

FRIDAY PRIMETIME/LATE NIGHT

JULY 17, 2015

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Baseball

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wearing a Ringwood Hawks T-shirt, bearing the logo of the team his daughter, Amber, is playing for down in Australia. Bob's wife, Helene, is busy preparing the concession stand.

6:05 p.m. — Back at the hitting cage, Crofton manager Carl Schieffer is drilled in the sternum while throwing to one of his players. Any effect on Schieffer's availability for the game? Not at all. He said earlier in the week he can remember missing only three games in his amateur career, which dates back to 1998. "And two of those were for my honeymoon," Schieffer joked earlier in the day.

6:45 p.m. — Crofton starting pitcher Rand Thygeson is doing long toss from the right-center field fence to Schieffer, who is standing along the third base line. That's easily 300 feet away.

6:55 p.m. — The night got started early for Julie Steffen and her daughter, Anna. They were working the front entrance, taking money from spectators and directing traffic into the lot. Normally, Anna (who works most every Crofton game) arrives at the park at 6:45. "It's a nice night and it's a big game," she said. In other words, the combination of the post-game fireworks show and a traditionally-competitive show-down means a large crowd. "This is typical small town America baseball," says Julie, as she approaches an incoming vehicle.

7:15 p.m. — The two umpires, Miles Death (home plate) and Jason Vaith (bases), make their way to the field. For Vaith, a Scotland native, it's a change of pace for him. "It's a lot different than playing," said Vaith, who had surgery on his right arm and is not playing this summer. Will he return to action next year? "That's the plan," he said.

7:31 p.m. — First pitch from Thygeson is a strike to Wynot's Chase Rolles.

8:15 p.m. — The first run of the game comes on a Kyle Mueller single in the bottom of the third inning, scoring Tyler Zimmerman.

8:20 p.m. — Perhaps nobody knows the history of Crofton baseball better than Marv Hegge. The 79-year-old Crofton resident not only attends nearly every game at the Crofton Baseball Park, but he can clearly remember every detail from his playing days.

"Baseball's always been big in Crofton," Hegge said, as he watched the action. "We all always joke that Crofton people talk baseball on New Year's Eve."

Hegge started playing with the Bluejays out of high school in 1953, back when the Bluejays were a semipro team. "We had players from all over," he said. "We used to say we had three teams, 'one here, one coming and one going.'"

The only problem was, the baseball field in Crofton was far from first-class.

The team's manager said he wore out two Pontiacs dragging the infield, Hegge said. "There were broken Coke bottles and pieces of brick," he said. "The infield was horrible."

Crofton asked the city for some help with facilities, but Hegge said there wasn't much support provided. From there, a baseball organization was formed, with membership fees going toward facility improvements — Hegge was the group's first president.

"Things started to gel," he said. "It all steadily improved."

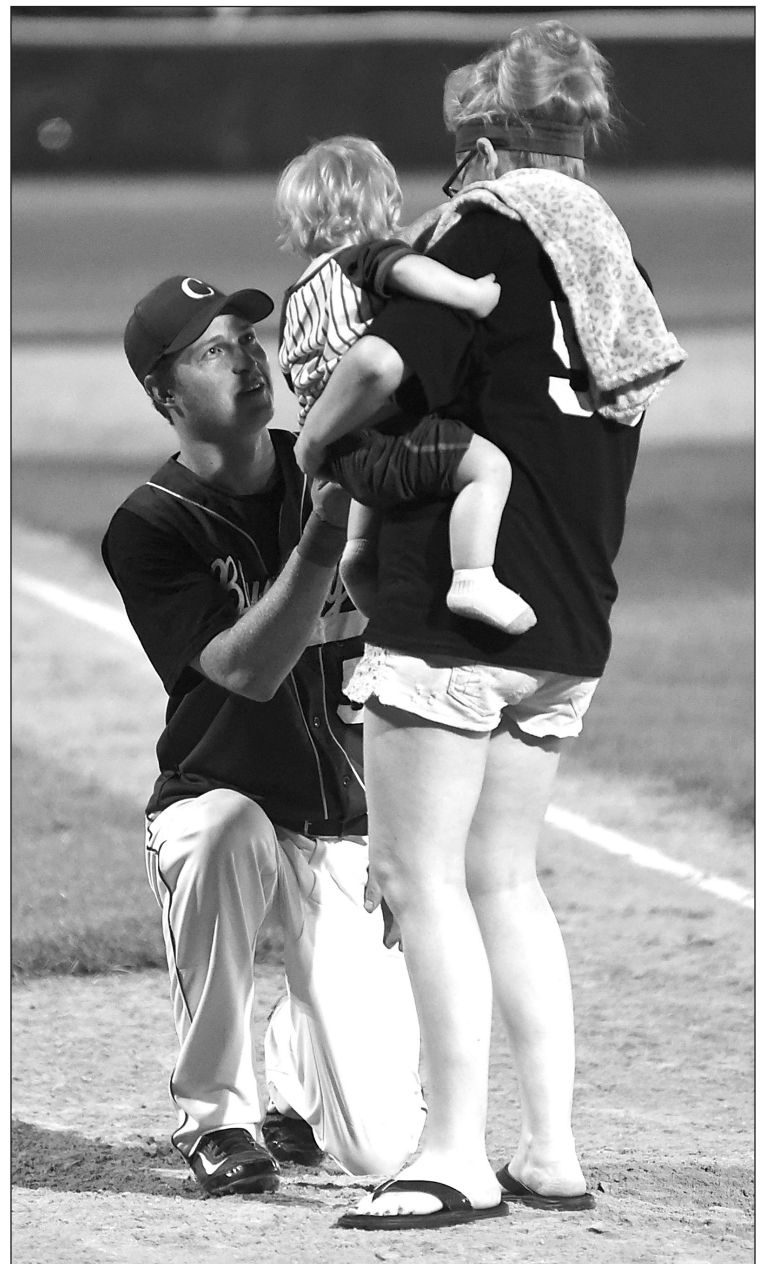
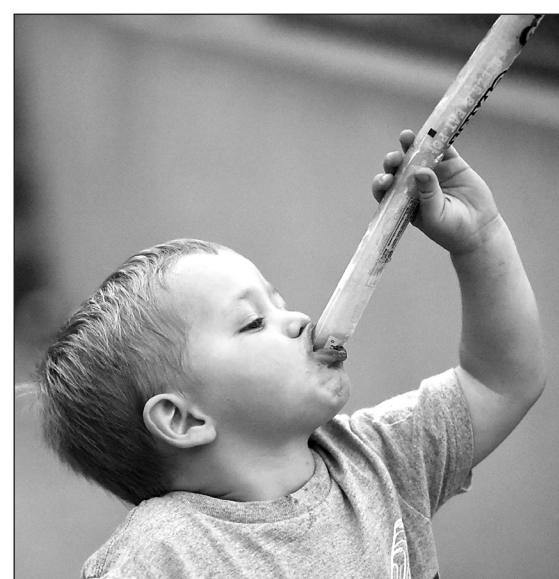
Not only is amateur baseball a popular draw in the small town, but baseball at all levels (including American Legion) has a long tradition of success — its field certainly plays a key role.

"We're really proud of our facility," Hegge said. "Everyone from different teams comment on how nice it is."

9:07 p.m. — The only delay to this point is a car behind the first base dugout with its lights on. A minute



ABOVE: Even while the game is going on, there is a lot of activity outside the stadium. Here, youngsters play behind the field while they wait for foul balls. BELOW LEFT: This young fan enjoys a "freeze" during the game. BELOW RIGHT: Kyle Mueller (left), an outfielder for the Crofton Bluejays amateur baseball team, gets down to one knee to propose to his girlfriend Lakyn Schmidt following Crofton's home game with Wynot last Friday night. Mueller planned the proposal through a fake raffle drawing, in which Schmidt was announced as the winner and invited out to the field.



later, the lights were off and the bottom of the seventh inning resumed.

9:12 p.m. — Crofton's Mason Mueller hits an RBI single, scoring Alex Mueller and the Bluejays take a 2-0 lead in the seventh.

9:14 p.m. — The Bluejays add another run, on a Tyler Zimmerman RBI double, pushing the lead to 3-0. That chases Wynot pitcher Scott Morrison.

9:16 p.m. — Overheard by a visitor to the press box: "I don't know how they do it, but these two teams always bring their 'A' games."

9:40 p.m. — Thygeson strikes out Cliff Kephart to end the game. He allowed five hits and struck out 11 batters.

9:46 p.m. — Crofton's Kyle Mueller surprised his girlfriend, Lakyn Schmidt, with a proposal at home plate during a fake raffle ticket promotion. Schmidt walked out to the field with the couple's son, Reed, assuming she won money. Nope, there was a ring waiting for her instead. Schmidt said yes, and the crowd — with the news from PA announcer Joe Van Goor — cheered.