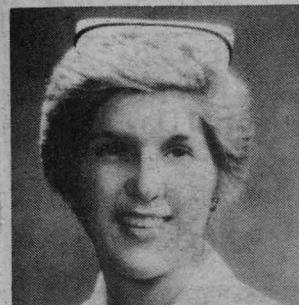
Congratulations, Susan!

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Peters Graduating From Butterworth



Jane Catherine Peters, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Leonard Peters, will be graduating from Butterworth Hospital School of Nursing in Grand

Rapids, Michigan on Friday, May 27, 1983 at 7:30 p.m. Commencement exercises will be held in Fountain Street Church. Jane will receive her diploma from Mr. Donald Walchenbach, President, Butterworth Hospital and her pin from Ms. Margaret Palermo, Director of the School of Nursing. The main speaker will be Father William Langlois. While attending nurses' training, Jane was active in the Michigan Student Nurses' Association and held the office of President of the Class of 1983 for 2 years. After graduation, Jane will be employed by Oceana Hospital in Hart, Michigan.

AFC Higdon Completes Training



AFC Dawn Higdon finished Basic Training at Lackland AFB, Texas May 17, 1983. She is now stationed at Keesler AFB, Biloxi, Miss. where she is working as Administrative Specialist. Dawn will also attend Technical School in hopes of becoming a pilot.

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Amazing E. R. Lion Sets Sales Mark



Gary Goward, a member of the Eaton Rapids Lions Club, has just set an individual record for orange and grapefruit sales that is going to be awfully tough to top. Transferring from Beaverton to the Eaton Rapids Club in 1978, Gary began to hit his stride in the 1980 fruit sale by selling 3,900 pounds. In 1981 he sold 5,260 pounds and then approached the 4 ton figure this year with 7,640 pounds! To make this accomplishment more outstanding Gary, 45, has been without his sight since birth.

A licensed Citizen's Band (CB) radio operator for the past 17 years, he used that talent as his main tool in his fruit sales effort. His wife helps him with his sales records and his customers come to his home from as far as 30 miles to pick up their fruit purchases.

Gary is also an accomplished musician who began to pick out tunes on the piano at the age of two. As a 6-year-old he started at the Michigan School for the Blind, graduating in 1957. While there, he learned the accordian and played trombone in the school band. Upon graduation, he started to learn to

play the organ and is now a well-known and popular figure at many 11-C-2 Club and District functions. He also plays at schools, shopping malls, nursing homes, senior citizen events and even at the Waterloo Area Prison Camp.

He started in Lionism in the Monroe Club in 1962 and was named Lion-of-the-Year in 1964-65. He moved to Gladwin County in 1968 and was a member of the Beaverton Club and Harrison Club as his residence changed. While in that area, he was the radio dispatcher on 24 hour call for both the Gladwin County R.E.A.C.T. program and for the Beaverton Volunteer Fire Department. His wife acted as a spotter using the C.B. in their car at the scene of an accident or fire in progress, relaying needed information back to Gary at the base station in their home.

Gary is an inspiration and challenge to all with his accomplishments and contributions. Always busy, always cheerful, doing the work of Lionism, unselfishly, in every way he can, he proves again and again that to him, lack of sight is NOT a handicap, only an inconvenience.

There will be a Surprise Open House for Gary on Sunday, March 13 from 1-4:30 p.m. It's a combination Surprise Birthday & Welcome Home from Ann Arbor after undergoing a cornea transplant. The Open House will be given by Mary & Fred Colburn (Phone 645-2997) at Parkview Terrace, 210 E. Main St., Potterville - corner of M-100 & E. Main.

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Craig Byer graduated Sunday, May 8 from Hope College in Holland with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Religion and a special award for Chapel Choir. Craig has been a member of the 70 voice choir for 3 years. They toured the East Coast, West Coast and this year the Midwest. While on the East Coast they sang at the West Point Military Academy in New York and the Dutch Embassy in Washington, D.C. While on the West Coast they had the honor of singing in Robert Schuller's Crystal Cathedral on the Sunday morning TV program, Hour of Power.

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Craig's background in religion and counseling will take him on to further seminary study. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church here where he received his early training. He graduated from Eaton Rapids High School in 1979.

Craig's family: his parents, Sam and Julia Byer; his brothers, Jeffery, Christopher and Scott were in attendance at the baccalaureate and graduation ceremonies. Also in attendance were Tami Kirkland and Lori Schafer.

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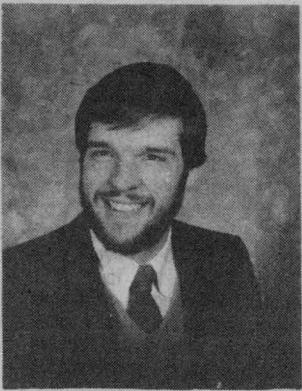


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24 Hour Crisis Intervention - Suicide Prevention Service. He also works with Upward Bound, a program dealing with High School minorities and various ethnic groups in a tutoring capacity.

On Friday, May 13 Craig will fly out of Grand Rapids for a 5-week special term via a student exchange program at Meiji-Gakwin University in Tokyo, Japan. 12 Hope College students were asked to be part of this program to learn first hand about there culture, history and language. They will be studying and researching the Christian Church and looking at how the history of the relationship between the church and the Japanese people affects the current attitude of Japanese towards Christians and why there is only 1% of Christians in Japan. The last week of their tour will be for traveling throughout parts of Japan.

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Musicale Scholarship Awarded



WINNER - JULIE KNEVITT

The Eaton Rapids Tuesday Musicale awarded one scholarship on February 27, 1982. The winner was JULIE KNEVITT with the alternate being DARWIN DAVIS.

Julie Knevitt is a student of Mrs. Stankiewicz. Darwin Davis is a student of Mrs. Copp.

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E. R. H. S. Senior Chosen for European Tour Band



Susan Clough has been notified that she has been selected for membership in the American Musical Ambassadors Band. This highly select concert band, composed of outstanding high school and university students from all over the U.S. and Canada, will tour several European countries for 3 weeks in July and August.

Susan, daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Robert Clough of 129 State St., Eaton Rapids, is a member of the Eaton Rapids High School Band directed by Mr. Paul Wegner.

Professor Maxine Lefever, an

assistant director with the Purdue University Bands and director of the AMA tour, has announced that conductors for the 1983 tour are Professor Stanley DeRusha, director of bands at Michigan State University and Professor Craig Kirchhoff, director of bands at Ohio State University.

The tour group will visit Paris, Lucerne, Lugano, Milan, Venice, Innsbruck, Salzburg, Wiesbaden, Amsterdam and London. Highlights of the tour will include concerts in the concert halls and parks of Europe. Students will visit many sites of musical and historical importance as well as the popular tourist attractions.

The purpose of the tour is to foster cultural and personal relationships between students of the U.S. and the people of Europe. In past years students of the AMA tours, through their high standards of musical excellence and equally high standards of personal excellence, have indeed served as fine representatives of American youth and as ambassadors of good will through their music for audiences throughout Europe.

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OPEN HOUSE



HATTIE MILLER will celebrate her 85th birthday on March 30, 1983. Her family invites you to join them in the celebration of this joyous occasion at an Open House on Sunday, March 27, 1983 from 2:00-4:00 o'clock p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 600 S. Main St., Eaton Rapids, Michigan. If unable to attend, your prayers and cards are welcomed. Please, no gifts.

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Leslie (Kirkpatrick) Reynolds Receives Doctor Degree At M.S.U.



On March 19, 1983 Leslie (Kirkpatrick) Reynolds received her

doctor of medicine degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. Dr. W. Donald Weston, dean of the medical school, conferred the degrees and administered the oath of the new physicians. Dr. Reynolds will be doing a residency in Pediatrics at Hurley Medical Center in Flint.

Robert and Fran Kirkpatrick of Eaton Rapids attended their daughter's commencement ceremony and the dinner dance held at Kellogg Center for the graduates.

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AT THE EASEL — Retired Michigan state government worker Betty Thomas keeps busy at her easel and making money at it. Her retirement career began when she chipped a foot bone in a tumble and took up painting to while away the time while it was mending. — Staff Photo by EILEEN BLASS

Art car

By JOHN SCHNEIDER
Staff Writer

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She 'fell' into career because of a 'break'

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state government jobs 18 years ago. Philip was born in Pennsylvania. Betty, a Scottish immigrant, came to the U.S. when she was 17. They have three children, 12 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren, most of whom live in the mid-Michigan area.

Betty's venture into the world of art did not stop at oil painting, nor did it leave Philip untouched. Together, the Thomases now pursue a dizzying variety of arts and crafts, including woodworking, decoupage, candle-making, acrylics and ceramics. They make knickknacks out of shells and turn wine bottles into flower vases. They even turn rural mailboxes made of metal into custom-painted works of art.

EVERY SO OFTEN, the Thomases load samples of their creations into their travel trailer and hit the road. They sell their products wherever they happen to find an art fair. So far, they've been in all 50 states and many parts of Canada.

They don't make a lot of money — just enough to keep them in supplies



Philip Thomas

and pay for an occasional art class.

"When you're retired, time can begin to hang," said Betty, standing amid a dozen half-finished projects. "Here, there's never a shortage of things to do."

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AGED — Trying to obtain a license to run a message parlor are Sister Rosalinde Gefre, Part-time Dorothy Eide, left to right, who are protesting city ordinance which they say makes them begin when the time while it keeps Thomas Hitt, — AP photo

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Off the Road

TODAY, AT 80, Thomas is paid for her inspiration.

"The first time I sold a painting," she said, "I wanted to have a big sign that said 'Artist' made and have it mounted on the trailer (the

travel trailer in which she and her husband, Philip, also 80, periodically crisscross the country).

She added: "Then I said, 'When I'm paid \$100 for one of my paintings, I will have arrived.'" Soon afterward, she did; a man paid her \$100 for a painting of pine trees set against a background of blue, snow-capped mountains.

Still, Thomas has not acquired the artist's temperament.

"Rembrandt would never have to worry," she said with a laugh. "I've sold quite a few paintings, but, really, I'm just a plodder. I'm flattered every time somebody buys one."

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Hocking saves choking victim

By TERRY SHULTZ
Journal Correspondent

EATON RAPIDS Quick-thinking on the part of Assistant Eaton County Prosecutor G. Michael Hocking recently saved the life of a restaurant choking victim seated at his table in a downtown restaurant.

"We were all laughing at a joke and I inhaled and caught a piece of sausage in my throat," explained Linda Waite, who was having breakfast Sunday with Hocking and his wife, Beverly, at Rod and Norma's Lounge in Eaton Rapids.

WAITE SAID SHE STARTED coughing and then grabbed her throat when she realized she couldn't breath.

"I thought I was a goner," Waite said.

"It was just one of those things where everyone thought the coughing spell wouldn't last," Hocking said.

After attempts by those around her to dislodge the meat with blows to her back failed, Hocking ran around to Waite's chair, pulled her up and administered the Heimlich maneuver.

"He had to do it three times. When it didn't work the first time, I thought 'Don't give up on me,'" Waite said.

HOCKING SAID HE HAD never practiced the maneuver before.

"I read about it in a magazine. It's pretty simple, really," he said.

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Eaton Rapids Woman Appointed

By Allen Krizek, County Extension Director

Claudia Brown of Eaton Rapids has been appointed as a Lay Leader for the Michigan Cooperative Extension Service. Mrs. Brown along with 5 other Lay Leaders from across the state will represent Michigan at a Washington, D.C. meeting

scheduled for early March. The purpose of the Lay Leader organization is to assist Michigan and other federal legislators to define the future of the Cooperative Extension Service in all 50 states.

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\$18,733 given Cermak

EATON RAPIDS — The family of Justin Cermak, the 16-month-old youngster stricken with neuroblastoma, a rare form of cancer, have one less worry to contend with.

Last Sunday's benefit party at Rod and Norma's Inn, held to help the family meet skyrocketing expenses, netted \$18,733, with donations still coming in, according to Sgt. Mike Seeley of the Eaton Rapids Police Department.

Justin is the son of Sgt. Dan Cermak, an Eaton Rapids police officer, and his wife, Rhonda.

Justin's condition was diagnosed last December. Since then the tot has undergone surgery and tri-weekly chemotherapy treatments in an effort to reduce the size of his melon-sized tumor.

Seeley said people wishing to make a donation on Justin's behalf can send it to the Cermak Foundation Fund at Eaton Federal Savings and Loan in Eaton Rapids.

Blood donations on Justin's behalf can be given at the American Red Cross, 1800 E. Grand River Avenue, Lansing.

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Staff photo by NORRIS INGELS

HELP IS AHEAD. — Justin Cermak, 15 months, sitting on the lap of his father, police Sgt. Dan Cermak of Eaton Rapids, is to be aided by a Feb. 26 benefit at Rod and Norma's Lounge which will help pay for medi-

cal help for him. The rest of the family seated at home include the mother, Rhonda Cermak, and another son, Jonathan, 2. Young Justin has neuroblastoma, a form of cancer striking nine of every million children.

Eaton Rapids plans party to aid boy cancer patient

By TERRY SHULTZ
Journal Correspondent

EATON RAPIDS — The mid-Michigan law enforcement community is rallying to the aid of 15-month-old Justin Cermak, son of Sgt. Dan Cermak of the Eaton Rapids Police Department and his wife, Rhonda.

Justin has neuroblastoma, a rare form of cancer striking only nine out of every 1 million children, says his mother.

Justin's medical bills have skyrocketed since his condition was diagnosed last December and the family is having trouble making ends meet.

THAT SITUATION prompted

merchants and police agencies to collaborate on a Feb. 26 benefit for the youngster at Rod and Norma's Lounge in Eaton Rapids.

"The response to this has been phenomenal. Area police all the way to Alma are helping," said Rod Raymond.

Local merchants, service clubs and police departments from the entire mid-Michigan area have sold 8,000 of the \$1 tickets and another 4,000 have been printed, Raymond said. All contributions go directly to the family.

All but two of the city's 109 businesses have contributed to an auction planned for the benefit. One merchant even donated a new deep freeze.

RHONDA CERMAK said she would like people to know they can donate blood for Justin at Ingham Medical Center.

"Just tell (the hospital) you want to donate a pint of blood for Justin Cermak," she said. "It doesn't matter what type. It's just that if he has chemotherapy and has a real bad time he goes to Ingham Medical for transfusions."

The Cermaks are hopeful that in two weeks when Justin goes for an ultrasound checkup, it will show that his melon-sized tumor has shrunk. If it gets small enough doctors may be able to remove it by surgery, Rhonda said. STATE JOURNAL
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Eaton Rapids Community Hospital Presents New Year's Baby



Eaton Rapids Community hospital is pleased to announce the arrival of the 1st baby of 1984. Alicia Maria Backofen was born January 2, 1984, at 8:34 a.m. She weighed in at 6 lbs., 9 oz. and is 20 inches in length. The proud parents are a local couple, Marty and Debbie Backofen.

This is the 2nd child of the Backofen's born at Eaton Rapids Community Hospital. Deborah states, "I have always gotten my medical care locally, and have been pleased with the quality of care I have received. A lot of women think that when they get pregnant they have to go to an obstetrician. I've always felt that my own family doctor could care for me just as well. I'd tell anyone to have their baby here. You get real personalized care."

Obstetrical care offered at our hospital has never been more comprehensive. Our staff of

obstetricians, family practitioners, and pediatricians along with the purchase of specialized equipment enables us to provide various services previously unavailable locally. Ultrasound examinations, both non-stress and stress testing and fetal monitoring are now all provided by our hospital. Our birthing chair has been very popular among women delivering at our hospital during the past 2 years and many couples have received valuable information by attending our preparation for childbirth classes.

If you are seeking obstetrical care, we would like to encourage you to investigate the services offered through our local physicians and hospital. We pledge to continue to offer high quality care for you and your loved ones...BECAUSE WE CARE!!

FLASHES
1/10/84

Doxtader Honored For 25 Years Of Service At Eaton Federal



Eaton Federal Savings and Loan Association recently honored their Eaton Rapids Branch Manager, William H. Doxtader, at a dinner party at Schuler's, attended by fellow employees and the Board of Directors. Mr. Doxtader was honored for his employment with the association for 25 years. He is the first Eaton Federal Saving and Loan employee to have earned this recognition.

Herb Black, a Board Director, paid tribute to Mr. Doxtader's fine service record. He also reviewed the organization's development through

the years. It has expanded from operations in one small office in Charlotte to one with offices in four communities. The services have, likewise, expanded to meet the financial needs of the customers.

Mr. Doxtader started in the small Charlotte office under Huey Stall on January 1, 1959. He worked there until May, 1960, when he was appointed Eaton Rapids Branch Manager. The original office in Eaton Rapids had three employees. A new Eaton Rapids office building was constructed in 1974 and is now staffed with eight employees.

Bill has been an active community member participating in local business organizations. He is a member of the First United Methodist Church. He is also a member of the Rotary Club and has served in a number of offices, including president. He is married and has four grown children.

Eaton Federal invites you to stop in on Thursday, Jan. 26 and offer congratulations to Bill and enjoy refreshments. FLASHES
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Dr. Gerald Stipanuk Awarded Board Certification In Internal Medicine

Mr. Peter Cooper, President of the Eaton Rapids Community Hospital Board of Trustees, has announced that Dr. Gerald S. Stipanuk is now fully board certified in Internal Medicine. The certification is awarded by the American Board of Internal Medicine. Dr. Stipanuk is part of the Eaton Rapids Medical Clinic, P.C.

Dr. Stipanuk is presently Vice-Chief of Medical Staff at the hospital and is Medical Director of Respiratory

Therapy Services as well as Physical Therapy Services.

Dr. Stipanuk received his medical education from the University of Illinois and interned in Lansing. His residency in Internal Medicine was also received in Lansing.

Dr. Stipanuk is married to Dr. Susan Courtnage and they have two children. Dr. Courtnage is also on staff at the Eaton Rapids Medical Clinic, P.C. The Stipanuks reside in Eaton Rapids.

FLASHES 1-26-84

At 95, Eaton Rapids woman minister still rides circuit

By HELEN CLEGG
Staff Writer

EATON RAPIDS — "Youthful" 95-year-old Lois Elizabeth Smith, 717 Hall, has no time for rocking chairs.

She's too busy meeting the responsibilities of an active, articulate Spiritual Episcopal minister.

When the weather is nice, a friend often drives Mrs. Smith to one of two Battle Creek churches or to one near Sunfield or one in Lansing. She also preaches at her denomination's Eaton Rapids church.

During the winter, she restricts her guest pastoring to the Eaton Rapids church on Frost Street — about once a month. Come Easter, however, she'll be out on the circuit again.

"Battle Creek always wants me," she said. In fact, the Memorial Spiritual Church there has thrown a dinner and party on her Nov. 11 birthday "every year since I was 89."

YEARS AGO she made pilgrimages to Flint and Owosso, but has decided they are a bit too far away nowadays.

Mrs. Smith is an avid reader and believes in keeping her mind open. "You don't know," she said, "what somebody might say that could change your whole life."

An attractive, small-boned woman, Mrs. Smith sparkled during her interview. Her smooth face could easily have passed for that of a younger woman. More than one person has asked her if she's "sure" she's 95.

She spoke rapidly and spread her hands on the card table in her earnestness to make a point.

"The big truth is this — progress throughout eternity is the destiny of man," she declared, explaining that she believes in reincarnation but is not sure all members of her church would agree with her.

But the gist of what she has learned

in her 95 years, she said, is something she wants to share with the world. In her own words:

"There is healing in gratitude. In appreciation, there is a very potent, a very powerful, medicine."

THOUGH SHE attended the Christian Science Church early in her life, she turned to the Spiritual Episcopal Church — "Spiritualist" is not the correct title, she said — around 1945 when she lost her mother, father and husband in one 11-month span. She wanted to talk to them, she said, and she claims she did, many times, when the late Pastor John Bunker — "an excellent medium" — was alive.

She studied under Bunker for the ministry — attending bi-monthly classes for nine years, never missing a session. She progressed first to "missionary," then to associate minister, before her ordination in 1962.

Sitting nearby during the interview

was her good friend of 60 years, Alma Canfield, a devout Catholic.

"She's a wonderful person," said Mrs. Canfield. "She's a cousin of my late husband. We go out to dinner together every chance we get."

Mrs. Canfield, 77, vouched for her friend's being 95 — and also for the fact that Mrs. Smith can thread a fine needle and read without her glasses. Mrs. Smith's health is good, her conversation spirited; her only physical impairment is some hearing loss.

Eaton Rapids Mobile Meals delivers most of Mrs. Smith's meals, and she hires help with the housework nowadays. She rents the upstairs apartment of her spacious house to young people because she's partial to young folks, she admits.

Life is comparatively easy now, but it has been hard for the outspoken minister, whose goal in life is "to help people think straight. I will take the time I

have left to live and give all I have to give," she declared.

Married on Christmas Day, 1907, she and her husband lived on a farm near Parkey rural school for 35 years. He was elected clerk of Eaton Township, but — as it turned out — she did most of the work after he developed Parkinson's disease at 39.

FOR MORE than 20 years, she was the unofficial township clerk and "looked after" their 130-acre farm and its farm hands for whom she also had to cook.

And for the last years of his life, she also had to hand feed her nearly helpless husband, who died in 1945. They had no children.

For all her many tasks, she's still here, Mrs. Smith points out. And she firmly believes that is not happenstance.

"I think everything that happens is planned," she said.

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Rev. Lois Smith

Bill Mann to lead Eaton Rapids festival



Bill Mann

EATON RAPIDS — Bill Mann, an internationally-known singer from Dallas, Tex., will lead a weekend "Festival of Praise" Nov. 14-16 at the Eaton Rapids First United Methodist Church.

The event will begin with a carry-in dinner at 6:30 p.m. Friday, followed by a 7:30 p.m. worship service. Mann will also appear at a 7:30 p.m. service Saturday, and at the 8:30 and 11 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Sunday services.

A NATIVE of Alabama, Mann, a

tenor, has performed for four presidents and the Queen of England, and given concerts in 3,000 churches of various denominations. He has also had several guest appearances in England, including Westminster Abbey, St. Paul's Cathedral, Central Hall, Royal Albert Hall and the Birmingham Cathedral.

A master of ceremonies and soloist for the Festival of Sacred Music in Birmingham, Ala., for the past 16 years, Mann has also recorded for Word-ABC Inc. since 1957.

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Hawaiian cooking expert helps impossible dream come true

By ANN BOTTICELLI
Staff Writer

With plane fares so expensive, a trip to Hawaii can be an impossible dream.

But, with a few tips from a Hawaiian cooking expert, that dream might be only as distant as your own kitchen.

Piilani Lamb, a descendant of Hawaiian royalty whose name means "climbing toward Heaven," moved to Eaton Rapids three years ago when she married Paul Lamb, a native.

TO KEEP IN TOUCH with her island heritage, Mrs. Lamb gives Hawaiian cooking workshops in the Lansing area for the city's department of parks and recreation and serves Hawaiian food for groups of 15-65 in her restaurant, Pii Lani's.

Mrs. Lamb considers herself an international cook, and her specialties include steak, Italian and Mexican food, but her Hawaiian dishes fit in best with the decor in the Lambs' unusual type of restaurant.

Among the Hawaiian foods on the menu are oven-baked "kalua" pig, a luau food traditionally cooked in an "imu," or underground oven.

To make an "imu," Mrs. Lamb says, you need to dig and burn a hole six feet deep and six feet

around. The hole is then lined with the smooth, long leaves of the tropical "ti" plant.

NEXT, MRS. LAMB SAYS "imu rocks," a special lava rock that won't explode in heat, are heated, placed on the ti leaves and covered with more leaves. The pig is gutted and filled with imu rocks, Mrs. Lamb says, wrapped in ti leaves and chicken wire, placed on the second layer of leaves, covered and left to bake all day.

Here, Mrs. Lamb says, instead of an imu, she uses an oven and derives a fairly close facsimile.

Mrs. Lamb says she also offers "mahi mahi," or porpoise. She gets the fish from Detroit, she says, and prepares it with macadamia nuts.

Mrs. Lamb says her other Hawaiian specialties include "Honolulu chicken," a sweet and sour chicken dish, "Hawaiian chop steak," which is meat mixed with different vegetables and pineapple and "special mix plates," which are a variation of what is served at lunch wagons, often found near island beaches selling plates filled with rice, potato salad, teriyaki or chicken.

THE LAMBS ALSO SERVE teriyaki meat, different from teriyaki because it is made with thinly sliced meat, and the "Piilani special," a "luau plate" heaped with sweet potato, mahi mahi, Hono-

lulu chicken, kalua pork, fried bananas and spinach, a substitute for the taro leaves served at a real luau.

For dessert, she makes a "Waikiki cake" (made with pineapple and pecans), coconut cake and macadamia nut creamed cake.

"I've found that people are hungry for this different taste in food, color and presentation," Mrs. Lamb says.

Mrs. Lamb quotes the price of a catered event at \$3.50 per person, although she adds that prices vary.

Mrs. Lamb says she will concentrate on a solely Hawaiian menu Aug. 2, when she offers "a preview to Hawaii."

AN EFFORT TO ESTABLISH a tour group of sorts, the preview will be a luau, complete with an imu-baked kalua pig (Mrs. Lamb and her husband returned from a trip "back home" in December totting 300 pounds of imu rocks), fresh flowers flown from Honolulu, a Hawaiian torch-lighting ceremony and a "tutu" (grandmother) hula comedy team, headed by Mrs. Lamb.

While cultivating interest in a tour group in Eaton Rapids, Mrs. Lamb is in touch with Aloha Airlines in Honolulu, trying to work out charter flight details.

The luau will cost \$12.50 per person, Mrs. Lamb says.



Hawaiian cook Pilani Lamb slices fruit.

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Mayor vows to beat cancer surgery

By HELEN CLEGG
Staff Writer

EATON RAPIDS — Eaton Rapids' Mayor L. Victor Huddleston is facing up to impending cancer surgery as something to get done so he can get back to the business of living.

"There is no way that little baby is going to keep me down," declares Huddleston. "I think when they first told me, there was the dread of the word 'cancer.' I got to admit I was discouraged in my mind and had a few bad weeks. I think the worse thing is the shock, then to get your mind around to fight it and lick it and go do it (have surgery)."

HUDDLESTON ENTERS. Ingham Medical Center Monday to have his bladder — and perhaps more — removed Tuesday.

"I think my feeling is that I guess I am lucky it is where it's at; being the bladder, the percentage of success on this type of operation is very high," the 52-year-old mayor said.

He's dreading most how sick he thinks he'll be after five or more hours on the operating table.

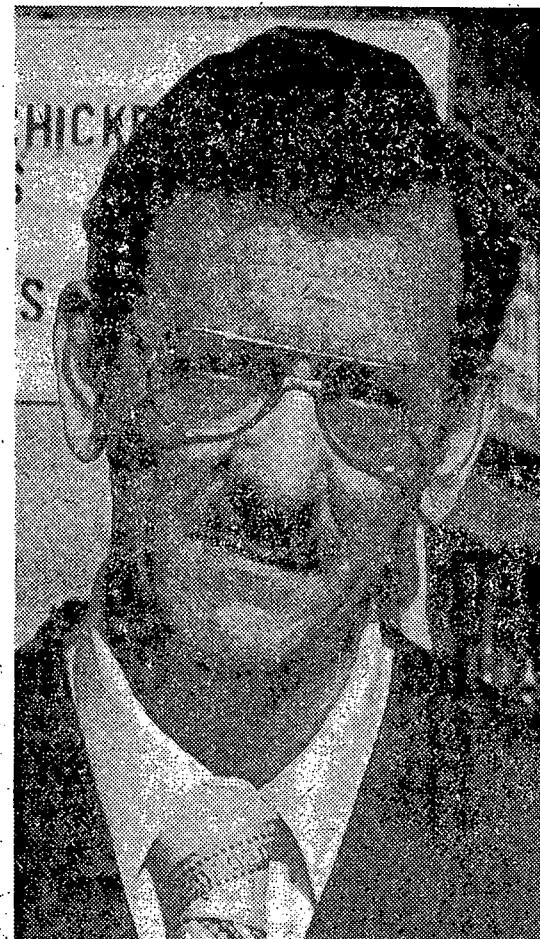
"I have tremendous faith in the hospital and in the doctors," Huddleston said, "and I feel they are doing me good. Only thing about it, they are trying to tell me I won't be back to work for six weeks or longer. I will be at the City Council meeting on the 24th day (20 days after surgery) presiding."

Huddleston attributes much of his optimism to "the tremendous people" at Ingham Medical who helped him through the rough spots — particularly a nurse on the sixth floor.

"SHE CAME IN AND more or less sat down and talked to me and got me out of my shocked mood," said Huddleston.

Huddleston's mayorship has generated quite a bit of publicity — from his denunciations of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for causing the city trouble concerning its sanitary landfill, to painting the City Hall men's room in wild polka dot colors. He and his wife, Billie, run "Vic and Billie's" party store, just across the street from City Hall on the corner of Main and Hamlin. Youths are attracted to his store by the pinball machines, ice cream and paperback books — and his acceptance of them as people, he says. A steady stream of adults buy his beer and wine.

Huddleston is sometimes criticized because the youths frequent his store and because of the publicity he generates. However, he does show compassion for his fellow man. As he spoke of his mental battle with the idea of having cancer, two young girls came in to the store to buy a packaged sundae. Barely able to reach the counter with her 35 cents, one of the girls told Huddleston her kitten had died.



Staff Photo by HELEN CLEGG

Huddleston views surgery optimistically

He sympathized and asked an onlooker if she knew where there were some more kittens, showing concern for the child.

YOUNG BOYS COME in to pick up their pee wee football pictures because Huddleston has agreed to act as a pick-up point. One small blond boy had to be called back because he rushed off without his change.

Huddleston, a Catholic, said he will fight for any church whose business — such as a building permit — comes before the council.

He also was responsible for appointing the first councilwoman.

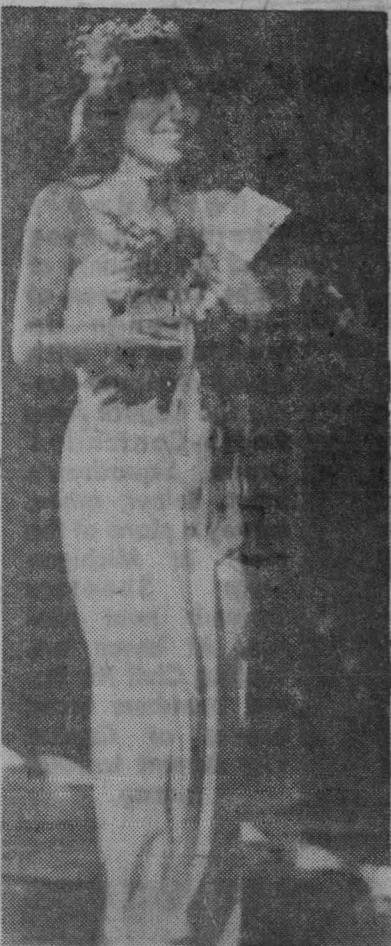
An ardent fan of the University of Michigan, Huddleston painted his storefront blue and gold. He said

he loves his store and the people who come in — and there is "no way that dirty little devil (as he calls cancer)" is going to keep him from the store for very long.

"Everything has been done, family-wise and city council-wise," he said Thursday. "I have two more coats of wax to put on this floor, and I will be done. I think it has been a rough road on my wife. She has her own medical problems with diabetes.

"I THINK I HAVE learned an awful lot," Huddleston added. "I think we all take life for granted, maybe a little too freely; and I guess the other is I am not a stickler on statistics, but they say that one out of every four Americans will have cancer. I say I have had mine, now who is the next one?"

Huddleston's four children will accompany his wife at Ingham Medical Tuesday to wait out the long hours of surgery. They are Barry, 26; Jill, 22; Kelly, 18; and Brett, 14.



Lester Kline, 85, at right, crosses finish line at Eaton Rapids' first Island City Festival Run which was part of the city's Heritage Festival. At left, Kelly Williams of 11520 Columbia Hwy., was crowned Miss Eaton Rapids for 1981. Below, teams from the Brotherhood of the Brush battle the Eaton Rapids Fire Department with water from fire hoses on Hall. The firemen were finally victorious in the contest. Festivities continue today with a home tour and entertainment at Island Park.



Photos by TERRY SHULTZ



Staff Photo by GINGER SHA

He's racing at 85

But finishes Eaton Rapids run the wrong way

By TERRY SHULTZ
Journal Correspondent

EATON RAPIDS — An 85-year-old jogger who says he hasn't "got a pain or ache in the world" completed his first ten-kilometer race Saturday morning by running the race — the wrong way.

Lester Kline won the "60 and over" division in Eaton Rapids' first annual Island City Festival Run sponsored by the Junior Women's Club. He finished 93rd in a field of 125 entrants with a time of one hour and 30 minutes.

"I've been a lucky old coot but it just pays to live right," Kline said. He attributes his sparkling health to "clean living" and says he doesn't drink alcohol, smoke or overeat.

KLINE PROVED that perseverance pays off after he took a wrong turn early on in the race.

"There wasn't any sign," he said, "so I went the wrong way."

Then later, when he saw the rest of the field coming towards him, he said he thought maybe the course had been changed.

But, as Kline pointed out, whichever way he ran it, the distance was the same.

Kline finished the race with a burst of speed that any runner would admire as the waiting crowd shouted and clapped its approval.

WHEN OFFERED a ride back to the awards

table a tired but proud Kline said, "Oh, if you insist."

Kline has jogged regularly for the last seven years and runs in races in Sun City, Ariz., where he stays in the winter. But until this race, five kilometers was the farthest he had raced.

Kline said he has been jogging eight miles a day for the past several weeks to get in shape for this event. Normally he runs three to five miles a day.

Kline lives in Dearborn but comes to Eaton Rapids to visit his son, Dr. Cerny Kline, and other relatives.

Eaton Rapids bikers overcome the odds to hit the roads

By DAVID THOMAS
Lansing State Journal

EATON RAPIDS — Cathy and Howard Moore had been through too much to let something called a fairing destroy their dream.

Last August, Howard ordered a Harley-Davidson FLHTC Ultra motorcycle, complete with a luxurious sidecar, and arranged to pick it up in the spring.

It was an unusual order, because not many sidecars are produced any more in the United States. But the Moores are an unusual couple.

Cathy, 50, has used crutches to walk since she had polio at age 10. She's addicted to riding motorcycles.

"It's so much safer with Cathy riding in a sidecar than behind me on a bike," said Howard, 54, a maintenance worker at Oldsmobile.

So, the Eaton Rapids couple invested \$16,000 in the motorcycle and fancy sidecar, replacing their less-fancy 1973 cycle and sidecar.

"A lot of people think we're nuts investing so much money in a motorcycle," said Howard, who has driven motorcycles for the past 35

years. "But riding relaxes us, rejuvenates us and we meet so many wonderful people."

In January, Howard suffered a serious heart attack.

"For a few minutes after the heart attack I guess I had some real doubts about the future," said Cathy, a medical secretary at St. Lawrence Hospital. "But I think for the most part we both were confident we'd ride again."

Howard recently got permission from his doctor to drive the new cycle back to Michigan from the assembly plant in York, Pa.

— Howard Moore

Still, there was that fairing problem.

A little more than a week before the Moores left for York, they got a phone call from the Harley-Davidson plant, informing them that a shortage of fairings, a type of windscreens, would prevent the cycle and sidecar from being completed on schedule.

They decided if they could overcome a heart attack, they could surely overcome a fairing problem. Cathy's pleading phone call to Harley-Davidson executives in Milwaukee produced a response within 10 minutes. The Moores would have their cycle on time.

Wednesday, relatives drove the Moores to York where they picked up their bike and got a VIP tour of the plant and a motorcycle museum. They returned Saturday to Eaton Rapids.

A big grin crosses Cathy's face when she tells how she and Howard conquered both the heart attack and the elusive fairing.

"I always wanted to ride motorcycles," she said. "When I was younger, people would look at me with my crutches and think I was too fragile to ride. Howard was the only one who dared give me the chance."



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Cathy and Howard Moore of Eaton Rapids glide along M-99 in their new motorcycle and sidecar built by Harley-Davidson.

Jazz forecast: A lot of 'Thunder'

**He's 15, nicknamed
'Thunder' and plays
the sax like lightning**

By KEN GLICKMAN
Lansing State Journal

Shawn Wallace is not your average 15-year-old.

He trains horses on the family's two acres of land outside of Eaton Rapids. Shawn has a pet parrot, plays basketball and soccer, is a 4-H member and gets straight A's at school.

Shawn also plays music — jazz music. And he's very good at it. Some are calling him a child prodigy.

He plays alto, tenor and soprano saxophones, as well as flute and piccolo. Shawn composes music and appears in international jazz festivals. He's just cut a new album ("Shawn 'Thunder' Wallace, The Old and the New") that will be available in local stores soon and is written up in the December issue of Downbeat magazine, the jazz bible.

Shawn pours his talent, time and energy in a variety of outlets. But the bottom line is he wants to be a musician. He's not one to talk much about it. This shy youth lets his music do his talking.

Others are speaking up, however.

"The kid's really tremendous. World class," said Doug Collar, host of WKAR's Friday night jazz program. Collar featured Wallace's new album on his show.

"You play the record and you can't believe a 14-year-old (when the record was made) is navigating through this stuff. He's got a version of 'Georgia on my Mind' that's as good as anything I've heard."

Randy Gelispie, a local drummer who plays with the likes of Ray Charles, Nancy Wilson and Wes Montgomery — and played on Shawn's record, said: "I think he's a little genius. He could read music before he could read words."

Tom Jones, band director at Sexton High School and a jazz saxophone player himself, said: "You find a player like this once in a lifetime."

Jones had Wallace solo with the high school jazz band at age 8. "He was definitely as good as my high school students back then."

But this is not just a story about the prodigy himself. It's also a story about his teacher — who happens to be his father. Mickey Wallace is a financial administrator with the Michigan Department of Commerce and a skilled amateur musician who plays keyboards and sax.

When Shawn was 6, Mickey was playing some tunes on his sax in the living room. "He came up and asked 'Would you show me how to do that?' I was reluctant, but he kept bugging me. I had to build a stand so the horn wouldn't knock him over," Mickey said.

He started Shawn out playing children's songs without reading musical notes. Within a year, Shawn was playing the tunes in all 12 keys, reading music — and by age 7 wrote his first piece.

"I knew within the first year that he had big-time potential," Mickey said.

Although Shawn clearly has talent, it has taken discipline and hard work to develop. Jones points to the boy's practice and study habits as the real reasons for his success.

"That's not something you're born with. You have to work for it. Shawn works very hard at it and understands what it takes to make it big. He's paid his dues."

Mickey Wallace is consumed with Shawn's music. He's managing his son's burgeoning career as well as continuing to teach him to play.

He produced the record as a promotional device, using his own money. Add that to the \$10,000 that Shawn has in instruments and you have a sizable investment. "A college education costs \$25,000 to \$50,000. In comparison, this is nothing."

Since the record was released, things have started to happen. The album is getting lots of air play on jazz stations in Detroit, Ann Arbor, Flint and Ypsilanti. Mickey has been contacted by Stu Gardner, music director of NBC's "Cosby Show." They have discussed appearances with Bill Cosby and syndicated talk-show host Arsenio Hall. Major record compa-



Shawn Wallace plays alto, tenor and soprano saxophones, as well as flute and piccolo. You can hear

him at international jazz festivals and soon on an album, "Shawn 'Thunder' Wallace, The Old and the New."

nies also are interested in distributing the album nationally.

"I'm always nervous," Mickey said. "We're always one contact away from the big time. And you never know when that contact will come."

Gelispie says there are a lot of kids in Detroit who play well, but Shawn has the ability to play jazz — a musical skill that

takes a thorough understanding of chordal structure plus an original concept of what he wants it to sound like. "He's got the ideas," Jones said.

Shawn is a role model for other members of the Eaton Rapids jazz band.

"I try to get the kids to take their instruments home to practice. They always say they are too busy with other things,"

said Shawn, who makes time. He practices two hours a day each weekdays; three hours on weekend and during the summer.

Shawn has already accomplished a lot, but his potential seems enormous.

"He's like a Wynton Marsalis," Jones said. "Only without the ego."

IN AND AROUND LANSING

Dinosaur's "dad" is a linebacker

To pro football fans in Buffalo, N.Y., Ray Bentley is a 235-pound linebacker known for terrorizing the opposition's running backs and receivers, and one of the reasons the Bills are in first place in their division.

Up in Mount Pleasant, they remember him as the man who made 443 tackles during his gridiron career at Central Michigan University — a school record that still stands.

But when a lot of kids open their Christmas presents Monday, they'll meet a kinder, gentler Ray Bentley. That's because he's the creator of "Darby the Dinosaur," the main character in three children's books he wrote and defensive end Mike Hamby illustrated.

"Darby's just like your average little kid, except he's a dinosaur," Bentley told a Buffalo reporter. "All kids love dinosaurs, but everything I've seen about dinosaurs has been historical or scientific. I wanted to humanize them."

Bentley majored in English at CMU and wants to pursue a writing career when his pro football days are over. He said he gets ideas for his books by watching his three children, Alaina, Richard and Thomas. "I've been telling them stories all along," he said. "It was my wife Jodi's idea for me to write a story."

The telecast of last Sunday's Buffalo-San Francisco game included a brief segment about Bentley's books. Appropriately, one of the sportscasters was NBC's Dick Enberg — who also graduated from CMU.

Bentley was born in Grand Rapids, and went to high school in Hudsonville. Long-time Michigan State University football fans may remember his dad, S. Rahn Bentley who played guard and tackle for the Spartans from 1960-64.

He'll be home for Christmas

There'll be lots of happy family reunions at airports and bus and train stations today, and Jane and Lester Blair of Holt have a special reason to be happy about theirs.

Their son, David Blair, hasn't been home for Christmas for three years.

"We're really excited," said Lester. "The wife is just going crazy. We don't even know what he looks like — we haven't seen him in so long."

David, 30, will arrive at Capital City Airport tonight from Seattle, where he is a civilian design engineer at Puget Sound Naval Shipyard. He graduated from Holt High School in 1977 and Michigan Tech in 1982.

"I'm going to take the camcorder out there and get it on film," said Lester. "It should be quite a sight."

Organists' competition Jan. 7

There'll be 11 entries in the organists' competition at Ascension Lutheran's Fourth Annual Church Music Festival.

The public is invited to the event, which begins at 7 p.m. Jan. 7 at the church, 2780 Haslett Road in East Lansing. Prizes totaling \$600 will be awarded to first-, second- and third-place winners.

Each organist's performance must include a prelude, fugue, sonata, fantasia or toccata by J.S. Bach, and a 20th century work based on a chorale or a hymn tune.

Frederick Telschow of Valparaiso University's Music Department will judge the contest.

During the event, winners of a composers' competition will be announced. Eleven musicians submitted 17 compositions, which will be judged by Richard Wienhorst, professor emeritus at Valparaiso. First place will receive a \$300 award; second, \$200 and third, \$100.

New personality at rock station

Jennifer Williams has joined the staff of WJXQ/Q-106, where she'll be promotion director and the "Afternoon Drive" air personality. She previously worked for WIBM in Jackson, where she was promotion director and evening DJ.

Williams, 23, is a native of Troy, and a 1988 graduate of Albion College.

■ ELSEWHERE

Brokaw buys part of Big Sky

NBC News anchorman Tom Brokaw says he has bought an interest in a 4,000-acre ranch in Big Timber, Mont., as a mountain retreat.

Brokaw said he has been looking for Montana property since 1981, when he came to the state to film an NBC special and became enchanted.

"I think the world of Montana and I've always wanted to be a part of it," he said. He now is honorary chairman of Friends of Montana, a program of the Nature Conservancy.

Brokaw's ranch is near the north flank of the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area in an area known for its spectacular peaks and blue-ribbon trout streams. Actresses Brooke Shields, actor Michael Keaton and novelist Tom McGuane are other local landowners.

Vietnam vet says movie is exhilarating

Times have mellowed for Ron Kovic, the former Marine whose life is depicted by Tom Cruise in "Born on the Fourth of July."

Once the angry man who rallied the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Kovic is now occupying himself with artwork and other creative undertakings. He co-wrote the script for the autobiographical film directed by Oliver Stone. Stone collaborated on the script.

In a recent interview, he described his joy that Stone, a friend and fellow Vietnam veteran, undertook bringing his life story to film.

The film outlines Kovic's nightmarish passage from all-American boy and superpatriotic soldier to wheelchair activist against the war.

Kovic, 43, said he was at first skeptical about Cruise. Now, he says he is astonished at his performance. "Many people wondered, 'Could Tom Cruise do it? Could he pull it off?'" Kovic said. "When he did, it was just so exhilarating."

Cruise gives ailing girl's spirit a lift

A 10-year-old Fort Mill, S.C., girl waiting for a heart transplant was given permission to go home for Christmas, but not before she got a stellar sendoff from actor Tom Cruise.

"When he came in the room, her heart rate went up to 170 beats a minute," Ginger Mason said. "She was absolutely so excited she couldn't stand it."



Bentley

name, please, just — Crystal Lake, Ill.

Dear Crystal: I do, indeed. Here it is with my thanks for passing it on.

WHAT TO SAY TO SOMEONE WHO IS REALLY SICK

"No guidelines for being a good friend can replace your own style," says former cancer patient Georgia Photopoulos, "but if you'd like a few simple tips on how to talk to someone who is very sick, here they are."

1. Don't be afraid to ask me what I have, how I'm doing, or what my treatment will be. At worst, I'll say I don't want to discuss it. At best, I'll welcome the chance to talk about my problem.

2. You don't know what to say? What did we talk about before I became ill? Politics, art, religion, the PTA. I'm still interested. If



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you're a colleague, let's talk about work. I'd like to keep in touch.

3. Don't try to cheer me up by telling me things could be worse, or I'm lucky my husband or wife hasn't left me, or I could have been hit by a truck. It doesn't help. In fact, forget about cheering me up. What I need most is a compassionate listener with a good ear.

4. Don't assume that you know how I feel. If you really want to know, ask me and I'll tell you.

5. If I look terrible don't say, "You look great." Your lie will hang between us and make me suspicious of everything else you say. It isn't necessary to comment on

TODAY'S CALENDAR

■ ENTERTAINMENT

Holt Masonic Hall: Ballroom dancing for singles and couples with music by Rhythm Kings 8:30 p.m.-midnight today above the Holt Bowling Alley; \$5. Call 487-3181 for more information.

Royal Squares: Holiday Hop dance 7:30-10:30 p.m. today at Forest View Elementary School; \$5.

Shindiggers Square Dance Club: Christmas party with potluck 6:30 p.m. then dancing 7:30-10:30 p.m. today at Murphy Elementary School, Haslett; \$5/couple.

■ SPECIAL INTEREST

Lansing Non-Smoking Singles: Breakfast 9:30 a.m. today at Golden Gate Restaurant, 6335 S. Cedar. Information at 332-5085.

YMCA Parkwood Branch: Register kids now for vacation club for a week of games, swimming, arts and crafts, outdoor fun, special events and more, Tuesday-Saturday and Jan. 2-5, 332-8657.

■ COMING UP

VFW Post 6132 and Ladies Auxiliary: Country breakfast 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Sunday at 3104 W. St. Joe; \$3, \$2.75/ages 5-12, free/under 5.

Holt Jaycees: Winter blood drive noon-7 p.m. Tuesday at Holt Presbyterian Church. Held in conjunction with the Michigan Red Cross Blood Bank.

Lansing Buddhist Meditation Group: Zen meditation practice, no experience necessary 7:15 p.m. Tuesday at Unitarian Universalist Church, East Lansing; donation, 332-3183.

Toughlove of Lansing: Parent support group meets 7:30-9:40 p.m. Tuesday at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 125 S. Pennsylvania; free.

American Cancer Society/Lansing General Hospital: Coping with cancer self-help support group for people who have cancer, their families and friends 7 p.m. Tuesday in the second floor solarium of the hospital; free.

Dignity of Greater Lansing: Support group to promote spiritual, educational and social development of lesbians and gays 8 p.m. Tuesday. Write P.O. Box 1265, East Lansing 48826 for location and information.

La Leche League International: Breastfeeding information and support group 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, free. 882-1484 or 371-4038 for location.

Passages Through Loss and Grief: Support group, sponsored by Hospice, for those who experienced loss through death, illness, divorce or other crisis 1-3 p.m. Wednesday and 7:30-9:30 p.m. Thursday at Pilgrim Congregational Church, 125 S. Pennsylvania Ave. 484-7434 or 485-8350.

Lansing Liederkranz Club: Advance ticket sales required for New Year's Eve party with a dinner from 7-8:30 p.m. and dance with Leo Balcer and "Celebration" 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Dec. 31 at 5828 S. Pennsylvania Ave.; \$20/person. Call 676-4893 and ask for Gerhard Komm.

The daily community calendar is published as a free service to our readers. To have your meeting, class, benefit, reunion, etc., listed in the calendar, mail or bring it to Community Calendar, Lansing State Journal (120 E. Lenawee, Lansing, 48919) one week before the date of the event. Each day's item must be in writing on one of our printed forms (available in the lobby). All events must be held by non-profit organizations and should be open to the public.

Friends of the Lansing Public Library:

Used book sale, magazines, art and records 11:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the basement level of the main library, 401 S. Capitol.

Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Mid-Michigan: Support, advocacy and educational group for family and friends of seriously mentally ill and clients 7-9 p.m. Wednesday at Community Support Services Building, Room 110; free.

Lansing Area Safety Council: Holiday open house to celebrate 50 years of serving community 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Thursday at 1017 E. Kalamazoo St.

Agoraphobics in Motion

(A.I.M.): Educational meeting for agoraphobia, anxiety or panic attacks 7 p.m. Thursday at Christ United Methodist Church, 517 W. Jolly; donations, 694-1907 or write P.O. Box 77, Holt 48842.

Homosexuals Anonymous of Lansing: Support group meeting with discussion and prayer for people desiring freedom from homosexuality 7:30 p.m. Thursday; free. Location and information at 487-6498.

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about other doctors, hospital methods of treatment until you to.

7. Do bring flowers, games — whatever you might enjoy. Best of all yourself. Illness changes so Please don't let it change friendship.

Dear Ann Landers: I've you've received many res to the letter signed "Gettressed in Georgia." She w fused about whether to be radiologist and "make son of her life," or forget about and become a flight atten

Thank you, Ann, for your answer. Unfortunately, most seem to think of flight attendants as glorified waiters and waitresses. Many flight attendants are college graduates. I have a degree in computer science. Amo

Don't ignore the holiday

The poinsettia may be the flowering plant you think of for holidays, but it is by no means the only choice. A wide variety of flowering plants can add beauty to your holiday decor or brighten the life of a friend as a gift.

If your house or apartment is fairly cool — between 60 and 65 degrees during the day and at night — horticulturists recommend kalanchoe, Christmas cactus, amaryllis, azalea, Rieger begonia and cyclamen.

Kalanchoe is a succulent that produces clusters of small, petal-shaped flowers in shades of yellow, orange, pink and red. It needs bright light and water when the soil begins to dry.

Christmas cacti bear flowers in white, coral and red at the ends of pendulous, segmented stems. Overwatering causes premature flower bud drop, so water when the surface feels dry.

The amaryllis is a bulb that produces large — up to dinner-sized — lily-shaped flowers on tall stems. Strap-shaped leaves appear after flowering. They are usually available potted and ready to grow — all you need is water. Colors range from white through pink and red.

Azaleas are shrubby plants with glossy, dark green leaves. They bear a profusion of blossoms in a wide range of solid colors and variegations. They do best in a bright light and cool temperature. Like amaryllis bulbs, they are planted outdoors in the summer and then brought in before frost.

What's On Every Thursday

TV from kit easier than believed

Associated Press

Does someone in the family love to tinker with electrical appliances and delights in building something from scratch? The ultimate challenge may be to build a television set.

The best news is — it's not as hard as you think.

A subsidiary of Zenith, Heathkit has been providing build-it-yourself kits to hobbyists for more than 40 years. The company provides technical help, detailed assembly instructions and a responsive service department.

Video Magazine investigated how to go about building a TV set from scratch and compared a home-made set's performance to that of its factory-made counterpart.

Kits have become greatly simplified in the last decade or so. While it once took more than 100 hours to build a set, the kits can now be assembled in about seven hours using only a screwdriver and a few simple tools.

The advantage of building a set — besides the obvious thrill of telling friends about your achievement.



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Tanya Otto Named Employee Of The Year



Pictured (L-R): William Livingston, Tanya Otto, Mayor, Dan Wrubel.

Tanya Otto was named "Employee Of The Year" by the Eaton Rapids Downtown Development Authority. Otto, who is Controller and Manager of Office Administration for Akemi Plastics, Inc. was honored Wednesday, evening, April 26, 1989 at a reception and dinner held at the Eaton Rapids Senior Center.

As "Employee Of The Year," Otto received a dozen roses, a personal award plaque and her name and the name of her firm placed on a plaque in the Eaton Rapids City Hall. Criteria for receiving this honor include job dedication, enthusiasm,

creativity and community involvement, as well as such personal qualities as grooming, dependability, punctuality and courtesy.

Otto was nominated for this award by her boss, William R. Livingston, President of Akemi Plastics Inc. In nominating Otto, Livingston said she has an "uncanny knack for quickly assessing a situation for its real benefit and expressing a logical plan of action in a very positive manner. Her dependability and loyalty are beyond reproach and none can equal her unyielding desire for excellence."

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Tanya Otto has been named Employee of the Year by the Downtown Development Authority.

Otto, controller and office manager for Akemi Plastics Inc., received the award at the association's recent dinner. Her name will be on a permanent plaque in the City Hall.

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Loner's life confounded others just as his

By Corey Williams
and Sue Nichols
Lansing State Journal

EATON RAPIDS — Michael Warner's life began in a beautiful home, surrounded by family, security and opportunity.

It ended 24 years later in an abandoned Lansing shed last week.

He was far from home in many ways.

Lansing police say Michael, who stood 6 foot 7 and wore long, frizzy bleached-white hair, was a vagrant.

He often wandered in and

around the Frandor Shopping Center in Lansing. But that image is as much a stranger to his parents as Michael was in the years before his death.

"I never thought of Michael as a vagrant," said his mother, Jean Warner. "It seemed to me that vagrants came from vagrants. That word is like a knife. It hurt so much. The word means nobody cared, and we did care."

The third of five children, he discarded the middle-class trappings of a lawyer's son and alienated himself from a loving family.

They last saw him alive in

December.

Then Michael's father, Robert Warner, who is Eaton Rapids' city attorney, read Tuesday's Lansing State Journal. It told of a partially decomposed body found in an unlocked aluminum shed behind the former Campus Ford dealership at 3003 E. Michigan Ave.

The cause of death was a mystery. Murder was not likely.

Robert Warner thought of his troubled son.

Michael was a slow learner and not good in school. He barely graduated from high school, his mother said.

One semester he was tardy 42

times. Michael marched to the beat of his own drum and his family was unable to understand.

"He was stubborn, extremely stubborn," said his sister, Carole Warner, 27. "Whenever he decided to do something that was it. He would do it."

Michael had "tons of girlfriends," said another sister, Patty Warner, 22. He loved cars, but basketball was his obsession.

"Michael was just a dominant basketball player," said brother Bruce Warner, 28. "In the middle of winter he would shovel a foot of snow off the driveway and just shoot baskets until someone

Michael Warner: Left a middle-class life.

Warner

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bad. But that was Michael.

They said he suffered from unpredictable mood swings. He constantly felt threatened by people. The family is unwilling to talk about his problems, but said they did not know him to use drugs.

Jonathan Orr, a former classmate and once Michael's best friend, said Michael's death was not a surprise.

"After high school Michael made a tremendous turnaround," Orr said. "Things that used to mean a lot to him didn't seem to mean anything at all to him any more, such as sports and friendships."

"I've been sitting here for the last four days trying to figure out what caused this change," he said from his home in Fort Wayne, Ind. "Basketball recruiters offered him college scholarships. Instead he declined all of that to live the life he wanted to live."

His former coach, Ed Dutcher, said basketball gave Michael much-needed motivation to keep up his grades.

"I was more than shocked to read about his death in the paper," Dutcher said. "At times he was confused, looking for direction. I wish he had more confidence in himself."

Michael left home shortly after his 1982 graduation and moved to Houston with his brother Bruce. He worked briefly as a security guard.

"He liked the job because it was at night, he was by himself and nobody was around to tell him what to do," Bruce said.

Over the next five years he moved back and forth from Eaton Rapids to Houston. In 1985, while he was living with his parents, his red Camaro was totaled in an accident. He had no insurance to replace the car.

It tipped him over the brink.

"It was like someone was taking his child from him," Jean Warner said.

"He started not to care about things that were important to him," Bruce said. "He started getting real resentful. He felt like people were ripping him off."

Last year Michael returned to Houston and had his own apartment. He bleached his stylish brown hair white. Police said he had several tattoos on his arms: a swastika, Playboy bunnies, "Charlotte, Michigan." "Ozzy" was tattooed across the fingers of his right hand, after heavy metal rocker Ozzy Osbourne.

Last Christmas in Houston, Bruce took a few gifts to Michael's apartment. A few days later, Michael's sister Carole saw him riding his bike there.

Then he was gone.

But to many in the Frandor Shopping Center area, Michael was a fixture. His height and the bushy white hair that covered his eyes made him noticeable as he hung around.

Michael had not been in trouble with local police departments, officials said. But sales people at Story Oldsmobile Inc., 3165 E. Michigan Ave., not far from where his body was found, have an unsettling memory of him.

They say that two days before his body was found, Michael wandered into their showroom. They said he was dazed, filthy and walked unsteadily.

He tried to talk to a salesman, but his speech was unintelligible, said salesman Mike Hernly.

Michael was asked to leave. Once outside, he started kicking the showroom's windows. Then he



Lansing State Journal/GREG DeRUITER

Patsy Warner looks at old family photos, including some of her brother, Michael, who was found dead last week.

wandered away.

Story employees later that day saw Michael sitting against a building at Ranney Park across the street. He was there for hours.

The next day, a Story salesman saw him at a nearby 7-Eleven, buying a Big Gulp and cigarettes.

The next day, police found his body.

Police still don't know how he died. Lab tests won't be done for at least two weeks, said Detective Sgt. Donald Dufour.

Detective James Kus is working to piece together Michael's life. He said the family told him Michael suffered from hypoglycemia: low blood sugar. It can cause unconsciousness and death.

On Aug. 10, employees at the Sawyer Pontiac dealership, 1415 Michigan Ave., East Lansing, had an encounter with Michael similar to the one at Story, Kus said.

Police who were called there thought Michael looked ill. He refused any assistance.

Michael, Kus said, lived last year in the Logan and Shiawassee streets area. He also lived for a time at Buck and Mary's Tavern in north Lansing.

He survived on Social Security checks mailed to the Justice in Mental Health Organization at 2100 E. Michigan Ave.

Robert Warner and his family are still trying to grasp that Michael is truly gone.

"The streets are dangerous," Jean Warner said. "You don't survive the streets. I thought Michael was dead, but I wasn't prepared for it when it happened."

Jean works for Camp Highfields in Onondaga, a place for troubled boys. Donations in Michael's memory have been directed there.

"They are helping boys," she said. "I could never help Michael."

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