

Shell office employs 37

GAYLORD — A local production office of the Shell Oil Company was established in Gaylord about a decade ago to coordinate and oversee expanding Shell operations in and around Otsego County.

The production office, which moved to its present location at 4218 M-32 East in 1975, oversees drilling initial distribution of gas

and oil.

Oil produced in the area by the company goes to the Shell pipeline, with most of the gas produced distributed to the Michigan Consolidated Gas Company.

The Shell Production Office in Gaylord employs 37 persons and is managed by production foreman Phil Hedges.

Foreign auto parts expansion

GAYLORD — Serving area businesses and individual buyers with recycled automobile and light truck parts is Arthurs Auto Parts and Sales of Gaylord.

The company, located at 1160 W. Main, was purchased by Joseph Arthurs in 1961. In 1978, he sold the firm to his son, present owner-manager Robert Arthurs.

Arthurs Auto Parts buys damaged late-model cars and recycles usable parts.

Damaged vehicles are dismantled, with all usable parts checked, washed and inventoried.

Parts, sold wholesale to auto repair businesses and retail to walk-in customers, are fully guaranteed.

With six employees, the firm is expanding its line to include parts for foreign vehicles, and also sells rebuildable cars.

Traverse Oil in exploration

TRAVERSE CITY — Headquartered in Traverse City, the Traverse Oil Company is extensively involved in oil exploration and production in this area.

An independent company, Traverse Oil has interests in and operates exploration and drilling sites in Otsego County as well as the entire northern Michigan region.

The firm also has southern division offices in Houston, Texas.

About 40 persons are employed by the company in northern Michigan.

M&M specializes

GAYLORD — Since 1973, M&M Excavating of Gaylord has specialized in site development and soil erosion control.

Located on Old 27 South at the south end of Otsego Lake, the firm is extensively involved in work for the oil industry, both in well site preparation and after drilling operations.

In addition, the firm does site cleaning, seeding, re-shaping, ditches and culverts. M&M is also a highway and underground utility contractor.

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