



## Tax refund checks mailed

Taxpayers in St. Johns should be receiving an unexpected—yet promised—check in the mail today. The city sent out \$66,500 in checks Tuesday. These represented the out-of-court settlement reached between the city and Auto Owners Insurance Co. with regard to the Bruce Grubaugh lawsuit which stemmed back 19 years ago. The checks were as small as 13 cents or as large as \$2,435. The latter went to the city's biggest taxpayer, Federal-Mogul Corp.

## Fowler to set millage

The Fowler Board of Education will attend a special board meeting tonight, June 25, at 8:30 p.m. in the Fowler High School library to discuss proposed budget cuts as well as to set millage propositions for the Aug. 11 election. Fowler school district's request for a renewal of 17 mills, plus the addition of 3 mills was turned down by district voters in the June 9 election, 380-182.

## New Holy Trinity principal

Barbara Valentine, a teacher at Holy Trinity Catholic School in Fowler, has been named the new principal of Holy Trinity to succeed Dolores Walters who is leaving to accept a position in Williamston. Ms Valentine is a graduate of the University of Michigan and has done graduate work at both U of M and Michigan State University. She resides at 1238 S. Geneva, DeWitt.



## Bike rack

A bicycle rack has been installed by Community Resource Volunteers for the people who are interested in biking to work in St. Johns. The rack is located at the corner of Higham and Brush streets.

## Bandsmen wanted

Bandsmen wanted: All local musicians are invited to get their horns out of the attic and be a member of the St. Johns Community Band. The first rehearsal is set for Tuesday, July 8, at 7 p.m. in the St. Johns High School music room.

## Lottery going strong

Did you know: despite our faltering economy, the state lottery "Daily" game set new daily and weekly sales records earlier this month. June 6 sales reached a new high of \$1,356,000, while sales for the week ending June 9 reached a high of \$7,423,762.50.

# Option obtained on industrial park site

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

## St. Johns

An industrial park isn't quite a reality in St. Johns but it has taken a positive step in the right direction.

Last week the St. Johns City Commission and the St. Johns Area Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) announced jointly that an option had been obtained on a prospective industrial park site located on the northeast side of the city.

The site, totaling 20.65 acres, fronts on US-27 and Walker Road and is adjacent to the city's Department of Public Works building and the wastewater treatment facilities.

Richard Starck, city commissioner and chairman of the IDC, said the term of the option is 120 days. During this time, the city and his industrial park committee will be designing layouts and

seeking federal grants to help in the development of the park.

The option was obtained from Mid-Michigan Investments of Lansing. The purchase price of the 20.65-acre site is \$205,000.

Should the city and the IDC wish to purchase the property, a \$20,000 down payment will have to be raised.

Starck said by selling parcels of the park to industries, the developing parties would be able to pay off the balance of the five-year land contract, so as not to burden general city funds.

The site will accommodate approximately 8-12 small industries, or industries of less than 100 employees. All required utilities are adjacent to the park site, and most of the property is zoned industrial, except for frontage on US-27 which is zoned commercial.

There are several steps which will be required before the industrial park can be built. And Starck said, "The hardest part is just starting."

First, support of the community must be gained. Secondly, layouts must be drawn and costs of getting the site prepared for roads and utilities must be investigated.

Then, money will enter the picture. Both Economic Development Administration (EDA) funding and Housing and Urban Development (Hud) funding are being investigated. These would be used to develop the property.

After the property is acquired, then a spec building must be built. The IDC is toying with the idea of selling shares in the industrial park building in order to raise the capitol needed to build a spec building.

Finally, the park will be ready for promoting.

Starck said with very few businesses looking to expand presently, considering the present economic recession, he hopes that by the time the St. Johns park is ready for business, the business climate will be ready for the park. "Competition is unreal" he said of other industrial parks in the area trying to entice businesses.

When asked when he thought a spec building would be placed on that property, Starck said he couldn't give an estimate.

The IDC listed five benefits of an industrial park to the city of St. Johns. They included:

- more jobs available and more people to share the local taxes.
- present industry will benefit as increased industry brings more customers, suppliers and technical services to come into the area.
- new industry interested in locating in St. Johns will benefit from a park where industrial facilities are already available.

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## P-W voters offered 2 requests

Westphalia

Pewamo-Westphalia Board of Education members voted Monday night to ask voters in their district Aug. 11 to approve the same two millage proposals they asked on June 9.

One millage proposal asking for 2.5 additional mills will appear as Proposal 1 and Proposal 2 will ask voters to override the Headlee Amendment.

The 2.5 mills "is what we need," said Superintendent Roy Thelen. His staff is in the process of putting together a list of possible cuts that will be made if the 2.5 mills were not approved in the Aug. 11 election.

The list of possible cuts will probably be adopted by the board in the next two weeks, he said.

On June 9, P-W voters passed an 18.5 mill renewal, but they said no to a proposal for 2.5 mills and no to the Headlee request. These last two proposals were turned down better than two to one.

## SJ asks for same millage but on 3 ballots

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

## St. Johns

Three ballots will be offered St. Johns school district voters on Aug. 11, the date of a special school millage election.

St. Johns Board of Education members voted Wednesday evening at a special meeting to ask for a renewal of 17.75 mills plus an additional 2.45 mills for operational purposes on one ballot; a half mill earmarked for maintenance on a second ballot; and a request not to have the county's allocated 8 mills slashed by the Headlee Amendment on

a third ballot.

The board voted 4-3 in favor of putting the maintenance millage on a separate ballot. In favor of the split were members Ron Huard, Lee Ormston, Robert Craig and Paul Maples.

On June 9, the board asked voters in the St. Johns district to approve a 20.70-mill request including a renewal of 17.75 mills, as well as a 2.95 mill increase.

That request, which appeared on a single ballot, was denied by voters, 1,374 to 1,034, or a difference of only 340 votes.

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## 26 INDICTED

# Woodruff denies theft charges

By Sue Kiley White  
Staff Writer

Bath Twp.

Bath Township Supervisor Thomas Woodruff, has denied all charges brought against him in connection with his alleged involvement in a Lansing based car theft ring.

"I'm innocent," Woodruff said Friday after appearing before a federal grand jury in Grand Rapids. "I just can't believe this is actually happening."

An intensive nine-month study involving stolen cars was conducted by a Special Tri-County Auto Theft Task Force made up of undercover investigators from the Lansing FBI office, the Michigan State Police Lansing post, the State Police criminal investigative section, the Lansing Police Department and the Eaton County Sheriff's Department.

The investigation originally came about after Eaton County Sheriff Art Kelsey indicated a need to curb the increasing number of car thefts in the area. Woodruff, according to authorities, had been under investigation from the beginning.

Owner of Woody's Auto Sales since 1972, Woodruff is one of 26 suspects named in a 46-count federal indictment. The 42-year-old Bath resident is charged with one count of conspiracy to steal an automobile and three counts of driving stolen vehicles across state lines.

"There's not one ounce of truth to any of it," he said. At the time arrests were being made on Thursday, Woodruff was up north at a golf outing with his family.

Phillip Crumb, special investigator with the Lansing FBI office, stated search warrants in seven different areas of Lansing were executed including both businesses and residences. Over 90 vehicles ranging from cars to motorcycles, to snowmobiles and trailers were confiscated with the total value reaching the \$500,000 mark. The probe led agents into several counties in Southern Michigan and states as far away as Nevada, Florida, and Alabama.

The operation, according to Crumb, involved switching

Vehicle Identification Numbers (VIN) from junked cars to stolen cars. The operation was conducted in a "surprisingly simple manner" according to a Lansing police investigator.

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## Alias name a phoney says Bath supervisor

By Sue Kiley White  
Staff Writer

In a federal grand jury indictment involving a car theft operation it lists as a defendant Thomas E. Woodruff, stating he is also known as Bill Fitzpatrick.

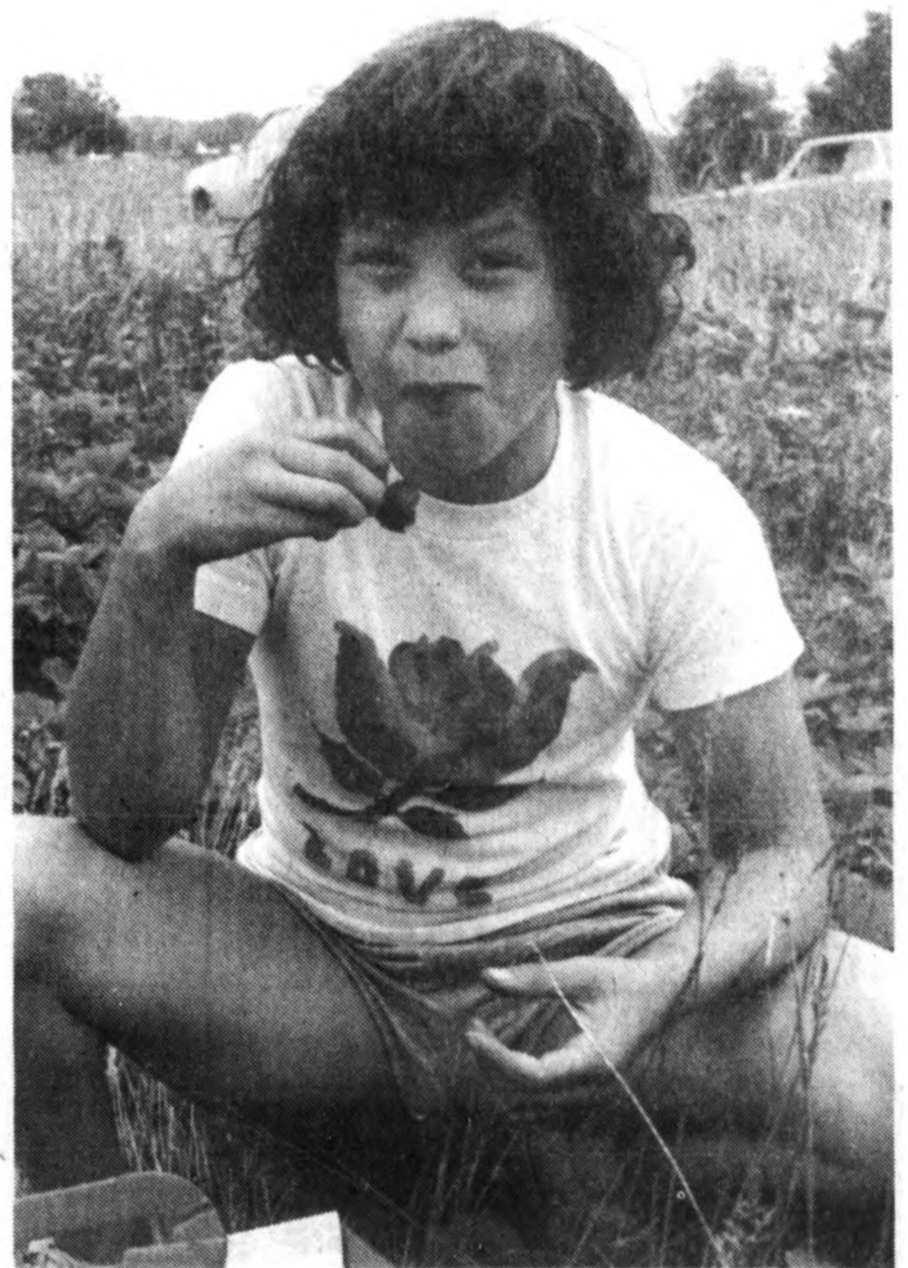
Woodruff says he has never been called Bill Fitzpatrick, does not know anybody going by the name or has no idea who this person could possibly be.

In the grand jury charges handed down last week it itemizes the incidents of Woodruff's alleged involvement.

First of all Woodruff explained Tuesday morning that he has never bought a junk or salvaged car. He did buy back one of his own personal vehicles from his insurance company however, for his own use.

The person making the allegations against Woodruff goes by the name of Michael Arend, a person Woodruff says he does not know and has never had any dealings with either past or present. Arend's name is listed in the indictment several times saying he committed crimes such as car theft, however he is not one of the 26 people named in the indictment. His brother, Timothy Arend is however, named as one of the defendants.

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## Sweet stuff

Nine-year-old Ann Madigan of East Lansing popped a big, red berry into her mouth—just to see if it tasted good. She helped her father, Bob Madigan, pick 20 pounds at the Round Lake Fruit Farm which welcomes youngsters. "Sure they eat some and step

on some, but so do adults," farmer Chris Wizner said. This is the time when they taste best and signs of the strawberry season are evident, as the lower picture illustrates. (Photos by Sharon Randall.)

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## Concerts in the park to resume

St. Johns

Concerts by the Community Band will be presented again this summer in the shell at the St. Johns City Park. The first program is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9 at 7:30 p.m.

There is a concerted effort being made to make these programs a social event for the entire family. Dan Kusenda is making contacts with churches and organizations to have ice

cream socials, etc. at these concerts. Attendance at these programs for the past three years has been quite good, said Walter Cole, band director. "If you have not attended before, it is suggested that you bring a lawn chair so that you can be comfortable as you enjoy the musical offerings by the band and local talent."

These summer concerts are sponsored through the auspices of the St. Johns City Recreation Department.

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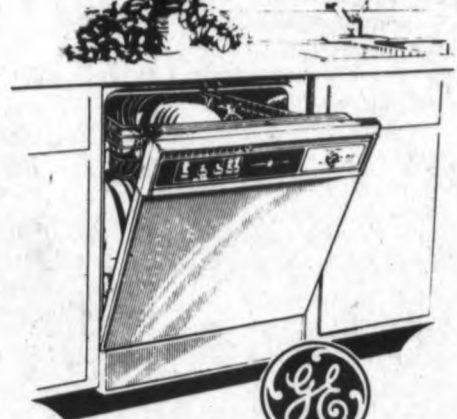
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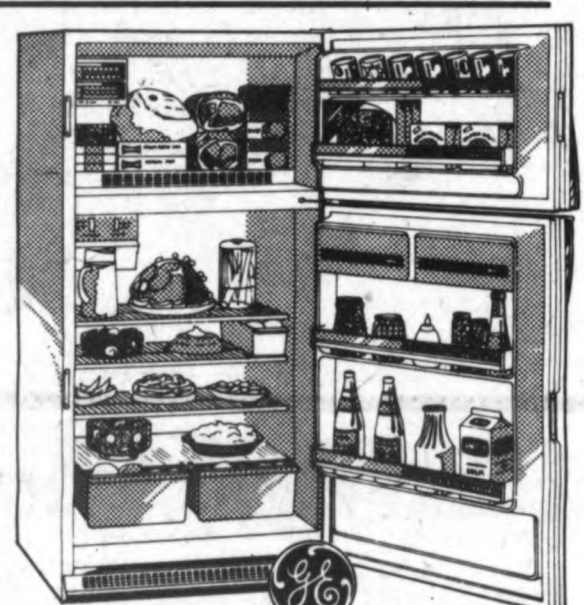
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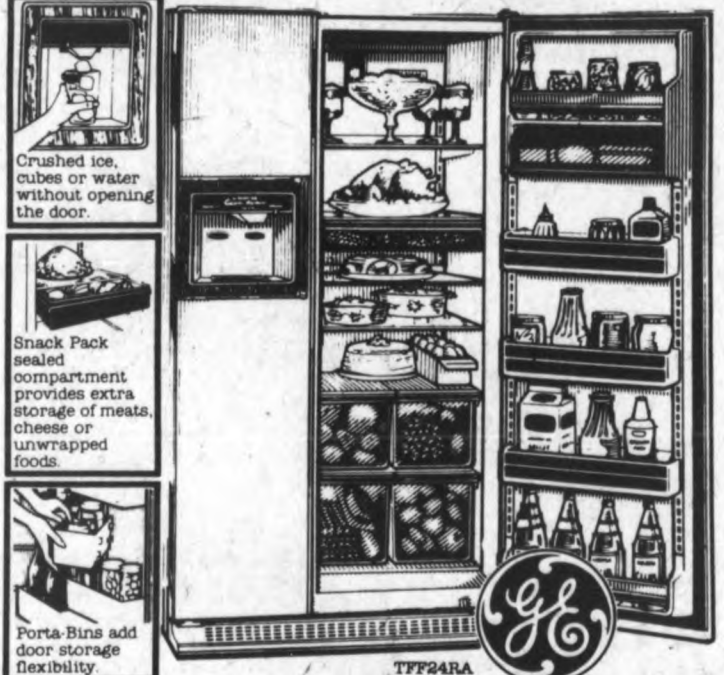


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# Clinic extends hospital's services south

By Sue Kiley White  
Staff Writer  
DeWitt

In an effort to provide health care services more conveniently to the residents of southern Clinton County, Clinton Memorial Hospital has established a suite of

physicians' offices at the Country Meadows Village Center.

The DeWitt Medical Center officially opened its doors June 9 offering to the public doctors in private practice representing family practice, pediatrics, obstetrics/gynecology and general surgery.

The idea to provide services to the residents of DeWitt and Bath began when Edward Manring, MD opened his practice four years ago in DeWitt. Subsequently, it became important to provide more services, not just a physician.

The new medical center also offers laboratory and x-ray facilities to its patients.

Two doctors P.H. Pandya, MD in family practice and H.B. Pandya, MD in pediatrics have moved from their office on Turner Street to the medical center. V. "Vic" Torrisi, MD specializing in obstetrics/gynecology has also located in the new complex.

C.T. Perez, MD will be providing general surgery for the center until the new doctor arrives in the fall, according to Romaine DeCamp, community relations director.

A total range of laboratory services are available. The laboratory is staffed by certified medical technologists. Board certified pathologists oversee the testing procedures and the operation of the lab. X-rays will be read by physicians from Ingham Radiology Associates, P.C. These same doctors, specialists in radiology serve Clinton Memorial Hospital and Ingham Medical Center.

The Village Center site was selected not only because of

its convenient location, but also its adequate parking facilities.

Those seeking appointment should call 669-8302.

Rod Fuller, coordinator, supervised the DeWitt Medical Center operation which included getting the offices together, and installing equipment.

"We're really excited about having lab and x-ray facilities available," said Fuller. "I just hope everyone takes advantage of the services."

He noted there is a lot of room for expansion leading to the possibility of a multi-specialized group of physicians in the center.

"The people of the DeWitt area have been in limbo in the past," Fuller explained. "These kinds of services were badly needed."

The DeWitt Medical Center located in Suite 4 has a common waiting room for several doctors. However, the modern office set-up has been designed, separating children from adults and those really sick from patients just waiting for physicals.

The suite houses four examining rooms, a work area and a business office. The center is open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday.

A meeting room is available and can be scheduled by community organizations by calling the receptionist. The center requests those wishing to use the meeting room be involved with some kind of health related program such as pre-natal or CPR classes or health education programs.

## Budget cuts haven't affected DSS -- yet

By Patrice Hornak  
Editor

### Clinton County

Statewide budget cuts in the social services programs haven't affected the Clinton County Department of Social Services office -- yet.

But they will, said director George Eberhard. Back in April the governor's 1980-1981 recommended general fund budget was cut by \$175 million to \$4.7 billion. A few weeks ago, additional budget cuts were announced by the governor's office. For the social services division, a \$54.6 million cut was recommended.

Probably one program that will be cut out will be the day care program for certain educational programs.

Eberhard said the present program allows parents to get day care assistance while they are going to school to be trained for a job. Under the new guidelines, the parent will have to be employed before she will qualify for day care assistance.

"Eventually, it is my understanding that parents will pay babysitters out of their paycheck and count that as a cost of employment," he said.

Presently, day care expenses are paid directly by the DSS. Anyone on Aid to Dependent Children (ADC) or on general assistance qualifies for day care. About 60-70 families in Clinton County utilize the day care services, he said.

Another cutback in the social services office will probably come at the staffing level.

Eberhard said more than 400 assistance payment worker positions will be cut statewide. He explained that if one of his 11 assistance payment personnel were to leave or retire, he wouldn't be able to hire anybody into that position. That would force him to transfer another employee into the assistance payment slot.

Clinton County has 11 assistance payment workers and Eberhard said, "That's not very many for a county of 55,000 persons." So far, none of the 11 has left, so this county hasn't been affected by the cut. But, if there's no attrition statewide, he suspects the DSS will lay off some of these employees.

This could spell trouble for his department, he said. Already with a smaller staff than other surrounding counties, "If a lot of people get laid off and we have a small staff, we could get swamped," he said.

Because of the rising unemployment in this county, his caseloads have increased, but he said the Clinton County DSS has been able to handle the influx thus far.

"That really worries me--what could happen," he said.

General assistance is a state funded program for mainly single people without children. At the beginning of 1979, there were 30 general assistance clients in Clinton County.

## Senior Citizen Drop-in schedule

Wednesday, June 25--Nutrition lunch at 12:30 p.m. Door prizes.

Thursday, June 26--Nutrition lunch at 12:30 p.m. Bingo.

Friday, June 27--Nutrition lunch at 12:30 p.m. Bingo.

Monday, June 30--Open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday, July 1--Grand opening. Entertainment and refreshments will be featured. The center will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

## Graduate in Florida

Florida were among the Titusville graduates. Albert will be attending the University of Florida on a pre-medical curriculum and Teresa is already attending nursing school in Florida. Their father is a former St. Johns businessman.

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At the end of the year, Eberhard said that number had come close to 100.

Eberhard said his department really has no control over what cuts have to be made in services offered. The state office more or less dictates which cuts will be made.

Other areas which may see some changes include making a step-father economically responsible for his step-children, if he's working; and cutting back in the DSS donated funds program. The donated funds program allows the DSS to donate money to such programs as the Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

Other cuts could come in such services as minor family counseling, assistance in finding housing, adult community placement services which helps senior citizens find an alternative home when they can't live alone, or the employment services program.

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# Editorial Page

## A suggestion: Send refund check to Drop-in Center



By Patrice Hornak

Finding a \$20 bill in your pants pocket or in an old, unused coat hanging in your closet is like finding a treasure. You suddenly have something that you've wanted for a long time—or have you?

This week homeowners in St. Johns will be receiving refund checks from taxes they paid last summer as a result of the Bruce Grubaugh lawsuit against the city. The average homeowner will be getting a \$25.00 check in the mail. Chances are you might have cringed when you first had to pay the tax but during the ensuing year, the \$25 went unnoticed. You didn't miss it and most likely you didn't need it.

There is an organization in St. Johns that needs money and would be very appreciative if it was to receive \$25 or whatever anyone had to give. The Clinton County Senior Citizen Drop-in Center is that place.

Why not send your tax refund check

to the Drop-in Center?

The seniors have worked long and hard to get their new center in downtown St. Johns. If you haven't seen it, stop by, and see for yourself.

They have just about raised all the money they needed for the renovation—about \$14,500. But, they now have to begin paying for the building which they are purchasing on a land contract from Ed and Mary Schmitt. The purchase price of the building is \$26,000.

The seniors have been "nickeling and diming" it pretty much to meet their rent and utility expenses in previous buildings. They've held bake sales and raffles and such and they plan to continue working hard to pay the bills.

But, if someone were to donate to their building fund, they would surely appreciate it. Will you really miss that \$25 check that you haven't missed for a year?

## ★ Woodruff denies

Wrecked cars were bought from auto salvage yards, then matched up with similar vehicles having the junk cars' titles and serial plates. The stolen cars were then transported from Michigan throughout the Midwest, with some of the stolen vehicles being recovered in Florida and Nevada.

Woodruff claimed his arrest is one of two things. Either it is a case of mistaken identity or someone is trying to use him as a fall guy.

"I don't know any of these guys and I've never had any contact with any of them," said Woodruff from his Bath Township home. "The only way I even know about any of this is what I've read in the papers."

Business will be conducted as usual at the Bath Township offices according to Woodruff. He said his job will undoubtedly be harder to do, however, under the circumstances.

An indictment is the legal process of bringing charges against an individual or corporation. As Woodruff explained, there was no defense on the other side, and he "didn't have a chance to say or do anything" on his behalf.

Woodruff stood mute at the indictment on Friday and was released on a \$5,000 personal recognizance bond.

"I'm innocent and I'm supposed to be until proven otherwise," he stated.

Crumb noted it was quite possible for a person to be involved in this type of car theft ring and not even know it. He referred to Woodruff as a "spoke in the wheel" rather than one of the main suspects. However, he did add the situation could change the more other people start talking.

If found guilty of the four counts against him, Woodruff could face a maximum of 20 years in prison and \$25,000 fine.

"I imagine it is going to be a long, drawn out process," said Woodruff about what he is preparing himself to expect in the next couple of months. "It's going to cost me a lot of money I don't have."

The supervisor noted he seems to have the support of the people in the township, saying he has received numerous calls from people offering money for his defense.

Woodruff said he knew he was under investigation last December and was questioned about stolen cars. However, he said at the time he told police he didn't know anything about it.

"I thought it would all blow over," he said. The township supervisor of six years says he still intends to run for office in November. He is running unopposed on the Democratic ticket.

Before becoming township supervisor in 1974 when he filled the unexpired term of Roy Van Sickle, Woodruff served as township treasurer. In 1974, Woodruff beat Jon Adress for the supervisor's position.

In 1978, Woodruff survived a recall election which was initiated by property owners saying assessments were too high. Woodruff won the election 681 to 78 and then went on to be re-elected as supervisor three weeks later.

"I just hope there is as much news coverage when he is found innocent," said Ellen Leiby, township office secretary.

"I know everything is going to work out in the end," Woodruff commented.

## ★ Alias

In the first charge it states Woodruff provided Arend with car keys to fit two vehicles, a Chevrolet Monte Carlo and a 1977 Oldsmobile 98, and instructed him to take the vehicles to Indiana and Ohio for sale.

Woodruff claims he has never had a car sold at the Indiana Auto Auction in Fort Wayne as the charge alleges. He also says he has never had either one of these two cars in his possession.

Another charge claims Woodruff provided another defendant Robert E. Bennett with a salvage Vehicle Identification Number (VIN) which was glued to the Olds 98. The Bath supervisor also denies this charge saying he does not know Bennett and has never been to a car salvage operation.

The third charge states that on or about April 24, 1979 the Oldsmobile 98 automobile was sold by Mike Arend at Montpelier Auto Auction in Ohio pursuant to the instructions given by Woodruff.

At this time Woodruff was attending a Clinton County Board of Commissioners meeting. He also states the only person who has ever driven a car for him has been another member of the Bath Township Board.

"My attorney has told me not to say too much," Woodruff said. "But I can't just sit here and let people believe I've done something wrong."

He added, "How can they believe somebody else saying I did something like this?"

## ★ Industrial park

—banks and retail establishments will benefit as the number of paychecks in the area increase and sales and demands for services likewise increase. The committee estimated that 100 jobs in manufacturing would mean \$1.5 million in personal income annually, ownership of about 140 vehicles, \$1.045 million in retail sales annual, income to support 333 people, tax money to educate 70 school children, sales to support four retail establishments, payment of mortgages or rent on 100 homes or apartments and about

\$150,000 in bank deposits.

—there will be a shift in the tax burden from residential to industrial and commercial establishments. In the present tax structure, St. Johns residents pay 60 percent of the taxes and industrial and commercial establishments pay 40 percent. If there is more industry accompanied by increased commercial growth, it is hoped the residents' share of the 'taxes' will drop to 40 percent.

Another "plus" on the side of the

industrial park is the future need to expand the DPW and wastewater treatment facilities. By purchasing the site now, the city could save money in the long run, based on the premise that land prices will continue to escalate.

Members of the Industrial Development Committee include: Starck, Bill Patton, Jim Moore, Dyle Henning, Harold Wellman, Doug Weir, Jim Leon, Bill Jackson, John Arehart, Stanley Poccus, Brandon White, Ed Idzkowski, Don Lowell and Randy Humphrey.

## A view from Sturgis Street

By Tom Sherby, M.S.W.  
Clinton County Counseling Center

### Joys and Sorrows of Being a Housewife

What is to become of the ancient profession of housewife?

For centuries women have performed the important task of rearing children, along with the companion tasks of cooking, managing budgets, washing and cleaning house. Increasingly, beginning with the early days of World War II, women are joining the work force. Fewer women are staying at home. Many of those who are, and wish to remain homemakers, are having some real difficulties. What is happening?

First, I feel there is an increasing trend of people, especially working women, who look down on those women who choose to remain at home.

There are indeed women who, for a variety of reasons, prefer to remain homemakers, who get personal satisfaction from the work of homemaking, who do not want or need an outside job. I have had housewives tell me how they feel when asked what they do for a living. Sometimes there is almost a feeling of needing to apologize, or to do a lot of explaining about working in the home instead of outside it.

Perhaps increasing interest in money and in earning a good income has much to do with the eroding status of housewives. Somehow, being valued as a person and as a human being seems to have become, in part, bound up in making money. To not make money is to not be productive and therefore to be thought of as unproductive, perhaps even shiftless. This is quite a change in values when we remember that it was not too many years ago it was frowned upon when a woman **did** go to work.

There does exist now, I believe, the notion that housewives, unless they have huge families, have it easy. The image comes to mind of the typical American housewife eating chocolates and watching soap operas all day. Certainly today's labor-saving devices make homemaking easier but anyone who has had the complete responsibility of house and kids for a week, as I have, know that it is no picnic.

I feel that the single most distressing part of being a homemaker rests in the lack of appreciation and respect shown by husband and children. Many people have shared with me a feeling of wanting to be a homemaker on the one hand but getting little or nothing in the way of positive feedback and cooperation on the other.

The husband plays a key role here. If he respects the work his wife does and lets everyone know this from time to time, then the children will learn by his example. It is really important, too, that he can also set an example by helping out at times and by backing his wife when there is work around home for the children to do. I wonder how differently many men might look at the work done by women at home if each man had to spend a week or two in charge of children and household.

When there are slack times, especially after the youngest child enters school, a housewife may need to construct her week differently to avoid getting into the doldrums. It is always good for a person to have some sort of interests and involvement in addition to work. For the housewife, it may be a part-time job, volunteer work in the community or an involvement in a cause or organization. The woman who chooses the work of homemaker with its joys and headaches deserves our respect and cooperation. It seems especially so when we think about raising children—new people for tomorrow's world.

Next time: When a Mother Goes to Work.

## ★ SJ millage

The August requests will total the same 20.70 mills, but one-half mill will appear on a separate ballot.

The half mill will generate about \$90,000. This money will be used to match a \$37,220 energy conservation grant awarded to the district in March as well as to make roof repairs on various schools in the district.

Expenses tied to bringing Central School into compliance with state fire and electrical codes will not be taken from the \$90,000 because the school district has already said it must make needed corrections to the building, regardless of whether or not a millage proposal passed or failed.

The cost of repairing Central will come from the maintenance budget and other items budgeted under maintenance will have to be cut if the half mill isn't approved.

If the millage proposals are not granted in August, the board agreed that only a millage renewal would be posed to voters in late September or early October. This millage would ensure that schools would open in the fall.

Only about 35 persons attended the special board meeting to decide what millage proposals would be offered the voters. Most were school staff members.

Speaking on behalf of the professional teaching staff, Betty Munger urged the board to ask for the same amount of millage that was turned down in early June. "The public was not generally aware of the consequences of their vote ahead of time," she told the board. "The easy cuts have already been made."

She urged the board to put the millage renewal and increase in one ballot and that the public be informed of impending cuts made in education programs if the millage proposals were defeated.

Bruce Irish, a St. Johns bus driver and farmer, stressed to the board the importance of being truthful with the voters. "I'd like to see this district come forth and tell the voters how many more spendable dollars it has today than a year ago," he said.

Board member and board finance committee chairman Robert Craig urged the board to combine the renewal and additional millage requests in a single proposal and then "state clearly what cuts will be made if the increase is not granted."

High school principal Bill Swears, junior high principal Bob Kudwa and elementary principal Roger Feeman each outlined possible effects of a 2.95-mill cut in their respective

programs.

Both at the high school and junior high, one hour of classroom time will be cut. Ten teachers at the high school have been pink slipped and five or six teachers at the junior high would be lost if the additional millage weren't granted. Cuts in other areas, including extra-curricular activities were also outlined.

For the elementary program, Feeman said a 2.95-mill cut would "spell disaster. The elementary program hasn't fully recovered from past cuts (made two years ago)," he said. He speculated that 15 elementary teachers would be laid off and the 62 elementary classrooms in the district would be combined into 47 classrooms with an average of 32.5 students in each classroom.

Two buildings, Swegles and Perrin-Palmer, would possibly be closed because their classrooms are too small to house 32 students or more.

In conclusion, he said, "I don't think it's something people of this district would like to see."

During the past week, the St. Johns school administration has been investigating the full effect of a 2.95-mill cutback. The list of cuts will be the topic of tonight's (June 25) board meeting at 8 p.m.

## Senior Citizen Update

By Ruth Delo

### HOW TO KNOW YOU'RE GETTING OLD

Everything hurts and what doesn't hurt doesn't work. That gleam in your eye is from the sun hitting your bifocals. You feel like the night before and you haven't been anywhere. Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D. Your children begin to look middle aged. You finally reach the top of the ladder, only to find it leaning against the wrong wall. You're still chasing women, but can't remember why. A dripping faucet causes an uncontrollable bladder urge. You know all the answers, but nobody asks you the questions. You look forward to a dull evening. You walk with your head held high, trying to get used to your bifocals. Your favorite part of the newspaper is "25 Years Ago Today". You sit in a rocking chair and can't get it going. Your knees buckle but your belt won't. You stop looking forward to your next birthday. Dialing a long distance phone number wears you out.

You're startled the first time you're addressed as "old timer". The best part of the day is over when the alarm clock goes off. You burn the midnight oil at 9 p.m. Your back goes out more than you do. The little grey haired lady you helped across the street is your wife. You get your exercise acting as pallbearer for your friends who exercised. You have too much room in the house and not enough in the medicine chest. You sink your teeth in a steak and they stay there. You regret all those mistakes resisting temptation. You're 17 around the neck, 42 around the waist, 96 around the golf course.

So.....until next time.



## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### Commends Farm Bureau for sponsoring seminar

Dear Editor,

Recently I attended a Young People's Citizenship Seminar at Albion College. I was sponsored through the Clinton County Farm Bureau. The purpose of this seminar was "to develop an understanding and an appreciation for our American way of life and freedoms."

Our Farm Bureau sponsored six young people from Clinton County. We were six of approximately 220 young people from throughout Michigan who attended. Those attending were Gary Brook from Ovid-Elsie; Kim Gower from DeWitt; Mae Farley from Fowler; Lori Arens from Westphalia; Diane Black from Bath; and myself from St. Johns.

### Cold, unsanitary pool

Dear Editor,

We would like you to print this story. We have just returned from the Clinton County (St. Johns) Memorial Pool. It is very unsanitary and extremely cold because they are continuously pouring cold water in after several boys and girls have asked them to shut it off. Please print this.

Mike Robinson  
Eric Gramlich

For me, the mock political elections were the highlight of the week. There were various offices open and we could choose to run for them. If we did so, then, active campaigning would commence. In addition to the offices, party leadership was also up for grabs. Through this mock set-up I was given a much better understanding of how the political system operates.

When I was first chosen to attend this seminar I was a little leery. I didn't know anyone who was going and was not sure of what would actually take place. At the conclusion of the week I did not want to leave my new friends.

I wish to commend the Farm Bureau for giving me the opportunity to attend the seminar. It was a very enjoyable and informing experience. I hope that they continue to give other young people the same opportunity.

People are always saying that young people don't care about this country—that they take everything for granted. Well, if anyone had been at Albion College with us they would have seen something contrary to these beliefs. We do care and we are going to try our best to benefit this country and our communities!

Sincerely,  
Irena Garapetyan  
St. Johns

# Personality Profile

## Music man, please play me a tune

By Sharon Randall  
Staff Writer

Maple Rapids

Gail Foerch has lived a varied and fascinating life and there's more to come. He keeps a full itinerary as he goes down the road of life. Words like retirement and rest don't seem to be in his vocabulary. Instead he continues to fill up both day and night schedules.

Gail's a music man. While he wasn't exactly born to it, it lured him at an early age. The sweet sounds of music, the happy exuberant times it provokes, brought Gail to the banjo when he was only 14 years old. He plays the banjo, guitar, base fiddle, drums and organ.

Intrigued by the sounds of square dance music at the Banner Grange Hall, Gail was soon learning and playing with Elston Miller and R.G. Hyde. He earned 50 cents at his first dance job and over the years many more dollars but his main reason for playing is for the joy it gives him and others.

When he talks about the money he's made playing music he says that it doesn't mean half as much as the engraved silver plate the seniors at the Clinton County Drop-in Center gave him last Christmas. "This means more to me than anything I've ever had," he indicated. Simply worded the plate thanks Gail for "The fine musical entertainment you have given to us." Their appreciation comes from the fact that Gail and his organ have filled their meetings, nutrition dinners and parties with songs.

Today Gail picks and chooses, both who he plays with and what he plays. He's not interested in learning the new sounds of today's music. "I don't like to play except for people at least 60 years old," he said. "I know two or three hundred old songs of Dixie and Ragtime music and I don't care to know the new stuff." He shies away from beer joints because of the hassle he's apt to get when someone requests a modern song but he and his organ weave a musical mood at cocktail lounges and he plays at weddings and anniversaries.

He also continues to play with the Arnold Stevens Band. The nine members of this group have all been in the business at least 44 years and have had their own groups at one time and "We all started playing young," he said. They do Christmas parties, and square dancing with Zip Waltz as caller. "It's a great group, really," he added.

Gail's musical memories go back to 11 years in the Navy when he played with the Minutemen on the U.S.S. Lexington. He joined the Navy after his graduation from

St. Johns High School in 1930.

He remembers spending the summer hoeing peppermint, waiting for County Normal to start. "A bunch of guys were talking about joining the army and it seemed like a good idea to me," he said. Although he wasn't tall enough or heavy enough, he got into the Navy on a waiver and became an electrician. It was the music on the Lexington that made his Navy career the most enjoyable, however.

With that band (as a banjo player) he chalked up a lot of memories. The Minutemen played 66 nights in a row while Foerch was with them. They were also honored to be chosen to play for many special occasions including a big New Year's celebration at Long Beach, Calif. and a congressional committee in the New York harbor. He met such famous people as comedian Joe E. Brown and Wallace Berry and Jack Dempsey.

At several of the U.S.S. Lexington's yearly reunions Gail has had a chance to play with the Delta Ramblers in the New Orleans section of Disneyland and with the Mickey Finn's in San Diego.

Another strong memory is of the time after he left the Navy and worked for Northrup Aircraft in California helping build experimental aircraft. One of the fighter planes he worked on was in storage at the Smithsonian Institute in Washington D.C. for years and Foerch was instrumental in having it moved to the Air Force Museum at Dayton, Ohio. When it goes on display there, he has been asked to come and spend three or four days introducing the plane. It is a "pusher-type" with the engine in back, Foerch explained. It wasn't as fast as a jet engine but it was the fastest piston engine. The assignment of the experiment was "to build something fast."

Foerch and his wife, Lorene, have five children. They came home to Clinton County in 1947 when all the aircraft plants were closing and built their home on North Bauer Road.

Gail became a truck driver but remained in music, always playing with a group. He was fascinated with a chord organ at the Ionia fair and thought it would be a "short cut to learning to play a piano." He started to practice and discovered that there are no short cuts. Today the organ is perhaps his major instrument and he advertises "Have organ, will travel." When he gets a job he loads the \$4,000 instrument up in his van and hits the road, entertaining "people over 60."



Gail Foerch

## July festivities near

### St Mary's planning July 4 fun

Westphalia

St. Mary's Parish Festival will be held July 4 in Westphalia at the church grounds. It will be a day of fun and excitement for all who attend.

There will be a variety of shows and games along with \$2,000 worth of prizes given away in the raffle. One of the prizes is a hog—if you can guess the

weight.

Some of the activities include:  
Flag raising ceremony 12:30 p.m.  
Parade 1:00 p.m.  
Art & Crafts Display 1-7:30 p.m.  
Tug-A-War Contest 2:30 p.m.  
Variety Shows 3 & 5 p.m.  
PW Jazz Band & Glee Club & German Oom-pah-pah Band 6:30 p.m.

Teen Dance 8:30-11 p.m.

Along with the other events there will be games, prizes, kiddie rides and a Dunkin' Tank.

For those who get hungry, they can enjoy German sauerkraut and a sausage sandwich.

The money that is raised will go toward the St. Mary's School budget.

### SJ Rotary gearing for 5-day events

St. Johns

This year's July Fourth celebration sponsored by the St. Johns Rotary Club will be six days long—beginning July 1 and ending July 6.

During the week there will be many different festivities for everyone to enjoy. Of course, there will be the usual rides, games and prizes, and the yearly Rotary raffle.

July 2,3,4 are designated as Kids' Days where children can ride three rides for the price of two.

The big day for everyone to enjoy will be Sunday, July 6, with entertainment by one of Tennessee's country comedy teams, Lonzo & Oscar. They will be performing in the high school auditorium at 2 p.m. along with Joel Mabus.

July 6 will also be the day for the colorful display of fireworks put out

yearly by the Rotary Club. Rotarian Steve Bakita said that they chose the July 6 rather than July 4 because they felt that the week's festivities should end with the fireworks.

Following the show of fireworks there will be a drawing for a portable color T.V. and microwave oven. These raffle tickets are available from Rotary Club members and St. Johns Football Boosters. All proceeds will go to pay for the fireworks.

## Volunteers play important role in offering services through DSS

St. Johns

Ninety-four volunteers donated 3,500 plus hours to 640 Department of Social Services (DSS) clients during the past year.

Several of those volunteers were on hand last Wednesday at a special volunteer recognition luncheon hosted by the Clinton County DSS. Some received certificates of appreciation while still others who donated 200 to 500 hours individually received pins.

Barbara Conrad, DSS volunteer services coordinator in Lansing, told those present at the luncheon at Cornwell Catering that volunteers may be one of the only ways the Department of Social Services will be able to

extend its services, in light of statewide budget cuts proposed for the department.

She said the present economic recession which has forced many workers into unemployment, may also provide a challenge. With extra time on their hands, she said possibly more people will become volunteers.

"Volunteers are unique," she said.

First, she said they care. They're giving of their time because they care and they're not doing it because there's a paycheck involved. Secondly, she said many DSS clients prefer volunteers because these people are not getting a paycheck.

"Volunteers can fill in the cracks," she also stated.

While the DSS has certain formalities, eligibility standards, rules and regulations to follow, the volunteer can sometimes skirt those regulations and provide services which are tangled in the bureaucracy.

"They're generalists," she said.

Also, she said volunteers play an important part in the DSS picture by giving the department feedback from clients and other community members.

Local volunteers provided services in 10 areas. They acted in clerical capacities, as youth companions, van drivers, budget counselors, babysitters in the DSS "Romper Room," parent aides, Friendly Visitors at area nursing home, and they

helped out at the downtown St. Johns clothing center.

Additionally, a group of St. Johns High School students designed and built a wooden ramp for a handicapped woman in the city. She lives in a mobile home and the new ramp allows her to enter her home in her wheelchair more safely.

The National Honor Society at St. Johns High School also sponsored a clothing drive. Three truckloads of clothing were collected. A total of eight volunteers spent over 60 hours working on the drive.

"Thanks for what you have done for the quality of life in your community," Ms. Conrad concluded before the awards presentation.

## Looking ahead

**COMPUTER CLASSES**—You can still get into a computer class this summer by calling the Community Resource Volunteers office in St. Johns, 224-8285. Sessions in July still have openings for ages 6 to 14 and adults. They are set up in morning or afternoon sessions that run five days for a \$10 fee.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**—at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, 1400 S. Oakland, St. Johns will be June 22-28 from 6:30-8:45 p.m. There will be crafts, stories, songs and games. Everyone aged 4-15 is invited to attend.

**OPEN HORSE SHOW**—July 6 at 9 a.m. at the Shamrock Stables in Owosso for Western, English riders. Contesting for horses and ponies. The show will be sponsored by the Silver Spurs 4-H Horse Club. Call 675-5272 for more information.

**THE JAMES COUZENS MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION** will be sponsoring a pig roast at the park site, old school property on Webster Road, June 28 from 3 to 8 p.m. There will be entertainment with the proceeds going toward building a gazebo outdoor concerts. Price of the tickets will be announced later.

**THE CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL COMMISSION**—will hold its regular monthly meeting Wednesday, June 25, in the conference room of DeWitt Public Library, 204 W. Washington, DeWitt, at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome.

**BIBLE SCHOOL**—Redeemer United Methodist Church, corner of Schavey Road and Clark Roads, DeWitt will hold Vacation Bible School, June 23-27 from 9 to 11:30 a.m. Everyone, ages three through sixth grade are invited to attend.

**HISTORIC MUSEUM**—The Paine-Gillam-Scott museum, Maple Street, St. Johns is featuring DeWitt Township history in the Township Room. Regular hours are Sundays from noon until 4 p.m.; Wednesdays, 1:30-5 p.m. and Friday evenings, 7 to 9.

**MICHIGAN SHORTHORN ASSOCIATION**—will hold its annual picnic July 13 at Hidden Acres Farm at 10084 W. Hyde Rd., Fowler. There will be cattle judging in the morning followed by a potluck dinner. A short program will follow after lunch.

**AREA WIDE MEETING FOR SENIORS**—and potluck lunch for senior citizens will be held Friday, July 18, at the American Legion Hall in Elsie. It will start at noon. Everyone is asked to bring a dish to pass and their own table service. Jim Hough from the State Journal will be the guest speaker.

**PAPER DRIVE**—The St. Johns Lions Club will be conducting a paper drive the second Saturday of each month. Papers should be placed at the curb by 10 a.m.

**GOD'S HAPPY PEOPLE**—is the theme of the Vacation Bible School at St. Peter Lutheran Church, St. Johns from July 8-11 and 14-17. The church is located at 8964 Church Rd., and can be reached from St. Johns by going west to Francis Road, south on Francis between Price and Jason roads. The school is open to students aged three through grade eight. All are welcome. The school will run from 9 to 11:45 a.m. For more information, call 224-3178.

**CHICKEN SUPPER**—will be held June 25 at the Price United Methodist Church. Serving will start at 5:30 p.m. A free will offering will be taken.

**LOCAL FOOD CO-OP**—needs area farmers to supply produce, eggs, honey, etc. Call 224-4986 if interested.

**NEIL SIMON'S CALIFORNIA SUITE** continues at the BoarsHead Theater through July 6 at the Ledges Playhouse, Fitzgerald Park, Grand Ledge. Performances are Wednesday through Saturday at 8:30 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. For reservations or more information call (517) 484-7805 or 372-4636.

**EXPECTANT PARENTS WILL MEET JULY 21** for a four week refresher course in preparation for childbirth. The next 10-week series starts Sept. 8 in St. Johns. Pre-register early. Call 224-4373 for more information.

**THERE IS A NEW LOCATION FOR EXPECTANT PARENT CLASSES** beginning Tuesday, Aug. 5. Classes will be held in DeWitt at Country Meadows Village Center with 10-week and four week refresher courses available. Pre-register early. Call 337-7365 or 224-4373 for more information.

**ARTISTS AND CRAFTS**—people applying for participation in ARTS FETE '80 (rhymes with gate), sponsored by the Historical Society of Greater Lansing and Lansing Parks and Recreation Department, are reminded of the July 1 deadline for entry. For information call (517) 321-1746.

**SWIMMING LESSONS**—Come and learn to swim in the fresh air and sunshine. St. Johns Veterans Memorial Pool has programs for every age and swimming ability. It also has open swimming every afternoon from 2:30 to 5 p.m. and evenings from 7-8:45 p.m. For more information call 224-6950.

**"WELCOME HOME"**—A film about a teenage drug pusher, will be shown Sunday, June 29, at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Baptist Church in Ovid on M-21 and Hollister roads. Everyone is welcome.

**THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DEWITT PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD** of Trustees, first called for July 3, has been changed to July 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the main library in DeWitt City. The meeting is open to the public.

# Life Styles



Katheryn Karber Timothy Pioszak

## Engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Karber, of St. Johns announce the engagement of their daughter Kathryn Lee to Timothy Paul Pioszak, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pioszak of St. Johns.

Miss Karber is a 1976 graduate from St. Johns High School and is currently

attending Aquinas College in the evenings.

The prospective groom is a 1975 graduate from St. Johns and is currently employed by Fisher Body and attending Michigan State University part-time. A fall wedding is being planned.

## Area births announced

A boy, Eric Bruce, was born to Mr and Mrs Bruce Thelen of 406 Wight St., St. Johns, June 10, 1980 at St. Lawrence Hospital. He weighed 9 pounds 5 ounces. The baby has two brothers and three sisters. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Julius A. Thelen and Mr and Mrs Julius Remenar.

A boy, Kristoffer Peter, was born to Mr and Mrs

Peter Szekeres of 1853 Whaler Lane, Hanover Park, Ill., June 3. He weighed 7 pounds 13 ounces. The baby has a sister, Jennifer. Grandparents are Mr and Mrs Ray Kentfield of St. Johns, and Mr and Mrs Sandor Szekeres of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The mother is the former Sheri Kentfield.

To Mr and Mrs Douglas J. Cusack of 316 N. Westphalia

St., Westphalia. A girl, Cortney Elizabeth was born on June 4 at 8:22 a.m.

A boy Adam Anthony, was born to Mr and Mrs Victor (Pete) Holcomb of St. Johns on May 25 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 1 ounce. The baby's grandparents are Mr and Mrs Motz and Mr and Mrs Bud Holcomb.



Jamie Irrer Mark Smith

## Engaged Smith - Irrer

Mr. and Mrs. William Irrer of 408 E. State St., St. Johns announce the engagement of their daughter, Jamie Louise Irrer to Mark Jeffery Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Smith who live at 2668 E. Wildcat Rd., St. Johns.

Miss Irrer is a 1980 graduate of St. Johns High School and is employed by Dr. Figenshau.

The groom is a 1978 graduate of St. Johns he is presently employed by Smith Plumbing and Heating.

A September 27, wedding is being planned.

## Kramer, Piggott wed in afternoon ceremony

Father Monsignor Bolger presided over the marriage of Mary Therese Kramer and Philip Gerard Piggott June 7 at 1:30 p.m. in Pewamo's St. Joseph Church.

The bride chose red roses to complement her Victorian gown. The dress had tiered lace trim and pleated flounce to form a chapel train.

The bridal party was Anita Weller, Barb Kramer, Becky Kramer, Wendy Kramer, Donna Simon, Ginny Piggott, Teri Heiden. Rachel Weller was the flower girl.

The groom's attendants were Rick Theis, Roy Piggott, Stan Piggott, Bill Kramer, Eugene Pohl, Larry Theis, and Scott Sherman.

Their reception took place at the Knights of Columbus Hall, in Portland, with a two week honeymoon following in Hawaii.

The couple will live in Lansing.



Mr. and Mrs. Philip Piggott

## Lewis honored at dinner

Mr and Mrs Chas. B. Lewis of Mt. Clemens, were honored at a family dinner at Someplace Else, Saturday, May 31st, for their 10th Wedding Anniversary. Present were parents Joe and Eva Bohil, Miss Julie Bohil,

Detroit; Miss Chris Bohil, Lansing; Mr and Mrs "Butch" Foerch and son Kevin, St. Johns. "Butch" and Bernie also celebrated their 13th Anniversary in May.

## Bouts retiring

There will be a retirement party for Farley and Goldie Bouts at DeWitt Memorial

Building at 7 p.m. on July 12. There will be a band, food, beer, and mix. (B.Y.O.B.)

## Meyer graduates with honors

Patricia Meyer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Meyer of St. Johns, graduated June 7 with honors from National College of education. Miss Meyer completed the four year degree program receiving her Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. She will assume a teaching position in August.

National College is located in Evanston, Illinois. It is a

private co-educational institution. While there Miss Meyer was active in student government, drama, the college newspaper and intramural sports. Recently she was initiated into Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor fraternity for education.

Miss Meyer is a 1976 graduate of St. Johns High School, and received an academic scholarship to attend National College.

*At Norm Henry Shoes*

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- ★ Air Step ★ Connie ★ Jacqueline ★ Sbicca
- ★ Caressa ★ Streetcars ★ Jolene ★ Mia
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# Recreation Round-up

## Adult Softball Leagues

Softball scores for the week of June 16th were as follows:

### Men's Competitive League

Ruthy's 27, Dean's Hardware 6  
F.C. Mason 7, Ailaby & Brewbaker 11  
Hair Loft 6, Sillman's 7  
Sillman's 15, F.C. Mason 8  
Redeemer, United Methodist 6, Roadhouse 7  
Montry's Pizza & Subs 5, Ruthy's 9

### Men's Recreational League Division I

Superior Insulation 3, Clinton Automotive 19  
Beck's 10, Shamrock Excavating 9  
St. Johns Standard 13, Research Tool 5  
Big Ten Lounge 15, Buckstove 2

### Men's Recreational League Division II

Phillips' Orchards 0, National Sports Imprint 13  
Henning Electric 4, Knob Hill Tavern 16  
Jaycees 1, Karber Block 21  
Federal Mogul 3, Olympian Tool Inc. 6  
Paradise T.V. 13, Maco Tool & Eng. 12

### Women's Competitive League

Murton Raweigh 0, Advanced Fire Protection 17  
Hair Loft 0, Becker Furniture 27  
Advanced Fire Protection 15, Hair Loft 0  
St. Johns Ford-Mercury 12, Murton Raweigh 9

### Women's Recreational League

H & H Lounge 1, Paul's Party Store 35  
St. Johns Ford-Mercury 12, Murton Raweigh 9 3  
Capitol Savings & Loan 15, Randolph's Ready-Mix 3  
Capitol Savings & Loan 17, Andy's IGA 5  
Central National Bank 10, Paul's Party Store 8

### CURRENT STANDINGS

#### Men's Competitive League

Team	W	L
Ruthy's	5	0
Sillman's	4	1
Montry's Pizza & Subs	3	1
Allaby & Brewbaker	2	2
Dean's Hardware	2	2
F.C. Mason	2	3
Hair Loft	2	3
Roadhouse	2	3
Redeemer, United Methodist	0	5

#### Men's Recreational League Division I

Team	W	L
Big Ten Lounge	3	0
Williams Auto Body	2	0
Beck's	2	1
Clinton Automotive	2	1
Research Tool	2	1
St. Johns Standard	2	1
Central Michigan Lumber	1	1
Buckstove	0	3
Shamrock Excavating	0	3
Superior Insulation	0	3

## Men's Recreational League Division II

Team	W	L
Karber Block	4	0
Knob Hill Tavern	4	0
Henning Electric	2	2
Maco Tool & Eng	2	2
Olympian Tool Inc.	2	2
Paradise TV	2	2
Federal Mogul	1	3
Jaycees	1	3
National Sports Imprint	1	3
Phillips' Orchards	1	3

### Women's Competitive League

Team	W	L
St. Johns Ford, Mercury	5	0
Advanced Fire Protection	5	1
Becker Furniture	2	3
Murton Raweigh	2	4
Hair Loft	0	6

### Women's Recreational League

Team	W	L
Central National Bank	4	0
Paul's Party Store	3	1
Capitol Savings & Loan	2	2
Elias Bros. Big Boy	2	2
Andy's IGA	1	3
H & H Lounge	1	3
Randolph's Ready-Mix	1	3

### T-BALL

Boys' T-Ball  
9:00—(Team #1) Al Dickens lost, (Team #2) Barb Wilcox won.

## Girls' T-Ball

10:15—(Team #1) Curt Miller 16, (Team #2) Rick Sovereign 8  
Boys' T-Ball  
11:30—(Team #3) Dan Matice 19, (Team #4) Kyle Vanderlin 25

### UPCOMING GAMES

#### THURSDAY, June 26

#### Men's Recreational Division II

Field A  
6:00 p.m. - Knob Hill Tavern vs. Jaycees  
7:30 p.m. - National Sports Imprint vs. Henning Electric  
9:00 p.m. - Maco Tool & Eng. vs. Phillips' Orchards  
Field B  
6:00 p.m. - Olympian Tool Inc. vs. Paradise TV  
7:30 p.m. - Karber Block vs. Federal Mogul

#### Women's Recreational League

6:00 p.m. - H & H Lounge vs. Capitol Savings & Loan  
7:30 p.m. - Andy's IGA vs. Elias Bros. Big Boy  
Much interest and positive reaction to the St. Johns Recreation Department's T-Ball & LASSIE League were displayed as the youth leagues opened their season this week. The scores for this week are as follows:

#### 8,9,10 LASSIE LEAGUE

9:00—(Team #1) Bill Tennant 10, (Team #2) Les Schwartz 10  
10:15—(Team #3) Olga Burk 28, (Team #4) Nancy Fillwork 0  
11:30—(Team #5) Lorraine Shinn 0, (Team #6) Lynn & Jerry Beaufore 12

## 11,12,13,14 LASSIE LEAGUE

9:00—(Team #1) Laura Mullaney 3, (Team #2) Rosemary Magsig 22  
10:30—(Team #3) JoAnn Simon 3, (Team #4) Mary & Dave Darnell 4

### SPECIAL EVENTS DAY

#### WEDNESDAY, June 25

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 a.m. — PLAYGROUND PROGRAM  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. — ART IN THE PARK  
COST: 50 cents  
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## Softball tourney slated in Ovid

### Ovid-Elsie

There will be a women's slow-pitch tournament at the Ovid Ball Park on July 11, 12 and 13. It will be sponsored by the Ovid-Elsie Women's Softball League. Entry fee is \$50 and two Dudley softballs (no restricted flights). It will be a 12-team double elimination tournament with sponsor trophies for first, second and third place. Individual trophies will also be given to the first place team. The tournament is open to C & D teams only. To reserve a spot or for more information, contact the recreation office at the Ovid-Elsie High School (834-2271 or 862-4237, ext. 34).

## Guys & Dolls golfing results

Ken and Betty Penix	20
Paul and Gladys Schueller	20
Charles and Anolah Moore	19
Chuck and Vel Coletta	18
Bob and Wanda Foreback	17
Elsie Dickinson and Harold Wellman	15
Lewis and Sally Kramer	15
Dick and Helen Kohls	15
Roger and Sharon Shutes	15
John and Alice Bond	14
Skip and Karen Hughes	13
Red and Martha Lundy	13
Orth and Dorothy Tatroe	13
Fred and Mary Meyer	12
Mike and Jeanette Hatta	11
Clare and Dino Applebee	10
Oliver and Vira Montague	10
Duane and Cindy Eckley	8
Blaine and Belle Lentz	7
Paul and Margaret Jopke	6
Tony and Lillian Tiedt	6
Bill and Marian Smith	5
Dona and Beryl Strouse	3

Two couples are tied for first place on the Wednesday night golf league. Low score for the evening was shot by Charles and Anolah Moore with a 44 actual and a 12 handicap to give them a low 32.  
On May 28 Charlie Moore chipped in from off the green and on June 18 Alice Bond chipped in from off the green.

## OWOSSO SPEEDWAY

### COMING EVENTS

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# One Man's Views



**By Tim Jeffery**

Saturday against a team from Flint. \*\*\*\*\*

Why are judges allowed to score a round even in boxing? One man scored 10 rounds even in last Friday's Duran-Leonard Title Bout. Had he been forced to give each round to one of the fighters, things could have worked out differently. \*\*\*\*\*

Having attended the June 16 doubleheader at Tiger Stadium, in which the misbehavior of the fans forced the closing of the bleachers, I must admit I'm glad I sat in box seats. A person could lose his life amongst the bleachers. I've witnessed several games from bleacher seats, but there is no way I'd sit there again. \*\*\*\*\*

Don't be too alarmed when the first football magazine you pick up this season predicts the Lions to win their division. Experts saw what Tampa Bay did last year with a patsy schedule. The Lions have one, just as easy this season. Billy Sims will be a big plus, but the high forecasts will be due to the schedule. \*\*\*\*\*

Anyone who watched Louisville win the NCAA Basketball Crown in March knows that Darrell Griffith was easily the outstanding player in the tournament. However, the Boston Celtics traded away their chances at picking Griffith in the recent draft in order to pick up a center. The Celtics still have problems at guard. They may be sorry when Griffith performs his incredible assortment of dunk shots in Salt Lake City rather than in The Boston Garden. \*\*\*\*\*

Only five more months until the return of college basketball and the announcing skills of Al McGuire. I could listen to him every day of the week. The man is a genius when it comes to basketball. \*\*\*\*\*

The next time you sit down to watch a Tiger baseball game on television, take note of the poor quality of the instant replays they give us.

Supposedly one of the advantages of TV is a second and third look at a close play. However, they never seem to let the viewer see the most significant item that occurred.

If there is an argument about whether or not a fan touched the ball while it was in play, they will give us a replay of the base runner rounding the bases. You never know for sure if the ball was touched.

During a recent game with the White Sox a balk was called on Chicago's pitcher. We were never given a second look, so the viewer never knew why a balk was called.

In last Friday night's game, Al Cowens charged the mound after pitcher Ed Farmer. The replay showed the Chicago shortstop fielding the ground ball that Cowens hit prior to charging the mound. By the time the replay got around to showing the fight occurring on the mound the damage had been done. We never did get to see Cowens run toward the pitcher. \*\*\*\*\*

The Snyder Oilers of Fowler provide the area with some exciting women's fast pitch softball action. Currently sporting a 4-2 record, the Oilers have a home game

# Racing's his specialty

By Tim Jeffery  
Staff Writer

St. Johns

Randy Padgett's accumulation of trophies, plaques, medals and ribbons is a spectacular sight. The 11-year-old St. Johns youngster has been gathering laurels for four years, while competing in several categories of motorcycle racing.

Currently listed among the top 10 drivers in the state in motocross racing, Randy finished seventh in the state during 1978's Ice Racing Competition. He also placed sixth in the state in Hair Scrambles that same year and eighth in the state in the event in 1979.

Unlike motocross, which can have a track of up to a mile and a half, Hair Scrambles consists of racing on tracks as long as five miles. However, according to Randy's father, Richard Padgett, motocross has been deemed one of the most physically demanding sports.

Traveling is nothing new to the Padgett family. Randy has raced in such cities as Alpena, Oscoda, Stanton, Millington, Delta, Ohio and at the Silverdome in Pontiac.

He will soon venture to Hannah City, Ill for the qualifying events for the nationals. Should Randy qualify, it's on to Brown City, Pa. where the nationals will be held Aug. 2 and 3.

Nine different states will send representatives to Hannah City to make their attempt at qualifying for the trip to Brown City. Only six riders will make that final trip.

The bike Randy presently rides is a Honda CR-80. He has ridden several models and makes, but feels best with the current model.

Randy's goal is to achieve a national number which will allow him to ride anywhere in the country. He has a state number, allowing him to ride anywhere in Michigan.

Hopefully, the Padgetts will be out of town on Aug. 2 and 3, and well on their way to Brown City, Pa. for Randy's shot at a national title.



Randy Padgett is hoping to move on to the motocross nationals in August at Brown City, Pa. (Photo by Tim Jeffery)

## Guests golf at CCCC

Seventy-eight gals attended the Clinton County Country Club's Ladies' Guest Day.

Before starting nine holes of golf, introductions were made, coffee and rolls served, then all got into the swing of the game.

Coming in with the least amount of "Swings" was Janie Bollman, guest with 46. A skillful 20-foot putt was sunk by guest Debbie Masarik. The closest to the pin from off the green, a prize, went to member Wanda Fox. Putting is half of the game and if a "gold" putter is the

answer, Rosie Nuser, member, had it with 14 putts.

To make the day complete with prizes galore in many categories, a tasteful lunch was made and served by Elsie Dickinson and her committee of Edith Russell, Marion Smith, Pauline Meriam and other members of the club.

## Ken Love wins at Crystal Raceway

Crystal

Ken Love of St. Johns enjoyed a successful night of racing Saturday, June 21, at Crystal Raceway.

Love won both the Street Stock Dash and the Feature Event.

In the feature event, Love moved up from last place starting position, with a fast

time of 19.92 to win easily. More action will take place Saturday, June 28, at Crystal Raceway. Time trials are at 6:30 p.m. and races are at 8 p.m.

## Jaycees hold tournament

St. Johns

The St. Johns Jaycees will be sponsoring a St. Johns youth benefit softball tournament on the weekend of July 11, 12 and 13.

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		7 Acres
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		5 Rods
		40 Cu Yds
		Lump Sum
		3 Each
		2 Each
		Lump Sum
		Lump Sum
		6 Each
		25 Each
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42 in Corrugated Steel Pipe, 2 2/3 in x 1/2 in, 12 gauge		222 Lin Ft
42 in Corrugated Steel Pipe, asphalt coated, 3 in x 1 in		60 Lin Ft.
42 in Anti Seep Collars, 12 gauge		2 Each

The Drain will be let in accordance with plans and specifications now on file with the other papers pertaining to said Drain, in the office of the Clinton County Drain Commissioner, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be prepared and submitted accordingly.

Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving specified security for the performance of the work.

I reserve to myself the right to accept any bid, to reject any and all bids, to negotiate if it appears to be in the best interest of the Drainage District, and to adjourn such letting to such time and place as I shall publicly announce.

In accordance with said contract, the complete cost of said drain construction will be paid by the Michigan Department of Transportation. No assessment will be made against landowners or municipalities in the drainage district.

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# Summer action begins at Sleepy Hollow

By Tim Jeffery  
Staff Writer  
Clinton County

The hot and humid summer days are upon us once again which means many people will be seeking comfortable spots for fishing, swimming, sailing or camping. Traveling costs are higher than ever, thus it's nice to have a place in the area like Sleepy Hollow State Park.

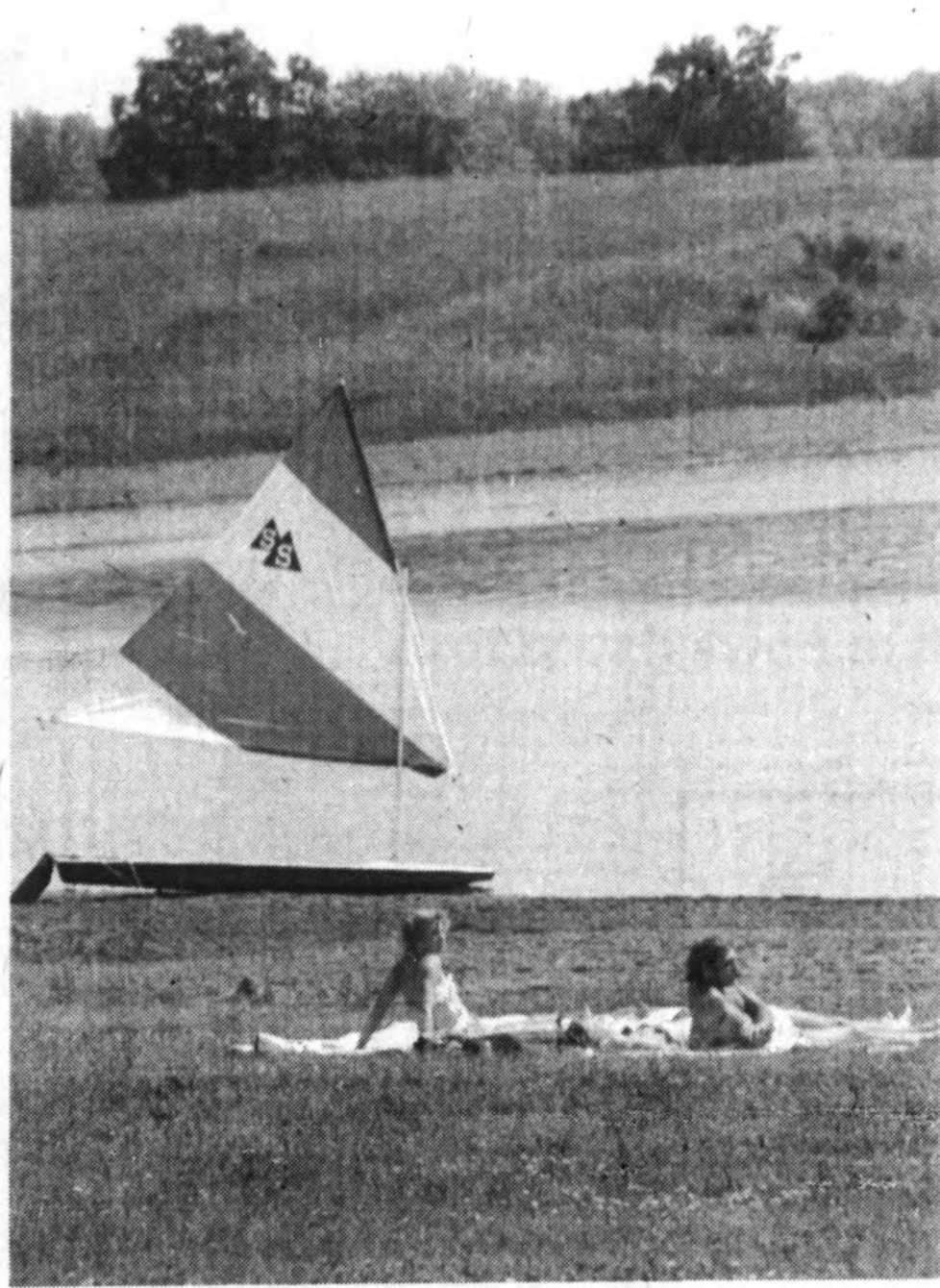
Within a relatively short drive of any place in the county, Sleepy Hollow has an admission price of \$2 for the day or \$7 for the season. The cost of camping is set at \$2 per night for every six people.

Camping is basically group-oriented and aimed at youths such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Groups of up to 100 individuals are welcome to camp.

For those who are energetic, Sleepy Hollow offers five miles of hiking trails among

## Summer fun

Work was the farthest thing from this couple's minds while they enjoyed a day of relaxation and tanning by Lake Ovid last week. (Photo by Tim Jeffery)



## Cancer run set

Six Clinton County runners transversed across the lower portion of this county last Tuesday during the local leg of the "Strides For Life" annual benefit run for the Michigan Cancer Society.

About \$1,000 was pledged in this county for runners John Minsky of St. Johns, Ed Kimmel of Wacousta, Tom Marshall of DeWitt, Shirley Kerchaert and her teenage son of Bath and teen Pat Kelly of Bath.

Each ran 25 miles last Tuesday, starting from the Meridian Mall in Okemos to Clintonia Road in Clinton County. Their run was part of a statewide run from Detroit to Muskegon. In all, 19 runners participated last Tuesday.

Those running were given lunch and supper at the Eagle Town Hall and runners who were not from Clinton County were boarded for the night in Eagle residents' homes, said Louise Nourse of Eagle, one of the local coordinators of the run.

Mrs. Nourse also related that last Saturday's golf benefit at Twin Oaks Golf Course on US-27, north of St. Johns, netted \$877 for the Cancer Society. The entire green fees for the day were donated by golf course owners Mr and Mrs Earl Beachum, and a back sale brought in \$167. A raffle also boosted the proceeds.

This was the eighth annual Cancer Society golf outing at Twin Oaks.

its 1,685 acres of land and water.

Lake Ovid gives the park its swimming and fishing activities. Park Ranger David Sinclair said Large Mouth Bass and Tiger Muskies are taken out of the lake by fishermen. He also pointed out fishermen are now able

to get their boats onto the lake at all hours. There is a brand new boat launch open to the public 24 hours a day. Lifeguards are on duty during swimming hours. There are changing areas and concession stands located at the beach.

Sleepy Hollow also has

plenty of picnic area. Picnic benches are located at various spots throughout the park.

Toward the end of summer the put-take pheasant hunting program gets underway. The entire park is open to hunting for whatever is in season.

## Snyder Oilers split four games

Fowler

The Snyder Oilers, Fowler's women's fast pitch softball team, split four games last weekend. The split left the Oilers with a 4-2 record.

On Saturday afternoon, Waterford defeated the Oilers 2-0 in the first game of a doubleheader. Waterford scored two runs in the sixth inning on three hits. Jo McKin took the loss for the Fowler team.

A five-run first inning was more than enough support for Jo Ellen McGinnity in game two. Striking out seven

Waterford hitters, McGinnity coasted to a 6-1 victory for the Oilers.

In Sunday's action against the Akron Area Merchants, the first game of a pair went 10 innings. Akron scored two unearned runs off losing pitcher McGinnity in the tenth to gain a 4-2 win. Lynn Snyder had two hits for the Oilers.

In game two the Oilers jumped ahead with a run in the first inning. The lead didn't last though, as Akron built up a 6-1 lead.

With some aggressive base running the Oilers began to

chip away at the lead. Behind seven stolen bases, they managed to pull out a 7-6 win. McGinnity gained her second victory of the weekend in relief of McKin. Colette Mulford had a hit and scored two runs, while Kat Schmitt doubled and tripled to lead the Oiler hitting attack.

The Fowler team is Saturday June 28 against Joe Mark's team from Flint.

Sunday the Oilers travel to Bay city to meet the Bay City Women's Athletic Club. Both games are at 2 p.m.

## ST. JOHNS CITY COMMISSION MINUTES MAY 27, 1980.

The Reg. Mtg. of the City Comm. was called to order by Mayor Arehart at 7:30 p.m.

COMM. PRESENT: Arehart, Roesner, Starck; Hannah, Brockmyre  
COMM. ABSENT: None  
STAFF PRESENT: Randy L. Humphrey, City Manager; Richard L. Coletta, City Clerk; Paul A. Maples, City Atty.; Diane M. Edwards, City Assessor.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the Mins. of the May 12, 1980 Reg. Mtg. and the May 12, 1980 Closed Session of the St. Johns City Comm. be approved as presented.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Brockmyre supported by Comm. Starck that the Warrants be approved in the amt. of \$362,677.70.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Arehart asked for additions or deletions to the Agenda. There was one addition. Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the Agenda be approved as amended.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Brockmyre supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Comm. grant the Arts for All Ages Request to run an Art In The Park summer art program again this year on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, June 17, 18, 19, 24, 25 and 26th from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and that they be allowed to charge participants 50¢ per day to offset the cost of supplies and further that all of the City's permits and fees be waived.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Brockmyre supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Comm. authorize the Mayor to sign a letter of general support for this type of project (Wheel Inn Mall).

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. approve the application and renew the taxi cab co. license of the Community Cab Company.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Comm. approve payment to Barton Malow in the amt. of \$192,415.36 and to Hubblell, Roth & Clark in the amt. of \$15,442.21 subject to the receipt of IPA funds.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. open the Public Hearing on the 1980-1981 Fiscal Year Budget.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding the Budget.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Comm. close the Public Hearing on the 1980-1981 Fiscal Year Budget.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Brockmyre supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. adopt the 1980-1981 fiscal year budget as presented by the City Mgr. That the City levy 10.0 mills for General Operations, 3.0 mills for Garbage, 1.0 mills for G.O. Bond #1, 1.5 mills for G.O. Bond #2, .4 mills for G.O. Bond #3, and 1.5 mills for G.O. Bond #4, for a total levy of 17.4 mills.

And further that the City Comm. authorize approp. for the following expenditures: Leg. Dept. - \$113,526; Adm. Dept. - \$163,510; Mun. Bldg. - \$30,700; Capital Imp. - \$124,741; Police Dept. - \$266,263; Fire Dept. - \$62,078; Dept. of Public Works - \$91,200; Parking Mtr. Dept. - \$21,027; Parks Dept. - \$36,197; Rec. Dept. - \$29,150; Ins. Rebate - \$246,100; Mobile Equip. Fund - \$187,566; Major St. Fund - \$133,872; Local St. Fund - \$172,685; Library Fund - \$56,436; Bond Retire. Fund - \$464,629; Solid Waste-Landfill Fund - \$268,275; Special Assess. Fund 0 \$32,529; Revenue Sharing Fund - \$123,973; Wtr. Prod. Fund - \$178,405; Wtr. Dist. Fund - \$83,944; WWTP Fund - \$198,429; Sewer Dist. Fund - \$18,000; Capital Imp. Fund - \$36,861; Bond Oper. Debt. Fund - \$130,000.

And further that any amendments or alterations to those approp. must receive specific prior approval by the City Comm.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. accept Lloyd Miller & Sons low bid for a Ford 3600 Tractor in the amt. of \$7,429.00 and Lloyd Miller & Sons bid of \$980.00 for a rotary mower and \$1,120.00 for a side mount sickle bar.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

There was a discussion regarding the water well search. The Comm. directed the City Mgr. that if he did not hear from the well consultant before Thursday, he should contact Keck Consultants the next day and hire them to do the fresh water search.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Comm. authorize the City Clerk to write a letter to the County Clerk indicating the City Comm. approves the Emery Moore application to place his farm under the Farmland Preservation Act.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Comm. authorize the City Staff to take street paving bids.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Roesner that the City Comm. authorize Supt. Gramlich to take bids on the oil and grease for the new WWTP.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Starck supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Comm. authorize the purchase of police uniforms from Lansing Uniform Co.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Starck that the City Comm. authorize the City Atty. and the City Clerk to update the insurance specs. and to advertise and take bids on the City's insurance.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Hannah that the City Comm. adjourn to Closed Session to discuss the F.O.P. Labor Negotiations.

Mayor Arehart called a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Arehart: YEA; Roesner: YEA; Starck: YEA; Hannah: YEA; Brockmyre: YEA. Motion carried.

The City Comm. adjourned to Closed Session at 8:22 p.m.

Motion by Comm. Roesner supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Comm. adjourn the Closed Session and reconvene the City Comm. in Open Session.

Mayor Arehart called a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: Arehart: YEA; Roesner: YEA; Starck: YEA; Hannah: YEA; Brockmyre: YEA. Motion carried.

The Closed Session was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Roesner that the meeting be adjourned.

YEA: Arehart, Roesner, Starck, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Arehart adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m.

ST. JOHNS CITY COMMISSION MINUTES - SPECIAL MEETING - JUNE 2, 1980

The Special Mtg. of the City Comm. was called to order by Mayor Arehart at 7:40 p.m.

COMM. PRESENT: Arehart, Hannah, Brockmyre  
COMM. ABSENT: Roesner, Starck  
STAFF PRESENT: Randy L. Humphrey, City Manager; Richard L. Coletta, City Clerk; Paul A. Maples, City Atty.; Diane M. Edwards, City Assessor.

There was a discussion regarding outstanding invoices for the renovation of Well #5, Well #9 and the tests on the Wheel Inn Well. The City Mgr. was instructed to write a letter to Layne Northern outlining the City's position and to present the letter to the City Comm. for their approval.

Ed Kleinman of the Oxford Group presented a request that their senior citizens building be charged a service fee in lieu of normal taxes. There was a discussion regarding this and the Comm. indicated to Mr. Kleinman that his firm would have to file a formal application before the Comm. could take any action.

Motion by Comm. Hannah supported by Comm. Brockmyre that the City Comm. authorize the City Assessor to begin the residential reappraisal and to hire four employees to perform the field work.

YEA: Arehart, Hannah, Brockmyre. NAY: None. Motion carried.

Mayor Arehart adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.



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JUNE 15 THRU JUNE 28

## June is Dairy Month; poster promotes dairy

June is Dairy month. In celebration and recognition of this, Jill Swagart, 15, of St. Johns is promoting dairy with her entry in the 1980 4-H Dairy Poster Contest.

Jill, daughter of Don and Rosie Swagart, has been involved with dairy all her

life. Her 4-H dairy experiences began six years ago and she has competed in Dairy Days at MSU for five years. At Dairy Days she placed first in demonstrations in 1976, first place in the 1977 poster contest, and second in dairy science in 1978.

On the local level, Jill has successfully competed in the county fair with her dairy animal, as well as being involved in judging. In addition to dairy, Jill has been involved in ceramics, photography, macrame, foods, creative writing, rug-hooking, woodworking, cro-

cheting, crafts, vegetable garden and crafts. She was also 1978 recipient of the McDonald Dairy Science award.

4-H and dairy are only a few projects that interest Jill. She is also an avid athlete, as well as band and church member.

Jill promotes many of the various dairy products in her poster. According to Jill, "There's only one way to make butter, cream, cheese, nature's most nutritious drink, yogurt, sour cream, and a happy new you. 'Milk Is The One.'"



## New doctor joins veterinary service

St. Johns

The Clinton Veterinary Service headquartered in St. Johns has a new doctor as of Monday, June 23. Dr. Peggy Roth is working with Dr. Jerry Quinlan.

Dr. Roth is a 1977 graduate from Michigan State University where she attended school with Dr. Quinlan. After graduation she went to Coleman where

she worked in a mixed animal practice for two years. Then she went on to Ohio to take over a one-person practice for a year.

She grew up on a dairy farm in Lowell and said that with this kind of a background she has always felt a desire to work with animals, be outside, and work with farmers.

Dr. Roth has worked primarily with farm animals

and bovine reproduction. She is interested in registered Holstein cattle and owns four of them. She now resides in St. Johns.

Dr. Quinlan said that he wanted to give his clients someone with as much experience as he himself has had, or someone with more. He went on to say that, "I feel Dr. Roth is very competent and experienced."

The two doctors are planning to open a clinic in the area that will have all small animal services and facilities as well as farm

animal care facilities. He also said that once the new clinic is opened he will be hiring a new veterinarian to help with the practice.

## Elsie cows listed tops

Elsie

Two Holstein cows owned

by Duane and Velmar Green of Elsie, have qualified among the "Top 20 Milk Producers" in Michigan during the month of May.

This honor is significant in that the selection was made from over 9,000 305-day records completed that month.

Cow 311 was 54 months old when she started this record. Her excellent 305 mature equivalent lactation record was completed with 25,031 pounds of milk and 1,133 pounds of butterfat. Cow 1119 was 25 months old and completed with 25,434 pounds of milk and 1,117 pounds of butterfat.

The Green herd is enrolled in Michigan DHIA Herd Management Program and is serviced locally by DHIA technician Arvin Jensen in cooperation with Clinton County Extension Agent, Mark Hansen, and Michigan DHIA, Inc.

DHIA, Inc. is a statewide, farmer-owned organization that provides herd management services to 2,386 Michigan dairymen milking 165,118 dairy cows.

Further information can be obtained by contacting the Clinton County Extension Office or by writing Michigan DHIA, Inc., Box 23158, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

## Milk's the one

Jill Swagart of St. Johns has entered this poster promoting dairy in the 1980 4-H Dairy Contest. According to her poster, "There's only one way to make butter, cream, cheese, nature's most nutritious drink, yogurt, sour cream, and a happy new you. Milk is The One." (Photo by Sharon Randall)

## Farm Credit Act ready for approval

Several of the amendments to the Farm Credit Act, which it appears that Congress is ready to approve, would be important to young farmers, said Michigan Farm Bureau's director of public affairs, Al Almy.

"The bill would authorize increasing the amount of appraised value that can be financed by the land banks," Almy explained. "Now at 85 percent, it would increase to 100 percent of the appraised value."

Another amendment, he said, would make it easier for farmers to finance farm

equipment. The bill would authorize Production Credit Association to extend repayment terms up to 10 years. The current limitation is seven years.

Also included in the amendments, Almy reported, is one which would make it easier for the farm credit system to finance cooperatives which are in the grain export business.

Almy said that Congress is apparently not going to consider some of the earlier controversial amendments that would have allowed farm credit banks to offer various types of insurance services.

## Attend VFW convention

St. Johns

Two local delegates will be attending the 53rd annual state convention of the Department of Michigan Ladies Auxiliary to the

Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States.

Attending the conference at Traverse City from June 26-29 will be Eloise Hambleton and Rose Randolph.

## Food preservation series offered

"Holding the Harvest" will be a two-hour, three-week series on food preservation offered through the Cooperative Extension Service.

Learning the essentials in canning acid, low-acid fruits and vegetables, making jams and jellies and freezing will be the subjects covered. Highlights of this program will be in the hands-on

experience each participant receives and taking home what one makes.

These classes will be held at Smith Hall in St. Johns July 8, 15, 22 from 7-9 p.m. A registration fee of \$10 is needed by June 25 to cover expenses.

For more information stop at the Cooperative Extension Office at 306 Elm St., St. Johns, or call 224-3288.

## Golden Agers hold potluck

The Greenbush Golden Agers met at the township hall on Tuesday, June 17.

A pot-luck dinner was enjoyed by the many people who attended.

The program, which was planned by chairperson Pauline Esch, consisted of a short talk by Brenda Hamilton who brought the seniors up to date on programs offered to senior citizens. This was followed by slides of the Holy Land presented by Marie Woodhams.

A short business meeting followed. Many trips were

discussed and plans are being made.

The club's next meeting will be Tuesday, July 15, a program on American heritage will be presented.

## NOTICE Public Hearing Request for Rezoning

A public hearing will be held Monday July 14th at 8p.m. on the following request for a zoning change. Donald W. & Therese Thelen request to rezone from M-1 Industrial to Residential R-1B. 200 sq. ft. by 200 sq. ft. Parcel from Alvin Thelen property line east.

Phyllis Myers  
Sec. Westphalia  
Planning Comm.

## Clinton County Board of Commissioners



Synopsis for proceedings of Clinton County Board of Commissioners held April 29, 1980.

The Board met Tuesday, April 29, 1980 at 9:00 A.M.

Minutes of the April 14, 1980 meeting was approved as presented.

The agenda was approved as presented.

Voted and carried to accept, with reluctance the resignation of Gerald Ambrose, Administrator.

Motion granted granting renewal of special use permit - Duplain Township - Section 31 - Spartan Aggregates, Inc.

Motion carried to rezone ZC-5-80 - Essex Township - Section 8 - Karl Blemaster, Mark Allen, Lloyd Baker and Charles Henry.

Motion carried unanimously to rezone ZC-6-80 Essex Township - Section 17 - Robert Swift, William Steigerwald and Robert Miller.

Voted and carried to approve audited bills for April in the amount of \$58,407.63.

Voted and carried to select Gordon Walters as the new agent of record for the Equitable.

Motion carried unanimously to adopt the two year Fraternal Order of Police Union contract (1980-81).

Voted and carried to increase the sick leave payout upon retirement in the Employees Personnel Policy from a maximum of 30 days to a maximum of 45 days.

Voted and carried to provide Worker's Compensation Insurance for employees covered by the requirements of Michigan Law. The County shall continue payment of the employees health and life and other County paid insurance premiums until for a period of time not to exceed 2 years or the length of the employees employment with the County, whichever is less.

Voted and carried to increase all non-union county employees by 1.33% retroactive to 1-1-80.

New CETA rulings are as follows: freeze on Title VI funds as of 4/25/80 and OJT program which will reimburse the County 50% on a training program.

Voted and carried to accept Friend of the Courts annual report and place on file.

Motion carried to adopt a resolution of intent to levy millage from Watertown Charter Township to construct a sewer interceptor system and to issue bonds under Act 185 P.A. 1957 as amended.

Motion carried to adopt an equalized value of \$440,826,983.00 for Real Property for 1980 assessment rolls.

Motion carried unanimously to adopt a total equalized value for 1980 assessment rolls in the amount of \$29,839,108.00.

Voted and carried to accept annual report of Administrative Services Office and place on file.

Voted and carried to accept Circuit Court Probation annual report.

Voted and carried to accept Tri-County Regional Planning Commission annual report and place on file

Voted and carried to approve Commissioners expense accounts as presented.

Voted and carried to approve Farm Land applications Nos. 89-16 thru 80-36.

Hawks presented a Physical Resources Committee report held April 23, 1980:

Voted and carried to reappoint Richard DePond as a Board of Commissioner representative to the Planning Commission for three year appointments effective May 1, 1980.

Moved to reappoint Douglas Weir and James Remus to the Construction Appeals Board for a two year term expiring May 4, 1982.

Committee discussed the bridge situation in the County. No recommendation at this time.

Voted and carried to appoint Maynard Bailey, Bingham Township resident to the DPW for a three year term effective May 1, 1980.

Committee authorized purchase of a tape recorder at approximate cost of \$100 provided funds are in the budget for County Extension Office.

Voted and carried to authorize the advertising for bids to reroof District Court and repairs to Court House roof.

Voted and carried to appoint Gen Drouin to the Advisory Board of the Tri-County Aging Consortium for a three year term.

Voted and carried that Clinton County not participate in the Mental Health Board expansion program.

VanDriesen reported on a Criminal Justice Committee meeting held April 28, 1980:

Committee authorized Sheriff to contract with Ted Lewis for the use of his Emergency Vehicle, at a cost of \$60 per year.

Committee authorized Animal Control to spend \$578.17 for changing radio frequencies for animal control operations with funding to come from existing budget.

Voted and carried to authorize the Sheriff to spend \$1,073.75 for repair to the county's antenna, if the damage is not covered by insurance.

Voted and carried to recind the action taken by the Board March 25, 1980 whereby the resolution No. 1980-7 was adopted that supported families.

Voted and carried to contract the sponsoring agency of the resolution (1980-7) and request a definition of families.

Voted and carried to adjourn and meet May 27, 1980.

Complete minutes on file in the office of County Clerk. *Jane Swanchara*  
Jane Swanchara, County Clerk

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PRE ENROLLMENT classes start Sept. 15th. Pre ballet, ballet and tap, ages 4 to adult. Call Nancy 224-4983 Mon. through Fri. 11 to 6. 26-3-p-29

THE FAMILY of Josephine D. Slamka wish to express our warm appreciation of the acts of kindness shown to us during the sudden loss of our wife and mother. A personal thanks to Father Frego of St. Cyril's Parish, Father Knoeker of Holy Family Catholic Church and Harold Hehrer for their strength, faith and support given to us in a time when it was so needed. A very special thanks to Dr. R.V. Haroun, Dr. L. I. Terpstra, the other Doctors involved, the nursing staff of two south, the intensive care unit and also the snack shop who gave our mother and wife and family the beautiful care, patience and understanding which words alone cannot express the appreciation we feel in our hearts. We would also like to thank the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliary, the members of St. Cyril's Parish for the lovely dinner and Carter's Funeral Home for their thoughtfulness and kindness. We also wish to extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many relatives, friends and neighbors for the many cards, gifts, food and flowers given to us during our loss. May God Bless each and everyone of you. Although she has left this world, the abundance of her love will continue to touch our lives as it always did. And the wonderful and precious memories of her will linger on forever. She was a friend, a mother and a wife that will never be forgotten. 26-1-p-29

IN MEMORY of Harold W. Cole, who passed away 1 year ago June 26, 1979. A beautiful star shines on the grave of the one we couldn't save. Without farewell he fell asleep and left only memories for us to keep. 26-1-p-30

FOR SALE used tillers and mowers, 8 tractors. Ames Small Engine Service, Mulliken. 16-tfn-GL-27

SUMMER FLEA Market at the Family Drive In Theater, 2450 N. U.S. 27, St. Johns. Spaces to rent \$5.00 per full space, \$2.50 half space. Gates open 7:00 a.m. every Sunday starting June 29th 1980. 4 o'clock auction, weather permitting. Buyers welcome! Sellers. Bring your wares. Lunch stand open. 224-3910, 224-3561 or 224-7064. 24-3-p-29

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FOR SALE: Parts for all electric shavers. Levey's Jewelry, Elsie. 1-tf-29

OPEN HOUSE Show—Sunday, June 29, 9:00 at the Ionia Fairgrounds arena. Sponsored by Town and Country Riders 4-H Saddle club. For more information call (616) 527-4144. 26-1-P-29

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GARAGES, FAMILY rooms, bedrooms, for additions or remodeling call Fedewa Builders 485-0225 ask for Joe Fedewa. 24-4-p-27

LIQUID MANURE pits, farm walls, barn yards, for your farm concrete needs call Fedewa Builders 485-0225 ask for Joe Miller. 24-4-p-27

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WOOD BURNING equipment Monarch, Yukon, Deere-woods, Menominee Boilers, Majestic fire places, (heat savers). Free standing stove. Free estimates. Call 626-6224. 24-4-p-27

ANTIQUES: HUGE supply of chairs, furniture, glass and misc. Also parts. Open Saturday and Sunday. Other days by chance or appointment. Call 647-7684 Farmer's Barn 9497 Okemos Rd., Portland. 26-1-P-29

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BAR-CHAIN Oil-265 gallon (6 gallon case) All quantities available. Chain saw sharpening, 99 cents, Brady's in Holt. 694-2266. 6-tf-GL-27

STRAWBERRIES: PICK your own at Brovant's. Bring your own containers Mon. thru Thurs. Hrs. 8 to 12 noon and 5 to 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday 8 to 12 noon only. Brovant's 3 miles South of Sunfield on M-50. 26-1-GL-29

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THE ST. JOHNS V.F.W. Hall will be taking bids on replacement of 6 windows and elimination of 8 windows. Call Gary Price 224-3085 for specific information. We reserve the right to refuse or accept any or all bids. All bids should be in by July 1. 26-1-p-29

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JUNE IS strawberry month. Plan to begin picking approximately June 18. Picking everyday except Sunday. U-pick or buy already picked. Now taking orders. The Berry Basket (White's Farm) 8283 N. Chipman Rd., Henderson, 9 miles north of Owasco. Ph. 517-723-7380 or 517-723-8332. 23-5-p-27

CASH FOR working refrigerators and good sofas to \$50 each. 641-6884. 25-1-p-28

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CANVAS & VINYL: Repairs—tents, tarps, boat covers and awnings. Walsh Pads behind Ballard's Home Center 124 E. Washington St., DeWitt 9 to 4:30 or by appointment. 669-9186.

LITTLE FRANK Polka band now appearing every Sunday 4 to 9 p.m. Playtime Bar, US-27 2 miles S. 1-96. Ph. 645-7400. 17-tfn-GL-27

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STRAWBERRIES: PICK your own 45 cents a lb. We supply containers, open 7 a.m. Round Lake Fruit. Farm 1 mile east of Round Lake on Round Lake Rd. Laingsburg. Picking should start approximately June 16th. Ph. 651-6508. 24-3-p-29

NEW FULLER Brush dealer, Bath area. Sally Clark. 641-6177. 24-3-p-29

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BUNKER AND WILLBURN EXCAVATING: Backhoe and dozing, septic systems. 517-743-3676 17-15-p-27

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SELLING QUEEN size convertible, \$125.00 metal closet \$50.00. Wooden desk, \$45.00; Chair, \$10.00; full set of encyclopedias, \$15.00. Call Christine 627-4001 days, 372-9698 evenings. 19-GL-tfn-27

BINGO: Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Shiawassee Conservation Association. 4247 N. M-52. 50-tf-29

LOST PORTABLE radio at Senior citizens' tennis court on Ottawa, reward offered. Call 224-7229 or 224-3221 ext. 216. 26-1-p-35

WANTED: STANDING TIMBER Szeponski Saw Mill, St. Charles. 7550 Graham Rd., St. Charles. 517-865-9902. 1-tf-70

WE WISH TO thank our children, Jane and Dale Knight and their children, Kevin and Diane and Jim and Dottie Spousta and their children, Colin, Courtney and Kirsten for the wonderful 50th Anniversary party they gave us. Thanks to the Vesper group for serving the luncheon and all who helped in any way to make our party the wonderful event it was. Thanks to all who gave gifts and sent cards and to all our dear friends and relatives who came from far and near to help us celebrate this beautiful occasion. God bless all of you. Mr & Mrs James Spousta 26-1-p-30

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WANTED: HAY to be put up on shares in the DeWitt area. Ph. 669-9960. 24-3-p-27

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IN MEMORY of Harold W. Cole, who passed away 1 year ago June 26, 1979. A beautiful star shines on the grave of the one we couldn't save. Without farewell he fell asleep and left only memories for us to keep. 26-1-p-30

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# The Back Page

## Strawberries—a right sweet treat

By Sharon Randall  
Staff Writer

Clinton County

Strawberry season is in full swing here this week. The bright red juicy fruit is now available in supermarkets, roadside stands and pick-your-own farms.

A case of 16 quarts can be purchased at a supermarket or fruit stand for about \$12.95. These berries are picked and shipped into the county as soon as possible but are at least a day old. The purist will want to choose one of the pick-your-own farms here at home and spend a couple of hours in the hot sun, enjoying the sights and smells of the growing strawberry and the sweet taste of it out in the patch.

As Mrs Helen DeVault of Lainsburg explained, "It's so good to pick something off the vine and take it home and use it." Mrs DeVault grew up on a strawberry farm in the Tennessee Valley. "I thought I'd never pick another berry," she said, "but I can't help it, I love it." Mrs DeVault was picking Saturday at the Round Lake Fruit Farm planning to freeze the berries she took home. "I'll come back next week after they've ripened more and get some for jam," she said.

The Round Lake Fruit Farm, owned and operated by George and Chris Wizner in partnership with her parents Mr and Mrs Wendell Hiestler of Saginaw, opened Saturday.

They came from all over the area, Lainsburg, DeWitt, St. Johns, Perry, Okemos, Haslett and Lansing. This pick-your-own crowd adds enthusiasm to the business of berries. Mrs Doris Cox of DeWitt was there for her second season saying, "It's such a joy to pick them." Her berries were going home for supper and the freezer.

Mary Ufford of East Lansing and Portia Taylor of Lansing were at the Wizner patch together picking strawberries for jam and the freezer. Ms Ufford planned to make jam for friends. "I've got all kinds of orders," she said. She prefers the cooked recipe over the freezer jam. "I get a kick out of sealing it with wax," she said. "It makes you feel like a grandmother," her friend Ms Taylor observed.

Mary and Michale Fedak of Okemos said the trouble with pick-your-own is that "you come for one quart and you pick 10." This couple plans to come back again later in the season for their jam berries. Mrs Fedak said berries are very fragile and should be handled carefully. "They have to be eaten or preserved in a day or two," she said but warned that they should not be washed before storage. "keep them dry until you are ready to use them," she said.

"With the nice rains we've had these hardly need to be washed," Fedak added, popping one into his mouth.

Like other farms in the country, Wizner's berries have been ripening for about a week but are a little behind last year because of colder weather. This week was expected to be the best for picking after the warm weekend weather. Gayla Phillips of Phillips Centennial Orchards on the northern side of the county said this summer's season will probably extend a week or two into July. "Good rains have given this year's berries a nice size," Mrs. Phillips said, "but picking is down about half from what it was at this time last year because of colder weather."

Phillips and Wizners say the average customer picks about 10 pounds of berries but many pick 20 pounds (which is close to a case) and some as much as 100 pounds. The Wizner's 8-acre patch yielded 10 tons of berries last year and the Phillips' smaller patch, 16,000 pounds. Berries are sold for 45 cents a pound at the pick-your-own farms. A quart of berries averages about a pound and a half.

Fresh from the box a cup strawberries is just 56 calories and that cup supplies the average daily requirement of Vitamin C as well as some calcium, iron, riboflavin, Vitamin A and niacin. With shortcake at the top of the list, berries were also going home Saturday to kitchens around the country, for jam and pie and to be put away in the

freezer for winter months.

Strawberries are easy to freeze for later use. Simply wash, remove hulls and slice the berries. Then gently mix with sugar, pack into freezer containers and freeze. The general guidelines on sugar is one cup for each pound of berries or less if desired. Whole berries freeze successfully too.

A real treat when you come home from the berry patch is this special chilled strawberry pie.

**Big Boy Pie**

- 4 cups strawberries (halved)
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup water
- 3 oz-package strawberry jello
- 3 tablespoons cornstarch
- ½ cup water

Combine sugar and 1 cup water. Bring to boil. Stir in paste of cornstarch and ½ cup water. Boil gently until clear and thick, about 5 minutes. Stir in jello. Cool. Fold in fresh berries and pour into baked pie shell. Top with whipped cream.

Pick-your-own doesn't stop with strawberries. Both the Phillips farm and Round Lake Fruit Farm will have raspberries later in the season and the Wizner's have apples in the fall.

An excellent guide to pick-your-own farms in Michigan is available at no cost from the Michigan Department of Agriculture, Lansing, Michigan 48909 or through State Senator Dick Allen's office, c/o State Capitol, P.O. Box 30036, Lansing, Michigan 48909. Called Country Carousel, the guide lists everything available in Michigan from apples to zucchini.

The guide tells us that you can find strawberries at:  
**Round Lake Fruit Farm**—7304 Round Lake Rd., Lainsburg, 10 miles N or East Lansing, 1 mile E or Round Lake on Round Lake Rd, Phone 651-6508.

**Good-Rich Acres Strawberry Farm**—St. Johns, 4 miles N on US-27 to French Rd., 1 mile W on French Rd., to DeWitt Rd. First house on DeWitt Rd. 224-6096.

**Montague's Apiaries and Orchards**—10 miles E of St. Johns on M-21 to blinker light at Ovid, then N 1.4 miles, 834-2628.

**Strawberries**—1 mile W of Ovid blinker light on M-21 to Hollister Rd., S 1½ miles to Welter Rd., ½ mile W. 834-5133.

**Uncle John's Cider Mill**—7½ miles N of St. Johns on US-27. 224-3686.

**Phillips Centennial Orchards**—8 miles N of St. Johns and 3 miles W of US-27. 682-4430.

### Public Service Announcement



# DeWitt Medical Center

## Schools placed on historic register

St. Johns

Both Teresa Merrill Elementary and Central Elementary schools have been entered in the National Register of Historic Places.

Teresa Merrill, formerly East Ward School, was built in 1855. Both buildings are two of the largest and finest remaining 19th century schoolhouses in Michigan's southern Lower Peninsula.

By being listed in the National Register of Historic Places, the two schools have been deemed "of outstand-

ing historical and architectural significance."

There is also a possibility the historical listing could aid the school district in obtaining federal grant money to restore Central School, if the St. Johns Board of Education elected to follow that plan.

Having the schools listed in the National Register does not change the school district's property rights. The district can still sell, alter or demolish either school without having to consult with the national preservation agency.

## 3 attend MSU music camp

East Lansing

Three St. Johns students will be attending the 1980 Michigan State University summer youth music camp program June 22-July 3.

Attending will be Karin and Kristin Valentine, daughters of Don and Joan Valentine of 907 W. McConnell, and Jeff Richards, son of Bill and Jenny Richards of 302 Lindy Lane. Both Kristin and Karin

have been granted scholarship awards for the program. The scholarships were granted on the basis of music talent, leadership qualities and the recommendations of their teachers and the youth music staff.

Activities for students attending the camp will include daily rehearsals and small class instruction, private study with MSU staff, music theory, literature, conducting and acoustics and a series of concerts-recitals.

### Comprehensive medical care now conveniently available in Country Meadows Village Center.

Recognizing the need for convenient medical services for the rapidly growing population of southern Clinton County, a suite of physicians' offices has been established in Country Meadows Village Center.

**Physicians.** The doctors in private practice in the DeWitt Medical Center represent: *Family Practice, Pediatrics, Obstetrics/Gynecology, General Surgery.* Phone 669-8302 for an appointment.

**Laboratory.** A total range of laboratory services are available at the DeWitt Medical Center. This service has been established to

provide area residents convenient access to high quality diagnostic testing.

The laboratory is staffed by certified medical technologists. Board certified pathologists oversee the testing procedures and the operation of the lab.

**X-Ray.** Primary radiology services are being provided for the convenience of the people of southern Clinton County.

The X-ray facility is staffed by certified technologists.

X-rays will be read by physicians from Ingham Radiology Associates, P.C. These same doctors, specialists in radiology, serve Clinton Memorial Hospital and Ingham Medical Center.

**Other Services.** As the multi-disciplinary medical staff develops at the DeWitt

Medical Center, other services will be added to meet the needs of the community.

**Our Location.** The entrance to the DeWitt Medical Center is through Suite 4 in Office Building "A".



## Country Meadows VILLAGE CENTER

13105 Shavey Road, DeWitt, Michigan 48820 Phone 669-8302 for an appointment.