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## 27-year search for mother finally successful

By AMY HEIDEN If you can measure the size of the accomplishment by the obstacles that had to be overcome - as Booker T. Washington said - then you'd need a very large yardstick to measure Bonnie Fritz's achievement.
Her search for her birth mother, whom she has neve reached all the way to Colorado.
She metobstacles along the way, including uncoopera tive agencies and judges.
But in August, her dream of finding and talking to the of finding and talking to was fulfilled, as the two spake tentatively and tearfully on tentatively and
"I was scared to death to talk to her, but it was something I had to do," Fritz said. "I talk a lot when I get nervous so I don't think she had a chance to say much of anything."

Fritz's search for her family roots began when she turned 18, and living in Colorado. Her adoptive parents, a farming couple in Fowler, Colo., had never made any secret of her adoption.
They had taken her into their home when she was six weeks old, and adopted her when she was 16 months. But they couldn't or wouldn't provide her with more details.
She first contacted the Colorado Department of Social Services, but was told that records of the adoption were sealed and could only be opened with a court order.

## USA sponsors community ed program

USA School District will sponsor a Community Education Program at all three centers this fall.
Class offerings being considered include adult and children gymnastics, babysitting clinic, computers, beginning French or Spanish, holiday decorations/crafts, couples or singles volleyball, woodcrafts and automotive epair.
Persons interested in teach ing or taking any of these lasses, or who have suggestions for other classes should callChris Hoppe at 674-8469 or 674-8718.


Bonnie Fritz has spent many frustrating years searching for her mother. Now that she's found her, she has more family photos to show daughters Amy and Becky and grandson Tyler.

AMY HEIDEN PHOTO

Her search then was put on hold for awhile when she met and married Raymond Fritz, an Elkton native, who was serving in the Army in Colorado Springs.
When Raymond mustered out, he packed up his new wife and her daughter Amy and took them back to Michigan to live.
A couple of years aftermovAcouplehen she learned few tidbits of information that her adoptive grandparons or Olo Nor nts we for hal way, as werts.
"That little bit of informaion just whetted my appetite for more," Fritz said. "I still didn't know my birth
name or my mother's name. Her first big break came after her adoptive mother died and she and Amy and riend went back to help sort through the estate.

Amy was going through some papers and found one dated in 1948, and in it was my birth name. She scream edat me"Mom, comelook a this right now," Fritz said.

On that paper, given to her adoptive parents, was her name, Madonna Marie Piper Bonnie Jean, the name she'd always assumed was hers was the name given to her by her new parents in 1946 when she was given up by wher mother.

The paper also gave up a few more clues. Her mother had been married when she gave up her daughter, and already had a three-year old daughter. Apparently, her parents felt that raising two daughters in a room in a basement would be unfair to parents and children alike.
After her return to Michigan, she then contacted a udge of the juvenile court in Pueblo who agreed to let them see her files ifher adoptive father agreed.
"We drove to Colorado not knowing what we'd find," Fritz said.
Buther hopes were dashed gain when the files proved
o be written in shorthand and no one in the office secetarial pool would consent transcribe them
"We couldn't take any thing in and we couldn't make copies. Then the judge iterally threw me out of his ffice and told me not to come back," Fritz said.
That was 13 years ago, and in the intervening years, Frit has spent a small fortune on phone calls, running up such argebills that her phone was disconnected twice.
She watched every epi sode of "Unsolved Myster les," hoping that one of he elatives was searching for Please turn to Page 3

## Teacher talks continue

## By MARY DRIER

Teachers in Unionville-Se bewaing Area School Dis trict are expected to have a teachers' contract in place in about 30 days.
A tentative three-year agree ment was reached Thursday said Supt. WilliamD.Dodge. "The agreement still has to be ratified by the USA Teach ers' Association, the Tri County Bargaining Associa tion and by the Board of Education," said Dodge.
"We are not releasing any of the details until the ratifi cation is completed.
The district has about 904
tudents and 55 teachers. The contract expired June 30 and the teachers have been working without a contract.
While things are looking up at the USA School District contract negotiations in the Tuscola Intermediate School District are in mediation. Both sides agreed negotiations are at an impasse.
An teachers are doing informational picketing.
The Elkton-Pigeon-Bay
Port School District is also without a contract and negotiations have gone to mediation.

## NEWS ROUND.UP

## Transfer station continuing

Columbia Township will continue to operate its trash transfer station on Hoppe Road during the 1992-93 year. The township will contract with Cove Sanitation Inc., Bad Axe, to provide trash removal services.
Costs for removal have increased slightly, but not enough to increase the current $\$ 60$ per year special assessment on ural township residents.
The new charge for a 31 -yard compactor truck is $\$ 650$ per load, and a charge of $\$ 16.50$ per yard will be made for partial loads and estimated at the site.
It is $\$ 50$ a truck load more, and about $\$ 2$ a yard more than last year, officials say.
Transfer station manager Cora Hartman noted more residents are recycling and decreasing the amount of trash. Using the tramsfer station costs residents about $\$ 5$ per month, while the cheapest bid for house-to-house pickup was $\$ 9.50$ permonth, said Township Sup. Edward Spannagel. Transfer service station service will continue on the secand fourth Saturdays of each month from $9 \mathrm{a} . \mathrm{m}$, to 3 p.m.

The special assement doesn't impact Unionville Village residents, who have curb service.
Wayne Butcher was appointed to a four-year term on the Waship's zoning board to replace John Schulz.
The Township Library has a fax service available for persons needing the function

## Week's weather watch

| Dry day, but cooler <br> 60139 | Slightly warmer: still dry <br> $65 / 45$ | Bright, dry and litile warmer $69 / 49$ | Chance showers; warm day $72 / 52$ |
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## Laker teacher suspended,

 investigation continuesA Laker High School teacher has been suspended and an investigation is underway concerning sexual advances inveinst several female students.
The male teacher, who has not been identified pending possible:issue of warrants, is not to make contact with any local students while the investigation continues.
School officials responded to several statements made late last week by students involved and their friends, and police were called in Friday afternoon
Contact is underway with the Huron County Prosecutor's Office concerning possible charges, expected later this week.


## Michigan

## "By the Numbers"

## How's home building?

We're building nearly $9 \%$ more homes and apartments in Michigan this year, compared with last year, says the Michian Association of Home Builders. The value of those housing units is up $10.1 \%$ this year, reflecting higher costs SEE RoyND UP Conthued on Page 3

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## Western Thumb Sports Report





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4. The Laker Wave

Bay Port First Graders Celebrate Miss Snoop's Birthday


WHIE MOST CHILDREN FORGET all about school over the summer vacation, 1


 The children swam, as did Miss. Snoop (she even has her own bathing sult), enjoyed
refreshments.taled about the boooks they had read over the summer and played
math and word games for prizes.

## Meet New Kids at Lakers






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Flight Attendant Tells LHH Students Of Her Worldwide Experiences




## EPBP Sees Enrollment Rise



Thumb Club News

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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING of the ELKTON-PIGEON-BAY PORT BOARD of EDUCATION Monday, Aug. 10, 1992



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| GORE TOWHSHIP sandra Kogain Clerk 7208 Moollow R\&, Pert hope | REGISTRATION NOTICE FOR GENERAL ELECTION <br> TUESDAY, HOVEMBER 3,1992 <br> TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF HURON COUNTY, MICHIGAN |  | GRANT TOWHSHPP Doadd W. Reid Clerk 4680 Grossemera Rd, Coss Oty | A motion was made by Clare Swartzendruber, seconded, by th the vacant MASB Board of Directors At-Large seat. Motion carried. <br> A motion was made by Jim Clabuesch, seconded by Bur |
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| PTE. AUX BRROUES YOWKSHIP <br> Anne B. Milisami, Clerk 9219 Lhemod Part Austh | RESIDENTS OF HURON COUNTY MAY REGITTER OR Change thelr address with ther cerk's OFFIE USTED IN THIS HOTICE FROM 8:OO A.M. to 5:00 P. M ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1992 |  | PORT AUSTM TOWNSHIP <br> Ethel M. Upthegrove Clerk <br> 8616 Loke, Port Austin | A motion was made by Jim Clabuesch, seconded by Burt Keefer to oo into closed session Keeter Motion carried. <br> A motion was made by Burt Keefer, seconded by Jim Clabuesch to reconvene into open session. Motion carried. |
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