

# "THE BATAVIA PROTECTOR"

May 1, 1997

Dear Press,

The Batavia Protector Fundraising Committee is proud to announce that we have reached our fundraising goal of \$15,000.00, and that the statue of "The Batavia Protector" is on it's way!

Enclosed is a copy of the complete list of contributors, a copy of the invitation and a program of events for the dedication ceremony to be held on May 18, 1997 at 2:00 pm.

We are hoping to get a brief recap of what "The Batavia Protector" stands for, the list of contributors and a public invitation printed in your paper. The program of events is for you (a sneak peek!) so you have an idea ahead of time what will be going on that day. Please do not print the program in the paper.

Thank you so much for all the publicity you have given to our fundraiser. Your coverage of our fundraising efforts helped us reach our goal.

Should you have any questions regarding the program, the list of contributors, or questions regarding the statue, do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Christine Thrun  
Vice-Chairperson

home phone 879-5593

P.O. BOX 665 BATAVIA, IL 60510  
PHONE 708/ 879-1424 EXT.570

Date

Organization

Address

Batavia, IL 60510

Dear Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves to you. We are a newly formed organization, THE BATAVIA PROTECTOR FUND RAISING COMMITTEE.

"THE BATAVIA PROTECTOR" is a bronze sculpture created by nationally known artist Rodger M. Brodin, a Minneapolis native, and no stranger to law enforcement -- with two brothers on the force, he has an insider's knowledge of what the job entails, but more importantly, he understands what the job means to those who do it.

Two-thirds life-size and painstakingly detailed, "THE BATAVIA PROTECTOR" will be a tribute to every man and woman who wears this badge, persons of strength, character and compassion. It is a tribute to those who have made the ultimate sacrifice, yes, but also to those who have served honorably, who do so now, and who will continue to do so in the future.

We are currently conducting a fund-raising campaign. \$15,000 is needed to build the statue, entitled "THE BATAVIA PROTECTOR" and we are asking for community help. We would like the opportunity to come and present our idea to your organization. This presentation will take approximately \_\_\_\_\_.

This fund-raising campaign is independent of any city or state funding. By supporting this tribute, you honor our law enforcement officers at a time in our history when it is essential that their efforts be reinforced -- for they are the individuals who strive to make Batavia a safe place in which to live and do business.

Please contact our committee at 406-7900 x570 (voice mail) at your earliest convenience to set up a time for this presentation. I or a member of the committee will contact you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

# THE BATAVIA PROTECTOR



## **FULL-TIME OFFICERS:**

**PLEASE FEEL FREE TO VIEW THE VIDEO  
PRESENTED BY THE BRODIN, CO.  
IT COVERS A BRIEF HISTORY OF THE  
COMPANY AND HOW THE STATUE IS  
ACTUALLY CONSTRUCTED. THIS VIDEO  
MAY HELP EXPLAIN WHAT WE, THE  
FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE, ARE  
ACTUALLY TRYING TO ACCOMPLISH. IF YOU  
HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE  
FEEL FREE TO CONTACT  
ME OR ANY MEMBER OF THE  
COMMITTEE.  
THANK YOU**

## Sculpture to honor police is in works

**■ Batavia:** A memorial to Batavia police officers will be erected downtown thanks to the efforts of the families and friends of the officers.

A two-thirds life size bronze sculpture titled "The Batavia Protector," featuring a police officer holding the hand of a child, was commissioned by a committee of spouses and co-workers. The statue will be placed at the front of the Government Center on Island Avenue.

The bronze officer's uniform will mirror a Batavia uniform, according to Linda Anderson, a member of the committee.

The group's goal is \$25,000, \$10,000 for the statue and \$1,000 for expenses associated with installing and lighting it as well as administrative costs, Anderson said.

To reach that goal, the committee will accept donations. Fundraisers also are planned.

"Our officers strive daily to make Batavia a safe and desirable town in which to live," Anderson said.

First Ward Ald. Charlie Gillenwater, who heads the council committee that oversees the Police Department, said the push for the statue is special because the families of the officers are involved.

Mayor Jeff Schickel said the statue will send a "strong and positive message to families in Batavia for many generations."

Suzanne Baker

## Extension granted for hotel conversion

**■ Aurora:** Mayor David Pierce has extended until July 1 an agreement with developers seeking to convert the Aurora Hotel into a low income senior housing complex.

Although Harold D. Rider, head of North Island Apartments Ltd. Partnership, failed in March to win \$1 million in Federal tax credits necessary for the project, he is confident the project will win the credits next month, when the Illinois Housing Development Authority is expected to make a decision on the matter.

The council also committed the city to granting Rider \$1 million to complete the \$6 million project, should he receive the tax credits.

If Rider does not receive the tax credits, the 70-year-old hotel probably would be demolished to make way for a city plaza, Pierce said.

Meanwhile, the city is working on a long term, detailed development agreement with Rider in case he receives the tax credits, said Scott McHenry, Pierce's executive assistant.

Will Curdick

## Helicopter class puts safety first in emergencies

**■ Wheaton:** During an emergency situation in which individuals must be airlifted to a hospital, the last thing police and civil defense officers want is to get in the way of a helicopter.

But because they seldom encounter such situations, many emergency personnel may not know some basic rules about helicopter takeoffs and landings.

In response, Loyola Medical Center in Maywood on Saturday sent a Lifesaver chopper and five crew members to the DuPage County government complex in Wheaton to give a brief course to more than 150 police officers and civil defense personnel.

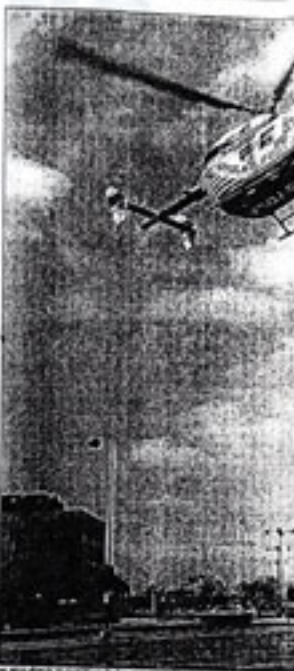
The first-ever event drew visitors from as far away as Chicago Ridge and DeKalb County, and from non-governmental places like the Brookfield Zoo, which has its own police department.

Crew members gave an overview in an indoor auditorium before heading to an outdoor parking lot, where training was conducted in and around the remarkably small chopper.

The helicopter is about the size of a conversion van and holds three crew members and at least two patients.

"We wanted to show the proper utilization of the emergency helicopter and how to establish a proper landing zone," said Gordon Ward, a Loyola pilot.

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PATRICIA ALONSO/STAFF FOR THE NEWS-SENTINEL

Batavia Police officer Peter Tye sits in a dunk tank and heckles Windmill fair-goers into throwing at the target.

# Cop-dunking makes a splash at Windmill fest

■ **For a good cause:**  
Proceeds will go toward Batavia Protector statue

By Penny Falson  
MEMPHIS NEWS-SENTINEL

**Batavia** — The odds were against Police Chief Bob Warner from the get-go.

First, there was wide Linn clutching a trio of balls in anticipation. Behind her, a couple of children waited. And officers Matthew Lower and Pete Tye had designs on the target, too.

But Tim Starnahan was the lucky soul with the eagle eye.

"That was definitely worth a dollar," said the Batavia man after he gave Warner his first plunge into the tank.

Warner was outsploshed.  
"Bet you can't do it again," he yelled.

The antics were all for a good cause, to raise dollars for the Batavia Protector statue. The dunk tank, set up at the Windmill City Festival, is the place to be at about 3 on Saturday, when Officer Bob Gray turned over his spot on the dunker's choice to the chief.

Then, people started appearing from nowhere.

"Hey, aren't you supposed to be at work?" Warner quizzed Tye as the officer in uniform warmed up his pitching arm.

"I've got a couple minutes left," Tye shouted back, as the first of three balls slapped high on the tarp.

"I'm real scared, real scared," jested Warner.

The second and third try went wide.

"I've got 60," said Tye to Lower, as the two headed to the slots. "I'll be

## Windmill City Festival schedule of events

**Batavia** — The Windmill City Festival concludes today.

The schedule of events includes:

**11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** — 100 Annual Arts and Crafts Show, Winnebago City Park, 4000 Outer Business East.

**Now to 4** — Friends Farm, Petting Zoo and Pony Rides, South of Harrodsburg.

**Now to 8** — Food booths open, Get Outta Back.

Then, Mayor Jerry Schwalke walked forward to take his chances at sinking the chief.

One, two, then three balls missed their target.

"I'm just warming up," uttered Schwalke, grabbing some more balls.

A couple more and swwosh. Down went the chief.

"That's not fair. How many balls does he get?" the chief moaned.

The \$12,000 statue of a police officer and a child is about one-third

large Dunk Tank.

**Now to 9** — 1000, 21st Annual 1000-4000 Show.

**12:30 to 1** — Plus Food and more. That's all folks! (Only 1000.)

**1 to 2** — Car Car Shows, Parade.

**2 to 3:30** — Car Shows and 1000-4000 Show.

**3 to 4** — Batavia Arts and Crafts Show.

**4 to 5** — Get Outta Back, 1000-4000 Show.

funded now. The Batavia Protector Statue committee hopes to raise the money raised by later this year. The bronze statue will be placed in front of the police station, on North Grand Avenue.

This is the first year that a dunk tank has taken the plunge during Windmill Fest. On a hot, wet Saturday afternoon, the dunk tank had its advantages, Gray said.

"It kept me cool," he said as he wrung out his T-shirt before heading for his next job. The dunk tank statue of water would be the last of



# Windmill herald

"Windmill Heritage  
Looking to the Future"

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## Batavia Protector shop and share

The spouses and coworkers of Batavia police officers have anxiously undertaken a project to show the men and women of the Batavia Police Department that we sincerely appreciate the outstanding work that they do each and every day. Police officers face daily challenges that few of us would want to handle and more often than not, they do it without the thanks they deserve.

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As part of our fund raising efforts, we are involved with the Jewel Shop and Share program. This is where you can help. Simply do your grocery shopping, March 24, 25 and 26 at any Jewel in the area and give the Shop and Share certificate to the cashier when you are ready to check out. Jewel does the rest. At the end of the three days, Jewel will give 5% of the total sales of Shop and Share slips to The Batavia Protector.

Thank you for your time and help. If you have any questions contact the Batavia Protector Fundraising Committee at 879-1424 ext. 570.

### Shop & Share Identification Slip



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Group Number

Store Number

Dollars

Cents

Group: The Batavia Protector Fundraising Committee

Your Shop and Share Days: 3/24/97, 3/25/97, 3/26/97

Signature

PLEASE SIGN THIS SLIP AND TURN IT IN TO YOUR CHECK CASHIER WHEN YOU SHOP. PARTICIPANTS CAN MAKE PURCHASES AT ANY JEWEL-OSCO STORE ON THE DATE ABOVE. IDENTIFICATION SLIPS ARE NOT TO BE DISTRIBUTED IN FRONT OF ANY JEWEL-OSCO STORE.

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We would like to take an opportunity to discuss in greater detail our intentions. Special presentations will be held on 05/13/96 and 05/15/96 at 7 p.m. in the Batavia City Government Council Chambers. The presentation will consist of a video and discussion period, and should last approximately one hour. If you would like to attend either of these presentations, please indicate on the following page.

This fund-raising campaign is independent of any city or state funding. A complete list of contributors and donors will be published in the local newspapers and acknowledged at the statue's dedication ceremony at a later date to be announced.

Thank you for your time and consideration. If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,



Lois Warner  
Chairperson



Chris Thrun  
Vice-Chairperson

Att.

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PHONE 708/ 879-1424 EXT.570

## No one should have to deal with raucous teens in parks

Editor, *The Beacon-News*:

I just returned from three hours of playing with my children at the park on Roberts Street in North Aurora.

It has been a long time since I was able to do this. The sun was shining, children were laughing and playing, and parents were able to chat with each other.

This, for the past few years, has been almost impossible to enjoy.

At any given time, approximately 15-20 cars can be seen lining up to the end of this short housing block.

Stereo's blaring hard rock or rap music, the language from the "basketball" players would make a stevedore blush.

These people take over this children's park, and I never have understood why the people who live on Roberts have to put up with this garbage.

One lady told me she cannot even take her own grandchildren to the park because of all the filthy language.

Twenty years ago, when her children were small, she would let them cross this quiet street and play safely at the park.

The reason for peace at the park this recent Sunday was because the nets were removed from the backboards.

Thanks to the Fox Valley Park District for that, and please think carefully before replacing them — which I'm sure they will.

If any members have small children, stop by one afternoon or evening and listen and decide whether you would want your children to be subjected to that filthy language and deafening music.

Pearl Chalkley  
North Aurora

*Beacon* - May, 1996

## Bronze statue offers chance to show gratitude for police

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Lois Warner, Chris Thrun  
Batavia

## Stop the whining and boost demand, so product will sell

Editor, *The Beacon-News*:

In your May 3 edition of *The Beacon-News*, you had an article explaining how Jack Berger was disappointed in the outcome of trying to sell his Downer Place condos.

Now, let's see how this came about:

Mr. Berger came to Aurora from Chicago, and our fair city gave him \$2 million in grants and \$1.6 million in loans to create the lofts. That's almost \$82,000 each, and he can't sell them for \$59,500-\$85,500.

It's quite obvious something is wrong, so Mr. Berger says, "The Realtors say the downtown is not safe. What a foolish statement."

Our very existence as Realtors is dependent on our constantly selling the virtues of Aurora.

I think Mr. Berger should quit his whining and face the fact that he quite obviously did not create a demand for his product.

Jack Clark  
Aurora

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05/15/96 \_\_\_\_\_

# Attending \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to schedule an alternative date and time, please contact me:

Person to contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

# 'Batavia Protector' dedication set for Sunday

By MARK FOSTER

*Kane County Chronicle*

BATAVIA — A lasting tribute to Batavia's finest is about to take its place in the city's downtown.

The "Batavia Protector" statue will be unveiled at 2 p.m. Sunday in front of the Batavia Government Center.

The sculpture is a two-thirds life-size bronze depiction of a Batavia police officer holding the hand of a small boy who looks up admiringly into the officer's eyes.

The officer depicted in the sculpture will be authentic in detail, including his Batavia police badge, shoulder patch and service revolver.

The statue will be located near the entryway to the Batavia police headquarters in the government center building.

Commissioned by police department spouses and other supporters, the statue was created by nationally recognized sculptor Rodger Brodin.

The "Batavia Protector" committee raised the \$15,000 to buy the sculpture through a variety of sales and activities and the solicitation of donations to the fund.

More than 100 citizens, businesses, clubs and organizations made contributions to the statue fund.

The statue will stand on top of a limestone pedestal designed to match the government center exterior.

The pedestal is about 2½ feet tall and will be mounted over a concrete slab.

The ceremony will include a

color guard, music and speeches.

The statue will be unveiled by police records clerk Fay Porter and Tom Oker, husband of officer Rhonda Oker.

The statue dedication ceremony will also include remarks by Mayor Jeff Schielke, Police Chief Robert Warner and 1st Ward Alderman Charlie Gillenwater.

### City News

## Residents are showing their support for Batavia Protector statue

Some friends of the Batavia Police Department are in high spirits these days.

Members of an organization that has formed to help fund the Batavia Protector said they are thankful to area residents for coming out and supporting fundraising efforts for the statue at the Windmill City Fest. The Dunk-a-Cop effort was a big success, and members claim they are now about half way to their goal of \$15,000.

However, there is another way to fund the statue. People can show their support by purchasing T-shirts designed to be fashionable for all ages.

The T-shirts come in all sizes, according to committee member Fay Porter. The white

shirts feature the Batavia Police Protector logo. Each cost \$12 and can be obtained by calling the Batavia Police Station at 879-2840.

People also can stop at the station, located at 100 N. Island ave. Because the committee is not-for-profit, the shirts also are tax deductible.

The Batavia Protector is a bronze sculpture designed to honor all officers who serve now, those who will serve in the future and those who have served in the past.

Two-thirds life size and detailed in the image of Batavia police officers, the Batavia Protector will be a tribute to every

man and woman who wears that badge, according to Chairwoman Lois Warner.

"It symbolizes what an officers traits must be, including compassion and character," Warner said. "It also helps show children that police officers are their friends."

Porter said there also have been several donations from businesses interested in contributing to the project. The statue will be finished in three to four months once the order has been finished, she said.

Also, all persons who have donated money toward the project will get special invitations to the dedication ceremony, Porter said.

The fundraising campaign is indepen-

dent of any city or state funding. Committee members may be contacted at 879-1424 voice mailbox #570 for questions or to set up a time to view the video or make a special presentation.

Warner said there are about 100 of the bronze Batavia Protector statues in the United States. She first considered the idea when she was attending the International Association of Chiefs of Police Conference with her husband, Batavia Police Chief Robert Warner. Brodin was one of the exhibitors there.

Brodin designed the statue to honor his brother Neil, a retired police officer.

## HOUSE CALLS

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**Q.** What medications can't use for my children when they have diarrhea?

**A.** Most diarrhea in children is caused by viruses. There are no antibiotics that kill diarrhea viruses; most antibiotics will actually make



work, are dangerous, or both. The most important thing to do is make sure your child gets enough fluids to make up for what is being lost in the diarrhea. You should also keep feeding your child normal

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