Nurses feathered friend

Family allows a bird into its heart

Lois Anderson is the first to admit that the title of her book is a little

Sat use the or her book is a fifte corny. But she and her husband agree that there is "A Bird in Our Hearts." Her paperback book tells the story of a wild bird the couple nursed back to health last summer. The abandoned chick was found on their lawn chirping in fright.

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"We were there and be needed us, aid Anderson, who shares his wife's fascination for birds and animals.

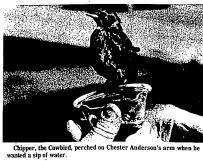
After finding the little bird beneath a bash on their Farmington lawn, the couple were faced with the task of keeping it alive. They estimated the chick had only a half bour of life left if they had not heeded it's call last August 1

August.
As soon as Anderson brought the tiny bird into the house, his wife fed it oatmeal. It was a cross between a guess and motherly instinct that prompted her to give the bird such a meal. Later she discovered that she had done exactly as any veterinarian would have advised.

FOR THE remainder of the summer and into the fall, they were engrossed in watching the bird grow and learn. Soon, they became aware that, they had unknowingly slid into the role of foster parents.

Robert Cantazarite, 31, has been appointed structural engineer of the Masonry Institute of Michigan, Farm-ington Hills. He joins the institute after five years

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Although the bird, dubbed Chipper, Although the bird, dubbed chipper, was among a long line of stray animals Mrs. Anderson brought home, he was different. Unlike the dancing terrier or chameleon that Mrs. Anderson brought home, Chipper was a wild creature who became tame enough to trust the couple.

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"It was a rare experience to have a wild animal trust you that much," said

Cantanzarite is a 1973 graduate of Wayne State University, with a backplor's degree in oil engineering. He is a registered professional engineer, a member of the American Society of Gvil Engineers and a member of the Merican Society of Professional Engineers.

A native of the Detroit area, he lives in Livonia with his wife Kathy and their three children. He is a four-year veteran of the Marine Corps.

Anderson. After feeding it using tooth picks and tweezers, the Andersons were put into the position of dealing with circumstances that would be natural out of dears.

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Feeding was a large project. They discovered that the food should be placed far back into the throat of the bird before he could swallow it.

As Chipper began to grow, they realized that he was hopping on the ground more than he should. The cow bird had to be taught to fly, so Anderson rose to the challenge.

"It taught a bird to fly," he chuckled.
"the held out his hand with Chipper on it and then dropped it," explained Mrs. Anderson.

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"CHIPPER would panic in mid air and then began to flap his wings," she remembered.
"I had him flying in two evenings," summed up Anderson with more than a touch of pride in his voice.
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"He told me that if I couldn't stand it I shouldn't look," she remembered. Eventually, Chipper took to flying with the natural glan of a eagle. He swooped between table to couch during the evenings. The Andersons called to him and he flew towards them.

Once he was confident in his flying abilities, Chipper began to make solo flights. Soon he was returning to the Andersons just to eat.

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Chipper became adept at divebombing Anderson as he worked on the lawn of their apartment complex. If Anderson forgot to hold out an arm as a convenient landing pad for the bird. Chipper chose to alight on the man's head Often he rode around in the peak of Anderson's cap.

While they enjoyed the experience, the Anderson's caution that they took the bird in because it was dying. They remember that while Chipper was a lively little companion, he was also a wild bird. They weren't shopping for a pet.

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THE BOOK, which details their experience can be found at Lucy's Oldies but Goodies. Village Mall, Grand River and Farmington Road or at Jerry's Book Store, Farmington Road.

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