

Scouts take long-distance trips

FARMINGTON—When the girls in Girl Scout Troop 724 do something, they do it right.

While other scout troops plan camping or backpacking trips to areas in and around Michigan, Troop 724 plans trips to such places as Quebec and Colorado.

This year the junior high school girls in the troop planned a day long mule ride down the Grand Canyon.

The trip centered around four main areas: Bryce Canyon, the Rocky Mountains, Mesa Verde and the Grand Canyon.

According to troop leader, Mrs. Pat Reilly, the trip went smoothly, although it was full of those minor mishaps that make any trip memorable.

THEY HAD A FLAT tire on the top of the Rocky Mountains.

"This was at the top—the very, very, top of the mountain," one of the scouts, Ann Miller said. "That was

some day, first the air conditioner conked out, then the tape deck conked out and then we got a flat tire."

But like all good scouts, they were prepared and cheerful.

They all piled into one mobile home—17 girls and three adult leaders—and rode down the mountain to gather while one of the other leaders drove down the mountain on three tires good tires and one flat.

Another time they found that they were forced to eat the entire week's fruit supply at once.

Before leaving on the trip, the troop stocked up with fruit from the Eastern Market.

They bought enough to last the entire trip.

However, they hadn't reckoned with the border guards in Arizona.

Arizona does not allow anyone to bring in fruit or plants from other states, so they naturally take all fruit away.

However, rather than let all the good fruit go to waste, the girls decided to eat all—or as much of it as they could, right then and there.

"We all went in the building and ate all the fruit we could," Cheri Gravius, one of the girls said. "I had three oranges and an apple. Anytime anyone came into the building we would offer them some fruit."

ONCE THE GIRLS got to the Grand Canyon they decided that they wanted to see the sun rise over the Grand Canyon one morning.

However one night's good intentions are often the next morning's regrets.

The morning they chose to watch the sunrise, none of the girls had the energy nor the inclination to get dressed, so they all piled into the mobile homes and drove to the canyon in their pajamas.

"We pulled the sleeping bags out of the mobile home so we could sit in them and keep warm," Ann Miller

said. "There we were all sitting on the rim of the Grand Canyon in our pajamas, and sleeping bags waiting for the sun to rise."

The girls all saved their own money for the trip.

As a troop they held several fund raising activities such as a garage sale and a trash bag sale.

Each of the girls did whatever she could to raise the additional money herself.

BABYSITTING, of course, was the big revenue getter. But many also planned more imaginative fund raisers.

One of the girls sewed denim hats. Another, Ann Miller, crocheted purses and pillows. Cheri Gravius taught ballet to the children in the neighborhood.

Each of the parents was also asked to accept some responsibility.

Although committees of girls did most of the work, the parents were

asked to assist and supervise in such activities as menu planning, making the reservations, cleaning the mobile homes and buying the food.

The trip really went smoothly," Mrs. Reilly said. "I think it was because everything was so well planned."

Four adults, Mrs. Reilly, Mrs. Jean Cave and Mr. and Mrs. Don Day went along with the 17 girls to act as chaperones and leaders.

The girls in the troop came from Duncklee Junior High and Mercy High School.

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Frances Lane's arraignment set

FARMINGTON — Frances Lane, the former administrative assistant to Public Safety Director Ronald Holko, has been bound over to Circuit Court on a charge of embezzlement over \$100.

Arraignment will be held in Circuit Court, Aug. 5 before Judge Farrell E. Roberts.

Mrs. Lane has been charged with embezzling funds from the police department while employed in Director Holko's office.

The pre-trial hearing was held before 47th District Court Judge Michael J. Hand from May 17 to July 3.

Hand said he did not make a ruling on the case immediately following the pre-trial examination because he thought he needed more time to examine the evidence presented in the hearing.

Ordinarily in a pre-trial examination in District Court, the judge will only rule that a crime has

been committed and that there is probable cause to believe that the person charged committed the crime.

However, this time Hand is writing an opinion stating why he ruled as he did.

That opinion will be complete in a few days.

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Area Boy Scouts stay at Lost Lake

FARMINGTON — Twelve scouts and their leaders are spending the week of July 28 at Lost Lake Scout Camp.

The Scouts, members of Troop 162, from Shiawassee School, will spend the week in the outdoors, working on merit badges, advancement, and swimming and cooking skills.

The scouts attending are: Gary Van Wicklin, Ken Furnier, and Mike Gurnum.

Doug and Craig Eby, Rick Butala, Jim Whitworth, John Miller, Jerry Liphardt, Bob Nold, Dave Sutton and Jim Tulpa are also attending.

Scout master for the troop is Bill Zimmerman. Several of the fathers are attending to assist with the trip.

Students earn scholarships

Linda Wayne and Mike Malamud, both of Farmington, have been awarded academic scholarships beginning in September at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo. Their stipends will range from \$100 to \$700 annually depending on financial needs and maintaining an adequate grade point average.

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