

TIMES PAST

Recalling Greenfield's swimming and recreational area

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To get my mind off of my aches and pains, I am writing this new story about a popular location off of Nash's Mill Road.

Fortunately, Greenfield uses the Green River for its source of water for swimming during the summer months.

Many years ago, there was a smaller pool for children to use for wading and learning how to swim. I think pipes were used to get water to this

pool. How often it was flushed out and new water brought in, I do not know that answer. How I got there I do not remember to this day. But I do remember many years ago this happened to me at this pool.

A severe thunderstorm and lightning came upon all of us. I ran to the boy's locker room and toilet, floundering for cover. Being a stupid kid at that time, I decided to run across the area and got into a stranger's car. They asked me my name and eventually they

brought me home to my parents. This was one of the scariest times in my life, but I still remember it happening to me.

There is no longer a small pool, but I did enjoy it. I never became a good swimmer, but I think I became a pretty good writer to give everyone memories to think about.

It has been a joy to write all of my stories and I will miss doing them. Perhaps some older people found them interesting and educational. I do hope so.

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Children are still making memories at the Green River Swimming and Recreation Area in Greenfield.



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