

TIME ENDS!

Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, Oct. 27, 1996, at 2:00 a.m. Turn your clocks back one hour when you retire Saturday evening.

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## Band Shell Benefit Promises Lots of Entertainment

Following weeks of planning, the Sheffield Proposed Band Shell Benefit Show will take place Saturday evening, Oct. 26, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., in the old gymnasium at Sheffield. Many local acts, including the Philharmonic Music Club and Heaven Harper will perform. And many former residents, who have gone on to seek careers in the field of music, will also return to perform for the Benefit Show. These include Victoria Berding, Ruth Skeries, John Compton, Dennis Fuller, and Gary Fuller, (members of Michael Compton-Fuller). Ralph Drollinger, a former music instructor in the Sheffield Community School system, will direct an All-Star Band, with many current and former residents taking part. His daughter, Leslie, will also perform. Bob Whitney, former resident, and now a sound engineer, will also be here for the performance. The evening guarantees to

be a memorable event.

There will be a video taken of the complete program and copies will be available to purchase by contacting E Sanders.

Those playing in the All-Star Band will rehearse in the Old Gym Saturday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. under the direction of Ralph Drollinger. There is an estimated 25-30 players in the band. Any of the other acts can visit the Old Gym throughout the day Saturday to check locations of their spots in the program.

Don't forget, Showtime is 7:00 p.m. Saturday night Oct. 26. Come early, as they plan to start on time. Tickets will be sold at the door only. It will be an informal, enjoyable evening. Music Boosters will have snacks available throughout the evening.

For those people unable to attend who would like to make a contribution to the Band Shell you may send your contributions to: Jack Sheahan, Box 39, Sheffield, Ia. 50475



Ralph Drollinger



Leslie Drollinger



Ruth Skeries



Heaven Harper

Ralph Drollinger served as bandmaster at Sheffield-Chapin School from 1959-63. His wife, Marion, also taught in the Sheffield-Chapin School district. At that time, the couple lived in Sheffield with their three children, Judy, Leslie and Kimberly. While teaching in Sheffield, Ralph also played the tuba in the Mason City Municipal Band and the Karl L. King Municipal Band of Fort Dodge. The family later moved to Fort Dodge where Ralph continued to play with the King Band and the Fort Dodge Municipal Band while teaching in Fort Dodge and Manson. Marion died in 1975.

At age 75, Ralph's now retired as a full-time teacher, but still judges for music contests and plays piano and electric bass for various big bands. He's been married to his second wife, Lila, for 19 years. In addition to playing in his own band, through the years Ralph's played with Bob Crosby's Bobcats, Guy Lombardo Orchestra, Eddy Howard, Sammy Jensen, Orville Von Seggern, Everett Boyer, Eddie Skeets, John Morgan, Al Welsh, Don Glasser/Lois Costello Orchestra and the Fort Dodge Big Band and Dixie Kings.

Though all three of his daughters have sung with Ralph's bands, Leslie has been singing with her Dad since she moved back to the Fort Dodge area in 1981. She also sings with her own country and rock 'n roll band called Out Back in which she also plays keyboard and fiddle. For the past 10 years, Leslie has performed as a featured soloist with the Fort Dodge Civic Glee Club and played leading roles in many area musical productions. She is also the director and producer of Fort Dodge's annual This Is Entertainment benefit show which is sponsored by The Messenger newspaper and Iowa Central Community College, both of Fort Dodge. Leslie is currently the editor and publisher of the Fort Dodge TODAY magazine and lives in Fort Dodge with her two teenage children, Matthew and Jennifer.



Victoria Berding



Philharmonic Music Club



Michael, Compton-Fuller

Featuring, left to right: Sheffield native, John Compton (drums/vocals), David McLaughlin (lead guitar/vocals), Dennis "The Fly" Fuller (guitar/vocals), and Gary Fuller

## Births...

Donald and Kristen McKee of Williams are the parents of a daughter, Harleigh Ellen, born Monday, Sept. 30, 1996, in the Mary Greeley Hospital at Ames. She weighed 6 pounds, 9 ounces, and was 20" long. Grandparents are Marvin and DeAlta McKee of Chapin and Esther Leaman of Webster City and the late Harley Leaman. The address of Don and Kristen is 310 Main St., Williams, Ia. 50271.

Donald and Tami Mayer of Hampton are the parents of a daughter, Haley Jo, born Tuesday, Oct. 15, 1996, in the North Iowa Mercy Health Center at Mason City. Haley weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces, and was 19 3/4" long. Grandparents are Darryl Mayer of Chapin, Janet Mayer of Des Moines, and Charles and Joette Kiepe of Hampton. Great-

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