

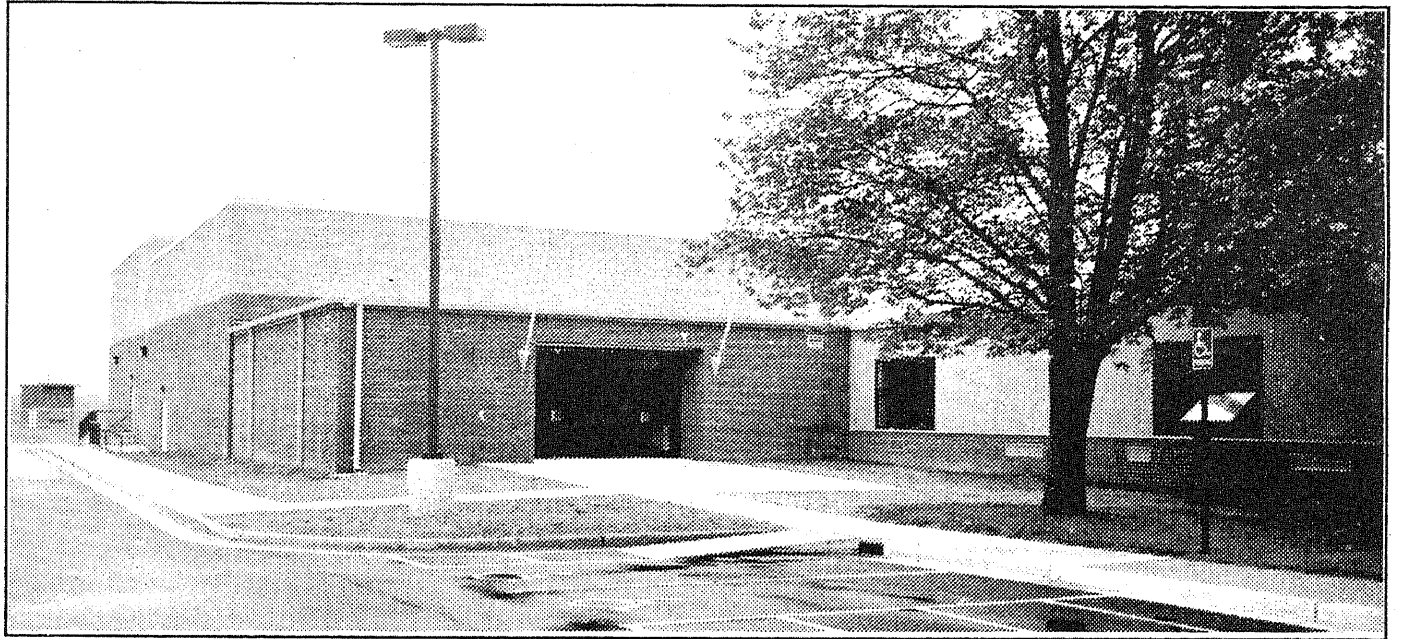
**Caseville School
Dedication
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The Newsweekly

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Dedication Sunday,
Sept. 25, 1994**

Dedication ceremonies are 2 p.m. this Sunday

Enjoy an 'arm-chair tour' of the new addition at Caseville Public School



By AMY HEIDEN

In the cold dark days of winter in 1993, Caseville residents braved the cold, marched into the voting booths and said "yes" when they were asked to spend \$3.6 million to renovate their school.

A year and a half later, those voters will be thanked for their willingness to spend money when the Caseville Public School holds a special dedication ceremony this Sunday, Sept. 25 at 2 p.m. in the school's brand-spanking-new auditorium, located just behind the existing school at the corner of Vine and Pine Streets in Caseville.

General contractor Serenus Johnson and Son Construction Co. of Bay City and its long list of subcontractors worked feverishly this past winter, spring and summer to finish the project.

They've finished their renovating and construction efforts, which includes new classrooms, a new 360-seat, fully accessible auditorium, administrative offices, an expanded gymnasium with a refinished floor, new tile floors, new fire alarm systems, and a new heating system.

The school is now fully handicapped-accessible, and every classroom is fully wired for computer and telecommunications hookups to allow staff and students to fully access the information superhighway.

Centerpiece of the expanded Caseville School is the new auditorium, featuring computerized light and sound controls.

The auditorium is fully accessible to the handicapped and even has a lift to allow wheelchair users to get on the stage. Seats have been removed from 10 strategic spots in the auditorium to allow wheelchair users to view events on stage without having to block aisles.

There's an orchestra pit and the 1,750-sq. ft. stage is big enough for most any production. Backstage, there's a large storage room for props, a dressing room and the band practice room is close, too.

Caseville community groups can use the auditorium for free and because of the separate entrance, they won't disturb classes. Other local groups can rent the auditorium for their events.

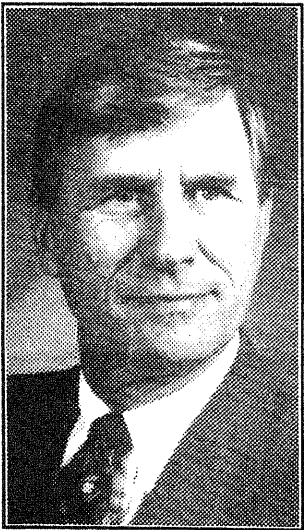
Other improvements throughout the building include bigger lockers, carpeting and plenty of bright fresh paint. Double doors now separate the high school portion of the building from the elementary, so that lunchtime noises don't disturb students in other parts of the building.

The public is invite to the festivities Sunday — and The Newsweekly offers you an "arm-chair tour" on the following pages, to see the new project up close.

We asked Supt. James Stahl, the Administrative Staff and Teachers to list the top 16 or so features of the new school — and then asked one student from each grade to show us those things. (Only the seventh grade isn't represented, since they were on a field trip this past week!) We hope you enjoy your "arm-chair tour" inside!

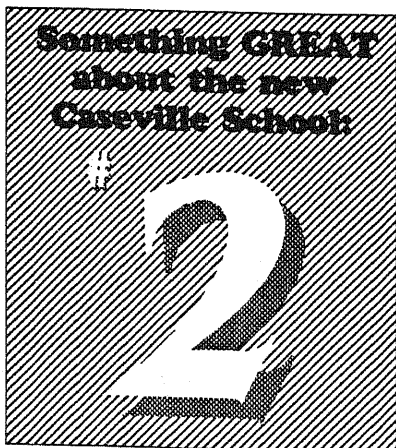


FIRST-GRADER Cassandra Lang checks out a book in the expanded school library. The original library was large, but when an extra classroom was needed years ago, the library lost much of its room. But now, the library is bigger than the original and features more storage space and an office for the librarian.



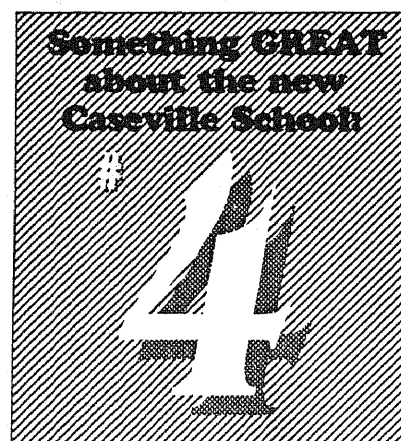
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He and Administrators and many Caseville Teachers have "spent their summer vacations" working to get the renovated school ready for use this fall.

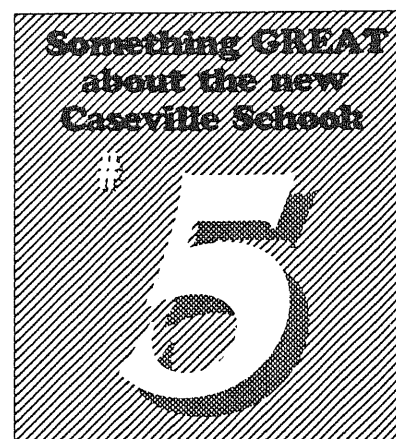
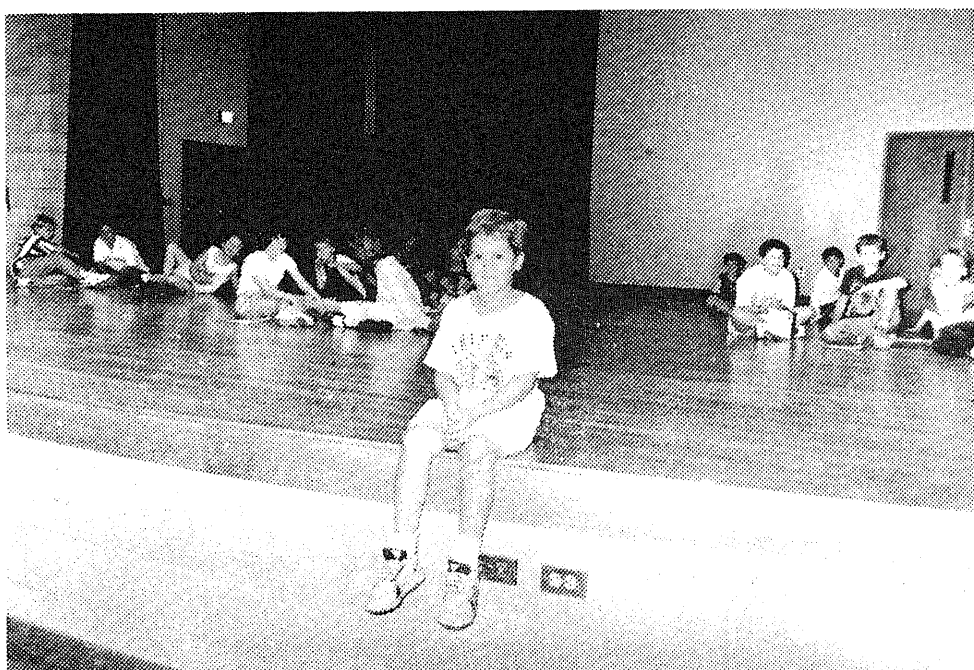




FOURTH-GRADER Alice Fisher thinks the new 360-seat auditorium is "great." The auditorium is fully handicap-accessible, with a wheelchair lift to the stage, set-aside spaces for wheelchairs, an orchestra pit and fully-computerized lighting and sound systems. Caseville community groups will be using the auditorium for various events.



KINDERGARTENER Matthew McCrimmon sits on the new stage in the auditorium, which should get plenty of use by school and community groups. The 1,750-sq. ft. stage is made of oak and pine, and behind it is a large storage room for props and other equipment, and a dressing area. The stage is fully handicapped-accessible.

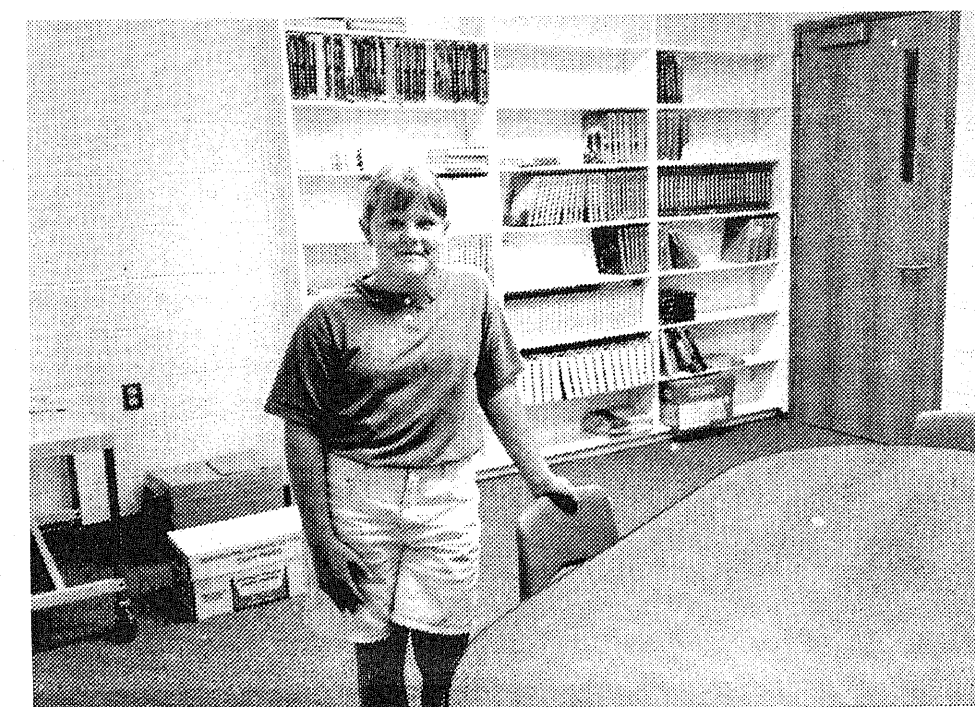


EIGHTH-GRADER Jandi Nickerson stands in the newly-built home economics room, where students learn basic household skills. The front part of the room is used as a classroom for students learning Spanish, as the same teacher instructs both classes.



FIFTH-GRADER Katie Lundberg stands in the speech/social worker room, part of which used to be the superintendent's secretary's office. The school nurse also works in this room.

What fifth-grader Katie Lundberg likes best about her newly-renovated school is "the auditorium, because we can do concerts best in there."



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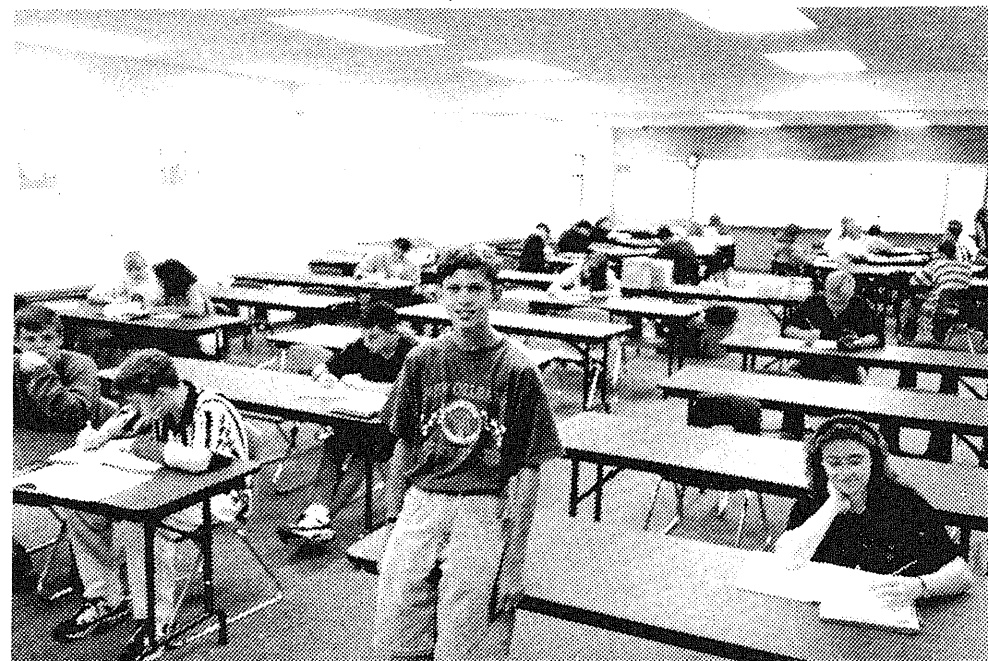
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EIGHTH-GRADER Nate Gaide shows the new double room used for English instruction. The room can be divided into two by closing a movable wall, and because of its size and its tables, can also be used as a conference room.

Eighth-grader Nate Gaide says he likes the new school because "it's different and it's neat and it's smaller than the school I attended before."

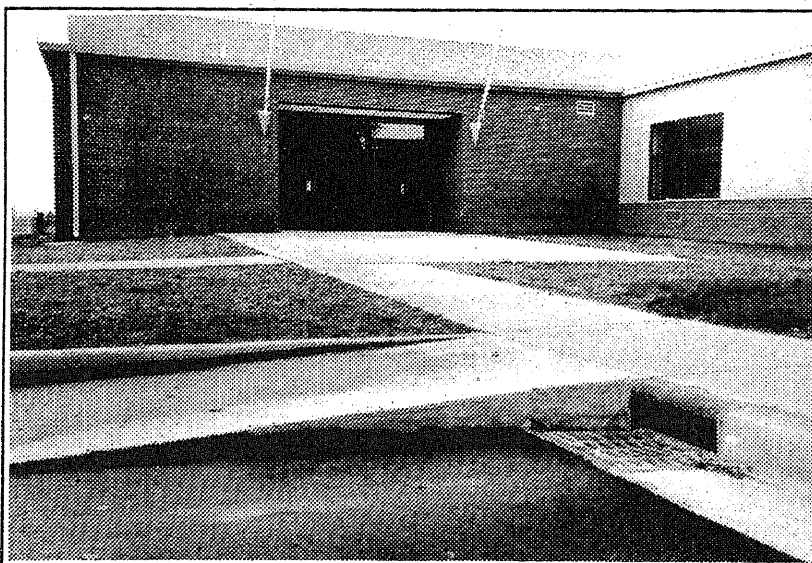
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THIRD-GRADER Nick Reynolds stands in front of the new storage shed across the street from the school. Extra large equipment will be stored here, equipment that formerly was stored in the school.



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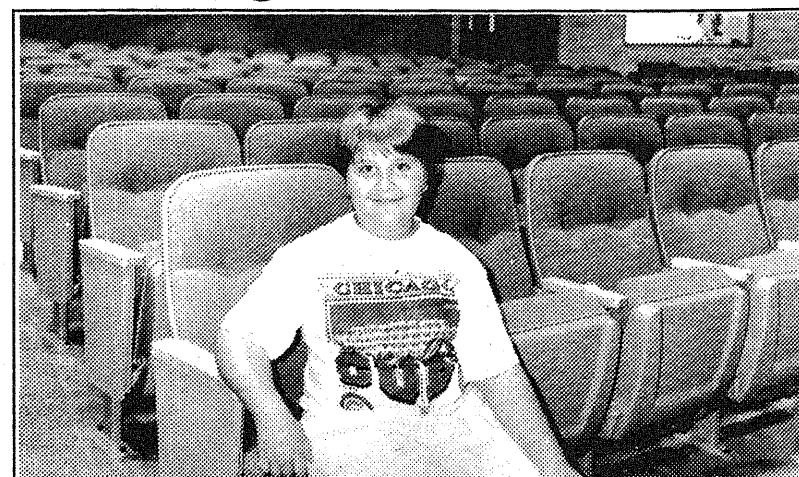
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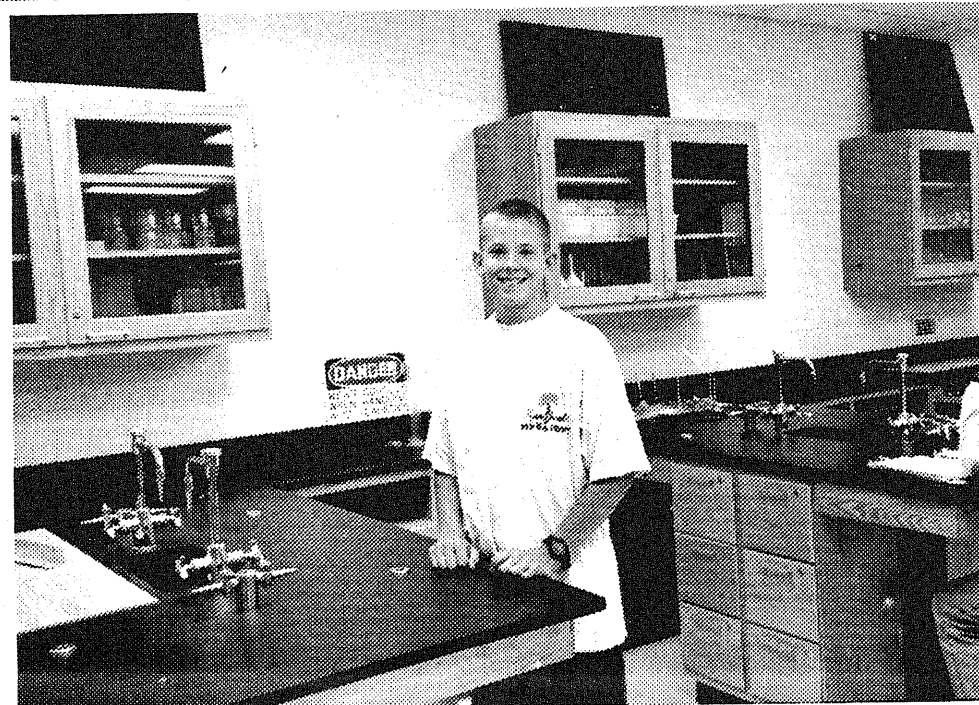
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SENIOR Greg Samczyk displays a band uniform in the brand-new band room near the new auditorium. As in the rest of the school, there's now plenty of room to store instruments, uniforms, music and other equipment. There are even individual rooms for students practicing for solo and ensemble performances.

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NINTH-GRADER Rob Peter shows off some of the equipment in the brand-new chemistry room. The room connects with another room that will house the new silicon-graphics computer, a chemical storage room and a science classroom. Both classrooms will share use of the storage rooms and lab space.

Lake - Chandler news notes

By MILDRED BALLAGH

Recent visitors of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Gross, were Mr. and Mrs. Carol Gross and daughter Sonya of England; John Gross of California; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Gross and son Mark of Belleville; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gross and family of Essexville; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Krabbe of Munger; Mr. and Mrs. Willard Gross and family; Mr. and Mrs. Allan Gross and family of Caseville.

Mr. and Mrs. Les Simmons, Richard Groth, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Simmons and children Ryan and Nicole spent a few days at Drummond Island.

Mrs. Clara Wightman and son Don Faupel attended the Shawn Gilbert wedding at Milverton, Ont. and visited Melinda (David Faupel's sister and an overnight guest of Percy Way of Stratford) and a 100 year old aunt of David's, Marion Dunty.

Mr. and Mrs. William Bal-

lagh spent the weekend with Bill and Jan Ballagh of New Lothrop and on Saturday attended the first birthday of Amanda Ballagh at the home of her parents, Bill and Annette Ballagh at Stockbridge.

Don and Judy Ahearn of Saginaw spent the weekend with their mother, Ann McBride and Fred.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Conkey and guests Jean Tandy and daughter Krist and son of New

Hampshire were recent callers of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bishop, Port Austin.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy Jo Dufty of Lapeer visited relatives in the area on Sunday. Morgan and Lorene Ballagh of Kinde were Friday night visitors in the William Ballagh home.

Mrs. Ray Wakefield of Adrian spent a few days with her mother, Mrs. George Southworth.

Mrs. Roland Nelson was co-hostess for the Chandler Pres-

byterian Guild meeting on Wednesday at the Chandler church. The October meeting will be at the Nelson home.

Mary Grunert of Three Rivers spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ballagh and visited her father, Bill, a surgical patient at St. Mary's Hospital, Saginaw.

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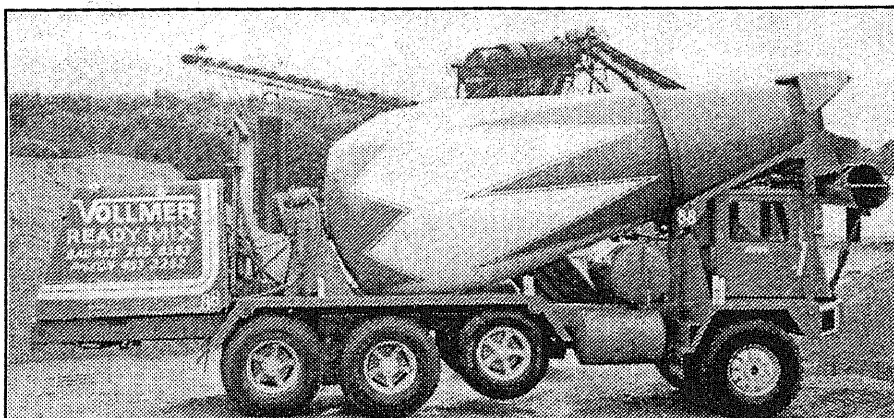


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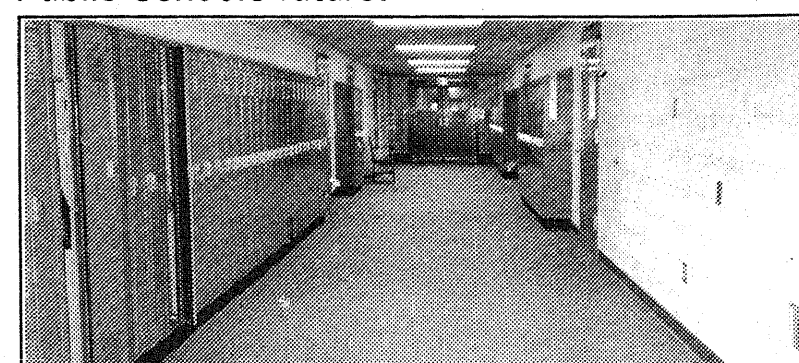
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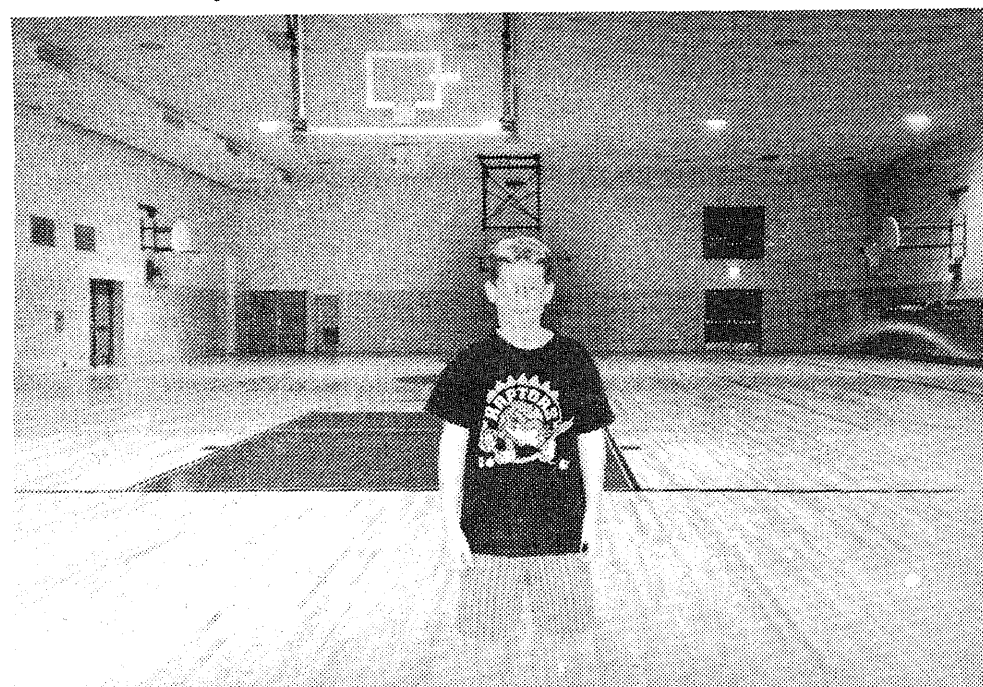
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SIXTH-GRADER Drew Williams stands in the much-larger school gym. Because a new outside wall was added on the east side of the building, the gym is now larger and features a practice area at one end. The floor also has been completely refinished.

Sixth-grader Drew Williams likes his "new" school because "there's a lot more room here now."

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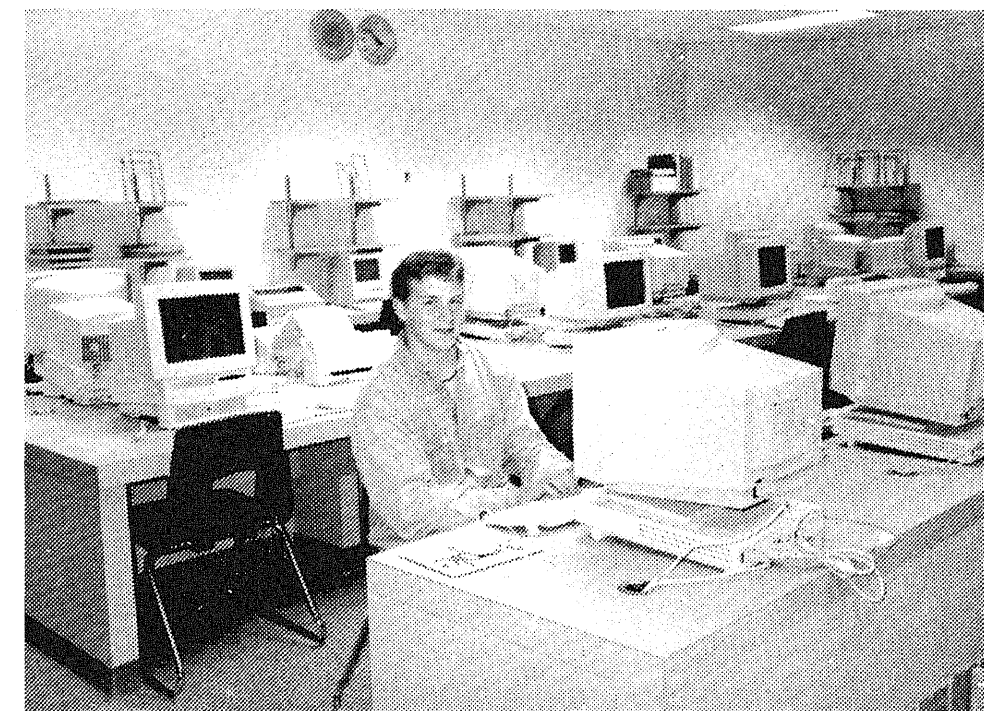
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HERE'S THE NEW main entrance to Caseville Public School, on Vine Street, providing access to the gymnasium. More doors are provided, as are display cases. Business offices are located here, as is Supt. James Stahl's office.



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JUNIOR Tony Carson tries out one of the new Apple computers in the renovated and refurbished computer lab. All Caseville students get instruction on computers, beginning in the elementary grades. The whole school is completely wired for computer and telecommunications linkups.

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SPECIAL SERVICES teacher Kim Gaide instructs her students in a room of her own, with all the materials she needs within easy reach. There's carpet on the floor, and the room is bright and cheerful with coats of fresh paint.



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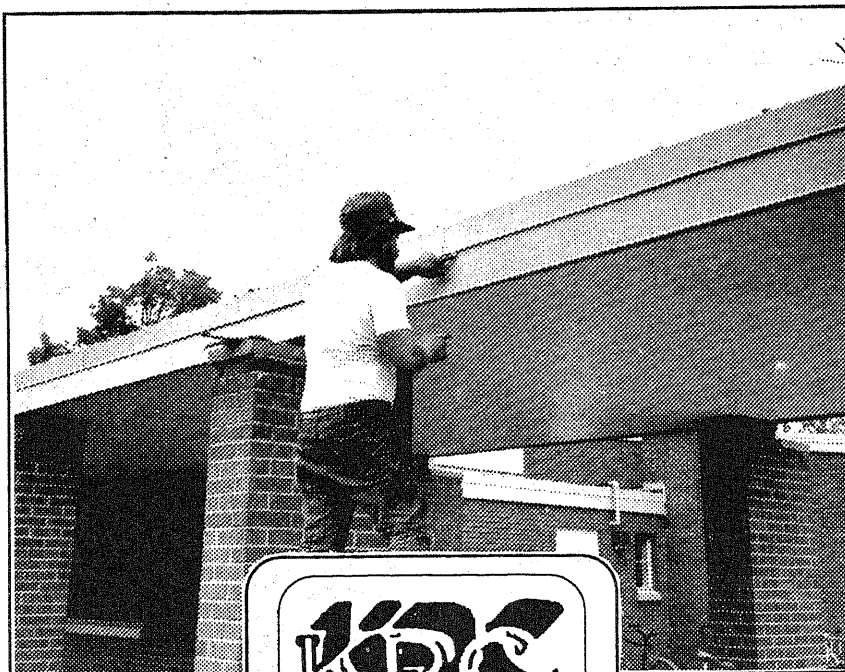
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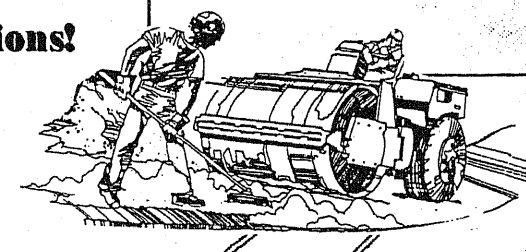
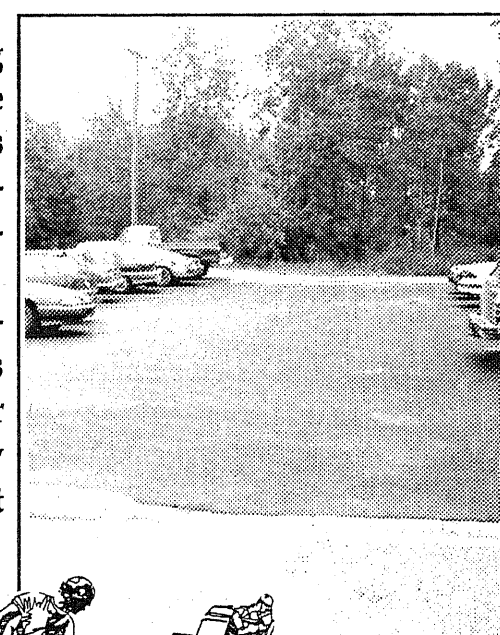
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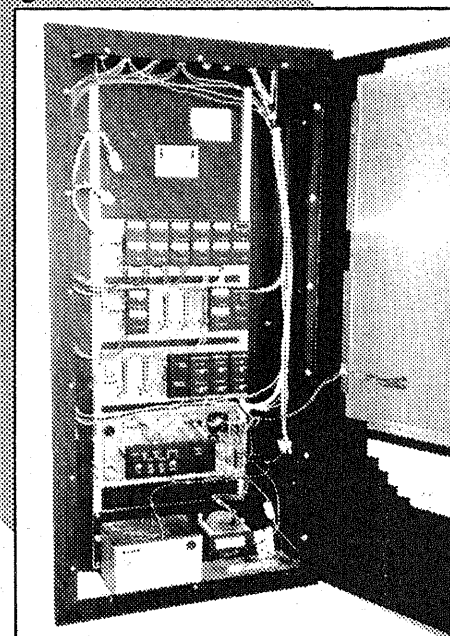


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SOPHOMORE August Jones stands in the new combination shop/art room. With a movable wall, the brand-new classroom can be turned into two separate rooms. Much shop space isn't needed anymore because students can attend the Huron Skill Center in Bad Axe. Art students now have a source of natural light to work on their projects.

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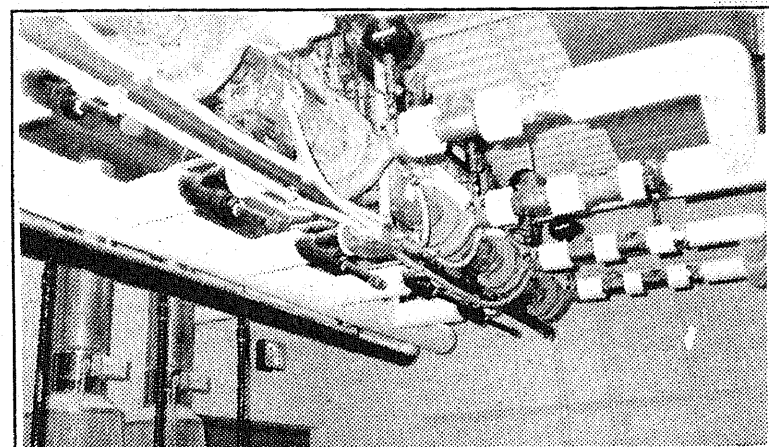
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SECOND-GRADER Kelly Ross shows some of increased storage space that teachers and staff appreciate in the newly-renovated school. The school has always had a problem with a lack of space for storing books and materials, but with the addition of new classrooms, closets abound.

Second-grader Kelly Ross says, "I like the new marker boards instead of the old chalkboards."

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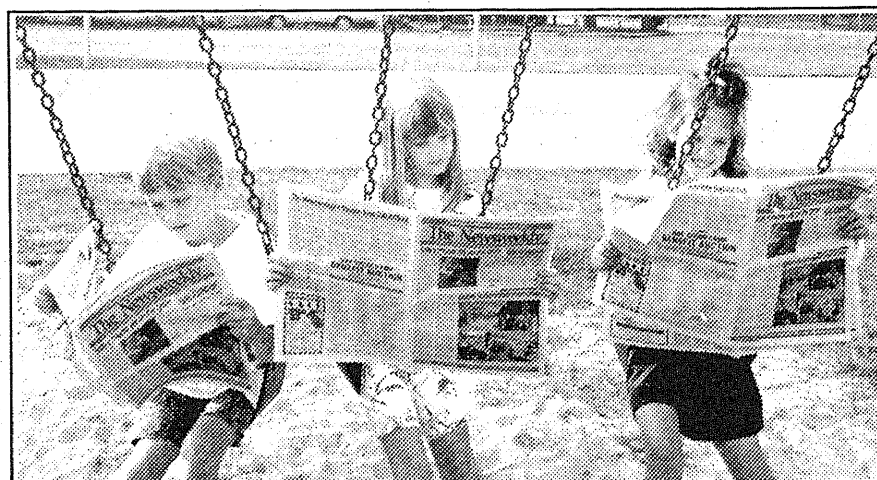


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Family Reunions

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The 66th annual Heck-Schweitzer Reunion was held on Sunday, Sept. 12 at St. Lorenz Church Grove in Frankenmuth with 20 families answering roll call.

After a pot-luck dinner at 12 noon, a short business meeting was held with Mike Renn in charge. There were games

for everyone with prizes awarded.

The reunion will be held at the same place next year with the John Johnston family in charge.

ELFTMAN REUNION

The Elftman Families gathered on Sunday Aug. 28 at Ackerman Park in Elkton.

About 90 members gathered for a pot-luck dinner at 12 noon.

A short business meeting was held with Clark Elftman as acting president. He also gave a short report and update on the history of the family.

New officers for next year are Dick Jarvis, President, Lou Ann Jarvis as Vice President and Secretary and Treasurer

is Donna Fuerst. Jennifer Diebel will have charge of games.

BERGMAN FAMILY

The 54th Bergman Reunion was held at Cross Lutheran School, Pigeon, on Sunday, Aug. 21 with about 56 attending. A business meeting followed dinner.

Family representatives reported 32 births, seven

deaths, 22 marriages and seven divorces since the last reunion.

Tom Shupe will remain as president and Nancy Schuette as Secretary/Historian for another term, by unanimous vote.

Recognition of special members present were Fred Bergman of Orange, CA and Erich and Ken Bergman of Clearwater, FL, who hadn't attended in over 25 years.

The next reunion will be the third Sunday in August, 1996, hosted by the Tom Shupe and Elmer Schuette families.

MC/MACCALLUM REUNION

Descendants of John and Pauline (Wolf) McCallum held their sixth family reunion on Sunday, Sept. 11 in the Owendale school cafeteria with 70 members present.

The group formed a family circle while Olson McCallum offered prayer before the pot-luck dinner was served.

The room was decorated with fall decor by Barb and Robin McCallum. A family portrait of the family while all eight children were small was on display by Bonnie MacCallum Gaeth along with a dress worn by her Aunt Anna MacCallum Ross as a young lady. Several pieces of history were also displayed by Vera MacCallum Heriem

and other members of the family.

One member represented the gray shirted family of Katie from Memphis.

Fifteen members of the green shirted family of Frank attended from Cass City, Auburn, Bay City, Pigeon, Bad Axe, Pt. Austin and Owendale.

Twelve members of the yellow shirted family of William were in attendance from Waterford, White Lake, Orion, and Oxford.

Nineteen members of the white shirted family of Arnold attended from Warren, Bay Port, East Pointe, Gagetown and Owendale.

Two members of the pink shirted family of Vera attended from White Lake.

Second generation family in attendance were Vera Heriem of White Lake, Howard McCallum of Waterford and Helen MacCallum of Owendale.

There were two marriages, Robert MacCallum and Christine Prezdski in October, 1993 and Amy Endersbe and Randall Rodriguez in July, 1994.

One death of Cordie Heriem in April, 1994.

Johnny Bohn of Waterford invited group to his home next year with Lois and Michelle Moncier of White Lake and Marilyn Walling, Orion to be on the September 1995 committee.



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By MARY DRIER

History helped make us who we are today — and last week's 10th annual Riverwalk Fest in Bay City gave local folks a chance to demonstrate part of our history.

Laurene and Mike Frazho of Bay Port are two of the 850 re-enactors who participated in the festival, as they portrayed civilians during the Civil War era.

"Most people are familiar with re-enactors who do Civil War soldiers," says Mike Frazho.

"We do about the same thing, but instead of being soldiers we portray civilians who lived during that time."

"I have problems with arthritis and I can't do the battle routines, so we do the civilians who went through the war."

The Frazhos became interested in re-enacting through their three sons Tim, John and Greg.

"They started participating in re-enactments. We got hooked and starting going with them, too," says Frazho.

Even though their sons are grown and away at college or in the service, the couple carry on the re-enactment tradition by doing eight to 10 events from spring to fall.

"Those who are really into doing re-enactments travel to events in the south and do them all year long," adds Frazho.

The couple hasn't gotten that ambitious yet, but haven't ruled out the possibility of doing so in the future.

Besides participating in re-enactments, Laurene Frazho and another re-enactor friend, Carol Mitchell of Dimondale, make Civil War era hats to sell to other women re-enactors. Some of the hats they've made are sold in stores in Gettysburg, PA.

"It's really hard for women re-enactors to find hats that are correct for that time period," Laurene Frazho says.

They try to be as authentic as possible — so no synthetic fabrics are used and no zippers are found on clothes, she notes.

"The clothes are wool or cotton, and those who make their own clothes try to have the style as authentic as possible with hooks and eyes or button for closings."



LOOKING THE PART: Laurene and Mike Frazho of Bay Port were among 850 re-enactors who participated in the 10th annual Riverwalk Fest in Bay City Sunday. The couple dresses as civilians during the Civil War — right down to the vest and bow tie he wears and a bonnet and pantalets she wears.

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According to Frazho, Civil War era women never went without some type of covering on their hair.

"They never went outside without a hat or a bonnet and they even slept in night caps," says Frazho.

"They also wore lacy head coverings inside the house called day caps that had flaps which look ears on a Cocker Spaniel dogs. They were supposed to look that way, because the dogs were popular."

Hats were a necessity to keep the hair clean... and to hide it when it wasn't.

The Frazhos note bathing was done about once a month or so.

Another Civil War reason to wear hats was to keep the sun from making freckles.

"Heaven forbid if a person should get freckles — that was a b-i-g concern," says Frazho. "Also, you didn't want a tan. Only the poor white folks had tanned skin which meant they had to work in the fields."

Also, short sleeves were only worn on ball gowns and were not part of everyday apparel no matter how hot.

"The gowns were just off

the shoulders with puff sleeves," says Frazho. "They didn't show the amount of cleavage that movies depicts — no matter how fancy the gown much less having a low-cut day dresses."

Proper attire for a man required a vest. He could go out without a coat, but he had to have a vest over his shirt.

Social functions required both sexes to wear gloves. While dancing, the partners were only to touch each other with gloved hands. That rule applied to married couples as well as single folks.

Re-enacting is a great family activity to do and view.

"It really makes history come alive," says Mike Frazho. "Re-enacting is not to glorify war. It's to educate about what it was like back then."

Besides the Civil War era, there are re-enactments of the French and Indian war, the Revolution and the era of buckskinners.

At a time when their country was torn apart by war 130 years ago, 1,040 Mid-Michigan men did their part by joining the Third Michigan Infantry and distinguished themselves in every major battle fought by the Army of

the Potomac, except Antietam.

By June of 1864, the Third Michigan had completed their three-year term of service and returned home. Out of the 390 men who were left, 210 volunteered to join again and fight until the war was won.

Those men were consolidated with those who remained of the Fifth Michigan

Infantry. They fought on until the Confederate surrender at Appomattox in April, 1865.

During Antietam, the regiment was sent to New York because of draft riots.

The Frazhoes have been contacted by officials in Caseville and Port Austin and other towns about doing re-enactments next summer.

For more information, call 656-7268.

Sugar outlook: it's an above-average crop

By MARY DRIER

Start of the 1994 sugar beet harvest is just days away — but processing the last of the 1993 beet crop at the Sebewaing sugar plant finished just last week, thanks to the new tank storage system.

Michigan Sugar Company officials at the Sebewaing Plant expect to begin accepting beets next Saturday, Oct. 1.

Results of continuing heavy rains this summer are being seen in some preliminary test results.

"We are going to be down some," says Michigan Sugar's Dick Jacoby, ag manager of the Sebewaing Plant.

"It's not the crop of a year ago. We estimate we will have crops with an average of 17.5 tons," he says. "Last year we had a 19.1 ton average."

"The numbers could change some, but so far our tests show it's not as good as the crop a year ago."

However, sugar content should be fairly good, forecasts say.

"It looks like we should have a fair sugar content — in the range of 17% to 17.5%, hopefully," said Jacoby. "The sugar content averaged about 17.9% last year."

Heavy rains damaged crops and caused problems with replanting. That means the Sebewaing Plant has only 36,100 acres to harvest this season.

"We contracted for 36,560 acres and planted 36,486 acres. We lost about 386 acres," says Jacoby. "We had to replant about 248 acres, which is a contributing factor in (low) yields."

"We are anticipating yields to be down slightly because of the high percentage of replants."

Jacoby noted the company hopes to harvest about 650,000 tons of beets.

As the days count down to the beginning of the 1994 harvest, factory workers recently completed processing the 1993 crop.

The Sebewaing Plant has the state's first thick-juice sugar storage tanks. Part of a season's crop can be held in the storage tanks as thick juice and processed later, as was done for the first time with part of the 1993 crop.

"We completed the thick juice processing in three and a half weeks," says Factory Manager Lewis Zemanek. "We did the equivalent of approximately 100,000 tons of beets."

This is the first time Michigan Sugar has done this in the state.

"Thick juice storage saves having to store finished product in an outside storage area. It's the same as a sugar silo," Zemanek says.

So, the 1993 campaign didn't officially end until Wednesday, Sept. 7 — although the factory whistle blew last February.

Michigan Sugar has made \$9.5 million in improvements at the Sebewaing Factory during the last two years.

The two thick-juice tanks hold 3 million gallons each, which is equivalent to 3.5 million pounds of sugar.

The company added \$1.5 million in improvements for this harvest, mostly on the beet-handling end with a larger wet hopper, stone and trash catching equipment and a flume.

"Completion of this will finish the expansion program we started a year ago," says Zemanek. "This will assure us we can slice beets during different harvest conditions."

The flume system we had a year ago worked with a dry harvest and we met our target slice (rate). If it had been a wet harvest, I don't think we would have met our standard.

The new equipment will handle all harvest conditions."

Target rate is 5,500 tons sliced per day.

Also, the factory has expanded its piler capacity for larger trucks.

We estimate that during peak times that should give us about 6,000 tons more piling capacity per day in production for an average of 50,000 tons a day," says Jacoby. "We average about 45,000 tons a day last year."

The Sebewaing Plant produces about 100 million pounds of sugar annually.

FFA Alumni group is chartered

Community leaders met Sept. 7 with Jim Webster, president of Michigan FFA Alumni, at USA High School to form an FFA Alumni Affiliate.

The Alumni Affiliate will help continue supporting FFA and to develop new ways to coordinate FFA projects, organizers say.

FFA Alumni members in attendance elected Dave Claerhout president, Don Fiebig vice president, Danette Taschner secretary and Tom Haag treasurer for the coming year. A Constitution and Bylaws were also adopted.

Over the years members of the community have offered support to the USA-FFA Chapter, and many students have benefited from the contributions made by community members, they say.

Purpose of the Alumni Affiliate is to support and promote the FFA organization and activities on local, state and national levels.

The Alumni will also assist in promoting greater knowledge of the ag industry and support education in agriculture.

Anyone interested in joining the USA-FFA Alumni should contact Tom Haag or Dave Claerhout.

All individuals who join by Oct. 7 will be considered charter members of the organization.

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HUNDREDS OF RE-ENACTORS like these gathered Sunday at Bay City's Riverwalk Fest. PHOTO FURNISHED