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ROOT FOR THE HOME TEAM



ABOVE: Coveleski Stadium was completed in April 1987 in downtown South Bend.



LEFT: Mayor Robert Paresi announced in 1985 that South Bend would become the home of a minor league baseball team. Construction of Stanley Coveleski Stadium was completed in 1987. Photos provided: The History Museum

South Bend celebrates 30 years of minor league baseball

The month of April marks the 30th anniversary of the building of Coveleski Stadium. South Bend Mayor Robert Paresi announced in March 1985 that the city planned to build a new league baseball stadium in downtown South Bend. Robert and Debbie Staley, from Decatur, Ill., had met with the mayor and decided that South Bend would be the perfect location for the

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Midwest League expansion team they had recently purchased. It was thought that the new stadium would serve as an economic catalyst for downtown South Bend. Local business and community leaders also anticipated that the rising popularity of minor league baseball would help bring more people into the city. The stadium cost \$1 million to build; construction was completed by April 1987. The name for the new ball-

South Bend White Sox started playing there in 1988. Following new ownership of the team in 1994, the team's name was changed to the South Bend Silver Hawks as a tribute to the Studebaker Silver Hawk automobile, once manufactured in South Bend. After the 1996 season, the team left the White Sox parent organization and partnered with the Arizona Diamondbacks. Andrew Berlin became the owner of the team after the 2011 season. In 2013, the team formed a partnership with the Peoria Band of the Potawatomi Indians for naming rights, and Four Winds Field at Coveleski Stadium was established. After the conclusion of the 2014 season, the team changed affiliations from the Arizona Diamondbacks to the Chicago Cubs, and the team name was then changed to the South Bend Cubs. A bronze memorial of Stanley Coveleski stands at the main entrance of Four Winds Field.

HEADLINES IN HISTORY

What was making news in our area during this week in years past? The History Museum offers these newspaper excerpts to give you an idea.

April 2, 1878: "At the end of the discourse, the professor addressing with a triumphant air his audience exclaimed: 'It seems to me that a demonstration like that is worth something.' 'Let's get out,' said an economical backwoodsman to his son. 'They are going to take up a collection.' — *The Daily Register*

April 3, 1883: "March 27th was the 730 birthday of Mr. Samuel Leeper, who resides just north of the city. Mr. Leeper first came to the valley of the St. Joseph in the fall of 1829 then staking out a claim on Portage prairie. That was a year before the county was organized, and two years before the county seat was located at the then village of South Bend. The following spring, in March, he removed from Montgomery county, Ohio, and put up his first cabin on the creek just west of the city, on the east side of the present residence of Mr. Michael Augustine." — *The St. Joseph Valley Register*

April 4, 1912: "The first of an eccentric review called Mainstream has appeared. Its editor and manager is Arthur Craven, who is described as a nephew of Oscar Wilde. It is said that Craven is one of Wilde's two sons, who at the insistence of their mother changed their names when the poet was condemned to prison." — *The South Bend Tribune*

April 5, 1932: "A resolution to authorize the secretary of the interior to determine the terms and conditions by which the federal government might purchase Mount Vernon, George Washington's home was approved today by the House lands committee. The home is now owned by the Mount Vernon Ladies Society." — *The South Bend Tribune*

April 6, 1940: "To this era of food stamps, cotton stamps, duck hunting stamps, etc., an old-timer is one who can remember when the only stamps around were those on the upper right hand corners of envelopes." — *The South Bend Tribune*

April 7, 1948: "Five young women are engaged in learning the many art of jiu jitsu, the better to defend themselves in case of an attack. The classes which began Tuesday night in the Y.W.C.A. gymnasium will continue for seven weeks with Bob Blair and Pat Cunningham, former marine corps lieutenants, as instructors. Miss Patricia Kanczmarek, who goes to night school, said it will give her reassurance and confidence when she returns home late at night." — *The South Bend Tribune*

April 8, 1964: "After reading all the police dog stories in The Tribune in the past few weeks, I have come upon a great idea to save the taxpayers a whole lot of loot. Replace the meter mads downtown with these new dogtags. You could train the dogs to spot the meters that have expired. The dog would wait till the owner of the car appeared; the owner would slip his dollar bill for overtime parking into the bag attached to the dog's harness. If he refused, the dog would be trained to grab his left leg... and the guilty party could be dealt with properly. This would save the \$3.00 now paid for each meter mad... One last word of caution: Never, never bark or growl at a police dog. It makes them nervous, poor things!" — *The South Bend Tribune*

NEWS & NOTES

Spring Lecture Series continues in Dowagiac

DOWAGIAC — The second installment of the Spring Lecture Series takes place at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Dowagiac Area History Museum, 201 E. Railroad St. This lecture focuses on Dowagiac native Webb Miller, who worked for United Press for 25 years. During that time, he covered World War I, the Spanish Civil War, the Italian invasion of Ethiopia and the beginnings of World War II.

This program is part of the community One Story Road series of programs, which encourages the community to read a shared book each year. This year's theme is "A Sense of Place," and the chosen book is "Images of America: Dowagiac" by Steve Arnesen and Anne Thompson. The secondary book is "I Found No Peace" by Webb Miller, which chronicles his life and adventures up to 1956.

The program is free to museum members and costs \$5 for nonmembers. Children younger than 18 years of age are also free. Membership will be available at the museum for those interested. For more information, call the Dowagiac Area History Museum at 269-785-2560 or visit www.dowagiacmuseum.info.

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