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Couple's magic show draws attention of youngsters

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The cylinder looked empty when Glenda Mann held it up in front of a crowd of youth and their parents.

At least, to the naked eye, it seemed bare.

Then out came a cage with a white bird inside it. The clapping and ahs flew, as the children, excited, turned their attention to the Kansas State Fair show.

The magician smiled and continued on with her next trick - showing them how the bird could do summersaults on a wire ring.

Glenda and Mike's Magic Show performed daily at the state fair, drawing youth to the Lake Talbot stage for Glenda Mann's magic and Mike Mann's ventriloquist talent.

"You can learn a lot at the Kansas State Fair," Glenda Mann said, then asked the audience to pull "wiffle dust" out of their pockets to help her with her next stunt.

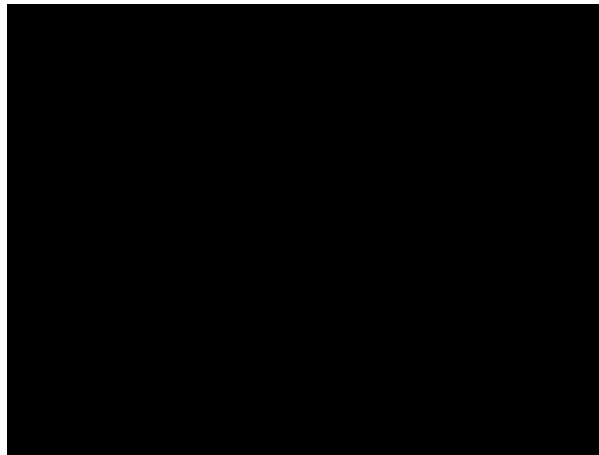
The Hutchinson couple combine storytelling, illusions, music and ventriloquism to teach children, Glenda Mann said. They travel across the country with their show, just getting back to town after a more than three-month tour.

Glenda Mann is a member of the International Brotherhood of Magicians and has studied under some of the greatest magicians nationwide.

Mike Mann has studied the art of puppetry for more than 20 years.

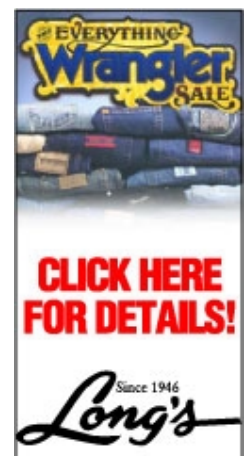
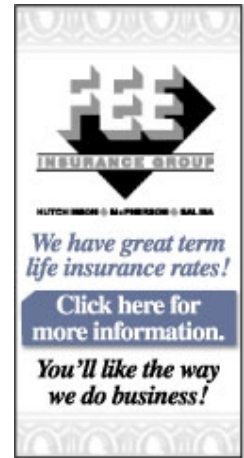
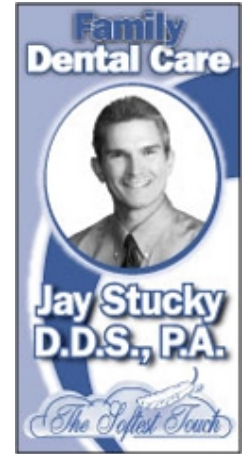
He pulled out Billy, one of his many puppets, who talked about liking girls and made fun of Mann's age.

Mann told the audience how he made Billy talk by not moving his lips.



Glenda and Mike's Magic Show is shown at the Kansas State Fair.

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Then the couple proceeded to entertain, including using the illusion to cut someone in half and making a rabbit appear.

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