

# Second annual Village Bach Fest starts Friday

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industry and clubs, Chamber of Commerce and chamber members and individuals.

The musicians are also making a donation in that they aren't receiving what they would normally be paid to perform. If they had to be paid their normal fees, it would be impossible to put on the Bach Festival, Mrs. Althaver said.

They come here for their love of music, a chance to be with fellow musicians, for a chance to play in the type of place Bach had in mind when he wrote his music — as was pointed out by Ms. Ornstein — and for the hospitality. "It's basically a very pleasant time for performing," the festival chairman commented.

She added that a goal of the festival is for it to become prosperous enough that the performers can be paid what they normally receive and deserve.

## PUBLICITY

A favorable review of last year's Sunday concert by Detroit Free Press music critic John Guinn helped provide a boost in promoting this year's event.

Mrs. Althaver was invited by Detroit classical music radio station WQRS to be interviewed about this year's event. She has also been interviewed by radio stations in Caro and Sandusky and Channel 19, the Delta College public education television station, and the daily newspapers in Bay City and Saginaw.

Four hundred news releases were sent to the state's newspapers twice.

There were 10,000 brochures sent out to potential ticket purchasers who are on mailing lists for area arts councils and symphony orchestras. Personal letters were sent to last year's patrons and to Chamber of Commerce members.

If the Village Bach Festival is a showcase for the music of the German composer, it is also a showcase for Cass City, according to Mrs. Althaver.

Putting on such an event is rather unique for a small town, but Cass City is unique in its citizens' "quality of helpfulness and hospitality and general support when something takes place."

## Half of all murders with handguns

Houston was the most dangerous metropolitan area to live in; Nevada the most dangerous state. According to the FBI Uniform Crime Report for 1979, they had the highest homicide rates ever recorded.

The rate of homicide jumped ten percent nationwide, with handgun homicides accounting for more deaths than other weapons combined. Of 20,591 Americans murdered last year, handguns accounted for 10,296—50 percent.

The study showed a direct correlation between homicide and handgun laws. All ten top homicide states were in the South or West where handgun laws are traditionally weak. Twenty-three of the top 25 metropolitan areas were also Southern or Western. The exceptions were New York City (12th) and Cleveland (24th).

In response to its homicide rate, New York recently enacted a one-year mandatory sentence for individuals found illegally carrying a loaded gun. In the first 12 days of the new law, over 450 persons were arrested.

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**FESTIVAL COMMITTEE** -- Among those serving on the Bach Festival organizing committee are, from left, Arthur Holmberg, photography; Alice Lovejoy, library exhibit; Rev. Harry Capps, church arrangements; Karen Fischer, arrangements and assistant for receptions; Bill Lovejoy, treasurer; and Holly Althaver, chairman.



**MUSIC PERFORMED** in a setting like Bach intended when he composed it is what spectators at the Village Bach Festival will see this week end. This photograph was taken during the Saturday evening concert last year. With back to the camera is conductor Don Jaeger.

## Car-deer

### accidents

### numerous

Several car-deer collisions and a near miss on area highways were reported by police agencies during the past week.

At 8:55 a.m. Saturday, according to Caro state police, Bruce C. Schweikart, 23, of Harsens Island, was westbound on DeLong Road, west of Warner Road, when he slammed on his brakes to avoid hitting a deer.

The driver of the car behind him couldn't stop in time and ran into the rear of the Schweikart vehicle.

The other driver, Douglas A. Englehart, 31, of DeLong Road, Cass City, was ticketed by troopers on a charge of failure to stop within an assured clear distance ahead.

At 9:30 p.m. last Wednesday, troopers said, Michael E. Neiman, 19, of 4355 Woodland Street, Cass City, was northbound on Cedar Run Road, north of M-81, when his car collided with a deer.

At 6:20 a.m. Friday, Cass City police reported, Carol Ann Healy, 24, of Caro, was eastbound on M-81, west of Spence Road, when her car struck a deer.

At 5:55 p.m. Friday, according to deputies, Leland C. Beyett, 61, of 6726 Voss Road, Cass City, was southbound on Kingston Road, north of Chapin Road, when his car collided with a deer.

At 11:50 p.m. that day, deputies reported, Alan L. King, 26, of 2350 Clothier Road, Deford, was westbound on Bevins Road, east of English Road, when his car struck a deer.

Richard T. Filipek, 19, of Warren, was eastbound on Bevins, east of Burmon Road, at 6:45 p.m. Sunday, when a deer ran into his right front fender and then ran off. Deputies investigated.

### OTHER ACCIDENTS

Keith A. Purman, 17, of Saginaw, was ticketed by Caro state police on a charge of careless driving after a 1:15 a.m. accident Sunday.

He was headed southwest on M-81, south of Cass City Road, when, he told officers, for no reason, he hit the brakes hard. He lost control of his car, which went off the north side of the road and rolled over onto its top.

At 1:30 p.m. Nov. 18, according to Cass City police, Justine J. Jantz, 75, of 3070 Hobart Road, was getting into her parked car when a green pickup truck struck her vehicle door. The driver didn't stop.

The Jantz auto was parked on Main Street, east of Leach Street.

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