The BLADE-CRESCENT & The Progress-Advance

By AMY HEIDEN

Nearly everyone dreams of being in the movies, even in a small part, but few of us realize that dream.


The movie is now showing in theaters throughout the country and critics have raved about it.

"Gettysburg" depicts the epic battle between Union and Confederate forces in 1863 in Gettysburg, Pa., one which proved to be a turning point in the only war fought on American soil.

More than $3 million was spent bringing the battle to the screen.

Thousands of extras were needed to film the movie, and Bay Port resident Frashor and Pigeon resident Eichler were among the volunteers who answered the call to reenact Pickett's Charge.

Both have plenty of experience in re-enacting that period of American history, as they are members of the Cumberland Guard, based in Lansing.

But movie-making is a different process than they thought it would be, Eichler said.

During a week in filming in August 1992, the two endured long waits and sweltering heat in their wool uniforms.

The movie took 10 weeks to film.

"They didn't understand how military re-enactors operate," Eichler said. "They gave us too much time."

"They'd come to get us for breakfast and we'd be dressed and have our food eaten in 15 minutes, and then they'd give us an hour and a half for that. We stood there and waited and waited."

More than 100 re-enactors from Michigan took part in the movie, joining hundreds of others from across the country in helping make the movie as authentic as possible.

"They saved a lot of money on props because we brought our own, which was more authentic anyway," Eichler said.

The movie was originally titled "Killer Angels," Eichler said, but Turner changed it, not wanting moviegoers to believe the film was about the Devil's Angels bikers.

USA Drama Club prepares Christmas play

The USA Drama Club is preparing a one-act play for presentation to organizations at Christmas time.

The play is an adaptation of "The Christmas Carol," with a cast of 18 students. Musical excerpts help set the mood.

Their first performance will be on Monday, Dec. 13, for the Rotary Club. Any organization that would like to engage the traveling troupe may call Joan Hofmeister, 883-3483, or Ken Anderson, 883-3438.

A small free-will offering will be accepted to pay expenses, but this is primarily a service to the community in appreciation for support of their major production in the spring, organizers say.

NOVEMBER IS GIRL SCOUT COOKIE TIME: Link Kain, Katie Donohue and Kriels Langenburg show some of the wonderful varieties of cookies available for sale. They are 10, 12 and eight, respectively.

The girls are from Unionville and Sebewaing Area troops. Money raised goes towards troop projects. Details: Cindy Donohue at 883-2634.

Blade & Progress

NEWS ROUND-UP

Thumbs transpo study done

Findings of a regional transportation need study of the Thumb are complete and public copies are now available.

Econometrics of Mayfield Associates present the Thumb Regional Transportation report this Wednesday, Nov. 3 in a 7 p.m. meeting at the Franklin Inn, Bad Axe.

The study examined the potential needs for transportation in Huron, Tuscola, Sanilac and Lapeer Counties, and the need for transportation to Bay City, Saginaw, Lapeer and Port Huron.

"State and federal officials are looking more and more to regional transportation systems," said Jennifer Leitzen, manager of Tuscola County's ThumbExpress. "Regional transportation is an important element in the future growth of the Thumb, and we need access to medical technology and employment opportunities available in surrounding cities. We are so limited here in the Thumb."

Huron, Sanilac and Lapeer Counties have county-wide service. Tuscola County offers bus service in the Care Area.

"When area residents need medical services outside of the area we all can do is sympathize with them because our transit systems can't leave their designated areas," said Leitzen.

The year-long study was funded by a grant from the state Department of Transportation.

By MARY DRERR

FACING SHOTGUN CHARGES

Richard D. Wernych, 27, of Sebewaing, has been charged with threatening a man with a shotgun last Tuesday, Oct. 27, at the Michigan Sugar Co. Plant in Sebewaing.

Wernych is charged with malicious assault, a third-degree felony, and possession of a firearm during a felony in Huron County District Court.

Wernych was arraigned on Saturday with a dangerous weapon in his possession.

The firearms charge is a felony with a mandatory sentence of two years to be served consecutively.

Unionville house torched

Six Thumb Area fire departments responded to a fire Saturday afternoon that totally destroyed a rural home.

The Unionville Fire Department was dispatched about 3:30 p.m. to a fire at the Rock Wolf residence, 2231 E. Cass City Road, between Fort Gratiot and Cass City.

The fire started in a bathroom closet and appeared electrical in nature, said Unionville Fire Chief Raymond Striter.

The house was a total loss, but it was insured. No dollar figure of damage is available.

Bomb suspects caught

Huron County police agencies have four suspects in several threats against schools last week.

Sebewaing Fire Department was one of several units to respond to phoned-in threats Oct. 22 to three school districts. Similar incidents occurred at schoolchildren's高低 of Lakers and Owendale Gagtown Districts.

James K. Smith, 18, of Sebewaing, is scheduled for a pre-trial examination 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Nov. 18, in Huron County District Court. Also, youths ages 11, 14 and 15

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Achievements

Cassville School, 4-H Club activities receive state
honors - Cassville School, 4-H Club activities are receiv-
ing state recognition for their efforts in agri-
culture, 4-H Club activities, and leadership.

KINDERMUTT Pittenger of Cassville, Treasur-
er, 4-H Club activities, was named the Ameri-
can 4-H Center's 2019 State 4-H Volunteer of the
Year. Pittenger was recognized for his dedication to
4-H Club activities and leadership at the state level.

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