By AMY HEIDEN

"An Eye of Change" was the focus of the Cooperative Elevator Co.'s annual meet-
ing last week, as patrons learned the Co-op posted a net profit of $1.66 million profit on sales of nearly $62.6 million in 1992-93. Orion Samuelson, producer and host of the popular "U.S. Farm Report" television and radio show, was the guest speaker for the meeting. He told the audience that farmers now, more than ever, need a marketing plan for their crops.

"I’m not an orator, just a reporter," Samuelson told nearly 1,000 Co-op patrons.

"But I can tell you it’s never been more critical to have a marketing plan."

Based on advice he’s heard through his years talking to farmers and brokers, Samuelson said the wisest thing farmers can do to let their wives market their crops.

"You guys sit up in your combines and you fall in love with those corns and say "I can’t sell it," he said to appreciative laughter. "The wives know when the payments are due and they’ll sell it at the right time."

Samuelson has traveled extensively through the flood-impacted Mississippi River Valley, talking with farmers, and he praised those farmers who say they’ll be planting again next year.

"The Vegas thinks it has a lock on gambling," he said. "It has more money in place for farmers who gamble when you plant seed in the spring."

Co-op Board of Directors Chairman Gerald Elenbaas announced that he would not be seeking another term on the board of directors.

Elenbaas was first elected to the position in 1986 and served as the chairman for the past 11 years.

"He has provided outstanding leadership," Co-op CEO John Kohr, Sr. said. "He is the rare ability to get both sides of any issue discussed. His record speaks for itself."

Finance Vice-President Bill Boyle presented the Co-op’s financial picture to the assembled patrons, reporting that the company’s figures were comparable to last year’s.

"On the surface, it looks like it was a quiet year, but that’s not the case," Boyle said.

"Last year was the summer that wasn’t, with cool weather and plenty of rain and that presented challenges in handling wet corn and beans."

Sales increased almost half a million dollars from 1992’s figures, with almost 52.6 million in sales, Boyle said.

Long-term debt increased, due mainly to the new construction of the new $2.5 million facility in Akron, he said. That debt increased to $41 million.

Boyle also announced that the specialty feed production would be discontinued.

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New medical offices opens in Sebewaing

Doctors Cheryl and Edward Canfield, D.O., will open a new family practice office Tuesday, Sept. 7, at 624 Universal Road, Sebewaing. The Canfields plan to offer care for adults and children and obstetrical services. The practice offers medical services in a community where there has been no resident physician for several years.

Organizational credit goes to USA School Sept. William Dodge, Bay Health Systems, the parent corporation of Bay Medical Center in Bay City, which recruited the new doctors, and Sebewaing area merchants and community members.

A dinner attended by over 70 community members sealed the deal for the Canfields, who want to live in the same community in which they practice.

"The reception was great," said Dr. Edward " Ned" Canfield, adding, "The community made the difference." Both doctors are from small towns and wanted a comfortable place to raise their three children, Cary 6, Mary 2 and Timothy 9 months.

Dr. Cheryl Canfield graduated from Michigan State University in 1980 and completed her internship at Lansing General Hospital in 1980. She has further training in family practice medicine from the University of Tennessee Family Practice Center.

Dr. Edward Canfield graduated from MU-COM in 1986 and completed his internship at Lansing General Hospital in 1986. He has further training in family practice medicine from the University of Tennessee Family Practice Center.

The staff will begin taking appointments by phone on Sept. 7. The number is 883-9088.

DO YOU USE YOUR SEAT BELT? The percentage of seat belt users has continued to rise over the past five years, says the Traffic Safety Association of Michigan.

It has increased from 18% in 1986 to 57% in 1992. This increase in seat belt use saved nearly 30,000 people, the group says.

Air bags are helping also, but officials caution air bags primarily protect against frontal crashes. Seat belts still are the best protection for rear, side and rollover crashes.

The group is working for a 70% seat belt usage rate in 1994.

MDA Telethon details...

The Jerry Lewis MDA Labor Day Telethon’s Red Ace Award Pledge Center will be open at the Huron County Sheriff’s Department again this year.

Volunteers will begin taking telephone pledges this Sunday, Sept. 5, at 9 p.m. and on through Monday evening. A Fish Bowl is set up where the public can make donations, see Round-Up Continued on Page 3

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Co-op sees $1.66 million profit

New USA Principal is ready!

New USA High School Principal David I. Blossom has been busy organizing his office this week, as the 1993-94 school year begins.

"I’m looking forward to the challenges of my new position," Blossom said.

Before taking the USA position earlier this month, Blossom had been an assistant principal since 1988 and athletic director from 1988 to 1992 at Farnsworth High.

Blossom refers to himself as a team player whose door is always open to students, parents and staff.

He fills the vacancy created when Richard Green accepted a similar position in July with John Glenn High School, Bay City.

Blossom has a master of arts degree in secondary education from Central Michigan University, master of arts in interpersonal communications from Western Michigan University, and is a graduate of Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

Columbia talks about trash

The Columbia Township Board will hold a special assessment district meeting at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 8, at the Unionville Village Hall.

The consent contract with Cove Sanitation of Bad Axe expires next month. Rural township residents take their trash to the Columbia Transfer Station. To pay for the service, a special assessment is added on residents’ property tax bills. A regular meeting will follow the hearing.
It's the end of "Elebama era at Cooperative Elevator"

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with the acreage of soybeans that can be harvested. The outlook is for a bumper crop of soybeans this fall.

The cooperative is also in the process of expanding its facilities. The new soybean warehouse will have a capacity of 20 million bushels.

For more information, contact the Cooperative Elevator at 555-1234.

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Even kids know it's back-to-school time

Children all over the region are preparing to return to school this week, ready to learn and make new friends. Here are some tips to help parents prepare for the start of the school year.

1. Get organized: Make a list of everything your child needs for school, including backpacks, notebooks, and pencils. Checklists can be found online or at local stores.

2. Pack a lunch: Pack a balanced lunch with fruits, vegetables, and a sandwich. You can also try packing a variety of snacks to keep your child energized throughout the day.

3. Plan before bedtime: Help your child set a regular bedtime and create a routine for before bedtime. This will help them get enough rest and wake up feeling refreshed.

For more tips on back-to-school time, visit www.backtoschooltips.com.

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Sleeper Park to remain open all year

By AMY HENDY

A vigorous letter-writing campaign by the Caswell Board of Education has paid off, as the Department of Natural Resources has approved a waiver to keep Sleeper Park open all year-round.

The park, located on the north side of the town, has been closed in the past due to budget constraints. The new waiver will allow the park to remain open throughout the year, providing a year-round destination for visitors.

"This is a huge victory for the community," said Mayor John Johnson. "We are thrilled to have Sleeper Park remain open all year-round."
The Newsworthy Forum

The world is diversification, in crops, assets etc...

A wise farmer was once asked, "What's the best crop to grow to make a profitable and prolific farmer?"

"The answer differs with farmers such as the "Hog farmer" or the "Tomato grower". Income can differ greatly depending on the farmer's geographic location.

Farmers need to diversify their income to ensure stability. The profitability of crop production can fluctuate greatly depending on market conditions, weather, and other factors. Diversifying income sources can help stabilize income and reduce risk.

The overall goal is to increase income and reduce risk. This can be achieved by diversifying income sources, such as through the cultivation of multiple crops or the integration of livestock production. Farmers can also diversify their income by selling products directly to consumers, such as through farmers markets or subscription programs. This can help reduce the dependency on traditional wholesale markets and increase the farmer's control over their income streams.

It is important for farmers to consider the long-term viability of their crop production and to adapt to changing market conditions. By diversifying their income sources, farmers can better manage risk and ensure a more stable and profitable future.
**Other Thumb Area deaths**

Snickgochman, John, 77, of Juno, Mich., passed away Aug. 23. Funeral services were held Aug. 26 at the Juno Church of Christ. Dow & Whitney Mortuary, Sarnia, directed.

Ray Boldey, 74, of Harbor Beach, passed away Aug. 31. Memorial services were held Aug. 31 at the United Church of Christ. Dow & Whitney Mortuary, Sarnia, directed.

**HORSESHOE LEAGUE CHAMPIONS** - J & B Plumbing, from left, Cleve Klauffmich, Dutch Miller-Spinnaker, Pete Swets, Junior, Joe Finney. Missing when photo was taken: Carl Seagroves, Milt Swets, and Tim Swets.

**Top pitchers!**

- **CARL A. SATOW**
  1904-1993
  Carl A. Satow, a retired Detroit area farm engineer, a son of the late Asta and Frederic Satow, passed away Aug. 16, 2004, at his home in Columbus, Ohio.

  **JOHN NEAL LOVE**
  1917-1993
  John Love, 76, of the Big Rapids area, passed away Friday, Aug. 25. He was born Aug. 9, 1917, in Big Rapids, the son of the late Charles and Mary (McCreary) Love, and lived in the Big Rapids area most of his normal years. He was married in 1939 to the former Betty Chapman. She passed away March 21, 1984. The service was held at the American Legion Post in Big Rapids on Aug. 30. A visitation was held at the Memorial Chapel of the Big Rapids Mortuary, Inc.

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**A-Fready for Sept. 27 vote**

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You're invited to enjoy Elkton's 1993 AutumnFest!

By ANY HEDEN

Lately due to weather, the folks in the Elkton area have been somewhat limited as to their outdoor activities...but not for lack of trying. The weather has been unreliable and the 1993 season has not been a bountiful one. Last week, the weather was good enough to发展模式 the 1993 AutumnFest. It's time to celebrate the coming of the fall season.

AutumnFest is a celebration of the fall season, offering various activities and events. The festival starts on Saturday, the 13th of October, and continues through the weekend. Visitors can enjoy a variety of activities, including live music, food vendors, and children's games. The highlight of the festival is the AutumnFest parade, which takes place on Saturday afternoon. The parade features floats, marching bands, and dancing performers. It's a great opportunity to enjoy the fall season and celebrate with friends and family.

In addition to the parade, AutumnFest also offers a range of other events. There will be a craft fair with a variety of handmade items for sale, and a chili cook-off, where local groups and businesses will compete to see who can make the best chili. The festival will also feature a pet parade, where pets of all sizes can join in the fun. And for those who prefer to stay indoors, there will be a range of entertainment, including a movie screening and a live performance.

AutumnFest is a great opportunity to enjoy the fall season and celebrate with friends and family. The festival is free to the public, but donations are accepted to help support the event. So, mark your calendars, grab your friends and family, and come out to AutumnFest to enjoy the fall season in style!
Elkton's AutumnFest runs this Friday through Labor Day Monday

Immediately following the annual Elkton Chamber of Commerce AutumnFest, the Elkton Fire Department will host its annual Autumn Harvest Festival. The event will feature a variety of vendors, food, and entertainment. The festival will run from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM, with the main attractions being the Autumn BBQ, harvest parade, and live music. Admission is free, and there will be food available for purchase.

The Autumn Harvest Festival will feature a variety of food vendors, including local farmers markets, and baked goods. Live music will be performed throughout the day, with a special performance by the Elkton High School Band and Choir at 5:00 PM.

For more information about Elkton's AutumnFest, please call the Elkton Fire Department at 517-375-2345.
Some people say they never don’t make cars like they used to. You can judge for yourself at Elkton’s Annual Car Show during Elkton’s AutumnFest celebration.

Set for this Sunday, Sept. 31, from 4 to 9 p.m. in Elkton Park and on S. Main St., the Elkton Antique Auto Club and the Elkton Chamber of Commerce are excited to present Elkton’s Annual Car Show.

There are plenty of activities to choose from, including the annual Car Show, which will feature classic cars, trucks, and motorcycles. The winner of the Best of Show award will be announced on Saturday night at Elkton’s Annual Car Show.

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"The Bank That Welcomes You With A Smile"
By Diane Guenther

A hunt or fisherman who told today, and he most likely will answer (if he is honest) with the number of fish in his cooler or bucket in his game bag.

While millions of the main reason most people pursue these sports, many others find far richer rewards accompanying a day afield.

It may be a beautiful piece of scenery captured on film or canvas. Or, it could be the therapeutic relaxation from a grinding week at work. Or, as in my case, it may be a chance meeting with a special person.

Regardless of what you read in the papers or watch on TV, the majority of America’s population is not made up of bad guys committing insidious acts. There are thousands and thousands of fine folks who enjoy helping each other out, and an anomalous amount appear to be related to adventures in the out-of-doors.

Living many years of hunting, fishing and camping, I have met hundreds of "no-name" people who appeared out of the blue—at just the right time—to make my day, and henceforth my life, richer and more rewarding.

My earliest memory of such a person was Pickle Henry, a strange, old man who was sickly and, in his manner, a fisherman. He would wind through the streets of my tiny hometown in his yellow-orange Model A pickup paddling his oars to the tune of the wails who moved him there.

My Mother would send me down the street to purchase his famous pickled herring, which my Dad dearly loved. After he bought the fish on an almost scale hanging from the corner of the truck, he would slide them in the tail I had brought along for that purpose.

Any time as clockwork, he would slip a little piece of smoked fish into my hand for me to nibble on the way back home.

Another of my youthful encounters happened when, as the perch spewed, I would paddle my bike the six miles just for a chance to bring home a stringer full.

On one day when fishing was particularly bad, a car pulled alongside the road and a man wearing a green uniform got out and sauntered down the bank.

"Any luck?" he asked. Sure that I was about to be arrested for some hideous crime, I could only shake my head in the negative.

"Hungry?" he asked again. This time I nodded in the affirmative—and while I was devouring the half sandwich I had handed me, he lifted his pole and pulled in the line.

Within minutes he had changed the sport of fishing for me. He went back to his car to get a couple of sharp hooks and with his jackknife fashioned a splendid bobber.

Before he left, I caught six, with a little coaching from him, of course.

There were many others.

A small, arthritic beast old man who watched patiently as I thrilled around the woods next to his house in search of game.

I had just moved to Gladwin and didn’t know the first thing about hunting this new and exciting bird. Later, as I returned to my car, he met me with a bottle of beer and an offer to show me some "good" spots the next day.

He made his promise good and I became quite a grouse hunter during the next three years I lived there.

I took a picture of a 75-lb. trout fisherman on Spearfish Canyon, S.D. He had waded me down to a stream side and slipped a half dozen wet flies in my hand.

"I’m upstream from, behind the rocks," he instructed, and left for something to do. I still have a map of all the hot fishing holes in Yellowstone National Park, given to me by a stranger because we shared a cup of coffee one morning on the Au.Sable.

So, when someone asks me how I did on a particular hunting or fishing trip, I stop and think of all the wonderful people I met...