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Community Days underway

The second annual Bath Community Days will be held this Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 17, 18, 19 in downtown Bath. Events include bath tub races, a pig roast, a musicfest, and a 10,000-meter run. Arts and crafts booths will also be open on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on Sunday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Band Boosters launch money making project

Band Boosters in St. Johns have launched a money making project to raise funds to help send high school students to band camp in August.

Parents are selling tickets for a cash drawing during sidewalk sale days and a bake sale is also planned, Saturday, Aug. 1.

Wayne Banner, manager of the D and C Store is chairman of the money drawing for nine cash prizes. Tickets are available there or from band parents.

Argersinger brings in first load

Alden Argersinger of Marshall Road brought the first load of wheat into the St. Johns Co-op Friday.

Because the price is low, Argersinger decided to wait before selling the rest of the grain harvested from his 10 acre field. His yield was about 50 bushels to the acres. Last year's average was 44 bushels to the acre.

Film series deals with behavior

A film series, "The Spirit Controlled Temperment," by Dr. and Mrs. Tim LaHaye of the Family Life Seminars, will be shown at the Grove Bible Church July 15, 22, 29 and August 5.

The church is at the corner of Price and Shepardsville Roads. The public is welcome to the 7 p.m. showings on human behavior that use a biblical approach.

The films are, "Why you act the way you do," "Dealing with hostility," "Overcoming fear, anxiety, and worry," and "Six keys to marital happiness."



Fiddlin' around

The Clinton County Senior Citizens Kitchen Band helped celebrate Tuesday as the Senior drop-in Center marked its first anniversary.

On the violin was Clem Armbrustmacher of Fowler. The band accepts engagements and are on hand for many community festivities. (Photos by David Olds.)

Senior drop-in center celebrates first year

Clinton County senior citizens and public officials celebrated the first anniversary for the Senior drop-in Center, downtown St. Johns, with special ceremonies, Tuesday.

While the center has been in operation for several years, this month marks the ending of the first year in a new building the seniors, purchased and renovated themselves.

Community donations, volunteer labor and fund raisers have kept the center going, giving seniors a place of their own.

Nutrition meals are served at the center three times a week and it is used for bingo, cards, exercise and enrichment classes. "The coffee pot is always on," is the motto of director Fred Rewerts, himself an active senior.

A \$2,500 check to be used for center activities, was presented to Rewerts Tuesday by St. Johns city officials. The money was earmarked in this year's budget for senior recreation.



Long developers purchase mall site

By SHARON RANDALL

The first official word that the Wheel Inn Mall site, on the south side of St. Johns has been sold came in a request for re-zoning of some property there at the city commission meeting, Monday.

Word has been out unofficially that Gordon Long Developers of DeWitt has purchased the mall site, but a spokesman in the Long office said Wednesday morning that he was not certain if the final closing has taken place.

Gordon Long, owner of many development projects in the Lansing, DeWitt area, and Long's Restaurant in Lansing, asked the commission by letter for the rezoning on a small portion of property on the north side of the mall site. City assessor, Diane Edwards said Long was requesting that the piece be changed from R-3, apartments to general commercial. The request was referred to the planning commission.

The city's agenda said Long had purchased the property and hopes to be into construction this fall, but Dick Zimmerman at

the Long development company could not confirm this. "We're still a long ways off from any decisions," he said. "There are so many unanswered questions."

Long has two finished

mall projects, one in Holt, Cedar Park Center and the other, Village Square, in DeWitt. Both follow a neighborhood shopping center concept, rather than being an enclosed mall.

The mall project was

first conceived here by Juanita O'Leary who owned most of the property north of her Wheel Inn restaurant. Tedd White was in charge of developing the project for her, but it hit a snag last spring

when financing became hard to obtain.

On site at the mall is Fishers Big Wheel department store which opened in November of 1980. It is the only store to be completed on the property.

Probate Court cracks down

By SHARON RANDALL

Alarmed over a steady rise in drinking and driving cases involving teenagers, juvenile officials in Clinton County are determined to "crack down" on young people involved in alcohol related offenses.

Effective immediately, all petitions which involve alleged alcohol abuse or possession of alcohol by minors, are to be brought before Probate Judge Marvin Robertson.

"We've had a distinct rise in the misuse of alcohol on wheels," Robertson said. "And while we're not down on the kids, we think we have to consider public safety."

One of the tougher options, Robertson intends to consider is sending an abstract of the offense to the Secretary of State's office which will mean an automatic suspension of the offender's license for six months. Points will also be assessed to the driver's license, Robertson said, which could result in a significantly higher insurance premium.

The judge will also consider placing offenders on formal probation as well as using a disassociation clause which prohibits a juvenile from association with certain individuals. Curfews can also be assigned to offenders.

"We will also give serious consideration to having the child enrolled in an alcohol abuse program and order the parents to pay the fees for the classes," Robertson said.

In 1979 the total offenses of minor in possession were 19. Figures rose to 31 in 1981 and already this year they are at 24. "It's starting to really take off," Robertson said, "and we have to do something about it."

"If you look at the statistics of people getting caught in relation to the kids drinking without getting caught, it's a serious problem in this county and growing," said Fred Olmsted, Probate Court probation officer.

While Robertson said the court has seen a parental concern over "all of this," Olmsted feels that there is a pattern of less parental control that is leading to the in-

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Foster parents honored

Thirteen Clinton County couples were honored recently for their service in the Clinton County foster parent program.

Cited for their hard work and willingness to continually accept children into their homes were foster parents from Fowler, St. Johns, DeWitt, Ovid, Elsie and Pewamo. All couples have been licensed by the Juvenile Court or the Department of Social Services for at least four years.

"The best foster parents are people who have strong family ties and where there is a strong father figure," said Carolyn Delavan, foster care supervisor. Most of the honored families have been in the foster parent program for a lot longer than four years, she indicated.

"Most of them have been involved in the training sessions we have through the court and through Eastern Michigan University," Mrs. Delavan said. The training involves a

series of classes that help foster parents deal with the individual problems of the children in their care.

In Clinton County there are 23 foster families licensed by the court or social services. At present 23 children are placed here, some from boarding counties.

When placement is made, every effort is taken to match up children with families. "We try to accommodate our foster parents when they request specific age ranges," she explained.

Probate Judge Marvin Robertson said the foster parent program in Clinton County is one of the best in the area. "I take a little bit of pride in this program and our people," he said. "We have a sufficient number of foster parents that we can be selective in our placement, making it the best for the child and the family."

Mrs. Delavan said she could use a few more foster

families in the St. Johns area because of the school system and that she will be holding a recruitment campaign in the fall. "We like to keep children in their own school system, if that is possible," she explained, and with St. Johns being the largest community in the county, more foster care is needed there.

Children are placed with Clinton County foster parents from 11 different agencies, Mrs. Delavan said.

In Clinton, a special effort is made to keep children in their own homes. "We don't take children out of their home unless absolutely necessary for the child's best interest," Robertson said. "We want to make things work in the child's home if we can," Mrs. Delavan explained.

Foster children come from homes where a parent can't or will not exercise discipline, Robertson said, or where they are being neglected or abused by a parent.

Mrs. Delavan said that great care is taken not to "abuse the system" and to be fair to foster parents. "We take great care in placement," she said, "and we don't place children in a home where we think there would be a big disruption."

The foster parent "Awards of Recognition and Appreciation" went to:

Tom and Terry Bentley, Bruce and Fern Devereaux and Jerry and Arlene Thelen of Fowler.

From Ovid, Harold and Marilyn Hornbeck and Harrison and Jean Jackson were honored. Dahe and Sharon Hitchcock of DeWitt and Carl and Mildred Smith of Pewamo received awards.

St. Johns foster parents honored were Terry and Dorothy Cornwell, Gene and Nancy Dunkel, Claud and Margaret Foster and Jim and Jone Larsen.

Honored from Elsie were Dean and Shirley Roberts and Dennis and Edith Schroeder.

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Darrell Pope retires from State Police

State Police Det.-Lt. Darrell H. Pope, 50, 507 W. Park, of the detective division at East Lansing headquarters, is retiring July 18 after more than 24 years of service, Col. Gerald Hough, department director, has reported.

Pope has been an investigative services specialist with the detective division since assigned to it in January of 1967.

Previously he served at Grand Haven, Gladstone and the operations division at East Lansing headquarters. He earned promotions to detective in 1967, to detective sergeant ranks in 1971 and to lieutenant level in 1978. He joined the department in October of 1956.

His department credits include honors as first winner of the Donald S. Leonard award in 1977 and selection as a Michigan distinguished public service employee in 1971.

The Leonard award is given for professional educational achievement to a state police officer by the Michigan Bar Association. The public service honor was provided by the state for devising a central computer file to aid police in crime cases.

In addition he earned a department citation for meritorious service and was twice cited for honorable mention. The merit award was for his part in policing a murder case in 1960 in the Muskegon area which led to arrest of a subject later



Darrell Pope

adjudged insane at the time of the crime. The honor awards involved arson cases in the Muskegon area in 1960 and 1962.

Pope was born in St. Johns where he graduated from high school. Later education included a year at Detroit Institute of Technology, and associate degree in business from Lansing Community College and bachelor and masters degrees in law enforcement from Michigan State University in 1975 and 1977 respectively.

Beginning in 1950 he was in the United States Air Force for 37 months, including six months overseas. Prior to the state police, he was employed parttime as a deputy for the Clinton County Sheriff's department.

He and his wife, Geraldine, have a son and a daughter and two stepdaughters.

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Bible school scheduled

Vacation Bible School begins July 20 and continues through July 24 at the First Church of God, corner of M-21 and DeWitt Road, St. Johns.

"Good news, Jesus loves you," is the theme for the learning experience coupled with fun and recreation from 9-11:30 a.m. each day.

A mini-musical will be held, July 26 at 7 p.m. to conclude the week. To register call the church, 224-7190 or Dale Myers, 224-7656.

Kebler-reunion planned

The 62nd Kebler Family Reunion welcomes members of all allied families and friends to the Wiskemann farm, 5580 W. State Road, Lansing for a 1 p.m. potluck picnic and fun Sunday, July 26.

Table service and beverages are furnished. There will be music, prizes, a program devoted to the family in photographs, and all of the traditional things that make for re-union.

Wacousta sets festival date

Summer Fun Festival '81 has been set for Saturday, July 25, at the Wacousta Heritage Park.

Sponsored by the Wacousta Community United Methodist Church the day features blue grass music with Home Grown Grass, from 12:30 to 2:30 and from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Softball and soccer tournaments and carnival games for children will take place through the day. A pig roast dinner will be served from noon to 1, 3 to 4, and 6 to 7 p.m.

Co-op remains neutral

In last week's story about the new grain elevator being built in Eagle Township we listed a number of local elevators which were joining in the Mid-Michigan Farm and Grain Association's protest of the Economic Development Corporation's involvement in the project. Among them we named the St. Johns Co-op.

According to the Co-op's manager, Bill Campbell, the St. Johns Co-op is not taking sides in the question at all.

"I've talked to (Association President) Lon Smith about this," said Campbell. "We're taking a neutral position on it."

Low asphalt bids mean more street improvements in St Johns

By SHARON RANDALL

A lower than expected bid for street paving and money left over from last year will allow the city of St. Johns to do an additional 10 blocks of construction this summer.

The City Commission awarded bids for a total of 27 blocks of street paving, to Spartan Asphalt of Lansing

for \$25.85 a ton using a recycling process that will help retain proper curb heights. City Engineer Doug Weir had estimated the cost at about \$29 a ton, earlier this summer.

The additional street improvement construction will be possible because of the lower bids as well as an additional \$20,000 left over from last year, according

to City Clerk Rick Coletta.

While all the actual streets to undergo construction are still to be decided, commissioners agreed to spend \$94,685 on the project.

Recommended for street improvements are small stretches of street in one, two and three block sections around the city.

A three block section

stretches from Morton to Lansing on Gibbs Street.

Two block sections include: Ross, between Ottawa and Clinton, Clinton, between Sturgis and Elm, and Oakland, between Sturgis and Elm.

One block sections are: Higham, between Ottawa and Brush; Higham, between Traver and Kibbee; Traver, between Higham

and Walker; Brush, between Walker and State; Prospect, between Cass and McConnell; Swegles, between Park and Buchanan; and Sickles, just west of Lansing.

Commissioner Don Roesner said city residents should remember that this is the last year to comply with a city ordinance calling for paving of all driveway approaches on paved streets.

Coletta said that city residents would be able to approach Spartan Asphalt for the driveway jobs when they start their paving in about a month. "We are usually able to work a deal with the paver so that people can have the job done at a reasonable price," he said.

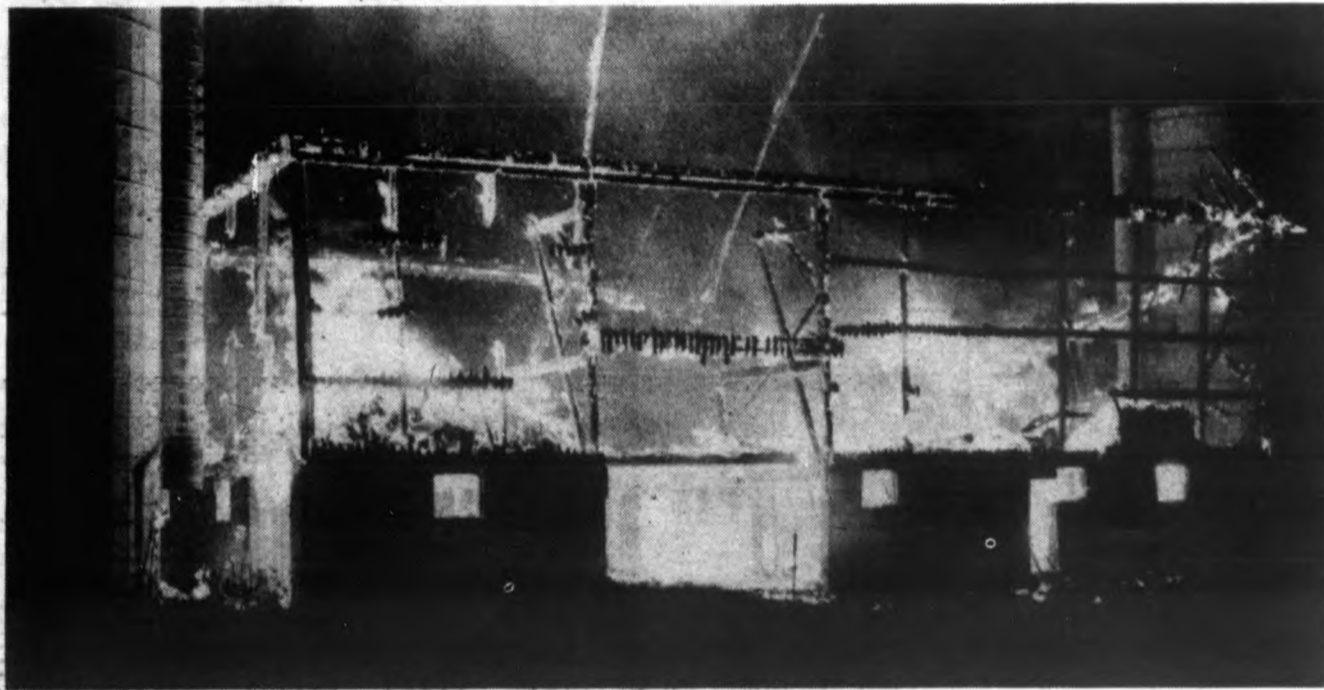
The recycling method of street paving is a process in which the contractor grinds up the present street and mixes it with 50 percent new asphalt and lays it back down again. Weir said the process is just as strong and has the advantage of allowing the height of the curbs to remain the same.

In other action the commission turned down a request by residents of North Scott Road to post "No trucking" signs between M-21 and Gibbs Street, after reading a report from the City Planning Commission.

While 52 neighbors on the city road asked that something be done to halt the dust, noise and speed problem caused by gravel trucks on their road, the planning commission report said "it does not seem reasonable to ban trucking on the road."

Commissioner Roesner, who also serves on the planning board, said the decision was based on the fact that no alternative

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Animals perish

Many animals perished in this late night fire, Sunday. Jim Johnson of 4385 W. Colony Road lost a horse, seven sheep, 17 sows, a boar and 12 piglets. St. Johns firemen were called to the blaze at 12:48 a.m. and didn't return to the city until after 5 a.m.

Chief Clare Maier said firemen manage to save one small wing of the barn and an out building. They also rescued a cow and three goats and chased out some of the pigs. Causes of the fire are being investigated. (Photo by Dorothy Rosekrans)

Alternative ed proves itself

By SHARON RANDALL

An Alternative Education program operated for the past year at Teresa Merrill school in St. Johns, has been given a nod of approval by the Board of Education here and extended for another year.

The program services students who have dropped out of high school and are 18-years-old and younger.

The board action to continue the alternative education program and to house it and the school district's community education program in the Teresa Merrill school building came last week after a report to board members by Steve Bakita administrative assistant.

His report confirmed one given earlier by the program's director John Furry, and showed that revenues in the program exceeded expenses by about \$11,000. Bakita said that the alternative education program picked up students who would not have been enrolled in the regular high school program or the adult completion classes.

Some of the students who were successful in the alternative education classes this year will return to regular school next fall according to Bakita's report. Others will now qualify for adult education.

High School principal Bill Swears had praise for Alternative Education, saying that Furry's program was meeting the needs of students "who were so far removed from high school" that their chances of ever returning to regular school were nil.

"These are students with very special and unique needs," he said, "not students who just don't care. What we are doing with this program is meeting these special needs, not coddling students."

Swears said that the board looked at the alternative education program and keeping the Community Education program at Teresa Merrill school from two angles. "Their concerns were two-fold," he explained. "They wanted to make sure that the program, and keeping it at Theresa Merrill, wouldn't cost money and that it wasn't taking students from the high school."

Last fall the Community Education program, along with the new alternative education classes, was moved

to the Teresa Merrill building on a one year trial. Teresa Merrill previously housed four elementary classes and was closed after the 1980 school year as a money saving action.

Furry solicited the board for the building based on the unique need of his proposed alternative education program, but also for adult completion classes and daytime enrichment classes.

Congressman's aide slated at courthouse

Congressman Don Albosta has announced that his Congressional Staff Liaison will be in St. Johns July 21 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. at the Clinton County Courthouse.

Albosta said the liaison is coming to this area to assist persons who have problems with federal agencies such as the Social Security Administration, Veterans Administration, and Armed Forces and to give everyone the opportunity to discuss issues of importance.

Albosta advised that constituents should bring all the pertinent information or documents relating to their cases to the meeting.

Those who find they cannot make it at the scheduled time can write Albosta's district office.



Rules posted

Signs have been posted in the St. Johns City Park to cut down on continued alcohol related trouble. While one sign was vandalized the night after it was installed, two remain to remind the public of the park rules.

Police Chief Lyle French said the rules are not new, but have not been posted before.

Stull to be sentenced in St Johns, Aug. 18

By NANCY ZENO

Trent Lee Stull was found guilty of rape, July 9, by an Antrim County jury that deliberated only an hour and a half at the end of a four day trial in Bellaire.

The 26-year old former Bath resident, already sentenced to Jackson prison for jumping bail and missing a previous trial date, was sent to this northern Michigan village when his trial received a change of venue.

Stull is scheduled to be sentenced Aug. 18 in St. Johns.

His conviction for first degree criminal sexual conduct carries a maximum life sentence. Stull was accused of abducting and raping an 18-year old former Lansing woman, at knife point, Oct. 21, 1979.

A separate kidnapping charge was dismissed, July 8, when Clinton County Circuit Court Judge Timothy Green ruled there was insufficient evidence for it.

Stull didn't testify in his defense. Evidence for the prosecution was in the testimony of the victim who told the jury she accepted a ride from Stull about 10 p.m. in downtown Lansing and was threatened with a knife when she refused to accept \$50 and grant him sexual favors. She said he drove her to a southern Clinton County farm field and raped her in the front seat of the car. Stull told her his first name and said the field was on his grandparent's farm and this later helped police identify him.

Stull was arrested in Lansing, Oct. 23, 1979 on his way to work.

Michigan State Police specialists who examined his impounded car in the DeWitt Township Fire Department garage said they found an open penknife, a hunting knife in a sheath, an ice pick, a billy club and an aluminum baseball bat, in and around the front seat.

Clinton County detective Gregory Ockerman, who was in charge of the investigation for DeWitt Township, testified that he drove the victim on county roads four times until she located and recognized the field.

The jury learned from Stull's mother, Betty Stull of Bath, that the defendant was missing on his original trial date in St. Johns, January of 1980. His family forfeited \$10,000 they had posted as part of his \$100,000 bond they had raised by selling their home.

The FBI found Stull last September in West Virginia

with the help of an anonymous informant who was paid \$2,000 from the forfeited bond by the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

Stull was extradited and returned to Michigan to be tried for absconding or bail jumping. A change of venue was necessary for that trial because of pre-trial publicity. He was tried last February by a Gratiot County jury, convicted and sentenced to four to six years in prison.

Stull went on the witness stand in Gratiot County saying he fled before the rape trial because he feared for his life. Clinton County deputies shot and killed his brother Spencer in 1977 when they went to the Stull home to question Spencer on a larceny and fire arms charge and the young man pointed a loaded rifle at them. Stull said he thought local police would kill him, also.

In last week's trial, Judge Green ruled that Stull could take the stand to explain this flight without undergoing cross examination on the rape charge, but he did not do so. The only witness for the defense was Robert Steinman, an associate of the court appointed defense counsel, William Jackson of St. Johns.

Steinman, who is a county commissioner, briefly collaborated the testimony of other witnesses. Jackson's principal defense was his cross examination of the state witnesses called by Clinton County Prosecutor Jon Newman.

Jackson claimed the young woman went willingly with Stull, contrary to her testimony. He pointed out in-

consistencies in her statements at the trial and in her testimony in the preliminary examination in St. Johns, October 24, 1979.

In his instructions to the six man, six woman jury before they began deliberations, July 9, Green did not allow them to consider lesser offenses.

The decision to make the jury decide between a first degree-second offense conviction and a not guilty verdict, was made by the defense with Stull's agreement, Steinman said.

The parents of the defendant and the victim attended the trial and followed the testimony.

The victim's father, a Lansing attorney, consulted frequently with Newman during his daughter's testimony.

In addition to Stull's mother and father, Leonard, his wife, Marlene and sister, Deliha, were in the courtroom.

Stull's parents have a \$7.6 million civil suit against Clinton County pending in federal court in Grand Rapids because of the death of their son, Spejcer. They charge that the shooting of Spencer violated his civil rights.

(Nancy Zeno is a reporter for the Bellaire Antrim County News, a weekly newspaper in Bellaire. She covered the trial for her newspaper and the Lansing State Journal and shared this report with the Clinton County News.)

Penny's names new manager

Richard Johnson is the new manager of the JC Penney Store located on Clinton Avenue in St. Johns.

Johnson replaces Gary Reichert who resigned in April.

Johnson started his new job near the end of May. For the past three years, he managed a JC Penney store in Webster City, Iowa. Johnson began his career with the company in 1967 in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He was also manager in Leon, Iowa for four years before moving to Webster City.



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Thrown from truck, county man dies

Randy Pollard, 24, of 503 N. Main St., Ovid, was killed in a one-car accident which occurred on Front Street just west of West Street in Ovid, at 12:44 a.m. on Sunday, July 12, the Ovid Police Department report stated.

Pollard was a passenger in a blue Ford Pick-up truck driven by Donald Miller of Ovid, police officials said.

Miller was westbound on

Front Street when the truck he was driving struck a bridge abutment head on, police said. Pollard, in the right front seat, was thrown from the truck and pronounced dead at the scene of the accident, police stated.

A second passenger in the truck, Stanley Hampton, 19, and the driver, Miller, were both transported to Owosso Memorial Hospital, the

police report showed. Deputies said alcohol was involved in the accident and seat belts were not worn by the passengers.

The accident is still under investigation by the Ovid Police Department. Assisting at the scene were the Clinton County Sheriff Department, Elsie Police Department, Elsie and Ovid area ambulance.

Sheriff reports accidents

A Laingsburg man was seriously injured when the car he was driving left the road and crashed head on into a power pole early Sunday morning, July 12, Clinton County Sheriff's deputies report.

David Walters, 27, of Woodbury Road, Laingsburg, was westbound on Jason Road, just east of Lancaster Road, when the car he was driving failed to negotiate a curve in the road, deputies said. The

car left the roadway, traveling 198 feet before it stuck a mailbox at 9266 Jason Road, deputies report. The car then continued 138 feet, striking a Consumers Power pole head on, deputies added.

Walters was taken to Sparrow Hospital in Lansing where he is listed in serious condition.

Deputies report a St. Johns woman was seriously injured in a motorcycle

accident which occurred on E. Hyde Road, one-quarter mile east of Welling Road, at 9:11 p.m., Tuesday, July 10.

Kathy Anne Faught, 29, of 200 W. State, St. Johns, was taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital after she lost control of the motorcycle she was driving and went into a ditch, deputies said. Faught's passenger, Bruce Burgess, 27, of Route 3, St. Johns, was showing her how to drive the bike, deputies report. Burgess was not injured, police said.

Wesner is sentenced to community service

Leslie O. Wesner, 66, was sentenced in U.S. District Court in Grand Rapids, Friday on charges of subscribing a false federal income tax return, form 1040 for the year 1976.

Judge Douglas Hillman sentenced Wesner to two years probation and a \$1,500 fine and eight hours per week of community service work.

Wesner of 201 E. Sturgis St., St. Johns, is a retired

St. Johns school teacher. He had entered a plea of guilty on May 4, 1981 to one count of willfully and knowingly subscribing a false individual income tax return for 1976.

Wesner was named in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury, March 12, 1981. The indictment listed three counts against the years 1974, 1975 and 1976.

Wesner understated his

taxable income in the amount of \$10,194 in 1976 by reporting only two sources of dividend income where in he received dividend and interest income from eight sources. By doing so Wesner invaded the payment of federal income taxes of \$4,097.

The remaining counts for 1974 and 1975 were dismissed.

Circuit court report

Arraignments:
Paul Walker, 18, of 1186 E. Stoll Road, Lansing, pled guilty to breaking and entering an occupied dwelling with intent to commit larceny. Sentencing was set for Aug. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Agnelo David Fogarty, 18, of 6908 Mead Road, Elsie, pled not guilty to malicious destruction over \$100. Trial by jury was scheduled for Sept. 24 and a pre-trial conference set for Aug. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Tod Mark Sandy of 2913 Delta, Lansing, pled not guilty to obstructing firemen in the performance of their duties.

Kim S. Draeger, 32, of 13536 Webster, Bath, pled guilty to drunk driving, second offense.

Dennis Hubble, 35, of 6740 S. US-27, St. Johns, pled guilty to attempted possession with intent to

deliver marijuana and reckless use of a firearm. Sentencing was set for Aug. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Myron Earl Farrier, Jr., 18, of 4990 E. Pratt Road, St. Johns, pled guilty to attempted breaking and entering an automobile. Sentencing was set for Aug. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Sentencings:
Jimmy Lynn Alex, 28, of 916 Johnson, Lansing, was sentenced to three and one-half to 15 years in prison for breaking and entering an occupied dwelling with intent to commit larceny.

Susan J. Stinson, 43, of 6972 Juddville Road, Elsie, was sentenced to two years probation with the last 90 days in the county jail, defendant to continue residential alcohol abuse treatment and pay court costs of \$360 for writing non-sufficient funds check over \$100.

and the digging up of playground equipment. In an effort to stop this activity, Chief French asks residents witnessing any suspicious activity to report it to the police department.

Maurer in serious condition

A St. Johns man, Bernard G. Maurer, remained in serious condition this week in Sparrow Hospital's Intensive Care Unit, from injuries he suffered in a July 6 accident on the northwest side of Lansing.

The 22-year-old Maurer, a former Grand Ledge area resident, was in a Volkswagen which was demolished by a truck at N. Grand River Ave. and

Bardville in Lansing, according to police reports. Because of the collision's impact on the Maurer vehicle, the victim had to be pried from the car, police reported.

Lansing police said the truck belonged to a carnival shows company located in Lancaster, Ohio, and its driver, Rex Culberston, 20, was jailed following the accident. He

received citations that included having no operator's license, having no insurance or registration and driving left of the center line.

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Separate collisions injure four

Four people received minor injuries in separate accidents in St. Johns last week, St. Johns City Police reported.

Lawrence Fox, 77, of 506 S. Oakland, St. Johns, was taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital for injuries suffered in a bicycle-car accident on July 10, police said. Fox, on the bike, was exiting a driveway onto Park Street, just west of Oakland, when he struck the passenger side of a car driven by Diana Woodbury, 31, of 114 Lewis Street, St. Johns, police said. Woodbury was eastbound on Park and was not injured, police added.

City Police Sgt. Robert Ott, 63, of 404 S. Prospect, St. Johns, was injured when the traffic scooter he was driving westbound on State Street was struck from the rear by a car driven by Marie Warnke, 47, of Route 1, Essex Center Road, St. Johns, police said. The accident occurred at the intersection of U.S.-27 and M-21 at 12:30 p.m. on July 10, police said. Ott was taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital, treated and released, police said.

Sigrid Maynard of Perry was injured when the car driven by her husband, Duayne, was struck from behind by a car driven by Eugene Rennells, 49, of 1020 Steel Road, St. Johns, police said. The accident occurred at the corner of U.S.-27 and Sturgis Street at 7:30 a.m., July 13. Mrs. Maynard was taken to Clinton Memorial Hospital.

John Phillips, 27, of Ypsilanti, was treated for minor injuries at Clinton Memorial Hospital after the care he was driving struck the rear end of trailer driven by Joseph Schuster, 46, of Elwell, police reported. The accident occurred on U.S.-27 Monday afternoon, July 13.

In other activity last week, Police Chief Lyle French said there was a lot of vandalism in the Central and Swegles Schools areas. French noted the vandalism included broken windows, slashed tires,

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Historic commission receives planning grant

The Clinton County Historical Commission has received a survey and planning grant from the Michigan History Division, Department of State for a Heritage Conservation Survey of the county. The volunteer five-member commission is initiating the study in accord with the U.S. Department of Interior's standards for

historic preservation projects. "The survey includes a literature search and field work, recording bridges, cemeteries, churches, ethnic settlements, outdoor sculpture, houses and other buildings of significant value, historic site markers, and special features of Clinton," according to Geneva K.

Wiskemann, chairperson. "This is a preliminary survey to be done with commission members, volunteer workers, minimal expense and within one year," she said.

The project is a first for Clinton County. A special search for records of defunct rural schools for copying is a part of the survey.

Last year the commission obtained a grant to start an oral history preservation project in the county and Clinton became the first county in the country to have an oral historical on staff. Tapes and records from that project are to be kept on file with the county but will be available for public use.

The regular meeting of the Historical Commission at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, July 22 at the Clinton County Archives and Research Center, 117 E. Walker, St. Johns will be a work session. Volunteers and all interested persons are welcome to participate.

For more information call the commission at 627-1746.



Master canners

Pickles were the subject for Jackie Berkhouser of St. Johns (right), Cindy Mosley of Bath (middle) and Joan Smith of St. Johns (left) during a recent session of the Master Canner program offered by the Cooperative Extension Service. After completing the program, the

Master Canners are available to groups to do demonstrations or to talk about food preservation. This group will also be putting on a food drying exhibition at the upcoming county 4-H Fair. (Photo by David Olds.)

Kids can hunt for treasure

The St. Johns City Recreational Department will sponsor a Treasure Hunt at the city park from 9:30 to 11 a.m., Wednesday, July 22.

★ City commission

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route was available for the Searles and Karber gravel trucks.

Neighbors complained about excessive dust saying that the heavy, fast traveling trucks made short work of any chloride treatments the city put down. They said a speed limit of 25 miles per hour is ignored by the truck drivers.

David O'Dell, who lives on the corner of Walker Street and Scott Road said he understood that Kinley Road had been rebuilt for truck traffic to relieve the Scott Road residential area. Roesner said that the trucks were too long for the US-27 medium and needed to cross at a light.

City Manager Randy Humphrey suggested that the city try to get the township involved in some road improvement in that

area, as people living on the east side of Scott Road are in Bingham Township.

Weir also suggested that the city ask the drain commission to review an injunction on the ice pond drain that boards the road, saying that part of the problem centered around the drain which needs a major cleaning.

Commissioners authorized Layne Northern to proceed with a reinvestigation of city water well, number two, which has been abandoned for an unknown number of years.

The investigation will cost the city \$3,200, Humphrey said, but if it proves to be usable, it could be a cheap source of more water. "I feel it's a stone

that needs to be turned," Humphrey said, saying that the gamble could give the city an additional well for as little as \$14,000.

Funds for the investigation will come out of capital improvement funds.

Also approved was a request by Joe Mesh and Arden Pierson that a condominium project they are planning be placed in consideration for city water; pending the success of the new city well.

The men are planning a housing project on North Lansing Street at Gibbs Street with two bedroom units.

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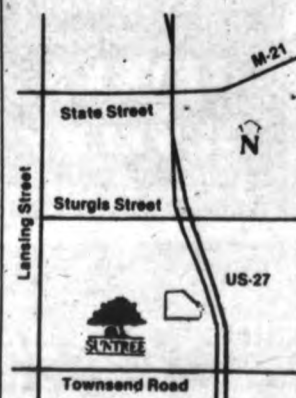
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Migrant children go to school



The St. Johns migrant program has been helpful to workers and their families for better than 15 years. While the adults are at work in the fields of four Clinton County area farms, harvesting cucumbers, mint or busy with the production of sod, they are comforted with the thoughts of their children learning in the Swegles Elementary school.

Approximately 73 youngsters, ranging in age from one month to 18 years, board a school bus each weekday morning, for the ride in from their camps near the farms the

parents work on.

Classrooms are broken into three separate age groups. The two older classes are instructed in all phases of reading, spelling and arithmetic and a physical education instructor pays a visit twice a week to take the students outside for various games.

Some of the kids as well as parents can't yet speak English, so they also receive guidance in that area. But the majority of the migrants do speak English. Most have been coming to Clinton County, from Texas or Florida each summer for several years and have close ties

with the farm owners.

The school program began June 29 and runs through August 7. The children will stay at the camps then and many will help in the fields until the work is done.

Because of the movement from the south each summer and back again, sometimes well into the fall, the kids may be a couple years behind in school. Now, the St. Johns Migrant School is working with the Texas Education Association on a new program, allowing older students to transfer credits back to Texas toward a high school diploma.

It's fun and learning

The days are busy ones for children and teachers alike at the St. Johns Migrant Program's School.

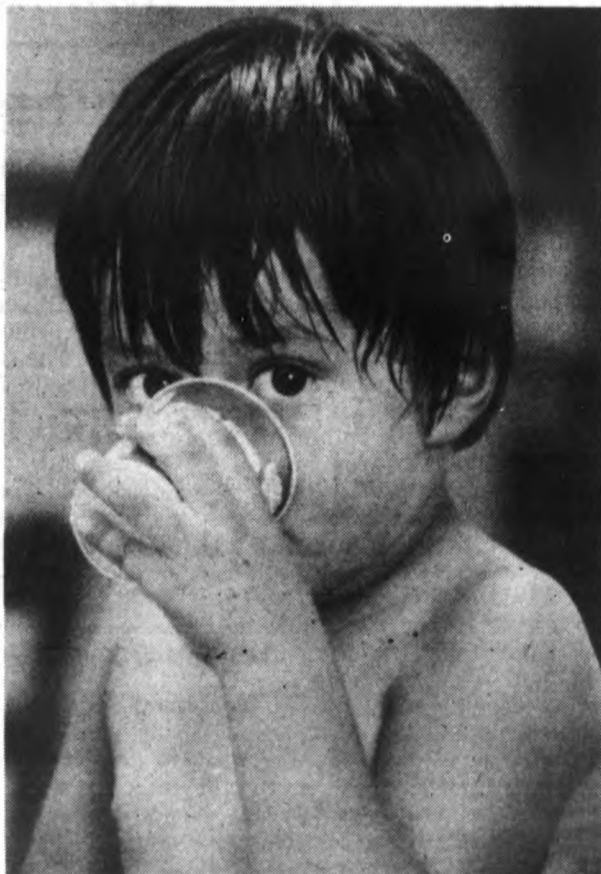
Jan Diuble and one of her students, Felix Castillo, (above) look over a worksheet he colored during a class last Thursday, while (right) Debbie Beck has her hands full with her group of infants (clockwise from upper left; Jason Garca, Maria Gomez, Debbie, Yolanda Gomez, Adriana Torres and Monica Garcia), who enjoy just about anything they can get their hands on.

Juan Gomez, Jr. (below) shows another part of the school day he looks forward to - lunch. A nice cold glass of milk hits the spot for Juan.

The kids will continue to attend the school through the first week of August as their parents work on one of the four Clinton County area farms, which employes migrants.



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Viewpoint

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City park sign theft mighty discouraging

It's enough to make a grown man cry. Or at least protest in anger and shake his head in despair.

The day after city employees installed three signs listing rules of the 70 acre public facility at the St. Johns City Park, one was ripped from its post and removed.

The signs were installed, according to Wendell Waggoner, superintendent of the department of public works, because officials have been having trouble with drinking and rowdiness in the park. The rules are not new, Waggoner said, but city officials wanted them posted so they could prosecute violators.

Friday, after the sign loss, Waggoner was angry and discouraged. "Good people going there for fun are being annoyed by a select few who can't obey the rules," he said. "This bothers me. Someone has to stop it, somehow. It isn't right. If I could catch 'em, I'd hang them from the nearest tree. It's a place for decent people to come and somehow we have to make sure that it's kept decent."

Police Chief Lyle French said park rules prohibit alcoholic beverages. "It's never been enforced if it (drinking in the park) didn't create a problem, but if a group got loud and unruly, then officers would draw attention to the rule," the chief explained.

French said one of the reasons for posting the signs was a rise in complaints stemming from drinking in the park. "We started to crack down last summer, but this year we decided to post the signs and make people aware of the rules," he informed.

Most of the problems have come with an increase of night softball games in the park and from teenagers at night in cars, according to the chief. The heavily wooded park offers picnic facilities, including covered shelters, two well-equipped children's play areas and a nature trail. It has been a popular meeting place for reunions and most every weekend during the summer months it's over-filled with families.

There's a need right now, to crack down on the offenders who frequent the city park. While many long time users of the park will be surprised to see that no alcoholic beverages are allowed, it is a rule and it's time for everyone to comply. "We can't expect to clamp down on the youngsters when adults are doing the same thing," French said.

As for the missing sign, it joins a long list of sign damage that happens in this county every year. A recent report from the road commission revealed that the county spends \$52,000 a year replacing damaged and vandalized road signs. The park sign cost the city \$93, but somehow it seems that we're losing something else that's a lot more important, along with the signs and the money it takes to replace them.

Photos welcome

Area photographers are invited to submit their pictures for our special feature on this page, "Through the lens opening". We solicit works from anyone who is interested in photography and are especially looking for the unusual or arty photo. Those interested are welcome to stop by the newspaper office and show us your work.

THROUGH THE LENS OPENING



Sailboat Silhouette — By shooting into the sun and exposing for the bright sky, photographer David Olds captured this silhouette during a late afternoon cruise on Lake St. Clair. The full frame border was printed to better define the geometric space. The camera used was a Canon A1 with a 24mm lens. Tri-X film was rated at ASA 400 and exposed at a 500th at f16.

Chamber notes

By Jody Smith

Summer musicians praised

Something special is happening during the month of July. Band concerts are being held in the band shell at the city park every Wednesday night.

Thanks to the direction of Walt Cole and the interest of musicians in the community, these free concerts provide musical entertainment for area residents. All musicians who want to participate should come to practice on Tuesday at the high school

music room and be ready for the concert on Wednesday.

Cold drinks donated by area chamber members will be available to the musicians this week as a token of appreciation for the time and effort they put in to entertain area music lovers.

Remember the concerts are free every Wednesday evening throughout July. Come and enjoy the music. St. Johns Sidewalk Sales

are bigger and better than ever. Plans are made for super sales and bargains galore. The dates for sidewalk sales are July 30, 31 and August 1, three days of fun and excitement.

Many retailers are ordering new merchandise to give the customer an interesting variety of sale items. This year many stores will be open during the evening as well as for daytime hours. Outside community groups will be sponsoring bake sales and other fund raising activities during sidewalk sales days.



(Jody Smith is the manager of the St. Johns Chamber of Commerce and writes this weekly column about happenings in the business and civic community of the city.)

Senior Citizen Update

Keeping yourself busy

There are so many things to occupy yourself with, if you are retired.

Here are some ideas, many of them may be familiar to you, but consider them as a reminder.

All of us like to "eat out." Many of you do this quite regularly and some only on special occasions. All you have to do is sit in any restaurant and you will see senior citizens are a large part of the clientele. It's true, it seems expensive sometimes, but consider the waste at home and it's not that much difference.

There is a need for both men and women to work at the hospital as Red Cross volunteers. It's only two or three hours one day a week and you will find it so worthwhile and will get as much pleasure from it as you give. Just call the hospital and ask for the volunteer director and they will give you all the information you need to sign up.

If you like to work directly with the patients you can work on the floor. If you would rather just work at the desk, there is also that need.

The Senior Drop-in Center is open five days a week. Anytime you are downtown in St. Johns, stop in. There is always a cup of coffee available and people to talk to. On Wednesday, Thursday and Friday there is a noon meal at the center. It's only 75 cents for a good meal and a chance to visit with 50 or 60 other seniors. There are other activities during the week.

If you have a little extra time there is a group called, "friendly visitors." Call the Senior Citizens office, 224-

7998, and they will give you the name of someone who is lonely or afraid of being alone and need to have someone call them. There are people who need this helping hand, just by having someone call and check on them.

Another area of prime importance is RSVP, the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. This is again available through the Senior Citizens Office. If you have a car and are available others need rides to one place or another. This is volunteer work but you do get mileage for your car.

There are many people who like to play cards. Do you have someone to play cards with? There are tables that can be used at the Drop-in Center. If you make it known that you want to play cards there is always someone else to play with.

One of the women crocheted a bedspread and gave it to the Senior Citizen Drop-in Center to be raffled off. Can you do something like this?

If you have any ideas why don't you drop me a note? So...until next time.

By
Ruth Delo



Personality Profile

Chet led the Bath bucket brigade in 1917

By SUE KILEY WHITE

From the days of the bucket brigade to the modern times of rescue squad vehicles, pumpers and water tankers retired Bath Township firefighter Chester (Chet) Sweet has seen them all. Sweet retired earlier this year after serving 54 years with the department.

Chet began his career as a volunteer firefighter when he was only 16-years-old. In fact, he stated he was fighting fires, "even before there was a fire department."

In the early days when a wild ring came over the phone, Sweet along with about 16 other volunteers would grab a pail, one on each arm, straddle a horse and be off to the fire location. It wasn't until 1929, that the township got its first fire vehicle—a cart with a couple barrels of chemicals.

"We saved quite a few buildings in our day," said Sweet. "Even if we only had a bucket brigade."

When the department first started there were only about seven or eight members who came to fires on a regular basis. Although the membership kept gradually building up, there were more people who went to the fires just out of curiosity.

"Everyone worried about everyone else back in those days," he commented.

For several years the department existed on makeshift equipment, even coming up with an outfit which could be used on trails.

"When we got our first truck with a John Bean pump we thought we had the world by the tail," he added.

At the time of the Bath School Disaster, Sweet was working with the state fire marshal's office. One of his jobs was taking the dynamite out of the school. He was 18 and had been on the job for three months. "I went where ever the state fire marshal told me to go," he said.

Sweet commented that during his 54 years of firefighting, he was never scared for himself, but more so for other people.

"I never liked to see anything burn," he said. "I just wanted to help put it out."

On Feb. 19, Sweet retired from the fire department at the age of 72. In his last years of firefighting he let the "younger fellows" put out the grass fires. However, if there was a house in danger, he was one of the first on the truck ready to go.

"I miss the sound of the sirens," Sweet said as he sat in his favorite chair at his country home. "You know something though, I can still stand in my yard and tell where a fire is just by looking at the smoke."

In the spring, he and Charles Moulder (who died recently) were honored by Bath Township for their years of service, when the new fire barn addition was named after them.

"It was a very nice thing to do," he said. "I was pretty surprised when I first heard about it."

Sweet was also honored by the Bath Police department. He received the first Blue Line Award T-shirt for his 50-plus years of service to the community. The T-shirt has five lines on it, each representing 10 years of service.

By trade, Sweet was a roofer, although he spent as much time, if not more with the fire department. He was the first president of the Roofer's Union in Lansing,



Chet Sweet

helping get the union started. For a while he also worked on the railroad for the Oldsmobile plant handling the firing switch.

In addition to his other activities he was a member of the Oddfellow Lodge in Bath and also the Eagle Lodge.

"The fire department kept me very busy," he said. "In fact, a lot of times, too busy."

He related that sometimes during a day he could go out on five or six fire calls. He noted this was because the sparks from the trains had a habit of setting fires when it was very dry.

Sweet noted Bath has had some very bad fires in its day.

"Some of those big barn fires, were enough to curl your hair a bit," he commented. "There were some fires I remember that kept us there for a day and a half. One time I was there all alone at a barn fire."

Chet says he has shown more than one of the "younger men" some of the ropes. His saying was, "If you couldn't choke down the smoke, you couldn't make it in the fire department."

Sweet is a rather outspoken man and says that although he never had any hard words with any of the chiefs, if he thought they were doing something wrong, he told them.

The longtime fireman has only been hurt once in his career. That's when he was thrown off a truck at "Dead Man's Curve." He was laid up for about four months.

"That was the only time I remember," he said. "I didn't pay any attention to cuts and scraps."

He has served under 10 chiefs and saw a lot of men come and go.

"The department has changed for the better," he said. "Back in the old days the only training we got was going to the fires. Now we're trained before we go. The EMT's (emergency medical personnel) are a great help to the community too."

Sweet commented that his wife worried about him a lot when he was out on a fire run, but to him it was just something he had to do.

Fighting a fire in the winter was the worst time of all according to the veteran fireman. When it was below freezing they had to keep the trucks from stalling and themselves from freezing.

"A lot of times our caps were frozen with ice," he said. "That's where the good woman comes in. She kept the soup warm and the hot water bottles ready."

Chet has never been afraid of heights. Even at 72 he still climbs up on the roof of the barn looking for the chicken brooder.

"He thinks he's 35," says his step-daughter Helen. He commented, "It doesn't matter to me. A two by four is just as big 80 feet up as it is on the ground."

Sweet keeps busy by working a small farm, and being the "breakfast cook" at home. He says he misses the fire department, but he still considers them part of his family. He also visits his two grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in Texas and goes fishing now and again.

Sweet will be honored once again at a special dinner and dance to be held July 25.

Looking ahead

SUMMER ENJOYMENT-The Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum, 106 Maple Street, St. Johns is open Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. and Wednesdays 2 to 8 p.m. Closed legal holidays. Admission by donation. New Exhibits include: Greenbush in the Township Room, antique cameras through July, prints of the 1890's made from glass plate negatives taken in St. Johns and Clinton County area, and the magic of "Fluorescence Glass," through July.

EXPECTANT PARENTS next nine-week series of pre-natal classes begin in St. Johns from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14. Pre-register early in pregnancy by calling 224-4373. Refresher classes also available and begin on Sept. 1, from 7:30-9:30 p.m., at the DeWitt Medical Center. For more information, call 337-7365.

SENIOR DROP-IN CENTER -Gayle Nutt will speak on substance abuse at the 12:30 nutrition lunch, Friday, July 10. Next week, Wednesday, July 15, Dick Starck will speak and Thursday, July 16, Paul Maples is guest speaker. Bingo all three days.

FIRST AID AND CPR TRAINING-will be offered at the Mid-Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross, 1800 E. Grand River, Lansing during July and August. Learn to save lives. To enroll call 484-7461.

AREA WIDE SENIOR MEETING-The next area wide senior citizens meeting will be Friday, July 17 at noon under the pavilion at the St. Johns City Park. It will be a good old fashion summertime picnic with plenty of free ice cream cones. Come and have a good time.

TINY TOTS-Due to the popularity of the Tiny Tots classes more will be held during July. Sign-up starts July 20. Call the pool, 224-6950 for more information.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR LIFE SAVING sign up begins July 9 at the St. Johns City Pool at 11 a.m. For more information call the pool, 224-6950.

INFANT MASSAGE CLASS, sponsored by the Association for Shared Childbirth. Class begins July 22. \$3 fee. Call 393-4554 to register or for more information.

MID-MICHIGAN DISTRICT HEALTH Department immunization clinic will be held in St. Johns at the Clinton County Service Building, 306 Elm St., on July 13, 20, and 27, by appointment only. Call 224-7772 to make an appointment.

CHILDBIRTH FILMS-The Association for Shared Childbirth will host a public showing of birthing films at the Lansing Public Library Auditorium on July 27 from 7 to 9 p.m. Included will be a film on Cesarean birth. Donation is 50 cents per person.

LAMAZE-preparation for childbirth classes sponsored by the Association for Shared Childbirth begin Aug. 3. Classes meet for eight weeks and the cost is \$30. Refresher classes are available. Register early in pregnancy by calling 393-4554.

THE CHAPELTONES-will be presenting the Gospel in Song at the First Baptist Church, 416 Bridge St., Portland on July 19 at 7 p.m.

HOPING-a support group for parents who have experienced miscarriage, stillbirth or death of an infant will hold its regular meeting the fourth Thursday of the month, July 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the third floor Volunteer Room of Sparrow Hospital's, South Annex. The meetings are free.

CLINTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS DROP-IN CENTER-is open five days a week from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 315 North Clinton, St. Johns. All Seniors are welcome.

THURSDAY, JULY 16-Nutrition Lunch at 12:30. Guest speaker was city attorney Paul Maples.

FRIDAY, JULY 17-Closed all day. An area wide senior meeting will be held at the St. Johns City Park Pavilion at 12 noon. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Free ice cream.

MONDAY, JULY 20-Public lunch from 11 to 2. Everyone is welcome.

TUESDAY, JULY 21-Open from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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Lifestyles

SJ couple repeat vows May 16



Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ott

Pamela Howard and Albert Ott were wed in a double ring ceremony at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in St. Johns May 16, 1981 with the Rev. Rob Gillette and the Rev. Father Louis Martin officiating.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Howard of French Road. The groom's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Donald Ott of 912 Church. Both families are from St. Johns.

Mark Ott served as commentator for the service. The "Wedding Song" was sung by Carole Hunter, and Paula Atkinson sang "Longer Than." They were accompanied by organist Jackie Schneider.

The bride chose a traditional wedding gown of organza and Chantilly lace. The bodice of the gown featured a sweetheart neckline and long straight full lace sleeves and was covered with a matching lace. A natural waistline topped the lace-covered full A-line skirt which was highlighted with a V inset of a sheer organza flounce bordered with lace. Her full, brimmed picture hat was complimented with organza and matching lace. Fingertip length veil trims graced the back of the hat. She carried a bouquet of daisies, carnations, baby's breath, and white roses with a blue tint.

Sandy Howard served as her sister's maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Kathy Howard, sister of the bride; Cathy Whitford, friend of the bride; and Annette Todosciuk, friend of the bride, all of St. Johns and Laurie Bruszez of Big Rapids, friend of the bride. Kelly Jones of St. Johns was the flower girl.

The attendants each wore blue print silesta

gowns with blouson top, a natural waistline, and very full A-lined skirts. Light blue full-brimmed hats completed the ensemble.

The bride's mother wore a light blue gown with a cape and a corsage of white carnations and pink sweetheart roses. The groom's mother wore a turquoise pants suit. Her corsage was made of white carnations and yellow sweetheart roses.

Bill Straus of DeWitt, a friend of the groom, served as best man. Mark Myers, Dan Ott, brother of the groom and Bob Davis, all of St. Johns and Phil Wieferrich of Lansing, served as groomsmen. The ushers were Al Gove and Rick Long of St. Johns and Bill Eisler of Lansing, a cousin of the groom.

A reception for 400 was held in the St. Joseph gym at 5:30 p.m. It was hosted by Mr. and Mrs. Gene Havens, aunt and uncle of the bride, and Jennifer Ott, a sister of the groom. Katie Stockwell, aunt of the bride, oversaw the guest book at the church while Laura Rock, a friend of the bride, was in charge of the guest book at the reception. The cake was cut by Maxine Hunter, an aunt of the bride, and Chris Ott, a sister of the groom. The cake was served by Kay Myers, Holly Myers, Michelle Ott and Kendra Jones. Other servers included Bonnie Myers, Jeanette Havens, Julie Harr and Barb Beck.

Special guests were Mr. and Mrs. E.G. Stockwell, grandparents of the bride; Harry Howard, grandfather of the bride; John Kramer, grandfather of the groom; and Al and Elaine Swanson of Sault Ste. Marie.

Following a wedding trip in Estes Park, Colo. the couple will be making their home in St. Johns.



Louis Simon and Mary Feldpausch

Fowler couple plans early August wedding

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Feldpausch of Fowler announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Terese, to Louis Simon. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Simon of Fowler.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Fowler High School and is employed by

Clinton Bank and Trust in St. Johns.

The prospective groom is also a graduate of Fowler High School. He is employed with L and L Construction Company of Fowler.

The couple plans an Aug. 1, 1981 wedding.

County students are tops at Alma

Five Alma College students from Clinton County were among the 184 students named to the college's Dean's List.

Cheryl Schafer, the daughter of William and Jean Ann Schafer of Maple Rapids Road, Fowler, is a 1979 graduate of Carson City-Crystal High School and a biology major at Alma.

Three St. Johns students were named. Linda Burns, the daughter of Thomas and Jean Burns of 204 N. Emmons, is a 1978 graduate of St. Johns High School and a psychology major. Penny Federau,

the daughter of Raymond and Lois Urbaniak of 1644 E. Colony Road, is a 1980 graduate of St. Johns High and an elementary education major. Jeffrey Swears, the son of William Swears of 605 S. Kibbee and Sandra Casselberry of East Lansing, is a 1978 graduate of St. Johns High school and a business administration major.

Loretta Bengel, the daughter of Rosalyn Bengel of 518 N. Main in Westphalia and Thomas Bengel also of Westphalia, is a 1980 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School and a sociology major at Alma College.

Hengesbach, Simon to wed in October

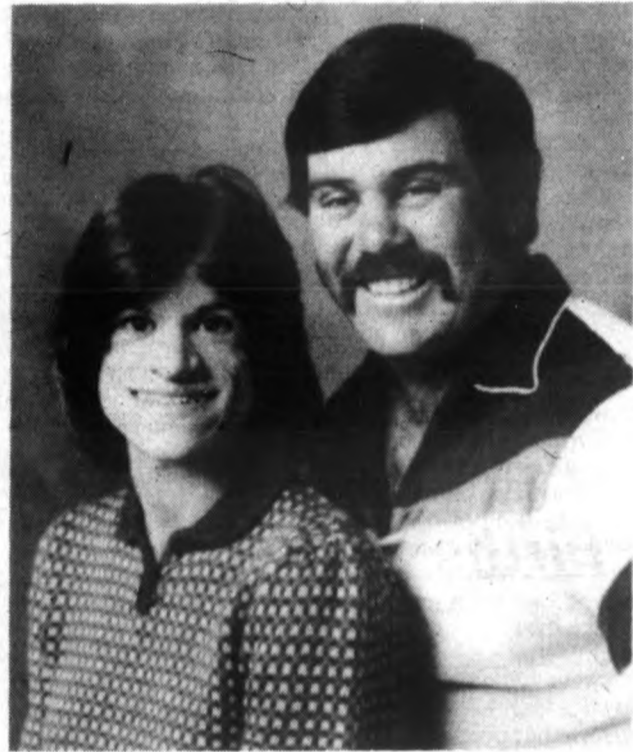
Mr. and Mrs. Louis Hengesbach, Pewamo, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jo Ellen, to

and is employed by the State Department of Education.

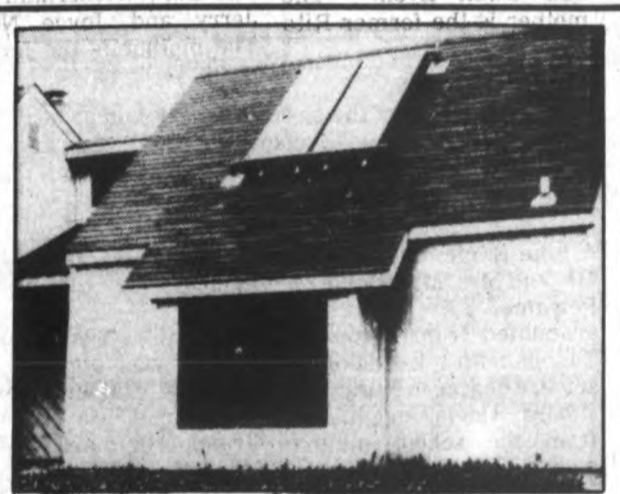
The prospective groom is a 1974 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School and is employed by Wirth Fedewa Construction.

The bride-to-be is a 1975 graduate of Pewamo-Westphalia High School

The couple plans an Oct. 10, 1981 wedding.



Jo Ellen Hengesbach and Steve Simon



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Class of 1931 meets in 1981

Classmates, teachers, and spouses of St. Johns High School's Class of 1931 met recently at the Congregational Church for a 50th class reunion. In charge were Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Jumper and Rozella and R.G. Hyde, who planned the evening of reminiscing and arranged for the dinner.

Decorations were carried out using the class colors of blue and silver. Individual favors and table centerpieces were made and donated by Neil and Marjory Peck Blizzard. Each centerpiece was given to a lucky person at the table.

Dorothy Beck Cressman welcomed the group; and Frederick Bunday, master of ceremonies, introduced Letha Bullard Waltz who gave the invocation.

After dinner and group pictures, Stanley Jumper and Lucille Yanz Post took the group back 50 years in their schoolday memories.

Onalee Carver Maneval had roll call, and each

responded briefly on happenings during those 50 years.

Five teachers, Mary Rogers from Findlay, Ohio; Geraldine Dykhuizen of Holland; Helen Benjamin from Lansing; Nelson Budde from Kalamazoo; and Russell Steffens of St. Johns gave most interesting accounts of their memories of St. Johns High School days. Each added a brief account of his or her life since 1931.

Alberta Berlin Huhn gave memorials for 27 deceased classmates, followed by a silent prayer.

Letters from absent classmates and teachers were ready by Letha Waltz and Celia Maxwell.

The original class prophecy was presented by Mildred Dunay Brown, Beatrice Jorae, and Eleanor Eaton Stevens. Luella Merrill gave the benediction. Before dispersing the group decided to meet next year at an informal dinner.



The Class of 1931 and teachers, Front row (l to r): Laurel Smead Stevens, Lucille Yanz Post, Marie Marek Panik, Fannie Conn Weir, Myrtle Green Findlay, Lucille Strong Ernst, Pansy Hearl Eldridge, Irene Knight Crowell, Beatrice Motz Jorae. Row 2: Eloda Heibeck Tangney, Ethel Fricke March, Eleanor Eaton Stevens, Mildred Dunay Brown, Dorothy Beck Cressman. Row 3: Gerry Brainerd, Gerry Dykhuizen, Marguerite Dickens, Therah Fitzpatrick, Maxine Silvers Schaub, Mildred Myers Riggle, Marjorie Peck Blizzard, Arlita Armstrong VanVleet. Row 4: Rozella Desprez Hyde, Mary Gross, Onalee Maneval. Row 5: Luella Merrill, Celia Maxwell, Alice O'Neil Goodsmann, Alberta Berlin Huhn, Lula Houseman Heathman, Letha Bullard Waltz, Helen Benjamin.

Row 6: Russell Steffens, Nelson Budde, Don Brainerd, Fred Bunday, Glenn Davis, Fred Simunek, Loree Findlay, Ernest Jackson, Stanley Jumper, Ronald Fell.

Births

KIBBY: A boy, John Lyon, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Kibby, Owosso, June 5, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Kibby and the late Vern and Gwen Lyon. The mother is the former Rita Lyon.

WICKERHAM: A boy, Patrick David, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Randy Wickerham, St. Johns, June 12, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital. Grandparents are David and Barb Wickerham and Jerry and Joyce Noah. The mother is the former Robin DeRosia.

Graduates

Julie Hogle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Hogle of Pewamo, recently graduated from Nazareth College with a bachelor of science degree in Nursing.

Miss Hogle graduated from the school magna cum laude and is now employed with Sparrow Hospital in Lansing.

MOLITOR: A girl, Nora Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Michael S. Molitor, Bath, June 6, 1981 at Sparrow Hospital. The mother is the former Patricia S. Bennett.

MOHNKE: A boy, Joseph Daniel, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Mohnke, South Bend, May 14, 1981. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. E. James Mohnke and Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nicholas. The mother is the former Teri Nicholas.

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County Sports

All-Star Game lives on with dice and boards

The fans in Cleveland may still be up in arms over the postponement of the 1981 All-Star Game, but the battle went on as usual inside the friendly confines of the Clinton County News, Tuesday.

Using the APBA Baseball Game, the leader in table-top games, Manager Bill Stoller guided the American League to a 6-1 thrashing over Tim Jeffery's National Leaguers.

APBA bases its player cards on the past season's performance, thus teams were selected according to last year's top players. The contest matched a pair of CY Young Award Winners, Steve Stone from Baltimore against Steve Carlton of the Phillies.

The N.L. Stars got a two-out double from Mike Schmidt in the top of the first, before Stone fanned Steve Garvey. Then Carlton took over. He mowed down Willie Wilson, Robin Yount and George Brett on strikes.

The N.L. went down in order in the second as Stone began to find the groove. But again, it was all Carlton in the bottom of inning two. First he fanned Reggie Jackson for his fourth consecutive strike out, then he got Ben Oglive and Cecil Cooper, both on strikes, making it six straight.

The crowd was stunned with Carlton's mastery as the N.L. came to bat in the third. Once again, Stone mowed down the side in order.

Carlton took the mound for the third, but Rick Cerone managed a weak grounder to Manny Trillo at second to snap the string. The big left-hander also retired the next batter, Willie Randolph on a tap to second, before retiring pinch-hitter Buddy Bell on strikes. In three innings, Carlton set down all nine batters, seven via the strikeout.

Mike Norris replaced Stone in the fourth and promptly set down the N.L. without difficulty. Carlton was replaced by Nolan Ryan, but suprisingly, he was a welcome sight to the A.L.

Wilson became the first base-runner for Stoller's team with a solid single to center. The Royal speedster stole second and came around on a base hit by Yount. Yount also decided to try Ted Simmons' arm and slid in safely with a steal of second.

Brett walked, setting the tables for Jackson. The slugging outfielder drilled a Ryan fastball off the wall in right-center to score two runs and suddenly it was 3-0. Ryan, unable to retire a batter, was lifted for Vida Blue.

Blue struck out Oglivie, but Cooper followed with a double, making it 4-0.

The N.L. put together a mild threat in the fifth, when Simmons doubled with one out and Keith Hernandez walked, but Norris retired Dave Parker on a fly out and got Bill Buckner to foul out to Cerone.

The score stayed the same until the seventh, when Dale Murphy, Atlanta's powerful outfielder, took a Tommy John breaking pitch to the opposite field for a home run.

Miguel Dilone walked to open the A.L. eighth, then took third on a perfect hit-and-run single by Alan Trammell. Tug McGraw came on in relief of Steve Rogers, but was greeted by a two-run double by Brett.

Trailing 6-1 with one final hope, the N.L. sent Parker, Bob Horner and Dave Concepcion up against Goose Gossage, but the fire-balling right-hander set down the side in order, striking out Concepcion to end the game on a 98 m.p.h. fastball.

Willie Wilson was voted the Most Valuable Player,

having started the big four-run uprising with a single and a stolen base and later contributing another base hit.

Norris gained the win, while Ryan took the loss. The A.L. outhit its counterparts 9-4 and neither team committed an error.

In the steamy clubhouse afterwards, winning manger Stoller spoke of Carlton, before uncorking the long-awaited bottle of champagne. "I was awestruck by

Carlton's performance. It ranks with the all-time great performances and he did it against the best the American League had to offer," he said.

For Jeffery, it was bitter dissatisfaction, seeing the N.L. finally lose. "The four-run fourth got us down in a hurry, then their pitching stole the show. Gossage was unhittable in relief. When you trail by four facing him, forget it."

Oilers split four tourney games

By Tim Jeffery

Debbie Kent turned in three straight masterful pitching performances for Synder's Oilers in an eight-team tournament in Petosky over the weekend. She split a pair of 1-0 decisions and also picked up a win with two and one-third innings of shutout relief.

The Oilers won their first two games of the tourney, beating Bachelor Sales of Saginaw 1-0 and Spare Time Lanes of Cheyboygan, 3-2 in extra innings.

The Fowler club then fell to the eventual winner of the tourney, the Birmingham Golden Eagles, 1-0 in nine innings and in a rematch with Bachelor Sales, lost 5-4 in eight innings.

Kent tossed a two-hitter and got all the support she needed from a run-scoring ground-out by Gail Francis, to lead the 1-0 win Friday night. Linda Padgett, Central Michigan's pitching ace, was equal to Kent in the hit category, allowing only two, both to Sherri Lotre.

Lotre, a newcomer to the Oilers' team, had a base hit in the opening inning and singled in the fourth and eventually scored the game's only run.

Saturday morning, the Oilers scored twice in the bottom of the second, but then had to go until the 11th inning before breaking a 2-2 deadlock. Kat Schmitt and Kathy Kramer drilled back-to-back doubles and Laury Ward singled to account for the two-run Fowler second.

The Cheyboygan team tied it in the fourth, the second run being of the unearned variety.

Jo Ann McKim, the Oiler pitcher, got into a jam in the ninth and coach Ken Schmitt called on Kent. With runners at second and third and only one out, she managed to slam the door.

Fowler threatened to end it in the 10th, when Cathy Welch delivered a two-out triple, but Margaret Olsen retired the next batter.

Finally, in the bottom of inning 11, Lotre singled, took second on a sacrifice and moved to third on a ground-out, setting the tables for Kramer. She came through with a two-out single to end the game.

Laura Reed, a pitcher for the University of Michigan's womens' team, held the Oilers in check for nine innings Saturday night to record a 1-0 win.

The Fowler team threatened on a couple of occasions. The Oilers loaded the bases with no outs in the eighth, then in the ninth, put the first two runners on, but came away empty both times.

Birmingham won it on a leadoff home run by Carol Patrick, in the bottom of the ninth. Patrick's hit was her third of the contest and sent Kent to her second loss in four decisions on the season.

Bachelor Sales jumped in front of the Oilers 4-0 on Sunday morning, but Fowler stormed from behind with four runs in the bottom of the fifth.

Padgett worked the first four innings and held Fowler in check. Pam Russell came on in relief to give Padgett

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All-World

The All-World Softball Park in Bath will sponsor the first annual Bath Community Days Mens C and D slow-pitch softball tourney July 17, 18 and 19.

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★ Oilers

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a rest, but she didn't last long.

The Oilers rallied for the four runs and Padgett had to come back in to get Russell off the hook.

The Fowler rally centered around singles by Welch, Lynne Rogers and Mindy McKean, then a bases loaded walk to Lotre and a two-out bases loaded single by Schmitt.

Bachelor Sales won it in the eighth on a single by Padgett and a triple by Jo Anna Coors.

Fowler's Lotre was named the tournament's most valuable infielder, on the strength of a .428 hitting performance and several strong throws from her catching position.

The Oilers take their 7-14 mark to Dearborn Sunday for meetings with the Golden Eagles of Birmingham and the Michigan Blazers.

Speedway results set

Kenny Wise of St. Johns rolled to a late model feature win at Spartan Speedway, while Flint's Bob Hayden won the Spartan Stock feature, last weekend.

Chasing Wise to victory in the late model main event were Dave Mulder of Ovid, Doug Mills of Dansville, Russ Fisher of Howell and Al Taft of Ovid.

In late model preliminaries Jim Aldrich of Ovid had fast time trial at 14.97, a new track record. Aldrich won the dash with heat wins going

to Mulder and Taft. Wise gave an indication of things to come by topping the pursuit.

Following Hayden to his win were Charlie Clark, Dave Parker, Bryan Martin and Jeff Berry.

In Spartan Stock preliminaries Jr. Daniels won the dash, while Clark had fast time trial at 16.39 seconds. Heat winners were Parker and Ken Ecker. Parker came back to win the pursuit and Bud Donaldson topped the semi-feature.

Rec Round-up

Mens Competitive League

	Won	Lost
Clinton Automotive	4	1
Ruthy's	3	1
Knob Hill	3	2
Miller's Tavern	2	2
Sillman's Store	2	2
Allaby and Brewbaker	2	3
Montry's Pizza	2	3
Ken's Saloon	1	3
Maple Rapids	0	4

Last Week's Results

Clinton Automotive 11, Montry's 9
Ruthy's 11, Miller's Tavern 6
Knob Hill 5, Allaby-Brewbaker 3
Ken's Saloon 4, Maple Rapids 3

Lassie League A (8-10yr. old)

	Won	Lost
Cass St. Sluggers	2	0
Little Darlings	2	0
The Swinging Sluggers	1	1
Burgess Beauties	0	2
Rainbow Connection	0	2

Last Week's Results

Cass St. Sluggers 23, Rainbow Co. 0
Swinging Sluggers 11, Burgess Be. 9

Lassie League B (11-14 yr. olds)

	Won	Lost
Magsig's Massives	3	0
St. Johns All Pros	2	1
Cass St. Sluggers	1	2
Heaven's Mistakes	1	2
Hub Tire Longshots	1	2
St. Johns Sluggers	1	2

Last Week's Results

SJ All Pros 11, Cass St Sluggers 2
Magsig's Massives 27, Hub Tire 2
Heaven's Mistakes 8, SJ Sluggers 4

Little League American

	Won	Lost
Orioles	3	0
Indians	2	1
Tigers	2	1
Angels	1	2
Brewers	1	2
Red Sox	1	2
Royals	1	2
Twins	1	2

Last Week's Results

Indians 7, Angels 6
Orioles 2, Tigers 1
Royals 10, Red Sox 8
Brewers forfeit win over Twins

Little League National

	Won	Lost
Cubs	3	0
Cardinals	2	0
Mets	2	1
Phillies	1	1
Pirates	1	2
Giants	0	2
Braves	0	3

Last Week's Results

Cubs 30, Braves 16
Phillies forfeit win over Giants
Mets 11, Pirates 3

Minor League

	Won	Lost
Canadians	3	0
Triplets	3	0
Redbirds	2	1
Colonels	2	1
Bears	1	2
Beavers	1	2
Oaks	1	2
Mudhens	0	1

Last Week's Results

Triplets 18, Beavers 4
Colonels forfeit win over Mudhens
Canadians 11, Oaks 10
Redbirds 29, Bears 4

Cardinals win 5th

The Bath Cardinals turned in another awesome defensive performance Saturday Night, en route to a 22-0 win, their fifth in as many outings. The Lansing Crusaders and Cadillac also sport 5-0 records, keeping pace with the Cardinals in the Michigan Charity Football League.

The latest victim, the Concord Cougars, also played well defensively through the first half. The teams left for the intermission deadlocked at zero.

Three minutes into the third quarter, Tom Gooden hauled in a 38-yard scoring pass from Jim Heldmeyer, making it 6-0.

Steve Ljubicic kicked a 28-yard field goal later in the quarter, pushing the

margin to 9-0.

The contest remained the same until Kelly Hayes picked off a Cougar pass and returned it to the 1-yard line, with 7:44 showing on the clock. Jeff Albert went in for the score and Ljubicic added the extra point, giving the Cardinals a comfortable 16-0 cushion.

Heldmeyer hit Stafford Saunders with a 5-yard TD strike to cap the game's scoring.

Albert led the Cardinal ground game with 90 yards on 18 carries. Quarterback Chuck Beckman threw for 164 yards, while Heldmeyer connected for 43 more. Gooden enjoyed a big day from his split end position, as he hauled in 11 passes.

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One Man's Views

By Tim Jeffery

Bath High School is fortunate to have landed a football coach with the knowledge Bill Waters has. In these days of teachers getting pink-slipped and cutbacks being made in athletics, it's not easy to find a person willing to accept coaching duties, without a teaching job to go along with it. St. Johns could be facing that very problem in replacing Bob Tissot at the basketball helm.

Tissot's resignation is still before the Board of Education, waiting for action to be taken. Word is that Tissot will be asked to take the job again.

Prior to his departure for Africa some three weeks ago, Tissot indicated to me he wouldn't reconsider if so asked. He said his decision was final.

We've all heard that said before and we've also seen coaches change their minds, so anything is possible. But, Tissot sounded sincere in stating he wouldn't change his mind and I think he meant it.

Thus, I see a serious problem starting to brew. There may be a person or two within the school district, who could take the job and perform successfully, but with the incidents which have occurred in recent years concerning Redwing basketball coaches, I'm not sure anybody wants the now vacant position....I don't like the rule used by St. Johns Youth Baseball's Minor League, which has coaches serving as pitchers. It's hard for a coach to accurately gauge how fast or how slow to throw a pitch, whereas one of the players can just throw as hard as he can. And don't tell me 8, 9 and 10 year-olds can't get the ball over the plate.

Before you go overboard on the theory that pro football teams fare poorly in Sunday games, after participating in a Monday Night Game earlier in the week, consider that last year teams were 15-15 against the spread on Sundays following a Monday Night Game.

Another factor to weigh is first-year head coaches in the college game. Rookie mentors compiled only a .394 actual winning percentage last year, while against the spread they fared just slightly better at .420....In the past, the Canadian Football League hasn't been much to watch, but ESPN (24-hour sports network) has capitalized on the Montreal Alouettes' signing of several big name players from the NFL and the baseball strike, to captivate sports-starved fans. The game last Saturday night was very exciting, with Vince Ferragamo rallying the Alouettes to a narrow win in the final minute of a game with Toronto and its flashy quarterback from the University of Tennessee, Condredge Holloway.



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Rare babies

Triplets are rare in cattle, but for all three to be heifers is even rarer. And according to county extension agent Robert Weiber, for all to survive is "really, really, unusual." The lucky farmers are Don and Doug Witt of West Jason-Road. The three little heifers were born this week to a young cow calving for the second time.

Weiber said the incidents of triplets is about two per thousand, but because they are usually born early, for all three to survive is rare. She also said multiple births usually occur in older cows.

Craig expects decline in farm income

Michigan farmers had one of their best years in recent history in 1980 with net farm income leaping 20 percent over the previous year. Bob Craig of St. Johns, manager of commodity activities and research for the Michigan Farm Bureau, expects Michigan's farm economy to fall far short of that performance in 1981.

"We expect net farm income in 1981 to total about \$540 million in Michigan, or about 10 percent less than

the 1980 net farm income of \$600 million," said Craig. "Last year Michigan was not affected by the drought that hit much of the country, so we had good commodity production and benefited from good commodity prices. But in the last few months of this year, we've seen some price declines for field crops and livestock."

Craig adds that while prices are quite high for some fruit crops, production in Michigan was badly

hurt by frosts. As a result many farmers, particularly tart cherry producers, do not have much crop to sell.

Nationally, net farm income is projected to be \$24.6 billion for 1981, down from the \$27 billion realized in 1980.

"The major news in farm income stems from smaller price increases," said Craig, "especially the break we're getting in energy prices which bodes well for the prices of fer-

tilizers, agricultural chemicals, and electricity."

STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON

PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Estate of ROY GIBSON, deceased; last known address: 3863 West Chadwick, DeWitt, Mich. 48820; Social security no. 380-38-3251.

TAKE NOTICE: Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the Estate must be presented to Melvin Gibson at 5683 West Chadwick Road, DeWitt, Michigan 48820 with proof thereof filed with the Court on or before Sept. 27, 1981 at 12:00 noon. Notice is further given that the estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated: July 9, 1981

JOHN E. WIEBER, Petitioner
103 East State Street
St. Johns, Michigan 48879
Phone: 224-3228

JOHN E. WIEBER, P28441

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STATE OF MICHIGAN IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF CLINTON

JAMES C. VIERS and
BARBARA M. VIERS,
husband & wife,
Plaintiffs,

vs.

HAZEL E. BERGERON now
HAZEL E. McMILLEN,
Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL ESTATE ON FORECLOSURE File No. 81-2908

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, that pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and order of sale entered by the Circuit Court for the County of Clinton, Michigan, on the 8th day of June, 1981, in favor of JAMES C. VIERS and BARBARA M. VIERS husband and wife, plaintiffs, and against HAZEL BERGERON now HAZEL E. McMILLEN, defendant, the following described premises shall be offered for sale to the highest bidder at public auction to be held by the Sheriff for the County of Clinton or his Deputy at the front entrance of the Courthouse, City of St. Johns, Clinton County, Michigan, on the 4th day of August, 1981 at 11:00 a.m.:

A certain parcel of land situated in the Township of Greenbush, Clinton County, Michigan, described as:

Beginning 380 feet East of the NW corner of the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 7, T8N, R2W, thence Easterly 264 feet; thence Southerly 325 feet; thence Westerly 264 feet thence Northerly 325 feet to the point of beginning.

The above named defendant shall have six (6) months from and after the date of the aforesaid sale in which to redeem the above described premises.

Dated: June 8, 1981

Anthony A. Hufnagel
Sheriff of Clinton County

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He presently farms around 1,400 acres in Shiawassee and Saginaw Counties.

Also named as a committee member was Bryce Shantz of Mio.

Zeeb named to state post

Robert Zeeb, 48, of Heribson Road in Bath has been named as a committee member to the Michigan Agricultural Stabilization Conservation (ASC) Committee according to Dorn Diehl, acting state executive director. William H. Spike, Owosso was named chairman of the ASC.

Zeeb is in partnership with his three sons. They run a 1,000-acre operation in southern Clinton County, with 60 dairy cows, 150 beef cows and 200 steers. Their crops are corn, wheat, soybeans and hay.

Zeeb has served on the Michigan State Fair Board and as a member of the board of directors of the Michigan Farm Bureau.

Locally, he has served on the Bath School Board, the DeWitt Township Board of Trustees and the Clinton County Board of Commissioners.

Spike, 38 has farmed full-time since graduation from Michigan State University.



Bob Zeeb

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STATE OF MICHIGAN

Office of Clinton County
Drain Commissioner

IN THE MATTER OF
KNEELAND BRANCH DRAIN

NOTICE OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF DETERMINATION

Notice is Hereby Given that the Board of Determination, composed of Almond Cressman, Carol Bayshore and Earl T. Barks, will meet on July 27, 1981, at 10:00 A.M., at William C. Mayers Residence, 4087 West Walker Road, St. Johns, Michigan, to hear all interested persons and to determine whether the drain known as Kneeland Branch Drain as prayed for in the Petition to clean out, relocate, widen, deepen, straighten, tile extend or relocate along a highway dated June 29, 1981, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare, in accordance with Section 72 of Chapter IV of Act No. 40, P.A. 1956.

Harry J. Harden
Clinton County Drain Commissioner

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NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

Notice is hereby given, that on Thursday the 30th day of July, 1981, at the Drain Office, 306 Elm Street, in the City of St. Johns, County of Clinton, an assessment will be levied on the Bad Creek Drain for maintenance work, which has been done in the past and will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon.

Now therefore, All unknown and non resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands and you, Clinton County Clerk, and you Bengal Township Supervisor, and you Bingham Township Supervisor, and you Olive Township Supervisor, and you Riley Township Supervisor, and you Watertown Township Supervisor are notified of such reviewing of apportionments as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interest in relation thereto, if you so desire.

Dated this 10th day of July A.D. 1981

Harry J. Harden,
County Drain Commissioner
County of Clinton, Michigan

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Ag Expo '81 approaches at MSU

The largest gathering of agricultural equipment and farm service displays in the state will be the primary attraction of Ag. Expo '81, to be held July 21-23 at Michigan State University.

Exhibits from more than 240 major equipment manufacturers and agribusiness firms will practically blanket a 30-acre tract that has been set aside for the three-day event.

Scores of educational

displays and tours of MSU variety trial plots, coupled with daily land improvement demonstrations, will augment the huge machinery show, says George McQueen, MSU Cooperative Extension Service director for Clinton County.

This year's Expo site is located near the intersection of Farm Lane and Mt. Hope Road, close to the central campus area. Free bus service will be offered to the variety plot exhibits

and the land improvement demonstrations.

The machinery displays will represent almost every mechanized aspect of a typical farm operation. Examples include irrigation system machinery, dairy equipment and supplies, livestock handling equipment, grain harvesting, handling and storage systems, sprayers, buildings, and seed and

fertilizer supplies and services.

This complete machinery exhibition will allow farmers to see the latest machinery on the market and enable them to compare equipment systems they might be considering for purchase.

Ag. Expo details may be obtained from the MSU Agricultural Engineering Department at (517) 355-3477.

Tahvonen selected

Circuit Judge Randy L. Tahvonen is one of 12 judges and attorneys from across the United States selected to participate in a month-long seminar at Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut.

The seminar, entitled,

"Theories of Adjudication," will be held from July 13 to Aug. 7 under a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. It will be led by Professor Ruth Gavison of the Hebrew University at Jerusalem.

OFFICIAL NOTICE TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY OF CLINTON OF A PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL, REJECTION, OR MODIFICATION OF A PROJECT PLAN BY THE CLINTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS AS PRESENTED BY THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE COUNTY OF CLINTON

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to Act 338 of the Public Acts of Michigan of 1974, as amended ("Act 338"), The Economic Development Corporation of the County of Clinton ("Economic Development Corporation") has presented the Westmac, Inc. Project Plan ("Project Plan") to the County Board of Commissioners (the "County Board") for its approval.

The Project Plan contains information relative to the proposed construction of a high-speed grain elevator, drying and storage facility, related office facilities, and purchase of certain ancillary equipment (the "Project") by Westmac, Inc. The cost of the Project will be defrayed by the issuance of the Economic Development Corporation's revenue bonds or notes issued pursuant to Act 338. The revenue bonds or notes will be secured by the Project and will be payable solely and only from moneys derived from the operation of the Project. The bonds or notes will not be a general obligation of the County of Clinton (the "County"), Township of Eagle or the State of Michigan, and will not be payable from the general or tax funds of the foregoing governmental units.

The Project will be located on the following described parcels in the Township of Eagle, County of Clinton, Michigan:

a. That certain parcel of land located in Eagle Township, Clinton County, Michigan, Town 5 North, Range 4 West, beginning at the Southeast Corner of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 35, thence 1320 feet North, thence due West to the C&O Railroad right-of-way, thence Southeasterly along said railroad right-of-way to the Township line and then East to the point of beginning, containing approximately 30 acres.

b. That certain parcel of land located in Eagle township, Clinton County, Michigan, Town 5 North, Range 4 West, being the South 66 feet of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 35.

No persons shall be displaced as a result of the implementation of the Project Plan.

Maps, plats and a description of the proposed Project Plan and other information concerning the Project and Project Plan are available for public inspection during regular business hours at the County Courthouse and/or the County's Economic Development Office, County of Clinton, Michigan.

All aspects of the Project and Project Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing to be held July 28, 1981, and all interested persons shall have the opportunity to be heard. The County Board shall receive and consider written communication concerning the Project and Project Plan. The County Board shall provide full opportunity for expression of opinion, for argument on the merits, and for introduction of documentary evidence pertinent to the proposed Project Plan.

The County Board will meet at the County Courthouse at 10:30 o'clock a.m., the 28th day of July, 1981, and will conduct a public hearing on the advisability of approving by resolution the aforesaid Project Plan. The County Board may also modify or disapprove said Project Plan.

THIS NOTICE is given pursuant to the requirements of Act 338, Public Acts of Michigan, 1974, as amended. Further information concerning the matters set out in this notice may be secured from the County Clerk's office and/or the County's Economic Development Office.

Jane Swanchara
County Clerk

NOTICE OF REVIEW OF APPORTIONMENTS

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Now therefore, All unknown and non resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands and you, Clinton County Clerk, and you Bingham Township Supervisor, and you Duplain Township Supervisor, and you Ovid Township Supervisor, and you Michigan Dept. of State Hwys & Transportation are notified of such reviewing of apportionments as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interest in relation thereto, if you so desire.

Dated this 9th day of July, A. D. 1981

Harry J. Harden,
County Drain Commissioner
County of Clinton, Michigan

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Clinton County Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on Monday, July 20, 1981 at 8:00 P.M. in the Conference Room of the Clinton County Service Center located at 306 Elm Street, St. Johns, Michigan.

The subject of the public hearing will be the consideration of the following cases:

AB-9-81 Bath Charter Township - Appeal

An application for an appeal has been filed by Mr. Richard Putt, 5142 Ann Drive, Bath Township, Clinton County, Michigan. The applicant seeks relief from the enforcing officers decision which denied a building permit on a parcel of property which was not afforded public road frontage.

Relief, if granted, would allow the construction of a single-family residence on the following legally described parcel of property contrary to Article 6, Section 6.2 Access to a Street.

That part of the W 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Sec. 29, T5N-R1W, Bath Twp. Clinton Cty., MI beg. on 2,635.9' then S 250', E 373.7', N. 250', W. 370' to POB. E in is // to the center of a 66' private road known as Ann Dr., also the right of ingress and egress over said private Ann Drive from the above described.

AB-28-81 Riley Township - Appeal

An application for appeal has been filed by Marvin and Jean Beland, 6606 Forest Hill Road, St. Johns, Michigan 48879. The applicant seeks relief from the zoning officers decision to preclude the issuance of a building permit for an accessory building which is to be located in the front yard area.

Relief, if granted, would allow said construction on the following legally described parcel of property contrary to Article 5, Section 5.3.1 (B) Residential Lots.

Com. 492.25' S. of the E 1/4 cor. of Sec. 8, T6N-R3W, th. S. 174.25', W. 368', N. 174.25', E. 368'.

AB-29-81 Olive Township - Dimensional Variance

An application for appeal has been filed by Timothy and Wilma Belbeck, 1452 East Alward Road, DeWitt, Michigan 48820. The applicant seeks relief from OR-1-78, The Clinton County Zoning Ordinance in order to construct a 30' x 40' accessory building in a R-1A, One-family Rural Residential zone district. Article 5, Section 5.3.1 limits the size of accessory building to 900 square feet.

The description of the affected parcel is as follows:

14 acres more/less: N 1/2 of W 660' of SE 1/4 sec. 22, T6N-R2W, exc. com. at NW cor. thereof, th S 435.6', E 175', N 48.6', E 53.87', N 63°17' E 70.22', N 17°36' E 73.44', N 3°E 281.24' to cent. of Alward Lk. Rd., W alg Rd. 338.18' to beg. and exc. beg. 319', E and 285' N of SW cor. thereof, th 125' N and S by 275' E and W and exc. co. 319' E and 535' N of SW cor. thereof, the 375' N and S by 275' E and W.

AB-30-81 Eagle Township - Dimensional Variance - Rear Yard

An application for a dimensional variation to Article 6, Section 6.5.5 has been filed by Joseph G. Newman, 220 South Dunbar Street, Pottsville, Michigan seeking a variance from the Zoning Ordinance to allow the construction of a single-family dwelling fourteen (14') feet from the rear property line. The Ordinance requires sixty feet (60').

The description of the affected property line is as follows:

Beg. on W sec. In and center of Herbison Rd. of Sec. 11, T5N-R4W, Th. N 36 1/2 rds, E 8 rds., S to center of Rd., th. NW'ly to beg.

AB-32-81 Ovid Township - Dimensional Variance

An application for a dimensional variation of Article 5, Section 5.3.1 (b) Accessory Buildings of the Clinton County Zoning Ordinance has been filed by Mr. Garry D. Kioski, 1994 North Ovid Road, Ovid, Michigan 48866. Appeal is taken from the enforcing officers decision to deny the issuance of a building permit for a 42' x 32' square foot accessory building in a R-1B zone district. The Ordinance restricts the square footage to 800 square feet.

The legal description of the affected property is as follows: OV 794: NW 1/4 of NE 1/4 of NE 1/4, Section 12, T7N-R1W.

AB-33-81 Interpretation - Definition of Lot

The Clinton County Department of Development Control is requesting a formal Appeals Board interpretation of the

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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF EATON

At a session of said Court, held at the Probate Office in the City of St. Johns, in said County, on the 8th day of July, A.D. 1980.

PRESENT: Hon. MARVIN E. ROBERTSON, Judge of Probate.

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF Donald Joseph Bear to have his name changed to DONALD JOSEPH BRATA.

Donald Joseph Bear having filed his application in said Court praying that the name of Donald Joseph Bear be changed to Donald Joseph Brata.

IT IS ORDERED, That the 4th day of August, 1981 at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon at said Probate Court be and is hereby appointed for hearing said petition.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, That public notice thereof be given by publication of a copy of this Order for one week previous to said day of hearing in the Clinton County News, a newspaper printed and circulated in said County.

Marvin E. Robertson
Judge of Probate
224-265
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STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF CLINTON

PUBLICATION AND NOTICE OF HEARING

Estate of OLGA HRYMECKI, Deceased, File No. 20433

TAKE NOTICE: On July 8, 1981 at 10:00 p.m., in the probate courtroom, St. Johns, Michigan, before Hon. MARVIN E. ROBERTSON Judge of Probate, a hearing was held, on the Petition of Michael S. Hrymecki and administration of said estate was granted to Michael S. Hrymecki.

Creditors of the deceased are notified that all claims against the estate must be presented to said Michael S. Hrymecki at 4057 W. County Line Road, St. Johns, Michigan 48879, and proof thereof, with copies of claims, filed with the Court on or before September 15, 1981. Notice is further given that the estate will thereafter be assigned to persons appearing of record entitled thereto.

Dated: July 9, 1981

Michael S. Hrymecki
4057 W. County Line Road
St. Johns, MI 48879

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definition of lot as delineated in Article 14 of OR-1-78, The Clinton County Zoning Ordinance. The interpretation is requested pursuant to Article 14, Section 4.4.4 of the Ordinance.

The Department requests a clarification of the definition of a lot as it pertains to the utilization of an easement or right-of-way to meet the dimensional requirements for a lot.

AB-34-81 Interpretation and/or Classification of Use

The Clinton County Department of Development Control is requesting an interpretation of Article 6, Section 6.5.4 and Article 7, Section 7.2 of OR-1-78, The Clinton County Zoning Ordinance to determine if commercial agricultural enterprises would be a use allowable in the A-1, Agricultural zone district by Special Use Permit. A commercial agricultural enterprise is defined as a small agricultural-related commercial business which is directly associated with the production of food and fiber located in the A-1, Agricultural zone district and located adjacent to the residence of the proprietor and near the clientele being served. The business is of such a nature that its functioning would not adversely affect adjacent agricultural enterprises or residences.

The Board will interpret the Ordinance in such a manner as to carry out the intent and purpose of the A-1, Agricultural district and OR-1-78, The Clinton County Zoning Ordinance.

AB-35-81 Victor Township - Appeal

An application for appeal has been filed by Mrs. Linda Vincent, 5158 South Meridian Road, Ovid, Michigan 48866. The applicant seeks relief from Article 6, Section 6.5.3 of the Ordinance in order to allow structural changes in a single-family dwelling in order to accommodate a home occupation on the following legally described parcel of property.

NE frl. 1/4, exc. a piece of land in the NE cor. of NE frl. 1/4, 13 rds N & S by 37 rds. E & W in Sec. 1, T6N-R1W.

AB-36-81 Duplain Township - Appeal

An application for appeal of Article 4, Section 4.4.6 Special Exceptions has been filed by Mr. William McElhaney, 5121 Ridge Road, Elsie, Michigan seeking relief from the provisions of the Ordinance which requires that Temporary Housing Occupancy Permits for medical conditions be issued only as an accessory use to the principle dwelling. The applicant seeks permission to place a mobile home on private property next to a relatives property in order to receive continued supervision.

Relief, if granted, would allow the occupancy of a mobile home for medical circumstances on the following described parcel of property.

Comm. 798' S of the W 1/4 post of Sec. 8, T8N-R1W, Duplain Twp., Clinton County, MI, Th. E 613', th S to c/l of Ridge Rd., Th W'ly alg the c/l of Ridge Rd, to the intersection of the c/l of Ridge Rd. and Watson Rd., Th. N 59' to the place of beg.

AB-37-81 Watertown Charter Township - Dimensional Variance

An application for a dimensional variance has been filed by Mr. Patrick Dionise, 331 Jones Street, P.O. Box A, Lansing, Michigan seeking a dimensional variance from Article 6, Section 6.19, Schedule B, Dimensional Requirements for the M-1, Industrial Zoning District. Relief, if granted, would allow the construction of a commercial building with less side yard than required by OR-1-78, The Clinton County Zoning Ordinance.

The effected parcel of property is as follows:

Wa 743
E 1/2 of Lot No. 1, Demmer Industrial Park.

The appeal applications and OR-1-78, The Clinton County Zoning Ordinance are available for public inspection in the Department of Development Control located at 1003 South Oakland Street, St. Johns, Michigan between 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Interested persons are requested to attend the hearing and voice their opinions in respect thereto or written comments may be forwarded to the Department. Please call 224-6761 ext. 221 for further information.

J. Anthony Nelson, Director
DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL
224-267

Obituaries

Helen M. Williams

Helen Williams, 84, of 604 N. Ottawa St., St. Johns, died Saturday, July 11, 1981 at Rivard Nursing Home.

Funeral services for Mrs. Williams were held Tuesday afternoon, July 14, at the Osgood Funeral Home with the Rev. Gordon Showers officiating. Burial was made in Mt. Rest Cemetery.

Mrs. Williams was born in Owosso to Jackson and Ada (Howe) Fairman on Mar. 7, 1897. She attended Owosso schools and moved to St. Johns in 1916. She and Harry Williams were married in Owosso on April 21, 1916. Mr. Williams died in 1951.

Mrs. Williams was a member of the First United Methodist Church, the Rebecca Lodge, and the Blue Star Mothers. She was a homemaker and worked for the Woodbury Flower Shop for many years.

Surviving are two sons, Jack and Robert, both of St. Johns; two grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Randy W. Pollard

Randy Pollard, 24, of 503 N. Main St., Ovid, died Sunday morning, July 12, 1981 in Ovid, as the result of an automobile accident.

Funeral services for Mr. Pollard were held Tuesday afternoon, July 14, at the Houghton Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home with the Rev. Bruce Kintigh and the Rev. Carl Staser officiating. Burial was made in Maple Grove Cemetery.

Mr. Pollard was born to Thomas and Doris (Hettinger) Pollard on Sept. 4, 1956 in St. Johns. He graduated from Ovid-Elsie High School in 1974 and was employed in the validation department of the State of Michigan Lottery Commission.

He was a lifelong Ovid resident and a member of the Shepardsville United Methodist Church.

Surviving are his mother, Doris; brother Mark at home; grandmother, Mrs. Arnold Pollard of Grand Rapids; several aunts, uncles, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father in 1966.

Charles Abbott Johnson

Charles Abbott Johnson, 86, of Route 5, Wildcat Road, St. Johns, died July 13, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

Funeral services for Mr. Johnson will be held Thursday, July 16, at Wickens and Troupe in Quincy, Mass. with burial following in Mt. Wollaston Cemetery, also located in Quincy.

Mr. Johnson was born to Charles Herbert Johnson and Nellie Gardner Johnson in Quincy on April 26, 1895. He lived most of his life in Quincy, but the last 15 years were spent in the St. Johns area. He and Bertha Titus were married in Quincy on Aug. 18, 1917.

He was a member of First Parish, Unitarian Church, in Quincy. Mr. Johnson was the Past Master Rural Lodge of F and AM and a member of St. Stephens Royal Arch Mason Chapter, both in Quincy. He was employed as a food supervisor with Kennedy and Company.

Surviving are his wife, Bertha of St. Johns; daughter, Mrs. Betty Cheeny of St. Johns; son, Charles Jr., of Marion Mass.; five grandchildren, A. Edmond Cheeny of Israel, Charles Cheeny of Calif., John Cheeny of St. Johns, Mrs. Susan Nichols of Marion, Mass., and Robert Johnson of Sagamore Bay, Mass.; and four great-grandchildren.

John A. Kramer

John Kramer, 87, of 13269 W. M-21, Fowler, died July 6, 1981 at Clinton Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services for Mr. Kramer were held Thursday morning, July 9, at the Most Holy Trinity Church in Fowler with the Rev.

Father Albert Schmitt officiating. The Rosary was recited twice each day at the Goerge Chapel of the Osgood Funeral Home in Fowler. Burial was made in Holy Trinity Cemetery.

Mr. Kramer was born in Clinton County to Peter and Ann (Zeien) Kramer on Feb. 20, 1894. He and Ann Schneider were married on April 21, 1918. Mr. Kramer was a lifelong

county resident and farmer, living the past 64 years in the farm house at his present address.

He was a member of Most Holy Trinity Church and a member of the Holy Name Society.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Geneva Wohlscheid of Pewamo and Mrs. Joesetta Ott of St.

Johns; two sons, Matthew of Portland and Jerry of Montrose; 31 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; one brother, Bill of Pewamo; two sisters, Mary Goodman of Pewamo and Elizabeth Stump of Lansing; and three half-sisters, Dorothy Stanton of Grosse Pointe, Helen Schaaphok of Grand Rapids, and Rose Bowman of Calif.

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LIVONIA 29150 W. 7 Mile Rd. at Middlebelt East of LIVONIA MALL	SOUTHFIELD 27000 Telegraph Rd. at 12 Mile South of TEL-12 MALL	FLINT 3250 S. Linden Rd. at Miller Rd. Across from GENESEE VALLEY MALL	GRAND RAPIDS 3445 28th. St. S.E. at Bertline at EAST BROOK MALL	YOUR MASTER CHARGE AND VISA HONORED AT TOYS "R" US

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★ Probate court cracks down

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crease in drinking teenagers. "Many have permission from parents in the form of 'don't get caught,'" he said.

Today's young people have their own key to the family car; fewer guidelines to follow, fewer family regulations, the two men are finding.

Of greatest concern is that much of the teenage drinking is being done in cars while driving through towns. "It seems to be happening more often," Olmsted said, "and kids are almost flagrant about it. They seem to be almost forcing deputies to arrest them."

"What really concerns me," Olmsted said, "is not only is the act a direct and willful violation against the law, but the attitude towards the court is 'Gee, I haven't done anything wrong.'"

"It's almost as if that law is one they don't think is important in their lives and they are choosing to ignore it," he said.

While Robertson's major concern is kids, wheels and booze, he said that "even taking out the wheels, kids and booze is a serious problem." There is a real potential for teenage alcoholics in the county. "We're seeing many 15 and 16 year olds who have already established drinking patterns."

Olmsted said the court has been faced with angry parents and angry offenders over some of the cases involving teenagers and drinking. "We get comments from parents who say they know so many kids who are doing the same thing and they question why it was their kid who got caught," he said.

It's as if drinking is becoming an accepted value, it's against the law, but acceptable," Olmsted said. I'm worried about this idea of defying the law and the attitude against authority."

It's not a stupid law, it's not a bad law," Robertson insisted. "We've all seen cars weaving on the highway. We've all seen the pain and disfigurement that has come from those kinds of accidents. The law does make sense."