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BACK IN TIME

## Before the Silver Hawks



The South Bend Green Sox, shown in this 1903 photograph, probably never envisioned this community having a baseball park like Four Winds field at Crownsville Stadium. Eighty-three years later, though, in July 1986, Crownsville Stadium opened its doors to the South Bend White Sox (now the South Bend Silver Hawks) and, in 2013, it became Four Winds field. One of the first official minor league baseball teams in the area, the Green Sox played in the Central League as a level B team that ran sporadically from 1903 to 1931. Pictured in this image, from left, are, seated, Charles Copeland (right fielder) and George Weaver (center); middle row, three, Mattie, George Scoville, Herman Smith, George Brown and Cecil Ferguson, all pitchers; and, standing, "Cap" Greenough (shortstop) and, last row, Edward "Toad" Anderson (center fielder), James Luger (third baseman), Alvin Sparger (first baseman), Edward Coffey (left fielder) and Angus Grant (second baseman and manager). Schaefer and Sparger were born in St. Joseph County, Anderson and Ferguson went on to play Major League Baseball. A total of eight teams, five of which were from Indiana, played in the 1903 season. The championship game that year was played on Sept. 16 between South Bend and Fort Wayne, with the latter losing home the game. This image is from the Center for History photograph collection. If you would like to donate photographs of Crownsville Stadium, Marjorie Crowl, Four Winds field or South Bend baseball, or will allow the Center for History to make a digital copy of your image, go online to [www.centerforhistory.org](http://www.centerforhistory.org) or call 574-235-9864. Photo provided

## NEWS & NOTES

### Gallen Woods group to gather

**GALLEN** — The Civilian Conservation Corps will be the subject of a free program that Gallen Woods Historical Society members can attend Thursday at The History Center at Courthouse Square. Car pools will leave at 2:30 p.m. from the society building, 108 S. Grant St., or members can meet at the center, 313 N. Cass St., Berrien Springs.

For the CCC, Enfield of 1941, Michael Doren depicts Bill Williams and sees battle, concertina and warboard to demonstrate life in CCC camps from 1933 to 1942. Attendees will learn not only what the CCC was like but what it did for the young men during its nine years.

Meanwhile, the society still wants information on anyone from the Gallen area who served in the military at any time, especially in Korea, Vietnam and other conflicts up to the present. For more about the CCC program, call the center, 269-471-1202. For more about the historical society car pools or information search, call Donna Poter, 269-562-2265.

### Talk about city's baseball history

**SOUTH BEND** — Joe Hart, South Bend Silver Hawks president, will talk about the history of base-

ball in South Bend at 1:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at the Center for History, 808 W. Washington St. Admission is \$5 (\$5 for center members), and reservations are required by next Monday.

The presentation will begin with the idea of establishing the South Bend Silver Hawks, then the town's development and all the changes that have taken place in recent years. Hart is beginning his season as president of the Silver Hawks Class A affiliate of Major League Baseball's Arizona Diamondbacks that plays at Four Winds Field at Crownsville Stadium.

Afterward, a guided tour of the exhibit "Polished in Public: Power on the Field: The All-American Girls Professional Baseball League" will take place. The center is the national repository for the ACPBL, which was immortalized in the film "A League of Their Own."

For more information, call the center at 574-235-9864, or go online to its website: [www.cchistory.org](http://www.cchistory.org).

### Book available on county's past

**DECATUR** — "Van Buren County Pictorial History" the first photographic history of the county in book form, is available for purchase.

Published in 2003 by Van Buren Regional Genealogy

Society, the book can be obtained for \$20 (plus \$4 shipping, if applicable) from Webster Memorial Library, 200 N. Phelps St., on line at [www.wbga.org](http://www.wbga.org). Book orders by mail can be checked or money order (made out to WBGLS), to WBGLS, P.O. Box 143, Decatur, MI 49045.

Images from private and museum/library collections from the earliest days of photography through the 19th century are featured with descriptions and histories. Chapter topics range from businesses to churches, depots to residences. "When Things Went Wrong" and others about the county are included as well.

For more information, send an e-mail to [wbgl@wbgl.com](mailto:wbgl@wbgl.com) or call Joyce Beedle at 269-657-4093.

## A LOOK BACK

**July 27, 1909:** During the first official test of the U.S. Army's first air plane, Orville Wright flew himself and a passenger, Lt. Frank Lahm, above Fort Myers, and, officially opened to shipping traffic.

**July 28, 1945:** A U.S. Army bomber flying in the 105th U.S. Infantry Regiment, was killed during the Second Battle of New York City's Empire State Building. The 104th B-29 had exploded, sending flames down as far as the 75th floor and one of its engines and landing gear onto a 12-story building across the street. Though the integrity of the skyscraper was not damaged, three crewmen and 11 office workers were killed and 26 more injured.

**July 29, 1914:** Transcontinental telephone service in the U.S. became operational.

with the first test conversation between New York and San Francisco, Massachusetts, Cape Cod Canal, offering a shortcut across the base of the peninsula, was officially opened to shipping traffic.

**July 30, 1918:** Port Joseph Klimer, a sergeant in the 105th U.S. Infantry Regiment, was killed during the Second Battle of New York City's Empire State Building. The 104th B-29 had exploded, sending flames down as far as the 75th floor and one of its engines and landing gear onto a 12-story building across the street. Though the integrity of the skyscraper was not damaged, three crewmen and 11 office workers were killed and 26 more injured.

**July 31, 1777:** Congress commissioned the Marquis de Lafayette, a 19-year-old French nobleman, a major general in the American Continental Army later in the summer, this volunteer soldier met Gen. George Washington and, in December, began serving in Washington's staff at Valley Forge, Pa. They developed a friendship that lasted until Washington's death 22 years later.

**Aug. 1, 2004:** Alessandro Scott, a young cancer patient who had started a lemonade stand to raise money for childhood cancer research, sparking a nationwide fund-raising campaign, died at her home in Wyndwood, Pa., at the age of 8. Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation has carried on, raising more than \$80 million so far toward fulfilling Alex's dream of finding a cure for all children with cancer.

**Aug. 2, 1964:** The destroyer USS Maddox suffered light damage during a skirmish with North Vietnamese patrol torpedo boats in the Gulf of Tonkin. (This an alleged second incident two days later led to congressional approval of the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution that propelled America deep into war.)

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