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Two fairs have fun with the ages

By David McCracken

Some of us getting a little long in the tooth remember the Middle Ages fondly as a halcyon age of raging epidemics, capricious torture and execution, open sewers and hapless crusades against swarthy Mediterranean peoples. We get misty over that more innocent era of typhus and tyranny.

And the Renaissance! Those years—after the Middle Ages but sometime before Smurfs—had Shakespeare too, unless you didn't live near London, in which case it was awfully similar to the Middle Ages, but with bigger boats.

Mere chronology, however, won't stand in the way of the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, which this year is putting together the fifth annual Medieval Faire in Oz Park, with madrigal singers and wizards. And Shakespeare. Someone flunked their English history.

The Oz Park Medieval Faire is one of two such local festivals of retrogression, along with the Bristol Renaissance Faire in southeast Wisconsin, where you can step back in time without fear of dark knights or stepping back into an open sewer.

The chamber "decided on a medieval fair to tie around the Shakespeare performance" that had proved so popular a few years ago, according to festival chairman Joe Carlucci. "Even though Shakespeare is Elizabethan. Very few people understand that. In fact, it took me a year to understand that," he said.

Once the Lincoln Parkers figured out that Chaucer would have been more appropriate for a medieval fair, it was too late.

The festival "just grew and grew," said Carlucci, "from a budget of maybe \$2,000 to almost \$70,000, with performers and musicians and dancers and jugglers and mud wrestlers."

For atmosphere and personal, even secretive, reasons, more than 200 volunteers get all duded up in reasonably accurate period costumes—though no one is quite sure which period it is. (Perhaps, for the sake of uniformity, everyone should wear costumes from the "Star Trek" TV series; on the other hand, no one would want to be McCoy, so forget it.)

Otherwise sober-minded pillars of the community, Carlucci said, like to pull on tights and gaudy tunics and prance about the park. "There's one volunteer," he said, "a guy who owns his own business, who wanted to dress up as a beggar because it was a great opportunity to get away with stuff. He would probably prefer to remain anonymous." No wonder.

In addition, said Carlucci,



John Karger is the Royal Falconer at the Bristol Renaissance Faire.

What: Bristol Renaissance Faire

Where: One-quarter mile west of Int. Hwy. 94 at the Wisconsin border; exit Russell Road, turn left and follow the signs; 395-7773 or 414-396-4320

When: 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Aug. 20

How much: \$9.95, senior citizens and students \$8.95, children 5 to 12 \$4.95, under 5 free.

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By David McCracken

Some of us getting a little long in the tooth remember the Middle Ages fondly as a halcyon age of raging epidemics, capricious torture and execution, open sewers and hapless crusades against swarthy Mediterranean peoples. We get misty over that more innocent era of typhus and tyranny.

And the Renaissance! Those years—after the Middle Ages but sometime before Smurfs—had Shakespeare too, unless you didn't live near London, in which case it was awfully similar to the Middle Ages, but with bigger boats.

Mere chronology, however, won't stand in the way of the Lincoln Park Chamber of Commerce, which this year is putting together the fifth annual Medieval Faire in Oz Park, with madrigal singers and wizards. And Shakespeare. Someone flunked their English history.

The Oz Park Medieval Faire is one of two such local festivals of retrogression, along with the Bristol Renaissance Faire in southeast Wisconsin, where you can step back in time without fear of dark knights or stepping back into an open sewer.

The chamber "decided on a medieval fair to tie around the Shakespeare performance" that had proved so popular a few years ago, according to festival chairman Joe Carlucci. "Even though Shakespeare is Elizabethan. Very few people understand that. In fact, it took me a year to understand that," he said.

Once the Lincoln Parkers figured out that Chaucer would have been more appropriate for a medieval fair, it was too late.

The festival "just grew and grew," said Carlucci, "from a budget of maybe \$2,000 to almost \$70,000, with performers and musicians and dancers and jugglers and mud wrestlers."

For atmosphere and personal, even secretive, reasons, more than 200 volunteers get all duded up in reasonably accurate period costumes—though no one is quite sure which period it is. (Perhaps, for the sake of uniformity, everyone should wear costumes from the "Star Trek" TV series; on the other hand, no one would want to be McCoy, so forget it.)

Otherwise sober-minded pillars of the community, Carlucci said, like to pull on tights and gaudy tunics and prance about the park. "There's one volunteer," he said, "a guy who owns his own business, who wanted to dress up as a beggar because it was a great opportunity to get away with stuff. He would probably prefer to remain anonymous." No wonder.

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8-4-89

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PARIS — Representatives of county, state and the federal government who came to Paris Thursday were asked to investigate a variety of health problems many persons who live near the Pheasant Run Landfill say they are experiencing.

The meeting was arranged and hosted by Tom and Lisa Lichter, operators of the Red Oaks Tavern at U.S. Highway 45 and County NN, unofficial spokesmen for some two dozen neighborhood families.

In attendance were State Rep. Cloyd Porter, State Sen. Joseph Andrea, Rosemary Badame of Congressman Les Aspin's Racine office, Eve Galanter of Sen. Herb Kohl's Madison office, Robert Goss of the Wisconsin Division of Health, Jackie O'Connell of the Kenosha County Health Services Department, Wolf Klausen and Denise Helgeland of the Department of Natural Resource air management section, Kenneth Hein

of the DNR's waste management section, and Kenosha attorney Walter Stern.

The Lichters expressed concern that dust and fumes coming from the landfill on County Highway K and U.S. 45, may be the cause of a variety of ailments experienced by persons residing in the area. They presented a notebook in which a number of people reported health problems in recent months.

Most of the people listed had complained of the strong odor of methane gas and other obnoxious smells and of a large amount of dust in the air around the landfill.

One family reported sinus problems, headaches, vomiting, aching joints and loss of memory. A waitress indicated she feels ill after five to six hours of working. A man reported that in recent months, a lump has appeared on his chest.

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Another family reported finding dead birds and other animals on its property and a canary died within a week of being brought into the house.

Lichter said he has gone into the landfill on several occasions and seen all manner of items that ought to be checked out. Among them, he said, were 55-gallon drums, material that looks like it contains asbestos and "tons" of medical wastes.

He presented a tray containing various items such as pill bottles, capsule containers, rubber gloves and pills, medicine bot-

tles and syringe refills that reportedly came from the landfill.

The DNR's Hein replied that he inspects the landfill on a monthly basis but he has not observed any illegally dumped materials, nor has he noticed an odor problem.

Responding to concerns that some wells in the area have become contaminated, Hein said that the landfill site is ringed by test wells and samples are drawn quarterly to make sure the ground water supply has not been tainted. To date, he said, there is no indication that the groundwater has been affected

by the operation of the landfill.

Tom Lichter also complained that many trucks entering the landfill are not covered. He showed the garbage he said fell from passing trucks onto his parking lot in a single morning.

Hein said many trucks arrive empty and are loaded with clay to be hauled elsewhere. Those trucks, he said, do not have to be covered when they enter.

Asked why representatives of the Paris Town Board were not present, Lichter said he chose not to invite any because the town officials have been uncooperative and have refused to provide records of the landfill operations.

Lichter said that Mike Infusino, who manages Pheasant Run, heard about Thursday's meeting and asked if Waste Management could be represented, but he said no. Lichter said he wanted to be able to present his case to the various government representatives without interference.

Adrea said it would have been better had town officials at-

tended so they could answer questions about the town's relationship with Waste Management and how it oversees operation of the landfill.

The DNR indicated it would step up its random inspections and respond promptly when a complaint is received.

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Galanter said Sen. Kohl's office would try to arrange for various items of medical waste from the landfill to be tested to insure that it does not contain pathological, or harmful, matter.

Infusino was out of the office this morning and not available for comment on concerns expressed by Lichter. Town Chairman August Zirbel is recuperating from rotator cuff surgery and was also unavailable for comment.

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Fire Department officers are from left: (above) Jim Kempf, assistant fire chief; Joe Panek, lieutenant; Scott Muhlenbeck, chief; Dan Bizak, captain; Randy Hansche, assistant chief of rescue; and Bill Niederer, captain, not pictured.

Members of the anniversary committee are: from left (below), Tony Eibl, Charlotte Lynn, Judy Hansche, Carol Nichols and Dorothy Niederer. (Mary Sullivan photo)



Firefighters mark anniversary

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Open house is planned from 1:30 to 4:30 at the fire station.

The afternoon will include a program at 2:30 p.m. with William Benson as master of ceremonies and a balloon release at approximately 3:30.

Deputy Friendly will distribute information, and a col-

oring contest is planned for Bristol children.

Founded in 1899, the Bristol Fire Department claims to be the oldest fire department in Kenosha County. Memorabilia will be on display by John Davidson, Bristol historian, and by the auxiliary and fire department.

Judy Hansche, auxiliary president, and Scott Muhlenbeck, fire chief, are co-chairmen.

BRISTOL 8-7-89 Special Town Board meeting, 4-7 p.m. tonight for labor negotiations. Special Town Board meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday, to consider taking in Waste Management leachate and discuss sewer use charges.

Pilot lands plane after engine stalls

8-13-89

A McHenry, Ill., pilot made a safe emergency landing Friday in Bristol.

Richard B. Lewan Sr., 56, told Sheriff's deputies he was flying from Burlington to the Kenosha Municipal Airport when his engine stalled about 6:53 p.m., reports said.

Lewan said he was high enough in the air and had enough speed to circle and land the single-engine plane on the grass runway at Winfield Airport, 18300 Winfield Road, also known as County Highway V.

Bristol Fire Dept. milestones

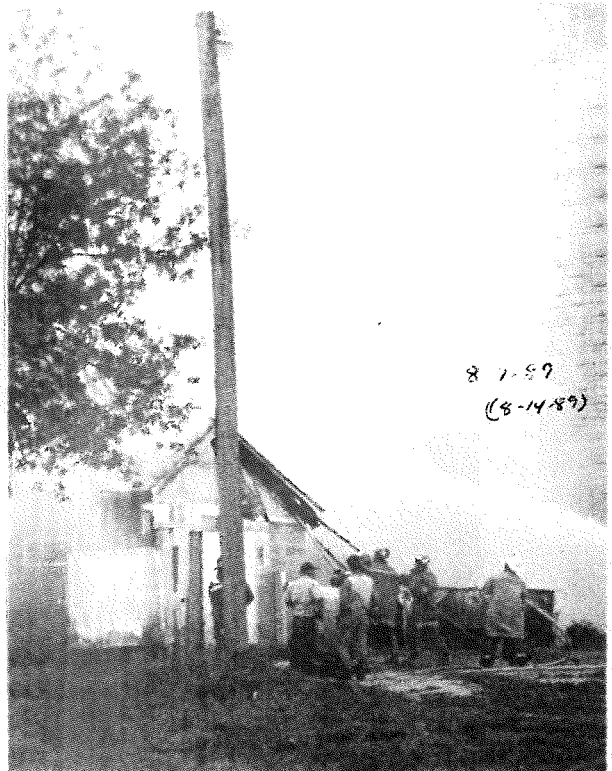
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The original department was equipped with a three-spring hook and ladder wagon and a two-

wheeled hose truck. When called to action, the firefighters scrambled to find horses to pull the vehicles. If no horses were available, the firefighters had to pull the wagons themselves.

The department has evolved to include two engines, one tanker truck, one aerial truck, one grass rig, two rescue squads and 33 firefighters.

The Women's Auxiliary, formed in 1964, is made up of 24 members. The group assists firefighters by providing food, coffee and water during difficult and long-lasting fires. The group also plans department social functions.



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Seventeen calves were killed during a fire which completely destroyed a 9-year-old barn on Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering's farm. The fire broke out 3:56 p.m., Aug. 6, and firefighters battled the blaze until 1:30 a.m. Bristol assistant fire chief Jim Kempf determined cause of the fire was spontaneous combustion. The barn stored 30,000 bales of hay. Kempf said when hot enough, hay will heat until it ignites. Damage estimates to the building and its contents are estimated at \$400,000. The barn, on Horton Road, Bristol, housed 48 calves, most of which were outside in calf hutches before the blaze struck. Fire departments responding to the call besides Bristol were Pleasant Prairie, Trevor, Wilmot, Union Grove, Silver Lake, Salem, Paris, Wheatland, and from Illinois, Antioch and Newport.

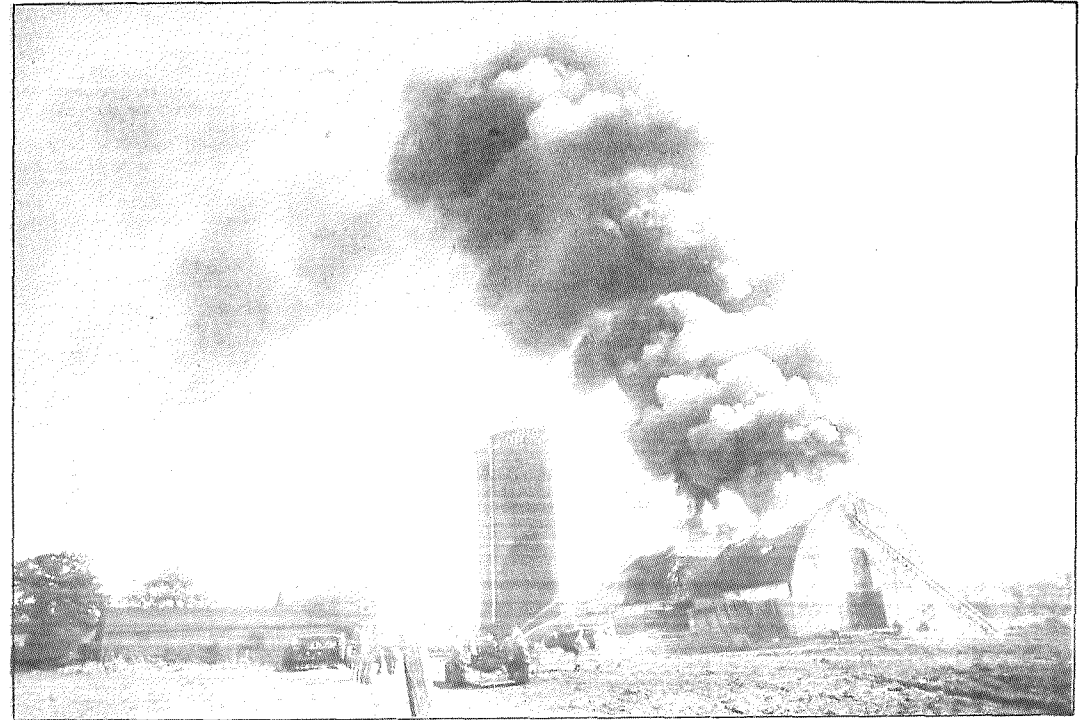


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A fire that also brought a different kind of warmth

8-12-89

By Joe Van Zandt
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BRISTOL — Friends and neighbors of the Elfering family have shown in recent days that farming is more than just a business, it's a special kind of fellowship.

On Monday afternoon, a fire caused by spontaneous combustion destroyed a large dairy barn on the Elfering family farm, 15324 Horton Road. Lost in the conflagration were 18 calves, 6

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15010 104th St. (County Highway Q east of MB).

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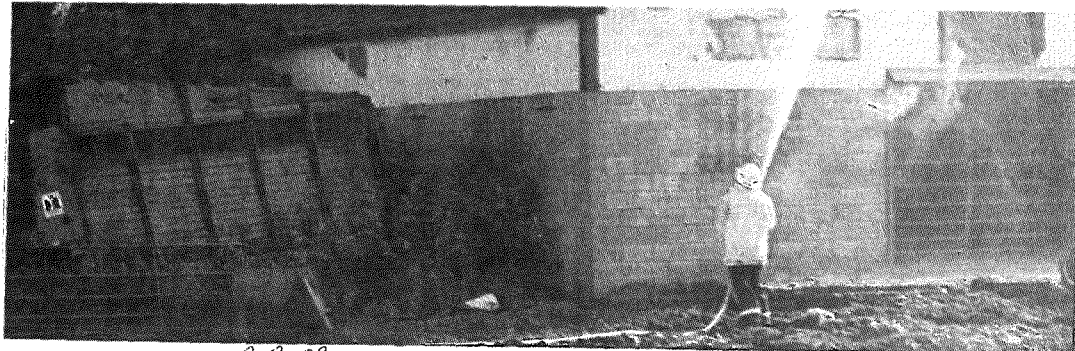
One cow is still loose, Elfering said. If it isn't caught soon, he may have to shoot it. "I'm sure it's in a lot of pain because it hasn't been milked in days. I just hope it gets in with someone's herd or we catch it soon."

By Wednesday, the Elfering herd was housed on the Bohn farm. But because the barn had been unused since 1983, the milk carried through its piping and into its bulk tank had to be thrown away because it did not

of "some" was 40 acres of alfalfa, mowed, baled and delivered. Asked to explain his generosity, Kleinschmidt merely responded, "I know the Elferings would do the same for me if I was in the same spot."

Kleinschmidt got plenty of help in baling and delivering the hay. Among neighbors who showed up with tractors, balers and hay wagons to harvest and haul the hay were John Kevek and sons Dan and Joe; Jim Thomey, who works on the Kleinschmidt farm. Chat Tappan





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ticipation of growth along I-94 that 40 acres was under option and county and Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SWRPC) permits were in hand for a sewerage plant in section 12. Preliminary engineering was designed to eventually link the present service area to the I-94 plant, thereby picking up and eliminating problem areas at the Highway AH and D trailer court, the Woodworth area, 144th and 136th Avenue developments.

Mr. Elfering and Mr. Horton laughed about the need of such a facility and let the permits lapse in 1977.

Our Industrial Park is a prime asset to the township. Land for it was purchased in an area with sewer and water service and fire protection at hand. A large part of the utility extensions was funded with the economic development grants that eased the local burden.

Bristol is a jewel. We need to keep it shining, polish the edges, give it tender care with good planning and zoning as a legacy to the future.

Doris C. Magwitz

A fire that also brought a different kind of warmth

By Joe Van Zandt
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — Friends and neighbors of the Elfering family have shown in recent days that farming is more than just a business, it's a special kind of fellowship.

On Monday afternoon, a fire caused by spontaneous combustion destroyed a large dairy barn on the Elfering family farm, 15324 Horton Road. Lost in the conflagration were 18 calves, 6 cows, 30,000 bales of hay for feed and 5,900 bales of straw for bedding.

That evening, while firefighters from a dozen area departments were still pouring water on the smoldering ruins, the pickup trucks began arriving. Soon there was a steady stream of them — friends, neighbors and farmers from throughout the county.

They moved tractors and other equipment, they dragged hoses for weary firefighters, and they loaded the Elfering cattle into their vehicles and hauled them to the Robert Bohn farm,

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15010 104th St. (County Highway Q east of MB).

"I didn't even call them," Elfering said later. "People just came on their own. I guess it takes a tragedy like this to remind us how many good people there are. I don't know how we would have made it without them. I still don't know who all was involved or how they managed to move our entire herd so smoothly and cleanly. It was just beautiful."

The Elfering herd consists of 200 head, including 120 milking cows and a bull. In addition to the cows lost in the fire, Elfering said he had to ship the bull to market. It became wild because of all the commotion and Elfer-

ing feared it would attack someone.

One cow is still loose, Elfering said. If it isn't caught soon, he may have to shoot it. "I'm sure it's in a lot of pain because it hasn't been milked in days. I just hope it gets in with someone's herd or we catch it soon."

By Wednesday, the Elfering herd was housed on the Bohn farm. But because the barn had been unused since 1983, the milk carried through its piping and into its bulk tank had to be thrown away because it did not meet Grade A requirements. On Friday, a larger stainless steel tank was installed in the milkhouse and the milking equipment was sanitized so the milk could again be marketed.

Meanwhile, Elfering got another surprise Friday afternoon when the first 160 bales of some 2,500 bales of freshly cut hay was delivered to the Bohn farm by Pleasant Prairie farmer Don Kleinschmidt.

"It's been a good growing year," Kleinschmidt said, "so I have plenty of feed for my herd and I can spare some." His idea

of "some" was 40 acres of alfalfa, mowed, baled and delivered. Asked to explain his generosity, Kleinschmidt merely responded, "I know the Elferings would do the same for me if I was in the same spot."

Kleinschmidt got plenty of help in baling and delivering the hay. Among neighbors who showed up with tractors, balers and hay wagons to harvest and haul the hay were John Kevek and sons Dan and Joe; Jim Thomey, who works on the Kleinschmidt farm, Chet Lorenz and John Steinbrink.

While he can be as tough as a Marine drill sergeant in his role as Bristol town chairman, Elfering was clearly moved when the first wagonload of hay rolled into the Bohn driveway. "I had no idea this hay was coming," he said, his eyes glistening. "Ah I can say is it's gratifying for a fellow to know he has neighbors like these to count on in an emergency."

Elfering also had high praise for everyone involved in helping out. "I just can't say enough about the good people."



Kenosha News photo by Thomas W. Broening

Noel Elfering raises wire so hay can be unloaded



Kenosha News photo by John Sorensen

Markers commemorate historical highway

8-10-89

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Owners file suit to regain land

8-8-89

The owners of land on which Wisconsin Greyhound Park wanted to build a dog-racing track have filed suit to get back the tract.

Wisconsin Greyhound had an option to buy the land, formerly the Hawkeye Turkey Farm, 6530 120th Ave., from Bristol Properties, Inc. Bristol Properties, 12221 71st St., bought the land on Jan. 5, 1988, in a 30-month land contract for \$1.4 million from owners Kenneth L. and Charlotte

M. Hayes, Galena, Ill.

The Hayeses filed the lawsuit Monday in Kenosha Circuit Court, claiming default in payments and asking that the entire balance and other amounts be paid.

If Bristol Properties does not pay the total amount, the Hayeses want title to the property with Mr. Hayes named receiver, the suit said. The suit is against Bristol Properties, Wisconsin Greyhound Park, Farm Credit

Services of Elkhorn, First National Bank of Kenosha, 5522 Sixth Ave., and several tenants.

The suit said Bristol Properties hasn't made a land contract payment since March 18. The corporation owed more than \$1.3 million in principal and interest plus \$16,069 in 1988 real estate taxes as of July 5, the suit said.

Bristol Properties President William Ruetz couldn't be reached for comment.

The Hawkeye Farm land was

to be included in Wisconsin Greyhound's dog-racing track. Dairyland Greyhound Park on May 19 received the license to build a track in this area, beating out Wisconsin Greyhound Park and Kenosha Greyhound Park.

Wisconsin Greyhound officials have said they are considering filing suit against the Wisconsin Racing Board to overturn its decision to grant the license to Dairyland. Deadline to file such action is Aug. 26.

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Hopeful in Bristol

Hearing on fireworks injunction begins today

By Don Jensen
Staff Writer

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A hearing on Kenosha County's request for a permanent injunction to close two I-94 frontage road fireworks stands was being heard this morning by Judge Robert Baker.

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The dealers were permitted to reopen after the judge ruled they could sell legal fireworks novelty items. The stands again were shut down several days later when the judge concluded his order had been violated.

At this morning's hearing, an undercover Winthrop Harbor, Ill. police officer, Cpl. Robert

Commons, who made purchases on behalf of the Kenosha County sheriff's department, testified.

He said that on July 3 and 4 he made purchases from the two American Specialties stands. He said that to meet the minimum \$200 purchase requirement, groups of individual customers in the stores pooled their purchases. Those fireworks items, he said, were taken by a pickup truck, at the direction of the sellers, several miles south across the state line, where they were delivered to the purchasers.

Baker, at the conclusion of the hearing, was expected to rule if the techniques used by the sellers made the sales genuinely wholesale transactions and, therefore, legal.

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Spirit of '89 is freedom and ing

By Mary Sullivan

As the year comes to a close, the winds of democracy are swirling over Eastern Europe. Area residents exercised their inalienable rights by voting down a proposed \$1.45 million addition to Lakewood School and rallying against the Brainerd International Raceway in Bristol.

The social consciousness of the '80s seems in direct contrast with the mystery of a newborn baby boy found dead under a Paris bridge. However, the compassion of those who attended Baby John's funeral is befitting of the spirit of the year. A caring and compassionate spirit one hopes will last for a long time to come. Happy New Year.

JANUARY

The first baby born in the Westosha area in 1989 was Courtney Lynn, to Lorie Bartelt, Powers Lake.

The Westosha Report moved its

delivery date to Monday and its news and advertisement deadline to Friday at 3 p.m.

Former Kenosha County District Attorney John P. Landa was charged in circuit court with theft by misappropriation. The complaint alleged that Landa diverted more than \$15,000 from a client for his own personal use.

Two men and a woman were killed when a fire raged through their Paddock Lake home, Jan. 8.

Angela Karow of the Twin Lakes Chamber of Commerce reluctantly declined invitations to the Presidential Inauguration.

Spring Grove Village President John Toler submitted his resignation citing personal reasons for his decision. The village board unanimously declined the resignation.

A horse racing track was proposed for Salem Township to accommodate 15,000-20,000 spectators.

A Lakewood School citizens

committee recommended the construction of four additional classrooms in response to increasing enrollment.

Karla Wetherbee, 5, Silver Lake, was named 1989 Miss Wisconsin Junior Petite, Jan. 15, at the Grand Hotel, Milwaukee.

FEBRUARY

Spring Grove Village President John Toler rescinded his resignation of Jan. 25 and filed for re-election.

A former Bloomfield police officer was sentenced to 3 years probation on charges of bribery and misconduct in public office. The charges resulted from a 1984 incident in which Donald White allegedly offered to drop a traffic citation in exchange for sexual favors.

The new Silver Lake post office opened Feb. 27.

Wilmot Grade School cheerleaders won first place at the Central High School clinic/competition for the eighth straight year.

Wilmot High School held its first Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) meeting.

MARCH

Village of Paddock Lake adopted extra territorial zoning to develop a comprehensive zoning ordinance for surrounding communities.

Brian Steadman, a seventh grader at Richmond Grade School, was state champion wrestler at the Illinois Elementary School Association meet.

Central High School administrator Vaughn Sorenson announced his retirement after 21 years at the school.

After 17 years at Central High School, coach Frank Murphy announced his retirement.

APRIL

Westosha Report editor Nancy Pouler handed over the reigns to Diane Jahnke. Pouler retired and moved to Nova Scotia with her husband, Will.

Residents of the Nippersink Public Library District voted April 4 to construct a new one-story, 9,000

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Newsbeat

RANDALL LANDFILL TO CLOSE

RANDALL TOWN BOARD - The Town of Randall's landfill is scheduled to close Feb. 1, prior to the implementation of strict, new Environmental Protection Agency regulations. Saturday, Jan. 27, will be the last day that residents may dispose of garbage at the site, per the decision of the board, Dec. 21.

Residents will be responsible for making alternate arrangements for garbage disposal.

TOWN TAKES CONTROL OF DRAINAGE DISTRICT

BRISTOL TOWN BOARD - The board voted Dec. 26 to assume control of the Dutch Gap Canal drainage district near Lake George, pending approval by a county judge.

The district had previously been chaired by a group of local farmers. However, cumbersome and costly legal requirements and bureaucracy forced them out.

The town will have the ability to put assessments on the affected areas and reduce "red tape."

In other business, board members met earlier with state Rep. Cloyd Porter, who suggested that the landfill be closed before new Environmental Protection Agency regulations go into effect. The landfill was originally scheduled to be closed July 1, 1990, but the new regulations which may go into effect by Feb. 1 may make the cost of closing prohibitive.

ANNEXATION APPROVED

RICHMOND VILLAGE BOARD - The board Dec. 17 approved a petition for annexation of 7.3 acres with a single family dwelling unit and accessory buildings at 11402 Burlington.



Santa Claus took time off from his hectic schedule to get last minute requests from area youngsters at the Paddock Lake Village Hall, Dec. 23. While his dad counsels his younger sister, Jason Seitz, 5, hopes Santa will leave a Ninja Turtle under his tree. (Mary Sullivan photo)

• 1989 in review (Continued from front page)

square foot library building.

The new Twin Lakes post office opened just in time to mail income taxes.

Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering retained his seat by defeating opponent Daniel Hohmeier by over 200 votes.

Norman Krueger defeated write-in candidate incumbent Olga Hoffman to become the new Paddock Lake village president.

Gerald Sorenson was named the new Central High School administrator.

The Salem Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Badger Cork, Trevor, was hit with its third fire in the past 7 years. The fire gutted the grinding room and took 1-1/2 hours to extinguish. No one was injured.

A Trevor man was found dead in his home with three gunshot wounds to his head. Police had no suspect or motive. The case is still being investigated.

A Wadsworth, Ill., man was killed and his passenger injured in a collision on Highway C. Timothy J. Paulsen, Trevor, was charged with intoxicated use of a motor vehicle and operating while under the influence.

MAY

A three car crash at highways K and 75 claimed the life of a Spring Grove man and injured two.

Wilmot High School administrator Gene Olson announced his retirement after 22 years.

Sigmund Kolano was named new Central High School administrator.

Two fires struck on May 2. The Nippersink Manor Hotel, Powers Lake, sustained roof and insulation damage. One sow and 10 piglets were killed in a fire at the Bristol barn of Dennis Houston.

A fire to a 3-unit Salem apartment complex caused \$10-15,000 damage.

Two Madison men and a 17-year-old were charged with attempting to pass a forged prescription at Tobin Drug, Twin Lakes.

The Westosha Report named the outstanding seniors for the 1988-89 school year: Cindy Bestland, Wilmot; Brenna Backstrand, Central; and Adam Gardner, Richmond-Burton.

JUNE

The Belle of Wisconsin, world's largest cheese, comes to Twin Lakes.

Two Chicago area motorcyclists were killed when they were struck from behind by a drunk driver, in Union Grove. Two others were in-

jured when they were struck by a drunk driver while attempting to give aid to the accident victims June 17.

A fire of suspicious origin killed a 65-year old man, injured seven and left the Richmond Hotel and Antique Shop in ruins, June 9.

Residents around Silver Lake were urged to beware of non-poisonous water snakes.

Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering was fined \$25 and \$150 in court costs for violating the open meeting law. Elfering had met with two board members in the Bristol Town Hall without posting formal public notice. Elfering explained that the meeting was of a personal nature.

JULY

The Sharing Center's, New Munster, plans to build a \$4 million complex in Silver Lake were scrapped due to lack of support by village residents.

Dr. Jack Roller was named new district administrator at Wilmot High School.

The Lakewood School Board voted 4-1 to approve a plan to construct a \$1,485,000, 23,000-square-foot addition.

Heidi Harris was crowned Miss Bristol July 7.

The Twin Lakes Aquanuts Water Ski Team placed third in the Wisconsin State Water Ski Tournament at Wisconsin Rapids.

A rural Burlington woman was indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of operating an interstate theft ring responsible for over \$1.7 million in stolen cash and merchandise.

AUGUST

A Milwaukee man was shot by a passing motorist on I-94 near Highway 50.

The Bristol Fire Department celebrated its 90th anniversary.

The ladies auxiliary celebrated their 25th.

The Bristol Community Action Committee was organized and collected over 1,000 signatures on petitions in opposition to the proposed Brainerd International Auto Raceway in Bristol.

Seventeen calves were killed in a fire which destroyed Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering's farm Aug. 16. Spontaneous combustion was named as the cause of the fire which resulted in \$400,000 in damages.

A Twin Lakes boy suffered a fractured skull when he was struck by flying debris following a collision at the Wilmot Speedway. The boy's father deflected a gas tank which flew over a fence following a collision on the track. Three others sustained minor injuries.

Genoa City was featured on a segment of the CBS News program 48 Hours.

Tickets for the Wisconsin Megabucks Lotto America went on sale Aug. 10.

Gerald Graff reassumed his post as Randall Town Chairman following the resignation of Cathy Brown due to health reasons.

The Kenosha County Fair broke attendance records. Anne Savaghir, Kenosha, was crowned Kenosha County Fair Queen.

The Twin Lakes Aquanuts placed fourth in the National Water Skiing Championship at Wisconsin Rapids, Aug. 13.

Due to shortage of funds and a lack of volunteers, the Sharing Center, New Munster, cut back on programs.

SEPTEMBER

A Salem couple was charged

with a series of sexual offenses involving two boys, ages 9 and 11.

Lakewood School District voters rejected a plan to construct a five classroom addition at a cost of \$1.45 million, by a vote of 482-281, in a legally binding referendum, Sept. 19.

One thousand five hundred marchers took part in a POW/MIA Silent March in Twin Lakes Sept. 16.

Secretary of State and state librarian Jim Edgar signed a contract awarding \$250,000 to the Nippersink Library District for construction of a new library building.

A Burlington child believed to have been kidnapped was recovered by Burlington police officers in Madison, Sept. 29. Three suspects were charged with interfering with the custody of a child and may face up to 2 years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

Bob Frank, operator of the Society of St. Francis Animal Shelter, Bristol, began a hunger strike to stir awareness of the animal problem in Kenosha County.

Miss Wisconsin Petite, Karla Wetherbee, Silver Lake, placed in the top 10 in the Miss America Petite Pageant, Sept. 30, in Miami Beach, Fla. She was also named Miss Hostess.

OCTOBER

The Twin Lakes Fire Department celebrated 60 years of fire service and 40 years of rescue service.

Plans for a two-story addition were approved by the Wheatland School Board Oct. 10. The total cost of the project is not to exceed \$945,000.

After 63 years of serving the community, the Sunshine Club held its final meeting Oct. 17.

Twenty-one cows were mysteriously stricken at the farm of Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering. An investigation was conducted to determine the cause of the malady which took the lives of five pregnant cows; and found insecticide to be the cause of death.

The Salem Town Board unanimously approved a Land Use Plan to maintain the rural character of the area while discouraging urban sprawl.

Bristol residents packed Bristol Town Hall Oct. 3, to express their views on county zoning. Voters approved the adoption of Kenosha County Zoning 220-59, in the advisory and non-binding vote.

NOVEMBER

The Central High School volleyball team won the state championship in Oshkosh Nov. 4.

A Powers Lake man died after walking in front of a train on the Soo Line tracks in Camp Lake Oct. 28.

A newborn white male baby was found dead Nov. 9, under a bridge by the Des Plaines River on Highway N, east of Highway 45, Paris.

The Pleasant Prairie Village Board passed an extraterritorial zoning ordinance Nov. 6, freezing land use over a 1-1/2 mile area from Highway 50, south to State Line Road in Bristol.

The Village of Silver Lake filed a suit with the circuit court for an injunction to have residents of the Silver Lake Hotel evacuated. The hotel was condemned Oct. 23, after numerous building code violations were discovered.

Child abuse charges were levied upon a Paddock Lake couple accused of causing severe injuries to their 3-year-old daughter.

Bristol residents will cast their votes on adoption of Kenosha County Zoning in a referendum April

3. The board voted Nov. 27, to put the issue to a public vote.

DECEMBER

Baby John Doe was buried Dec. 1 at St. John's Cemetery, Twin Lakes, as police sought the identity and whereabouts of his mother.

A deaf Paddock Lake couple took the stand on charges of abusing their 3-year-old daughter.

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Bristol residents gathered at a rally to hear what the Bristol Community Action Committee is doing to halt the proposed Brainerd International Raceway.

The Center Lake Inn tavern and pizza restaurant was destroyed by fire, believed to have started in the fireplace and furnace area Dec. 17.

The area was hit with record-breaking low temperatures when readings were recorded at 20 below zero.

A group of Walworth County residents is attempting to recall Judge Robert Kennedy, arguing he should have imposed prison sentences for two men convicted of child abuse.

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Visit to Spain called 'trip of a lifetime'

Editor's note: Paula Riddle, Bristol, wrote of her experience in Spain as ambassador through the International 4-H Youth Exchange Program.

I have arrived home from the trip of a lifetime. Spain was a country of many different people and many different values.

One value we have that is not one of theirs is to be on time for everything. While I was there I learned quickly how not to be on time for anything.

I lived in the northern part of Spain, in the province of Asturias, in the city of Gijón. My city was on the Cantabrian Sea, also known as the Bay of Biscay, located at the bottom of the Picos de Europa mountain range. I stayed with the Pedro Moreno Merino family. The father, Pedro, is a veterinarian; mother, Nieves, is a high school chemistry teacher. Their seven children are Cecilia, 21; Pedro, 20; Nieves, 18; Cesar, 17; Monica, 16; Gustavo, 15; and Paula, 13. All but Pedro lived with us since he was in the south, studying to be an architect.

Just living with so many in a family was different for me because in my family I have only one sister. This was the only family I stayed with in Spain which was good because I really got to know them better. I lived with them for 3 weeks and during that time I saw much of their city and met many different people.

I saw the university, hospital, beach, two Spanish rock concerts, the capital of Asturias, Oviedo, and the small town where the Merino family's relatives live. I was also lucky enough to be able to experience some real Spanish nights out with my host brother and his friends.

After 3 weeks of living with the Merino family it was time to meet with my group. My group met in Madrid where we stayed in a hotel for a week. While in Madrid we saw the Prado museum, the Royal Palace, the Town of Segovia with its aqueducts, cathedral and the palace Alcazar, the town of El Escorial, the Valley of the Fallen and a bullfight.

Some differences I had to get

used to were that everyone stays out very late in Spain. Also the meals and some of their traditions were different. Everyone seems to stay out at least past midnight; the teenagers stayed out past 1 a.m. I'm used to going to bed no later than midnight so the late nights were a little hard to get used to. Everyone sleeps late so I caught up with my sleep in the morning which was nice.

The Spanish eat three meals a day, but their main meal is at 3 or 4 p.m. This meal usually consists of soup, then the main dish of fish, poultry or meat, followed with salad and then fruit or a pastry for dessert. Also, bread is served throughout the whole meal. Dinner is served any-

time after 8 p.m. and can still be eaten at 2 a.m. if that is when you are coming in from your night out.

I had some troubles adjusting to their traditions. One tradition they have is kissing everyone on each cheek, and for someone who is less emotional, it was hard getting used to kissing everyone I met. (Now I am having trouble keeping myself from kissing all of my friends.)

The other tradition I had some trouble with was just walking into bars and ordering a drink. In Spain there is no drinking age so when we went out we would just go to a bar and socialize. Since Wisconsin has a drinking age of 21, I had some problems getting used to that.

Bristol sets forum

The Bristol Community Action Committee will hold a forum at 7 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 31, at Bristol Town Hall.

Zoning and land use will be the focus of the forum. Questions on these issues can be sent to CAC, P. O. Box 463, Bristol, WI 53104. Questions may be submitted the evening before the forum; only questions submitted in advance will be addressed.



UP, UP AND AWAY!
Bristol firefighter, Charles Bizek, makes the long climb to release balloons at the anniversary festivities for the Bristol Fire Department and the women's auxiliary Aug. 12. The balloons are tagged and the one that travels farthest will earn a prize.
(Mary Sullivan photo)

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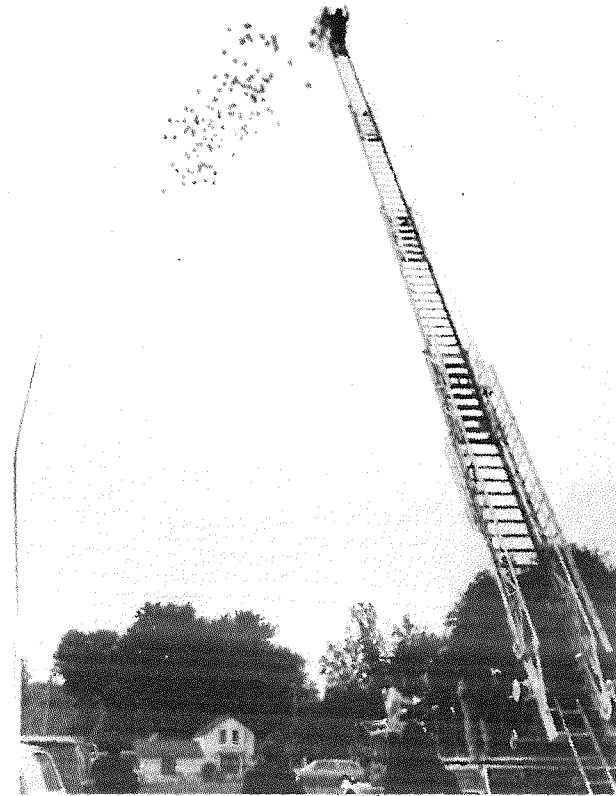
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The icing belongs on the cake!
Bristol Fire Chief Scott Muhlenbeck and women's auxiliary president Judy Hansche "mess around" at the cake cutting ceremony at the Bristol Fire Department's 90th anniversary and women's auxiliary's 25th anniversary open house, Aug. 12.
(Mary Sullivan photo)



UP, UP AND AWAY!
Bristol firefighter, Charles Bizek, makes the long climb to release balloons at the anniversary festivities for the Bristol Fire Department and the women's auxiliary Aug. 12. The balloons are tagged and the one that travels farthest will earn a prize.
(Mary Sullivan photo)



8-28-89
The Bristol Volunteer Fire Department celebrated its 90th anniversary on Aug. 12. Founded on Feb. 16, 1899, the Bristol Volunteer Fire Department is the oldest volunteer fire department in Kenosha County. The Bristol Women's Auxiliary also celebrated its 25th anniversary. It was founded on Aug. 19, 1964. Among those present at the celebration, from left, are Jim Kreuser, administrative assistant to Kenosha County Executive John Collins who presented a Kenosha County flag to the department; William Benson Jr., master of ceremonies; state Rep. Peter Barca; Judy Hanshe, auxiliary president; Fire Chief Scott Muhlenbeck; state Rep. Cloyd Porter and town supervisor Audrey Van Slochteren.

BOARD POLLED ON RACETRACK ISSUE 8-21-89

BRISTOL TOWN BOARD - The Bristol Community Action Committee requested that board members be polled as to each individual members position on the racetrack issue at the Aug. 14 meeting. The committee submitted a petition at the last meeting with over 1,200 signatures opposing the racetrack and drag strip.

Supervisor Audrey Van Slochteren reaffirmed her strong position against the racetrack; Town Chairman Noel Elfering and Supervisor Bernard Gunty would not comment, Supervisor Russell Horton was not concerned since the request hasn't come to the board, and Supervisor Donald Wienke was absent.

The committee also requested that an ordinance be drawn up stating Planning Board members term lengths. The board agreed to have the town attorney draw up an ordinance stating terms will last indefinitely, until members decide to resign or are asked to step down.

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The Bristol Fire and Auxiliary Anniversary Committee thanked Van Slochteren for giving a speech in the absence of all other board members during the Aug. 12 anniversary celebration.

Up to the old tricks?

To the Editor: 8-25-89

Is Mr. Elfering still up to his old tricks of holding secret meetings and making decisions without the benefit of full board action? At a recent town board meeting, it was quite evident that wages were paid in advance without board approval and a decision to not have a particular correspondence read was not made as a result of a board decision. Mrs. Van Slochteren made that quite clear. How many other decisions are made by a partial board behind closed doors?

I am most upset over the letter. The excuse used was that they are in contract negotiations and, therefore, it would not be proper. Does our Town of Bristol operate on double standards? Why is it permissible for Mr. Elfering to air bits and pieces of what goes on in negotiation sessions and downgrade some of the town workers, but when they write a letter to give their side of the story, it is interference with the negotiation process? Come now, is the public allowed to only hear Mr. Elfering's side of the story? Whatever happened to equal time?

Interested in Fairness

Suits filed to block dog track

8-26-89

By Dennis A. Shook
Staff Writer

The race for Kenosha's greyhound track franchise may not be over yet, even though site preparation work has begun on Dairyland Greyhound Park.

Friday afternoon — just a few hours before the final deadline for filing litigation — Kenosha Greyhound and Wisconsin Greyhound Parks filed separate petitions in Kenosha County Circuit Court. The petitions seek judicial review of the Wisconsin Racing Board's licensing of Dairyland.

Among the oft-cited charges listed in the petitions is a new one — that Dairyland representatives met in secret with racing board members and improperly influenced them.

Board staff members refused to make any comment Friday. Dairyland spokesman John Serpe, Sr., denied any such meeting took place.

Kenosha Greyhound's petition, brought by the Kenosha Gateway Development Limited Partnership, is scheduled to be heard at 8:15 a.m. Dec. 1 before Judge Jerold Breitenbach. The Wisconsin Greyhound Park hearing is at 2:35 p.m. Dec. 14 before Judge David Bastian.

The petitions are virtually identical, except Gateway's added the charge of the improper hearings. Both petitions make almost the same arguments as in the groups' July requests to the board for contested case hearings on the Dairyland decision. The board denied those hearing requests on July 25. State statutes then allowed the two petitioners one month to file in circuit court...a period that ended Friday.

In denying the hearings in July, Wisconsin Racing Board Executive Director Terence Dunleavy said the requests of the two tracks were analyzed and there was no dispute of fact. He

ASSOCIATES of key Dairyland investors charged with illegal activities in Alabama, Texas. Story page 3.

said proper procedure was followed.

Don Hess, director of public relations for Dairyland, said Friday, "We would much rather be concentrating on what is, for Kenosha, a huge asset in this greyhound park."

Hess said that work would continue on the \$39.5 million site at the southwest corner of Highways 158 and HH. He said the racing board could fine Dairyland if it does not meet its promised June 1, 1990 opening date.

By the time the hearings are held, Hess said the project could be from one-third to one-half completed, with millions of dollars invested.

"But we can't afford to slow down," Hess said.

Jerome Janzer, attorney for the Gateway group, said continuing with the project is at Dairyland's own risk.

Janzer said there are several possible avenues the court could take in granting relief if it found the racing board decision improper.

"The court may just determine that Dairyland's license is invalid, which would mean there would be no Kenosha license at all," said Janzer.

Bristol Elementary School starts Tuesday

8-25-89

BRISTOL — Students will start the fall semester at Bristol Elementary School on Tuesday, Aug. 29, said Gale Ryczek, district administrator.

Teachers are to report for

inservice training Monday, Aug. 28, to prepare for the start of school.

Classes will begin at 7:45 a.m. and be dismissed at 2:45 p.m. Bus schedules will be the same

as last year.

Hot lunch will be served the first day of school. Lunch fees are \$5 per week or \$1 for a single lunch ticket.

SRO crowd hears panel on zoning

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer 9-1-89

BRISTOL — Kenosha County's zoning ordinance got high marks Thursday from representatives of towns that have adopted the land use rules.

A standing-room-only crowd at an informational meeting at the Bristol Town Hall heard an eight member panel explain why they adopted zoning and what it's like to live with the rules.

The majority said they adopted zoning ordinances to gain control of development.

The forum that drew more than 200 people was sponsored by the Bristol Community Action Committee, a group formed to fight the possible construction of an auto racetrack in the town.

Panelists represented the county-zoned towns of Randall, Somers and Wheatland, and three communities that have their own ordinances, the town of Salem and the villages of Paddock Lake and Pleasant Prairie.

Randall Town Chairman Gerald Graff said his community adopted the county zoning ordinance because "developers were doing all sorts of things."

Graff said before zoning, structures were built that would not be allowed today, such as a multi-family dwelling next door to a single family home.

Pleasant Prairie Village President Thomas Terwall, also a zoning advocate, said the county ordinance was adopted when Pleasant Prairie was still a

town. When it became a village, said Terwall, Pleasant Prairie accepted the county ordinance verbatim.

Panelists were asked how initial zoning maps are developed if a town such as Bristol adopted zoning.

The panelists said parcels were zoned according to existing use at the time the ordinance went into effect. A parcel might be zoned commercial, but if it was in agricultural use at the time the ordinance was adopted, it was mapped as agricultural.

William Houtz, a representative of the Salem Planning and Zoning Commission, said despite having its own ordinance, 50 to 60 percent of Salem is under the county ordinance because the county has jurisdiction in floodplain-shoreland areas.

Houtz said, "In the early days there was a feeling that the county board was controlled by city supervisors, but a lot has changed."

Other speakers noted that the county Land Use Committee, which recommends zoning changes on rural property, has a 4 to 1 majority of rural supervisors.

The questions that were written out and passed to moderator Gale Ryczek contained veiled references to an auto speedway. It's the issue that has been on the minds of many Bristol residents since it became known that a Minneapolis firm, Brainerd International Inc., has offered to buy farmland from Bristol Town



Kenosha News photos

Bristol residents packed the town hall Thursday at forum on planning and zoning

Chairman Noel Elfering for construction of a racetrack.

One questioner asked, "In a town without zoning, what recourse do citizens have if they oppose something and the town board approves it?"

The answer from Wheatland Town Clerk Sheila Seigler was, "You have no recourse.. If you have no zoning, there are no rules. The person who owns the property decides what happens."

Somers Town Chairman David Holtz said without zoning, "The development could go ahead even if the town board was against it."

Seigler and Houtz both said the major weakness with the county ordinance is the lack of enforcement when corrections are ordered. Neither blamed the Planning and Development Office or the Land Use Committee but said the County Board needs to increase manpower.

Larry Kilduff, a BCAC representative and one of the organizers of the forum, said Thursday's session helped give Bristol residents a "perspective on zoning."



Panel answers Bristol residents' zoning queries

From left are panelists Gerald Graff, Randall town chairman; David Holtz, Somers town chairman; Thomas Terwall, Pleasant Prairie village president; Sheila Seigler, Wheatland town clerk; moderator Gale Ryczek; Norman

Krueger, Paddock Lake village president. Panelists not shown were Francis Karkman, Wheatland town chairman; William Houtz, Salem Plan Commission chairman, and Michael Pollicoff, Pleasant Prairie administrator.

Zoning plans analyzed

By Mary Sullivan
9-4-89

More than 150 people packed the Bristol Town Hall Aug. 31 at an informational forum on zoning and land use planning presented by the Bristol Community Action Committee.

Officials from neighboring towns with zoning plans composed the eight-member panel, which answered questions and gave views on the subject. Present at the meeting were Randall Town chairman, Gerry Graff; Somers town chairman, David Holtz; Pleasant Prairie village president, Tom Terwall; Wheatland town clerk, Sheila Siegler; Paddock Lake village president, Norman Krueger; Salem planning and zoning board member, Bill Houtz; Wheatland Town chairman, Francis Kerkman; and Pleasant Prairie administrator Mike Pollockoff. Moderator, Gale Ryczek screened questions from residents.

Of the municipalities represented, all but three have adopted Kenosha County zoning ordinances. Paddock Lake has its own zoning policy. Salem has county zoning in addition to its own policy. Pleasant Prairie operated under the county plan until it was incorporated as a village 2 months ago. The county ordinance was then codified for the village. All wetlands and floodplains fall under county jurisdiction.

A zoning ordinance provides guidelines and regulations to land usage. With an ordinance, land would be zoned according to its use at the time of adoption.

"Zoning has been a godsend to our town. Places have been built before

zoning that would not have been built with zoning," said Graff.

Combined with site plan approval specifications, a zoning plan lends clout to insure strict adherence to an original building plan. In conjunction with a master development plan zoning ordinances inhibit changes to the plan and keep it constant.

While Krueger related that the Paddock Lake plan is "working very well," the county plan was generally applauded by other representatives.

Under the county ordinance, municipalities are spared the substantial expense of planning, liability and administration. County tax dollars pay for zoning and land use committee staff in the Kenosha County Courthouse. Services provided by county personnel includes maps, surveys and aerial photographs, in addition to attending to basic administration duties and legal research.

The zoning authority faces liability in many situations.

"We're stuck with it and it's going to be part of your assessment anyway," noted Terwall.

The land use committee consists of five members. Currently, three are from rural municipalities.

Holtz observed, "I think it's working. I think they're listening to the towns."

Three municipalities in the southeastern Wisconsin area are without zoning. Neighboring communities are affected by the resultant lack of consistency. It is possible, for example, for an adult bookstore to operate in an unzoned area across the street from a church in a bordering municipality operating under a zoning ordinance.



Gale P. Ryczek, Bristol Grade School administrator, received a plaque from Johanna Kaufman, LEAD director, on behalf of state superintendent Herbert J. Grover, in commemoration of his attendance at the 1989 Ollie Berge Administrator Leadership Academy.

School principals and district administrators selected for the academies, conducted from late June through mid-July in Green Bay, attended leadership training and workshops focusing on school improvement and educational excellence. Follow-up sessions for academy graduates are planned throughout the year.

New strip shopping center planned

By Dave Engels
Staff Writer 9-5-89

Horizon Properties Inc., Rockford, Ill., plans to begin building a \$3.5 million, 26,000-square foot strip shopping center at the southwest corner of Highway 50 and 125th Avenue early next spring.

Construction of the first phase of the project, a combination convenience store-gas station at the corner under the Horizon name, is scheduled to begin later this month.

Miles McMaster, a senior of-

ficer for Horizon, said the shopping center will feature seven or eight upscale factory outlet stores, with an anchor tenant occupying about 10,000 square feet. There also will be a food court.

McMaster said one tenant has been signed and the remainder of the leasing will be done during the winter.

Horizon Properties, which owns Horizon Convenience Stores Inc., will be the sole developer. Erickson and Associates, a Rockford real estate broker, will handle the leasing.

Wayne Erickson is president of both Horizon and the real estate company.

McMaster said the shopping center and the convenience mart will be managed independently of each other.

The 3-acre development has been approved by the Bristol Town Board. Town Clerk Gloria Bailey said today that building permits have not yet been issued.

Referring to the Highway 50/1-94 intersection a quarter-mile to the east, McMaster said, "We have done marketing stud-

ies which show that the traffic count at that intersection is incredible. The area is viable and growing, and we want to capitalize on the future there."

Based on its market research, Horizon expects to see more residential as well as commercial growth in the I-94 corridor, boosted in part by the construction of Dairyland Greyhound Park two miles to the north, McMaster said.

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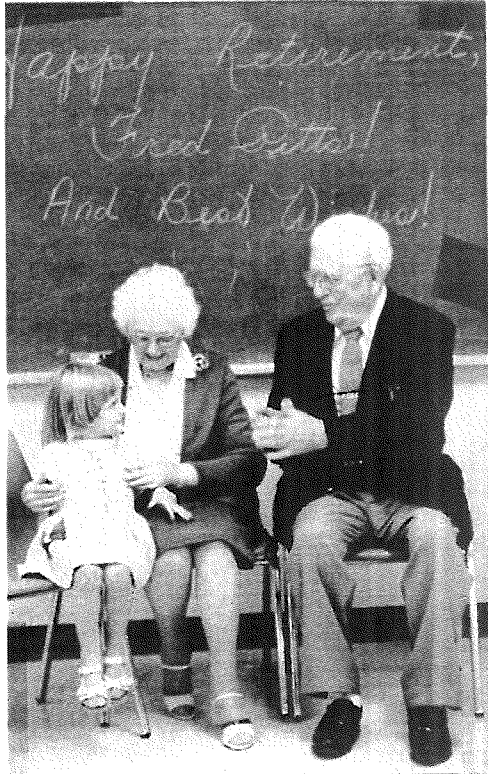
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Kenosha News photos by Bill Siefel

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Everyone who lives in Kenosha County should be proud of our country parks. The Kenosha County parks are among the best in the state. Our parks are great natural resources and we should enjoy them!

Paul A. Murphy



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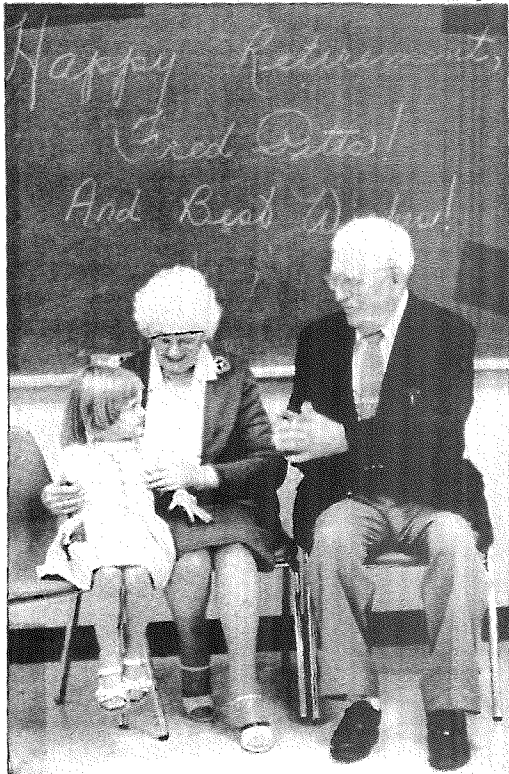
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- ensure that development

occurs in an orderly manner.

- protect the quality of all surface and groundwater, natural resources and wildlife habitats;
- provide public services in an equitable, cost-effective manner.

It identifies the current neighborhood districts as Salem-Hooker Lake; the area of Voltz, Cross, Benet and Lake Shangrila lakes; Trevor-Camp Lake area; Wilmot; and the east shore area of Silver Lake.

Minimum lot sizes are suggested of 8,400 square feet per dwelling unit and 5,000 square feet for each unit in a multi-dwelling.

"We don't want to see apartment complexes built on postage stamp parcels," Stockman said.

Developer Stephen Mills, Salem, said Stockman has a "Utopian" approach to planning and questioned the practicality of requiring larger lot sizes.

"There hasn't been a subdivision developed in Salem during the past decade," Mills said.

Stockman responded, "The feeling we got from the people is that they didn't want development at any cost."

Stockman said the plan recommends the 8,400-square-foot lot minimums in the five neighborhood development areas, but it also recommends five-acre minimum parcel sizes in rural residential areas.

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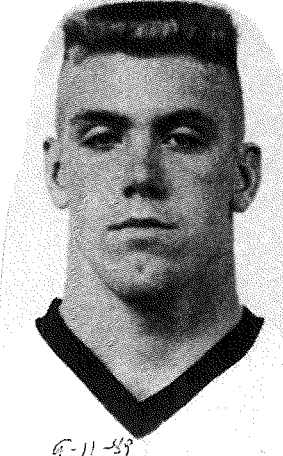
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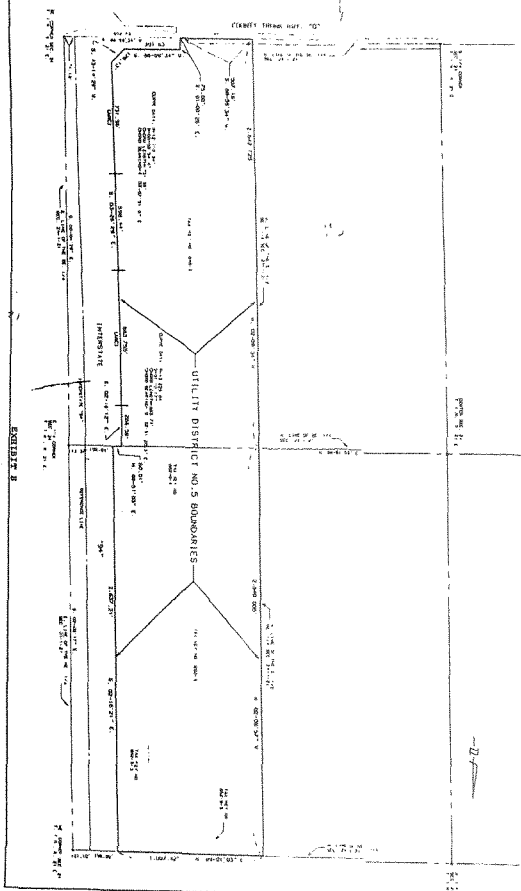
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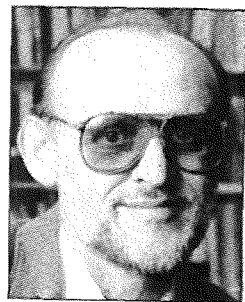
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Dear Editor:

As a member of the Bristol Town Board, but speaking only for myself, I would like to commend everyone who took part in Thursday night's (Aug. 31) forum — the planners, the participants and the audience — for a job well done. 9-11-89

The Bristol Community Action Committee presented the forum exactly as they had publicized it. It was to be an educational forum in which the participants, all of whom are involved in some type of zoning and planning, gave their views on operating under zoning laws. It was not to deal with other issues, and personalities were not to be involved. They were not.

Each of the participants made positive contributions to the forum. To cite a few of the major points: Mr. Terwall of Pleasant Prairie, stated that in the six counties comprising the Southeastern Regional Planning Commission there are 64 towns and only three, all in Kenosha County, have no zoning of any kind.

Mr. Graff from Randall, which was the first town to be under county zoning, said it was a godsend to their town. They were being invaded by all kinds of people wanting to do all kinds of things, and until they adopted county zoning, they were not prepared to stop it.

Asked what recourse citizens have if there is a proposed objectionable development trying to get into a town that has no zoning, the panel agreed that without zoning there are no rules, and that a town board, much less the citizens, might have trouble stopping anything. Zoning gives guidelines.

Mr. Houtz from Salem, where they are currently working with planners, stated that with a master plan, planning can be done in an educated, logical, nonemotional way.

Asked if zoning is reinstated, how would the new zoning be established, the panel agreed that the land would be zoned as it is currently being used and that nonconforming situations would be grandfathered in.

David Holtze, town chairman from Somers, believes that one of the greatest "pros" is that the County Land Use Commission with its four planners provides services that cannot be duplicated as reasonably on the local level. Hiring someone who knows what he is doing can be very expensive. Our taxes have already been used to supply these services and paying for them twice is not cheaper than once.

Mr. Holtze continued that one negative might be that communication is sometimes difficult. Sheila Siegler, town clerk from Wheatland, said it is important to make them aware of your feelings. If you don't, it is your fault and your town board's fault. She also stated that there must be a give and take. Wheatland has been able to compromise on most issues.

Another negative is that the County Board has not provided the monies and the manpower to expedite rapid enforcement which is essential. Consistency, negotiation and cooperation were the three words that came up frequently.

The audience, though diverse in its opinions, many obviously for zoning, several just as obviously against county zoning, and some there purely to learn about the issue, was very quiet, thoughtful and cooperative. This speaks well for all concerned. Anyone who came anticipating some sort of loud, boisterous fray must have gone home disappointed. The credit for this must be given to the BCAC.

I believe that if this group continues to function on such a high plane, it will prove a definite asset to the community. Government can best function when its people are informed and involved. I, for one, will look forward to its next educational forum.

Audrey Van Slochteren
Supervisor
Bristol Town Board

Bristol at its very best

To the Editor:

July 31st: a petition with more than a thousand signatures presented as a protest to Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering and town board concerning a proposed but unlikely business venture!

Asust August 7 (one week later): A disastrous fire completely destroyed the large, modern dairy barn loaded with hay belonging to the Elfering family on their farm on Highway CJ in Bristol.

Many of the neighbors responding to help and offer aid were also signees of the that same petition.

To see the response of the emergency vehicles from the county, villages, townships and even from Illinois was most impressive. Many of these vehicles were staffed and operated with volunteer help.

As a "city boy" my admiration for farmers was taught to me by parents (though not farmers), the day-to-day problems they faced then and now, like weather, insects, regulations, etc.

Witnessing my first (unfortunately) farm fire up close this week, I now know what the "Brotherhood of Farmers" means. If any farmer is hurting — they all hurt! A problem or a disaster for one is a problem for all and affects them all. The total efforts by all to assist a family in need totally exemplifies this relationship.

After a few hours of watching and feeling completely inadequate in contributing anything useful (other than prayers for the Elferings and all of the volunteer help), I left with a sad and heavy heart.

I know the Elferings, in their own way, will thank all of their neighbors and friends who contributed so much, but as an elected town board official (and I'm sure my fellow board members agree) I did want to say publicly what an honor it is to represent people of such high caliber who responded and gave so much in the way of labor and love to a Bristol family in their hour of tragedy!

Bernard J. Gunty
Supervisor
Bristol Town Board

Dear Editor,

Approximately 200 citizens of the Bristol area attended a zoning information meeting at the Bristol Town Hall, Sept. 1. 9-4-89

The people were informed at the meeting that it was called only to explain the benefits of land zoning and that this was not the place to debate the issue. Questions could only be written in advance. All the panel members were proponents of zoning. Bristol Town chairman, Noel Elfering, was not chosen for the panel. (It is assumed he is opposed to added land regulations.)

When I was seated, a nearby citizen said, "There will only be written questions; we don't want any ram-bunctious behavior here." Rambunctious behavior is sometimes called "difference of opinion." It was indeed a "quiet" meeting as no one from the audience could challenge any statement from the pro-zoning panel. They continued to praise each other for their zoning wisdom.

I asked a written question, "When there is a conflict between the public good and individual property rights, how is the conflict resolved in priority of the two?" Somers Town chairman Holtz, said, "There is no answer." No one else commented.

This "happening" was to give Bristol residents a "perspective on zoning." It was not determined when the next "happening" will be to present some concerns about zoning (regulation of private property).

Public hearings are becoming more silent as new rules, such as totally written, sorted questions, time limits and one-sided debates appear to be the new government trend. How disgusting that is in a time and place where freedom means the noisy challenge of folly.

Give me a noisy, free debate any-time over the quiet meetings of bias and the utter fear of the truth that discourse might allow.

Was it boring? Was it quiet? Was it manipulated?

Concerned Citizen

To the Editor:

The following is a list of special unwritten rules which are used at Bristol meetings. 9-11-89

•Thou shall not worry about violating the open meeting law or having an open mind.

•Thou shall only represent the town people who agree with my opinion.

•Thou shall misinform and mislead the citizens so the will of three board members can be carried out.

•If your opinion is in agreement with Mr. N. Fork Tongue, Mr. B. Personality and Mr. R. Alert, we'll let you speak at town meetings out of turn without calling out of order.

•We will spend the taxpayers' monies any way the engineer, attorney and others tell us.

•Thou shall use the office of town government to further personal gains at any time.

•Thou shall let outside influences make decisions for our town and develop it as they see fit.

•Thou shall degrade all other groups, committees, governmental agencies, and officials to make ourselves appear intelligent, hardworking and perfect.

•Thou shall fight to their last breath of hot air the invading armies of Kenosha, Pleasant Prairie and Paddock Lake.

•Thou shall say the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America before town meetings.

The aforementioned rules are fictional. Any rule or circumstance relating to a town meeting is purely coincidental, due to the fact that the rules are made up by the terrific trio on a need to use basis.

Bristol Resident



A Bristol garage shows acute symptoms of "Cub Fever!" "Cub Fever" is rising as the pennant race heats up.

To the Editor:

The Town of Bristol is being sold out. 9-11-89

The town chairman signed a contract with Brainerd International Corp. to sell his farm. Mr. Elfering has been quoted as saying if he could sell he would. I guess he'll need to change his campaign literature regarding living in the same house and other statements.

The race track issue has been submitted on a petition with over 1,100 Bristol residents' signatures saying they are against the automobile race track. The town board has not reacted to this petition, using poor excuses.

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Will Supervisor Horton now take a stand on the race track issue, since the race track people have filed with the Security and Exchange Commission and have a signed contract with Mr. Elfering?

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Counterfeit

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Although the license DeBoer seeks is issued by the state, it requires that town and county officials certify the operation does not violate zoning regulations. However, since Bristol has no zoning, it has no regulatory control over land use.

DeBoer wants the permit for his operation at 6220 120th Ave. He is in the business of towing and repairing cars involved in accidents, abandonment and illegal activity.

He told the Town Board he needs the salvager's permit to be allowed to send cars to a metal recycling plant. The only other

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option, he said, is to store vehicles and sell them to a salvage yard for a fraction of the amount salvagers pay.

"I've had quite a few calls from people since DeBoer's request hit the papers," said Town Chairman Noel Elfering.

"I've talked to other people in town who would also like a salvager's license," said Supervisor Audrey Van Slochteren. "We would have to grant about four more."

"Our sole reason for this permit is to be able to dispose of unclaimed vehicles in a financially viable manner," said DeBoer.

In other business, the board passed an ordinance setting new fees for building inspections.

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Sunday said he wants to have "an old fashioned town meeting." He said he has not established a format for the session, but predicted it would be mostly a discussion on zoning.

Special town meeting called on Bristol zoning

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer 9-19-89

Bristol electors will be asked to decide at a special town meeting next month whether they want their town to adopt the Kenosha County Zoning ordinance.

In response to a petition from the Bristol Community Action Committee, the session has been set for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 3, at the Bristol Town Hall, 8301 198th Ave.

The call for a special meeting came in the wake of the news that a Minnesota race track developer has offered to buy 230 acres of land from Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering and a neighbor.

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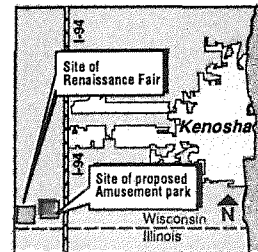
BRISTOL — A Chicago developer's announcement of a planned \$5 million amusement park came as a surprise Monday night to most members of the Bristol Planning Board.

Although not on the agenda, Chicago developer Howard Robinson was allowed to address the planners. He said a trend in the area to oppose further commercial development prompted him to appear before the board now, even though detailed plans for his amusement park will not be ready until the planners' next meeting.

Robinson told the planners he wants to construct an amusement park on an 80-acre site his Atlantis Corp. owns on the west side of I-94, just north of the Renaissance Faire. The property at one time was part of King Richard's Faire, predecessor to the Renaissance Faire.

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Besides that, I understand there is no way of stopping it. These people should go with the flow and stop trying to cause problems. Racing is much more profitable to a community than farming anyway. The date is 1990, not 1890, so I hope this town joins the 20th century soon.

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By Joe Van Zandt 9-49-89
Staff Writer

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That brought a skeptical response from planners Gene Adamski and Tony Eibl.

"We've heard that before," Adamski said. "We've heard this story so many times, we don't know if we should go along this time," said Eibl.

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Elfering said the board has been misled on occasion by developers who say they intend just so many homes on a parcel, but who, after getting approval, come back later to seek further subdivision of the property.

A motion to deny Nelson's request was made by Eibl and seconded by Elfering. It was defeated 5-2, with planners Ray Bushing, Bryant Benson, Robert Helfferich, Richard Bizek and Adamski voting against.

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"We are in an area of Kenosha County that is on the verge of suburban and quasi-country home development," Helfferich said. "We can do it right or wrong. (Nelson) wants to do it right. We should encourage this kind of development."

Bizek said later, "Tonight has discouraged me as a young person in Bristol. Young persons want to build houses and we put a knife in their back, but a de-

Brainerd raceway interest revs up some opposition

By Laura J. Merisalo
Journal Times

The welcome mat has yet to be dusted off in Bristol to greet a Minnesota firm interested in building a raceway in that Kenosha County town.

Brainerd International Inc., based in Minneapolis, has options to buy two large tracts of farmland bordered by Horton Road to the south and Highway Q to the north.

One of the landowners is Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering.

Elfering said Friday in a Journal Times article that a track proposal may receive a better reception in Bristol than it did in Mount Pleasant.

A \$7.5 million motor sports complex proposal was crushed by Mount Pleasant town officials in late May after a huge outcry from town residents.

But Brainerd may be in store for a similar reception in Bristol if a 1,175-name petition against any raceway proposals is any indication.

That petition was presented to the town board July 24 even though there were no track proposals on the table.

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7-17-89

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Friday's article prompted members of Bristol Community Action Committee to try to block any attempts to bring a speedway into the town, and they circulated another petition over the weekend, said BCAC spokesman Larry Kilduff.

A petition signed by 293 townspeople was filed with the town clerk Monday morning, calling for a special town meeting to consider adopting county zoning laws Oct. 3, Kilduff said.

Bristol has no zoning laws, so if Brainerd gets the amount of land they want for the raceway, the firm can do just about anything it wants, Kilduff said.

"We feel that we're very vulnerable," Kilduff said.

Brainerd has not made any formal proposal to the town, but Kilduff said many people were "alarmed at the potential for

a speedway to come into our town after it had been soundly kicked out of Mount Pleasant."

Another concern is that the town chairman may be misleading the public by saying a track proposal is gaining support in the town, Kilduff said.

Two weeks before the July petition was presented, Elfering agreed to Brainerd's offer to purchase 150 acres of a 220-acre plot he owns on Horton Road and Anthony Kordecki agreed to sell 80 acres of his land on Highway Q, according to records.

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Discussion on Bristol continues

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To all you "pickie" and critical people. Wouldn't it be nice to pick up the paper some night and just read "happy" news? It would make everyone feel good about themselves — why not try it once?

Not a Critical Person

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TELL ME WHY!

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It was voted down in the early '80s and because it was, Kenosha County Board approved a new law, which stated once in an area you cannot vote out zoning. IT'S PERMANENT. And these same board members want new subdivisions — like the Nelson Subdivision on 45 and C, and another one submitted for approval at the planning board meeting Sept. 19.

Are they thinking dollars and forgetting it's the people who will pay the price? The retired on fixed incomes, the workers who are having a hard time making ends meet and the unemployed, — why should they care? Money isn't their problem. Why should the rich get richer? And we pay with higher school taxes, higher property taxes and get sky-high assessments for water and sewer from across the I?

Why did a stranger move to Bristol, pay inflated value for property, admit to being a real estate developer across the I and after only 3 months of residency submit a letter to fill a vacancy on Bristol's Planning Board? We know where he stands. For residential development against business.

Why did he become the head of a local action group? For the benefit of Bristol? Who's benefit? Why do these people say "For the benefit of Bristol." So the rich can get richer? The chosen few?

Do you know that on page 12 of the lawbook of Kenosha County Zoning a minor regulation tells you that if you want to change the color of your house, you have to get permission to do so, and there is a fee charged for that? Any fee received goes to Kenosha County, not Bristol.

Why didn't they tell you any of the so-called minor regulations at the so-called information forum? Do you want that kind of dictatorship? And why did they wait until the end of the forum to say the Pledge of Allegiance? I wonder why?

Wake up Bristol! It could happen to us! We are talking power, politics and Pleasant Prairie in the name of Kenosha County zoning.

Do you want to pay for the few who benefit?

Jane Trebing, For the Benefit of Bristol

Meeting was an insult

To the Editor: *9-26-89*

Mr. Kilduff and the Bristol Community Action Committee have insulted the intelligence of the readers and attendees of their zoning forum. Mr. Kilduff claimed that his meeting was to be an objective forum on zoning. Actually, except for his introduction to where he spent most of his time doing his anti-race track pitch (at the expense of the omission of the traditional Pledge of Allegiance) the forum dealt with the subject of pro-county zoning except for a few veiled references to the race track issue. Mr. Kilduff demonstrated his arrogance as he thanked the people attending with a statement to the effect that "of course he already knew all about the subjects discussed in the forum, but he hoped that the audience "learned something."

Even though the meeting essentially stuck to the subject of county zoning it hardly could be characterized as objective. It clearly was a pro-county zoning panel. Not a single member of those town boards who have taken a position against county zoning was invited to participate. Mr. Kilduff with his "slick" letters by the BCAC and their media control (somehow he was able to get his anti-Elfferring letter published two days in a row) claim that any of the panel members could have taken an anti-zoning position. This is like inviting only Democrats or Republicans to a meeting and saying that each could have taken the opposite party's point of view; possible, but not likely. Clearly there has not been an equal-time discussion of the anti-county zoning viewpoint.

County zoning is a powerful tool of the "Button Pushers" by use of "variances" as required in their own best interests. Let an individual try for a variance. Ask Mr. Mengo (the displaced lawn furniture manufacturer) of Pleasant Prairie how he did on his request. The issue is really not a question of zoning versus no zoning, rather, it involves a third subject, the subject of local zoning. Zoning rules are obviously required, but they have to be created, administered and enforced fairly and honestly. Realistically, this can only occur at a local level where the administrators are knowledgeable of the issues and are answerable to the people every two years.

Anthony Kordecki

Kenosha County: Collins' years

Year	Spending	Tax levy	Mill rate
1987	\$53,484,484	\$13,352,408	\$4.77
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1989	\$60,442,603	\$14,027,070	\$4.78
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Address of Property: 9017 120th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53140.

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APPOINTED TO PLAN BOARD

BRISTOL TOWN BOARD - The board voted 3-2 to appoint Ed Gillmore to the Planning Board at the Sept. 25 meeting. 10-2-89

Supervisors Audrey Van Slochteren and Donald Wienke voted against the appointment; voting for were supervisors Russell Horton and Bernard Gundy and chairman Noel Elfering.

Elfering preferred Gillmore over the other four applicants because he once served on the Town Board. Van Slochteren was against the appointment because the other candidates listed their qualifications, whereas, Gillmore simply wrote he was interested in the position. Wienke promised support to another candidate.

In other business, the board adopted a resolution for the creation of Utility District 5 to serve the proposed Flying J Truck Plaza at I-94 and County Highway Q.

The board tabled a certified survey map request from Michael Nelson to split 6 acres into three parcels on highways C and U. Elfering favored tabling the request until the

Bristol action called 'retaliation'

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer 9-26-89

BRISTOL — A town resident Monday night publicly accused Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering and a majority of the Town Board of retaliating against her family for being active supporters of zoning.

Pearl Nelson, 9055 136th Ave., accused the Bristol Town Board of playing politics when it tabled her son's request for permission to split his property. Town Board endorsements of landowner requests for a county certified survey normally are routine.

Nelson charged that the board's majority failed to take action "because the gentleman's name is Nelson."

Supervisor Audrey Van Slochteren, one of two board members on the losing side of the 3-2 decision, called the tabling "one of the most despicable things this Town Board has ever done."

Michael Nelson, 8801 136th Ave., asked permission to split a six-acre parcel near county highways C and U into three parcels.

Nelson told the Town Board the land has been surveyed by county surveyor Robert Smith and approved for mound septic systems by county sanitarian Marcus Meyer.

One of the parcels has already been sold to William and Judith Royce.

Supervisor Bernard Gunty said he is opposed to Nelson's plan because the three new lots feed into one common access onto Highway C.

"If the gentleman's name was not Nelson, would it make a difference?" asked Pearl Nelson.

Pearl Nelson is a driving force in the Bristol Community Action Committee, the group that petitioned for an Oct. 3 special town meeting on zoning.

Property owner Judith Royce

said, "We followed every rule in the book, and no one has told me what is wrong with our plan."

Calling Nelson a "pusher for zoning," Gunty made a motion to "table Nelson's request until we see whether or not county zoning is adopted in Bristol."

Voting with Gunty were Elfering and Supervisor Russell Horton. Van Slochteren and Supervisor Donald Wienke opposed the motion.

The five-member board also split 3-2 on the confirmation of Edward Gillmore as a new member of the Bristol Planning Board. Again it was Elfering, Horton and Gunty in favor of Gillmore. Wienke and Van Slochteren voted against.

Elfering said he favored Gillmore "because he was once on the Town Board and he is very knowledgeable."

Van Slochteren opposed the appointment because Gillmore was the only one of five applicants who submitted no resume and no list of qualifications.

"It's not your job to appoint," said Elfering. "That's my job."

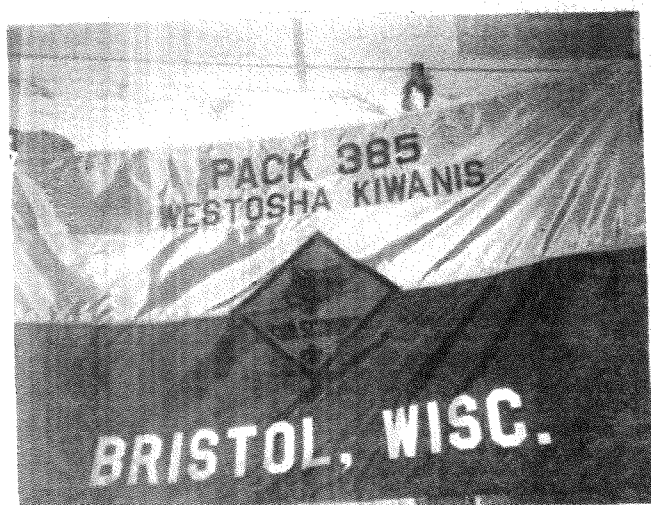
Horton said, "I'll go along with Gillmore because he's a real smart boy."

Gunty said he would rely on Horton and Elfering's judgement.

Wienke said he could not vote for Gillmore because he was committed to backing another candidate, Peter Hansen.

In other business, the board passed a preliminary resolution creating a utility district in the area of I-94 and County Q.

Elfering said the reason the district is being created is to enable the town to recoup the approximately \$20,000 that has been spent on engineering costs on the property owned by Flying J, Brigham City, Utah. The firm owns land at the northwest corner of the intersection and has proposed construction of a mammoth truck stop.



Kiwanis sponsors Cubs 9-29-89

The Westosha Kiwanis Club sponsors Bristol Cub Scout Pack 385. Pack flag shows that sponsorship. Scout leaders were presented with \$300 donation from club. In attendance at presentation were Scouts Aaron Anderson, Jon Tudjan, Kevin Horvat and Jeff Gonsiorek.

Arbitration meeting set on Bristol pact

BRISTOL — An arbitration meeting between Teamsters Local 43 and the Bristol Town Board has been set for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Bristol Town Hall.

Local 43, which represents Bristol sewage treatment, water and highway workers, asked the Wisconsin Employment Relations Board to initiate arbitration when the two sides failed to reach agreement after eight months of talks.

Edmond Bielarczyk, a WERB arbitrator approved by both sides, will conduct the meeting.

Local 43 business representative Thomas Berger said the union filed for arbitration after the town delivered its final offer on August 29.

"The town offered a three-

year contract with no wage increase in the first year," said Berger, "and 40 cents an hour in the second and third years."

Berger said, "The offer would have still left our members woefully behind employees doing identical work in other towns."

From the outset, said Berger, the Bristol employees have asked for wages that are comparable to those paid in other small communities.

"Our proposal has been based on a settlement between Local 43 and the town of Salem last year," he said.

Berger said Bielarczyk may make an attempt to mediate a settlement at the Oct. 19 meeting, but he said he expects subsequent meetings before one offer or the other is selected.

Town can pay for legal costs

The Bristol Town Board can legally pay Town Chairman Noel Elfering's legal expenses and court costs incurred in defending himself against an Open Meetings Law violation, but cannot pick up the \$25 court-ordered forfeiture imposed on him.

The opinion from the state attorney general's office says the town can pay the expense even though Elfering was found guilty.

Bristol Town Clerk Gloria Bailey had asked the district attorney's office for a clarification of the matter and Assistant District Attorney Richard Ginkowski, in turn, sought an opinion from the attorney general's office.

Elfering was found guilty of arranging a Nov. 30, 1988, Town Board meeting regarding a personnel matter without giving proper public notice.

Ginkowski brought the civil suit against Elfering based on a complaint by two Kenosha News reporters.

Cyclist faces felony charges

A Bristol man was charged Friday by Racine County Sheriff's Deputies with causing injury by drunken driving when the motorcycle he was driving struck two men who were trying to aid a fatally injured couple following an accident on June 10.

David A. Swanson, 36, 16815 75th St., was charged with being intoxicated when he allegedly drove his cycle into Timothy Owen, 30, and Willard J. Stich, 58, Yorkville, who were attempt-

ing to help Arnold W. Tucknott, 41, Melrose Park, Ill., and Patricia L. Wierzchon, 35, Chicago, who were fatally injured when the motorcycle they were riding on was struck from behind by a pickup truck on Highway KR, just west of Highway 45.

The driver of the truck, Paul M. Weis, 23, Paris, was also charged with drunken driving, but Racine County Assistant District Attorney Zoe Stowers decided against filing a homicide

by drunken driving charge because the victims were also found to be legally intoxicated.

According to the police report Swanson, who was released on a signature bond and is scheduled to appear for a preliminary hearing on Oct. 18, allegedly had a blood alcohol level of 0.181 when his motorcycle struck Owen and Stich.

Owen lost his leg as a result of the injuries.

• Newsbeat (Continued)

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Bristol action called 'retaliation'

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer 9-26-89

BRISTOL — A town resident Monday night publicly accused Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering and a majority of the Town Board of retaliating against her family for being active supporters of zoning.

Pearl Nelson, 9055 136th Ave., accused the Bristol Town Board of playing politics when it tabled her son's request for permission to split his property. Town Board endorsements of landowner requests for a county certified survey normally are routine.

Nelson charged that the board's majority failed to take action "because the gentleman's name is Nelson."

Supervisor Audrey Van Slochteren, one of two board members on the losing side of the 3-2 decision, called the tabling "one of the most despicable things this Town Board has ever done."

Michael Nelson, 8801 136th Ave., asked permission to split a six-acre parcel near county highways C and U into three parcels.

Nelson told the Town Board the land has been surveyed by county surveyor Robert Smith and approved for mound septic systems by county sanitarian Marcus Meyer.

One of the parcels has already been sold to William and Judith Royce.

Supervisor Bernard Gunty said he is opposed to Nelson's plan because the three new lots feed into one common access onto Highway C.

"If the gentleman's name was not Nelson, would it make a difference?" asked Pearl Nelson.

Pearl Nelson is a driving force in the Bristol Community Action Committee, the group that petitioned for an Oct. 3 special town meeting on zoning.

Property owner Judith Royce

said, "We followed every rule in the book, and no one has told me what is wrong with our plan."

Calling Nelson a "pusher for zoning," Gunty made a motion to "table Nelson's request until we see whether or not county zoning is adopted in Bristol."

Voting with Gunty were Elfering and Supervisor Russell Horton. Van Slochteren and Supervisor Donald Wienke opposed the motion.

The five-member board also split 3-2 on the confirmation of Edward Gillmore as a new member of the Bristol Planning Board. Again it was Elfering, Horton and Gunty in favor of Gillmore. Wienke and Van Slochteren voted against.

Elfering said he favored Gillmore "because he was once on the Town Board and he is very knowledgeable."

Van Slochteren opposed the appointment because Gillmore was the only one of five applicants who submitted no resume and no list of qualifications.

"It's not your job to appoint," said Elfering. "That's my job."

Horton said, "I'll go along with Gillmore because he's a real smart boy."

Gunty said he would rely on Horton and Elfering's judgment.

Wienke said he could not vote for Gillmore because he was committed to backing another candidate, Peter Hansen.

In other business, the board passed a preliminary resolution creating a utility district in the area of I-94 and County Q.

Elfering said the reason the district is being created is to enable the town to recoup the approximately \$20,000 that has been spent on engineering costs on the property owned by Flying J, Brigham City, Utah. The firm owns land at the northwest corner of the intersection and has proposed construction of a mammoth truck stop.



Kiwanis sponsors Cubs 9-29-89

The Westosha Kiwanis Club sponsors Bristol Cub Scout Pack 385. Pack 385 shows that sponsorship. Scout leaders were presented with \$300 donated from club. In attendance at presentation were Scouts Aaron Anderson, Tudjan, Kevin Horvat and Jeff Gonsiorek.

Arbitration meeting set on Bristol pact

BRISTOL — An arbitration meeting between Teamsters Local 43 and the Bristol Town Board has been set for 3:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 19, at the Bristol Town Hall.

Local 43, which represents Bristol sewage treatment, water and highway workers, asked the Wisconsin Employment Relations Board to initiate arbitration when the two sides failed to reach agreement after eight months of talks.

Edmond Bielarczyk, a WERB arbitrator approved by both sides, will conduct the meeting.

Local 43 business representative Thomas Berger said the union filed for arbitration after the town delivered its final offer on August 29.

"The town offered a three-

year contract with no wage increase in the first year," said Berger, "and 40 cents an hour in the second and third years."

Berger said, "The offer would have still left our members woefully behind employees doing identical work in other towns."

From the outset, said Berger, the Bristol employees have asked for wages that are comparable to those paid in other small communities.

"Our proposal has been based on a settlement between Local 43 and the town of Salem last year," he said.

Berger said Bielarczyk may make an attempt to mediate a settlement at the Oct. 19 meeting, but he said he expects subsequent meetings before one offer or the other is selected.

Cyclist faces felony charge

A Bristol man was charged Friday by Racine County Sheriff's Deputies with causing injury by drunken driving when the motorcycle he was driving struck two men who were trying to aid a fatally injured couple following an accident on June 10.

David A. Swanson, 36, 16815 75th St., was charged with being intoxicated when he allegedly drove his cycle into Timothy Owen, 30, and Willard J. Stich, 58, Yorkville, who were attempt-

ing to help Arnold W. Tucknott, 41, Melrose Park, Ill., and Patricia L. Wierzchon, 35, Chicago, who were fatally injured when the motorcycle they were riding on was struck from behind by a pickup truck on Highway KR, just west of Highway 45.

The driver of the truck, Paul M. Weis, 23, Paris, was also charged with drunken driving, but Racine County Assistant District Attorney Zoe Stowers decided against filing a homicide

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Decision in Bristol important

To the Editor: 10-1-89

On Oct. 3 a decision will be made by Bristol residents for or against the adoption of county zoning. The Bristol Community Action Committee would have us believe Bristol is missing out on something grand and wonderful by not joining the Pied Piper's march of the other towns.

After attending the Bristol Community Action Committee's "informational whitewash" meeting, I am soundly convinced that our town board, though small and often unfairly criticized, has led us in the right direction. They have consistently stood for the minimum of government and government intervention. One merely needs to look at the overgrowth of the federal government to see the tragic results; a multiplicity of programs stacked upon each other and overlapping, largely because of citizens who delude themselves into thinking they can have something for nothing. They want the government to do for them what they are too lazy or unwilling to do for themselves, that is, hard work and responsible citizenship. The end result of bigger government always has been and always will be corruption, waste, higher taxes, and loss of freedom.

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Kenosha News photo by Paul Williams

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9-27-89

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10-2-89

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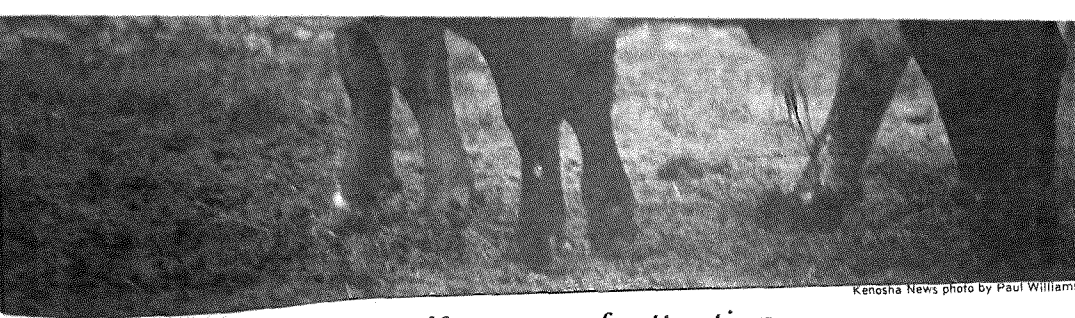
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The planned automobile race track, to be built on property sold by Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering, by Brainerd International, Inc. "is just a symptom of the unplanned growth that is taking place in Bristol," says Hohmeier.

Although the town board can decide to put the question on the adoption of the county ordinance on a referendum, Hohmeier and his colleagues are hoping to get a lot of citizens interested in going with county zoning to demand a vote be taken at the public hearing.

Although Elfering has been reported as saying any such vote would only be advisory, Hohmeier claims that a



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Wiegand recommended that sewers never, if possible, traverse wetlands or floodplains. The efficiency of the location should be examined every time a sewer is extended. Location must be considered in terms of future growth and proximity of different types of developmental areas.

Most expansion will be seen in agricultural lands, which represent 28 percent of all acreage in Salem. This land is without sewers and will most likely remain that way, Wiegand said.

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A draft copy of the Land Use Plan is available at the Salem Town Hall for review, or interested individuals may attend an open house before the scheduled Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m. on October 10, 1989 to meet with the planning consultant and Salem Planning Committee.
SALEM TOWN HALL
8814 Antioch Road, Hwy. 83
Salem, WI 53168
ANTONETTE C. SEITZ,
TOWN CLERK
Sept. 26, Oct. 3, 1989

County zoning is not the answer

By Eric Obermeyer

10-2-89

If someone were to ask what the pros and cons of the Kenosha County zoning ordinance are, the following pieces of advice would be in order: Before forming an opinion, read the ordinance and don't drop it on your foot.

Reading the ordinance is a must, because general knowledge of it is not enough to make an informed decision. The belief that the ordinance will solve all of the county's problems tends to wither as the ordinance falls under scrutiny. The reason for the second piece of advice is due to the fact that the draft copy of the ordinance is a 270-page, 8-1/2" x 11" volume, weighing only slightly less than a hardcover edition of a James A. Michener novel.

The copy being referred to is Chapter 12 of the Kenosha County General Zoning and Shoreland

Floodplain Zoning Ordinance Committee Draft of April 28, 1981, of which most sections were adopted. It was the circulation of this copy that led to the rejection of the ordinance by half of the towns in Kenosha County. The zoning ordinance is, rather simply, a glorified building code. It's pages are strewn with vast lists of what a property owner cannot do with his land, what requires permits and what must be done to comply.

For example, Section 12.09-2(a) lists the 10 home occupations which will be allowed in a residential home. While other occupations may be allowed, not only does the homeowner have to petition the zoning administration, but the intended use must show "similarity... with the home occupations listed above." In addition, the ordinance specifies that no more than 25 percent of one floor may be used for a home business, and it sets

a limit on the number of vehicles that can be used in connection with the business in Section 12.09-1(b, c, j). Section 12.09-1(d) states that no equipment beyond medical or dental may be used in the home business unless it is a regular household item. This is not good news to home businessmen whose work requires more equipment than a hair dryer or a toaster.

In the wake of the Chrysler pull-out, the county should be encouraging former motorworkers who could earn supplemental income working part-time with a machine or two in the basement, but instead, this ordinance discourages such practices. The very first Apple computers were built in a garage, but obviously not in Kenosha County. Cottage industry in America is on the rise, with approximately 10 million home business existing in 1980, and this number is expected to double by the turn of the century. The county zoning ordinance is clearly unsympathetic toward this trend.

Proponents may deny that the ordinance would actually be that inflexible, but director of planning and zoning for life George Melcher (Section 12.04-2: "The term of office shall be indefinite.") states in his preamble to the ordinance that, "the ordinance, not only in this particular section, but as a whole, is intended to be strictly enforced."

The current effort to resurrect county zoning is based on the notion that it will prevent the possible future construction of a race track in Bristol. Upon reading the ordinance, however, it becomes apparent that the citizens of Bristol, unlike those of Mount Pleasant, will not have any say on the rezoning of that parcel of land. Section 12.38-2 clearly states, "The determination of when the public interest requires a change in the zoning ordinance shall remain within the discretion of the Kenosha County board of supervisors." Since a majority of the supervisors are from the city, whose residents might like the idea of a race track within easy driving distance, it is likely that Bristol could get its race track in spite of county zoning.

Again, read the ordinance. Read Section 12.13-3, which prohibits the parking of a motorhome, camper, trailer, snowmobile, minibike, etc., in a front yard. It is everyone's responsibility to have read the ordinance anyway, because Section 12.05-7 states that ignorance does not constitute a defense. Even if many provisions of the ordinance were desirable, no government should be given the kind of power required to mandate them.

A few of the draft ordinance's most controversial provisions, such as architectural control and historic overlay, were not adopted in the final

ordinance. Under Architectural Control, an "Architectural Review Board" must approve of any citizen's plan to "alter or change the exterior" of any building covered under the ordinance (Section 12.11-7). In plain English, any improvement to a house from painting on up, requires approval. These sections may not have been adopted originally, but once all the towns are under the ordinance, nothing prevents the county board from amending it to include them.

Is it really necessary to give up this much freedom in order to gain a small measure of security? Everyone reading the ordinance should stop and apply its restrictions to themselves. According to Section 12.38-1, a person "owning property in a particular zone or use district cannot enjoy an eternally vested right to that classification if the public interest demands otherwise."

This is not the first, nor will it be the last, misguided scheme to hide behind the shield of "public interest." Today, the race track may be derailed due to public interest, but it is in everyone's interest that we should look ahead before adopting a drastic solution of this magnitude.

Top teens

Despite his titles — National Merit semifinalist, national junior high power rifle champion, salutatorian — this month's Top Teen, Eric Obermeyer, is a regular teenager. The son of Barrett and Ruth Ann Obermeyer, Bristol, he is a senior at Central High School.

Of his years at Central, Obermeyer credits track and cross-country with providing enjoyment, and fellow students with helping him become more involved and more social.

Academics do have a place in this young man's life. His 3.974 grade point average has put him second in his class, in the National Honor Society, where he has been president and vice president, and part of the Academic Decathlon team. Besides being National Merit semifinalist, he is also the Central High School mathe-

matics examination school winner, recipient of the Westosha Kiwanis Academic Excellence Award and representative to Badger Boys State. He has chosen Michigan Technological University to pursue his studies in mechanical engineering.

Obermeyer particularly admires mathematics teacher Kathy Simon for her competence. Cross-country coach Keith Olsen has also been influential in his life, and he smiles when he talks about the rigors and fun of being part of the cross-country and track teams. Olsen says, "Eric is hard working, consistent and very responsible... the type of person who adds strength to a program. I can always count on him to give 100 percent."

Obermeyer says that he likes the sport of rifle shooting because everyone has the opportunity to compete on the national level. For the last 3 years he has won a national award in high power rifle shooting. Obermeyer also notes, "The concentration I learned on the shooting range has helped my concentration in school."

10-2-89



Eric Obermeyer

Civil War era skirmish today

A Civil War era skirmish by teams and individuals using period firearms will be held today at the Kenosha County Conservation Club on County Highway AH, just west of Highway 45.

Open to the public, it runs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

A cannon fusillade at 9 a.m. will begin the day.

Members of the Bristol Fifth Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry are hosts of the skirmish, which will bring members from similar groups from throughout the state and Illinois.

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CIRCUIT COURT
KENOSHA COUNTY
FIRST BANK
SOUTHEAST, NA.
Plaintiff,
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KENOSHA SAVINGS &
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and GAGLIARDI
ELECTRIC COMPANY, INC.,
Defendants.
NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE
Case No. 88CV847
Judge Robert V. Baker
Branch 5
By virtue of and pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure entered in the above-entitled action on the 2nd day of July, 1986, I will sell at public auction in the front lobby of the Kenosha County Courthouse, 912 56th Street, in the City of Kenosha, in said County, on November 1, 1989, at 10:00 o'clock a.m., all of the following described mortgaged premises, to-wit:
Parcel 1: Part of the northeast quarter of section 10, town 3, north, range 22, east of the fourth principal meridian, and being more particularly described as follows: Commencing on the north line of said quarter section 1485.23 feet north 89 degrees 11 minutes west from the northeast corner thereof, thence south 2 degrees 15 minutes east along the center of 60th Avenue 544.50 feet; thence south 89 degrees 11 minutes east 329.28 feet; thence south 2 degrees 15 minutes east 438.67 feet to the north line of 77th Street; thence north 87 degrees 45 minutes east along the north line of said street 33 feet to the proposed east line of 57th Court and to the point of beginning of the property to be herein described; thence north 2 degrees 15 minutes west along the proposed east line of 57th Court, 169.23 feet; thence northeasterly 57.70 feet along the proposed easterly line of 57th Court, which is the arc of a circular curve concave to the northwest, said curve having a central angle of 55 degrees 06 minutes, a radius of 60 feet; and a chord which bears north 26 degrees 50 minutes east, 55.50 feet; thence north 89 degrees 17 minutes east 126.94 feet to the proposed west line of 57th Avenue; thence south 2 degrees 17 minutes east along the proposed west line of 57th Avenue 214.34 feet to the north line of 77th Street, thence south 87 degrees 45 minutes west along the north line of 77th Street, 154.00 feet to the point of beginning, containing 32,390 square feet, more or less, and lying and being in the City of Kenosha.
Terms of Sale: Cash
Down Payment: 10 percent of amount bid by certified check.
Dated at Kenosha, Wisconsin, this 15th day of September, 1989.
Allan Kehi
Sheriff of
Kenosha County, WI
Sept. 19, 1989
*Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 1989

Bristol is unprotected

To the Editor: 10-2-89
I am writing this letter to fully explain my feelings concerning a speedway/dragstrip locating in Bristol. I will not respond to the personal attacks leveled at me except to say that my wife and I are both property owners and voters in Bristol. Having established these facts, I feel fully justified, even obliged, to express my views and opinions on any matter in Bristol which will have an impact on my home, my life or my family, regardless of how long I have lived here or my occupation.

Brainard International Speedway has had many problems. It has been publicly reported by the Associated Press that in 1986 alone, the speedway received 250 complaints from customers who were fed up with drunkenness, noise and other raucous behavior. The Minnesota Human Rights Department has considered investigating conditions at the raceway because of complaints by female spectators being harassed by male spectators.

On August 20, 1988, at the Quaker State Northstar Nationals, Brainard's biggest even, a wet T-shirt contest was held. This contest deteriorated into a live sex act in which two 16-year-old girls performed for the crowd with five men. A 50-minute videotape of this event was used as evidence in the trial of two men who were convicted in May of this year of organizing and participating in this act.

I cannot imagine that Brainard International condones this type of activity, but on the weekend of their biggest event, it is of great concern to me that it took place at all.

It has been said that Brainard is no "rinky-dink" company ... perhaps not, but it is interesting to note that they had an operating income in 1987 of \$101,819, and 71 percent of their revenue is derived from ticket sales. Many very small companies in Kenosha County and the Town of Bristol undoubtedly have more operating income than that!

Now they want a speedway/dragstrip in Bristol because it can generate about four times the revenue of the Brainard Minnesota facility. What will the true costs of this track be to the Town of Bristol? I do not think Brainard can handle the one they have, never mind one four times the size.

Perhaps speedways and amusement parks are what Bristol wants. Perhaps not, but the only way to control the size, quality, location and impact of commercial development is through proper planning and zoning. We have none. The county zoning ordinance may not be perfect but it is workable. If our Town Board does not like some aspect of it, work to change it. That is why we elected them to political office, to represent our interests.

Five years of talk and no action has left Bristol no choice but to adopt the county ordinance or remain totally unprotected. The county zoning ordinance is no guarantee of stopping this speedway, but it will provide for an approval process where the public will have input and some ability to mitigate the negative aspects of this and other developments to come.

Larry Kilduff
Bristol Resident

Bristol to meet on zoning

By Ariene Jensen
Staff Writer 10-2-89

BRISTOL — Many of the more than one thousand Bristol residents who have gone on record in opposition to an auto racetrack in their town are expected to turn out for Tuesday night's special Bristol town meeting to consider adoption of a zoning ordinance.

The meeting is set for 7 p.m. at the Bristol Town Hall, 8301 198th Ave.

In July, the Bristol Community Action Committee presented the Town Board with petitions signed by 1,172 persons. The petitioners oppose the construction of a racetrack and dragstrip, which reportedly would be the nation's largest, by Brainerd International, Minneapolis, Minn.

When the Bristol Town Board received the petition but took no action, the ad hoc committee circulated another petition calling for a special town meeting to enact a zoning measure, which committee members hope will stymie Brainerd's attempt to build a racetrack.

Brainerd has offered to purchase land from Town Chairman Noel Elfering and his abutting neighbors, Anthony Kordecki and Town Supervisor Audrey Van Slochteren, for construction of the track. Van Slochteren has said her family will not sell.

At Tuesday's session, the BCAC hopes to pass, by a vote of residents attending, a motion for the town to adopt zoning.

Bristol has not had any zoning since the new County Zoning Ordinance went into effect in 1983. Bristol refused to adopt the new zoning ordinance and has had no control over land use.

Balloon contest to end

BRISTOL — Time is running out for the return of information about balloons that were released by the Bristol Fire and Auxiliary Anniversary Committee on Aug. 12.

Carol Nichols, one of the contest organizers, said prizes will be awarded for balloons that are returned to the committee from the greatest distance.

Persons at the celebration wrote their names and addresses

Residents must speak

To the Editor: 10-3-89
Once again our town chairman and his two "stooges" showed their true colors at the Bristol Town Board meeting, Sept. 25. Nearly every issue presented was defeated by a 3-2 vote. The issues are too numerous to recount all of them, but the public needs to know how the citizens of Bristol are being treated.

It has always been my understanding that elected officials should represent the people who elected them. In Bristol, it appears, the rule is "If I like you, I'll do anything for you; if you dare to question my authority, my two 'stooges' and I will deny your request."

The first issue is that of a young man who did his homework and presented a plan that met all county and state regulations for a land split, to build three homes, valued in the \$150,000 to \$200,000 range. This was to be done on a six-acre plot of land.

The only reasons given for denying this was, and I quote, "You signed a petition for a special meeting to consider County Zoning; so until that is decided upon, we can't approve this."

The second issue that really upset me was the appointment of a new person to the planning board. "Planning board" is a misleading title since there is no planning in Bristol. Having attended some of these meetings, the majority of this group is nothing more than a "rubber stamp" for Mr. Elfering's ideas, who also acts as chairman of this group. Since May 1989, there have been three or four qualified applicants. Mr. Elfering has repeatedly stated we do not need to add members. Now, suddenly, another person requested to be appointed. Makes one wonder, did he have to wait for a person who will not make waves and will be just one more on the "rubber stamp" committee?

Bristol residents, come alive! We need to show strength at the Oct. 3 special town meeting. We must prove to our town chairman that we will have a voice in the government of Bristol. County zoning will provide equal treatment for all and no personal feelings involved.

I choose to withhold my name from publication in spite of Mr. Gunty's objections. I may need the town board's approval in the future and would prefer not to be on their no-no list.

A concerned citizen

on tags, tied them to red balloons and released them. The tag instructs the finder of the balloon to send the tag back to the sender. Deadline for returning the tags is Oct. 12.

Nichols said the tag returned from the greatest distance wins a radio for the person who launched the balloon.

More information is available by calling Nichols at 857-2447.

MediGen with county zoning

To the Editor: 10-3-89
On Monday morning, Oct. 2, while listening to WLIP, an announcement was made to come to the Bristol town meeting on county zoning Oct. 3.

This announcement proceeded with a scare tactic of how Kenosha has a MediGen and, I took it, Bristol better vote for county zoning or Bristol could get a MediGen also.

I sat for a few minutes laughing at this announcement. The ignorance of whoever had this announcement made is incredible. Kenosha sure does have a MediGen. They also have county zoning east of I-94 or city planning and zoning, ordinances and whatever else they can come up with when they want to. I resent this Bristol group trying to shove their ideals and what would benefit them down my throat. That hypocritical announcement was not fooled by all. I would rather call it a joke.

Bristol voter against county zoning
Gary Gibson

Meeting on zoning

A special meeting will be held at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 3, at Bristol Town Hall, to debate adopting a Kenosha County zoning ordinance for the town.

I am curious to know why Dan Homier of Bristol is allowed to spend hours going through the minutes of Bristol's meetings, and the rest of us require Gloria Daly to watch us.

Bristol Citizens For Local Zoning: you are very much misinformed. Our honorable chairman is right where he wants to be; zoning has nothing to do with it. The Pleasant Prairie chairman, city council, O.F. Nelson formed a corridor to the "I"; now the city is on your doorstep, so they were chipping away like they are in Somers. Elfering is, or was, trying to keep Bristol Bristol.

Any man making a statement in the Kenosha News as stupid as Cletus Willems has about needing people in council that don't listen to the public should be run out of town. Remember, government for the people, by the people. Government are the people of Kenosha.

Mr. Cletus Willems: in a recent Kenosha News article you cited city council's eventual opposition to MediGen. To paraphrase: "we have to elect people who know that leadership sometimes means saying no to the public". The taxpayer is the public, and his concerns better be dealt with. People power is here to stay.

TOWN OF BRISTOL

Let The People Of Bristol

Control The Development of Bristol's Future

Town officials have been negative towards county zoning and land use for several years. They have put the town of Bristol into a very weak and vulnerable position. Ignoring this issue gives more control to outside land developers than to the people of Bristol. The vote of Bristol citizens needs to send a message to developers.

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The purpose of this article is to clear up some of the misleading and untrue statements regarding county zoning and land use planning. A zoning ordinance and land use plan can make living in Bristol better for years to come. Please vote for the regulations and planning which the Town of Bristol needs.

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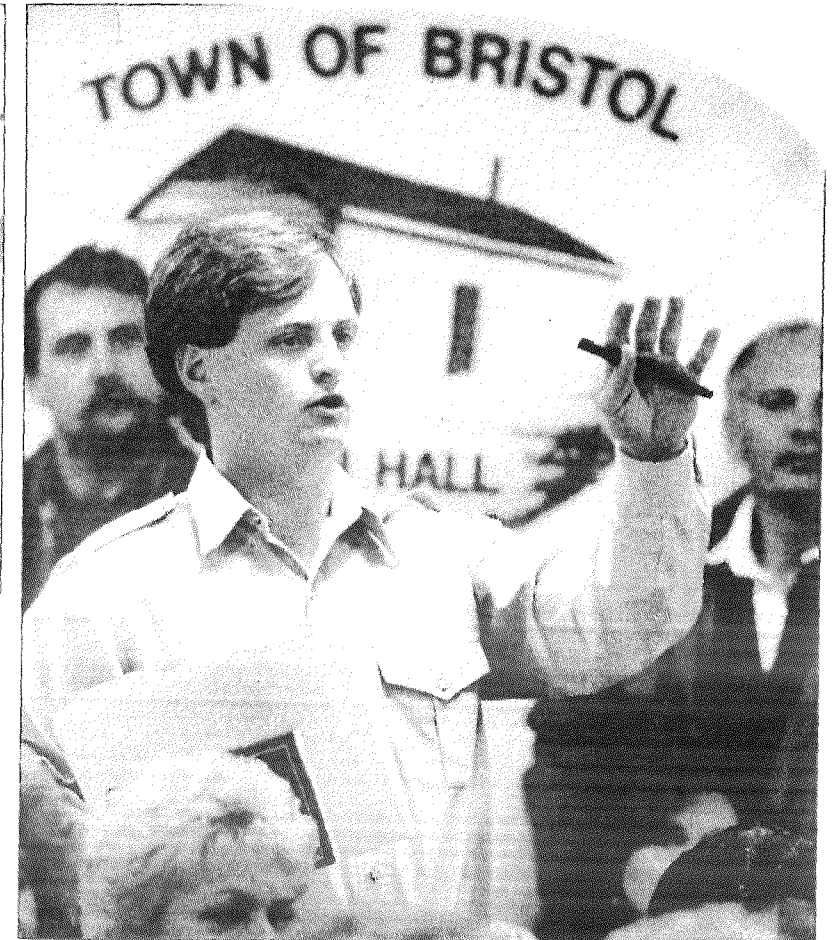
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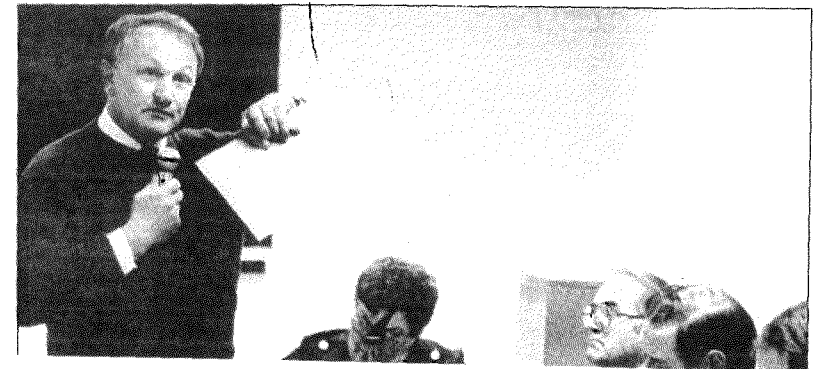
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Referring to a suggestion by Elfering at Tuesday night's Bristol town meeting to hold a referendum on zoning next April, Melcher said, "This has been delayed six years already. Let's get on with it so proper land management principles are in place."



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Questions fielded at meeting

Michael Mahoney asked members of the Bristol Town Board if a zoning ordinance could be used to control morality. Listening intently are,

from left, Town Clerk Gloria Bailey, Supervisor Donald Wienke, Town Chairman Noel Elfering and Attorney Milton Konicek.

Editorial Comment: by V. Meves

Chicago Developer (now Bristol resident) leads "mob"; zoning is tool/weapon for developers

The people had only one thing on their minds. They did not want a race track because they had been told that many bad things would happen in their township if they did have a race track. I asked them if they had gone to Elkhart Lake, for example, to see just what did the race track do to that community. They had not gone, they had not seen the zoning ordinance, they had become a mob--those nice warm, friendly wonderful people in the Town of Bristol had just been used in the worst way. They had become an agitated mob without asking the pertinent questions and without getting correct answers. Reason had left the audience, except for about 50-75 people. There were other citizens from neighboring Towns and they were totally dismayed. The developer, Larry Kilduff, was very calm because he could see that his tactics had worked. Zoning breeds corruption, greed, bribery and many other unpleasant attitudes and activities. Mrs. Kilduff was going around to speak to many members of those attending the meeting, telling them how nice zoning is--that it is only a few rules and regulations. She stated she worked with those rules and regula-

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tions and there was nothing to fear. One high school boy had prepared a nice hand-out sheet on zoning which was very good. She stated that she did not agree with that at all, but it was very accurate and based on the 284-page ordinance.

No, the Town Board would be adding injustice to injustice, if they voted to adopt the Kenosha County-wide zoning ordinance. Number one, they would be violating their oaths of office if they did that--because of what the vote would do to the people. It is not the people's will because they are not informed and do not know that they have been so deceived, and must become informed. This is the first action that needs to be taken.

Bristol, WI-- Mob Created--220 voted FOR & 59 AGAINST Comprehensive County Zoning Ordinance "They never saw or read the ordinance"

by V. Meves

Just a few weeks ago an unbelievable meeting was held in the Bristol Town Hall. It was a pro-zoning meeting--one sided--a total brain-washing meeting to sell the citizens of Bristol on the idea that life is endangered without zoning. Then they scheduled this special meeting for Tuesday, October 3rd, and asked Town Chairman Elfering to chair the meeting and stated that at this meeting people could learn about both sides of zoning.

When I arrived, it was about 7:20 P.M. The meeting had started at 7:00 P.M. The Town Hall was packed with no standing room and 50-75 people were outside in the parking lot, hoping at some point to get into the meeting. There were loudspeakers in the parking lot so people could hear sometimes. Most of the time one could not hear what was being discussed.

Finally, it was announced that an advisory vote, secret ballot, would be taken as to whether the Town of Bristol wanted to adopt the Kenosha County-wide zoning ordinance. This vote was sad BECAUSE THE CITIZENS OF BRISTOL HAVE NOT HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEE THE KENOSHA ZONING ORDINANCE. THE CITIZENS OF BRISTOL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN BEING FREE TO MANAGE YOUR OWN AFFAIRS UNDER THE CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, AND WHAT IT FEELS LIKE TO BE UNDER A COMPREHENSIVE, ALL-ENCOMPASSING ZONING ORDINANCE WHERE THEY CANNOT MAKE ONE DECISION FOR THEMSELVES. THEIR LAND WILL BE MANAGED BY A LAND COMMITTEE UNDER DIRECTION OF THE PLANNER. THE PLANNER IN KENOSHA COUNTY IS GEORGE MELCHIOR, FORMERLY WITH SOUTHEASTERN WISCONSIN REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. IF THE CITIZENS WANT TO BUILD OR IMPROVE ANYTHING ON THEIR PROPERTY, THEY MUST HAVE PERMISSION. THEY MUST OBEY ALL THE RULES AND REGULATIONS ESTABLISHED BY THE PLANNING AND ZONING OFFICE. Developers love zoning because then they just need to go to the zoning office and request their needs and most often their requests are granted. This is what Larry Kilduff wants. The Town of Bristol is doing so well without zoning--he sees profits that could be harvested by himself and his company. So the attack has begun on this good Town Board that has protected the citizens and their properties and their freedoms--especially are they attacking the Town Chairman because he is trying to sell some of his farm for a race track.

Zoning favored in Bristol

Chairman may not act on the vote

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — Despite a stunning 4-1 margin of victory for Bristol's pro-zoning forces, Town Chairman Noel Elfering said Tuesday he plans to ignore the results of the balloting at the special town meeting.

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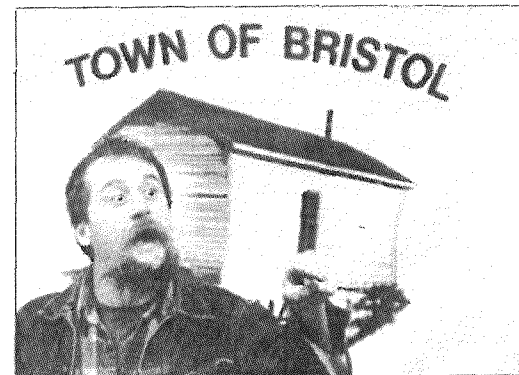
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Several residents suggested moving the meeting to the Bristol Elementary School, two blocks away.

Elfering said he had asked for the use of the school and been told it was being used by Boy Scouts.

Edward Becker, a member of the Bristol School Board, challenged Elfering's statement.

"The school was available," said Becker. "All he had to do was ask."

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Elfering to ignore 4-1 vote

by GLORIA DAVIS
Lakeland Newspapers /C-6-84
It was standing room only, outside and inside the Bristol Twp. Hall on Tuesday when over 300 people attended a special meeting concerning Bristol's proposed adoption of Kenosha County Zoning.
Despite the 4-1 vote cast by residents in attendance, Bristol Twp. Chairman Noel Elfering called the vote "meaningless," adding, "I think they should wait, this is mob rule."
Elfering said that the vote was worthless because less than a quarter of Bristol's registered voters were at the meeting. He added that it is a good possibility that the question will be put on an April referendum.
The Bristol citizens voting for county zoning claimed they were voting for more organized growth. Most were against the proposed automobile race track.
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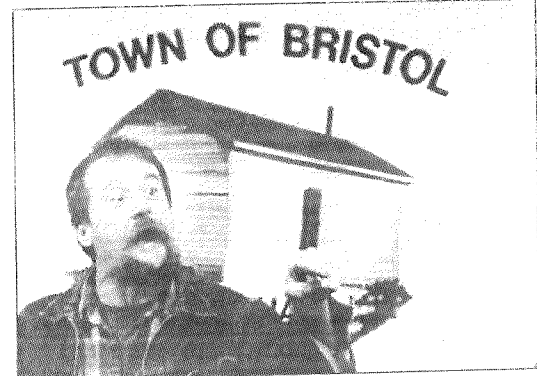
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By Mary Sullivan
10-9-89

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At press time, 322 letters had been received by Moran and 221 by Wade. "That's good, but it should be a lot more than that," said Frank.

Letters should be addressed to Mayor Patrick Moran, City of Kenosha, 625-52nd St., Kenosha, WI 53140; or Ald. Dennis Wade, Public Safety and Welfare Committee, City of Kenosha, 625-52nd St., Kenosha, WI 53140.

Top 10 restaurant franchises

Sales

In billions of dollars

McDonald's	\$16.1
Burger King	5.4
Kentucky Fried Chicken	

Units

In thousands

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Kentucky Fried Chicken	7.8
Pizza Hut	

Fasting for animal welfare

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According to Frank, the high cost of spaying and neutering, as well as lax enforcement of license and rabies laws, contributed to over \$80,000 in city expenditures for animal control in 1988. With \$5,000 collected from license fees, a deficit of over \$75,000 remains.

Kenosha County has the lowest licensing rate in the state. Only 10 percent of the approximately 15,000 dogs are licensed.

In a survey of area animal hospitals, Frank found spaying and neutering costs to average from \$55-\$75 (a high estimate quote was \$152), while northern Illinois humane societies paid \$10-\$25 for the procedure.

Frank proposes the following measures to curb the costly and unsafe animal control problem: License fees based on a 1-3 fee differential for neutered vs. unneutered (i.e. \$5 neutered, \$15 unneutered), to encourage owners to neuter their pets and facilitate population control; re-

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If implemented, Frank hopes the plan will result in more revenue for the county, less excess animals, increased public safety and reduced animal control costs.

Despite early publicity, Frank is "disappointed" by the initial response. Still he remains undeterred and undernourished. Send letters to: Mayor Patrick Moran, City of Kenosha, 625 - 52nd St., Kenosha, WI 53140 or Alderman Dennis Wade, Public Safety and Welfare Committee, City of Kenosha, 625 - 52nd St., Kenosha, WI 53140.

Bristol Development loses case

10-6-89
A default judgment against Bristol Development Corp., promoter of a yet-to-be-built shopping mall near Highway 50 and I-94, was granted Thursday in Circuit Court.

Judge Michael Fisher granted the \$20,000 judgment to Reesman Excavating and Grading Inc., Burlington, when William Ruetz, attorney for Bristol Development Corp. and a partner in the project, failed to appear in court for a scheduled status conference on the suit.

Reesman filed suit against Bristol Development in February, contending that only about two-thirds of its nearly \$60,000 bill had been paid. Reesman constructed storm sewers and a culvert on 71st Street at the mall project site.

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At press time, 322 letters had been received by Moran and 221 by Wade. "That's good, but it should be a lot more than that," said Frank.

Letters should be addressed to Mayor Patrick Moran, City of Kenosha, 625-52nd St., Kenosha, WI 53140; or Ald. Dennis Wade, Public Safety and Welfare Committee, City of Kenosha, 625-52nd St., Kenosha, WI 53140.

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In a survey of area animal hospitals, Frank found spaying and neutering costs to average from \$55-\$75 (a high estimate quote was \$152), while northern Illinois humane societies paid \$10-\$25 for the procedure.

Frank proposes the following measures to curb the costly and unsafe animal control problem: License fees based on a 1-3 fee differential for neutered vs. unneutered (i.e. \$5 neutered, \$15 unneutered), to encourage owners to neuter their pets and facilitate population control; re-

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Bristol Development loses case

A default judgment against Bristol Development Corp., promoter of a yet-to-be-built shopping mall near Highway 50 and I-94, was granted Thursday in Circuit Court.

Judge Michael Fisher granted the \$20,000 judgment to Reesman Excavating and Grading Inc., Burlington, when William Ruetz, attorney for Bristol Development Corp. and a partner in the project, failed to appear in court for a scheduled status conference on the suit.

Reesman filed suit against Bristol Development in February, contending that only about two-thirds of its nearly \$60,000 bill had been paid. Reesman constructed storm sewers and a culvert on 71st Street at the mall project site.

Ground was broken more than two and a half years ago for a proposed 1.3 million square foot Bristol Mills shopping mall.

The first phase of the development was to have opened in the fall of 1988, a second phase in late 1989.

Another groundbreaking ceremony was held in June of this year.

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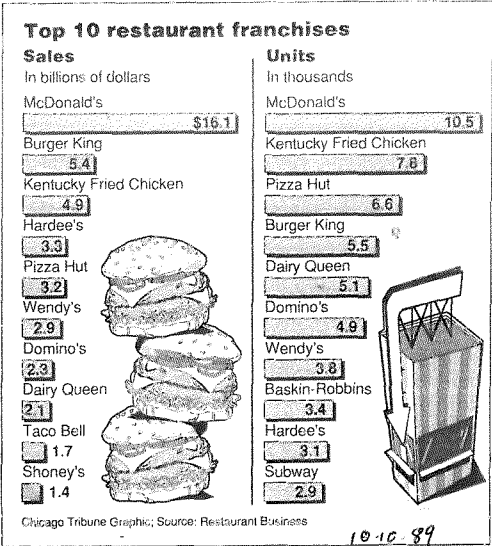
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NOTICE 10-5-89
We are taking bids for a Channel Fill-in Project in the George Lake area of Bristol. The job requires putting stone rip-rap fill down the center of the shallow channel and approximately 1300 yards of fill along the sides of the stone to create a seawall going toward the lake. The project also requires a wooden toe wall to be built at the mouth of the channel as well as seeding the new soil. For more information or a plan call 414-857-2440 after 6:00 P.M.



Beatrice and Harold Ling

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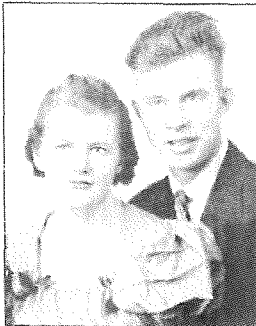
Lings of Bristol married 50 years

Harold and Beatrice Ling, 8009 184th Ave., Bristol, have announced plans to celebrate their golden wedding anniversary with open house from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 22, at the Bristol Municipal Building.

Ling and the former Beatrice Gillmore, married Oct. 24, 1939 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gillmore, in Bristol, have resided in Bristol all their married life except for four years when they lived in Walworth County.

They have five children: Barbara Bolton, Suring; Kathleen Gordon, Pueblo, Colo.; Thelma Brewer, Thornton, Colo.; Jerry Ling, Paris; Robert Ling, Gilman. They have 12 grandchildren and one deceased grandchild; there is one great-grandchild.

Ling was a farmer and worked



Their wedding photo

at several companies in Kenosha, retiring from American Motors after 21 years.

The Lings are members of Paris Corners Methodist Church. Mrs. Ling is a long-time member of the Des Plaines Homemakers Club, and her husband worked for many years with the 4-H program.

Didn't like the meeting

To the Editor: 10-10-89

As a young concerned resident and voter of Bristol: I attended the Oct. 3, 1989 meeting on county zoning with hopes of being able to decide what would be best for the citizens of Bristol. I sat in awe of what I saw and heard at this meeting.

A woman from a Brookfield newspaper tried to enter the meeting and was grabbed by both arms and pushed out of the doorway from an ex-town board member yelling at her, "You do not live in Bristol," and "you don't belong here."

I was later told that this news reporter felt her arms would be black and blue from the force that this gentleman (?) used on her.

Again, I could not believe my eyes, especially since the town constable stopped right there and watched this whole incident without doing or saying a word. Later, however, the constable did ask to see her press card and let her enter.

The Bristol Community Action Committee was very well rehearsed, as they read from their cue cards. Any citizen who tried to speak in opposition to county zoning was put out of order. Even the chairman of Bristol, who was asked by this group to be chairman of that meeting, and an invited attorney were put out of order when they tried to speak.

The BCAC was crude, rude and is not what I would call, for the citizens of Bristol.

As their performance ended, I drew the conclusion that this group should rename themselves, BCAC — Bolshevik Communist Active Commissars.

There is more freedom of speech in Russia than there was at that Oct. 3, 1989 Bristol citizens meeting.

19-year-old who votes in Bristol

Open discussion is called for

To the Editor: 10-11-89

Mr. Kilduff in his letter to the Voice of the People and the BCAC with their full page ad in the Kenosha News are masters of innuendo and half truths.

Instead of publishing half truths without a chance of challenge or rebuttal, why don't they sponsor an open, traditionally American meeting or forum as opposed to their controlled and contrived meeting on pro county zoning?

There are issues here; pro county zoning, no county zoning and local zoning. The first was dealt with in their "stocked" controlled meeting. The second two issues were discussed by them with half truths, innuendos and distortions in their full-page ad in the News. For example, they stated the fact that Mr. Horton was part of the county zoning process for 19 years. The implication was that his current position is inconsistent or a contradiction. A very clever ambiguous reference. In an open meeting, Mr. Horton, as a result of his experience, could say quite a bit about what is wrong and what is good about county zoning. Why not take a chance and listen to him. Let there be open discussions, not a biased meeting, a distorted newspaper ad, race track terrorism and a rush to vote. Let there be a vote or referendum based on an open consideration of all the alternatives.

After reading Mr. Kilduff's concerns about the racetrack I also was concerned. I called the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce and the Brainerd Sheriff's Department the following day to verify his statements.

The chief deputy of the Brainerd's sheriff department confirmed that the obscene incident did occur. He also made it clear and stated it was a singular incident and that nothing like it has occurred before or since.

Furthermore, he was satisfied that it was not condoned, sponsored, encouraged by Brainerd or was due to a lack of security. I asked him about Mr. Kilduff's allegation of 250 incidents of rowdy drunkenness. He said that was nonsense. His records indicated there were a total of 29 incidents since 1986. Of these, 12 were noise complaints, four were burglaries against the track and the balance were miscellaneous typical occurrences that happen with crowds. Contrary to Mr. Kilduff's technique, he said he would be very happy to be quoted. He said that these facts are the truth and a matter of public record.

Anthony Kordecki

It's time for a change

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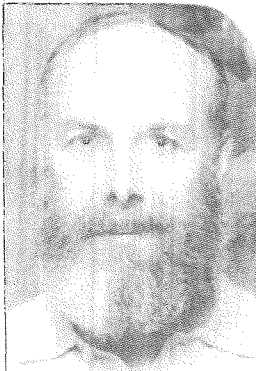
I'm a long-time resident of Bristol. I have put my faith in our town chairman for many years, but I've had it.

I am not a radical, but when Noel Elfering continues to go against the will of the people, I think its time for change.

On Tuesday, Oct. 3, the people voted 4-1 for some type of zoning. Indirectly we said 'no' to construction of an auto race and dragstrip in rural Bristol.

Does anyone ever listen to us? Not Noel Elfering. I think it's time to begin to think about recalling him in April. He's out of step with the majority of Bristol residents. Residents want some type of logical planned development in our community, not the 'anything goes' policy of Noel Elfering.

Concerned Bristol Citizen

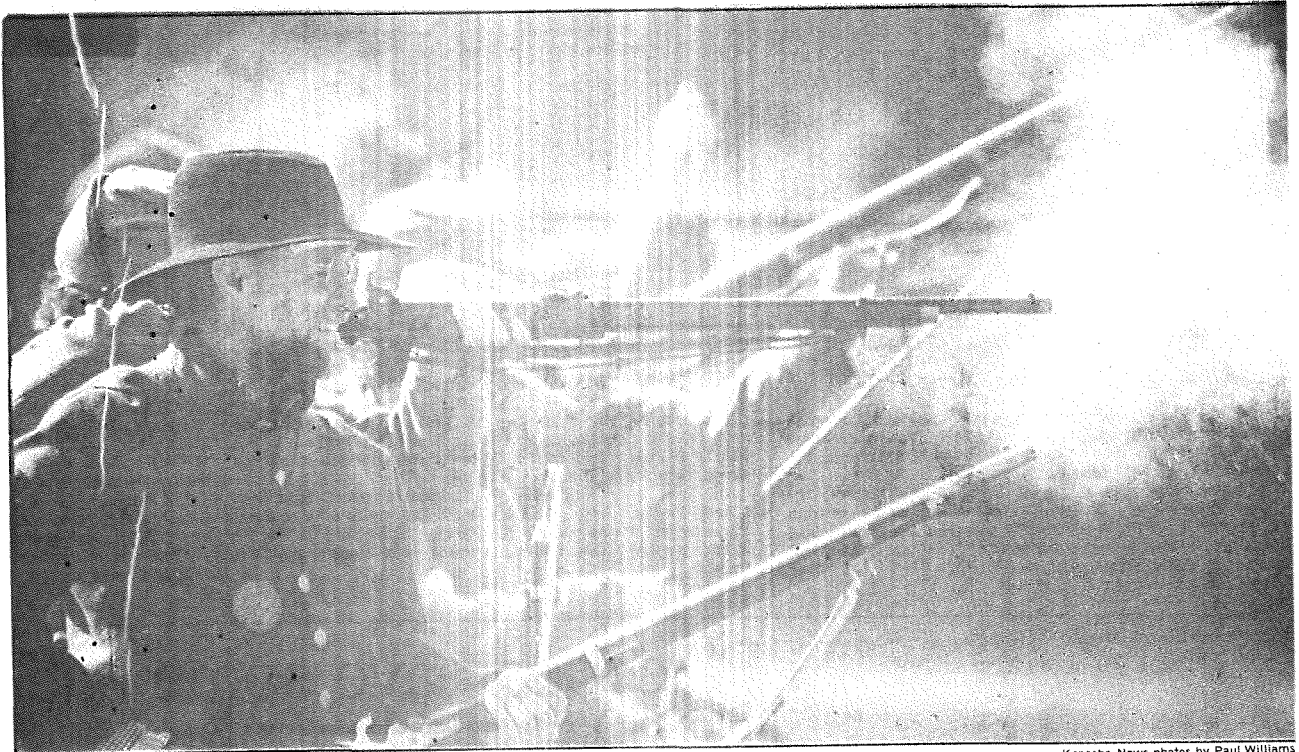


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Rescue squad members honored

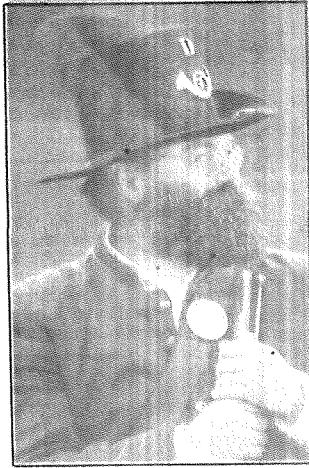
County rescue squad members were honored Thursday by the Westosha Kiwanis Club. Barbara Hawkins, left, a member of the Bristol Rescue Squad, was named a Volunteer of the Year and presented with a plaque along with Capt. Dale Merrill, center, Salem Rescue, who accepted a plaque on behalf of the Salem

Squad, and Paul Luedtke, Paris Rescue, who also accepted for his squad. Donna Raetzke, Silver Lake Rescue, (not pictured) was also named a Volunteer of the Year. The rescue squad members were guests at a dinner at Brass Ball Corners.



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The Civil War rises again in our fields

By Jennie Tunkielcz
Staff Writer

10-7-87

Union soldiers raise their muskets and fire at their target.

In a skirmish more than 100 years ago, the target was Confederate soldiers.

Today, 25 presidents later, the target is paper and the only battle is who is the best musketeer.

Six companies, only one of which represented the South, participated in a Civil War shooting event skirmish Saturday and in team competitions Sunday hosted by the 5th Wisconsin Volunteer Infantry Company C.

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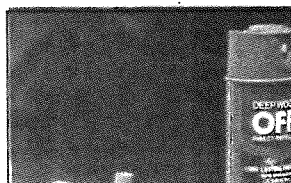
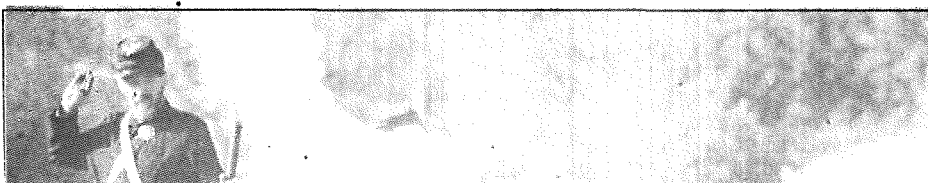
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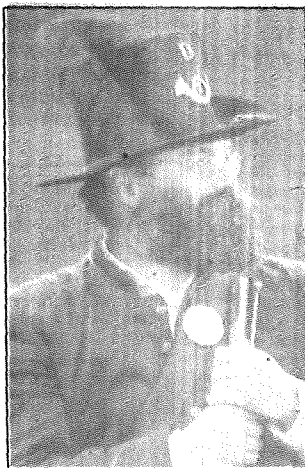
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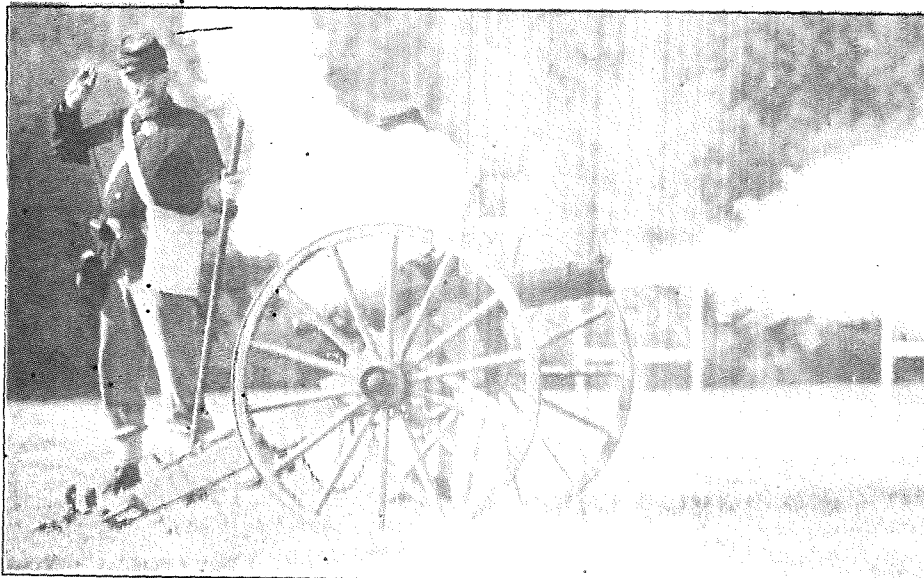
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The opening cannonade of the Sunday event, fired off by Al Bain and Erik Becker



Two needs of a modern rifleman

Shangrila dam deadline nears

DNR order: repair or abandon

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

The Town of Bristol has been ordered by the Department of Natural Resources to repair or abandon the dam on the outlet of Lake Shangrila.

The order, signed by George Meyer, administrator of DNR's Division of Enforcement, requires the town to take steps to reduce the risk of failure of the 130-foot earthen dam.

In addition, the town must submit to DNR by Nov. 1, 1989, either a request to abandon the dam or make the necessary repairs to the dam by April 1, 1991.

Lake Shangrila straddles the Bristol-Salem town line south of County Highway V. The dam is on the Bristol side near the intersection of 118th Street and 213th Ave.

Gary Nelson, DNR water management supervisor, said the dam was inspected and found to be unsafe. If the dam fails, he said, it poses a threat to downstream properties.

A 1986 inspection determined that the earthen portion of the dam was covered with trees and brush, said Nelson. When the roots die and decay, they create a pipe that allows water to move through.

The report also noted erosion, beaching and sliding, as well as wetness at the toe of the right embankment.

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10-12-89 Gary Nelson
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cracking and weathering of concrete. The outlet apron is cracked and separated at the toe and should be repaired before further damage results, according to the report.

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Gunty said, "We don't have the money to fix it up. The DNR collects the money for licenses but when we have a problem they want no part of it."

Faced with the DNR order to the town to repair or abandon the structure, Gunty said, "I'm for abandoning it."

Gunty said further there is no proof that the town owns the dam.

"They have never been able to find legal title to it," said Gunty.

Nelson said, "If the town of Bristol wants to claim they do not own the dam, they should put that in writing. When we receive it, we will initiate abandonment proceedings."

Unless a new owner is identified, said Nelson, the lake would be permanently drawn down by removing the boards that keep the water back. The dam could even be removed, he said.

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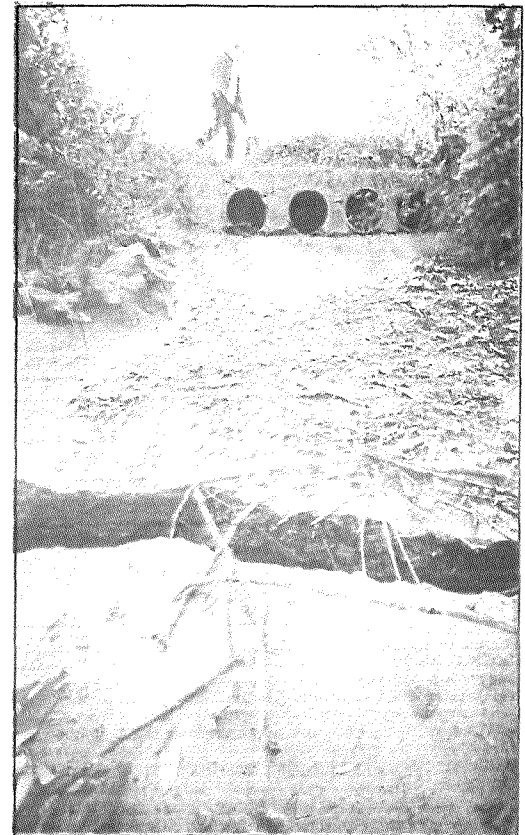
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The argument over who owns the dam and who should repair it has been going on since March, 1987, when DNR notified Bristol that it had two years to complete the repairs.

Bristol officials were not anxious to take on the project, which has been estimated to cost from \$100,000 to \$200,000.

The largest portion of Shangrila lies in the town of Salem. Of the 260 homes around the lake, only 80 are in Bristol. The rest are in Salem.

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Dam in need of repair

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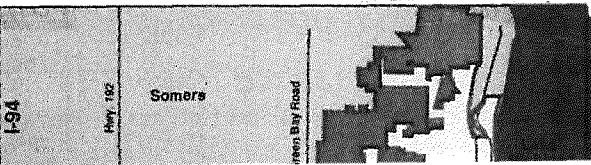


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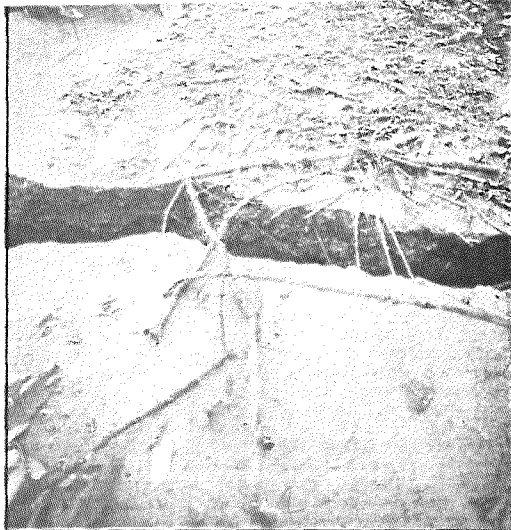
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Under the agreement negotiated with the city and Somers, land is designated for future city annexations. When land becomes contiguous to the city limits, property owners in those areas must annex to receive city water and sewer services.

□ The city will provide police and fire protection to UW-Parkside without annexing the campus to allow the city to collect up to \$270,000 annually in state reimbursements.

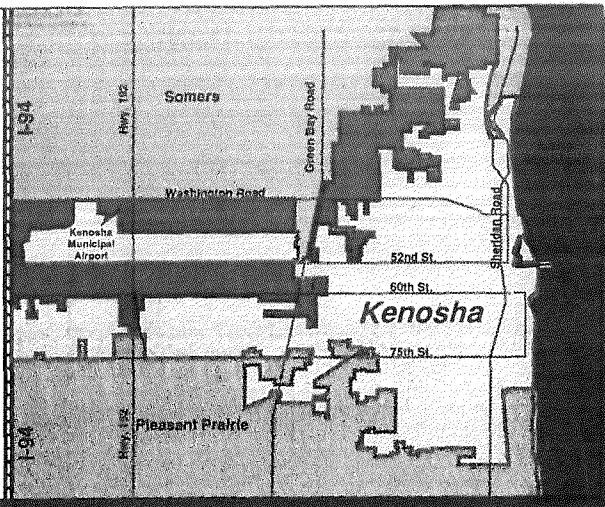
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Kenosha-Somers water and boundary agreement

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Areas Kenosha will annex when water services are to be provided

Areas in which Somers will be responsible for building water service extensions

City of Kenosha



Bristol warned of Alpine crowd problems I-94 utility costs tax Walworth officials

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

10-13-89

BRISTOL — A former town official charged Thursday that more than half of Bristol's debt has been incurred to support the Highway 50/I-94 commercial development, much of it yet to be built.

Former town treasurer Doris Magwitz ripped the Bristol Town Board Thursday for refinancing a \$1 million dollar loan on the Highway 50/I-94 water district and for failing to define the area the district serves.

Speaking at a special afternoon board meeting, Magwitz, said the town is making interest payments with borrowed money.

"You have not assessed the users or collected metered water payments that are due," she said.

The town borrowed \$1 million in April 1988 to pay for a well, pumping station, storage tank and distribution system to serve businesses at the intersection. A year later, the debt was refinanced for six months, then refinanced again Thursday for another year. An additional \$300,000 was borrowed in March to complete the water system.

Its major customer was expected to be the Bristol Mills shopping mall, but construction has not yet begun on the project.

Town Chairman Noel Elfering blamed town attorney Cecil Rothrock and town engineer Joseph Cantwell for not defining the area to be served by the water service.

"I told them and told them," he said, but it has not been done.

Elfering said, "That utility will be in trouble until we get some more development. Eventually, I expect them to stand on their own feet."

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Magwitz pointed to several items she said the town should be concerned about including the June 8 groundbreaking for the Bristol Mills mall but no construction activity following it.

She also noted that Bristol Properties Inc., had defaulted on a purchase agreement on the former Hawkeye Turkey Farm that was to have been the site of a dog racetrack that failed to get state approval.

"What are you doing to insure the recovery of taxpayer money that you chose to expend on private developments at I-94 and 50?" Magwitz asked.

Although the outer limits of the water district have not been defined, the Bristol Board voted in November 1988 to require seven businesses to pay front foot assessments for a water distribution system.

The bill for the system was \$287,822. Bristol Development, the major land owner, was assessed \$205,779 for its share. The second largest bill, \$41,847, went to Gerald Rasmussen, owner of the Brat Stop. Lesser amounts were billed to five others.

Town Clerk Gloria Bailey said the front foot charges have since been added to tax bills to be paid over a 10-year period.

10-12-89

ELKHORN — Walworth County officials met Wednesday with owners of the Alpine Valley Music Theater in East Troy to review the problems created during summertime "mega concerts."

Groups like the Rolling Stones, Who and the Grateful Dead attract crowds in excess of 40,000, said Frank Dobbs, director of Walworth County Department of Planning, Zoning and Sanitation.

"It taxes the facility to the maximum and things really start to malfunction," he said.

He said the Wednesday session, expected to be followed by more meetings before another concert season starts, "concentrated on logistic aspects."

Dobbs said county officials and theater owners discussed the possibility of a user fee next summer and more police protection during concerts.

"We are encouraged," said Dobbs. "It sounds like they are amenable to some improvements." Another meeting will be held in two or three weeks, he said.

The operation has come under intense criticism from Walworth County officials who say the theater, which claims the title of the biggest outdoor music theater in the country, attracts too many people. The result is traffic congestion, security problems and sanitation concerns.

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Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

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BRISTOL — A former town council charged Thursday that more than half of Bristol's debt has been incurred to support the highway 50/I-94 commercial development, much of it yet to be paid.

Former town treasurer Doris Magwitz ripped the Bristol Town Board Thursday for refinancing a \$1 million dollar loan on the highway 50/I-94 water district for failing to define the area district serves.

Speaking at a special after-noon board meeting, Magwitz, the town is making interest payments with borrowed money. You have not assessed the taxes or collected metered water payments that are due," she said.

The town borrowed \$1 million in April 1988 to pay for a well, pumping station, storage tank distribution system to serve residences at the intersection. A year later, the debt was renewed for six months, then renewed again Thursday for her year. An additional \$500,000 was borrowed in March to complete the water system.

A major customer was expected to be the Bristol Mills shopping mall, but construction has not yet begun on the project. Town Chairman Noel Elfering told town attorney Cecil Rock and town engineer Philip Cantwell for not defining the area to be served by the water service.

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Magwitz pointed to several items she said the town should be concerned about including the June 8 groundbreaking for the Bristol Mills mall but no construction activity following it. She also noted that Bristol Properties Inc., had defaulted on a purchase agreement on the former Hawkeye Turkey Farm that was to have been the site of a dog racetrack that failed to get state approval.

"What are you doing to insure the recovery of taxpayer money that you chose to expend on private developments at I-94 and 50?" Magwitz asked.

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Town Clerk Gloria Bailey said the front foot charges have since been added to tax bills to be paid over a 10-year period.

10-12-89
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Groups like the Rolling Stones, Who and the Grateful Dead attract crowds in excess of 40,000, said Frank Dobbs, director of Walworth County Department of Planning, Zoning and Sanitation. "It taxes the facility to the maximum and things really start to malfunction," he said.

He said the Wednesday session, expected to be followed by more meetings before another concert season starts, "concentrated on logistic aspects." Dobbs said county officials and theater owners discussed the possibility of a user fee next summer and more police protection during concerts.

"We are encouraged," said Dobbs. "It sounds like they are amenable to some improvements." Another meeting will be held in two or three weeks, he said.

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Fifteen families are suing the owner of the former mushroom farm apartments for damages they incurred while living in a hazardous building on Highway MB, Woodworth.

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The building was condemned in 1987, and residents were evacuated

when numerous violations were discovered, including faulty wiring, heating and sewage systems; improper disposal of hazardous waste; and fungi growth.

The tenants filed suit against the Town of Bristol, seeking \$2.3 million in damages and claiming they suffered emotional and health problems due to the unsafe conditions of the building. The town was found not liable and the case dismissed.

Elfering: Towns without zoning should band together

By Patrik Vander Velden
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — Town Chairman Noel Elfering said Monday that he would ask Kenosha County's four towns without zoning to band together and write their own zoning ordinance.

"Some people have come to me to go with other towns that don't have zoning. I'd like to sit down with chairman of the other towns and see what they like," Elfering told a crowd of about 25 people at the town's Planning Board meeting.

Bristol, Paris, Brighton and

STATE permission has been granted for start of construction of grandstand racetrack in Bristol. Story, page 1

Salem are not part of the countywide zoning ordinance adopted in 1984.

Elfering said he knows of one town chairman who is interested in such an idea but would not identify him for fear he might change his mind.

He said he would initiate discussions with the towns but set no date.

Auto track has initial work permit

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

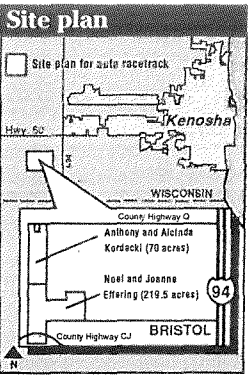
Brainerd International Inc., Minnetonka, Minn., has received state permission to start footings and foundation work on a grandstand building on County Highway CJ in the town of Bristol.

The permit allows Brainerd to "get a jump on the weather," said a building inspector, while building plans are being reviewed by the state.

The permit is for work on land owned by Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering, 15324 Horton Road.

Brainerd, the firm that has vowed to build the world's largest drag strip in southeastern Wisconsin, has offered to purchase 230 acres from Elfering and his neighbor, Anthony Kordecki, 16605 104th St.

Brainerd officials would not comment on the plans this morning, but Randall Baldwin, Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, said Brainerd



has indicated it has plans for a "three- to four-story building with luxury box suites."

Brainerd proposed in late May to build a \$7.5 million motor sports complex in Racine County. In the face of opposition from residents, however, the Mount Pleasant Town Board denied a zoning request for the site.

"I will talk to the towns to consider joint town zoning," he said.

Such a move could possibly win a legal challenge "if the other three towns are in it and it was as restrictive as the county's," said Elfering.

In a related matter, a second group has been formed, this one to force the town to act on local zoning.

Karen Gibson, 9310 128th Ave., announced that about 25 people have formed Bristol Citizens for Local Zoning.

"It's obvious citizens are upset. You keep ignoring it. You

More cows die at Elfering's

BRISTOL — Three more sick cows belonging to Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering have died, bringing to four the number dead since a mysterious illness was reported Friday.

"Three more died and it looks like another one is ready to go," Elfering said Monday.

"I'm still puzzled to the cause," he said.

"It could be almost anything. We don't know. Where it could come from I don't know," he said.

Blood samples, spleen and food in the animal's stomachs are being tested now. Also being tested is the farms regular feed and silage.

Elfering said the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department is not investigating the case. It was reported to authorities initially he said, "because I never had 16 sick cows before."

There is no indication that other neighboring farmers have sickness in their herds, he said.

Meanwhile his herd is being kept from its regular feed, which is also being tested.

start construction was filled out at DILHR's Madison office two days after Bristol citizens voted 220 to 59 to adopt county zoning.

guys can sit here week after week talking, but the citizens are going to do what they have to do," she said.

BCLZ is for local control of zoning, she said.

"Every month we go to town board meetings. We come to planning board, but they by-pass it," she said.

The group for local zoning is a response to the Bristol Community Action Committee which favors the town joining the countywide plan, she said.

The issue came to a head when Brainerd International, Minneapolis, Minn., offered

Elfering \$1.2 million for his farm on which to build an auto racetrack and drag strip.

Noting that the town is split over uncontrolled development, Robert Matson, 20033 82nd St., said, "I find Bristol is a very divided community. It goes back many years. I find zoning is not acause of that as much as a symptom."

The county zoning ordinance, which he read, is "very enlightened, sympathetic and does a good job of protecting needs of property owners."

A historic change is occurring in Bristol from old property

owners to newer people who want zoning to protect their property investments for the future, he said.

The town is united for zoning, said board member Bryant Benson, but the question is "why four of the county's townships have not joined (in the county ordinance.)"

He said, "Something is not right here. I'm for zoning. Sensible zoning."

Those who favor zoning should investigate why Racine and Walworth counties have countywide zoning without any dissenting towns, he said.

All should learn facts

To the Editor: 10-23-87

In response to the young, concerned resident and voter of Bristol, I wish to commend a 19-year-old for at least displaying an interest in the affairs of Bristol. However, I do feel this person needs to be enlightened as to the function of a special town meeting.

This meeting was called by the people of Bristol, not the town board. By State Statute 60.13 (1) Mr. Elfering was required to chair the meeting, the BCAC did not ask him to do it.

Yes, the BCAC came well organized as should anyone who has requested a meeting. This was a meeting called by the people and for the people for one reason only, that being to consider an advisory vote so the town board would know the people's wishes. If you would carefully read State Statute 60.14 (3), you will learn that the duty of the chairperson is "to state the business to be transacted and the order in which the business will be considered." He also is required to "use accepted parliamentary procedure," State Statute 60.13 (2). Hence, when the chairperson attempts to influence the meeting by making remarks, he definitely is "out of order."

Please note, no one attempted to call the attorney "out of order" in reading lengthy letters which, in fact, were an effort to deem the meeting useless. He could well have been called "out of order."

Another point you may have missed was Mr. Elfering's outright lie about not being able to move the meeting to larger quarters. A school official had assured Mr. Elfering that very afternoon that the school was available if needed to accomodate the crowd.

Ex-tenants suing 'mushroom farm' apartment owner

By Don Jensen 10-15-87
Staff Writer

Forty-six adults and children, former residents of Bristol's "mushroom farm" apartments, have gone to court again seeking damages.

The ex-tenants filed suit Monday against John Kamycz, Niles, Ill., owner of the violation-riddled, one-time serum plant and

mushroom farm. The former renters of the now-closed apartments on 81st Street, east of County Highway MB in Woodworth, are seeking an unspecified amount of damages.

County officials stepped in after problems at the building were revealed in Kenosha News stories in the fall of 1987. Tenants were moved to other hous-

ing and the building was condemned for human habitation.

The tenants filed suit in 1988 seeking \$2.3 million in damages from the town of Bristol, contending town officers knew of and allowed to continue severe health and safety problems at the two-story, converted apartment building.

The violations included an illegal, open septic system, no

central heating, plumbing and electrical code violations. Also found on the property were discarded glass vials left from earlier days when cholera, diphtheria and smallpox medicines were produced at the site.

That suit was dismissed in February by Judge Robert Baker, who ruled that while the town officers and building inspector could have taken action,

failure to do so was a "discretionary act," so they were not liable for damages. Baker, in his decision, suggested political remedies, "recall or defeat at the polls," for those officials the plaintiffs felt had wronged them.

In the present suit, the 26 adults and 20 children have focused their legal efforts against Kamysz, contending the building's owner failed and re-

fused to maintain a habitable premise, saying that the building was a public nuisance.

The suit says the ex-tenants have suffered from physical illnesses, including respiratory difficulties, colds, cramps, vomiting, headaches and other problems, plus emotional and psychological disorders as a result of living in the apartments.

Racetrack to require sanitary permit

By Arlene Jensen 10-15-87
Staff Writer

Despite plans by Brainerd International to get its Bristol speedway under construction quickly, at least one county official is saying, "Not so fast."

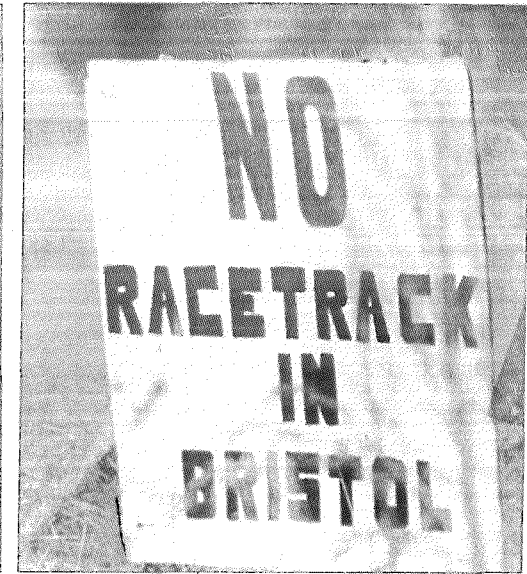
A major hurdle standing in the way of construction of a raceway and dragstrip is the lack of a county sanitary permit, according to county sanitarian Marcus Meyer.

The track is to be built on land being purchased from Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering, 15324 Horton Road, and his neighbor, Anthony Kordecki, about three miles west of I-94.

The property is outside the reach of sanitary sewers, said Meyer, and will need holding tanks. The size of a holding tank is calculated on the expected crowd.

Brainerd has refused to discuss its plans for a Kenosha county facility, but when attempts were made to have a similar project approved in Racine County, track officials said they expected to attract 30,000 people to major racing events.

Using the 30,000 figure, Meyer said, the county will require a tank large enough to



Signs on Highway CJ, left, and Highway 50 at County MB, right, express some residents' feelings about proposed racetrack

provide five gallons of capacity daily for each patron, or 150,000 gallons. The capacity per employee is 20 gallons.

Meyer said once the estimated daily need is de-

termined, it is multiplied by five to provide a five-day holding capacity.

"We might not hold them to five days," said Meyer, "but

we've never gone below three days."

But storing sewage is only a part of the problem. Sewage will have to be pumped out and hauled to a treatment plant.

"If the Bristol Town Board plans to allow it to be hauled to the Bristol plant, it will require official action by the board," said Meyer. "In effect, they will be saying we have a facil-

ity that will accept the flow."

Ann Addis, of the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, said Brainerd has not submitted an application to her office.

Dear Editor:

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A woman from a Brookfield newspaper tried to enter the meeting and was grabbed by both arms and pushed out of the doorway by an ex-town board member yelling, "You do not live in Bristol," and "You don't belong here."

I was later told that this news reporter felt her arms would be black and blue from the force that this gentleman (?) used on her.

Again, I could not believe my eyes, especially since the town constable stood right there and watched this whole incident without doing or saying a word. Later, however, the constable did ask to see her press card and did let her enter.

The Bristol Community Action Committee was very well rehearsed, as they all read from their cue cards. Any citizen who tried to speak in opposition to county zoning was ruled out of order. Even the chairman of Bristol, who was asked by this group to be chairman of that meeting, and an invited attorney were put out of order when they tried to speak.

The BCAC was crude, rude and is not what I would call, for the citizens of Bristol.

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Prior to the meeting getting underway, the Bristol town chairman decided to have an attorney take up a lengthy period of time reading state statutes and offering the legal opinion of other attorneys. When the meeting finally got underway, it became apparent that this was one more ploy of Mr. Elfering to try to get this meeting cancelled. Mr. Elfering even went to far as to blatantly lie about the availability of the school gym to avoid moving the meeting to allow everyone to be indoors. Many Bristol citizens put up with standing in the parking lot in the cold and listen to what was going on via speakers that had been set up. People were there to have a voice in what happens in Bristol. These people then gave that advice.

It is really sad when a meeting, such as the one on Oct. 3, can be treated so lightly by the "majority three" on our town board. Mr. Elfering has repeatedly stated that the board has the final say and the majority of the board will not vote for county zoning. He made reference to this meeting as being a case of "mob rule." It seems as if the constituents that do not agree with allowing Mr. Elfering to impose "one-man rule" on the Town of Bristol, they then become a mob. Be assured, Mr. Elfering, you haven't heard the last of the "mob." You will be hearing from us again and again. Eventually, even you will get the message.

Just one example of how "one-man rule" has cost the taxpayers of Bristol needless dollars. How much has the process of negotiations with town workers cost us? Why was it necessary for the town workers to form a union?

To the people of Bristol: The next regular town board meeting is Oct. 30. Let's pack the meeting room and continue to give the message that the people will be heard! See you there!

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What does mob mean? According to Webster's, there are four definitions. 1.) A disorderly and lawless crowd; rabble; 2.) any crowd; 3.) the masses; common people collectively; a contemptuous term; 4.) a gang of criminals. Obviously, they meant the first definition, "rabble rousers." I was not at the meeting, but I have heard of neither constables nor deputies needed to put down a "disorderly or lawless crowd."

Then we read about the "Chicago developer" who leads the mob. I wonder how many Bristol developers there are. Not Mr. Reutz (Bristol Mills). Not Mr. Robinson (the proposed Water World). It is stated, "Developers love zoning because then they just need to go to the zoning office and request their needs and most often their requests are granted." I'll bet developers love NO zoning even better because they then are able to do whatever they wish without making requests of anyone.

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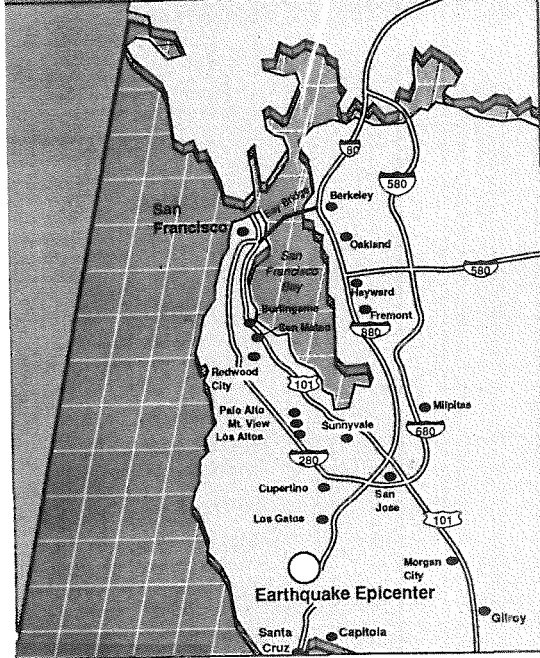
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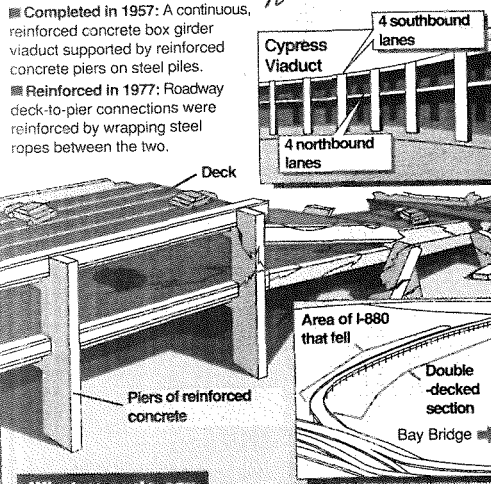
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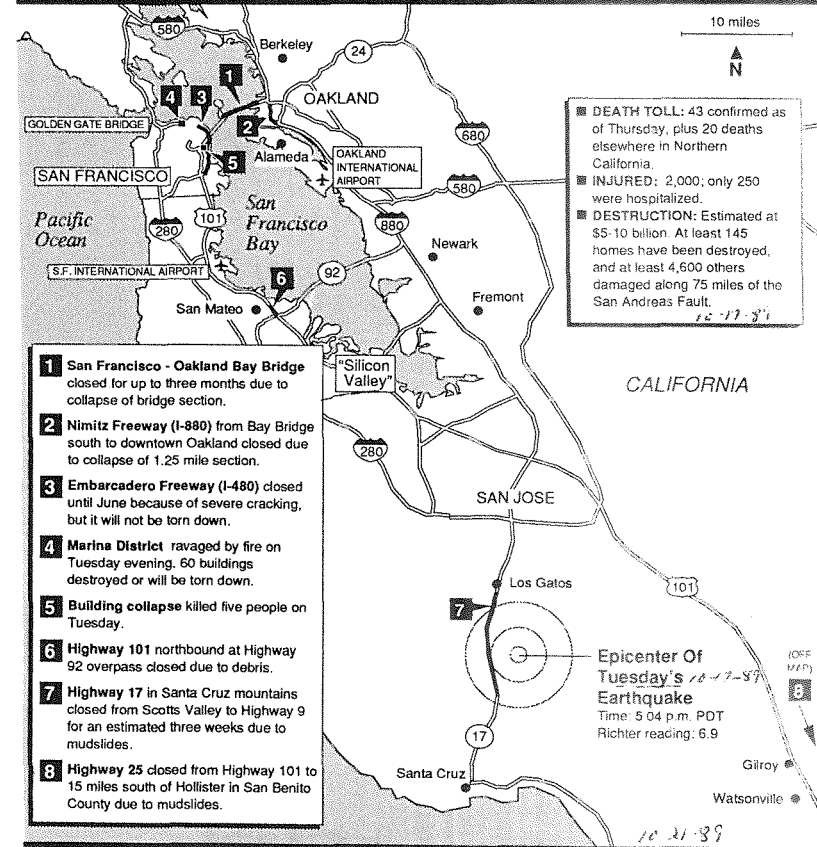


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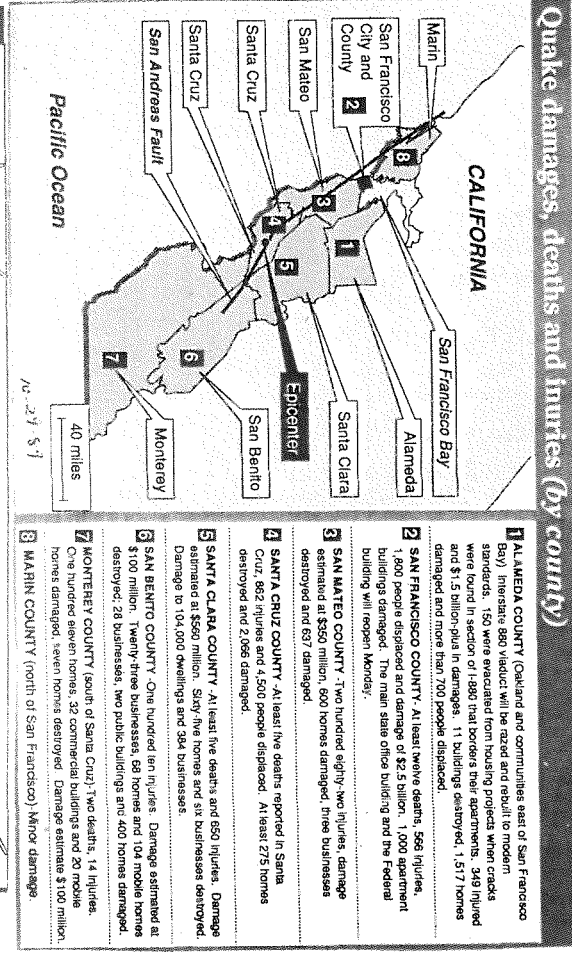
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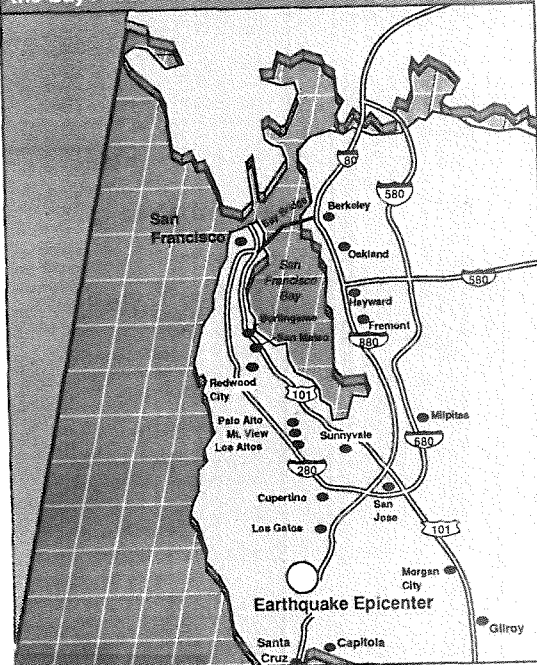
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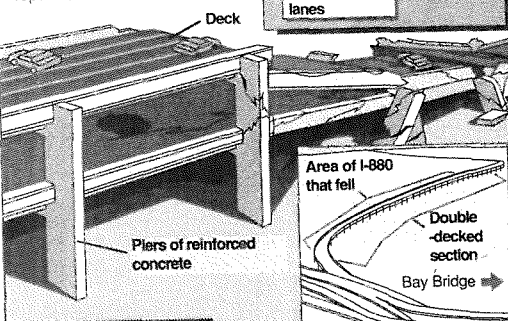
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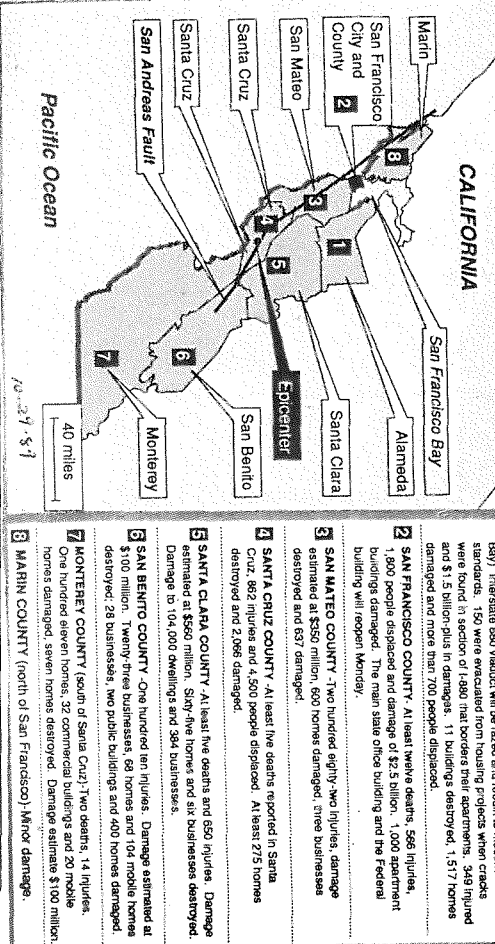
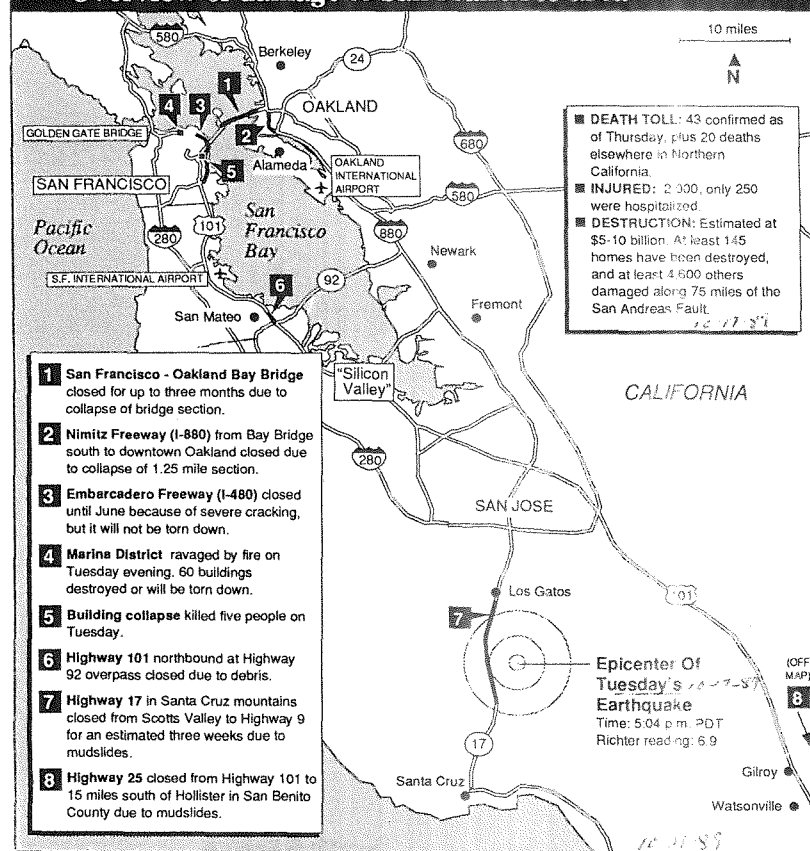
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Jane Trebing
Bristol resident

To the Editor: 10-16-89

As a young concerned resident and voter of Bristol, I attended the Oct. 3 meeting on county zoning, with hopes of being able to decide what would be best for the citizens of Bristol. I sat in awe of what I saw and heard.

A woman from a Brookfield newspaper tried to enter the meeting and was grabbed by both arms and pushed out of the doorway by an ex-town board member yelling, "You do not live in Bristol," and "You don't belong here."

I was later told that this news reporter felt her arms would be black and blue from the force that this gentleman (?) used on her.

Again, I could not believe my eyes, especially since the town constable stood right there and watched this whole incident without doing or saying a word. Later, however, the constable did ask to see her press card and did let her enter.

The Bristol Community Action Committee was very well rehearsed, as they all read from their cue cards. Any citizen who tried to speak in opposition to county zoning was ruled out of order. Even the chairman of Bristol, who was asked by this group to be chairman of that meeting, and an invited attorney were put out of order when they tried to speak.

The BCAC was crude, rude and is not what I would call, for the citizens of Bristol.

As their performance ended, I drew the conclusion that this group should rename themselves, BCAC — Bolshevik Communist Active Commissars.

There is more freedom of speech in Russia than there was at that Oct. 3 Bristol citizens meeting.

19 year old who
votes in Bristol

Hearing both sides

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There's an old expression, "You can fool some of the people some of the time, you can fool all the people some of the time, but you can't fool all the people all the time."

While I caught up on Voice of the People, I stared at a paragraph where, as usual, an unnamed Bristol resident pointed out that with Kenosha County zoning you would receive equal treatment for all with no personal feelings involved.

What a joke. Apparently this person has not done their homework. They never asked anyone in Somers, Pleasant Prairie or Kenosha just how equal the treatment is for them.

After reading George Melcher's letter, I wonder how the Bristol action committee is financing their \$1,400 ad in the newspaper and their Pleasant Prairie lawyer for the Oct. 3 meeting?

Would you like to hear a different side of what really happened at that Oct. 3 meeting?

You should have been there.

The meeting was run by Mr. Kilduff and his lynch mob of Elfering haters. No one was allowed to speak except for the carefully rehearsed action members.

Eventually, they'll get the message

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At the recent Town of Bristol special meeting, a substantial majority voted in favor of county zoning. As I understand it, the BCAC was well aware that this meeting would result in an advisory message to the Bristol Town Board. However they did hope that the town board would listen and act accordingly when the people expressed their wishes. It appears they were mistaken.

Prior to the meeting getting underway, the Bristol town chairman decided to have an attorney take up a lengthy period of time reading state statutes and offering the legal opinion of other attorneys. When the meeting finally got underway, it became apparent that this was one more ploy of Mr. Elfering to try to get this meeting cancelled. Mr. Elfering even went to far as to blatantly lie about the availability of the school gym to avoid moving the meeting to allow everyone to be indoors. Many Bristol citizens put up with standing in the parking lot in the cold and listen to what was going on via speakers that had been set up. People were there to have a voice in what happens in Bristol. These people then gave that advice.

It is really sad when a meeting, such as the one on Oct. 3, can be treated so lightly by the "majority three" on our town board. Mr. Elfering has repeatedly stated that the board has the final say and the majority of the board will not vote for county zoning. He made reference to this meeting as being a case of "mob rule." It seems as if the constituents that do not agree with allowing Mr. Elfering to impose "one-man rule" on the Town of Bristol, they then become a mob. Be assured, Mr. Elfering, you haven't heard the last of the "mob." You will be hearing from us again and again. Eventually, even you will get the message.

Just one example of how "one-man rule" has cost the taxpayers of Bristol needless dollars. How much has the process of negotiations with town workers cost us? Why was it necessary for the town workers to form a union?

To the people of Bristol: The next regular town board meeting is Oct. 30. Let's pack the meeting room and continue to give the message that the people will be heard! See you there!

One of the mob

Virginia Meves, a legitimate card carrying reporter for The Wisconsin Report, located in Brookfield, was manhandled and thrown out of the meeting by Bill Cuzenza, a former board member, saying she had no right to be there, she was not a Bristol resident. And this was witnessed by a town constable who did nothing.

Is this free speech? Is this democracy? Is this what you want for Bristol?

The real issue here is the racetrack. Is trying to stop the racetrack worth signing away all your freedom for an even exchange?

The reality of the issue is even with KCZ we'll still have the racetrack and like the Bristol Faire also fought it is good for the community.

But our freedom will never be regained.

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Town will appeal Shangrila Dam repair order

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — The Bristol Town Board voted Wednesday to appeal a Department of Natural Resources order for the repair or abandonment of the Lake Shangrila dam.

Town Chairman Noel Elfering said the move will "buy some time" until state funding for dam repairs kick in in January.

Bristol has been ordered by DNR to draw down the water level of Lake Shangrila and to either repair or abandon the dam at 118th Street and 213th Avenue.

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According to the order, signed by George Meyer, administrator of DNR's Division of Enforcement, the dam was inspected

and found to be unsafe.

Meyer cited trees and brush growing along the 130-foot earthen embankment and cracking of the concrete portion of the outlet structure as the main reasons for concern.

Elfering said, "That dam has not had a drop of water go over the top in two years."

He said the cost of repairing the dam has been estimated between \$100,000 and \$200,000, "and I think it would be foolish if we spent money that way. If we spent money on the Lake Shangrila dam, there might be a

problem with the Lake George dam."

Elfering maintains that Bristol does not own the dam. He said the only documents that have been found show that the park surrounding the dam was dedicated to the town in 1944.

The largest portion of Shangrila lies in the town of Salem. Of the 260 homes around the lake, only 80 are in Bristol. The rest are in Salem.

Lorrie Fisher, 21608 121st St., said, "We have never asked this board for five cents, but now we are in trouble. If you don't own

the dam, why did you once offer to sell it to us for a dollar?"

Daniel Hohmeier, 19565 103rd St., challenged the comparison between the Shangrila and Lake George dams. The George Lake dam is privately owned, he said.

Michael A. Young, chairman of the Lake Shangrila Dam Committee, said, "The dam does belong to Bristol...the town has a financial responsibility that cannot be ignored."

The committee offered a proposal that included retaining an attorney to help in obtaining money for repair. The group also

promised to form a lake protection and rehabilitation district to maintain the dam once it is repaired.

Salem Town Chairman Russell Hoel also offered to help.

"Salem has never walked away from this," Hoel said. "We know we're obligated."

Besides appealing the DNR order, Bristol officials said they will immediately remove the trees and brush and pack the embankment with clay. Hoel said Salem will contribute the use of a backhoe and chipper for the project.

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Asked at Franks Diner



"Yeah. I think it would be cool. It would be nice because I'm an auto racing fan."

Mick Germinaro
5136 Sixth Ave.



"Yeah, I am. It might create some jobs. Some people living in the area may have different feelings because of the noise and congestion but it'll be good for the community."

John Levonowich
4027 86th St.



"Basically I feel if it brings jobs and revenue to the area, it'll be good, although with the weather it might not be a year-round thing. With the Interstate growth, it'll fit right in."

Bob Levonowich
3922 Fifth Ave.



"I don't mind, but I'm not real interested in it. I probably won't even go, but maybe it'll bring jobs and more people into the area."

Sharl Shipman
6526 Seventh Ave.



"Sure. It sounds like it'll be fun. I'd definitely go."

Francis X. McCormick
5918 19th Ave.



Renee Hucker



Sandy Sheldon

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All-County golfers

(cropped)

By Randy Donais
Sports Writer

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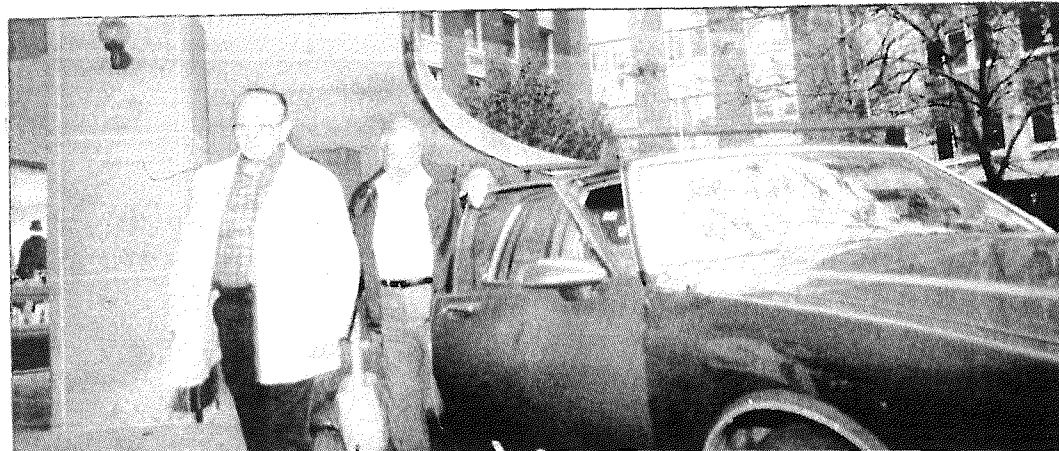


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Kenosha News photo by Bill Siel

Volunteer escort service starts

10-19-84
A new service that provides transportation for the frail elderly and people with disabilities has been started by the Kenosha Voluntary Action Center and Kenosha Achievement Center. Volunteer drivers pick up those who are unable to travel alone,

to purchase goods or take care of medical or personal needs. Fees range from \$3 to \$50. Alfred Spraglia, left, Paddock Lake was the first rider this morning. Lyle Krueger, Bristol, drove him to Kenosha Hospital and Medical Center.

Theme park info Sought by Bristol land use plan

By Patrik Vander Velden
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — Action on a proposed amusement park was tabled Monday by the town Planning Board until the developer comes back with more specific details on traffic patterns and well water usage.

Atlantis Properties Ltd., Chicago, has proposed building a 25-acre "Atlantis Theme Park" on an 80-acre parcel the company owns on the west side of I-94, just north of the Renaissance Faire site near the state line.

It would have an artificial river, water slides, a hydraulic wave pool and would attract up to 300,000 people during the summer months, developer Howard Robinson said.

The artificial park would be made to look as natural as possible, he said.

It would take more than one year to build, cost between \$5 million and \$8 million and employ up to 150 people, 20 of them full-time.

Future development on the site would include a 150-room

hotel, restaurants and commercial space, he said.

Robinson told the board he was looking for preliminary approval, but the board ask him to come back with more detailed answers to citizens concerns.

Zoning will not be a problem for the park because Bristol does not have any zoning.

A motion to accept the plan was changed after town residents and a board member voiced opposition to it.

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By Jim Rohde
Staff Writer

SALEM — A land use plan focusing on residential and large scale recreational development was adopted Thursday by the Salem Town Board.

The action was recommended in a unanimous vote of the Salem Planning and Zoning Commission last week following a public hearing.

"I congratulate the members of the Town Board and Planning and Zoning Commission for taking the initiative to plan for Salem's future growth," said County Board Supervisor Geoffrey Wheeler. "It's a very significant step for Salem, and I strongly encourage you to continue the work that has been started."

The plan, prepared by Camiros Ltd. of Madison, is advisory. It is based on surveys taken randomly of town residents and property owners along with market surveys and population trends.

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A primary objective of the plan is to preserve corridors of open space and protect the rural character of Salem. The plan discourages uninterrupted urban sprawl and continuous strip development along the major high-

way corridors.

John Stockman, plan developer, said he will continue to work with the town Planning Commission to prepare a zoning map and zoning text amendments.

Stockman said in a letter to the board the firm could also be helpful as advocate for the town's position in discussions with Kenosha County.

In other business, the board passed an ordinance amendment setting a charge for property owners in the sewer utility districts who have grinder pumps and fail to comply with the recommended maintenance of the equipment.

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Time for the 'Boss'

To the Editor: 10-24-87

We need the "Boss's" help. Since Mr. Elfering, Bristol's town chairman, does not want to recognize the electorate of the town of Bristol, the citizens of Bristol need the "Boss's" help. The county board of supervisors, our state representatives, and our state senator seem to have invested in ear plugs, and they epitomize the public's perception of a politician.

Who's the "Boss?" Not Bruce Springsteen. Not Tony Danza. The "Boss" is Governor Tommy Thompson when we talk about government in Wisconsin.

Maybe Mr. Elfering thinks that it is his right as town chairman to label a special meeting meaningless, to call 279 electorate a mob, to disregard the signatures of 1,172 citizens on a petition, to over-spend by \$600,000 the authorized amount of taxpayers' monies on a utility project, to leave the Gateway of Wisconsin without zoning or land-use planning protection, and to brag about violating the open meeting law dozens of times since having been convicted of violating the law.

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bankment and the outlet apron of the concrete portion of the structure was cracked and portions of it broken away. There was also erosion occurring at the downstream of the outlet structure, and the upstream slope of the embankment was eroding and in need of repair.

The dam is owned by Bristol. Costs to repair the dam are estimated between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

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Salem Town Chairman Russell Hoel said the town will do its share. "We have no intention of abandoning the lake," Hoel said. "We're as obligated as much or more (than Bristol)."

Young said the dam committee will retain an attorney and explore every avenue available to receive federal funds for the proposed repair. Once the dam is refurbished, the Lake Shangri-La Woodlands Property Owners Association will initiate the necessary documents to form a lake district to take on the future financial responsibility of maintaining the dam.

Lab tests show evidence of toxin in deaths of Elfering's cows

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The deaths of five cows owned by Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering are being investigated after laboratory tests turned up evidence of a toxin.

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Capt. Clarence Mielke of the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department said, "We believe there was a foreign substance in the field and when the field was cut, it ended up in the silage."

Mielke said containers of the

substance, found on Elfering property, have been sent to the state crime laboratory for study.

Organs of the dead animals and feed samples have been sent to an out of state lab by Elfering, said Mielke.

Elfering refused to comment on the stricken cows this morning, but he told the Associated Press Tuesday that the death of

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Elfering has signed an option to sell 150 acres of his farm to Brainerd International Inc., Minnetonka, Minn., for development of a speedway.

Veterinarian Kevin Nelson said evidence of a toxin was found on the dead animals.

"Nothing has been isolated yet. We don't know the specific toxin. It may be a natural toxin or it could be a chemical."

Nelson said adverse weather conditions or improper handling of silage could cause a chemical to build up in the feed.

Tests on the feed are not complete yet, he said.

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Bristol Investment Limited Partnership and Bristol Investments Inc. have made unauthorized expenditures of the partnership funds.

The suit says that the defendants mortgaged the partnership's property that was to be the site of a mall at I-94 and Highway 50 and used the \$400,000 received for other purposes.

Besides Ruetz, a 52 percent shareholder in the corporation and a 16 percent owner of the limited partnership, other defendants named are John M. Lichter, 1812 44th St., and Richard W. Kozich, Racine.

The lawsuit seeks an injunction barring the three officers from making further expen-

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Kaplan's suit also says the defendants are in the process of obtaining an additional mortgage on the property intending to divert those funds also to pay debts of other firms related to the development.

An affidavit filed with the injunction request contends that Ruetz in August and September diverted \$14,000 of partnership funds to his own use. It further contends that during the same period, Kozich received \$3,000 of the money.

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celebrate a move, to disseminate the signatures of 1,172 citizens on a petition, to over-spend by \$600,000 the authorized amount of taxpayers' monies on a utility project, to leave the Gateway of Wisconsin without zoning or land-use planning protection, and to brag about violating the open meeting law dozens of times since having been convicted of violating the law.

I will not ask the "Boss" to send in the National Guard or put the attorney general on the case. I would not want him to threaten Kenosha County with a reduction in state aid.

Tommy Thompson is a strong leader who cares and works for all of Wisconsin all of the time. What I would like to ask Governor Thomson to do is show the people of Bristol that the "Boss" has time for the people of a town when it seems no other government official gives a damn, and the town chairman and supervisors ignore and insult the townspeople for trying to protect their homes and their future. It is time for the "Boss" to make an example that lets the other officials know that the people in a town still count and are important.

A citizen with hope that he won't see the "Boss" turn his back

Of the 260 lake residents, 180 live in Salem township. Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering feels Salem should take responsibility for part of the repair costs.

Salem Town Chairman Russell Hoel said the town will do its share. "We have no intention of abandoning the lake," Hoel said. "We're as obligated as much or more (than Bristol)."

Young said the dam committee will retain an attorney and explore every avenue available to receive federal funds for the proposed repair. Once the dam is refurbished, the Lake Shangri-La Woodlands Property Owners Association will initiate the necessary documents to form a lake district to take on the future financial responsibility of maintaining the dam.

DNR dam order appealed by Bristol

By Diane Jahnke

The Department of Natural Resources has ordered the Town of Bristol to repair or abandon the Lake Shangri-La dam. At a special meeting Oct. 18, the board voted to appeal that order to buy time until January when the DNR will fund 50 percent of the project.

George E. Meyers, DNR administrator of the Division of Enforcement, wrote that the unsafe condition of the dam is serious.

The DNR inspected the dam in November 1986 and found that trees and brush were growing on the em-

bankment and the outlet apron of the concrete portion of the structure was cracked and portions of it broken away. There was also erosion occurring at the downstream of the outlet structure, and the upstream slope of the embankment was eroding and in need of repair.

The dam is owned by Bristol. Costs to repair the dam are estimated between \$100,000 and \$200,000.

Michael A. Young, chairman of the Lake Shangri-La Dam Committee, said, "Bristol has a financial responsibility that cannot be ignored. The concept of abandonment is vindictive."

BRISTOL, WISCONSIN

Town Chairman Elfering's cows poisoned, tests reveal

by V. Meves

In last week's issue we reported that Bristol Town Chairman, Noel Elfering, Bristol, Wisconsin (Kenosha County), had notified the Sheriff that his sixteen cows were ill and five had already died. We've learned since then that all sixteen cows were pregnant. Tests were being run and it has now been verified that the cows were poisoned with a very powerful insecticide in their food--from silo--which all had to be destroyed. Elfering stated that the poison was so powerful that just a tiny amount under a fingernail was enough to kill a cow--cause a horrible death--and the eleven still living will probably abort their calves or deliver dead calves!

Plastic containers were found in the fields and in the silo--there must have been thousands of pounds, Elfering said. He stated that it was fortunate that the food was given to the "dry" cows. If it had been given to the milking cows many of the people in the Chicago area who drink the milk would have died. Elfering said, "We sell our wheat and corn to people who need it all over the world. If this poison had contamin-

Bristol Cont. from front page

ated the grains, the consequences on the population would be awesome." They are still checking and testing every and any possible food that is on the farm. "It wasn't even possible to carry a small amount of the poison in an envelope in my pocket--the nose and eyes burn and you cannot stand it," he stated. Elfering believes the poisoning was done because he sold 150 acres of his farm land to get out of debt, to a man from Minnesota who wants to build a car racing track, if he can acquire enough land. He said, "Any person or group who would do this kind of deed to animals must be very sick."

The FBI has been notified and asked to come in and the local law-enforcement people are continuously investigating.

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Cow deaths linked to insecticide

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(WR,SP) - Results of autopsies conducted on five dairy cows indicate that the animals died after ingesting an organic phosphate, according to veterinarian Kevin Nelson.

The animals were among 16 pregnant cows stricken at the farm of Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering.

A Kenosha Sheriff's Department investigation is now centered on identifying the contents of unmarked, empty containers found in a field on the Elfering property.

Investigators are attempting to establish a link between the contents of the containers and the insecticide found in the field, silage, feed bins, and the stomachs of the dead cows.

Elfering suspects that the cows had been deliberately poisoned by a person or persons opposing the sale of his property for an auto racetrack.

"I think it's somebody very, very close by," said Elfering, noting that the suspected element is accessible to farmers.

The remaining 11 cows are expected to recover. Nelson said, "It looks good at this point, but time will tell with the babies." The cows are expected to deliver in 1 to 2 months, at which time, effects of the poisoning will be determined on surviving calves.

Suit charges Bristol Mills funds misused

By Don Jensen
Staff Writer

10.27.84

A partner and shareholder in development firms involved in the as-yet unbuilt Bristol Mills shopping mall filed a suit in Circuit Court today against attorney William Ruetz and two other partners.

A. Allen Kaplan, Kenosha, says in his suit that Ruetz and other partners and officers of the Bristol Investment Limited Partnership and Bristol Investments Inc. have made un-

authorized expenditures of the partnership funds.

The suit says that the defendants mortgaged the partnership's property that was to be the site of a mall at I-94 and Highway 50 and used the \$400,000 received for other purposes.

Besides Ruetz, a 52 percent shareholder in the corporation and a 16 percent owner of the limited partnership, other defendants named are John M. Lichter, 1812 44th St., and Richard W. Kozich, Racine.

The lawsuit seeks an injunc-

tion barring the three officers from making further expenditures of the partnership and corporation funds. The suit says the defendants did not have the authority to obtain the mortgage money and seeks restitution of the \$400,000.

Kaplan's suit also says the defendants are in the process of obtaining an additional mortgage on the property intending to divert those funds also to pay debts of other firms related to the development.

An affidavit filed with the in-

junction request contends that Ruetz in August and September diverted \$14,000 of partnership funds to his own use. It further contends that during the same period, Kozich received \$3,000 of the money.

Judge Michael Fisher scheduled a hearing on the temporary restraining order request for 9 a.m. Monday. Kaplan is also asking that the court appoint a receiver to oversee the business operations and is seeking to have the limited partnership dissolved.

The temporary injunction request asks that Ruetz, Lichter and Kuzich be prevented from further misapplying or using the assets of the Bristol Investment corporation and partnership for personal and non-business uses.

Ground was broken more than two and a half years ago for the proposed 1.3 million square foot Bristol Mills mall. The first phase of the development was to have opened in the fall of 1988, a second phase in late 1989. The construction has not yet begun.

Bristol cites late fees

By Patrik Vander Velden
Staff Writer 10-27-89

BRISTOL — The town of Bristol is owed \$87,000 in delinquent sewerage fees — some dating to 1986 — by businesses along Highway 50/I-94, town records show.

The Factory Outlet Centre is among 14 businesses with unpaid bills, according to the town records. It owes \$19,036 for two delinquent payments.

Among other delinquent businesses in the commercial development strip are:

- The Brat Stop, \$7,586, in bills to 1986.

- Best Western Motel, \$12,567 for bills to 1988.

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Extraterritorial zoning debated

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PLEASANT PRAIRIE — Extraterritorial zoning is as close as Bristol will get to local control of zoning, Bristol Town Board members were told Thursday at a meeting with Pleasant Prairie officials.

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Extraterritorial zoning steps

To enact extraterritorial zoning, Pleasant Prairie would have to:

- Pass a resolution declaring its intention.

- Define legal boundaries of the zone.

- Post public notice of the ordinance.

- Notify the Bristol town clerk.

- Pass a two-year interim zoning ordinance with an option to extend it a third year.

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The extraterritorial zoning has a two-year life with an option for a one-year extension. A six-member committee represented by three officials from Bristol and Pleasant Prairie would be responsible for writing a land use ordinance.

Gunty said extraterritorial zoning is interference in Bristol's development and would jeopardize construction of a proposed theme park, a truck stop and an auto dealership.

The two-year current use freeze would put Bristol at a competitive disadvantage, said Michael LaTona, attorney for Atlantis Properties Ltd. which intends to build a 25-acre water theme park within the zoning area, just north of the state line and west of I-94.

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Three Kenosha aldermen have requested that the city attorney come to the next Common Council meeting prepared to answer questions about extraterritorial zoning, according to Ald. Joseph Madrigrano Jr.

Madrigrano and aldermen Douglas G. Devan and David M. Houghton asked City Attorney James Conway to attend the meeting primarily for information on possible zoning into the towns of Paris and Bristol, Madrigrano said.

"It was a simple, information request," he said, describing it as "educating the troops."

Currently, the village of Pleasant Prairie is considering extending its zoning 1½ miles west, across I-94 into the town of Bristol. Cities are allowed by statute to extend zoning authority 3½ miles. Property in the zone would not change from its current use until a joint committee from the two municipalities adopts a zoning ordinance.

Pleasant Prairie and Bristol officials had an initial meeting Thursday to discuss the steps that would be necessary. The Pleasant Prairie Planning Commission will take the matter up at a 7 p.m. meeting Wednesday at the Village Hall.

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Madrigrano said that the request of the aldermen did not come in response to the move by Pleasant Prairie. "We had requested this some time ago, but with the new marina and everything else, we never got around to putting it on the agenda."

I-94/Hy.Q interchange proposed

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

Sen. Joseph Andrea said Thursday construction of the I-94/County Highway Q interchange is the last hurdle in the way of economic development in Kenosha County.

"From the day we passed the utility diversification bill that allowed the creation of LakeView Corporate Park, we've been working in this direction," said Andrea.

"The Highway Q interchange is one of the last keys to the overall development of the area," he said. "We've got to have the ability to move traffic."

Andrea commented during a public information meeting regarding the reconstruction of the I-94/Highway Q interchange.

The Milwaukee engineering firm of Howard Needles Tammen and Bergendoff is studying the interchange and will make recommendations to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

The proposal presented Thursday would see Q widened from a two-lane road to a six-lane, divided highway from the east frontage road to the access ramps on the west side of I-94. From that point west, it would remain a two-lane, rural highway.

I-94 will remain three lanes in each direction and the Highway Q bridges over I-94 would be built to accommodate a future fourth lane in each direction.

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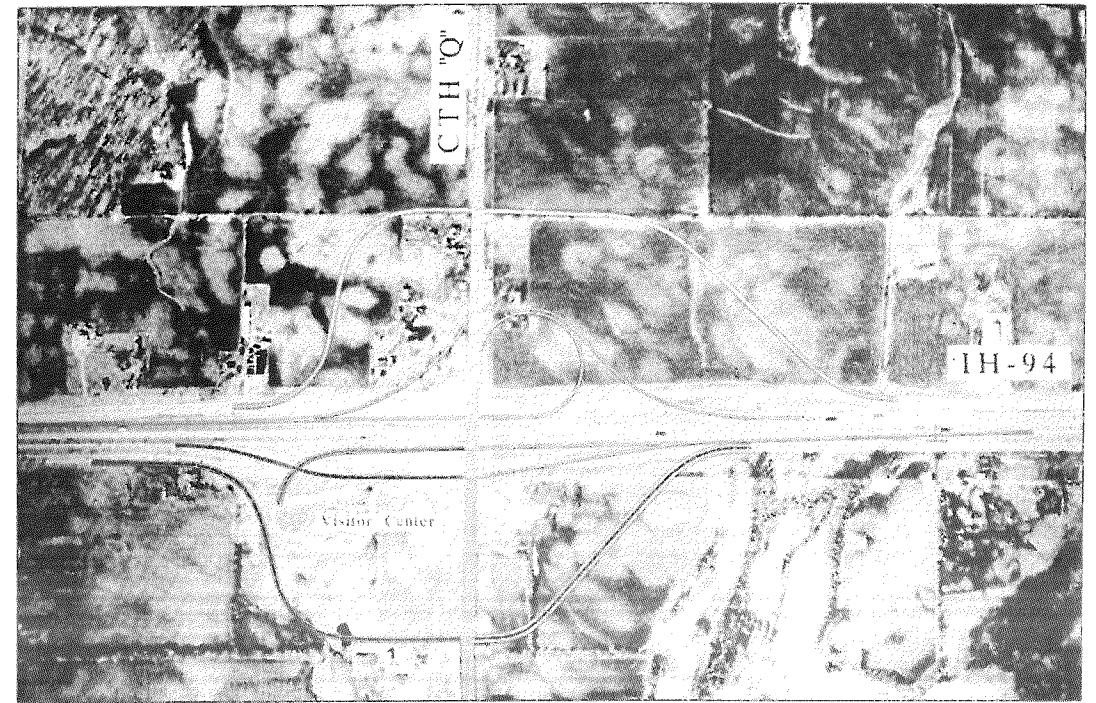
Existing ramps would be replaced with direct access ramps in all quadrants. In addition, a westbound to southbound loop ramp would be built in the northwest quadrant of the interchange.

If approved by DOT, the loop would be built on property that is currently owned by Flying J, Brigham City, Utah, a firm that has proposed building a truck stop on the site.

Scott Butzen, HNTB, said the loop would not prevent Flying J from building at the intersection but would mean moving the building site north or west.

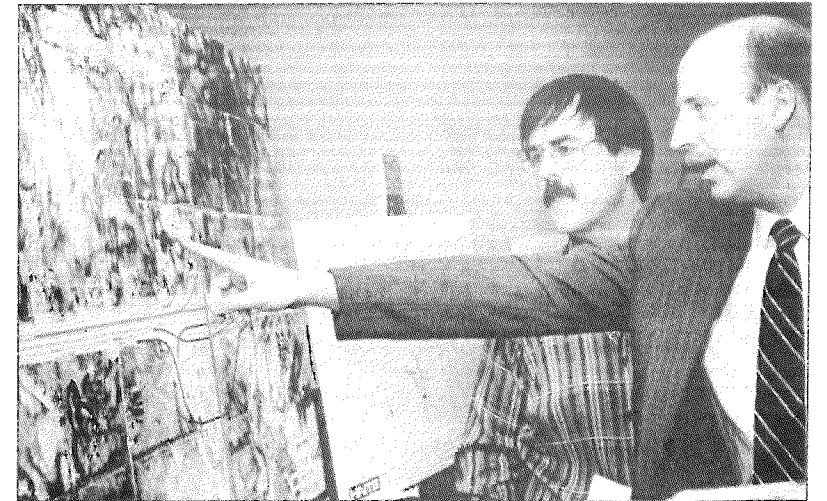
HNTB engineers said traffic volume on Q is approximately 7,730 vehicles per day, and trucks comprise more than 15 percent of the vehicles.

The project timetable would see construction of the Highway Q bridges in 1991 and construction of the roadway and loop in 1992.



Highway plan unveiled

An aerial view of the I-94/Highway Q interchange proposal, upper photo, shows one-way access ramps near the freeway. Frontage roads will be moved back away from I-94. The loop in the northwest quadrant of the intersection is designed to carry traffic that would enter I-94 and head south. At right, Scott Butzen, project manager for Howard Needles Tammen and Bergendoff, explains a proposal for reconstruction of the interchange.



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The real issue is not zoning or no zoning, but rather who will administer the ordinance. The principles of our democracy demand fair and representative government. How is this possible when the city of Kenosha has a majority vote; 17 out of 27 county board members. Fair representation can only be achieved by a zoning ordinance that is solely administered locally by our fellow residents who share our mutual problems, tax base, etc. and live in the town they represent.

Yes, it is unfortunate that the race track "has muddled the zoning issue, and Mr. Elfering does have a right, as a private citizen to sell his land," but it is the Bristol Community Action Committee headed by Mr. Kilduff, that has been slinging the mud and stirring things up. I would call this mob tactics.

Bristol eyewitness

To the Editor: 10-30-89

I'm a Bristol resident who read the letter mailed in the area from the Bristol Citizens for Local Zoning.

The BCLZ needs to tell the residents of the town the real facts and figures because I already know what the facts and figures are for local zoning.

The letter never talked about the following:

1. The procedure for adopting local zoning.
 2. The time and cost involved with local zoning.
 3. That the same ordinance cannot be shared by four towns which was proposed by Mr. Elfering at the Planning Board meeting.
 4. The procedure for adopting local zoning will be the same that is used for writing a city zoning ordinance.
 5. The writing of the zoning ordinance and land use plan has to be done by professionals.
 6. The adopting and writing of the ordinance needs to be authorized by a town meeting.
 7. The county board would have to approve the ordinance per state law.
 8. The same town board which rejected a petition with 1,172 signatures against a race track would enforce the local ordinance. (Who are we kidding?)
 9. The time that it will take to see a letter from the BCLZ which addresses the real issues on local zoning might take as long as it has taken the town board which is 5 years.
 10. The race track issue was not addressed in the letter because the people who support this letter would not want to step on Mr. Elfering's toes.
- The longer the letters from the BCLZ do not address the real issues, the town of Bristol will get several developments the people do not want.
- These are the facts! Let's stick to them.

Resident who won't be misled any further

To the Editor:

Bristol residents have received a letter from the Bristol Citizens for Local Zoning. 10-30-89

The letter criticizes the Town of Somers, Kenosha County zoning, area newspapers, a special town meeting, a public informational forum regarding county zoning, the Bristol Community Action Committee, Walter Cronkite, the county board and democracy.

The letter never talks about local zoning in the Town of Bristol. The words "local zoning" appear five times in the letter. Maybe the words will keep a race track from being built in Bristol or maybe the words are meant to confuse people just long enough to get the race track started so the people cannot stop it.

The letter talks about sewer and water from Kenosha coming with county zoning. That statement is an outright lie. The statement has been made by the town chairman on several occasions that sewer and water from Kenosha is connected with county zoning. Those statements were used to scare and deceive people and are not true.

The town of Bristol was regulated and lived with county zoning for 25 years. The town of Bristol does not have Kenosha sewer and water, but did have county zoning for two and a half decades.

The Citizens for Local Zoning should address local zoning. The town chairman in 1984 said he was for local zoning. It sounds like the BCLZ and the town chairman have a lot in common.

Besides, the letter sounded like something V. Meves from the Wisconsin Reporter would write, but I didn't know she moved to Bristol.

Just a Resident in Bristol

P.S. I've enjoyed your letter. I hope you enjoyed mine. Don't forget the race track!

Sad tale of wounded deer

To the Editor: 10-30-89

The article written in Tuesday's paper regarding the wounded deer literally turned my stomach. I would like to see the bow hunter or Mr. Powell's response to someone attempting to hunt him down and kill him; for the sport of it yet!

This episode only reinforces my belief that deer hunting is completely unnecessary in this day and age of commercialized meat production and that all creatures on the face of this earth have a right to life.

I will never believe anyone who tells me that killing is cold blood is a necessity in order to keep down the population. Who is to say how many deer have the right to life? Is killing in cold blood a rational solution to the overpopulation and overcrowding in Third World countries?

Hunting, in my mind, will always be a justification for machoism, brutality, and a good drunk. Please don't share any more "bizarre tales" such as this. I don't find anything bizarre about an animal fighting for it's life; only Mother Nature.

Animal rights activist

Hy. 158 project to begin Hy. 50, 142 resurfacing nears end

By Dave Backmann Staff Writer

Resurfacing work on two arterial highways linking Kenosha with I-94 is concluding, but widening of a third major road is just beginning and won't be finished until next June.

Widening of Highway 158 from two lanes to four, between County Highway HH and I-94, is beginning this week at an estimated cost of \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

Developers of Dairyland Greyhound Park are paying for the project.

The road will remain open to traffic during the construction period.

The project is timed to be completed with the planned June 1 opening of the dog racing track on I-94, just east of the interstate.

Robert Serak, state Department of Transportation area construction supervisor, said final design plans aren't completed.

However, Serak said he expects the frontage road and ramp system at I-94 and 158 to stay about the same as the present arrangement.

Beginning next week, left turn lanes also will be added at the intersection of HH and Highway 50 to improve traffic flow to the dog racing track. Dairyland will pick up the \$130,000 cost.

A final, top coat layer of asphalt on 50 between I-94 and 45th Street is to be applied Wednesday. Some shoulder areas will be resurfaced later, Serak said.

Completion of the resurfacing work will permit all lanes of traffic on that stretch of 50 to reopen.

Resurfacing of Highway 142, between highways 192 and EA, is to be finished up for the winter within the next several weeks, weather permitting, Serak said. A final, top coat layer of asphalt is to be applied next spring.

Highway 142, between I-94 and Highway 31, has been closed much of the summer and fall because of a railroad bridge replacement. The new bridge is in, but guardrail installation and other work along 142 must be completed before the road can be reopened, Serak said.

Charter airline firm sued

A Kenosha couple has filed suit in Circuit Court contending they were defrauded by the owner of a local charter airline company who allegedly induced them to invest \$100,000.

John and Frances Brotherton, 4612 89th St., are seeking an unspecified amount of compensatory and punitive damages from Richard Kislia, 11632 223rd Ave., Bristol, owner and operator of D & H Flying Service.

The suit says that the Brothertons, who then lived in Crystal River, Fla., responded to an advertisement in a national flying magazine. The ad, placed by Kislia, offered to sell the flying

service.

The suit alleges that in May, Kislia represented to the Brothertons that D & H had no more than \$140,000 in short term debt with about \$130,000 in short term receivables.

The couple bought 163 shares in the firm, sold their Florida home and moved to Kenosha.

According to the suit's allegations, the air charter firm had less than \$130,000 in receivables due and \$300,000 in past due and short term debt. The lawsuit claims Kislia misrepresented the financial status of the company to induce the plaintiffs to purchase stock.

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The real issue is not zoning or no zoning, but rather who will administer the ordinance. The principles of our democracy demand fair and representative government. How is this possible when the city of Kenosha has a majority vote; 17 out of 27 county board members. Fair representation can only be achieved by a zoning ordinance that is solely administered locally by our fellow residents who share our mutual problems, tax base, etc. and live in the town they represent.

Yes, it is unfortunate that the race track "has muddied the zoning issue, and Mr. Elfering does have a right, as a private citizen to sell his land," but it is the Bristol Community Action Committee headed by Mr. Kilduff, that has been slinging the mud and stirring things up. I would call this mob tactics.

Bristol eyewitness

To the Editor: 10-30-84

I'm a Bristol resident who read the letter mailed in the area from the Bristol Citizens for Local Zoning.

The BCLZ needs to tell the residents of the town the real facts and figures because I already know what the facts and figures are for local zoning.

The letter never talked about the following:

1. The procedure for adopting local zoning.
 2. The time and cost involved with local zoning.
 3. That the same ordinance cannot be shared by four towns which was proposed by Mr. Elfering at the Planning Board meeting.
 4. The procedure for adopting local zoning will be the same that is used for writing a city zoning ordinance.
 5. The writing of the zoning ordinance and land use plan has to be done by professionals.
 6. The adopting and writing of the ordinance needs to be authorized by a town meeting.
 7. The county board would have to approve the ordinance per state law.
 8. The same town board which rejected a petition with 1,172 signatures against a race track would enforce the local ordinance. (Who are we kidding?)
 9. The time that it will take to see a letter from the BCLZ which addresses the real issues on local zoning might take as long as it has taken the town board which is 5 years.
 10. The race track issue was not addressed in the letter because the people who support this letter would not want to step on Mr. Elfering's toes.
- The longer the letters from the BCLZ do not address the real issues, the town of Bristol will get several developments the people do not want.
- These are the facts! Let's stick to them.

Resident who won't be misled any further

To the Editor:

Bristol residents have received a letter from the Bristol Citizens for Local Zoning. 10-30-84

The letter criticizes the Town of Somers, Kenosha County zoning, area newspapers, a special town meeting, a public informational forum regarding county zoning, the Bristol Community Action Committee, Walter Cronkite, the county board and democracy.

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The letter talks about sewer and water from Kenosha coming with county zoning. That statement is an outright lie. The statement has been made by the town chairman on several occasions that sewer and water from Kenosha is connected with county zoning. Those statements were used to scare and deceive people and are not true.

The town of Bristol was regulated and lived with county zoning for 25 years. The town of Bristol does not have Kenosha sewer and water, but did have county zoning for two and a half decades.

The Citizens for Local Zoning should address local zoning. The town chairman in 1984 said he was for local zoning. It sounds like the BCLZ and the town chairman have a lot in common.

Besides, the letter sounded like something V. Meves from the Wisconsin Reporter would write, but I didn't know she moved to Bristol.

Just a Resident in Bristol

P.S. I've enjoyed your letter. I hope you enjoyed mine. Don't forget the race track!

Sad tale of wounded deer

To the Editor: 10-23-84

The article written in Tuesday's paper regarding the wounded deer literally turned my stomach. I would like to see the bow hunter or Mr. Powell's response to someone attempting to hunt him down and kill him; for the sport of it yet!

This episode only reinforces my belief that deer hunting is completely unnecessary in this day and age of commercialized meat production and that all creatures on the face of this earth have a right to life.

I will never believe anyone who tells me that killing is cold blood is a necessity in order to keep down the population. Who is to say how many deer have the right to life? Is killing in cold blood a rational solution to the overpopulation and overcrowding in Third World countries?

Hunting, in my mind, will always be a justification for machoism, brutality, and a good drunk. Please don't share any more "bizarre tales" such as this. I don't find anything bizarre about an animal fighting for it's life; only Mother Nature.

Animal rights activist

Hy. 158 project to begin

Hy. 50, 142 resurfacing nears end

By Dave Backmann
Staff Writer

Resurfacing work on two arterial highways linking Kenosha with I-94 is concluding, but widening of a third major road is just beginning and won't be finished until next June.

Widening of Highway 158 from two lanes to four, between County Highway HH and I-94, is beginning this week at an estimated cost of \$1 million to \$1.5 million.

Developers of Dairyland Greyhound Park are paying for the project.

The road will remain open to traffic during the construction period.

The project is timed to be completed with the planned June 1 opening of the dog racing track on 158, just east of the interstate. Robert Serak, state Department of Transportation area construction supervisor, said final design plans aren't completed.

However, Serak said he expects the frontage road and ramp system at I-94 and 158 to stay about the same as the present arrangement.

Beginning next week, left turn lanes also will be added at the intersection of HH and Highway 50 to improve traffic flow to the dog racing track. Dairyland will pick up the \$130,000 cost.

A final, top coat layer of asphalt on 50 between I-94 and 45th Street is to be applied Wednesday. Some shoulder areas will be resurfaced later Serak said.

Completion of the resurfacing work will permit all lanes of traffic on that stretch of 50 to reopen.

Resurfacing of Highway 142 between highways 192 and EA, is to be finished up for the winter within the next several weeks weather permitting, Serak said. A final, top coat layer of asphalt is to be applied next spring.

Highway 142, between I-94 and Highway 31, has been closed much of the summer and fall because of a railroad bridge replacement. The new bridge is in place but guardrail installation and other work along 142 must be completed before the road can be reopened, Serak said.

Charter airline firm sued

A Kenosha couple has filed suit in Circuit Court contending they were defrauded by the owner of a local charter airline company who allegedly induced them to invest \$100,000.

John and Frances Brotherton, 4612 89th St., are seeking an unspecified amount of compensatory and punitive damages from Richard Kislia, 11632 223rd Ave., Bristol, owner and operator of D & H Flying Service.

The suit says that the Brothertons, who then lived in Crystal River, Fla., responded to an advertisement in a national flying magazine. The ad, placed by Kislia, offered to sell the flying

service.

The suit alleges that in May, Kislia represented to the Brothertons that D & H had no more than \$140,000 in short term debt with about \$130,000 in short term receivables.

The couple bought 163 shares in the firm, sold their Florida home and moved to Kenosha.

According to the suit's allegations, the air charter firm had less than \$130,000 in receivables due and \$300,000 in past due and short term debt. The lawsuit claims Kislia misrepresented the financial status of the company to induce the plaintiffs to purchase stock.

Bristol sidesteps zoning vote

Racetrack land sale criticized

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — Despite a promise from Pleasant Prairie that extraterritorial zoning would be rescinded if Bristol adopts county zoning, the issue was not put to a vote by the Bristol Town Board Monday.

A motion to adopt county zoning was made by Supervisor Audrey Van Slochteren, and it died for lack of a second.

Van Slochteren read a letter from Pleasant Prairie Village President Thomas Terwall and Planning Commission Chairman Wayne Koesst saying there would be no need for extraterritorial zoning if Bristol were covered by the county ordinance.

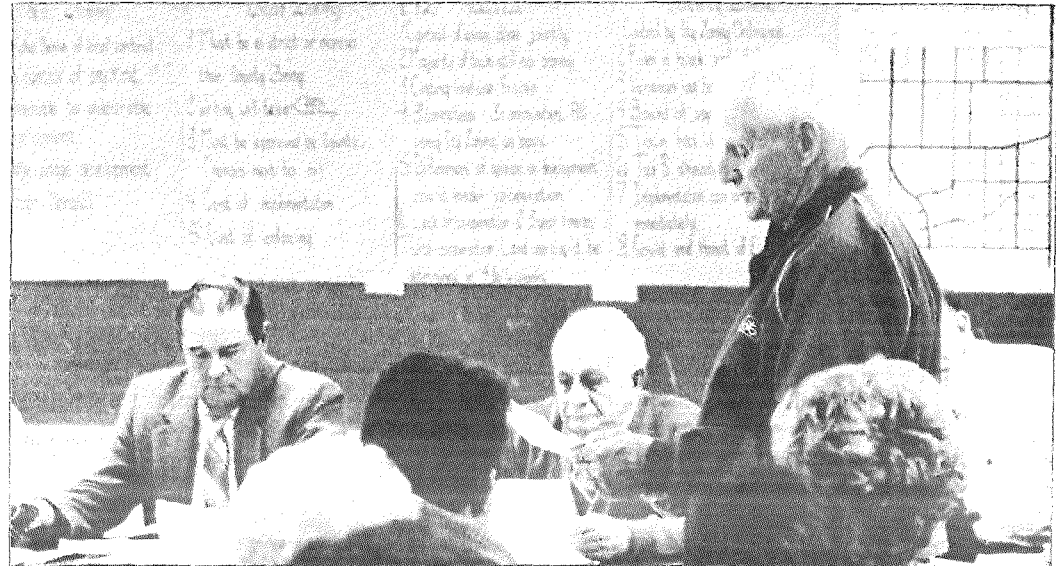
By law, a village such as Pleasant Prairie is allowed to extend its zoning 1½ miles into unzoned areas to protect its interests.

Supervisor Donald Wienke said he doesn't think the town has an alternative to county zoning, but Wienke said he wants a meeting with the County Planning and Development staff before he votes on the matter.

He said he expects the item to be back on the agenda for the Nov. 13 board meeting.

"I will seriously consider seconding it at that time," said Wienke.

Town Chairman Noel Elfering announced that the Bristol Board will meet with representatives from the other three Kenosha County towns that have not adopted countywide



Kenosha News photo by Paul Williams

Fowler critical of raceway plan

Bristol farmer Horace Fowler, standing, criticizes Town Chairman Noel Elfering's land purchase agreement with Brainerd International for a raceway, saying the matter did

not go through proper channels and should have been submitted to the town planning board. Seated are, from left, Elfering and Bristol Supervisor Russell Horton.

zoning — Salem, Paris and Brighton — at 7:30 p.m. Nov. 7 at the Bristol Town Hall to discuss the possibility of adopting local zoning.

Van Slochteren said in a comparison of the various types of zoning, "A local zoning ordinance must be approved by the county and the chances of that happening are next to nil."

During citizen comments, Horace Fowler, 15115 60th St., said he questions Elfering's qualifications to "continue to be chairman of the town of Bristol."

Fowler criticized Elfering's

signing of a purchase agreement with Brainerd International Raceway, Brainerd, Minn., for development of a speedway on his property.

"The customary and proper procedure would have been to submit this plan to the planning board for their approval or disapproval," said Fowler.

"Did he do this? No! He kept it a deep, dark secret until the press picked it up and released the information," said Fowler.

"I signed the contract last June," said Elfering. "If I'd known it would cause this much trouble, I might not have done it."

Jean Skora, 15505 Horton Road, said she and her husband visited the Brainerd racetrack Oct. 1 and talked to residents who live around the speedway.

"They were told there would be four races a year," she said, "when, in fact, the track is used every weekend from May to mid-October."

She said one four-day event drew crowds exceeding 80,000.

Skora said a wet T-shirt contest in 1988 "got completely out of hand ..."

On another matter, Robert Hess, Trevor, who owns a parcel at I-94 and Highway 50, disputed an announcement by

the board last week that businesses at I-94 and Highway 50 are \$87,000 behind in payment of sewer fees. Hess said business owners told him they have not received sewer bills since 1986.

Town Clerk Gloria Bailey said all businesses at the intersection have been billed regularly for all of 1988.

10-31-89



Kenosha News photos by Bill Sief

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Staff Writer

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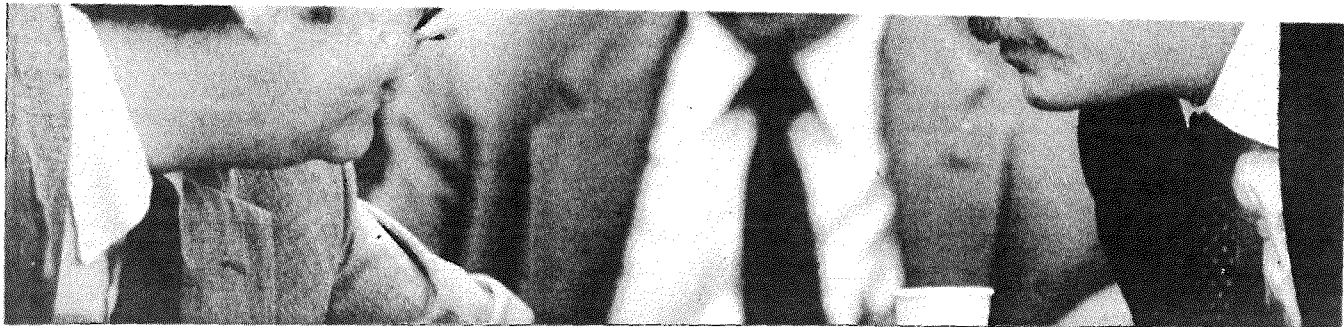
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In denying the receivership and injunction, Fisher found there had been no substantial mismanagement of Bristol Investment Limited Partnership and Bristol Investment Inc., as Kaplan had alleged.

The judge, after hearing testimony from Kaplan and Ruetz, found no evidence that monies had been diverted from the motel owned by the partnership.

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square foot mall is to be the keystone of the development project, but has been delayed long past its projected 1988 opening. Ruetz Monday said he expected construction to begin by Nov. 15. Already built and operating are the Best Western motel and a small strip mall.

Bristol Development Corp. is the main corporate entity involved, but about eight other firms, corporations and partnerships have been spun off for various subsidiary operations and for capital-raising purposes.

Kaplan testified that Ruetz had referred to the organization

as “one bowl of soup. He said it all comes out of the same bowl, but in the bookkeeping system, it isn't so ... It's like nine bowls.”

Kaplan said he couldn't account for more than \$4 million the partnership had received in a hotel construction loan and from investors. When the defendants' attorney, Robert Swanson, showed Kaplan a 1988 balance sheet accounting for \$4.8 million, the plaintiff said he hadn't seen that document before.

Kaplan also contended his business partners had obtained a \$400,000 second mortgage on the motel without authorization. He

said he couldn't determine where the money had gone, but believes it had been diverted to other purposes by the defendants.

Ruetz testified that only \$100,000 of that amount actually had been borrowed and that the transaction was properly accounted for by a mortgage note.

Partnership money paid to two of the partners — \$6,000 to Ruetz and \$3,000 to Lichter — was explained as fees paid for their services managing the motel.

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Swanson characterized Kaplan's complaint as being the case of a minority limited partner and shareholder not understanding how the business is run.

The judge said it was clear that there were differences in management philosophy between Kaplan and his partners but found no reason to appoint a receiver or prohibit the defendants from continuing to operate the motel.

I-94 businesses face sewer payment deadline

By Patrik Vander Velden
Staff Writer 11-1-89

BRISTOL — A special charge of 10 percent will be added to unpaid sewerage fees owned to the town by local businessmen, unless they pay by Nov. 15, town clerk Gloria Bailey said Tuesday.

The town is owed \$87,000 in delinquent fees — some dating to 1986 — by 14 businesses along Highway 50 and I-94.

There is no provision for a late payment penalty until it is added to the tax roll. The town's sewerage district ordinance, written in 1987, provides for the interest penalty after the late fee is added as a special charge to the annual tax bill.

"It's the only alternative we have (to collect)," she said.

Quarterly bills were sent out in October with notification that unless delinquent payments

were made by Nov. 15, they will be put on the tax bill, with a 10 percent interest charge, Bailey said.

Even if Bristol collects all the delinquent fees, it will not be enough to cover its own back payments for sewer service to the village of Pleasant Prairie. Bristol owes \$103,000 for a sewer connection linking Bristol's commercial development at the Highway 50/I-94 strip with the village's waste water treatment plant.

Pleasant Prairie charges the town of Bristol 10 percent interest on its delinquent bill, and the total bill is an accumulation of unpaid service fees plus interest charges, said Village Administrator Michael Pollocoff.

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The new trial request was reviewed in Breitenbach's courtroom Tuesday morning.

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By Joe Van Zandt
Staff Writer 11-6-89

BRISTOL — A committee

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Chairman needs review

To the Editor: 11-1-89

I feel the time has come to review the performance of our chairman, Mr. Noel Elfering, over the past 100 days.

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When this information became known, petitions objecting to a race track in the town of Bristol were circulated. 1172 citizens of the town signed these petitions and they were presented to this Town Board. Mr. Elfering blatantly ignored the petitions, as did Mr. Horton and Mr. Gunty.

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Horace Fowler

People will kill anything

To the Editor: 11-3-89

On the front page of your paper, dated Oct. 25, 1989, is an article headlined "Lab tests show evidence of toxin in deaths of Elfering's cows."

In this article, Mr. Elfering says "His proposed sale of land for an auto racetrack could be behind the poisoning of the cows." The article also includes a statement by Marion Middleton, secretary of Bristol Community Action Committee, quoting her as saying "I certainly resent the implication that anyone in Bristol would stoop so low as to kill cattle."

On the front page of this same paper is an article by Don Jensen, headlined "Bierdz pleads guilty to mother's murder."

I certainly don't wish to be rude or discourteous toward Marion Middleton, but I feel that she must be naive in thinking that "no one in Bristol would stoop so low as to kill cattle."

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RESOLUTION NO. 44-89
RESOLUTION RELATING
TO EXTRATERRITORIAL
ZONING

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Adopted this 3th day of November, 1989.

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Bristol School committee to study building needs

By Joe Van Zandt
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — A committee composed of Bristol residents, School Board members, parents, school Administrator Gale Ryczek and Town Clerk Gloria Bailey met Thursday to start a study of the needs of Bristol School.

The School Facilities Planning and Utilization Committee cited

the following main objectives:

□ A study of the architecture and current condition of the building and its effect on health and safety.

□ A study of the heating, ventilating and electrical systems.

□ Inventory of building and room features and updating of building and floor plans.

□ An analysis of how the building is currently being used and how changes in use could affect the school capacity.

□ An analysis of birth rates, land development, private school enrollment and population trends in the community.

The committee will also be trying to find out why the building is full in 1989 with 418 stu-

dents when it has held a larger student body in the past.

The group divided itself into two subcommittees, one to study population and enrollment growth and the other to study building use.

Ryczek told the group the school is handling the current enrollment well, although there could be a problem in first, third and eighth grades if the numbers in those grades continued to climb. At present, he said, most classrooms have between 20 and 24 students.

The biggest problem facing the school right now, he said, is lack of storage space. As the need for more classrooms has grown, two large storage rooms were converted to classroom use, he said.

The school has 23 classrooms, all of them in use. Thirteen rooms are being used for things they were not built for such as offices for the guidance counselor and reading specialist, rooms for band, music, art, speech and language, computer science and special education.

Ryczek said the changing nature of education as well as a steady stream of mandates from the state Department of Public Instruction means more space is needed for the same number of students. The trend will continue, he said, as the school offers programs for gifted and talented, education for employment, foreign languages, students at risk and technology.

The committee will conduct its next meeting at 7:30 Jan. 11, at which time it will hear reports from members.

Pleasant Prairie favors extending zoning

Bristol strip along I-94 to be affected

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

The Pleasant Prairie Planning Commission Wednesday recommended adoption of an extraterritorial zoning ordinance by the village.

The Village Board is expected to follow suit on Monday and pass an interim zoning ordinance that will freeze the existing land use in the zoned area as soon as the ordinance is published.

The affected area is in the town of Bristol, a 1½-mile strip along the west side of I-94, from Highway 50 to the Illinois border.

Villages and cities are allowed by state statute to extend zoning into unzoned areas. Villages may extend their zoning power 1½ miles beyond their borders and cities three miles.

The purpose of the interim ordinance is to preserve existing land use in the zoned area while a land use plan is being prepared.

A six-member committee — three from Pleasant Prairie and three from Bristol — will be appointed to write a land use plan, according to village planner Jean Plum. The freeze won't be lifted until the plan is ready, she said.

The extraterritorial committee has a two-year life with an option for a one-year extension.



"I would much rather see all of Bristol have county zoning, but if they don't want it, there has to be some type of zoning. We can't afford to be exposed to no zoning."

Thomas Terwall
Village President

11-2-87

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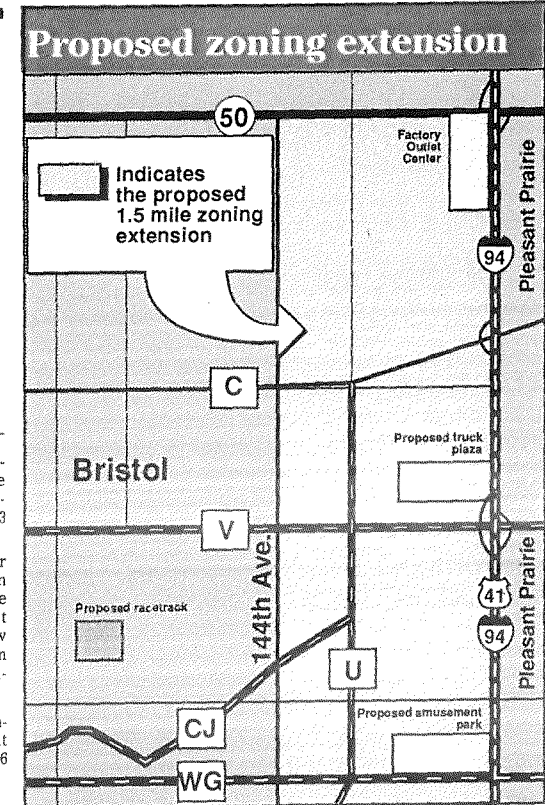
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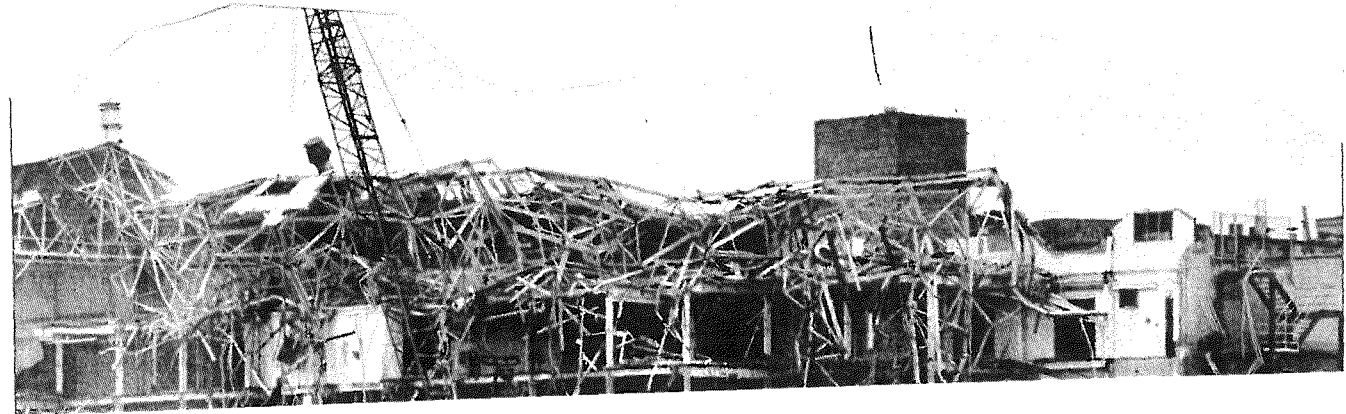
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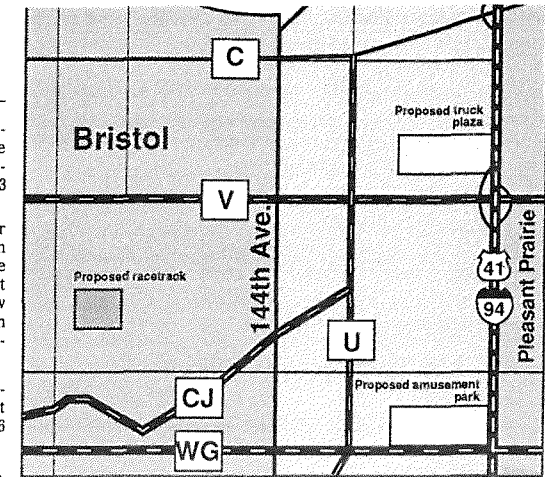
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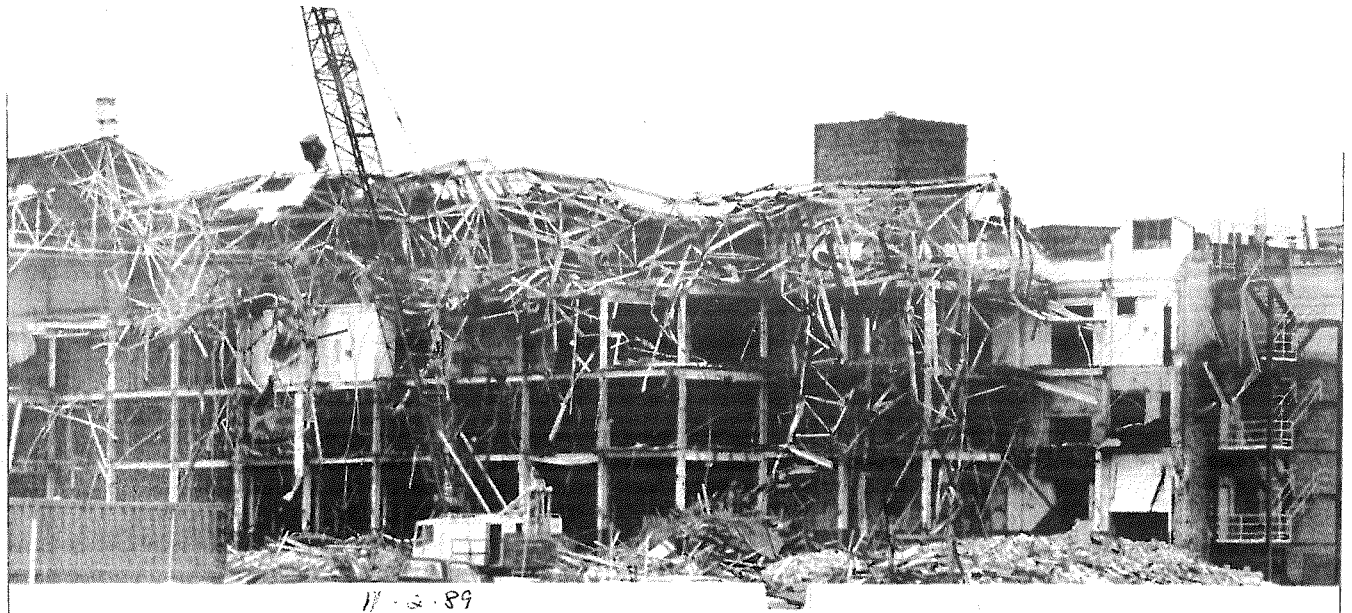
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Kenosha News photo by John Sorensen

And the walls are still tumbling down ...

Demolition continued Wednesday morning on the east side of the abandoned Chrysler Corp. Lakefront

Plant as crews razed a building that most recently housed the robotic car body assembly line. Demolition

of the Lakefront Plant is about 20 percent complete.



Bristol residents display their opinions on the Brainerd International Raceway coming to town. Brainerd International has agreed to purchase land from town chairman Noel Elfering and Anthony Kordecki for the auto race track. The issue has sparked a zoning controversy in Bristol.
(Mary Sullivan photos)

To the Editor: 11-6-89

It seems only those opposed to the Bristol race track are writing letters. So I thought I should write a pro race track letter, as that's "my" opinion.

I live in the area too, and I'm excited about the possibility of a state-of-the-art race track. I feel there is an enormous over-reaction to the proposed track. One of the things I've always enjoyed while living here was attending Great Lakes Dragway, Wilmot Speedway, Hales Corners or the Milwaukee tracks. They're unique to the area and, judging from the attendance, very popular.

Southeastern Wisconsin is apparently big on auto racing. From what I know of the Brainerd International (judging from their other facility), it will be clean, well managed, and an absolute boon to the area.

NHRA drag racing has matured to one of the finest spectator sports you and your family can attend. I know. I've been to some of the "major" NHRA events at tracks like the future Bristol unit will be. I know if I had to live by an NHRA dragstrip or a horse or dog track, I'd choose the race track every time. I don't hear too much complaining about the possibility of those. That would bring many undesirables to the area — drinking, gambling — but perhaps that's what people like. At least the race track will not allow nor serve alcohol (that's off to them!).

So Mr. Elfering, I hope your land sale goes through and the track becomes a reality.

If there are other race track supporters I hope you'll write too. However, please withhold your name as I feel I must do because I don't want cows poisoned or whatever reprisals some "jerk" may feel I'm entitled to.

A Bristol Area Race
Track Supporter

To the Editor: 11-6-89

The townspeople of Bristol owe a special thanks to a special company. The company helps people find places to live, places where a family can settle down to the peaceful surroundings of a rural community, places where kids can run and play in wide open spaces and breathe the fresh country air. This company helps shape a community for years to come. The company assists people selling commercial buildings. The sales contribute to the community with jobs and a sound economic base.

This same company sells land for several purposes. Some land is sold for homes with big back yards and some land is sold for churches and community centers. People can meet at these places and share their lives together. The business is a real estate company. The realtor does receive a commission for his sales, so maybe the thank you should not be too special. No, the townspeople of Bristol do owe a very special thanks to the realtor who found enough quality farmland in Bristol for an auto race track.

As we know, the race track with cars driving in circles or going straight for a quarter mile will attract people to the quiet and peaceful community. People will hear those automobile sounds for miles around. Just think if your house or property is close enough you won't hear the lawn mower when cutting the grass or the tractor when plowing the field. The telephone at your house won't be used as often. Your family will probably get out a lot more because you won't want to stay at home unless your last house was on a runway at an airport.

Let us thank that real estate company with the orange and white

signs. It is only a coincidence that the first letter is S and the last letter H of the real estate company. The name has nothing to do with the canine family. Thanks for nothing.

By Owner in Bristol

P.S. Rumor has it that the realtor will contribute his commission to help offset the devaluation of homes and property. Once again, thanks for nothing.

A standing-room-only crowd of 70 people listened gravely as attorneys for each side — local lawyer Cletus Willems representing MediGen, and George Edgar of Madison representing KAMWI — addressed the five-member Zoning Board. Present also were City Attorney James Conway and Chief Building Inspector Vernon Gerth.

The meeting lasted only an hour, ending when the board voted to adjourn without a final decision. Conway will review the testimony and offer his recommendation to the board in a closed session January 11th.

Gerth read a chronological calendar of events regarding construction of the MediGen facility beginning with the city Planning Commission's recommendation on October 6th, 1989 that the Common Council approve MediGen's conditional use permit.

MediGen attorney Cletus Willems maintained that KAMWI actually has had 15 months (from the time of MediGen's original application for a conditional use permit in September of 1988) to file an appeal.

"It's not when a person knew it's when a person should have known," said Willems. "... MediGen came to the city; they followed all the rules. They worked with the D.N.R. They built the facility — that process took nine months and three public hearings."

Elfering a throwback

To the Editor: 11-8-89

Noel Elfering is an affable, gregarious farmer. In overalls and feed cap, you would think he'd do his best work from a chair beside a potbelly stove in a general store. The general store is now shuttered; the town hall is now a municipal building. The town chairman works in a suit from an office.

But he's a throwback to yesteryear: A political "boss." He knows the craft of gaining and holding power, using tactics as old as Caesar: "Divisa et impera." Bristol was fragmented before him, but he instinctively aggravated feuds. Factions become warring camps: North vs. South; farmers vs. villagers; neighbor vs. neighbor. All the while, he grasps more power.

Never shy, he's now caught in a fight for his political life. The political equivalent to a cold front moved through the town meeting on Oct. 30, an opposition arrayed in breadth and scope not seen before. He must have felt the chill of retirement in his bones.

The townspeople have something to rally around: "No racetrack in Bristol!" An astounding percentage signed a petition against. He knows his days are numbered. He confesses he badly miscalculated: "If I had known it would cause this much trouble, I might never have signed the (racetrack) contract."

Now a projected increase in the property tax to pay for a failed utility district has exposed his leadership to attack. It was the jewel in the crown! You sow the wind; you reap the whirlwind!

Let the voters rule Bristol's highlands once again! Those against the racetrack far outnumber those in favor! The chairman is ducking for cover now, but he soon must show himself to mend his fences. When Bristol is forced to accept zoning, his clout will vanish.

Name Withheld

That, said Edgar, was not until November 9th, 1989. He also said, "The burden shouldn't be on citizens to have to ferret out municipal decisions that have been made."

Edgar said the original September 1988 MediGen application for a conditional use permit did not include the names and addresses of surrounding property owners as required by zoning statutes.

Willems argued that his client has made a major investment in the property and in construction costs.

Edgar said, "MediGen knew the appeal time was not specified. When you go ahead with expensive construction during the appeal period, you take the risk that someone is going to appeal. Self-imposed hardship should not be used to deny someone else's rights."

After the meeting Edgar told the press that his clients "... have been trying to get a hearing in front of a body that has the authority to make a decision. All the people want is a forum like they're legally entitled to have to present their evidence."

If the Zoning Board decides the KAMWI appeal is timely, another hearing will be scheduled on whether the incinerator should be considered an "unlisted permitted use" in the city's M2 heavy-industrial zoning.

'Democratic process distortion' concerns Bristol group

By Jim Rohde
Staff Writer

11-6 87

BRISTOL — A group calling itself Bristol Citizens For Local Zoning has been formed for what a spokesman says is concern over "a distortion of the democratic process, specifically groups of citizens getting together for meetings, having open discussions, and effecting change through legitimate, legal elections."

Edward Chevrette, 18531 83rd St., chairman of the BCLZ, said, "The recent abuse of this process was perpetrated by the Bristol Community Action Committee during their meeting on Oct. 3.

"We feel there are four major issues in Bristol: county zoning, no zoning, local zoning, and the proposed racetrack."

Chevrette said that while the racetrack issue is extremely important and requires discussion and possible action, it should not be used to obscure

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the factual discussion of the zoning issue.

"The BCAC seized the racetrack issue to stampede the town into a pro-county zoning position," Chevrette said. "They held their controversial meeting on pro-county zoning and then, through racetrack sensationalism and half-truths, scheduled the special town meeting for the purpose of adopting county zoning."

Chevrette said proponents of county zoning made it appear

that if you were opposed to county zoning, you were for no zoning and anarchy and also for the racetrack.

"There is an alternative, which is local zoning," Chevrette said. "But their stampede was effective in that their organization came to the meeting with their rehearsed members, complete with cue cards, voting devices, lawyer and director, who declared the meeting was to be a peoples' meeting, but the only people who were allowed to speak were their people. Everyone else was ruled out of order."

Chevrette said that despite the vote of 220 to 59 in favor of adopting county zoning, which he said was portrayed as a 4-1 margin, "It was still short of the 326 who petitioned for that special meeting, and it was far less than the 445 to 315 who voted in the 1984 referendum against county zoning."

He accused the newspapers reporting on the Oct. 3, 1989,

vote of being biased, which, he said, is why the BCLZ was formed.

"We want the citizens of Bristol to know that we favor local control of our zoning," Chevrette said. "We don't want to be pawns in the expansion of Kenosha's sewer and water districts and we don't want to be the victims of developers."

Chevrette said the BCLZ feels Bristol citizens should decide what is best for Bristol and what it needs for zoning.

"We need local control and not the Kenosha County Board telling us what they think is good for us."

He said at the BCAC's first meeting, all the town panelists praised county zoning as being a protective set of rules administered by a "Walter Cronkite" type of County Board members, who were only concerned with the best interests of Bristol residents.

"Their disregard for the poor and middle class whose

taxes support their dictatorial powers is evident everywhere, including the annexation of a portion of Somers, where the city imposed a moratorium on water and sewer service extensions to the town until the differences were resolved."

Chevrette said the little guy is invariably the one who gets hurt and ends up paying the bill.

He quoted James Smith of Somers, who said in the Oct. 11 issue of the Kenosha News, "I'm ashamed of this Town Board and especially Town Chairman David Holtze. I signed the agreement in 1984 to show unity when a dispute arose over annexation, but in my opinion, this time the city had a gun to our head and I cannot sign this agreement."

Chevrette said it is obvious because of zoning and other hideous, lurking laws, the little guy's private sewer and well system will probably be condemned as polluted or pollut-

ing, and as a result, the homeowner will have no other option than to pay the ransom to the city in order to survive.

He said that in addition, the Town of Somers will bear the cost of constructing sewer mains and related facilities. Chevrette said Town Chairman Holtze is losing his grip on the situation since he said during earlier negotiations that the town would reject any agreement that shifted land to the city against the will of property owners or that involves unreasonable water and sewer rates.

"Plainly, the heavy hand of big city metro government and its big stick of zoning, sewer and water, has Mr. Holtze on his knees," Chevrette said. "Yet he has the audacity to present to the citizens of Bristol, Kenosha County Zoning as a wonderful set of rules which is bringing Mr. Holtze under the County Board's control."

Bristol amusement ordinance could hamper racetrack

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

11-8-87

The Bristol ordinance that regulates amusement parks and public fairs would prevent an auto racetrack from operating in the town of Bristol, according to Daniel Hohmeier.

Hohmeier, 19565 103rd St., said the ordinance specifically prohibits public address and loud speaker systems, as well as machines and devices that produce noise, odor, smoke or disturbance.

In the offer to purchase prop-

erty from Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering, Brainerd International officials made the offer subject to a waiver of the amusement park ordinance or a written opinion from the town attorney that the ordinance is not applicable to the development.

Brainerd, a Minneapolis, Minn. firm, has announced plans to build a 2.2 mile road race course and a quarter mile dragstrip on land presently owned by Elfering, 15324 Horton Road, (Highway CJ) and An-

thony Kordecki, 16605 104th Street, (Highway Q.)

"I don't see how the town board can waive Brainerd or any other developer's need to get a license," said Hohmeier, "but if they don't waive it, Brainerd can't operate."

Paragraph D of the ordinance states that no public address or loud speaker system shall be operated, nor shall any music be used in connection with the operation of the amusement park. The ordinance also forbids the use of any instrument, machine or device which produces or

causes any noise, odor, smoke or disturbance which is or is likely to become a public or a private nuisance.

Hohmeier also pointed out a clause that forbids the operation of a business that constitutes a nuisance or disturbs the peaceable use and occupancy of the surrounding area.

"I think Elfering knew the ordinance could give Brainerd trouble and I think he promised them that the ordinance would be waived," said Hohmeier.

Bristol Supervisor Russell Horton said he wouldn't com-

ment on the proposed waiver of the amusement license "because I still don't believe a racetrack will be built."

Horton said his phone has been ringing with calls from people who are concerned about the track, but said Horton, "People have jumped to the wrong conclusion. That ground is low and it floods. Two years ago, the only thing sticking through the ice was corn tassles."

Town Attorney Cecil Rothrock said he has not seen the purchase offer.

"The board has not asked for

my opinion on waiving the ordinance," said Rothrock.

Hohmeier said, "I would be very surprised if Brainerd went to the town hall and reviewed every ordinance to find out if there were any rules that would prevent a racetrack. I think someone who knew what was in the ordinance told them about it."

The amusement license is not on file at the town hall, said Hohmeier. "I got it from Rothrock's office."

Elfering could not be reached for comment.

Zoning plan gets little support

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — It's county zoning or no zoning.

That's the message that was delivered Tuesday at a Bristol meeting.

The joint session with Brighton, Paris and Salem was called by the Bristol Town Board in an attempt to interest the other three towns in writing a local zoning ordinance.

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Elfering said Bristol, Paris, Brighton and Salem should band together and hire Attorney Milton Konicek to do further research on local zoning. Elfering said he has been told by Konicek that the towns could adopt the zoning ordinance but administer it themselves.

"Konicek thinks we could take it to court and win."

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Pleasant Prairie Board adopts interim zoning

By Arlene Jensen
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The Pleasant Prairie Village Board adopted an interim zoning ordinance Monday that freezes existing land use in a 7½-square-mile area of the town of Bristol.

The ordinance is the first step toward the hoped-for adoption of a land use plan in the 1½ mile strip along the west side of I-94, from Highway 50 to the Illinois state line.

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Attorney James Baxter, representing the village, said Mauro can "wait out the adoption process and try to get the zoning you want or you can be very unhappy."

Mauro might be able to prove that he has an established, vested right to the use he intends for the property, said Baxter.

Landowners may appeal the land use that has been assigned to their property by requesting a hearing in front of the Village Board and the Board of Appeals if not satisfied by the decision of the Village Board.

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Staff Writer

11-10-89

The City Plan Commission Thursday voted 6 to 1 to send a report to the Finance Committee urging it to exercise extraterritorial zoning rights in the town of Bristol.

Finance will then make a recommendation to the City Council.

The affected area is the corridor between County Highway K and Highway 50 from I-94 west to County Highway MB.

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If adopted, a six-member committee — three from the city and three from Bristol — will be appointed to write a land use plan. Until a plan is adopted, the current land uses would be frozen.

The extraterritorial committee has a two-year life with an option for a one-year extension.

"Is this a nice thing to do, or are we flexing our muscles," asked Commissioner Leon Pascucci, who voted against the recommendation.

Voting in favor of the recommendation were Mayor Patrick Moran, Aldermen Dennis Pierce and Michael Serpe, Jerry Lit-tiken, Art Maurer and Anthony

Stella.

City Development Director Ray Forgianni said the measure is the only way the city can assure quality development between County Highway K and Highway 50.

Commissioner Stella said Bristol's refusal to adopt county-wide zoning forces the city to take this action.

"I feel we were almost pushed into this. It's like declaring war first and negotiating after," Stella said.

Serpe asked if Forgianni was also recommending extraterritorial zoning in the town of Paris, which also does not have zoning. Forgianni prepared suggested ordinances for both Bristol and Paris.

"Our area of concern really is

Bristol," Forgianni said. "Paris operates in a slightly different fashion than Bristol. (Paris) is more conservative."

In other business, the commission voted 6 to 1, with Lit-tiken dissenting, to rezone property at 7215 Green Bay Road from R-1, single-family residential to B-2 community business.

City Development had recommended the request be denied because it would encourage strip development along Green Bay Road which would adversely affect the existing residential uses.

AER-Wave Systems Inc., 6302 75th St., which sells satellite equipment, towers, rotors, etc., is purchasing the two-acre site and plans to construct a professional park for its business and several others.

County committee raps Bristol zoning claim

Local zoning in 4 towns not allowed

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

PADDOCK LAKE — The Kenosha County Board's Land Use Committee Wednesday accused Bristol officials of a deliberate attempt to mislead town residents about zoning.

Committee members reacted to claims made Tuesday by Bristol Town Board members that the town could pass its own zoning ordinance and force the county to accept it.

"It's a mistake to lead people on, to tell them that a town zoning ordinance would be adopted by the County Board," said Supervisor Geoffrey Wheeler.

"We're not about to approve anybody's request for their own ordinance," said Supervisor Richard Lindgren. "We just won't permit a town to do their own."

At a Tuesday meeting, Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering said the neighboring towns should band together to adopt a local ordinance and administer it themselves. He said he had been told by Burlington attorney Milton Konicek that if the county refused to approve local zoning,

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the towns could take it to court and win.

George Melcher, Kenosha County Planning and Development director, called the remark "misleading and unfair. It's time to get beyond the charade and the games," he said at Wednesday's Land Use hearing.

Melcher said he has been asked by Bristol residents if a new zoning map would be drawn for the town if it adopted county zoning.

"The zoning map that was adopted in 1983 as a part of the ordinance is the map we will use," he said. "There have been changes in land use in Bristol between 1983 and 1989, but this committee and our office staff will deal with those changes."

In other matters, the committee approved the request of Bernice Pawlus, 33225 80th St., for a zoning change from limited to heavy manufacturing on prop-

erty at County Highway W and 45th Street.

A building on the property houses Ultra Fab, a metal fabricating business run by Perry Villani and Ron Clark.

Sue Baker, who lives across the street from the business, objected to the change in zoning, saying Ultra Fab is noisy. She also complained about semi trucks backing onto Highway W.

Christy Slatner, also a neighbor, said Ultra-Fab is trying to "run a big business in a limited amount of space."

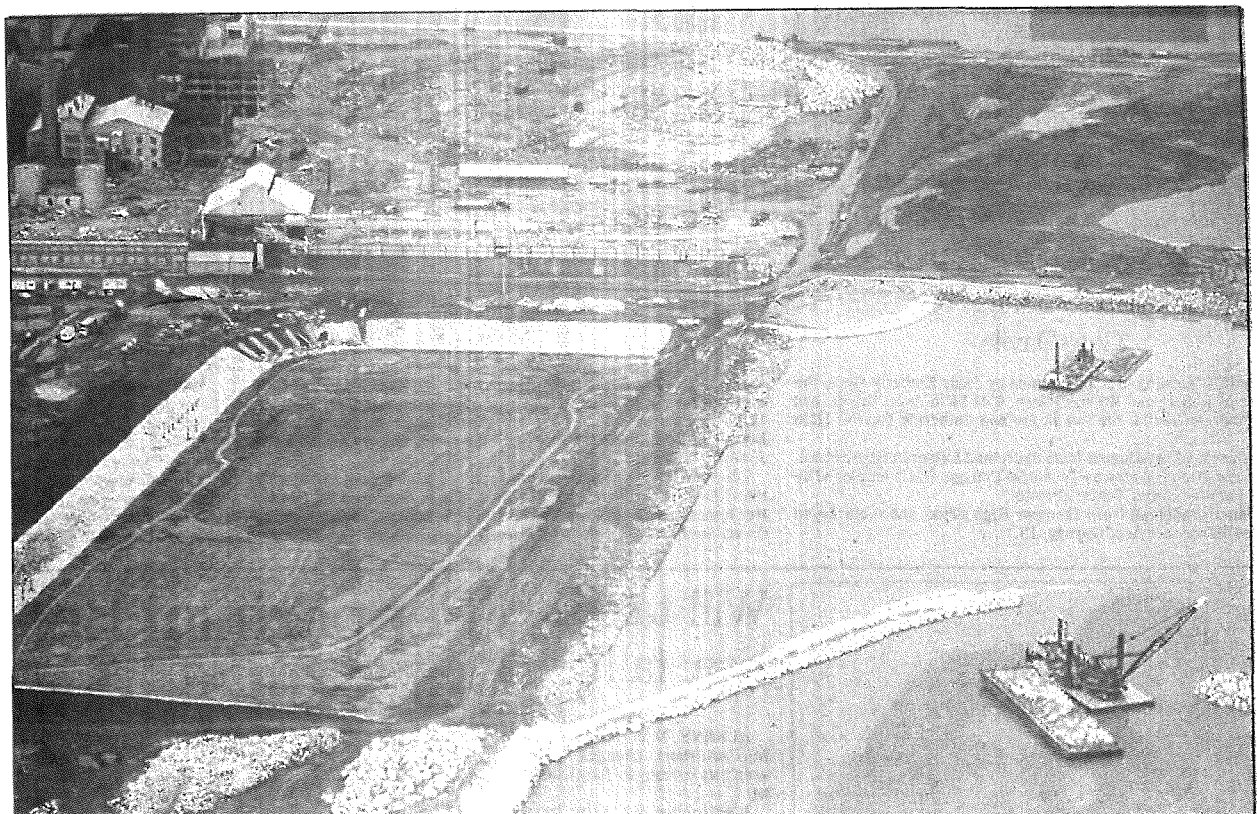
Slatner and Baker said they opposed the change in zoning because it could be used by future owners for a more objectionable business.

Attorney Will Warren, representing the petitioners, said, "The last thing we want is angry neighbors."

He said Villani and Clark have agreed to landscape the property, air condition the building so doors and windows can be kept closed and use silencing devices on the machines.

Warren also said Villani and Clark will petition for a return to limited manufacturing on the Highway W property if they move to a new location.

The committee also approved a change from urban single family to urban two family on property at 93rd Street and County Highway SA. The property is owned by Michael and Kay Wallsten, Allenton.



Kenosha News photos by Paul Williams

As the former Chrysler Motors Lakefront plant goes down, work on the basin for Kenosha's new marina is speeds up

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Looking down on what's looking up

By Jennie Tunkieicz
Staff Writer

A view of Kenosha from the sky reveals a community truly on the grow. Cranes can be seen scrambling about like locusts while the earth seems to heave mortar and steel. It's a renaissance.

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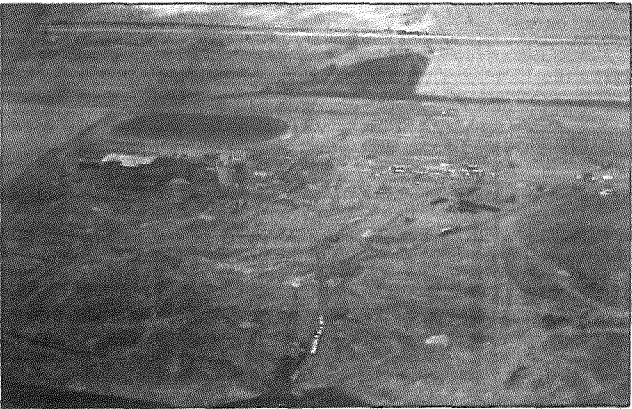
The breakwater will be substantially completed by winter, he said. Approximately 90 percent of the outer breakwater and 50 percent of the inner breakwater is finished.

"It's ahead of schedule right now," Winkler said. Construction of Dairyland Greyhound Park, at Highway 50 and County Highway HH, is advancing rapidly, said Don Hess, general manager.

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greyhound race track," said Hess. Lakeside Marketplace, I-94 and 110th Place, recently celebrated the opening of 17 new stores in phase two, added to 26 stores opened in September 1988. A third phase with 19 more stores is set to open in summer 1990 and a fourth with 20 stores in summer 1991. Kenosha's industrial parks have been successful at attracting new businesses to the county.

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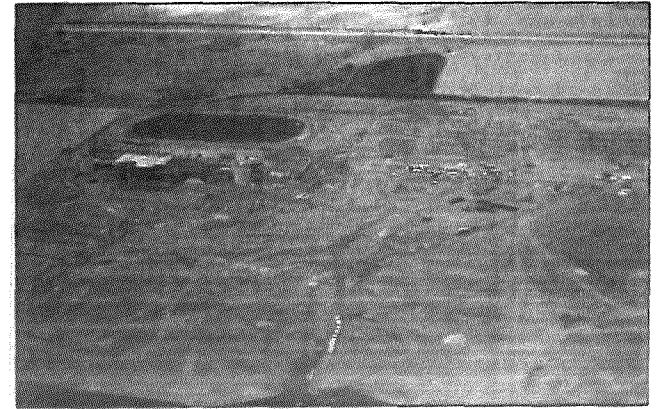
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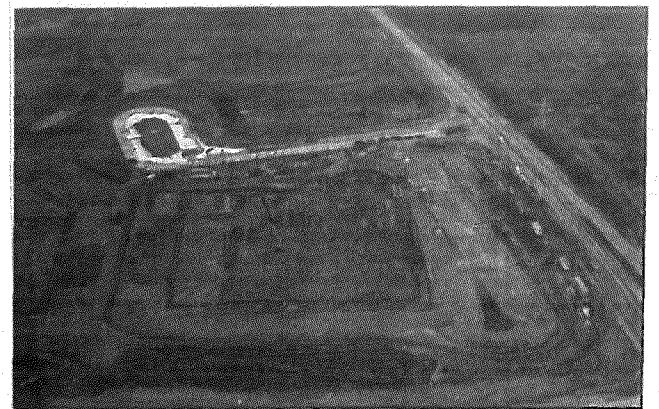
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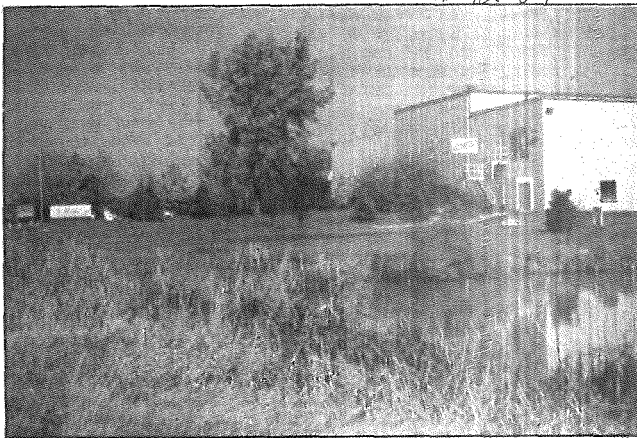


At LakeView Corporate Park, four plants under construction

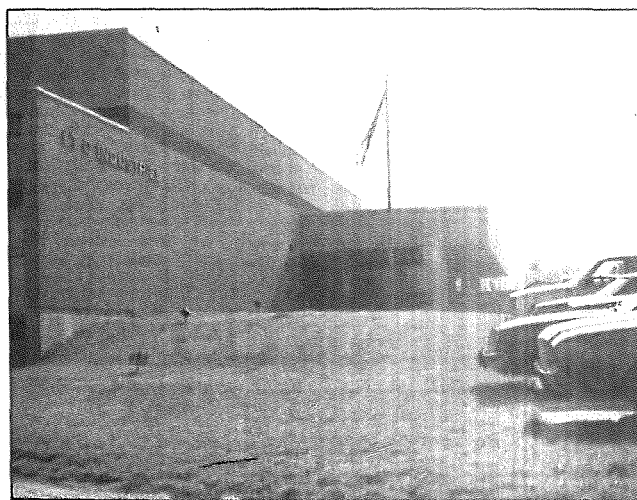


Lakeside Marketplace on I-94 near the state line takes shape

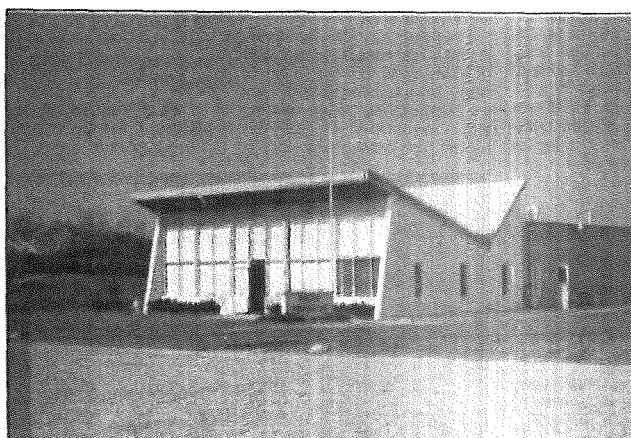
Bristol's industry doesn't play second fiddle to retail center



Merkt's Cheese Co. sits on landscaped lot in Bristol Industrial Park that includes a pond



ITO Industries adds to the campus-like atmosphere



Pride Abrasives' building is high-tech modern

By Joe Van Zandt
Staff Writer

Mention business in Bristol what comes to mind? The ever-expanding collection of factory outlet centers, fast-food restaurants, service stations, and motels that sprawls around the intersection of Highway 50 and Interstate 94.

But business is also booming at the other end of town, in the Bristol Industrial Park, located on the east side of Highway 45 between 83rd and 87th streets. In fact, as additional small and medium-size manufacturing firms continue to locate here, the Town Board has had to expand the boundaries of the park several times to insure room for future development.

Town Chairman Noel Elfering is the first to admit that the bustling 1-94 commercial complex has been grabbing all the headlines recently but he and the Town Board are equally proud of how the once-tiny industrial park has blossomed into an integral part of the community.

Not only do the businesses located in the park provide a substantial portion of the town's tax base, they also provide hundreds of jobs for local residents, Elfering said.

Currently, the industrial park boasts two dozen companies that employ an estimated 1,200 persons. And that number is expected to continue growing, with several companies currently considering a move to Bristol, Elfering said.

When created 20 years ago, the industrial park was 111 acres.

Over the years, it has grown to 160 acres, with a 35-acre addition in the works. And, Elfering said, there is plenty of agricultural land abutting the park that is available for future expansion.

Usually, when a community begins attracting manufacturing plants, there is a lot of complaining on the part of neighboring residents. Bristol has avoided this by locating its industrial park at the south end of the village and separating it from the single-family neighborhood to the north by allowing construction of small apartment buildings that act as a buffer.

The town has also been careful to sell building sites to companies that have relatively clean and quiet manufacturing processes.

How does a rural town such as Bristol manage to draw such prize industries away from larger communities? "For one thing, the price is right," Elfering said. "We charge \$12,500 an acre for building sites that are fully improved, with municipal water and sewer and paved streets. An electrical sub-station nearby means plenty of power on demand. Natural gas is also available locally. And the fire station is practically next door."

Businessmen who tour the industrial park like the idea that it is situated in a pleasant, quiet community surrounded by farmland but is still close to the interstate highway system via highways 45 and 50. The park is also within an hour's drive of Chicago and Milwaukee airports.

In addition, Elfering said, the west Kenosha County area provides a substantial pool of skilled craftsmen from which to draw, so when companies locate here, they have no problem finding qualified employees.

They also like the fact that Bristol has one of the lowest property tax rates in the county. It means lower overhead as well as a lower cost of living for employees who reside in the community.

Of the 25 companies situated in the Bristol Industrial Park, all but two or three are the original occupants, Elfering said, adding that is a testament to the planning that went into the park by the Town Board of 20 years ago as well as those succeeding boards that have worked to insure the park continues growing.

Elfering sees Bristol's lack of zoning as a plus. Prospective newcomers look favorably on a community that doesn't encumber them with a lot of arbitrary rules and regulations, he says. Nonetheless, he says, the town has managed to maintain a good deal of control over the development of the industrial park through careful screening of potential purchasers of property.

"We make sure that any company the locates here is compatible with the other companies," he said. "We are also careful not to accept any companies that might cause pollution or create a nuisance problem."

The Town Board encourages newcomers to follow the lead of their neighbors by constructing attractive buildings and finishing them off with lawns and landscaping. The result is an almost campus-like atmosphere.

The list of companies that calls the Bristol Industrial Park home is impressive. It includes such well-known names as the Brunswick Corp., Illinois Range and Merkt's Cheese Co. Other occupants include Anderson Manufacturing, Contact Rubber, K.K.O. Manufacturing, Beauti-Vue Products, Micro-Finish Manufacturing, Therm Cast, Veterans Trucking, Bristol Barrel, I.T.O. Industries, DemCee Form Tools, Westosha Tool, Trans Chemco, Becker Manufacturing, Branko Manufacturing, Pride Abrasives, Bristol Gas Grill & Accessories, Special Machinery and Moss Matic. Finer Woodworking is the most recent purchaser of land and is expected to build a manufacturing facility in the near future.

Among the products produced in Bristol are an impressive range of items — everything from printed computer circuit boards to gas cooking grills. The Brunswick Corporation, for example, produces billiard tables, while Illinois is the prime supplier of kitchen equipment for McDonald's restaurants. Merkt's is well known for its gourmet cheese spreads, while Micro-Finish produces items ranging from machine shafts and pinions to pins for auto seat belts.

Elfering said the industrial park has proven to be good for both manufacturers and townspeople. And having a lot of small companies is much preferable to a few large ones, Elfering said. "If one or two go broke or move, the negative impact is minor because you have 22 or 23 others left."

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Extended zoning troubles Bristol

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer 11-14-87

BRISTOL — Town Supervisor Russell Horton said Monday he would consider adoption of county zoning if Kenosha and Pleasant Prairie both agree, in writing, to rescind extraterritorial zoning.

Horton stopped short of promising to support the county ordinance but said he would be willing to consider the matter.

A week ago, the Pleasant Prairie Village Board adopted an ordinance that froze existing land use in a 1½ mile strip of Bristol from I-94 west to 144th Avenue and from Highway 50 to the Illinois state line.

Last Thursday, the Kenosha Plan Commission recommended that the city also impose extraterritorial zoning on the land that abuts its border with Bristol, a corridor between 60th Street and Highway 50. The city is allowed to extend zoning for three miles.

Both municipalities said the action was taken to protect the interests of the area. Bristol has no zoning and cannot control land use.

For Bristol, it means that development of its entire I-94 frontage will be frozen until land use plans are written, one for the section controlled by the city, another for the portion that abuts Pleasant Prairie.

Interim extraterritorial zoning ordinances have a two-year life with an option for a one-year extension.

Supervisor Audrey Van Slochteren said the town already has a commitment from Pleasant Prairie to rescind extraterritorial zoning as soon as county zoning goes into effect. She said Monday she will seek a meeting with city officials to discuss a similar agreement.

Van Slochteren and Town

Chairman Noel Elfering tangled over membership on the extraterritorial committee.

When Paddock Lake adopted extraterritorial zoning and asked Bristol to appoint three representatives to a zoning committee, Elfering appointed himself, Horton and Supervisor Bernard Gunty.

Elfering said Monday that the same three would serve on the committees that will meet with the city and Pleasant Prairie.

Van Slochteren said she thinks the committees should include people in the affected areas and someone with "recognized experience and qualifications."

She offered a list of five residents for consideration.

Elfering said, "We'll just leave it as is...indefinitely."

"In other words, you have arbitrarily decided that," said Van Slochteren.

"You're out of order," said Elfering.

"I am not out of order," said Van Slochteren.

"You usually are," Elfering said.

Elfering told the board he still wants to hire Attorney Milton Konicek to find out if the town of Bristol could adopt local zoning.

At a Nov. 7 meeting, Town Attorney Cecil Rothrock said because Kenosha County has already adopted a comprehensive zoning ordinance, a town zoning ordinance could not go into effect without approval by the county board. And, said Rothrock, that is not likely to happen.

Elfering said Monday, "Konicek called me and said it would be worth trying."

Van Slochteren called the idea "absurd and a waste of money."

Gunty said, "One meeting can't hurt."

The matter was tabled and is to be brought up again in two weeks.

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By Joe Van Zandt
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SALEM — The manager of the Salem sewer utility plant has taken issue with recent allegations that sewer utility equipment has not been properly maintained.

"I'm not angry at anyone," plant manager Janet Miller said today, "but I feel it is important that the true facts be brought out for the sake of the people of Salem whose taxes pay for the operation of the sewer utility."

She said remarks made by Town Chairman Russell Hoel and plant electrician Terry Smith in a recent Kenosha News article gave the impression that engines in some lift stations never had periodic oil changes.

Miller said that Smith, a plant employee with just three months on the job, assumed that because the oil filters were the same green color as the engines, they were the original filters installed at the factory years ago.

The reason the filters and engines are the same color, she

said, is that the replacement filters were purchased from the original equipment supplier, and so they were painted the same green as the original filters.

Miller said the maintenance manual calls for changing the oil and filter in the engines every 100 hours and she has maintenance logs dating back to 1986 to prove that the work was done on schedule and according to manufacturer recommendations.

She said she hopes to have the opportunity in the near future to present the documentation to the full Town Board so that any fears about the level of maintenance will be allayed.

Miller, 37, was hired six years ago as a laboratory technician-operator and was promoted to plant manager in May of 1986 after serving as interim manager for three years.

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Village approves trash pick-up pact

Raceway work to begin next spring in Bristol

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By Arlene Jensen
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Plans by a Minnesota company to build a 2.2 mile, 30,000 seat auto race track in Bristol are nearing completion, requiring only permits from regulatory agencies, the company president said in an interview Nov. 6 at the Kenosha News.

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The other major difference is that camping facilities are provided at Brainerd but will not be allowed at Kenosha.

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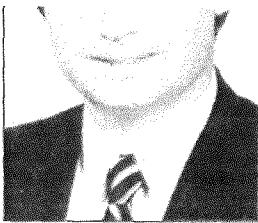
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On June 19, the partnership appeared before the Board of Review, which hears assessment appeals, contending that the maximum value of the building and property should not exceed \$17 million. The plaintiffs say that the county's assessment does not represent fair market value.

In 1988, the Factory Outlet Centre land and improvements assessment was \$20.3 million.

Supervisors urge Bristol zoning

11-15-89

By Dave Backmann
Staff Writer

The trio of supervisors that represents Bristol on the County Board is calling for the town to ratify county zoning.

Supervisor Donald Biehn read a joint statement to the County Board Tuesday signed by himself and supervisors James Fonk and Geoffrey Wheeler.

The statement says that without a valid zoning ordinance Bristol will have "haphazard and inconsistent development."

The three also said that Bristol's development probably will be stymied by extrajurisdictional zoning imposed by the villages of Pleasant Prairie and Paddock Lake and being considered by the city of Kenosha.

Stagnation can be avoided by ratifying county zoning, they said.

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dinance approved by the County Board.

"We feel that the chances of the County Board approving a unique zoning ordinance for Bristol are slim to none," the trio said.

"We, as your County Board representatives, support the idea that Bristol's town government should proceed post-haste to adopt the Kenosha County zoning ordinance for the good of all the citizens of Kenosha County," they said.

"The time of parochialism in the town of Bristol has run out and we pledge to do what we can to bring stability to the community through the process of orderly land use planning."

Reaction to the supervisors' statement was swift and enthusiastic.

County Board Chairman Eugene Bilotti, Finance Committee Chairman Walter Johnson and supervisors Donald Metten and Richard Lindgren reaffirmed their support for county zoning while praising Fonk, Wheeler and Biehn for issuing the statement.

"It was a courageous statement," Lindgren said. "It was the thing to do."

The County Board approved countywide zoning in 1983. Salem, Bristol, Paris and Brighton have not ratified the ordinance.

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11-15-89

ELKHORN — Alpine Valley Music Theater should be closed unless its owners agree to pay local governments for the cost of services the facility requires, officials said Tuesday.

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Tuesday's meeting was the latest in a dispute between county officials and representatives

of Joseph Entertainment Inc., which operates the theater near East Troy.

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Milwaukee Attorney Michael Gral, representing Alpine Valley, said theater owners believe "all expenses are being covered

by existing taxation. If people can come to us with out-of-pocket expenses, we'll take a look at them."

Alpine Valley opened in the late 1970s in the town of Lafayette. Lafayette had its own local zoning and was the only one of 15 towns in Walworth County that had not adopted county zoning.

Enrollment continues to increase at Bristol

11-18-89

BRISTOL — Administrator Gale Ryczek told Bristol School Board members Tuesday night that enrollment is continuing to climb.

At the end of last semester, there were 411 students in school. As of Nov. 1, that number had increased to 418; by Nov. 13 it had reached 425.

Ryczek said the growth emphasizes the importance and urgency of the study being conducted by the recently organized School Facilities Planning and Utilization Committee.

That committee is to meet again Jan. 11 to discuss ways of

dealing with the potential space crunch.

Ryczek also reported that the Bristol School Parent-Teacher Association has donated a machine to the school that cuts out letters and numbers for making bulletin board messages. The device, which cost \$749, has already been delivered to the school and is being used by staff members.

In other business at the brief meeting, the board rehired Kunkel's Lawn Service, one of two bidders, to handle snow plowing this winter. The cost will be \$90 per plowing, or \$130 if the snow is deeper than four inches.

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Kenosha Municipal Airport Director Dennis Eiler says the city needs a zoning law that protects both airport operations and the property owners who want to develop adjacent land.

Eiler said twice in recent weeks he has had to warn property owners that their planned developments would be adversely affected by high noise levels.

In one case, a couple planned to build a house north of the airport between highways N and 142. The house would have been in the path of a runway approach.

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Eiler said the couple planning the home experienced the noise problem during a visit to their site, shortly before they were scheduled to close on the property.

"They came to me and asked if the noise problem was an infrequent occurrence," he said. "I had to tell them that the airport is open 24 hours a day, that plane traffic is steadily increasing and that we are now developing a new air freight area."

Eiler said that if the couple had carried out its plans, there could have been protracted legal battles.

"They could have sued the city over the excessive noise," he said. "We could have been forced to tear down the new

house and relocate them. And they could have sued the previous property owner and the realtor for not informing them of the airport situation."

Eiler said state airport zoning laws supersede any city, town or village zoning ordinances. In Kenosha, building height limitations cover a three-mile radius from the airport at 9900 52nd St., and noise limits prohibit development within a half- to three-quarters of a mile from the ends of the runways.

More importantly, he said, there must be an improved notification system that includes Somers, Pleasant Prairie, Paris and Bristol officials, city and county zoning agencies and Kenosha area realtors.

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Arbet toured Switzerland as part of the International 4-H Youth Exchange program. The Young Farmers Club, a comparable Swiss program, has brought Urscheler to the United States for 8 months this year. Arbet was pleasantly surprised to learn that her former housemate was visiting nearby.

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"It's like a cheap vacation," said Urscheler of the exchange program. She has visited New York City, Washington, D.C., and Canada, and has stayed with families in Kansas and Wisconsin. She was partial to the rural settings because of her rural upbringing.

"Moving from family to family allows you to learn more about the culture," said Urscheler. "It's a great experience."

Quarrels outlast Bristol business

By Patrik Vander Velden
Staff Writer

11-21-89

BRISTOL — The Bristol Planning Board took 15 minutes to do its work Monday and then spent the next half-hour arguing with town citizens about zoning.

In business, the board passed a certified survey for Claude and Lorraine Sunday, 11114 120th Ave. The Sunday's want to split off 10 acres from their 15-acre tract so a developer can build a 30,000-square-foot store for camping equipment. The developer has made an offer to purchase the land, Mrs. Sunday told the board.

The Sundays intend to move their home from the 10-acre parcel to the four-acre site, she said.

Because of the extrajurisdictional zoning extending 1½ miles into Bristol by the village of Pleasant Prairie, the matter has to pass the Village Planning Commission and Village Board.

The request was tabled by the village until the Sundays come back with an aerial photograph of the property, Mrs. Sunday told the Town Planning Board.

"Aerial photos? My goodness," said board member Bryant Benson.

"The squeeze is on," said board member Eugene Adamski. "Next thing, you'll have to give them the architectural drawing before you can build a home."

Following its action Adamski said, "People think if we get county zoning a lot of things will work out."

He said the land along County Highway K, once zoned agricultural, was changed to accommodate Dairyland Greyhound Park and zoning didn't stop construction of MediGen, a medical waste incineration plant.

Saying he opposed Brainard International from building a racetrack in Bristol, Adamski said zoning still wouldn't stop it.

"They'll stop it for one reason. To get even with him," he said pointing to Town Chairman Noel Elfering.

Brainard has offered Elfering

Theme park is opposed

BRISTOL — A landowner south of a proposed water theme park opposed its construction to the Town Planning Board Monday.

"I'm questioning whether or not this should proceed," Michael Ries, 11224 116th Avenue, told the board.

Atlantis Properties Ltd., Chicago, has proposed construction of a 25-acre "Atlantis Theme Park" complete with water slides, an artificial river and hydraulic wave pool. Water to fill the rides would be pumped from the ground water table, company officials told the board at a meeting in October.

That worries Ries. "We've been in a two-year drought and they're taking water from the water table," he said.

In addition, he said he expects there would be an increase in litter, traffic and crowd control problems.

While the matter with Atlantis was on the agenda for action Monday, no one from the company attended the meeting.

"We haven't had any correspondence from them that they wouldn't be here. I don't know why they didn't show up," said Town Chairman Noel Elfering.

\$1.2 million for his property to build a racetrack and drag strip.

"The county is not going to be for Bristol. You are not represented on the County Board," Adamski said.

The bantering continued between Adamski and other townspeople until there was a motion to adjourn and Elfering pounded the gavel.

Numbers don't add up

To the Editor: 11-26-89

After the Oct. 3, 1989 county zoning meeting held by the Bristol Community Action Committee, the Kenosha News printed a 4-to-1 margin victory favoring county zoning in Bristol. The vote ended up 220 to 59, which gives you 279 votes.

Something does not add up here. There are 2,360 registered voters in Bristol. Yet the BCAC, Kenosha News and Audrey Van Slochteren proclaimed, "that Oct. 3 vote was the voice of Bristol."

The last time I went to school, 220 plus 59 votes does not add up to the 2,360 registered voters in Bristol.

At the Oct. 30, 1989 town hall meeting, Supervisor Audrey Van Slochteren made a motion for Bristol to adopt county zoning, completely ignoring 2,000 plus Bristol registered voters.

By making that motion to adopt county zoning, Audrey was trying to take 2,000 plus voters' constitutional right away. Something I highly resent.

Two hundred twenty votes for county zoning does not represent Bristol, as Audrey and her BCAC friends would like to believe.

Thank goodness, the rest of our town board had the respect and common sense not to give Audrey a second (chance) on her bulldozing motion to adopt county zoning in Bristol.

If our town board believes the county zoning issue should be put on a referendum with the April election, then that vote will be, "the real voice of Bristol."

Gary Gibson

The math of the meeting

To the Editor: 11-29-89

No one who attended the Oct. 3rd special Bristol town meeting was denied their voting right.

The democratic process at the meeting was true and honest.

It is odd that the people who criticized the vote at the meeting do not say anything about the chairman's action.

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By Patrik Vander Velden
Staff Writer

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BRISTOL — The Bristol Planning Board took 15 minutes to do its work Monday and then spent the next half-hour arguing with town citizens about zoning.

In business, the board passed a certified survey for Claude and Lorraine Sondag, 11114 120th Ave. The Sondas' want to split off 10 acres from their 15-acre tract so a developer can build a 30,000-square-foot store for camping equipment. The developer has made an offer to purchase the land, Mrs. Sondag told the board.

The Sondas intend to move their home from the 10-acre parcel to the four-acre site, she said.

Because of the extraterritorial zoning extending 1½ miles into Bristol by the village of Pleasant Prairie, the matter has to pass the Village Plan Commission and Village Board.

The request was tabled by the village until the Sondas come back with an aerial photograph of the property, Mrs. Sondag told the Town Planning Board.

"Aerial photos? My goodness," said board member Bryant Benson.

"The squeeze is on," said board member Eugene Adamski. "Next thing, you'll have to give them the architectural drawing before you can build a home."

Following its action Adamski said, "People think if we get county zoning a lot of things will work out."

He said the land along County Highway K, once zoned agricultural, was changed to accommodate Dairyland Greyhound Park and zoning didn't stop construction of MediGen, a medical waste incineration plant.

Saying he opposed Brainard International from building a racetrack in Bristol, Adamski said zoning still wouldn't stop it.

"They'll stop it for one reason. To get even with him," he said pointing to Town Chairman Noel Elfering.

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Theme park is opposed

BRISTOL — A landowner south of a proposed water theme park opposed its construction to the Town Planning Board Monday.

"I'm questioning whether or not this should proceed," Michael Ries, 11224 116th Avenue, told the board.

Atlantis Properties Ltd., Chicago, has proposed construction of a 25-acre "Atlantis Theme Park" complete with water slides, an artificial river and hydraulic wave pool. Water to fill the rides would be pumped from the ground water table, company officials told the board at a meeting in October.

That worries Ries.

"We've been in a two-year drought and they're taking water from the water table," he said.

In addition, he said he expects there would be an increase in litter, traffic and crowd control problems.

While the matter with Atlantis was on the agenda for action Monday, no one from the company attended the meeting.

"We haven't had any correspondence from them that they wouldn't be here. I don't know why they didn't show up," said Town Chairman Noel Elfering.

\$1.2 million for his property to build a racetrack and drag strip.

"The county is not going to be for Bristol. You are not represented on the County Board," Adamski said.

The bantering continued between Adamski and other townspeople until there was a motion to adjourn and Elfering pounded the gavel.

Numbers don't add up

To the Editor: 11-26-89

After the Oct. 3, 1989 county zoning meeting held by the Bristol Community Action Committee, the Kenosha News printed a 4-to-1 margin victory favoring county zoning in Bristol. The vote ended up 220 to 59, which gives you 279 votes.

Something does not add up here. There are 2,360 registered voters in Bristol. Yet the BCAC, Kenosha News and Audrey Van Slochteren proclaimed, "that Oct. 3 vote was the voice of Bristol."

The last time I went to school, 220 plus 59 votes does not add up to the 2,360 registered voters in Bristol.

At the Oct. 30, 1989 town hall meeting, Supervisor Audrey Van Slochteren made a motion for Bristol to adopt county zoning, completely ignoring 2,000 plus Bristol registered voters.

By making that motion to adopt county zoning, Audrey was trying to take 2,000 plus voters' constitutional right away. Something I highly resent.

Two hundred twenty votes for county zoning does not represent Bristol, as Audrey and her BCAC friends would like to believe.

Thank goodness, the rest of our town board had the respect and common sense not to give Audrey a second (chance) on her bulldozing motion to adopt county zoning in Bristol.

If our town board believes the county zoning issue should be put on a referendum with the April election, then that vote will be, "the real voice of Bristol."

Gary Gibson

The math of the meeting

To the Editor: 11-29-89

No one who attended the Oct. 3rd special Bristol town meeting was denied their voting right.

The democratic process at the meeting was true and honest.

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Bristol says yes to vote on zoning

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By Arlene Jensen
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BRISTOL — On a vote split 3-2, the Bristol Town Board voted Monday to put the issue of county zoning on an April referendum ballot.

Town Chairman Noel Elfering, supervisors Russell Horton and Bernard Gunty cast the deciding votes. Supervisors Donald Wienke and Audrey Van Slochteren voted no. Both dissenting supervisors said they didn't want to wait until April to put the

issue to a vote.

Wienke said he would be in favor of holding a special election in December or January to vote on the issue.

Marian Middleton, a member of the Bristol Community Action Committee, denounced the vote as "a stall tactic on Elfering's part. And don't forget it's only advisory. They don't have to abide by it."

The BCAC formed several months ago to protest plans by Elfering to sell his farm to Brainerd International, a Minne-

sota company, for development of a auto raceway and drag strip.

Wienke said the need for zoning has grown beyond the racetrack issue.

"The racetrack is just a symbol," Wienke said. "There are developers who want to come in here with a water park, campgrounds and residential developments."

"A lot of it you know about, and a lot of it you don't know about," he said.

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that the board could agree in advance to make the referendum binding, Van Slochteren said, "It will be binding only if Mr. Elfering gets the results he wants."

Elfering refused to comment after the meeting.

Gunty, who made the motion for the referendum, said he expects individual board members to meet with county board members to privately discuss zoning.

"We've got a few things planned," Gunty said.

Horton said, "It seems as though everybody is concerned about local zoning or county zoning. That doesn't mean much to me. I'm more concerned about I-94 and metro government."

He said he believes that support for metro or countywide government is coming from Kenosha Mayor Patrick Moran, Kenosha Water Utility Manager Fred Nelson, Kenosha County Executive John Collins and the Kenosha County Board.

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The permit, issued at 4 p.m. Monday, is for below grade footings and foundations only, not the major portion of the four-story grandstand. Weber said early start permits are issued at the applicant's risk.

Ralph Patterson, of DNR's Bureau of Air Management, Madison, said Wednesday Brainerd has not applied for an air quality permit. Without the permit, work cannot commence, according to Patterson.

Ann Addis, of the Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations, said Brainerd has not submitted an application to her office for the mammoth sewage

tanks and trucked to an as-yet-unnamed plant for treatment.

A letter to Weber from Bristol Town Attorney Cecil Rothrock noted that "all ordinances of the town, county and regulations of the State of Wisconsin must be complied with before a building permit would be issued."

Rothrock was also asked by Weber to comment on the Bristol amusement ordinance and its effect on the racetrack project.

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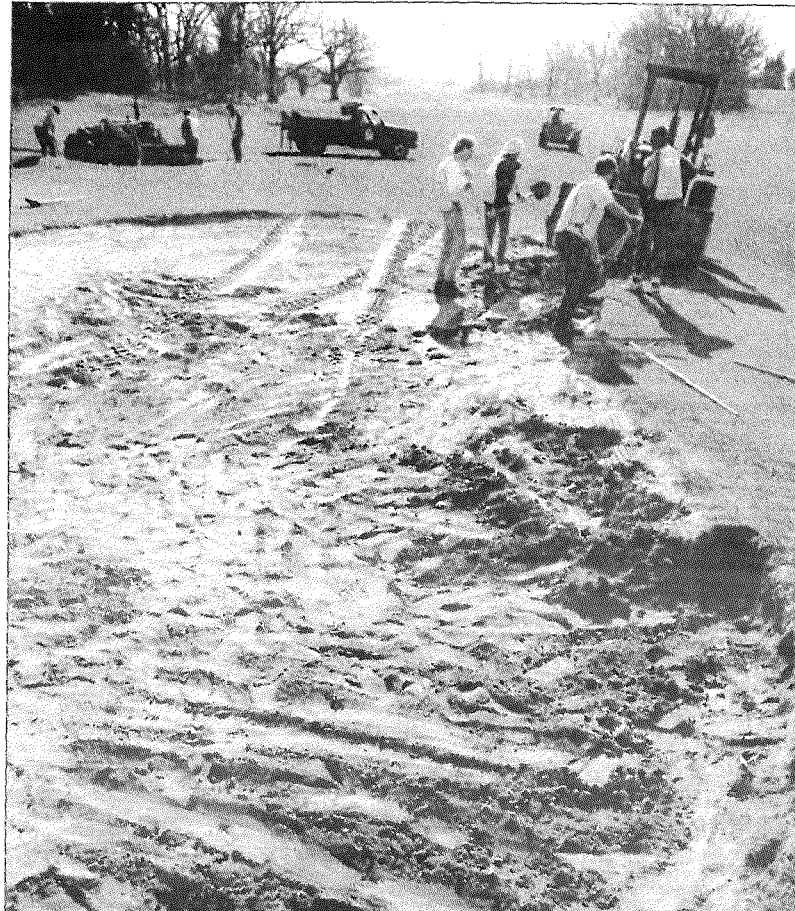
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Prisoners labor for freedom

By Dave Backmann
Staff Writer

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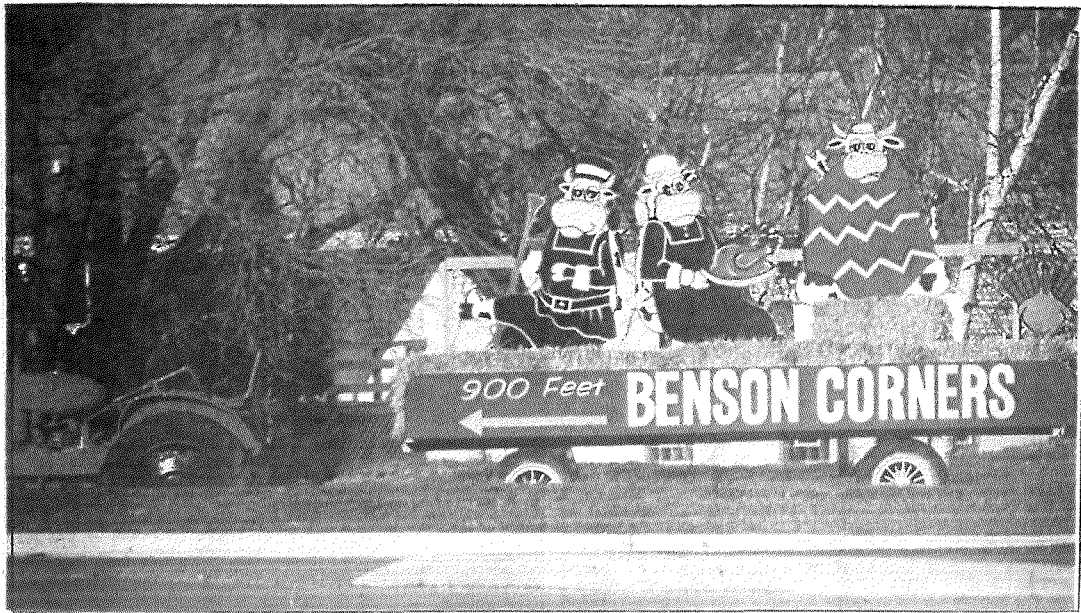
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Twins Lena (Gillmore) Edquist and Leo Gillmore will celebrate their 90th birthday, Saturday, Nov. 25, 1989.

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Recently, the news media has shown the raising of the Berlin Wall. The great and wonderful words: liberty, freedom and justice have been attributed to the occurrences in Eastern European countries. The one word which has been left out is "rights." The people of Eastern Europe should worry about their rights.

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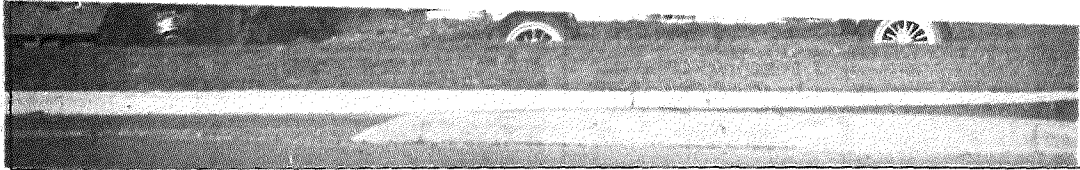
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The right to realize the hopes and dreams of their future, in this small Wisconsin town, has been denied by the actions of their town board. The people of Eastern Europe should realize two things: first, without rights, their liberty, justice and freedom are only seven letter words which are never realized. Second, the walls made of stone, steel and concrete are small obstacles when compared to the suppression of wills and rights by government officials. This town is only a pebble in American history and we are living in a glass house.

Daniel F. Hohmeier

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BRISTOL — The terms of supervisors Russell Horton and Audrey J. Van Slochteren expire next April. Horton, 14920 Horton Road, is a veteran of 20 years, and Van Slochteren, 16313 104th St., is completing her first year. Both were elected last year to one-year terms when the Town Board increased from three to five members. Those two offices will become full two-year terms



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Named in the suit are Peter and Dila Junkovic, who own property at 18917 116th St., in Bristol. According to the court papers, James Meyerhofer, assistant Kenosha County sanitarian, inspected the Junkovic

premises in June and found the septic system failing, discharging sewage to the surface of the ground.

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Recently, the news media has shown the raising of the Berlin Wall. The great and wonderful words: liberty, freedom and justice have been attributed to the occurrences in Eastern European countries. The one word which has been left out is "rights." The people of Eastern Europe should worry about their rights.

Over 200 years of liberty, freedom, justice and democracy have passed in United States history and yet, the people in a small town in Wisconsin do not have their rights.

Three elected town board members have banded together against the will and wishes of the people in the Town of Bristol. These three town officials have misused their public office to suppress and neglect the townspeople's requests. These three men were given the right to represent the people of the town when elected to public office. Instead, they have chosen to represent the special interest of a racetrack developer, a real estate broker, the town chairman and one seemingly privileged resident. The

three town officials are willing to sacrifice the community's beauty and peace for the almighty dollar.

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Daniel F. Hohmeier

BRISTOL — The terms of supervisors Russell Horton and Audrey J. Van Slochteren expire next April. Horton, 14920 Horton Road, is a veteran of 20 years, and Van Slochteren, 16313 104th St., is completing her first year. Both were elected last year to one-year terms when the Town Board increased from three to five members. Those two offices will become full two-year terms

Supervisors don't sway Elfering

by GLORIA DAVIS
Lakeland Newspapers 12-1-89

The fact that three members of the Kenosha County Board, representing a big chunk of the western county, have publicly called for Bristol to adopt the county zoning ordinance, does not surprise Bristol Twp. Chairman Noel Elfering.

Supervisors Geoffrey Wheeler, James Fonk and Donald Biehn told the county board that "orderly development of the kind that most people want will be

possible only if there is a legal system controlling it."

"Of course they want that, they're county board members and the zoning ordinance is a county program," counters Elfering.

With many people thinking that Elfering has a vested interest in nixing the county ordinance since he has been negotiating for the sale of some of his land to Brainerd International, an automobile racetrack firm, Elfering says he is afraid of zoning.

"It takes away a person's freedom to do what they like with their land. It is a false protection. The rich can always get around zoning and the poor are stuck with it," he said.

To those that claim zoning will stop "haphazard development in Bristol," he says, "I don't believe that. They're just jealous of what we've done here. There are many bigger places that have gotten along without zoning, look at Houston, Tex."

Under his fears about the county zoning

he lists the fact that it allows such things as the adult book store on Hwy. 1-94 and it would call for much of the commercial zoning in the Hwy-194/Hwy. 50 area to revert back to agriculture zoning.

"We have the second lowest mill rate in the county because we have equal commercial, industrial and residential development. Constructing scattered new homes is fine, but I fear the big developer who comes in with a large subdivision and overloads the schools and the sewer systems. Then watch the taxes rise like in Lake County," said Elfering.

Elfering says that question of the county zoning adoption will probably be put on the April ballot as an advisory referendum.

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The lawsuit seeks unspecified compensatory and punitive damages.

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Passenger Chuck R. Hawkins, 16, was treated for head and internal injuries at Westosha Emergency Clinic and released.

Gossett was ticketed for driving too fast for conditions.

To the Editor:

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For Democracy
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County zoning on referendum

By Mary Sullivan

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In a 3-2 vote, the Bristol Town

Board decided to put the issue to a public vote at their Nov. 27 meeting. Supervisors Donald Wienke and Audrey Van Schlocteren dissented, urging a special election at an earlier date.



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Under statute, the referendum is not binding; however, Bristol town chairman Noel Elfering suggested the board would abide by the majority decision. "We'll put it (county zoning) on a referendum and, hopefully, the board will abide by it. I will," said Elfering.

In a related matter, Brainerd International has been granted an early start permit for installation of footings and foundation for the proposed Brainerd Raceway.

According to Bristol building inspector Gerald Weber, the work cannot begin until sanitation and air quality permits are obtained from the state.

The construction of the proposed auto raceway has sparked the zoning controversy. In the event that the county zoning ordinance is adopted, land would be zoned according to current use and the 1983 zoning map. Where questioned, parcels would be scrutinized on an individual basis. Authorities and attorneys may be needed to determine, for example, whether a building permit and proposed construction constitutes a zoning variance.

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Bristol names ETZ reps

12-12-89

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — Appointments to the Pleasant Prairie-Bristol Extraterritorial Zoning Committee were hotly contested by two members of the Bristol Town Board Monday but passed anyway on a vote split 3 to 2.

Town Chairman Noel Elfering appointed himself, supervisors Russell Horton and Bernard Guntz to sit on the committee with three Pleasant Prairie residents. The list is identical to the appointments made by Elfering to the Paddock Lake-Bristol Extraterritorial Committee.

The three appointees voted themselves onto the committee, with supervisors Audrey Van Slochteren and Donald Wienke dissenting.

Guntz made the motion for the appointments and backed on a proposal that the action must be approved by town attorneys Cecil Rothrock. Guntz said if it is Rothrock's opinion that the same three members cannot sit on two extraterritorial committees, he will withdraw in favor of Wienke.

Van Slochteren and Wienke both said they thought people who live in the ETZ area should

Anti-racetrack rally set

Bristol residents who oppose construction of a raceway and dragstrip on County Highway CJ will hold a rally at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 20, at Bristol Consolidated Grade School.

Doris Magwitz, a representative of the organizing committee, said, "We want to bring the people up to date on what has been done so far and what we expect to be doing in coming weeks."

Magwitz said, "We know it's close to Christmas, but things are happening so fast, we decided we just couldn't wait."

An "early start" building permit was issued Nov. 27 to Brainerd International, the Minnesota firm that is planning to build the racetrack on property currently owned by Town Chairman Noel Elfering, 15324 Horton Road, and Anthony Kordecki, 16605 104th St.

be appointed to the committee. The area extends from Highway 50 to the state line and from I-94 to 144th Avenue.

On Nov. 6, Pleasant Prairie passed an interim ETZ ordinance that freezes the existing land use in the 1½ mile strip. The freeze will remain for two years, unless the ETZ committee can reach agreement on a land use plan for the area.

Elfering said he wants to feel comfortable with the committee. "I firmly believe the three of us can do as good a job as anyone in this town."

Van Slochteren said she fears

that developers who own land in the ETZ strip will tire of waiting for a plan and ask to be annexed to Pleasant Prairie.

Horace Fowler, 15115 60th St., told the board, "Bristol would be in a much safer, more secure position under county zoning than the vulnerable position we now find ourselves in with ETZ rights extending into our midst."

Fowler said if Bristol businesses along I-94 annex across the road to either Pleasant Prairie or the city of Kenosha, "We stand to lose the goose that should be laying some profitable eggs."

Fowler urged the board to adopt the Kenosha County zoning ordinance and "get us out of this perilous and vulnerable position."

In other business, the board rescinded an earlier vote and agreed to sell a 0.03 of an acre to the Wisconsin Department of Transportation for \$100.

Clerk Gloria Bailey also read a letter from James Durkin, 12912 75th Street, asking that the town's purchase of land for a water tower and well house at I-94 and Highway 50 be clarified.

Durkin said the town bought .07 of an acre from Bristol Development for \$15,000 and .25 of an acre for another \$15,000.

Durkin said his family negotiated with board members several times in their home and offered to sell one-half acre of land for the well house for \$25,000. The family also offered to donate an additional one-half acre for a fire station to serve the east end, he said.

"The board chose to purchase land from the same developer that requested a water utility," said Durkin, "and that land will revert back to the developer when the utility is abandoned or the developer requests annexation."

Extraterritorial zoning talks Wednesday

12-8-89

A meeting to discuss extraterritorial zoning and several cooperative plans between the city and the Village of Pleasant Prairie has been set for 7 p.m. next Wednesday in the Municipal Building, 625 52nd St., Room 200AB.

The plan commissions of the two municipalities will discuss extraterritorial zoning.

At Thursday's meeting, the City Plan Commission voted to create an interim zoning ordinance to freeze the current land use in those areas that are expected to be covered in the Town of Bristol, under an expected extraterritorial zoning ordinance.

City Development Department Director Ray Forgianni explained the interim ordinance is required by state law before the extraterritorial zoning ordinance can be approved.

Forgianni said he expects the city to look at zoning for lands about 1.5 miles beyond current zoning reach.

The land is formally described as bounded by 60th Street on (Highway K) on the north, Highway 50 on the south, I-94 on the east, and Highway MB on the west.

Voting for the zoning ordinance were Commissioners Art Maurer, Mike Serpe, Jerry Littiken, Harvey Elmer, and Brent Nudi.

Commissioners Anthony Ritaca and Mayor Patrick Moran were absent from the meeting and Commissioners Dennis Pierce and Anthony Stella were absent for that vote.

Nau returned to Elgin, as judge denies release

12-5-89

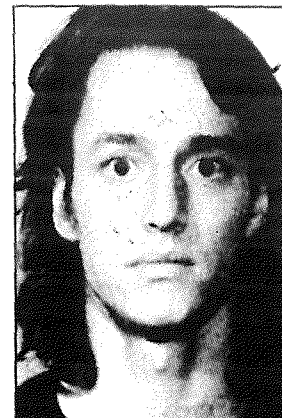
Mental patient Ralph Nau will remain in the Elgin State Mental Hospital now that a Kane County judge has denied his release request "because he is a danger to himself and others."

Nau, 34, has been in the nationwide press recently for threatening the lives of at least 40 celebrities.

Claiming to be married to Olivia Newton John, Nau reportedly followed the singer to Australia twice. Singer Sheena Easton and Oscar winner Cher have also been threatened by Nau.

The mental patient, who lived on a farm outside of Antioch in 1984 when he was charged with the ax murder of his eight-year-old stepbrother, has relatives in southeastern Wisconsin.

He did not stand trial on the murder charges because he was declared incompetent and committed to the mental institution.



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People of Bristol are asked to attend to voice opposition to the racetrack development.

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Van Slochteren and Wienke both said they thought people who live in the ETZ area should

be appointed to the committee. The area extends from Highway 50 to the state line and from I-94 to 144th Avenue.

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Elfering said he wants to feel comfortable with the committee...I firmly believe the three of us can do as good a job as anyone in this town."

Van Slochteren said she fears

that developers who own land in the ETZ strip will tire of waiting for a plan and ask to be annexed to Pleasant Prairie.

Horace Fowler, 15115 60th St., told the board, "Bristol would be in a much safer, more secure position under county zoning than the vulnerable position we now find ourselves in with ETZ rights extending into our midst."

Fowler said if Bristol businesses along I-94 annex across the road to either Pleasant Prairie or the city of Kenosha, "We stand to lose the goose that should be laying some profitable eggs."

velopment for \$15,000 and 20 on an acre for another \$15,000.

Durkin said his family negotiated with board members several times in their home and offered to sell one-half acre of land for the well house for \$25,000. The family also offered to donate an addition one-half acre for a fire station to serve the east end, he said.

"The board chose to purchase land from the same developer that requested a water utility," said Durkin, "and that land will revert back to the developer when the utility is disbanded or the developer requests annexation."

land use in those areas that are expected to be covered in the Town of Bristol, under an expected extraterritorial zoning ordinance.

City Development Department Director Ray Forgianni explained the interim ordinance is required by state law before the extraterritorial zoning ordinance can be approved.

Forgianni said he expects the city to look at zoning for lands about 1.5 miles beyond current zoning reach.

The land is formally described as bounded by 60th Street on (Highway K) on the north, Highway 50 on the south, I-94 on the east, and Highway MB on the west.

Voting for the zoning ordinance were Commissioners Art Maurer, Mike Serpe, Jerry Littiken, Harvey Elmer, and Brent Nudi.

Commissioners Anthony Ritaca and Mayor Patrick Moran were absent for the meeting and Commissioners Dennis Pierce and Anthony Stella were absent for that vote.

Nau returned to Elgin, as judge denies release

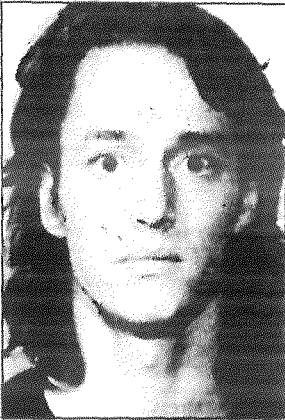
Mental patient Ralph Nau will remain in the Elgin State Mental Hospital now that a Kane County judge has denied his release request "because he is a danger to himself and others."

Nau, 34, has been in the nationwide press recently for threatening the lives of at least 40 celebrities.

Claiming to be married to Olivia Newton John, Nau reportedly followed the singer to Australia twice. Singer Shonna Easton and Oscar winner Cher have also been threatened by Nau.

The mental patient, who lived on a farm outside of Antioch in 1984 when he was charged with the ax murder of his eight-year-old stepbrother, has relatives in southeastern Wisconsin.

He did not stand trial on the murder charges because he was declared incompetent and committed to the mental institution.



Ralph Nau

Anti-racetrack rally

The Bristol Community Action Committee is planning a rally against the auto racetrack in Bristol at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 20, in the Bristol Grade School gym, 20121-83rd St.

People of Bristol are asked to attend to voice opposition to the racetrack development.

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Mother relieved ill son to remain in custody

By Kenosha News Staff and wire services

A Kenosha County woman expressed relief today that an Illinois judge refused to release her son from a mental hospital.

"We're happy that it's turned out that he'll remain in custody," said Nau's mother, Shirley Gerken, a Wheatland resident.

Her son, confessed killer Ralph Nau, 34, had asked to be released from the Elgin State Mental Health Center.

Kane County Judge Philip DiMarzio ruled Monday that Nau was mentally ill and a danger to himself and others.

The judge ordered Nau committed involuntarily to the Illinois Department of Mental Health, the state agency that operates the Elgin hospital.

Nau had confessed to killing his mother's stepson, Dennis Gerken, 8, with an ax on Aug. 8, 1984, near Antioch.

Nau showed police the ax and grave. Nau was convicted of the

murder based in part on his confession.

In a May retrial, a Lake County, Ill., judge decided the confession was inadmissible because Nau was insane when he gave it.

Nau was then moved from a hospital for the criminally insane to the Elgin facility.

Judge DiMarzio based his commitment order on evidence from the Gerken murder, psychiatric testimony and letters, written by Nau to celebrities. Lake County Assistant

State's Attorney Randall Stewart says the letters and his actions before being locked up paint a frightening picture of his fantasy relationships with famous women.

While in California, he tried to muscle his way onto a stage with Cher and he traveled to Australia and knocked on the door of Olivia Newton-John's residence, he said.

Nau's letters informed relatives that Cher, Newton-John and other female stars were in love with him, that Cher was

having his baby and that Vanna White sent him special messages through the puzzles on "Wheel of Fortune."

Davin de Becker, a security consultant who works for Newton-John and Cher, took Nau's threats seriously. He had his movements monitored from 1981 until his arrest.

When Stewart learned of Nau's release petition, he sent warning letters to more than 40 people who had been the objects of Nau's fantasies.

Bank seeks Bristol foreclosure

by GLORIA DAVIS 12-15-89
Lakeland Newspapers

Early this week, the First Bank Southeast of Lake Geneva filed for a mortgage foreclosure on the Bristol Development Corp. and the Landmark Retail Center.

The amount of money concerned is \$180,000.

Two calls to the Bristol Development Corp. turned up no one "who could discuss the situation" with the Bi-State Reporter

Just a few weeks ago, Atty. William Ruetz and his Bristol Development Corp. came out on the good end of a court hearing on an injunction request made by a partner alleging misuse of funds.

A Kenosha County judge denied the request.

At that time Ruetz, who is president of the development corporation, said the partner did not understand fund transferring procedures and claimed all financing

should be in good shape by the middle of November.

At present no excavation of note has been done at the site for the Bristol Mills Discount Center set for the southwest corner of the busy I-94/ Hwy. 50 intersection.

A few months ago, the development corporation blamed part of the delay on the putting in of access roads, etc.

A corporation representative told this newspaper over a year ago that the developer already owed Waucamaw Pottery, slated to be one of the main anchor stores of the discount center, penalty money because the store was due to open at the be-

ginning of last summer.

When the plans for Gurnee Mills, another discount center being built just 10 expressway minutes to the south of the Bristol Mills site, in Illinois, were approved early last summer, the Bristol plans had already been in the works for two years.

Despite the fact that the Bristol project had that head start, at present, both developments seem to be at the same stage, with berms and landscaping in place, and lots of heavy machinery in sight, although Bristol is a bit ahead with its assess roads

Sewage plants in competition

By Yolanda Hawes
Youth News Reporter

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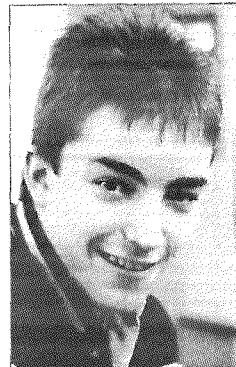
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The board approved the appointments by a 3-2 vote, Dec. 11. Attorney Cecil Rothrock will advise whether the same representatives may serve on two committees. The three appointees are also on the Bristol-Paddock Lake ETZ Committee.

Supervisors Audrey Van Schlocteren and Donald Wienke objected to the appointments on the aforementioned basis and to the manner in which the appointments were made.

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suggested that representatives from the affected areas be appointed to the committee. "There are qualified people out there," added Wienke. The two alluded to the urgency of the county zoning issue and the two voiced fears of annexation as a result of the freeze of development along ETZ corridors.

"I'll give you 6 weeks and you'll lose the plum down at the T because it will be annexed," said Van Schlocteren.

In a related matter, a rally against the proposed Brainerd International Raceway is set for Wednesday, Dec. 20, at 7 p.m., at Bristol Grade School.

Long-range plan urged at Bristol

School not responsible for tax hike

By Joe Van Zandt
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — Most school boards are content to look ahead to next year's needs. But if it goes along with a proposal by Administrator Gale Ryczek, the Bristol School Board will look all the way into the 21st century.

At Tuesday's School Board meeting, Ryczek suggested creating a committee to study long-range needs of the students

in a rapidly changing and increasingly complex world. Composed of a School Board member, parents and teachers, the committee would meet three or four times a year, Ryczek said.

"If we are going to do a good job of educating our young people in the 21st century," Ryczek said, "we have to plan for it now."

Board Member Edward Becker asked, "What difference does it matter what we want for our school if the state mandates what we will do no matter what it costs? The state tells and we do."

Becker said he has been getting complaints from residents who are under the impression that the Bristol School Board is

to blame for a 56-cent per thousand jump in the tax rate.

"It is not the Bristol School Board that is responsible for the taxes going up," he said.

Most people didn't read to the end of a recent newspaper article about increased taxes, he said, or they would have seen that the grade school portion of the tax rate went down 53 cents per \$1,000 of assessed valuation.

Becker blamed the tax increase on what he labeled "irresponsible acts of other taxing bodies" and pointed the finger at the Bristol Town Board, West-asha Central High School Board, Kenosha County Board and Gateway Technical College Board.

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Bizek said Becker's comments represent his own views and not necessarily those of other board members.

On another matter, Becker questioned the need for an addition to the school. He said that while enrollment is up five students this year, it is expected to drop by 20 next year. Becker said he will oppose any building program unless it becomes absolutely necessary.

In other business, the board voted to increase the pay of substitute teachers from \$55 to \$60 per day. Richard and Charles Blizek and Karen Kiefer voted in favor and Becker and Jeanine Lindstrom voted against the increase.

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Losing our heritage

To the Editor: 12-21-89

Dog tracks, dragways, landfills, medical incinerators and salvage yards: Kenosha seems to have more than its share of devalued developments.

Does government really care about Kenosha's quality of life? Quality reflects satisfaction with the environment and the extent of control over one's life. Kenosha offers no sense of direction or urgency.

A plan by Brainerd International to build a speedway in the midst of open Bristol farmland results in silence from the city fathers, offering fresh evidence of befuddlement.

There is a great deal government could do if it cared about quality to champion local opposition to the race track. For instance, rare herons nesting in wetlands near George Lake won't survive the engines' deadening roar. If Mount Pleasant did not want the race track, why would Westosha?

Perhaps our civil servants and supervisors suffer from a second-city syndrome.

Is their reason for inaction to the fact that the race track will be built in Bristol?

Who cares about Bristol? It's a plain community spreading 6 to 12 miles west of Kenosha. It is a town where farming runs in the blood and the soil is its heritage.

For years it was abandoned by both highway and railway and it slumbered peacefully. Today, new highways are bringing new residents to Bristol and they are changing the town.

But the old perception is not changing that the people of Bristol are somehow unsophisticated, guarded from civilization by a Great Chinese Wall — I-94.

This perception is utter nonsense. The offense of the old-timers if any is that they are rugged individualists.

The depend on themselves and not on others for services or emergencies. They do not subject themselves to strangers and they feel little curiosity nor responsibility for the newcomers who share their community life and problems.

Is that really bewildering? Why is government friendly only to conformists?

Why can't it preserve a quality of life that belongs to the heritage of the whole county before it's lost forever?

E. Robert Matson

Neighbors' zoning locks town

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

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Extraterritory is territory that lies outside the limits of a municipality's own jurisdiction.

State statute allows cities to exercise ETZ powers up to three miles outside their corporate limits. Villages are allowed to zone 1½ miles.

Most often it is done to prevent undesirable development from occurring in abutting, unzoned areas.

So right from the start, ETZ is bound to irritate the officials in the town that is to be zoned. Even when it's given a fancy 22 letter title, the effect is still one municipality saying to the other, "We don't think you are doing a good job of handling your development and we have decided to take matters into our own hands."

When a city or village enacts an interim ETZ ordinance, the existing land use in the extraterritorial area is frozen. Period. No building permits, no construction, no activity.

Enter the ETZ committee. Three representatives from each community are assigned to form a committee, hold meetings and agree on a land use plan for the zoned area.

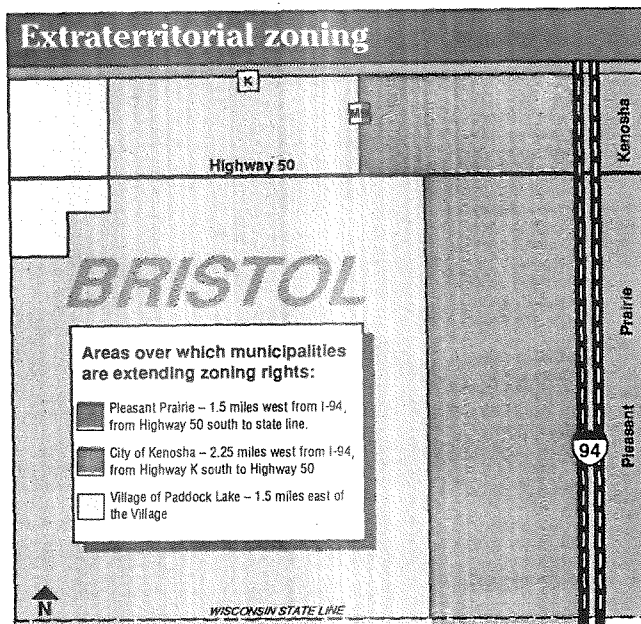
There is a possibility that the two sides will set their differences aside and actually find a way to work together. More than likely, there will be a lot of 3-3 votes.

If no progress is made, the interim ordinance expires in two years. There is an option for a one-year renewal. The city or village may decide to pass another interim ETZ ordinance after the first one expires, but must wait two years after expiration of the first.

Utecht said Appleton officials invoked ETZ in Grand Chute because of the rapid development of a shopping mall in the town.

"We recognized that the town was not doing an adequate job of controlling development. Like many towns, Grand Chute is run by part-time staff. They don't have a full-time planning office."

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After a time, "it just died," said Utecht, "and it never really worked."

Grand Chute Town Chairman John Stevens said "The city assumed they could pass on their ideas and thoughts. We had some go-rounds with them."

The ETZ fracas was about 10 years ago and Stevens said it had no long lasting effects.

Frank Dobbs, Walworth County planning director, said the city of Elkhorn is

pursuing ETZ and may decide to invoke it in the towns of Sugar Creek, Lafayette, Delaven and Geneva.

But, said Dobbs, "The way the statute is written makes it a very convoluted, difficult process. Statewide, there are no success stories."

Richard Stadelman, executive director of the Wisconsin Towns Association, said there have been many attempts at ETZ, but few happy endings.

"From a town standpoint, we have a real concern about allowing cities to come in and control development. The law is being abused in many cases."

Stadelman said town officials resent the implication that they can't handle their own development. "More and more towns are realizing that they don't want to see urban sprawl along the highways."

He said he favors the kind of agreement that existed between Kenosha and Pleasant Prairie, before the town became an incorporated village. "The two municipalities agreed on boundaries, future annexations to the city and other issues such as sewer and water lines."

Stadelman said towns are receptive to boundary agreements, "but the cities have to be willing to sweeten the pot a little, give something back. It can't be all one-sided."

April vote could end stalemate

Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering said he's not a big fan of extraterritorial zoning, especially since Bristol is vulnerable on both the east and west sides.

The power to zone extraterritorially "must be used wisely or it could hurt growth and development, especially along I-94," he said.

Elfering said the Bristol Town Board will "try to work to the best of our ability with communities such as the city of Kenosha and the village of Pleasant Prairie. We're not worried about Paddock Lake. They have always been co-operative."

Bristol Supervisor Russell Horton said the Bristol Extraterritorial Committee is "willing to sit down anytime and start the negotiation process."

"We're all new at this," said Horton. "We've had no experience with extraterritorial zoning. We don't really know anything about it."

Elfering, Horton and Supervisor Bernard Guntz make up the special ETZ committee that will meet with committees from Pleasant Prairie, Paddock Lake and the city of Kenosha. At a recent board meeting, Elfering said the same committee will meet with all three communities.

Bristol Supervisor Donald Wienke said he's disappointed that he will not be on the negotiating committee.

"I've always wanted some type of land control," said Wienke, "and I'm in favor of adoption of the Kenosha County zoning ordinance. I think we can work with the County Board."

Wienke said he thinks county zoning is "our only real alternative. Our development is at a point where it can get out of hand in a hurry."

Supervisor Audrey Van Slochteren said she too favors the county ordinance.

On a 3-2 vote, the Bristol board voted November 27 to put the issue of county zoning on an April referendum. Elfering, Horton and Guntz voted in favor. Wienke and Van Slochteren opposed it, saying they preferred a special election in December or January to settle the issue.

Representatives of both Pleasant Prairie and the city of Kenosha have said they will rescind ETZ if Bristol adopts the county ordinance.

"I understand the concerns of municipalities that have exercised ETZ," said Van Slochteren.

Crowd protests proposed car raceway

12-21-89

By Arlene Jensen
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — More than 200 people turned out Wednesday to protest plans by a Minnesota company to build a raceway and dragstrip in Bristol.

The rally, sponsored by the Bristol Community Action Committee, drew a gymnasium full of town residents and a few from neighboring Illinois.

They cheered. They jeered. They clapped and shouted. And they contributed to a fund for legal fees.

The target of their protest and their contributions is a plan by Brainerd International, Minneapolis, Minn., to build a raceway and dragstrip between County Highways Q and CJ.

The land where the track is to be built is currently owned by Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering, 15324 Horton Road, and Anthony Kordecki, 16605 104th Street.

Brainerd officials have said they plan to start construction next spring on a racetrack facility that would accommodate 30,000 spectators.

Jean Skora, 15505 Horton Road, told the crowd she and her husband visited the Brainerd raceway in Brainerd, Minn., on Oct. 1 and talked to residents who live near that track.

Skora said they were told that races do not end on time and noise far exceeds safety standards. She said residents reported that property near the track decreased in value.

She said a four-day event at Brainerd drew more than 80,000 people.

"What would it be like in Bristol, where they have Milwaukee and Chicago to draw from?" she asked.

"Read my lips," said Skora. "We don't want it. We don't need it."

Larry Kilduff, a Woodworth resident, said Brainerd officials chose Bristol "because they can

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avoid public scrutiny."

Last May, Brainerd proposed construction of a raceway and dragstrip in Mount Pleasant but needed a zoning change. After intense objection from residents, the zoning change was denied.

Because Bristol has no zoning, the town cannot control land use. The question of whether or not the town should adopt county zoning is to be placed on an April referendum.

Horace Fowler, 15115 60th St., said the Brainerd racetrack will affect Bristol like the Alpine Valley outdoor music theater has affected Walworth County. Alpine opened in the town of LaFayette before county zoning was adopted.

Fowler said the outdoor theater, which features summer rock concerts, is unable to provide adequate sewer and water facilities, police, fire and rescue services.

"What they thought was a gold mine turned out to be a white elephant," said Fowler.

The proposed racetrack site is lowland, said Henry Balinski, 16310 Horton Road, whose land adjoins the Elfering property. He said the land was under water during four of the last seven spring thaws.

"I don't see how they can build a parking lot there," said Balinski. "Where will the runoff go?"

Daniel Hohmeier, 19565 103rd St., said he believes several town ordinances can be used to prevent the racetrack from being built in Bristol.



Kenosha News photo by Brian Passino

Henry Balinski, Hy. CJ, warned that the project may cause flooding on adjacent land

One ordinance requires Brainerd to obtain an amusement license, said Hohmeier, but forbids the use of such devices as loudspeakers and offensive noise. Other ordinances govern items such as public nuisance.

Doris Magwitz, 19917 82nd St., noted that the property where the track is to be built is outside the reach of sanitary sewers and will have to be served by portable toilets. "It would be like having porta potties at the County Fair," said Magwitz.

An "early start" permit that gives Brainerd permission to pour footings and a foundation for a grandstand was granted by the town building inspector Nov. 27 and, according to Fowler, was issued at the Factory Outlet Centre, I-94 and Highway 50, rather than at the Bristol Town Hall.

But no construction is allowed without an air quality permit from the Department of Natural Resources, according to committee members.

Several members of the audience asked if steps were being

taken to remove Elfering from office.

Information sheets passed out by the committee noted: "Ways to remove the chairman from office are being investigated. It is our opinion he is blatantly ignoring the wishes of the majority of the people of the Town of Bristol."

Jay Keller, who lives just across the Illinois state line, strode to the front of the room waving a check for \$100 and stuffed it into a collection box.

I'm from Illinois and I just found out about the racetrack two weeks ago," he said.

Others lined up to donate money and time to the committee, as well as yard space for anti-racetrack signs.

When the two-hour rally had ended, Marian Middleton, a BCAC member, said her committee was elated with the show of support, "both financial and moral support. It really gives us a good feeling to know so many people are behind us."

Bristol rallies against racetrack

By Diane Jahnke

(SP,WR) - Residents flocked to the anti-racetrack rally at Bristol Grade School Dec. 20 despite sub-degree temperatures to hear what the Bristol Community Action Committee (BCAC) is doing to halt the proposed development in Bristol.

BCAC member Daniel Hohmeier noted that the town has three ordinances, which, if properly enforced, would prohibit the racetrack operation — amusement ordinance, nuisance and noise.

The amusement ordinance requires the developer to apply to the town for a license, Hohmeier said, which Brainerd International Inc. asked to be waived in the purchase agreement or state that it does not apply.

However, the town attorney has gone on record stating the ordinance does apply to the racetrack development.

"Twice, I have heard the town chairman say the amusement ordinance 'would not hold water'; however, it is a clause in the purchase agreement," Hohmeier said.

Over 200 people attended the rally to hear comments and voice opposition on the proposed dragstrip and racetrack development. Town chairman Noel Elfering and Anthony Kordecki have agreed to sell their property for its construction at highways Q and CJ.

Several in attendance donated money to be used toward a court fight against the track and for the removal of Elfering from the board.

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said Brainerd must apply for a pollution control permit with the Department of Natural Resources before any construction can begin. The DNR makes a preliminary decision to approve or disapprove the permit. The next step is a request for a public hearing.

Town building inspector Gerald Weber issued Brainerd a permit for installation of footings and foundation for the proposed racetrack.

"Who gave Mr. Weber the authority to issue the permits?" Fowler asked. "Not the town office."

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Ex-Kenoshan's mold going up in space

When the space shuttle Columbia is launched Monday, it will be carrying an experiment developed by a former Kenoshan who is now a research physiologist at Southern Illinois University at Carbondale.

James S. Ferraro, the son of Joseph and Carol Ferraro, 2116 37th St., is sending up bread mold to test whether the mold's "biological clock" is internal or the result of environmental clues. The experiment could lead to a better understanding of the biological clock that affects how people react to international travel, swing shifts and even chemotherapy.

This space shuttle mission, which also will include a satellite rescue attempt, originally was planned for Nov. 13 but rescheduled to Jan. 8.

All five of the astronauts on the flight spent the last week of July at SIU learning how to perform the experiment on board the shuttle. Ferraro also made several trips to Cape Canaveral, Fla., to set up his lab and get things ready for the launch.



LET
GEORGE
DO IT

George
Sovitzky

He returned to Cape Canaveral Dec. 7 and is staying there until Monday's launch, when he will fly to the Mission Control Center at Houston. At the Space Center, he will be in communication with the astronauts during the flight.

From there, Ferraro will fly to Ames Air Force Base, where the shuttle is scheduled to land, to analyze the data obtained.

Ferraro, who holds a doctorate in physiology from the Chicago Medical School, has been working since 1984 with a strain of bread mold that has been gradually altered to show more clearly the workings of its internal biological clock.

The biological clock, or circadian rhythms, is a system of regular, recurring patterns of behavior and physical func-



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tions. Everything from single-celled organisms to humans have these rhythms, and each is timed to its owner's individual clock.

In mammals, this "clock" is a set of neurons than can tell time in a 24-hour cycle.

Ferraro's theory is that if the mold is in space and away from any environmental elements, the circadian rhythms will revert back to their natural 24-hour time span, proving that there are internal clocks and organisms can tell time themselves.

Kenoshans aid searches

In November and December, two small single engine planes crashed in northern Wisconsin — the first near Shell Lake and the other near Merrill.

Extensive searches were conducted for the two aircraft, both of which were coordinated by the Civil Air Patrol, an auxiliary of the Air Force. Members of the Kenosha CAP Squadron participated in each of them.

During the Nov. 15 search near Shell Lake, the Kenosha Squadron members participated in two days of door-to-door interviews, trying to collect clues that would help in the search.

Both planes and the bodies of those killed in the crashes were eventually recovered.

Kenosha squadron members who participated in both searches are Kathy Tindall, Jason Smith, Sharon Jensen, Eric Tindall, James Smith, Steven Tindall and Michael Curry.

David Norton and Kevin

Jones participated in just the Shell Lake mission, and Heather Rogers and Matt Clifford were members of the teams sent to Merrill.

Soldier has local ties

If you read The Associated Press story on the front page of Tuesday's Kenosha News about U.S. troops coming home from Panama, you may have seen a familiar name.

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A Minneapolis company, Brainerd International, has proposed a drag strip and raceway for land along county highways Q and CJ. The company has an option on land owned by Elfering and Anthony Kordecki, and construction is planned to begin in the spring.

Several of Elfering's pregnant dairy cattle were poisoned earlier this year and Elfering said tons of his feed were also poisoned.

The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department is investigating the incidents and detective believe it may be related to Elfering's support of the racetrack.

Hope for a new beginning

To the Editor: 12-23-89

I am the individual who once had to explain to Mr. Elfering, who "wears the pants in our family." I explained that my wife and I discuss, plan and share in all decision-making. That procedure should be followed in all successful families, businesses and local governments. Such is not the case in Bristol. Our town meetings are at times a disgrace. They are run, not by the full board, and they certainly do not reflect the voice of the people. They are run, instead, by the pre-determined quorum, now referred to by many as the "Three Stooges." These three board members are self-appointed dictators.

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ternational travel, swing shifts and even chemotherapy. This space shuttle mission, which also will include a satellite rescue attempt, originally was planned for Nov. 13 but rescheduled to Jan. 8. All five of the astronauts on the flight spent the last week of July at SIU learning how to perform the experiment on board the shuttle. Ferraro also made several trips to Cape Canaveral, Fla., to set up his lab and get things ready for the launch. *Central Teacher 1961*

From there, Ferraro will fly to Ames Air Force Base, where the shuttle is scheduled to land, to analyze the data obtained. Ferraro, who holds a doctorate in physiology from the Chicago Medical School, has been working since 1984 with a strain of bread mold that has been gradually altered to show more clearly the workings of its internal biological clock. The biological clock, or circadian rhythms, is a system of regular, recurring patterns of behavior and physical func-

tion. In mammals, this "clock" is a set of neurons that can tell time in a 24-hour cycle. Ferraro's theory is that if the mold is in space and away from any environmental elements, the circadian rhythms will revert back to their natural 24-hour time span, proving that there are internal clocks and organisms can tell time themselves.

Squadron members participated in two days of door-to-door interviews, trying to collect clues that would help in the search. Both planes and the bodies of those killed in the crashes were eventually recovered. Kenosha squadron members who participated in both searches are Kathy Tindall, Jason Smith, Sharon Jensen, Eric Tindall, James Smith, Steven Tindall and Michael Curry. David Norton and Kevin

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When it was suggested that people residing in the ETZ zone be included on the committees, Mr. Elfering and Mr. Horton suggested that residents should not serve on the committees because they would not know enough. Yet, Mr. Horton is quoted as saying, "We've had no experience with extra-territorial zoning. We really don't know anything about it." The people living in the one-and-a-half mile strip are the very people who are affected by the freeze. Yet,

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they do not have the right for a single representative on the committee. Democracy? Because of the past actions on the part of local officials, the entire township faces the danger of losing control of its own destiny. As a new decade begins in 1990, let's hope it can be a really true, new beginning for the Voice of the People of Bristol. John Van Slochteren

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In the early 1980s, price of a lakefront

Bristol drops local zoning plan

By Jim Rohde
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BRISTOL — Nearly six weeks after the measure was tabled, the Bristol Town Board voted Tuesday to drop a plan to have Burlington Attorney Milton Konicek look into developing a local zoning ordinance for the town of Bristol.

The action came on a 4-1 vote with Town Chairman Noel Elfering casting the dissenting vote. Voting in favor were town supervisors Donald Wienke, Russell Horton, Bernard Gunty and Audrey Van Slochteren.

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Elfering said Porter warned that when new guidelines are adopted by the Environmental Protection Agency on or about Feb. 1, municipalities will have to abide by those rules for closing landfills, "and it could get very costly."

Elfering said the board will discuss the landfill closing at a special meeting at 5:30 p.m. Thursday. It will also discuss the town's taking over the roads at the intersection of I-94 and Highway 50.

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Byzantine Church plans to move

By Sondra Hort
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — St. Irene's Byzantine Catholic Church located in the former Woodworth School building at Highway 50 and County Highway MB plans to seek smaller quarters, the Rev. Quentin Koplinka, pastor, said.

"At first, some of the parishioners were a little upset about the whole idea of moving," said Koplinka, "but as we discussed it at parish meetings, they realized that under the circumstances there's no way we can continue to support this building."

The former school was remodeled for use as the Byzantine Catholic Church, the Eastern branch of the Catholic Church, affiliated with the Diocese of Parma. The renovated building, which includes a chapel, hall and meeting rooms, was dedicated Oct. 9, 1983.

"We're a small parish with about 50 families, and it's a struggle for them just to maintain the building, especially in winter; the heating bills are more than what we can afford," said Koplinka.

"Because of the size of our parish, it's impossible for us to pay off our mortgage," he said. "We've been paying the interest on it."

Another reason for moving is the church is not in an urban area. Koplinka said that is "one of the reasons the parish is growing very slowly."

People drive right past the place and don't even know it's a church, he said.

"We're not close to town, and we feel we need exposure in a more heavily populated area," said Koplinka. "If we run any kind of fundraising or spiritual event, a lot of people feel that we're right in the middle of nowhere and they don't want to travel to get

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He said the church boundaries range from Chicago to Sheboygan "so we need to find a central point to converge where we can be part of the local community. For this reason, we hope to find a small church building, possibly in (the city of) Kenosha."

He said since the church opened in Bristol, six new, hand-painted icons, an altar and custom-made tabernacle were added, and doors were put on the sanctuary.

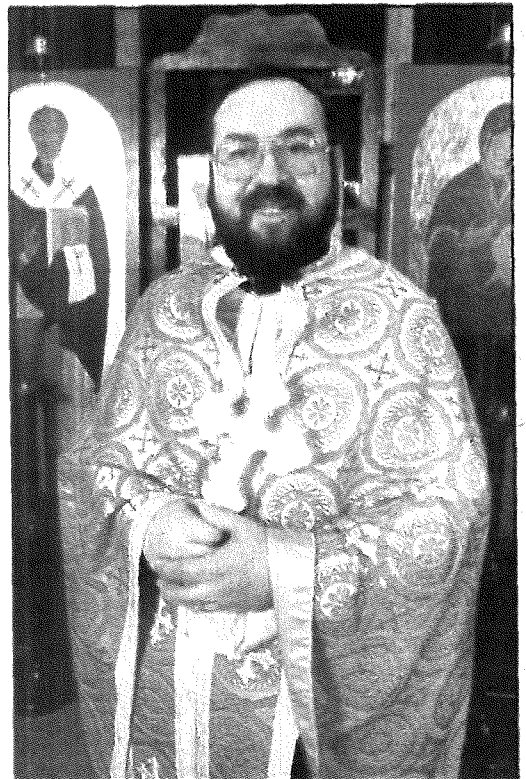
"Once we sell the building, our plan is to temporarily store our things and use St. Scholastica Church in Bristol," he said. "The idea is to become debt free."

Koplinka said he doesn't foresee losing any parishioners as the result of relocating.

"Usually Byzantine Catholics are very staunch, and we're a closely-knit parish," he said. That is one of the hallmarks of Eastern churches.

A priest for 10 years and Benedictine monk for 20 years, Koplinka can serve in both Roman and Byzantine rites, which are different branches of the Catholic church, both headed by the pope. The difference is in customs in celebrating the liturgy and administering the sacraments.

By assisting the Rev. Fran-



Kenosha News photo

The Rev. Quentin Koplinka, pastor at St. Irene's

cis Kub shortly after the parish opened and attending classes and workshops, Koplinka acquired a solid background in Eastern liturgy, which he described as "monastic in flavor, heavily meditative and contemplative."

Koplinka has been the full-time pastor at St. Irene's since 1986. He also works at the Benedictine Abbey as vocations director, and he tailors sewing habits for the

monastery and vestments for his church and other parishes.

He said his Ukrainian heritage provides a personal tie with the Eastern church.

He said, "Any Catholic can take part in the Eastern liturgy at St. Irene's. It's at 9:30 Sunday morning. Afterward, we always have coffee and rolls while the children are in religious class taught by Brother Thomas Chumura from the monastery."

Chair in trouble over race track proposal

By GLORIA DAVIS
Lakeland Newspapers

Will long-time Bristol Twp. Chairman Noel Elfering's proposal to sell property he owns to Brainerd Int., Minn., be the cause of his removal from office?

There are many Bristol residents, opponents of Brainerd's plan to build an automobile racetrack on Elfering's property, who are passing out information on ways to remove the chairman from office.

Over 200 residents attended a rally-type meeting last week sponsored by the Bristol Community Action Committee, a group opposing the racetrack and calling for Bristol to adopt county zoning.

Residents testified that a visit to Brainerd's racetrack in Minnesota revealed information, gained from people living in the area, of that track's races not ending on time, of unsafe noise levels, and the lowering of property values in the vicinity of the track.

Also, based on attendance at the Minnesota track, residents spoke of the possibility of huge unwanted crowd attendance because of Bristol's location in the Chikawake bi-city area.

Possible sewer problems, crowd-control methods and costs, as well as the low land location of the proposed site, were other objections made by the racetrack's opponents.

The question of county zoning is set to be a referendum in Bristol on the April ballot. Meanwhile, Brainerd has set a spring construction starting date for the track, designed to seat 30,000 people. Brainerd received an early-start permit from the Bristol Township building inspector.

Opponents claim that present town ordinances governing public nuisances and the fact that no air-quality permit was issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources can also be used to stop Brainerd.

Salem, Bristol to resolve Shangrila Dam problems

By Jim Rohde
Staff Writer

BRISTOL — The town boards of Bristol and Salem agreed Thursday to work together to resolve the problems over the repair of the Lake Shangrila Dam, which has been declared by the state to be unsafe.

Although the dam is on the Bristol side of the lake near the intersection of 118th Street and 213th Avenue, Lake Shangrila straddles the Bristol-Salem town line, south of County Highway V, thereby involving Salem in the decision-making process.

Bristol has been ordered by the Department of Natural Resources to draw down the water level of Lake Shangrila and either repair or abandon the 130-foot earthen dam by April 1, 1991.

The two boards directed Bristol Town Attorney Cecil Rothrock to work with Salem Town Attorney Milton Konicek and to notify the DNR of their joint participation.

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The boards also voted to have the engineering firm of Graef, Anhalt and Schloemer, engineers for both towns, review possible solutions and provide up-to-date cost estimates for repairs.

Initial estimates put the cost of repairing the dam at between \$200,000 and \$250,000, but Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering said a proposal from the engineering firm of Mead and Hunt, Madison, put the cost at \$50,000 with an additional \$16,000 for

engineering costs.

"If the DNR comes up with 50 percent funding on the project, we could be talking about \$35,000 to \$50,000 divided between the two towns," Rothrock said. "It could be assessed among the benefitted property owners, or it could be paid for out of the general fund of each town."

Michael Young, representing the Lake Shangrila Dam Committee, said once the dam is repaired, the property owners are ready to file the necessary paper work to establish a lake district which would then maintain the facility.

There are an estimated 168 properties on the Salem side of the lake and 80 on the Bristol side.

"We're just thankful the dam is located on the Bristol side," Salem Town Chairman Russell Hoel joked.

Rothrock said the important thing is that both sides adopt the same program for resolving the problem.

Track developer sparks battles

By Patrik Vander Velden
Staff Writer



Elfering

BRISTOL — A racetrack developer, denied land in Racine County, soon made news in Kenosha County by offering Bristol Town Chairman Noel Elfering \$1.5 million for farm land to build a drag strip.

Turned down in May by the Mount Pleasant Town Board for a zoning ordinance change, Brainerd International turned around and offered Elfering, 15324 Horton Road, and neighbor Anthony Kordecki, 16605 104th St., a deal on 289.5 acres.

Brainerd planned a 2-mile track and dragstrip in a \$8.5 million complex.

In June, Town Supervisor Audrey Von Slochteren, a

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neighbor of Elfering, said she was approached by the firm but that the family farm was not for sale.

Elfering said, "If it's not a good thing for Bristol, I wouldn't want it." But he made no mention that there was already a purchase agreement between the parties.

He did say, however, without a zoning ordinance, no action was required by the Town Board and therefore little chance to stop track construction.

That same month the Bristol Community Action Committee was founded, it held a public meeting, collected a petition with over 1,000 signatures and staked signs in the town — all in an effort to prevent the track from locating in the town.

The issues of zoning, Elfering's position as Town

Chairman and the racetrack became one issue.

In August, just before word was out that Elfering cut a deal with Brainerd, he told BCAC that he would not be "polled" on favoring or opposing the track. Board members Bernard Gunty and Russell Horton followed his example.

Von Slochteren repeated her opposition, and said she signed the petition against it.

Meanwhile, Brainerd pressed on submitting applications for necessary state permits. By October, the State Department of Industry, Labor and Human Relations gave permission to start footing and foundation work.

In November, issuance of an early start permit came from Bristol's building inspector; it was conditional pending approval of a Department of Natural Resources air quality permit. But Brainerd President David Ames said the company

had yet to get a state or county sanitary permit for holding tanks to handle crowd waste.

A further uncertainty was Brainerd's failure to get a town amusement ordinance.

While Elfering was busy asking the other county towns without a zoning ordinance to join Bristol in a fight for local zoning, BCAC busied itself with a rally and advisory vote for the town to adopt countywide zoning.

The rally brought together an anti-countywide zoning group, which began its own grandstanding at town meetings.

As six months of community bickering marched toward a new year, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation asked Brainerd to develop a traffic analysis for county highways Q and CJ.

And another anti-racetrack rally was held five days before Christmas.