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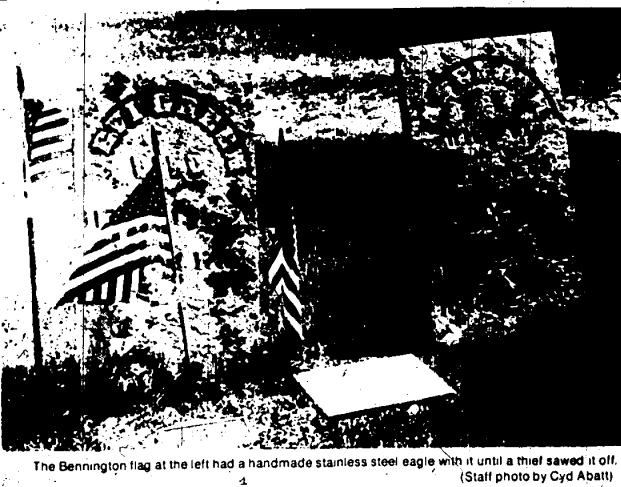
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The Bennington flag at the left had a handmade stainless steel eagle with it until a thief sawed it off. (Staff photo by Cyd Abatt)

On Levi Green's grave Memorial ripped off by vandals

Just a month ago on Memorial Day, a flag with a special commemorative eagle was placed on the grave of Revolutionary War veteran Levi Green in North Farmington Cemetery.

It was a flag on a staff decorated with a stainless steel eagle, lovingly crafted by Wendell Green, one of the veterans descendants.

Less than a month after it was placed on the grave, someone with a hacksaw removed the eagle which measures about eight inches across at the wing span, has a touch of red, white and blue near the feet and is dated 1776-1976.

Edna Voorhes, cemetery secretary is hoping mad.

The person who stole the eagle is known and the eagle has been seen in their possession, she said. "And if they don't return it, we will prosecute."

Green fought in the battles of Bennington and Bunker Hill.

Ms. Voorhes suspects the thief took the eagle for a trophy to display and hopes that those who see it will recognize it and return it.

This is just one in a long list of vandalism acts in and about the cemetery. Police have been asked to keep a closer watch on the grounds, and many of the cemetery officers intend to keep a under surveillance as much as possible.

Ms. Voorhes says the eagle was made to "last a thousand years." But, it only went a month before meeting a common, and unfortunate, 20th century fate.

Smooth riding ahead for Farmingtonians

Motorists and residents will find the going smoother in Farmington in the fall after the city resurfaces Lakeway and Raphael streets.

The Farmington City Council will like to see Lakeway, which is a part of the one and a half mile of unpaved road left in the city paved but haven't been supported by the street's residents City Manager Robert Deadman said.

Lakeway and Raphael street residents aided by the city, will pay a total of \$154,200 to have their streets resurfaced, he said. The city will use funds earmarked for road repair to pay 30 per cent of the cost.

Lakeway residents had complained to the council that the street flooded after the spring thaw. The road's ditch system of drainage was clogged by driveways which had been installed.

LAKEWAY IS COVERED with granulated chips of gravel, paved over with tar, called sealcoat.

Residents will be paying 70 per cent of the \$80,000 price to give Lakeway a seven inch deep layer of concrete. The gas lines under the street will have to be removed and placed deeper under the road before resurfacing can begin in late July or early August, he says.

Raphael street residents, who were plagued by a crumbling roadway, will pay 80 per cent of \$53,155 to resurface the street.

"The street has a bad base, the road was moving," said Deadman. The road had been paved with three inches of asphalt over a gravel base, which is falling apart.

Water seeps into the base, adding to the deterioration, he adds.

"Normally, it takes between 30 to 60 days to process the first resident request to repair a road and to meet to finalize the decision," Deadman said.

"With a legal hearing, it sometimes takes longer."

Residents pay \$22.95 per foot for the paving and \$11.11 a square foot for driveway approaches.

Sometimes a repaired road will increase traffic, Deadman said.

FOR THAT REASON and for monetary reasons, some residents decline to have their road resurfaced or paved, he said.

"When we reconstruct Raphael, we may record an increase in traffic," he said.

"The street can be used as an alternate to Ten Mile Road."

"Lakeway could be used as an alternate to Shawnee, but there should be a minimal change in traffic because Shawnee is the best route," he said.

Street repairs in the city are done on a continual basis, weather permitting, he said. The city should start to repair other streets in city subdivisions if it receives money from the Community Development Fund, he said.

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