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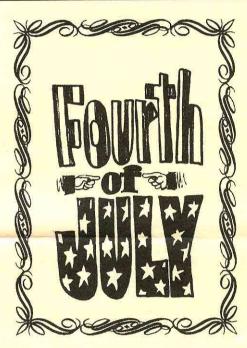
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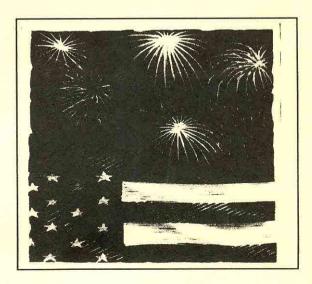
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JULY 4. 1874 - ST. JOHNS

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Procession will form at the head of Clinton Avenue at 10 o'clock a.m. and march through the principal streets to the speaker's stand in the following order: St. Johns Cornet Band; President, Chaplain, Orator, and Reader; Vice Presidents; Presidents and Boards of Trustees of the villages of St. Johns and Ovid: St. Johns Sir Knights; Ladies and gentlemen representing the states and territories; Citizens in carriages and on foot.

Amusements: At 1 o'clock a greasy pig race will take place for a purse of \$5, which will be followed by sack race, wheelbarrow race, and climbing a greasy pole backwards with a loaf of bread under each arm. *Callithumpians will appear in full dress parade under immediate command of Maj. Gen. Charles Squinbuntrue headed by the Tickleville Trombone Cornet Band, who at great expense and muscle, practicing out of reach of the officers of the law, have prepared themselves for this occasion.

The brigade consists of 150 reliable men of Home Guards of the late war, Apache Indians, members of the Credit Mobilier, Cuban Insurgents, and other animals too numerous to mention.

The day will close by the grandest display of fireworks ever shown in Clinton County, displayed in the Court House yard so that every one can have a good view. Come one, Come all, and have a good old-fashioned time.

There will be a ball at Newton Hall on the evening of the third; bill \$1.50, including refreshments. National salute and ringing of bells at sunrise.

*callithump A boisterous parade with blowing of tin horns and other discordant noises. (Webster's New International Dictionary, Edition, 1937)

Fourth of July Parties

Let it be remembered by those who wish to attend a dancing party tomorrow (Friday) evening, July 3, that they can do so by going to:

> Newton Hall, St. Johns Samuel Reed's, Maple Rapids F. Coleman's, Greenbush H. Lee's, Fair Ground Barne's Hall, Fowler Station or Half Way House in Olive

The proprietors of the above mentioned places are all making extensive arrangements for a big time. The price of tickets range from \$1.50 to \$2.50 per couple. (The Clinton Independent, 2 July 1874)



The **fourth day**of **July, 1874**, was
honored by the people of
Clinton Co. in a truly
patriotic manner, and
after a style that will be
remembered by the
participants for many

years to come. The day was ushered in by the booming of cannons and screeches and moans of the "cow-horn band." About 7 o'clock wagons filled with people commenced coming in from every direction and at eleven, our streets were well filled with their smiling faces. The Cornet Band in their new and attractive uniforms led the way followed by a four-horse team drawing the Goddess of Liberty and thirty-seven young ladies representing the states.

Following these was a two-horse wagon conveying eleven young ladies representing the territories. Indian Territory was the most attractive. then came a load of boys with red caps decked with flags, blue pants, and white shorts, who also represented the states. parade marched up Clinton Avenue to State Street, thence to Oakland Street, down Oakland to Higham, down Higham to Clinton Ave., to the speakers stand in front of the Court House. At 4 o'clock the "Callithumpians" made their appearance to the delight of the people. The Tickleville Cornet Band led off followed by a company of bell ringers, representing the Peak family. Owing to some misunderstanding the greased pig and pole exercise was The day was comparatively omitted. pleasant and not a row was had on that day to mar the peace and pleasure of the many.

July 4, 1874 - Maple Rapids

We are credibly informed that the Fourth was observed at Maple Rapids. From an early hour Friday morning until an late hour Saturday night people were coming and going. The dancing party given by our friend Reed on Friday evening was attended by about 113 couples, and the party was conducted throughout after the same peaceable and pleasant manner which has characterized the parties given by Mr. Reed from the first. Mr. Reed has fine noticeable some and improvements in and about his place within the last six months.

General celebration on Saturday was a grand success which only verifies the statement that the people of the Rapids do all things well. The horse racing came off as advertised and was witnessed by a large number of people. The prizes in the first race were awarded as follows: 1st Membrino Maid, O.W. Robinson; 2nd Flora Temple, W.L. Herman; 3rd April Fool, S. Reed; 4th Dutch Girl, B. Creasinger. The second race, open to all horses owned in the township and never entered in this race before, was contested for by horses owned by J.W. Whitacre (name unknown), Billy by S. Reed; and Michigan Boy by E.M. Smith. The Whitacre horse took the first prize, but in our hurry we failed to note how the balance stood. (The Clinton Independent, 9 July 1874)



THE UNION FARMERS CLUB

Once upon a time the Union Farmers Club existed on the northern edge of Clinton County. Its motto was, "Growth is better than permanence and permanent growth is better than all", says their 1913 membership booklet. Fifteen members are named. This booklet was given to the archives by Helen (Smith) Wiltsee.

Meetings were held on the first Saturday of each month according to the same booklet. The agendas included recitations, music, papers, and discussion questions. There also was a "sale and exchange" at each meeting. On Feb. 1, 1913, the group, led by E. E. Hall, was to discuss, "Is our tax money squandered?" At that meeting Mary Pearl gave a recitation. On Oct. 4, 1913, Mrs. W. Squires planned to give a paper called, "The Vacuum Cleaner vs. the Old Way." The discussion question for that date was, "Poultry for Profit."

The following people appear variously in the booklet as members, hosts, officers, speakers, and entertainers.

Bair, W.T. Bird, William (Mrs.) Bross, D. Bruce, O.C. (M/M) Coleman, Floyd (M/M) Elliott, Marjory Ewer, F. (M/M) *Fizzell, Alton Fizzell, Emory Fizzell, H. (Mrs.) Fizzell, J. (M/M) Fizzell, Esther Hall, E.E. Hall, Frank (M/M) Hall, Ruth Harmon (Mrs.) Harmon, Robert Keys, H.P. Marshall, F. Morris, George (M/M) Pearl, Mary Pearl, O.M. (Mrs.)

Smith, Helen
Smith, Lem (M/M)
Squires, H.
Squires, W. (Mrs.)
Wilcox, Jennie
Young, M.
Young, Wilson

*Also spelled Frizzelle and Frizzel

Charles F. Crell Dies --Member of Union Farmers' Club. According to his obituary, Charles F. Crell died of typhoid fever on 10 June 1907 at his home in Elsie. He was born 11 June 1861 in Renssaeler Co., NY. He married Melissa VanDyne in Jackson, MI, and she died in 1887. They were the parents of Elsie & Ralph Crell. He then married Alice Bond. Harrison Crell was born to them. (The Clinton Republican, 13 June 1907)

Jeanne Temple holds the original of the resolution of sympathy below.

Resolutions of Sympathy

Adopted by Union Farmer's Glab

Whereas, Almighty God has seen fit to remove from our midst our esteemed friend and fellow club member, Charles F. Crell, therefore, be it,

Resolved, That the members of this Club tender the family and relatives their heartfelt sympathy in this the hour of their great bereavement. We realize with the family that his genial presence will be greatly missed at our meetings and that a friendly, generous, noble soul has gone to its reward. Frank Ewer, President; Stephen Hicks, Vice President; Mrs. H. P. Keyes, Treasurer; Mrs. Fannie Hicks, Secretary

Robinson, L.F.

FAMILY HISTORIES

Featured here are family histories which were submitted ca 1993 for a proposed supplement to the 1980 Clinton County History book. (See *Clinton Co. Trails,* Vol. 12, #1.)

John Peter Bertram

By Julia Wieber

John Peter Bertram, born September 7, 1844, probably in Detroit, was the son of Lorenz Bertram and Maria Katherine Bohr. He moved with his mother to Westphalia around 1860 after the death of his father.

In 1870, John founded Bertram's Drugstore (the first drugstore in Westphalia). Both John and his son Louis (who succeeded him in business) were famous for their top-grade, fresh-roasted peanuts.

In 1872, John married Theresia Rademacher, born in 1854, daughter of John P. Rademacher and Theresa Platte.

They had fourteen children (8 sons and 6 daughters): John , b. 1873 -d.1885; Mary K., b. May 5, 1875, m. John J. Wieber; Leo, b.1879 - d.1885; Pauline, b.1881-d.1884; Louis W., b.June 21, 1882 d. February 22, 1948 (succeeded his father drugstore business); Clara, 1886-d.1887; Martha (Sister Alexia), b. July 23, 1888 - d. Feb. 1, 1920 (joined the convent about 1907); Herman, b.1895-d.1895; Francis W. (Reverend Father), b.April 2, 1896 - d. Jan. 23, 1973 (ordained priest in Detroit-September 10, 1922); Joseph; Anthony A.; Louise M.; William; and Catherine V., m. Ben Long.

John Peter Bertram died in 1929 at the age of 84. His wife, Theresia, died in 1942 at age 88. Both are buried in St. Mary's cemetery in Westphalia beside six of their children and John's mother.

Philip Cook

By Julia Wieber

Philip Cook, born December 14, 1832 in Germany, was the son of John Cook and Mary E. Wieber of Germany.

Philip's first marriage was to Mary Catherine Schaefer. They had twelve children: Elizabeth, m. August Simon; Anna (remained single); John, m. Mary Fedewa; Peter,m. Anna Maria Dunnebacke; Mathias, m. Katherine Smith; Louis, m. Mary Smith; Catherine, m. Joseph Wieber; Margaret, m. John Simon; Helena, m. Nicholas Kramer; Theresa, m. John Schiller; Clara, m. Ed Platte; and Joseph (bachelor).

After the death of his first wife, Philip Cook, now 59, married Margarethe Naumes Huhn Kloeckner, a twice-widowed 49 year old, who had five young children still at home. They were married on September 19, 1893, in St. Mary's Church in Westphalia.

They lived in the village of Westphalia in the house Philip had built on the corner of Westphalia and Beech Streets. They were married for 19 years. In these years, Philip was remembered as a good stepfather to Margarethe's children.

On January 31, 1911, Margarethe died of Bright's Disease (a kidney illness). She was 67 years old. She is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Westphalia beside her first husband, Joseph Huhn. Philip died March 9, 1923, at age 90, on the homestead, which is 2 miles west and 2 miles north of Westphalia, now the Howard Cook farm on Clintonia Road. He is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery beside his first wife, Mary Catherine Schaefer.

Joseph Huhn

By Julia Wieber

Joseph Huhn, born January 28, 1844 in Westphalia, Michigan was the first son of Lorenz Huhn and Maria Anna Nahrgang of Germany.

On August 12, 1869, Joseph married Margarethe Naumes, born June 19, 1843, in Morscheid, Germany, daughter of Peter Naumes and Margarethe Dehnen of Germany. They were married in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Westphalia.

Joseph was a farmer in Section 12 of Westphalia Township.

Margarethe immigrated to America with her three brothers and one sister in the late 1850's or early 1850's. She settled first in the Chicago area. After her marriage to Joseph Huhn, she became a resident of Westphalia.

Joseph and Margarethe had three children: Peter, b. June 28, 1870, m. (1) Catherine Bertram, (2) Anna Bauer; Mary Anna, b. Sept. 4, 1871, m. Anton Feldpausch; and Anna E. b. July 7, 1873, m. Mathias Halfmann.

Joseph Huhn was killed by a falling tree on his farm on March 20, 1874, at age 30. He is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Westphalia.

On June 28, Margarethe, a recent widow, m. John Joseph Kloeckner, a recent widow.

In December of 1891, John Kloeckner died of a spinal disease at age 52. On September 19, 1893, Margarethe was married for a third time to Philip Cook, a widower.

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John Joseph Kloeckner

By Julia Wieber

John Joseph Kloeckner, b. April 9, 1839 in Kempenich, Germany, was the son of Anton Kloeckner and Katharina Grones of Germany. He immigrated to America with his parents and two siblings on May 7, 1842. They arrived in Westphalia, Michigan, in the fall of 1842. He was a farmer and he was registered to vote in Westphalia Township.

On April 19, 1864, John married Elisabeth Herr (Harr), born ca 1844 in Western Bavaria, daughter of Bartholomew Herr and Mary Haze or Hazel. She immigrated to America in the late 1840's. She died of consumption on June 3, 1874, and is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Westphalia.

John and Elisabeth had five children: Mary, b. May 29, 1865, m. Charles Feldpausch; Mary Elizabeth, b. November 8, 1866, died of croup at age 11 years, on July 10, 1879; Jacob, b. June 13, 1868, m. Mary Kaspers; Catherine, b. March 7, 1870, m. George Smith; Philomena, b. November 3, 1871, m. (1) Albert Affholter and (2) John Martin; and Emelia (or Emmeline), b. March 13, 1873 - d. May 20, 1873.

On June 28, 1874, John married Margarethe Naumes Huhn, born June 19, 1843, in Morscheid, Germany, daughter of Peter Naumes and Margarethe Dehnen of Germany

There were five children born to this second marriage of John & Margarethe: Margaret, b. August 8, 1875, m. Louis E. Simon; John, b. February 1, 1877, m. Catherine Smith; Joseph, b. January 9, 1878, m. Dorothea Thelen; Mathias, b. November 9, 1880, m. (1) Helena Fedewa and (2) Mary Margaret Belen; and Julia, b. October 25, 1883, m. Joseph Freund.

John Joseph Kloeckner died December 22, 1891, in Westphalia at the age of 52 of a spinal disease. He is buried in St. Mary's Cemetery in Westphalia.

On September 19, 1893, Margarethe married Philip Cook, a widower.

Theodore Silvestri

By Julia Wieber

Theodore Edward Silvestri was born October 2, 1925, in Cleveland, Ohio. He was the son of Guiseppe Silvestri, immigrant from Italy, and Julia Beichler, immigrant from Austria-Hungary.

At age 3, he moved to Barete, Italy, with his parents. In 1950, at age 25, Ted returned to his native United States and lived in Cleveland, Ohio. Where he was employed as a construction worker and bricklayer.

On May 12, 1951, Ted married Dina Gregori, b. February 20, 1924, in Sibley, Michigan, the daughter of Vito Gregori and Pia Santucci, immigrants from Italy. They were married at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in St. Johns, Michigan.

They had two children: Julia Silvestri, b. February 18, 1952, m. Melvin L. Wieber; and Vito, b. July 17, 1953.

Ted was an avid bowler, and enjoyed hunting and fishing in his younger years. After retiring he enjoyed walking (sometimes 3 miles a day), playing golf, traveling with his wife, and time spent with his tree granddaughters.

Dina graduated from Rodney B. Wilson High School in 1942. After graduation she worked for 3 years at Saylor-Beall, 6 months at General Telephone and 5 years at Sealed Power.

Ted worked at Federal-Mogul for 18 years and also farmed 40 acres on their Mead Road farm until 1967 when he and Dina bought Penney's Paint and Supply Store for Sylvester Penney. They ran the business, later named Silvestri Paint and Wallpaper, for the next 18 years, until 1985, when they retired and sold the business to their daughter and son-in-law, Julia and Melvin Wieber.

Ted died April 30, 1991, at age 65 and is buried in Mt. Rest Cemetery. Dina resides on Mead St. In St. Johns. She is a volunteer worker at Clinton Memorial Hospital and Hazel I. Findlay Manor.

ARCHIVES TO STAY

It appears that the archives will be able to remain in its present location. The DeWitt Charter Township has moved its offices to its new facility on Herbison Road. The old township building where the archives has been housed is being reassessed, rearranged, and remodeled and is currently being referred to as the "Community Services Facility." The Community Center Committee has been meeting to determine how to adjust the building and to define various stages of change.

The archives staff will continue on the same schedule as long maintained. Access to the room is now from the front of the building. The telephone number is 517-482-5117. That office can direct your call to the archives room.

GENEALOGISTS TO GO

The St. Johns city government building in St. Johns where the Genealogists of the CCHS have been meeting for the last several months is now in the hands of Realtors. Therefore, it is no longer available to the genealogists. Until a permanent meeting place can be arranged, those who want to attend a meeting will have to watch the newspaper each month.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Genealogist of the CCHS will be held at the Paine-Gillam-Scott Museum on July 10 at 7:30 p.m. The principal order of business will be to elect new officers. The nominating committee would be gratified to hear from anyone willing to take on an office for the coming year. Please contact Michael Pease (517-224-7753) if you can offer your services. The Historical Society will meet prior to the Genealogists at 7:00 p.m.

CLINTON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY & GENEALOGIST PUBLICATIONS

- Cemeteries in Clinton County, Mich.; directory of names & locations of cemeteries; 1980; 3 pp. \$1.00 + .50 postage = \$1.50
- Records of the Rev. Guildord S. Northrup; baptisms, weddings, and funerals in central Michigan ca 1880-1920; 1981; 55 pp., stapled binding; indexed. \$5.00 + \$1.00 postage = \$6.00
- United States Civil War Soldiers Living in Michigan in 1894; 1988; 288 pp.
 \$25.00 + \$5.00 postage = \$30.00
- # 1840 Federal Census, Clinton County, Michigan; 1988; stapled binding; 7 pp. \$5.00 + \$1.00 postage = \$6.00
- Mt. Rest Cemetery Record, St. Johns, Michigan, 1855-1995; pub. 1996; 211 pp.; coil bound. \$15.00 + \$5.00 postage = \$20.00
- 1940 Rural Directory of Clinton County, Michigan; reprint 2000; 44 pp. Stapled binding. \$7.50 + \$2.00 postage = \$9.50
- * 1864 Plat Map of Clinton County, Michigan; indexed; approx. 50 pp.; unbound. \$5.00 + \$2.00 postage = \$7.00

Note: Plat Map is only of Clinton County



Send check to: Genealogist of the CCHS, P.O. Box 23, St. Johns, Michigan 48879

- Past & Present of Clinton County, Michigan; by Judge S. B. Daboll; 1906; reprint 1987; 572 pp.; index. \$40.00 + \$5.00 postage = 45.00
- Historical Date Book of Clinton County, biographical sketches of prominent & representative citizens; 47 pp., stapled binding. \$5.00 \$1.00 postage = \$6.00
- Clinton County Trails; quarterly newsletter; subscription included with annual dues. \$10.00 single, \$15.00 family.

Send check to: Clinton County Historical Society P.O. Box 174, St. Johns, Michigan 48879

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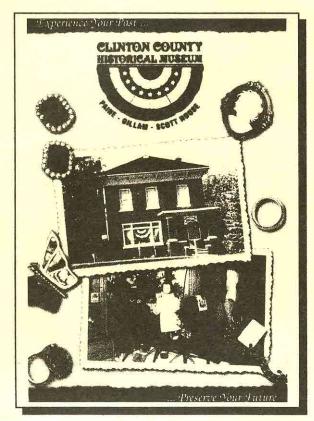
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PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

In effort to solidify the financial base for the Museum and expand its programs and services a Capital Campaign for the Clinton County Historical Museum, Paine-Gillam-Scott House, was begun in October 1999. The Campaign runs through May 2001: the goal is \$300,000 Funds will be used for:

- Restoration of the Carriage House as an Agricultural/Industry Museum
- Increase the Endowment Fund to provide financial security for the continuing operation of the Museum
- Expand Museum hours & market special programs for community residents

Specific information on the Capital Campaign is available at 517-224-2894 or through the Museum Web site www.sjindy.com/museum -- If you interest in supporting the museum through your donations, a envelope has been enclosed in this newsletter for your convenience. Thank your for your support.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

Available at the Archives

- Descendants of Johannes Waldron & related papers.
- St. Johns High School graduates 1882 (photo).
- St. Johns High School football team 1912 (photo).
- DeWitt High School students 1924 (photo).
- ♦ 1864 plat map of Clinton & Gratiot Counties
- Silvernail genealogy.
- ◆ Ancestors of Wendall John Krumm.
- Photos of James, Bridget, Tom, & Lydia Dunn.

QUERIES

- Submitted by **Tommy A. Hays**, 1550 Clay Blvd., Eustis, FL 32726-6002: Wants to share data with descendants of **Stephen McPherson** who came to Clinton Co. in 1848.
- Submitted by Frank E. Roegge, 225 Neck Rd., Madison, CT 06443: Seeking descendants of Conrad Heinrich "John" & Marie Eleonore (Ohmann) Burke and Gerhard Henrich "Henry" & Louisa Burke. Both families moved to Watertown Twp. in 1874. Some descendants names: Felzke, Lietzke, Zischke.
- Submitted by Phyllis Tanner, 113 Pointe St., Garrett, IN 46738. Looking for descendants of Malcom Graham Stutson & Helen M. (Tanner) Stutson; res. in Bingham Twp. in 1870. Children: Emily, Malvina/Melinda, William, & Charles.
- Submitted by Kim Copeland, 15270 377th Ave., Sandy, OR 97055. Researching Bevens/Bevins, especially family of Cornelius Nelson Bevens; d 18 Nov 1895 in Victor Twp. He had dau. Louisa who m Frederick Burgess, both buried in Reed Cemetery.

SURNAMES

Members may submit five surnames to be published in this newsletter, as space permits, when they pay their membership dues. See form on last page of this issue. Non-members may submit five names for a \$2 fee. Addresses below are in Michigan unless otherwise stated.

- Correction: Pat Geyer's e-mail address is <u>pwight23@hotmail.com</u>. Wight, Greene, McWethy, Welch.
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The Ingham County Genealogical Society

The Ingham County Genealogical Society presents a Genealogical Seminar --

Saturday, October 28, 2000 Okemos, MI from 9:00 a.m. To 4:00 p.m.

The cost is \$25.00 per person, with lunch, if reserved by October 15th. Speakers are Curt B. Witcher & Shirley Hodges. For information call: Sam Pardee: 517-374-8178 or send e-mail to: icgs@yahoo.com. Print out a reservation form at: http://userdata.acd.net/mngs/icgs.html

HAMBURG EMIGRATION LISTS

The city of Hamburg, accommodating emigrants in the past and to this very day; is in exclusive possession of lists of those who passed through her utilizing the harbor. Hamburg managed to safeguard complete records covering the flow of emigrants from 1850 to 1934. They have made this information available to you.

All the data pertaining to the emigrant lists are being processed and brought to the Internet. You can find this great resource at the web site:

www.hamburg.de or the

completesite: www.hamburg.deLinkTo
YourRoots/english/lists.htm

VOLUNTEERS: NEVER TOO LATE TO LEND A HELPING HAND

To the editor:

We've been working at the Boughton's Cemetery in Riley Township, Clinton County since March. The project is progressing well and we expect to complete this cemetery soon.

The **Boughton Cemetery** includes the graves of many of the earliest settlers to our county. Several veterans of the Civil War rest here, as does **Abigail Corbin Peck**. She served as a nurse during the Revolutionary War and died in Riley Township in 1848. Many of the tombstones represent the only records available on the deaths of early settlers because courthouse records were not kept until the late 1860's. The last burial was in the 1950's.

Additional work at this site will include painting Veteran markers, reading the stones so we can update the cemetery records for historical purposes, painting the iron fences that surround some of the family plots and replacing the ornamental globes on top of the headstones.

The latter presents a problem. Many of these have been so damaged that they are falling apart. Simply touching them causes pieces to crumble. We're hoping that efforts underway to make plaster casts of the globes will pay off...we'll keep you posted.

Once we've completed the Boughton, We'll be heading north. We have some touch-up work waiting for us at the **Oak Ridge Cemetery** in Bengal Township. We plan to widen the fence row and restore the original driveway.

Then we're off to the **Merrihew Cemetery** in Olive Township. It's located on Price Road, just west of Loomis. We expect this to take about four weeks. The last cemetery of the year is the **Beach**, located in Essex Township on Wacousta

Road. Both of these burial grounds are rich in history. Headstones document the life and death of early pioneers, as well as soldiers in the Civil War.

Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Clinton County will be working on Tuesdays throughout the summer to complete these jobs. We're always looking for volunteers. It's never too late to lend a hand. We'd also like a volunteer who owns and operates a back hoe and brush hog.

These people are funded solely by contributions from area businesses and individuals. Volunteers from the community, BB/BS, Clinton County Community Corrections, and General Motors Job Bank have made this project a success. We look forward to their continued participation and encourage anyone else who might be interested to call.

To date, we have received financial support from the following businesses and individuals. We would like to thank them for their contributions and their commitment to this project: Allaby & Brewbaker Insurance, Carter Lumber, Farm Bureau Insurance-Feldpausch Agency, Hub Tire Center, Miles Georgia, Greenstone Farm Credit Services, Ron and Ernine Philips, Osgood's Funeral Homes, RIS Home Improvement and Smith Funeral Homes.

Sincerely, Betty Driscoll and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Clinton County

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