

WEIDMAN DAY JULY 10  
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REUNION JULY 11 (Sunday)

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## Editor's Column

By Connie

### WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THIS IS ALL ABOUT

Friday we received a copy of the program for "The Music Man" put on by the Chippewa Hills High School Music Department. It was in a plain wrapper with no return address, and it was addressed to "Connie Roe".

On the front cover of the program there was this, done with a pen but not in handwriting--rather crude block-printing:

"Were you there? It far outclass-ed your one room school box so-cial" (No period at end of sen-tence).

As we said, we don't know who the brave person is who sent it, nor what that person's personal grudge is.

For that person's information, however, we offer this:

The Weidman Messenger has been on the blacklist of the Chip-pewa Hills High School since its early days. We offended some bigwig there soon after the con-solidation into the big-big dis-trict (or maybe it was during the hectic campaign by school people to put the consolidation across).

In any case, The Weidman Mes-senger is off-limits so far as any publicity or information material is concerned.

Not that we owe the anony-mous writer any apology or ex-planation.

We point out to the public that the Messenger never receives any information from the high school, period.

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### QUOTE FROM THE AUGUST 3, 1972, WEIDMAN MESSENGER

"The pavilion at Mitchell Mem-orial Park in Weidman has been the target of senseless vandalism for years. Steps are being made by authorities to stop the destruc-tion of the pavilion and park, ob-tained and developed by the Weidman Business Association.

"Civic-minded businessmen and the Lions (club) repair damage and the vandals come back and destroy the repairs and commit  
(Continued on Back Page)



KCs HONOR PAST GRAND KNIGHTS AND CLERGY--Of Beal City Council 3651. Sunday evening a dinner in their honor was held at the KC Hall in Beal City, with about 100 in attend-ance. Master of Ceremonies District Deputy Earl Fox starts the program. (Standing, above.)



FEATURED SPEAKER WALTER GRAVELINE OF BAY CITY-- Also a Past State Deputy, shown above addressing the dinner guests. Photos by Beal City Knights of Columbus

Past Grand Knights honored in-cluded Leo Schafer, Fred Fox, Paul Schafer, Clarence Lorenz, Fred Steffke, Aloy Andres, Cecil Clare, Bill Fox, John Bunting (deceased), Ed Schafer, Larry Mead, and also Bernard Mc-Isaac, who was unable to attend.

Also present were past Pastor Father Neubecker and present Pastor Father Dueweke.

Wives of Past Grand Knights were also guests. About 100 were in attendance for the din-ner of Swiss steak, green-bean

## MARRIED IN QUIET HOME CEREMONY

Mahlon (Bud) Fredrickson and Jennie (Neuenfelt) Beck were united in marriage in a simple ceremony at her home at Cold-water Lake Saturday, May 1.

Mrs. Fredrickson is the daugh-ter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Neu-enfelt of Lewiston. She is a teacher in the Chippewa Hills Schools complex, now at Barry-ton. Her students are seventh and eighth graders there.

The happy couple were attend-ed by his brother, Tom Fredrick-son, of Grand Rapids, as best man, and Linda Eldred of Remus as matron of honor for the bride. Her two children also were in the wedding party.

They will make their home at her place on Jordan Road, at the end of the lake and pavement on the southwest side of the lake.

Both have very many friends and well-wishers here, who give them their hearty congratulations.

Bud Fredrickson is a long-time businessman of Weidman, and a hard-working civic leader.

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## AREA HOMES NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

International exchange stu-dents will be arriving this sum-mer to live with area families for a year and attend high school as part of the Youth for Under-standing exchange program.

Mrs. Wallace Jones, Youth for Understanding area representa-tive for the Chippewa Hills and Beal City Schools area, is look-ing for host families for students from Europe, Asia, South Amer-ica, and the Philippines. She says that host families welcome students into their homes and make them a part of the fam-ily.

casserole, mashed potatoes and gravy, tossed salad, and relish-es.

The meal was prepared by Beal City Knights and their wives. Helping were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Stickles, Mr. and Mrs. Ron Schu-macher, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sim-mer, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Best, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Walton, and Mr. and Mrs. Don Krueger.

It was a happy and beautiful occasion.

**West Gilmore**

Lena Cole, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Geasler, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Worth and Mike and Pam made a recent trip to Northern Michigan, bringing home a large supply of suckers.

Miss Ruth Border and Mrs. Beulah Wixson visited the Paul Coles last Wednesday.

Those enjoying a mushroom supper at the Paul Coles' Saturday evening were Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ewing, and Mr. and Mrs. Tony Masiwchuk.

Mr. and Mrs. Masiwchuk made a trip to Lake Orion last Thursday, returning Friday.

The Paul Coles and Velma and Mrs. Orma Kripa made a trip to University Hospital in Ann Arbor Friday, for Velma's checkup.

Lena Cole had an appointment at the Davis Clinis in Mt. Pleasant Monday morning.

Sp/5 William Ewing and Sally and baby Becky visited their grandparents, the Paul Coles, last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kripa and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Cole and Velma were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bess Pfannes Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Pfannes visited his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. August Hoskey, at Harrison, last Wednesday.

Raymond Allbee is visiting his sisters and brothers here in Mich-

igan at this time. He called on his brother, Julius Allbee, in a Saginaw hospital, Sunday.

Julius was transferred to CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Dean called on Mr. and Mrs. Larry Straus last Thursday.

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Apr22t2p

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May6tf

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May 6t1

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May 6 t1

## Card of Thanks

We would like to thank everyone who worked so hard to make our Spring Carnival at the Weidman School a success.

A special Thank You to Justine Fiorillo and all those who helped her run the Cake Walk in our moment of panic!

We would also like to thank all the men who sold tickets for us. They did a fine job. All the students, teachers, and parents who were involved in decorating had every right to be proud of their work.

A special Thank You to the parents responsible for decorating the stage. You did a fantastic job!

We wish to thank all the merchants for their donations for our "Merchants Raffle". As always, it was a huge success.

A special note of thanks to Karen Rhode for all her work on making the Coronation something special, for the children to remember.

We would also like to thank the ladies who donated the fancy cakes for the cake raffle. Thank you, Charlotte Pogroszewski; Dianne Lynch, and Linda Krueger.

Again, thanks to everyone who helped with this year's Carnival.  
Lori Ohanesian  
Weidman Mothers Club

## Obituary

CHRISTINA BIRSCHBACH  
Christina Bierschbach of Beal City died Saturday, May 1, at CMC Hospital after a short stay there. She had been in precarious health for the past several years, suffering several heart attacks and strokes.

She was 63.

She was born in Nottawa Township Oct. 1, 1912. She had devoted her life to her family, and to working with young people, in 4-H Clubs, where she earned a 25-year award. She also helped out at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, and at the parochial school.

She was a member of St. Anne's Altar Society, of the Beal City Church, and a member of the Board of Directors of the County Farm Bureau, and always worked for the good of others, especially young people.

She is survived by her husband, Julius; daughters, Mrs. Robert (Bonnie) Lyon and Mrs. Tom (Dianne) Schumacher, of rural Mt. Pleasant (Nottawa); Mrs. Gary Schumacher of Nottawa, Mrs. Ron (Kathy) Bontrager of Kalamazoo, and Barbara, at home; sons Jerry and Richard of Grand Rapids, Tom and Glenn of Nottawa, Bill of Portland, and Bernie, of Nottawa; and 29 grandchildren; brothers Raymond Fox of Nottawa and Robert Fox of Grand Ledge; sisters, Mrs. John (Betty) Ahlers and Mrs. Bill (Doris) Quick, both of Lansing, and Mrs. Jack (Florence) Hathaway of Mesa, Ariz.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning, May 4, at 11 at St. Joseph the Worker Catholic Church in Beal City, with Father Donald Dueweke officiating. Burial was in St. Joseph's Cemetery at Beal City.

The community mourns the loss of a beloved friend.

## B-I-N-G-O

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## NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Phillips visited Mr. and Mrs. Larry Williams of Midland Saturday. They enjoyed another birthday cake there.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Riley were Sunday dinner guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Spike Branson, and family.

Jeanne Smith and Phyllis Sides enjoyed bingo in Mt.

## Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my many friends who sent cards while I was in Sparrow Hospital in Lansing for lung surgery;

To the Busy Bees for the plant, also my Secret Pal for the nice gifts;

The Weidman Baptist Church, the Barryton Senior Citizens, the Barryton Dairy Bar, for the signed remembrances;

Also my pastor of the Weidman Baptist Church, Marvin Eldridge, and wife, for coming to see me at the hospital while I was there;

Also for the several azalias I received.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

Opal Denslow  
Weidman

## Obituary

### MINNIE HINES

Minnie M. Hines of Broomfield Township died April 29 at CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant after a short illness. She died suddenly and unexpectedly.

She was 76 years old.

She was born Sept. 17, 1899, in Sherman Township, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Goodenough. She was a lifelong resident of this community.

She is survived by her husband, Robert; sons Ivan of Broomfield Township, and Leland, of Barryton; daughters, Flossie Flachs and Eloise Hogg, both of Remus; a sister, Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr. (Goldie), of Broomfield; and 20 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 1, at the Crittenden Funeral Home in Remus with Rev. Mike Nickerson officiating. Burial was in the Broomfield Cemetery.

The family have the sincere sympathy of all.

ANTIQUES--And used furniture. Collectors' items, etc. Come in and see us. Denslow's Collectors' Corner, 4163 North Mission (Old 27), Rosebush. Ph. 433-2934.

Apr. 29t4p

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Apr. 29t4

# Weidman Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST

**BARBERI ANNOUNCES AS CANDIDATE FOR PROSECUTOR**

Attorney Joseph. T. Barberi of Mt. Pleasant has announced his intention to run on the Republican ticket for the office of Isabella County Prosecuting Attorney. He is currently chief assistant Prosecuting Attorney, in his third year with the Prosecutor's office.

He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Carlo Barbaeri of Mt. Pleasant. Upon graduation from CMU, he entered the United States Navy. After receiving his honorable discharge he attended the Detroit College of Law, where he was on the Dean's List every semester, receiving eight individual awards for excellence in the study of Law. He graduated fifth in his class of 212 students, receiving the degree of Juris Doctorate Cum Laude, the highest scholastic degree awarded by the Detroit College of Law.

Since his graduation from law school he has served as Assistant Prosecutor for Isabella County. He created the Family Support Division of the Prosecutor's office. As its director he concentrated on welfare frauds, food stamp violations, and fathers who abandoned their families.

He initiated a program of cracking down on welfare fraud in this county, which resulted in a number of convictions on charges of welfare fraud, and in the recovery of thousands of tax dollars for the county. He also has been active in representing the county on matters assigned him by the Prosecutor and the County Commissioners.

He is a member of many law associations, and also the Mt. Pleasant Area Chamber of Commerce, Fraternal Order of Police, Elk's Lodge, and is currently a member of the Board of Directors for the Chippewa YMCA.

**LAKE ISABELLA**

Ruth Yabs, Reporter

**LIPOA MEETING APPROVES CHANGES IN BY-LAWS**

The annual meeting of Lake Isabella Property Owners Association was held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Chippewa Hills High School.

Approximately 114 members were present, and they unanimously approved proposed change in the bylaws, which will establish 10 districts in the lake development.

Each district will be represented by a director, who must be a lot owner in the district he represents, and will be elected by the property owners in that district.

As each new plat is completed, it will be added to an existing district, thereby holding the Board members or directors to 10.

There was also an election of directors in four of the districts where vacancies existed, or terms of office had expired.

Ken Vanderschuur, president of Lake Isabella Corporation, was also present, and gave a report on the general progress of the development.

Since there was no new business, the meeting was officially closed, and a question and answer period was held.

Copies of the Weidman Messenger were handed out to all, and we would like again to remind all of our neighbors to call any news items in to me, Ruth Yabs, at 644-2706.

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The cold, stormy weekend caught us again in Lansing, this time to attend the funeral of our beloved brother-in-law, Dr. Franklin W. Stephenson. He attained the age of 93 years, 10 months, and was a retired Methodist minister, having given 70 years to the ministry.

May 1 we returned to Lansing to attend Otto's Retirees' Banquet (Oldsmobile retirees). This is held the first Saturday of May each year.

May 2, Otto Yabs celebrated his 81st birthday, having dinner with his son and family.

The Robert Mays family spent the weekend attending a meeting of the Pork Chop Club of CBrS.

While visiting the Julius Guerins, Doris informed me they have been living here at Lake Isabella five years May 5, and enjoy their home here very much.

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge were Saturday afternoon callers of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson.

**In the Editor's Mail**

Weidman Messenger  
Editor and Publisher  
Constance Skinner  
Weidman, Michigan

Dear Editor:

We wish to thank you for the fine news coverage given the Knights of Columbus statewide Tootsie Roll Drive. Your help in assisting us publicize this worthy cause, surely made our drive more successful.

May we also convey our thanks to all who so generously contributed in the Weidman area and for the kind consideration given the Beal City K of C volunteer workers.

Monies collected will now be used to assist programs for mentally handicapped children and adults, statewide and locally.

Sincerely

Fred Steffke, Chairman  
Beal City K of C 3651  
Tootsie Roll Fund Drive

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Dear Connie:

I wish you could get someone to write for your paper from Broomfield Township, where I was born: The Hummel-Rhodelueder neighborhood.

Thank you very much.

I am a little late with my subscription renewal, will try and be on time after this.

Thank you for everything.

August Fritz

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**NEWS NOTES**

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Smith took his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Smith, to Wolverine Sunday, where they spent the day with Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Smith and family.

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## Beal City

Dora Smith, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Keiffer attended the wedding of their granddaughter at Hubbardston. Becky Schafer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Schafer. The reception was held at the 21 Club south of Pewamo. They also visited Mrs. Rose Keiffer of Carson City.

Sister Marie Alexander and Sister Herman Joseph called on Tillie Schafer Saturday. Mrs. Schafer spent Sunday at the Milo Eldred home in Winn.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Schafer and Jane and Duane and Louise Schafer went to Lansing Saturday.

Mrs. Julius Bierschbach passed away Saturday. The funeral was Tuesday, at St. Joseph the Worker's Church in Beal City. The family have our deep sympathy.

The variety show presented by the Beal City Band Parents was well attended Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Lane of Indiana spent the weekend at the Bob Schafer home.

Mrs. Walter Smith and Dora called on Mrs. Kitty Gross Wednesday evening.

Dora Smith and Don Gould called on Mr. and Mrs. Harold Block Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lindy Seifert entertained their club Saturday. All had a wonderful time.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Schueler of Traverse City called on Mr. and Mrs. Bill Fox and family Wednesday.

Dora Smith cared for the children of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Gross Friday evening, while the parents attended a wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Reihl moved into the home of Mrs. Ella Tilmann last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Blasen and Theresa Smith went to Midland Saturday afternoon, where they visited Mr. and Mrs. Bill Trowbridge and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Smith of Mt. Pleasant called on Anna and Dora Smith Wednesday afternoon.

Paul Smith and son spent the weekend with Mrs. Irene Smith in Beal City.

Mrs. Dorla Brock and children of Amherst, Mass., was a recent visitor of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevens. Mr. Brock came with them, but returned earlier.

Dr. J. M. Donaldson of Mt. Pleasant was a Tuesday morning caller at the Joe Stevens home. He also called on friends in Weidman.

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Messenger

HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST  
HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY

BETTER THAN A LETTER

## Coldwater Lake

Beryl Beck, Reporter

### MR. AND MRS. JEROME BECK HONORED AT GATHERING

A number of friends and relatives gathered at the Andy Beck home Saturday evening, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Beck on their recent marriage.

Guests were present from Rochester, Lansing, McBain, Shepherd, Rosebush, Mt. Pleasant, and Weidman.

Jerome and Sherry received a number of lovely gifts.

A buffet lunch was served, and an evening of visiting and singing was enjoyed.

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Recent visitors at the Frank Huguelet home were George Hager, Friday; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wawersik and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Galgoczi, and Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Sisco, Saturday; and Mr. and Mrs. Larry Huguelet and son on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McKenzie and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Beck attended a Fellowship breakfast at

the Mt. Pleasant Moose Lodge Sunday.

Miss Lynn Kemmis of Haslett spent the weekend with her father, Glenn Kemmis.

We were sorry to learn that Gordon Gilray is in the hospital at Mt. Pleasant. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown attended the wedding of their nephew, Larry Bowman, at Big Rapids, Saturday, and were present for an Open House Sunday for a niece and nephew, Terry and Vickie Bowman, for graduation from high school.

Weekend guests of Russ Lafreniere were his son-in-law and two children of Monroe.

Miss Alice Margaret Garrison of Chicago spent from Friday till Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dorr, and took her father's car back with her.

Herman Hemminger called on Glenn Kemmis last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Woody Post of St. Louis spent the weekend at their cottage.

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BETTER THAN A LETTER

## BEAL CITY SCHOOL ELECTION IS JUNE 14

Two members of the Beal City Board of Education will be elected Monday, June 14.

The two incumbents are Raymond Fox and Ronald Schumacher, who is running for re-election this year. Mr. Fox has indicated that he will not seek re-election. Both vacancies are for four-year terms.

Nominating petitions are available in the Superintendent's office at the Beal City High School for any candidate who would like to seek election to the Board.

Petitions must be returned to the Superintendent's office by 4 p.m. Monday, May 17.

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### Smokey Says:

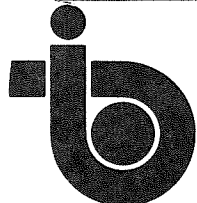


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## Senior Citizens Month

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## Around Horr

Jessie Rosencrantz, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger spent Sunday evening with the Dick Dutcher family.

Floyd and Ray Dutcher called on the Alya Cumminses Friday afternoon. Mrs. Ardis Merrihew, Charlie Losey and I called on them Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Alma Byron and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Byron were Sunday callers at the Joe Martin home.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thompson were business callers in Lansing Tuesday, and Mrs. Thompson called on her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Walters and Mrs. Mildred Hoffman of Barryton were Friday callers at the Paul Miller home.

Michael Wood spent Saturday evening with his parents, the Pete Woods.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Miller spent Saturday evening with the Gilbert Schrocks. Guests at the Miller home were Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Sprague and Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pike of Bellevue. Their son, George, was a Sunday dinner guest.

Mrs. Violet Oplinger and I were Thursday afternoon guests of Mrs. Hattie Losey. Thursday evening callers were Mrs. Lois Losey, Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lorenz and Danny and Traci. Ardis Merrihew came Saturday and finished papering.

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher picked up Mrs. Minnie Strauch, Floyd Dutcher and Mrs. Hattie Losey Saturday and took them to the funeral of Mrs. Minnie Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher called at the Charlie Losey home Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Mabel Dent spent last week with her daughter, Geraldine Johnson, and family, while Gerald was in the hospital. Gerald returned home Saturday, and was feeling good. Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Roberts and Tom and Judy spent the weekend with her folks.

Ed Flemming of Warren was a Sunday caller of the Dents. The Lynn Johnson family also called. My callers last week were Mrs. James Bierschbach, Mrs. Cora Yearsley of Lansing, Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Hammond, and Mrs. Shari Lorenz.

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## Brinton News

Frances Beck, Reporter

Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Merrihew spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright.

Dad and I spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Johnson and girls near Sheridan.

Lewis Bowen assisted with the opening of the Bingo parties at Weidman, being held each Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright and Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott

were Saturday evening callers of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Tower.

Fern Verette and Echo Godwin were in Big Rapids Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wright were in Kalkaska the weekend of the 24th, where they attended the Trout Festival.

Irene Gilbert of Farwell spent Thursday evening with me.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Moon and David called Friday evening. They spent the weekend at their trailer, and enjoyed mushroom hunting.

Elizabeth Conley arrived home from the Clare Hospital after a week's stay. Elizabeth makes her home with her sister, Josephine Waid, at Lake.

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### BEAL CITY SENIORS HAVE 15 TABLES IN PLAY

At their regular card party last Thursday afternoon, the Beal City Senior Citizens had 15 tables of pepper in play, with 61 people present.

Gertrude Gross won first prize for the ladies, with Leah Scharrer second and Margaret Lawens low.

Louis Rau won first for the men, with Bernard Gallagher second and Willis Appelgreen low.

Mary Block won the pepper prize. Viola Engler won the door prize.

Cookies and coffee were served as refreshments.

The next card party at the K. C. Hall in Beal City will be Thursday afternoon, May 15. Everyone is invited.

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### AREA AG BUSINESSMEN SPONSOR FFA CROP SHOW

The annual FFA Crop Show was held April 15 at the Alma High School. Area agriculture schools participating in the events were Alma, Breckenridge, Fulton, Ithaca, St. Louis, Beal City, and Mt. Pleasant.

Sponsors contributing prize money and trophies included Bader Milling Company of Weidman, Farm Bureau Service of Mt. Pleasant, Rosebush Elevator, Kline Fertilizer of Perrington, Middleton Farmers' Elevator, Fulton Feed, Royster Farm Service of St. Louis, St. Louis Elevator, McKenzie Seed Farms of Breckenridge, B&W Co-Op of Breckenridge and Wheeler, J.P. Burroughs of Elwell, Wicks Elevator, Alma, and the Ithaca Elevator.

Crop Show exhibits consisted of corn, oats, wheat, soy beans, navy beans and colored beans.

The Alma FFA Chapter was this year's overall winner, having the highest quality samples on exhibit. Ithaca placed second, and Beal City placed third.

Individual winners included Carl Schmidt of Beal City, for corn. Jim Dunn of Beal City placed second in colored beans.

The other places went to other FFA Chapters participating. Beal City placed third in a

crop judging contest in which students tried to identify crop seeds, weed plants, and crop defects.

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### MUSHROOM FESTIVAL PLANS COMPLETE AT HARRISON

Plans are finalized for the Third Annual Mid-Michigan Mushroom Festival at Harrison, sponsored by Mid-Michigan Community College.

Inquiries have been coming in from South Carolina, Illinois, Georgia, and Ontario, Canada, as well as all parts of Michigan.

Indications are that there will be a record attendance during the weekend of May 14, 15 and 16.

Among the many events planned are a Square Dance Mushroom Stomp beginning Saturday evening at 7.30, a Mushroom Pickers' Ball (casual dress), and, of course mushroom-picking contests each day.

One of the highlights of the evening events will be a bonfire and singalong, which is very popular. Numerous other activities are planned for a fun-filled but relaxing weekend.

There will be outdoor pancake breakfasts, mushroom omelets, a mushroom snack-bar, and also continuous meal service.

For further information call 386-7792, Ext. 30.

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### PRENATAL CARE CLASSES START IN MT. PLEASANT TUESDAY OF THIS WEEK

The first of a six-weeks series of prenatal care classes for expectant parents is being offered by the Central Michigan District Health Department, beginning Tuesday of this week, in the Medical Care Facility activity room in Mt. Pleasant.

The six classes will be conducted weekly from 7.30 p.m. to 9.30, and will cover the following topics: Infant development, maternal changes, baby care, family planning, exercise, infant care, nutrition, and breast feeding.

Local physicians and other resource people will be guest speakers.

Couples are encouraged to attend the classes, which are free of charge. The classes are not to take the place of prenatal care given by a physician.

For further information, call the Health Department at 773-5921.

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### NEWS NOTES

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Embrey attended a doll show in Saginaw Sunday, put on by the Saginaw Doll Club. It was a competition show, with a Bicentennial doll that was very interesting. Audrey Clark accompanied the Embreys to the show.

Wally Joe Smith is recovering from a broken foot suffered while playing basketball at school.

## In the Editor's Mail

(We received the following letter in answer to our query as to whether we should continue Laura Hyslop's subscription to the Messenger. Laura is in a rest home in Comstock Park.

Here is the response from her niece:

No, discontinue the paper. Laura is too weak now, cannot see good, and she says too many new people.

If you have a special or anything you think she might like, send her a copy and me the bill, as she does still love to hear news of her old friends.

She loves to get pictures of cats, if anyone up there would care to send her some. It's her biggest treat.

You might make mention of this to her friends, in the paper.

Love,  
Wanda Hyslop  
1900 11-Mile Road  
Comstock Park, Mich. 49321

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## The Churches

WEIDMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
(1 Mile West of Weidman)  
Pastor: Marvin Eldridge, ph. 644-3504.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Service, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7 p.m.  
Prayer Meeting Wednesday, 7 p.m.

Mother-Daughter Banquet this Thursday, 5.30 p.m., at the Weidman School cafeteria. All are invited to attend. There is no charge.

C. M. A. Meeting Friday at Clare Baptist Church, 2 p.m.

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WEIDMAN UNITED METHODIST  
Rev. Athel Lynch, Pastor, 2153 2nd Street, Weidman.

Office phone 644-3336, parsonage 644-3441.  
Church School, 9.45 a.m.  
Worship Service, 11 a.m.

Sharing and prayer, Thursday, 7.30 p.m.  
Pot luck dinner third Sunday, 1 p.m.

U. M. W., 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 3 p.m.  
Methodist Men, 4th Saturday, 6.30 p.m.

Mother-Daughter Banquet Saturday, May 8, 6.30 p.m., at the church dining room.

The public is invited to attend, mothers bringing daughters or stand-ins.

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WEIDMAN CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

Rev. William Hurt, Pastor  
Phone 644-3604.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 11 a.m.  
Evening Service, 7.30 p.m.

## North Weidman

Elvah Gott, Reporter

Zena Olger's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Allbee, of Texas, are up visiting relatives in Michigan. At present they have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Allbee of Gilmore.

Sim Riggs is in CMC Hospital in Mt. Pleasant. Zena's daughter, Helen Letson, entered a hospital in Grand Rapids Sunday.

Laura Latham had Sunday dinner with her son and family, the John Lathams.

Visitors at the Micky Abbott home Sunday after church were Muriel and Debbie Miller, Mr. and Mrs. Pat Leiter, Mrs. Lois Knollenberg and boys, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Parker were callers one evening last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Abbott returned from Florida last week Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ptak attended a reception for Mr. and Mrs. Bud Fredrickson Saturday evening at Coldwater Lake.

Todd Alwood, son of Rusty and Fonda Alwood, celebrated his first birthday April 30. He enjoyed a free treat at the Pixie in Mt. Pleasant, along with his mother and sister, Heather, Grandma Alwood, and Aunt Cathy. In the evening the grandparents enjoyed birthday cake and ice cream at the Rusty Alwood home.

Donny Alwood, Debra Graham, and Joe and Peter Smith were among Weidman band students attending state finals at Muskegon Saturday. They earned a rating of two.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fox attended the funeral of her aunt in Gladwin last Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken Brown and son called on her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Aldrich, showing a new car, this Monday.

Albert Gott called on us Sunday and ate lunch with us. He also called on Wanda and Debbie Graham.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Alwood took their son, Jim, to Tri-Cities Airport Thursday to fly back to his work at Dothan, Ala. Jim came home to help his brother, Rusty, in their Christmas tree business.

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## S. W. Sherman

Goldie Dutcher, Reporter

The community was saddened by the sudden death of Minnie Hines. Minnie was taken to the emergency room at the Mt. Pleasant Hospital Monday, and passed away in the intensive care unit early Thursday morning. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. Her funeral was held Saturday afternoon at Remus. Minnie was a sister of Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Sr.

Douglas Dutcher came home from the Marine Base in California Thursday. He has his two years in, so will be doing some

farming this summer with his Dad.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Pung, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pung and daughters and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Pung and daughters were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and family Sunday, in honor of David's First Communion.

Hazel Sellers of Lansing, a cousin of Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, came up Thursday and stayed till Saturday afternoon with Goldie, and went home with her daughters after the funeral of Minnie Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Remington and family of Saginaw came up Saturday and attended the funeral of Minnie Hines. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Dutcher of Clarkston also attended, and they all visited Ervin and Goldie afterward.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beutler, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hardenburgh, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dutcher, Floyd Dutcher, Minnie Strauch, Hattie Losey and Clayton and I attended the funeral of Minnie Hines Saturday afternoon. Minnie Strauch and Floyd Dutcher had lunch with us Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutcher of Breckenridge attended the funeral of Minnie Hines Saturday, and were making calls in this area later in the afternoon.

Clayton and I had dinner and supper with the Harold Secord family of Holt Sunday, and we visited Percy Secord. He seemed to be feeling fairly well, so we had a good visit with him.

The Dale Dutcher family of Mt. Pleasant called on us, and the Robert and Garry families one evening.

Sunday callers of the Robert Dutcher family were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Nagel and friends of Midland and Laverne Owen.

Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Dutcher, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gatehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gatehouse, Mr. and Mrs. Dale Gatehouse and Donna Thren, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dutcher, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Dutcher and Richard Dutcher, Mrs. Howard Beutler and Claribel Beutler all called at the Crittenden Funeral Home Friday evening to pay respects to an old friend, Mrs. Minnie Hines.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Oplinger called on the Richard Dutchers Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dutcher and family of Lake Orion visited his folks, the Ervin Dutchers, Sr., Sunday.

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Mrs. Emil Phillips observed her birthday last Wednesday, and enjoyed a visit with her nieces, and husbands, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Valentine, and her sister, Maude Boulton, of Midland, and Mr. and Mrs. Verne Grice of Sanford. They brought a complete dinner to the Phillips home, with birthday cake and ice cream.

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AT THE WEIDMAN SCHOOL CARNIVAL--Saturday evening. Above are the King and Queen of the Carnival, and their Princes and Princesses, and their Court.

The Weidman Spring Carnival, held Saturday evening at the Weidman School, was a very successful event, sponsored by the Weidman Mothers Club.

Many people worked long and hard to make it "come out right", and business people were generous in their donations of prizes for the event.

Highlight of the evening was the Coronation. Wendy Sanford was crowned Princess. She officiated at the final merchants' prizes drawing, selecting the winning ticket for a pocket Instamatic camera valued at \$25, donated by Wernette's Variety Store.

David Gatehouse was crowned Prince, and he drew the winning Mothers Club raffle ticket for \$25 in cash, with William Richardson the winner.

Amy Schafer was crowned Queen. Amy drew the winning ticket for the \$50 grocery certificate, won by Edith McDaniel of Mt. Pleasant.

Dean Gatehouse was crowned King, and he drew the winning ticket for the television set won by Lewis Bowen, Chippewa Hills Schools bus driver.

The Spring Carnival was a great success in every way.

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**OPEN HOUSE FOR CINDY KRUEGER'S GRADUATION**

Friends and relatives of Cindy Ann Krueger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gale Krueger of Brookfield, are invited to an Open House Sunday, May 23, honoring Cindy's graduation from the Michigan Lutheran Seminary at Saginaw.

The reception is from 2 to 4. The Seminary is a special high school supported by Lutheran churches, and it is for those who wish to be teachers or preachers after college graduation.

Cindy has been accepted at Dr. Martin Luther College in Minnesota, to take a teaching course. Congratulations, Cindy!

**PARSONAGE SOLD; MINISTER, WIFE, WILL BE AT CHURCH**

The Weidman United Methodist Parsonage has been sold to Gary and Anne Mast, son-in-law and daughter of the Dan Carricks, and the pastor, Rev. Athel J. Lynch, and Mrs. Lynch, must be out in a matter of days.

They will spend some time each week at their cottage near Lake City while the new parsonage is being built on Lake Weidman; but they stress that they are not leaving the charge.

They will be at the church in Weidman Saturdays, Sundays and Mondays, staying over at the church, each week, until the new home is built.

They will have their regular office hours. They must be out of the present parsonage this week, Thursday, May 6.

Rev. and Mrs. Lynch will be in Weidman for all church services, meetings, and the like, and will be on call at all times at tel. No. 616-229-4227 or 4565, or parishoners may call Marian Beutler, or the telephone at the church.

Rev. Lynch has been here the past six years, and has been re-appointed to the Weidman charge for the seventh, or upcoming, year.

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**WEIDMAN BOY SCOUTS WILL HAVE A STAND AT MIDLAND SCOUT-O-RAMA MAY 15**

Weidman Boy Scouts will have a stand at the Lake Huron Council, Boy Scouts of America, celebration at Midland May 15, according to word received this week.

Among activities at the Scout-O-Rama will be camping, cooking skills, woodsmanship, and pioneering.

Weidman Boy Scouts are expected to attend at Midland.

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HOME PAPER FOR THE WEST HALF OF ISABELLA COUNTY



THE COUNTRY KITCHEN--Was a popular spot at the school Carnival here Saturday evening. Kids (and grownups, too) flocked to get goodies at the counter.

**Editor's Column**

By Connie

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further destruction.

"Sheriff's Deputy Wayne Sisco has been patrolling the Weidman park nights, and with the assistance of the County Sheriff, Don Gillis, it is hoped to stop the destruction and night-rowdyism at the park.

"Work along this line is progressing, Sheriff Gillis and Wayne Sisco said this week, and will continue until the park is safe from vandalism and danger to persons at night."

That was in 1972.

Since then we have progressed to beer-and-pot parties at the pavilion, with promises of control by the Sheriff's Department.

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