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On the side

No longer made in the U.S.A.
After 77 years in business, Zenith Electronics Corp. will be acquired by South Korea's LG Electronics for \$350 million.

The last television maker based in the United States, Zenith's long battle with other color TV manufacturers for U. S. customers weakened the company financially, even as it increased its share of the market in recent years.

BENTON COUNTY ALMANAC

July 18, 1995

TODAY is the 199th day of 1995 and the 28th day of summer.

TODAY'S History: On this day in 1969, a car driven by Senator Edward Kennedy ran off a bridge at Chappaquiddick, Mass. Kennedy's passenger, Mary Jo Kopechne, drowned in the accident.

TODAY'S Birthdays:
Clifford Odets (1906)
Hume Cronyn (1911)
Red Skelton (1913)
Nelson Mandela (1918)
John Glenn Jr. (1921)
Hunter S. Thompson (1939)

Benton County Forecast

Tuesday: Another pleasant day in Benton County, with an overnight low of 60 under mostly clear skies.
Wednesday: Clouds turn a little darker, and there's a 30 percent chance for rain with a high of 82.
Thursday: Percent chance for rain drops, but still mostly cloudy and warm, with a high of 86.

Weather Records Precipitation

1995 Total: 16.54 inches
For July: 1.18 inches
Last 24 hrs: 0

Temperatures

Monday Low: 63
Monday High: 82
Tuesday Low: 61
Tuesday 1:00 PM: 80

Record Low: 50 in 1925
Record High: 101 in 1930

Sunset: 8:39 PM
Sunrise: 5:47 AM

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The new superintendent

Dick Drey, the new Vinton-Shellsburg Superintendent of Schools, conducted his first official meeting with the V-S School Board Monday night. Drey came to Vinton-Shellsburg from Maquoketa, where he had served as superintendent since 1988.

Photo by Doug Lindner

Two nominations filed for V-S board seats

VINTON—We have some candidates. Or at least some nomination papers.

Well, actually, two nomination papers have been returned, and a few are still out. But in any event, the September 12 school board elections for Vinton-Shellsburg are shaping up, with about two weeks left to file nomination papers.

The deadline for filing is August 3, and as of Monday night, Vinton-Shellsburg (V-S) Business Manager Larry Stroschein

reported that six sets of papers have been taken out, with two already in.

Morris Eckhart and Sherry Johnson have returned papers for at-large positions on the board. Stroschein stated Monday night, while Sue Erickson, Tom Husnik, Glenn Geater, and Kurt Karr have taken out nomination papers, but not returned them.

The size of the Vinton-Shellsburg (V-S) Board of Education will increase from

five members to seven after the September election, part of the reorganization process which merged the two districts.

Of the two new seats, one will be representing the members of the former Vinton district, while the other will serve at-large and will represent all the constituents within the school's boundaries.

A total of four seats will be up for election.

V-S board prepares for old levy with new name

Schoolhouse levy now
Physical Plant and Equipment: Vote Sept. 12

By DOUG LINDNER
Publisher

VINTON—It's not a new tax, it's not a new tax, it's not a new tax.

The members of the Vinton-Shellsburg School Board Monday night pondered strategy for this September's vote on renewing a 67¢ Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL) for the district. The levy is currently at 67 1/2¢, and has been known for some time as the Schoolhouse Fund, but a legislative name change has some of the members concerned that residents will not recognize that the levy has been in place for a long time.

As may be construed by its current name, the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy is utilized by the district to repair or replace portions of the physical buildings, including roofs, windows, and other projects which would not be considered major capital improvements.

But because a total of four board seats will be up for grabs in the September 12 school elections, at least one of the Vinton-Shellsburg (V-S) directors felt a higher than normal turnout could be expected.

And that means the board will have to do a better than average job of promoting the levy issue.

THE DISCUSSION in conjunction with the levy ranged from creating a committee to spearhead an information drive on the subject, to allowing new V-S Superintendent Dick Drey to present information about the PPEL to various service groups.

Monday night's session was Drey's first official board meeting as superintendent of the V-S schools, and he took a few moments at the beginning of the meeting

to express his thanks to the community for welcoming him.

Drey said Tuesday he is currently in the process of gathering a lot of information about the district in order to prioritize issues to be addressed by the board, as well as to prepare for the upcoming school year.

"People have really been great and willing to share with me," he noted. While nothing so far has been a surprise for Drey, he added "It's going to be a while before we decide what we're going to concentrate on."

The new superintendent plans to make himself available to patrons of the school during fall registration, and indicated that he is trying to find a time for an open house of sorts for the public when his wife will be available.

DREY, 48, was unanimously approved to succeed outgoing superintendent Pat McClure earlier in June.

For the past seven years, he has served as superintendent of the Maquoketa school system.

Drey hails from Early, a small town near Storm Lake in northwestern Iowa, but has spent most of his life since high school graduation in eastern Iowa. He started his educational career as a Dubuque high school teacher, which was followed by his beginning in administration as an assistant principal, and then principal, at Bellevue.

He served his first two-and-a-half year term as superintendent beginning in 1980 with the Clarence-Lowden school district, and spent another four years in Lansing, KS, heading a school district in that suburban community.

In 1988, he moved to Maquoketa to accept the position as head of the district, a job he maintained for seven years until announcing his resignation in April.

LEVY

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Saviors of the soil

Benton County Soil and Water Conservation
District celebrating 50th year of operation

Open House and BBQ planned
for Friday, July 21, from 5:00 p.m.
- 7:00 p.m. at Vinton facility

VINTON — July 30, 1995 will mark the 50th year the Benton County Soil and Water Conservation District has been in operation. But the beginning of an organized soil conservation program in Benton County might well be pinpointed to 1936.

During the winters of 1936 and 1937, farmers representing all parts of the county and various interested organizations met as a "County Agricultural

county. But personnel from the camp also conducted demonstrations in other parts of the county.

BY 1944, it was the recommendation of the Planning Committee that application be made to the state to form a recognized Soil Conservation District in Benton County. As noted, that recognition came in July of 1945. The first elected District Commissioners in Benton County were Herman Franzenburg, Horace Thompson and Harold Miller.

Throughout these 50 years, successive elected commissioners and staff members have worked with producers providing technical assistance in planning and designing soil conservation practices and methods, and in administering state cost share funds to help put the practices on the land. The District works to provide up-to-date educational material and programs for class room and public use. The District aims to coordinate soil, water and related resource programs within the District, and to cooperate with other agencies and organizations to achieve workable solutions to protect our natural resources.

The Benton SWCD will mark this anniversary with an Open House and BBQ Friday, July 21, 1995 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the District Office located at 1705 West D Street in Vinton. They will recognize Conservation Award Winners at the Open House and will present the Annual \$250 Benton SWCD Scholarship Award to this year's recipient.



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conservation

Planning Committee." Federal legislation had been passed in 1935 to encourage the formation of local Conservation Districts to address the problems of the Dust Bowl, and Iowa's legislature passed the Soil Conservation Districts law. The county planning committee was instrumental in establishing 14 Demonstration Farms by late 1937, and in obtaining a CCC (Civilian Conservation Corps) Camp from 1938 to 1942. That camp was located in Belle Plaine and gave assistance primarily to farmers in the southwest corner of the



Photo by Dan Adix

50 years and going strong

The Benton County Soil Conservation will mark its 50th Anniversary of operation July 30, 1995. A special Open House and BBQ will be held Friday, July 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in honor of the occasion at the District Office shown above at 1705 West D Street in Vinton.

No changes in store for Norway field

Benton Community Schools
plan to maintain, make available
Norway's baseball field

By NANCY GREGERSON
Times Staff Writer

NORWAY — For years, Norway was a baseball lover's dream.

Spring, summer and fall brought with them a plethora of cars from throughout the state to the southwest corner of town to a place called Tuttle Field.

A four-foot fence wraps around the field, where legend has it the great Hal Trosky once connected with a pitch that hit a train on the railroad tracks that run parallel to the right field fence.

The 1990-1991 school year marked the end of the Norway High School era when the school merged into the Benton Community School system.

But for Norway residents and many from the area, the baseball field still symbolizes that time when a walk was as good as a hit and Norway High School was as good as a state champion.

Although the high school is no longer in use, the baseball field still graces the southwest corner of town.

WITH CONCERN FOR the field in mind, members of the Norway City Council approached the Benton Community School Board Thursday, July 13, inquiring about the status of one of Norway's greatest attractions.

Superintendent Steven Wehr indicated that as long as there is a Benton Community School Board, the field will remain open.

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THE CITY BRIEFS

Packs 47, 74 and Shellsburg Cub Scouts and their families are reminded of a swim party Thursday, July 20, at 8 p.m., at the Vinton Swimming pool. Pack 47 Den leaders and committee members are to meet at 7 p.m., at the pool for a short meeting before the swim.

3-D class at the Presbyterian Church will meet at 9 a.m., Thursday, July 20, one hour earlier than usual.

Antwon Portis from Chicago Heights, IL, and **Jesse Pingnot** from Kansas, visited with their grandmother, Betty Pingnot last week. They enjoyed visiting Senior Dining and their cousin, Aaron Pingnot.

John and Lisa Leonard are the parents of their first child, a daughter born Friday, July 14, 1995. She weighed 5 pounds, 11 ounces and has been named Bailey Star. Grandparents are Dennis and Ann Williams and Helen Leonard, all of Vinton. Great-grandparents are Emory and Mabel Williams, Vinton and Cable and Harleen Waldorf, Molokai, HI. The Leonard address is 10865 Newport Ave., Omaha, NE, 68164.

Jacob Boddicker, Tipton, is spending this week with his grandmother, Leila Boddicker.

Sunday, July 16, **Mr. and Mrs. George Schirm** celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary with a family backyard barbecue at their home. Those attending were Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hahn, St. Paul, MN; Robert Schirm, St. Paul, NE; Gary and Jodene Schirm, Des Moines; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Schirm, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Felty and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Jensen, all of Armstrong; Martha and Jim Long, Jim and Donna Merchant, Allan and Theresa Merchant and three daughters, Mark and Jenna Merchant and family and Mike and Jill Merchant, all of Vinton.

Thomas and Betty Atwood, Independence were Saturday visitors of Ronald and Hazel McElroy to help celebrate several July birthdays. Sunday, Harold and Helen McElroy, Evansdale came to visit their parents, Ronald and Hazel McElroy and also their aunt, Waneita McElroy. They also came to celebrate several July birthdays of the family.

Dennis and Rose Mary Billings have returned to their home in Teller, TX, after staying in the home of her brother, Dale Pippert. They also visited family members, Marion and Carol Salger and family, Carl and Doris Pippert and other family members and friends.

Visitors of **Millie's Dolls** were Ena Potthoff, with three grandchildren, Claire, Nina and Grace Ogesen, Phoenix, AZ, Monday, and Shirley Pippert and granddaughters, Valerie, Vanessa and Valeria Bahr, Vinton.

OBITUARY

Margaret Janss

BELLEPLAINE—Margaret C. Janss, 91, died Monday, July 17, at Keystone Care Center, following an extended illness.

A funeral service will be held Thursday, July 20, at 10:30 a.m. at the Overton Family Funeral Home, Belle Plaine. The Rev. Kathleen Kahl of First Congregational Church will officiate.

Burial will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Belle Plaine.

Visitation will be from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. Wednesday, July 19.

Memorials may be made to First Congregational Church, Belle Plaine.

Sunday, **Beulah Fisher** entertained at a birthday dinner for her husband, Lawrence for his birthday which was Sunday, the 16, and her daughter-in-law, Cindy Fisher, Waterloo, whose birthday was July 14. Others attending were Roger Fisher, Cindy's husband, and Marcella and Charles Gruver, all of Waterloo.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Hepker, Rowley, were Sunday callers on Alma Forsyth.

Terry Stueck returned to his home in Atlanta, GA, last Saturday after spending several days with his parents, Harry and Betty Stueck.

HOSPITAL NEWS

Admitted: None.
Dismissed: July 18 - Dorothy Day, Vinton.

Levy

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The passage of the PPEL may be one of the first issues that Drey addresses with the public as the head of the V-S schools. During the discussion Monday night, the board members seemed to agree that Drey, in cooperation with some of the board members, would make public appearances in an effort to explain the levy and what it has provided for the district.

DREY TOLD the board members Monday he felt it would be important to have a packet of informational materials prepared to show how the Schoolhouse funds have been spent in the past, and how the district would intend to utilize them in the future.

"I think it would be a good idea to get the information out," Board Member Mary Coots concurred. "People are paying a lot more attention than they used to."

The board approved a resolution which established the ballot question for the September 12 election, and spent the better portion of the meeting mulling over the levy issue and the upcoming school board elections.

As a result, the board tentatively scheduled three meetings in August—one for the district's annual meeting, one for a workshop for school board candidates, and a work session to address a recent NCA report.

The board members also discussed a variety of ideas for promoting the levy issue, including the mailing of informational brochures to every district family, the preparation of slide photographs to depict the types of work accomplished by the funds, and the possible need for an outside committee to spearhead the drive.

In the end, the board members determined that Drey would make public presentations with the assistance of one or more board members, and that the levy would also be discussed in candidate forums prior to the election.

LOTTERY

\$100,000 Cash Game:
5, 15, 19, 23, 24

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Belle Plaine

OVERTON FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES



Photo by Nancy Gregerson

Lenten donation

Kim Emrich, Vinton Lutheran Home Administrator, accepts a \$1,100 donation from **Jon Clingman**, Trinity Lutheran Church Treasurer, and the **Rev. Clark E. Frederick**, pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church. The money, which was collected at the church during mid-week Lenten services, is to be used where it is needed most.

SENIOR DINING

7-9 thru 7-14-95

Ninety-six people enjoyed our Sunday buffet. A guest of Maxine Relf was her sister, Gladys Smea from Scottsdale, AZ. Thema Johnson was a guest of Ione Stieglmeyer and Velma Selken's daughter, Glennis Nissen was her guest. The menu for Sunday [July 23] will be maidries, potato triangles, baked beans, lettuce, apricots and whipped Jello.

Elma Belknap, Viola Brant and Kester Shoemaker entertained us to music Monday before lunch. Frances Fitzpatrick was a guest of her sister, Lorraine Landgrebe. After lunch there were six tables of Pepper players for "Lena's Card Party." First prize went to Jim Phelps who had 305 points, Lena White had 261 points for 2nd place and Agnes Doekal won the 3rd place prize with 255 points. Cheese and crackers, coffee and milk, provided from the club fund; banana bread made by Naomi Gunn, cake brought by Evalyn DeBates and cookies made by Ruby Schwarting and Lucille Dolan were served after the games.

Guests Tuesday of Dora and Randy Mueller were her daughter, Lila Rankin and grandchildren, Bob and Nicole Rankin from Tulsa, OK. Stuart Gulick, John Kelley, Ray Jensen, Harold Evans and Irma Kay provided music for our dancing and listening enjoyment.

Bingo was played Wednesday and everyone that had a "Bingo," received a prize. Winners were Evelyn Geater, Fern Lewis, Jacquie Winkler, Velma Selken, Clara Merchant, Marguerite Hillestad, Dorothy Schminke, Alberta Vest, Esther

Williams, Vera McGrane, Ethel Morillo, Wilma Smith, Marguerite Besler, Elda Hagen, Dorothea Owings, Betty Pingnot and Mary Sima.

"Lester's Pepper Club," met that evening at 6:30 with five tables of players. Highest score for the men was Dallas Meinert who had 248 points and for the ladies it was Bernadine Barr who had 312 points. 2nd high scores were gotten by Bud Barr [235 points] and Hilda Stainbrook with 299 points. Door prizes were won by Ruby Schwarting and Lena White. Cookies, milk and coffee were served after the games.

Betty Pingnot brought her grandson, Antwon Portis to lunch Thursday. Five-cent Bingo was the activity that afternoon. Winners of the cash were Jennie Thomas, Mary Sima, Alberta Vest, Dorothea Owings and the blackout was won by Jacquie Winkler.

Jesse Pingnot and Antwon Portis were guests of their grandmothers, Betty Pingnot, Friday. There were nine tables of card players for "Gertrude's 500 Club," that afternoon. Thelma Reed won the 1st place prize by having 4,400 points, Marianne Buhr had 4,120 points for 2nd place and Raymond Stock received the 3rd place prize by having 3,460 points. The couple having the highest one game score was Thelma Reed and Marvin Brant.

Field

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nity school in Norway, the district expected to continue maintenance of the field and to continue making the field available.

In some instances, the baseball field has been turned over to the city when schools merge, but Wehr said he doesn't anticipate that happening with the Norway facility.

"The elementary school is larger now with the merger," he said. "The board indicated that we didn't have an interest in turning the diamond over at this time. We have no plans to change."

In other business:
•Tim Sanderson reviewed the Chapter I program for the upcoming year. The board approved the proposal.

•The board approved raising hot lunch prices 10¢. Elementary prices are \$1.15 per meal, while seventh through 12th grade meals cost \$1.20.

•Board members accepted the resignation of Tom Debnor, custodian at Norway's facility. The board also accepted the res-

ignation of Stefanie Rhoads, art teacher at Atkins.

•The school board approved hiring Ruby Carolan in the nutrition department.

•Board members worked on the school handbook in a work session prior to the meeting. The handbook will be up for approval at the school board's next meeting.

CR man pleads not guilty

CEDAR RAPIDS—A Cedar Rapids man has pleaded not guilty to second-degree theft and driving while revoked.

Benjamin M. Sufficool, 19, Cedar Rapids, is facing charges in connection with a June 15 incident.

According to court records, Sufficool took a 1984 Chevy pickup from the driveway of 6579 27th Avenue. The truck belonged to Paul McClain.

A jury trial has been set for September 11.

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We would like to express our deepest appreciation to all who remembered us during the loss of our loved one, **Burl C. Smith**. The food, flowers, cards, and memorials will always be remembered. Special thanks to North Benton Ambulances, doctors, nurses, Virginia Gay Hospital and the Overton Funeral Home. Thanks to Dorothy Knaack for having the family lunch. Also, to Reverend David Raines, for the kind service and prayers he offered.

The Family of **Burl Smith** Mr. and Mrs. Randy Smith
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