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Hays Park/Paw Paw River project has engineering recommendations from DNR

By Ed King
The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Division of Fisheries, had good news for the City of Watervliet and the Paw Paw Lake-River Ventures organization this week. As chairman of the Ventures Environment Committee, this writer contacted DNR officials in Lansing regarding the status of the "Hays Park" project which calls for the development by DNR of a first-class sport fishery in the Paw Paw River on the Hays Park site.

A key element of the plan calls for the removal of the upper dam on the river south and about one block east of the park. The removal of the upper dam would permit the Paw Paw River to flow through the historic channel, according to Mr. Royce Merrill of the DNR's engineering division.

The engineering study also recommends that the mill headrace be filled from M-140 eastward to the west bank of Mill Creek. This filling of the mill headrace would be in addition to the headrace fill work currently being undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the paper mill property.

According to Mr. Merrill, Mill Creek would flow eastward to the point where it would flow into the Paw Paw River at the location of the present upper dam. River and creek flowage would then course through Hays Park. The engineering study initially called for the installation of a low-level dam in place of the present upper dam. The low-level dam
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Watervliet City Commission okays DDA development plan

By Karl Bayer
The Watervliet City Commission unanimously adopted an ordinance approving a tax finance district and development plan for the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) at a meeting Monday. More than 25 persons attended the special meeting to discuss the development plan and its method of raising financing for the developments. The plan calls for four phases of improvements in the downtown area, which is comprised of properties along Main St. from the paper mill to the Red Arrow intersection. Among those improvements are increased parking facilities, sidewalk upgrading, trees, trash receptacles, store fronts, rear entrances to stores, off street parking, new street lighting and a riverfront park along Mill Creek, behind the stores. Planning consultant to the DDA, Debra Peirson of
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WINTER WONDERLAND...Despite slippery roads, fence-high snowdrifts, arctic temperatures and bitter winds, Mother Nature can still toss in beauty unparalleled by any Christmas tree.

News & news makers of 1985 revisited

By Karl Bayer
As time marches into the New Year of 1986 with its hopes and dreams, it's good to remember the events of 1985 and their impact on our lives in the Tri-City area of Coloma, Hartford and Watervliet.

The following items are taken from the front pages of the Tri-City Record, the window to the happenings of the community. They reflect the good news, the successes, the tragedies and other occurrences that became part of all our lives.

JANUARY

The 1985 New Year began with a KO punch from Mother Nature in the form of freezing rain, unseasonably high temperatures and five inches of snow. New Year's Day was suffered by many area residents without electric power and heat. Ice and high winds had severed many power cables. Earlier in that week the temperatures had soared to 62 degrees and right after Christmas more than five inches of snow fell. Also in that first issue of the 1985 Record, it was announced Piper Albright of Coloma had won that community's sesquicentennial logo contest and that Hartford native Roy (Bud) Davis had joined the newspaper staff as a columnist. A man from Grand Rapids lost his life on I-94, near Coloma, in a head-on collision with two other vehicles. Janet L. Kirkpatrick and Glenn O. Deaton, both of Coloma, were killed in a head-on collision on Red Arrow Highway in Hagar Township. Watervliet school buses roll for the first time since the 1982/83 school year. The Hartford City Council approves pay raises, and the Watervliet City Commission announces it will oppose a highway department plan to place railroad flashing lights on First Street. Menasha Corporation petitioned the City of Coloma for tax relief to enable it to remain competitive and still be located in the City. Three Watervliet High School students were struck by a hit-and-run driver while they were walking to school...one of the girls was slightly injured. On behalf of the Schultz family, Art Schultz presents the Watervliet School District with an antique school bell, believed to be first used by the district 114 years ago. The Watervliet Paper Company announced plans for a \$9,000,000 renovation project and seeks tax abatement to go along with the project. The Hartford School District sets April 2 as the date for its school millage election for an 8-mill renewal for 5 years. A tax break is approved by the Coloma City Commission for the Menasha Corporation's renovation project. At the same City meeting, residents claim City-supplied water is causing them to break out in a rash. A Watervliet woman and five children escape serious injury from a fire that gutted their home on Elm Street.

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Watervliet and Coloma townships joined together in erecting an emergency dam on the Paw Paw River to slow flooding on Paw Paw Lake. Mary Dominion is named Miss Watervliet. Watervliet Township residents voted down a proposed land purchase of acreage for a proposed new Township Hall. Plans are announced for a new Coloma High School gym. Annual St. Patrick's Day celebration is held in Coloma. Watervliet Board of Education approved curriculum additions. Hartford City residents face cable television rate increases. Hartford High School announces
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MARCH

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JUST HOW MUCH snow did we get the past week, from Christmas Eve to New Year's Eve? Estimates vary from 8-10 inches to 14-16 inches. Conjectures aside, there's no argument the white stuff snarled the holiday week and made for tough traveling by foot, car or sled. The yardstick pictured shows 13 1/2 inches as of Monday morning.

Coloma says no to apartment complex

By Dee Catania
At last week's meeting of the Coloma City Commission, support of a 48-unit apartment complex was vetoed. A letter to the Farmer's Home Administration stating the City's support for the project was voted against by 4-3. The letter was required as part of a pre-application for financing for the proposed building project. Commissioners voting against sending the letter were: Galen Blough, Edward Dill, Vivian Cox and Martin Quigley. Voting for it were: commissioners Robert Wooley, Charles Owen and Mayor Glenn Randall.

The voting took place after a two-hour meeting which was attended by approximately 50 people.

Susan Doroh, representative for Superior Home Builders, first presented the project in September and explained in detail plans for 24 one-bedroom, 22 two-bedroom and four three-bedroom apartment buildings at a site on Wilson Street.

The Commission also turned down a request to rezone the 7.9 acres from industrial to multiple-family. Commissioner Owen pointed out multi-family structures are permitted on industrial-zoned property and a rezoning is not necessary.

Concerns expressed by citizens opposing the project included sewer, water, fire protection, past experiences with apartment occupants and whether more apartments are needed in Coloma.

Mrs. Edward (Donna) Dill suggested the City concentrate on industrial growth or senior housing.

Sue Moser, a resident on Wilson Street, presented the second of two petitions, each signed by over 100 persons opposing the project.

Mayor Randall stated the people to consider in the decision-making should be only those who live across from and to the side of the proposed site. He said, "That land has lain fallow for years. The City benefits only \$280 a year in taxes on the property. The people won't like it if their taxes are raised." He expressed deep disappointment in the Commission for voting against supporting the proposed project.

Commissioner Wooley said, "They (Superior Home Builders) are offering more guarantee than anyone else. We would be remiss in not giving our support." He added the City might do better with this type of business as far as taxes go than with industry.

Prior to the meeting, Mayor Randall declared a minute of silence in memorial to former Coloma Commissioner Harold Hammond, who died on Dec. 17.

The Commission also voted to donate \$100 to the Coloma Emergency Ambulance in Hammond's name.

The finance committee will meet Jan. 11 at 8:30.

Water users are reminded to keep faucets open enough to permit a stream of water about one-eighth of an inch to run in order to prevent freezing of pipes.

Good luck and good health all through the year.

Anne & Karl

Area deaths of 1985, as reported in the Tri-City Record

JANUARY

Joseph Plank, Jan. 6, Watervliet; Marie V. Pasquill, Jan. 6, Coloma; Raymond Richter, Dec. 31, Hartford; William W. Siebenmark, Jan. 2, Hartford; Janet L. Kirkpatrick, Jan. 4, Coloma; Cora Curran, Jan. 7, Watervliet; Margie Goff, Jan. 8, Coloma; Glenn Deaton, Jan. 4, Coloma; Walter Hartman, Jan. 9, Watervliet; John C. Thomas, Jan. 8, Hartford; C.C. Martin, Jan. 10, Coloma; Ben Floyd, Jan. 12, Coloma; Ferdinand Tackett, Jan. 12, Watervliet; Lucille Stokes, Jan. 11, Watervliet.
Janet Bearden, Jan. 12, Coloma; Orma Prouty, Jan. 7, Covert; Marie Conley, Jan. 19, Coloma; Ernest Sauberlich, Jan. 12, Coloma; John Ambler Sr., Jan. 21, Coloma; Alec Schick, Jan. 18, Coloma; Helen Meachum, Jan. 28, Hartford; Violet D. Grannell, Jan. 23, Watervliet; Paul Gard, Jan. 28, Coloma.

FEBRUARY

Walter Schultz, Feb. 1, Watervliet; Mary J. Holstrom, Jan. 30, Watervliet; Paula Medrano, Feb. 5, Hartford; Hope Jennings, Jan. 30, Watervliet; Della Y. Emanuel, Jan. 30, Coloma; Hylred Gale, Feb. 9, Coloma; Helen Michalk, Feb. 16, Coloma; Otha Rowe, Feb. 16, Hartford; Anna Manning, Feb. 18, Coloma; Agnes L. Smithley, Feb. 18, Hartford; William Warman, Feb. 15, Coloma.
Rose E. Collins, Feb. 19, Coloma; John D. Bohannan, Feb. 22, Coloma; Helen Scheid, Feb. 23, Watervliet; Carlos Robinson, Feb. 20, Coloma; Robert Hutchinson, Feb. 22, Watervliet; Donald Williams, Feb. 20, Coloma; Lina

Schultz, Feb. 21, Watervliet; Viola Matrau, Feb. 24, Watervliet; William A. Swainston, Feb. 26, Hartford.

MARCH

Howard Nodruff, March 2, Watervliet; Bessie Prouty, March 6, Hartford; William McLain, March 3, Watervliet; George Ross, March 3, Hartford; Richard Koenigshof, March 10, Coloma; Patricia Romeo, March 9, Hartford; Pearl M. Dodge, March 12, Watervliet; Anna Berky, March 13, Coloma; Elizabeth Stowe, March 11, Hartford; James F. McKie, March 13, Coloma.
Marvin Frank Thornburg, March 15, Hartford; Anthony B. Pantelleria, March 23, Coloma; Stanley Lanning, March 22, Coloma; Nanon Knapp, March 26, Hartford; Ronald DeGroot, March 23, Coloma; Antonio Balli, March 22, Hartford; Lawrence Thornburg, March 25, Hartford.

Wilma Steffey Grow, April 5, Watervliet; Matthew Cullitan, April 5, Watervliet; Robert Strouts, April 8, Watervliet; Ira Ramsey, April 7, Hartford; George Olds, April 15, Hartford; Ruby M. Burgh, April 15, Hartford; Mrs. Gordon Ostrander, April 11, Watervliet; Doris Carter, April 11, Watervliet; Ruby Sumner, April 17, Watervliet; Ethel H. Mackenzie, April 9, Hartford.

APRIL

Leonida Doroh, April 29, Coloma; Helen Casserly, April 27, Hartford; Clara Wood, May 4, Watervliet; Uneeda Knight, May 2,

MAY

John B. Woodruff, July 2, Watervliet; Gertrude Burmeister, July 8, Hartford; Constance Emery, July 5, Coloma; Felicia Weeks, July 2, Hartford; Joseph Nagy, July 2, Coloma; Virginia Hays, July 1,

Hartford; Charlina DeHert, May 3, Coloma; Norman D. Smith, May 8, Coloma; Olive Brant, May 9, Coloma; Edith H. Rose, May 14, Hartford; Frances M. Jenkins, May 10, Coloma; Richard T. Thompson, May 15, Coloma; Robert Nance, May 19, Watervliet; Rose Hornyak, May 18, Coloma; Peter Margiotta, May 19, Coloma; William S. Ragsdale, May 19, Coloma.
Gene Bednarowski, May 22, Watervliet; Joseph W. Hoffman, May 25, Watervliet; William Craft, May 22, Watervliet; Myrtle Kemp, May 25, Hartford; Helen Fellner, May 23, Hartford; Claude Childs, May 21, Hartford; Robert Griffin, May 24, Lawrence.

JUNE

Winfred Reeves, June 2, Coloma; Archie H. Mow, June 5, Coloma; Clifford Clapsaddle, June 8, Coloma; Felix Rivas, June 6, Hartford; Lucille Miller, June 11, Coloma; Hogan P. Watson, June 10, Hartford; Rolf Egil Myrseth, May 29, Watervliet.
Templeman twins, June 17, Coloma; Dawn C. Zimmerman, June 17, Watervliet; Louis Brown, June 14, Hartford; Delores Camp Tallis, May 14, Watervliet; Clara Owens, June 20, Hartford; Wilbur Dorstewitz, June 26, Coloma; Minnie Briney, June 25, Coloma.

JULY

John B. Woodruff, July 2, Watervliet; Gertrude Burmeister, July 8, Hartford; Constance Emery, July 5, Coloma; Felicia Weeks, July 2, Hartford; Joseph Nagy, July 2, Coloma; Virginia Hays, July 1,

Coloma; Betty Little, July 12, Watervliet; Clara Yund Woodworth, July 15, Watervliet; Emil Fruehauf, July 12, Coloma; Oscar Kilmark, July 12, Coloma; Helen Tafilowski, July 10, Coloma; Wayne Barringer, July 12, Coloma.
William A. Wilkey, July 10, Watervliet; Jenny M. Phillips, July 19, Hartford; Elmer Muth, July 21, Coloma; Marie Heuerman, July 17, Coloma; Ernest Schaer, July 20, Coloma; Fred Sutter Jr., July 20, Coloma; Anne Pleyer, July 20, Coloma; Dale Kilpatrick, July 21, Coloma; Dora Jean Reed Greenwood, July 25, Watervliet; Lewis D. Rush, July 26, Hartford; Margaret Hafer, July 31, Watervliet; Robert W. Skellenger, July 31, Watervliet.

Barbara Horney, Sept. 13, Coloma; Hilda Harley, Sept. 22, Hartford; John Hamann, Sept. 4, Hartford; Michael Koshar, Sept. 22, Lawrence; Stanley Linden, Sept. 27, Watervliet; Kathryn A. McLaughlin, Sept. 29, Coloma; William Murphy, Sept. 28, Hartford; Nick J. Korsak, Sept. 30, Hartford; Earl B. Shimer, Sept. 30, Watervliet.

AUGUST

Martha Ochampaugh, Aug. 7, Coloma; Dorothy Drake, Aug. 4, Hartford; Harold D. Harris, Aug. 6, Coloma; John C. Gunn, Aug. 2, Coloma; Lacy Scott, Aug. 8, Coloma; Charles Hanson, Aug. 6, Watervliet; Leola Sheldon, Aug. 5, Watervliet; Mrs. Gundan (Dorcas Watts) Senum, Aug. 2, Coloma; Anna Huffman, Aug. 9, Watervliet; Sybil Smith, Aug. 9, Watervliet; Mary Roberts, Aug. 16, Hartford.
Cynthia Swartzlander, Aug. 13, Watervliet; Leslie Broz, Aug. 13, Coloma; Gene Marsceau, Aug. 13, Lawrence; Robert Leo Nugent, Aug. 18, Watervliet; Loretta Jordan, Aug. 20, Lawrence; Edward G. Broz, Aug. 16, Coloma; Meta W. Luther and Gertrude B. Schumann, Aug. 14 and Aug. 15 respectively, Coloma; Esther Geisler, Aug. 25, Watervliet; Carl Gaynor, Aug. 23, Coloma; Dorris H. Hough, Aug. 27, Hartford; Robert Atherton, Aug. 31, Watervliet; Marjorie Widmeyer, Aug. 26, Watervliet; Dora Jean (Reed) Greenwood, July 25, Watervliet; Marie Warmen, Aug. 31, Watervliet.

Orville Wilson, Nov. 1, Coloma; Joseph Boleski, Nov. 1, Coloma; Douglas Price, Nov. 1, Watervliet; Betty S. Bridges and Susan L. Matrau, Nov. 5, Keeler; Inez Fisher, Nov. 7, Hartford; Carl McNeese, Nov. 10, Watervliet; Frank F. Moon, Nov. 5, Hartford; Nellie Moon, Nov. 14, Hartford.
Donald Smith, Nov. 14, Hartford; Shirley M. Stillson, Nov. 17, Coloma; Albina Payne, Nov. 20, Hartford; Mildred Tohtz, Nov. 20, Coloma; Anna Morris, Nov. 25, Hartford; Al Wild, Nov. 25, Hartford; Doris Means, Nov. 25, Watervliet; Irene Lamoreaux, Nov. 26, Coloma; Vannie L. Retherford, Nov. 22, Watervliet; Danielle Wyatt-Smith, Nov. 24, Watervliet.

SEPTEMBER

Herbert Hentschel, Sept. 4, Watervliet; Charles Edward Burrows, Sept. 7, Coloma; Mrs. Ivah Pinyard, Sept. 8, Hartford; Joseph C. Gregorie, Sept. 9, Hartford; Alice M. New, Sept. 16, Hartford; Elsie Mace, Sept. 16, Coloma; Ruth Miller, Sept. 12, Coloma; Alice Gordon, Sept. 11, Watervliet; Arthur E. Fietz, Sept. 10, Sister Lakes. Walter Bernheisel, Sept. 14,

Watervliet; Barbara Horney, Sept. 13, Coloma; Hilda Harley, Sept. 22, Hartford; John Hamann, Sept. 4, Hartford; Michael Koshar, Sept. 22, Lawrence; Stanley Linden, Sept. 27, Watervliet; Kathryn A. McLaughlin, Sept. 29, Coloma; William Murphy, Sept. 28, Hartford; Nick J. Korsak, Sept. 30, Hartford; Earl B. Shimer, Sept. 30, Watervliet.

OCTOBER

Raymond A. Mattes, Oct. 6, Coloma; Robert L. Martin, Oct. 13, Coloma; Melissa A. Trudell, Oct. 13, Hartford; Joe L. West, Oct. 17, Watervliet; Gerrit Hovinga, Oct. 20, Coloma; Otto Brunner, Oct. 17, Hartford; Ruth Fain, Oct. 16, Coloma; Krista Hembree, Oct. 16, Coloma; Ava Williams, Oct. 20, Hartford; Louise Sorensen, Oct. 21, Hartford; Curley Raymond, Oct. 21, Watervliet; Edward V. Sikes, Oct. 25, Hartford.

NOVEMBER

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DECEMBER

Lillian Eswine, Dec. 1, Hartford; Margaret Hunt, Nov. 27, Watervliet; Henry Baes, Nov. 27, Coloma; Anna Morris, Nov. 29, Hartford; Margaret Snyder, Dec. 4, Coloma; Joseph R. Golas Jr., Dec. 7, Watervliet; Lena Valenti, Dec. 9, Coloma; Margaret Willson, Dec. 9, Coloma; Tiffany E. Evans, Dec. 9, Coloma; Grace Jeserich and Allaine Nieman, Nov. 30, Watervliet.
Margaret Vaught, Dec. 17, Coloma; Harold Hammond, Dec. 26, Coloma; William Traver Sr.,

Dec. 18, Hartford; Noble Hamaker Sr., Dec. 18, Coloma; Elizabeth M. Powers, Dec. 19, Watervliet; and Curtis L. Daniel, Dec. 19, Hartford.
Wallace DenAdel, Dec. 25, Watervliet; Paul Spitzer, Dec. 27, Coloma; Robert Cartwright, Dec. 28, Watervliet; Grace Schriener, Dec. 29, Hartford.

Obituaries

PAUL SPITZER

COLOMA — Paul Spitzer, 81, of 6545 E. Center, Coloma, died Friday, Dec. 27, at Community Hospital, Watervliet, after suffering an apparent heart attack.

Funeral services were held Monday at Salem Lutheran Church, Coloma, of which he was a member. Arrangements were by the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, Coloma. Graveside services were held Monday at Graceland Cemetery, Bridgman. Memorials may be made to the church or to Salem Lutheran School, Coloma.

Mr. Spitzer was born Jan. 1, 1904, in Missouri. He retired in 1969 from Industrial Rubber Goods, Division of Chardon Rubber Co., St. Joseph. During the 1930s, he operated a grocery store and a shoe store, both in Bridgman.

Survivors include: his wife, the former Mildred Gallert; one daughter, Carol Spitzer of St. Joseph; one son, Donald Spitzer of Riverside, Conn.; three stepdaughters — Mrs. Hubert (Florence) Rachug of Benton Harbor, Mrs. Robert (Irene) Weber of Decatur and Mrs. Calvin (Carol) Birmele of Watervliet; one stepson, John Oxner of Grand Rapids; three grandchildren; 12 stepgrandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; one sister, Mrs. Tilly Haas of Holiday, Fla.; and one brother, Emil Spitzer of Bridgman.

His first wife, Frieda (Zich) Spitzer, preceded him in death in 1968.

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WENDLAND ASSIGNED TO TINKER AFB

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Cynthia K. Wendland, daughter of Bonnie L. and Kenneth V. Haynes of 4971 Maple Court, Coloma, has arrived for duty with the 2854th Air Base Group, Tinker Air Force Base, Okla.

Wendland, an administration supervisor, was previously assigned in Belgium.

Her husband, John, is the son of Evelyn E. Wendland of 7429 Colfax Ave. S., Minneapolis.

Her grandfather, Vernon K. Haynes, lives at 3315 Hennessey Road, Watervliet.

She is a 1969 graduate of Portage Central High School in Michigan.

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We Asked You... The best questions and answers of 1985

WE ASKED YOU RECAP

For the past 12 months, the feature "We Asked You" has appeared on the front page of the Tri-City Record. Each week persons on the streets of Watervliet, Hartford, and Coloma were asked to answer a question and have their picture taken. Some of the questions were serious, some were silly, some weren't questions at all, and some just gave you the opportunity to sound off on a pet peeve.

Although "We Asked You" is no way a scientific poll of any sort, it does sometimes reflect trends in the community.

Here is a selection of some of the questions asked this past year...perhaps they show how certain issues affect us all or at least what was thought to be important in the Tri-City area of Hartford, Watervliet and Coloma.

Along with each question and a survey of the responses is a photo and a typical answer.

WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE SUMMIT MEETING?

Most of those responding hoped for improved communications with the Russians and increased chances for peace, but none seemed to think there was much chance of success.

Dee Dadies, Coloma
"I hope something gets settled. Seems like every time, things get shot down."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT PRESIDENT REAGAN'S GET TOUGH POLICY REGARDING TERRORISTS?

All of the eight persons responding supported Reagan's get tough policy on terrorists and three of them thought the president should get tougher.



Pat Kinzler, Watervliet
"It's okay. He should get tougher. It might stop some of the terrorism."

WHAT DO YOU FEEL IS THE MOST IMPORTANT EVENT TAKING PLACE RIGHT NOW?

Two of the people responding felt the rescue of the earthquake victims in Mexico was the most important event. One said nuclear weapons, another said the farm crisis, another named the arms talks, another reported high school football and another said drugs floating around were most important.



Frank Zvonar, Watervliet
"That I didn't read my name in the obituaries this morning."

WITH THE SABOTAGE AND HIJACKINGS TAKING PLACE AT AIRPORTS AND IN THE AIR, WOULD YOU TAKE AN AIRPLANE TRIP OUT OF THE COUNTRY?

Of the eight people asked that question, three said yes, they would take a trip, three said no, one said yes, but not to Greece, and

Gary Young's response follows.



Gary Young, Benton Harbor
"Only if it was to a country where hijacking has not taken place."

HOW DO YOU FEEL ABOUT THE DDA FOR WATERVLIET?

All eight agreed a Downtown Development Authority for Watervliet would be good for improvements. All cited more shopping and industry as needed for the community.

Beth Smith, Sister Lakes
"Watervliet is closer. We would come here to shop if there were more."

IF YOU COULD BE A FAMOUS PERSON, WHO WOULD YOU BE?

Eight respondents and eight answers came from this group of youngsters: President Reagan, Princess Diana, Ryne Sanburg, Crystal Gayle, Mark Hamill, Madonna, John Wayne, my Mom and Thomas Edison.



Thomas Gard, Coloma
"President Reagan, because he's the boss."

IF YOU WERE BEING SENT TO A DESERTED ISLAND, WHAT THREE THINGS WOULD YOU TAKE WITH YOU?

We were all surprised at these responses, Companionship and the Bible came in dead last and food was the most common response but not unanimous...other items listed once were: some kind of animal, a weapon, medicine, portable radio, a cold pack and water.

Peg Frick, Hartford
"A flashlight, my Bible and a blanket."

ARE YOU REMEMBERING TO WEAR YOUR SEATBELT?

Most of the time, sometimes, once in a while, and I'm trying were in the majority of responses after the seatbelt law went into effect.



Anita Privett, Watervliet
"Yes, I have a lot to live for."

DO YOU THINK IT'S RIGHT THAT THE GOVERNOR OF ILLINOIS GRANTED CLEMENCY TO GARY DOTSON?

Eight of the nine persons asked the above questions thought Dotson was innocent of the rape charges and that he should be set free. The lone dissenter thought Dotson and his victim concocted the story for money.

Edward Nash, Watervliet
"I think he did right. The lady said Dotson didn't do it."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT THE MONUMENT IN HONOR OF VIETNAM VETERANS BEING INSTALLED IN HARTFORD'S ELY PARK?

Who would be opposed to honoring war dead of Van Buren County?

John Pasternak, Hartford
"I'm all in favor. I think it is a great idea. It is long overdue and being here, it says a lot for Hartford."

DO YOU THINK TWO FIRE STATIONS IS THE ANSWER TO THE IMPASSE WHICH THE CITY AND TOWNSHIP OF COLOMA HAVE REACHED?

Most respondents qualified their answers to support a fire hall in the Township and possibly one in the City if it were economically feasible. Some didn't like the idea of splitting the department to two stations.



Ron Smith, Coloma
"We definitely need a new station. It might be a good idea to have two. Whether there is enough money to support two (stations) is another matter."

HOW DO YOU COMPARE THE TEACHERS OF YOUR CHILDREN TO THOSE THAT TAUGHT YOU?

For the most part, teachers of yesterday got higher marks for discipline and dedication. Today's teachers got high marks for more education.



Mildred Hauweghen, Watervliet
"My teachers were better. They were more dedicated."

WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT REVENUE SHARING FUNDS BEING DISCONTINUED?

Two of the nine persons asked the question were opposed to any cuts. Five thought it was unfortunate but necessary and that it would hurt the local governments, and two said it was necessary and the cuts had to be made.

Dee Hillock, Hartford
"They probably should cut some Medicaid instead of funds to cities and schools."

WHO WILL WIN THE WORLD SERIES THIS YEAR?

All eight "swamies" that tackled this question sat in empty bleachers in October...One had no idea, four said the Cubs, two expected Baltimore to win it all and one rooted for the Tigers.

Roy Davis, Coloma
"Baltimore, but I would like to see the Cubs win."

DO YOU THINK GOVERNMENTS SHOULD BE INVOLVED WITH AGRICULTURE?

Five of the respondents to this question felt the government should help farmers all they could. Three felt the government should stay out of farming and one felt the government shouldn't help except with mortgages.

John Downing, Coloma
"I believe they should help and support the farmers because that is where our food comes from."

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST COMPLAINT THIS WEEK?

Money, taxes, not enough police, sore bones, postal rates, pensions, rudeness and rain all got the nod on this question.



Pamela Morris, Coloma
"I don't like the raise in postal rates. We could use some excitement in this town."

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF PRESIDENT REAGAN'S PROPOSED BUDGET?

All agreed the budget cuts were necessary and four qualified their concern by opposing cuts in student loans.



Terry Soderquist, Coloma
"I think he should cut defense spending along with everything else."

DO YOU THINK MICHIGAN SHOULD HAVE CAPITAL PUNISHMENT?

Eight of the nine persons asked this question thought the state should have capital punishment.

Dave Healy, Coloma
"Definitely."

Coloma, There, 6:00. Varsity & JV Volleyball with Lawrence & Paw Paw, 6:00. Varsity at Lawrence, JV is Home. Central Office, Board of Education meeting, 7:30 p.m.

COLOMA PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

FRIDAY, Jan. 3 - JV and Varsity Volleyball, Coloma at Lakeshore, tournament, 8 p.m. JV and Varsity Boys' Basketball, Eau Claire at Coloma, 6 p.m. 9th Grade Boys' Basketball, Eau Claire at Coloma, 4:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, Jan. 4 - Varsity Boys' Basketball at Muskegon Reeths-Puffer, 6 p.m. Varsity Wrestling, Coloma at Edwardsburg, Invitational, 11 a.m.

MONDAY, Jan. 6 - Varsity & JV Volleyball, Coloma at Benton Harbor, 6 p.m. Country Steaks.

TUESDAY, Jan. 7 - Varsity Wrestling, Coloma at Edwardsburg, 6 p.m. Hamburger on Bun.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8 - Student Council meeting in library, 3rd hour. Pizza.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

WATERVLIET PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

MONDAY, Jan. 6 - Classes resume. Hot Dogs. Jr.-Sr. High, Regular Board Meeting, H.S. Library, 7:00. Volleyball, Fennville, Away, 6:00. South, 7th Grade Cheerleading, 3:30-4:30. 8th Grade Cheerleading, 3:30-5:00. JV/Varsity Cheerleading, 4:45-6:30. Men's Basketball, 6:30-8:30. North, Brownies, 6-7:30. Boy Scouts, 7-8:30.

TUESDAY, Jan. 7 - Chicken Patties. Jr.-Sr. High, Boys' Basketball, Bangor, There, 6:00. South, Men's Basketball, 6:30-8:30. North, Brownies, 6:30. Men's Basketball, 6:30.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8 - Spaghetti. Jr.-Sr. High, Jr. High Basketball, Eau Claire, There, 5:00. Volleyball, Brandywine, Here, 6:00. Wrestling, Cherston Fairhaven Baptist, There, 5:00. South, Awana. North, Pom Pon Practice, 6:30.

HARTFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS CALENDAR

MONDAY, Jan. 6 - Ham & Cheese Sandwich.

TUESDAY, Jan. 7 - Beef & Noodles. High School, Varsity & JV Boys' Basketball with Eau Claire, Home, 6:00.

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 8 - Cheeseburger. High School, 9th Grade Boys' Basketball with Eau Claire, Home, 6:00.

THURSDAY, Jan. 9 - Chili. High School, Varsity Wrestling with

WISHING YOU A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR
We're so very appreciative of your support.
Martha's Beauty & Yarn Shop
Watervliet

Celebrate
High flying wishes for 1986. Hope it glides you to success and joy!
Davidson Chapel
Florin Funeral Service
Coloma
1986

Key to the New Year is Health & Happiness
600 MAIN CHEVROLET DOWAGIAC
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Reserved
A toast to you in the New Year!
A&A Macrame
Coloma

Let's build together for the future of our children and the strength of our nation.
A very prosperous New Year, all.
WATERVLIET FRUIT EXCHANGE

Tom Smith Tractors
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With all good wishes for the New Year, we say...
thanks for being so nice all year long!

Harding's
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8 a.m.-8 p.m.
New Year's Eve 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
WILD WEDNESDAY
Double Coupons All Day
Senior Citizens Discount
Free Blue Bonnet Margarine with \$20 purchase
HAPPY NEW YEAR
from all of the employees at Harding's Market, Watervliet

LETTERS & OPINIONS

A CLASSIC

Dear Editors (Karl and Anne),
Your December 18th issue has an article upon which I must comment. I am not a hunter, but I do like guns. In this paper Gordon Charles has an article, "Outdoors with Gordie" that is a classic. In it he quotes a hunter (Dan Kriefall) on the occasion of bringing down a record buck during deer hunting season.

Kriefall goes right to the heart of the matter. He says he has killed the great creature, but he has in no way conquered it. That magnificent animal had taken the worst the environment could throw at him, and in an equal contest, the hunter would have been killed.

The hunter goes on to tell how Ernest Hemingway in his novel, "The Old Man and the Sea" explains the thrill and exhilaration of the kill, and the emptiness beneath, in the heart of the hunter, after he has done it.

Anyone who takes one of nature's great creatures and does not feel this emptiness, has no true concept of the land, or his

place in it. He is an embarrassment.

Just as Kriefall says that reading Hemingway's "The Old Man and the Sea" should be required reading for anyone desiring a hunting license, so I believe that reading the article by Gordon Charles falls into the same category.

If any of you readers missed "Outdoors with Gordie" in the December 18th issue, go back and read it. This is a classic.

Sincerely yours,
Roy M. (Bud) Davis

NO RELATION

Dear Editor,
Our offices have received a number of calls from the public recently in response to a mailing they received from the American Heart Research Foundation (AHRF).

The mailing included a questionnaire titled "Survey on Stress and Heart Disease" and a letter indicating that support of public education and research efforts are reasons why the survey should be completed and returned — accompanied by a donation.

To encourage a donation, the letter continued, "When you return your Survey on 'Stress and Heart Disease,' we hope we can count on you to send along a generous contribution to AHRF."

Virtually the same questionnaire and plea for donations was mailed nationwide in early summer by the American Cancer Research Fund.

The calls to our office have been asking if AHRF is related to the American Heart Association, and the answer is "No."

While we have no interest in blocking the way for legitimate fund-raising groups, investigations

have left too many questions regarding the legitimacy of this organization.

Sincerely,
Albert Sparrow, M.D.
American Health Association of Michigan President

NEW FARM GUIDES AT HARTFORD LIBRARY

The Hartford Public Library now subscribes to the Hotline Farm Equipment Guide. Both the annual Quick Reference Guide and monthly Farm Equipment Auction Guide are available for use.

It lists numbers for manufacturers, salvage yards, specifications, serial numbers and prices for tractors and combines.

The Quick Reference Guide also lists 43 tractor manufacturers and 21 combine manufacturers.

The Farm Equipment Auction Guide monthly update is now regionalized to include prices from our area and is put together in sections listing prices for tractors, combines and short-line equipment.



GRANDPA FALMERS

JUST FOR TODAY

JUST FOR TODAY, I will try to live through this day only, and not tackle my whole life problem at once. I can do some things for 12 hours that would appall me if I felt I had to keep them up for a lifetime.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will be happy. This assumes to be true what Abraham Lincoln once said: "Most folks are as happy as they make up their minds to be."

JUST FOR TODAY, I will adjust myself to what is, and not try to adjust everything to my own desires. I will take my "luck" as it comes, and fit myself to it.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will try to strengthen my mind. I will study. I will learn something useful. I will not be a mental loafer. I will read something that requires effort, thought, and concentration.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will exercise my soul in three ways. I will do somebody a good turn, and not get found out; if anyone knows of it, it will not count. I will do at least two things I don't want to do—just for exercise. I will not show anyone that my feelings are hurt, they may be hurt, but I will not show it.

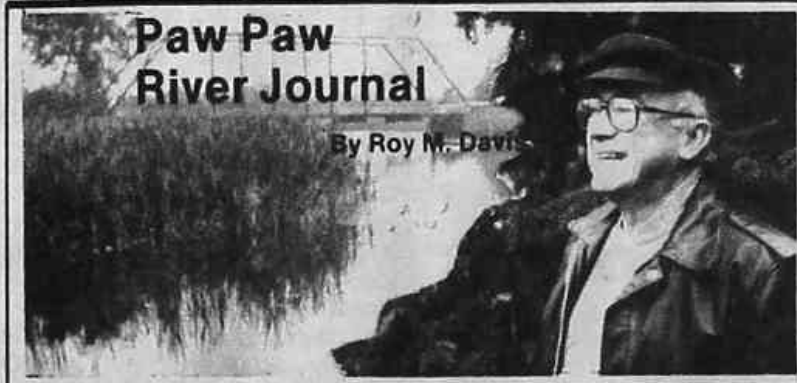
JUST FOR TODAY, I will be agreeable. I will look as well as I can, dress neatly, talk calmly, act courteously, criticize no one, find fault with no one, and endeavor not to improve or regulate anyone except myself.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will have a program. I may not follow it exactly, but I will have it. I will thereby avoid two pests: hurry and indecision.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will have a quiet half-hour all by myself, and relax. During this half-hour, sometime, I will try to get a better perspective of my life.

JUST FOR TODAY, I will be unafraid. Especially, I will not be afraid to enjoy what is beautiful, and to believe that as I give to the world, so the world will give to me.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN



Paw Paw River Journal

By Roy M. Davis

FIRST ANNIVERSARY

Just one year ago I became a newspaper columnist. Strange how a person's life takes different directions. In the fall, whenever we visited Marion's Mom in Watervliet, I found her most recent copy of the Tri-City Record and read it thoroughly. We could see that since Karl and Anne Bayer had purchased the paper, they had been trying to make it grow and had even gone back to the larger format.

So I called the office to get a subscription for ourselves. Anne was manning (or womaning) the phone that day. I told her how much we enjoy the paper and I would like to have it mailed to us. She got our address and then something made her ask some questions about me. I said, "I am an English teacher and have just escaped from the system. We lived in Ann Arbor, but now have moved back to Hartford."

Anne said, "What are you doing now, Mr. Davis?" I thought a moment and said, "Oh, I'm writing a couple of books...one on Hartford, and the other on life. And I'm keeping a series of journals."

She said, "I think my husband would like to talk to you. When he comes in, I will have him call you."

Karl did, and he came over to see me. When he asked me about writing a column, I told him I'd never done anything like that before. "In fact," I said, "I don't think I would ever be much good at reporting the Ladies' Aid meetings."

He laughed and said, "What I want is a weekly column...sometimes from your book on Hartford, and other times from your journals." So he took my picture and I started writing.

That brings me to the real substance of this column on writing a column. I have been at it a year...this is my first anniversary, and perhaps time to assess. I told Karl I would give it a year and then see how it is going.

When my first column appeared, several things happened: Bud Colman asked me to autograph his copy. He collects historic newspapers, and this was immensely gratifying. Then I was standing near the bank watching Tod Efting's crew demolish the old telephone office. Along came Sky Kellogg, and as we talked, he told me he was very pleased that I had started writing for the paper. Wife Charlene also complimented me. I received a nice card from Ethel MacKenzie in congratulation. I always thought she was one of Hartford's loveliest ladies, and I'm glad I wrote her a reply while she was still with us.

Marion and I were having dinner with some relatives. They had been in Florida and had the paper sent to them. Rich and Virginia Becht sat next to us. She is my wife's cousin, and they are cut from the same cloth. Virginia said (with a devilish look in her eyes), "You really wouldn't write anything about old times that would get any of us in trouble, would you?"

I solemnly promised I will never, ever say anything that will embarrass any of our friends.

"All right," she said, with a sigh of relief. I wonder just what she was thinking about.

Many people have mentioned my column...high school friends, teacher friends from Ann Arbor

and other places. Dick Rogers says he reads my column in the paper at their home out west. Leta Benjamin sent a nice note, and even included a little story about my Mom watching the robins build a nest at the old greenhouses. Cousin Dora Kaucher said she enjoys the columns, as do her friends, but some of their husbands were a little irate because I say such nice things about my wife it makes them look bad. Honest, I didn't mean to do that...and it is not all beer and skittles at our house either. I don't get any apple pies. Cousin Bob Spies liked the column, "How to Be a Writer." Rich and Genevieve Conklin said they have become regular readers. Incidentally, Rich knows so many stories about local famous Hartfordites, I hope to tap his memory later.

One day Bud and Lois Latus were walking their grandchildren past our house and stopped to talk. Lois said, "We all enjoyed your column on going to the dentist, but one thing in it bothered Mrs. Laman and me."

"What's that?" I asked.

"Well, in that column you said we two ladies are probably the ones who keep the office going. We wanted John to keep on believing he is the one who does it."

My article on Gems of Wisdom from Badts' Drug Store did produce some reactions. The philosophers and thinkers were pleased; the liars and whittlers muttered vague threats. I never could sort out which is which, because no one wants to admit to being part of the second group. So the threats were somewhat muffled. The Badt man said his membership list in the club is growing, and he has had several inquiries about a supposed youth-restoring concoction he may or may not be tinkering with in the back room.

I have gotten some feedback by way of Letters to the Editor: Kathy Stolz wrote a nice note, as did former students Pat Kilmark and Charlie and Elsie Brock. Larry Clinard stopped to see me one day when we were gone, but did not leave his address. Daughter Laurie wrote, and all of our children are saving my recent literary efforts. One unexpected payoff...my column is almost as good as a letter from the folks.

Arlene Ward enjoyed reading about Leonard Miska and the Halloween Raid. Mrs. Eddie Ison appreciated the article on her brother, Buster McCombs. Ruth White called to say she had been laughing about the anti-ple ordinance in Hartford, and Margaret Martens told me she enjoyed the piece on Brother Bud Colman's retirement. West Hartford Squire Bob McConnell complimented me, as did Elmer Boze of our northern suburb, and Rodney and Mildred Lynch of Hartford. Most people enjoyed Louie Kling's belly dancer and Nona's Time Machine.

When Karl and I formed our unholy alliance (publisher and galley slave), I soon found that writers who work close to the deadline make him nervous. Makes me nervous too...so I try to have copy handed in well ahead of time. Far be it from me to contribute to Karl's ulcers. Net result: this column is written well before the end of the year.

So far most people like my new

picture. Westerners John and Pat Erwin (high school classmates of ours) wrote to the paper...couldn't find the column, didn't recognize the picture, etc. But they do enjoy reading the column. Well, my other picture was not the best either (very bald).

Over the years I had been wondering what happened to all of the pretty girls I taught at Watervliet High School. One (Phyllis Kling) is now my sister-in-law. Her sister (Darlene Horton) is busy keeping the pearl diver at D & D's (husband Don) in line. I've already mentioned Pat Kilmark, Elsie Brock, and now Jeanette Lottridge wrote to say she enjoys the column.

More friends and readers have taken the time to say nice things. Faulty memory may have caused me to leave some out. For that I apologize. You know, there are

three signs of advancing age: the first one is loss of memory...the other two I have forgotten.

So it has been a year of fun. Sometimes the columns practically write themselves. Other times it is just not that easy. There are more stories to tell, and lots of journals left. So many of you have told me (or Marion) that you are reading the column. But the name of the game, at least for Karl and Anne, is more subscriptions, more papers sold and more advertising, so the paper can grow.

I really don't know how that end of it is going. But nobody has told me to quit writing, and unless I receive some good solid advice in that direction, guess I will keep on for a while. Thank you...all of you readers. Without you there would be no column called the "Paw Paw River Journal."



The Back Fence

By Anne Bayer

Every Christmas I figure that I have tried to do a good job on the gift buying, but there always seems to be one area that I fall short in. Thank goodness, it usually is a different area.

This year I overlooked the fact that the family that plays together, stays together, and never purchased new games for everyone to play. All of us in our family enjoy games.

The latest fashion around our house has been the Trivial Pursuit game. We all enjoy playing it and some of the younger ones especially like reading the questions. It's fun for all.

A few weeks ago, after a Christmas play that Gill was in, Justin and his friend, Shannon, Amy and her friend, Bill, Karl, Gill and I, came home after a nice meal together and began playing a new game, the Genus II edition — a thankful early gift from our special sister-in-law, Connie, and her crew.

After much loud talking and decision-making, we noticed that a few of the players were really getting bored and tired. As we were putting the game away, Amy made the comment how great it would be if they put out an Idiot edition. Then everyone could feel as smart as the next person.

This whole story is leading up to the only game gift that we received this year. It was from Bill, who spent time looking for a gag gift which would be an Idiot edition. The closest he could come was Junior Trivia, which is designed especially for children.

After a few minutes of laughing, we all hungrily set up the board for a game we were sure to win. Wrong, the questions were not as easy as we had hoped, but thank goodness, Gill had decided to play and answered when we adults fell short on our answers.

We have managed to play this game and some of the other editions five different times over the holidays. Every time we would have a new winner — what fun.

Thinking back I can remember the Christmas my Mom and Dad bought all of us kids a ping-pong table. Down to the large room in the basement on Christmas Day and tournaments began that very day and continued right up until the last Trotter had graduated from high school.

One dark night, when all of us were in bed, my Dad heard the ping of the pong coming from the basement and went down to inspect where the sound was coming from. Lo and behold, the neighbor kids were still in a hot

and heavy match and no one wanted to cash in. My brother, who was also in the game, had gotten tired and gone to bed and told his friends to let themselves out when they were through.

In the winter, our basement was a sight to behold, with all of the extra coats, boots and mittens stewn across the hallway and the voices of dissent rising up from the room which held our favorite game. My Dad, being raised on Little Bay DeNoc, was an avid skater and would spend many hours making all of us kids the best ice rink in the whole area. One year he even flooded two backyards. That year we had some great hockey matches.

So, with the matches in the basement and the biggest ice rink on the street, my Mother spent most of the winter in the kitchen making hot cocoa and doughnuts, which are a must for hungry, cold skaters. Of course, we were all pros.

Having three brothers, I spent a lot of time sitting on the stoop at the top of the stairs, waiting until all of the boys finished ping pong. But when the rink was out, you usually could find me trying to perfect one of my Dad's hard-taught figures on the ice.

Remembering those times makes me feel bad that I forgot to include our own special family fun in our Christmas this year. Thanks, Bill, for keeping games alive at the Bayer household.

Karl's Kolumn

By the Publisher

NO WONDER I'M TIRED

Yes, I'm tired. For several years I've been blaming it on middle age, iron-poor blood, lack of vitamins, air pollution, saccharine, obesity, dieting, under-arm odor, yellow wax build-up and a dozen other maladies that make you wonder if life is really worth living. But now I find out it ain't that. I'm tired because I'm overworked.

The population of this country is 200 million. Eighty-four million are retired. That leaves 116 million to do the work. There are 75 million in school, which leaves 41 million to do the work. Of this total, there are 22 million employed by the government. That leaves 19 million to do the work.

Four million are in the Armed Forces, which leaves 15 million to do the work. Take from that total, the 14,800,000 people who work for the state and city government and that leaves 12,000 to do the work. Now, there 11,998 people in prisons. That leaves just two people to do the work — you and me. And you're sitting there reading this. No wonder I'm tired. — Anonymous

And that's the way it is here at the end of 1985 and at the threshold of 1986.

Happy New Year friends and readers...may 1986 be twice as nice as '85, may your troubles be half as many, your load twice as light, your travels short and all your expectations fulfilled.

What kind of report card would you give 1985?

1985 made a liar out of the adage that it was safer to fly than to cross the street.

I think more snow fell in the last two weeks of the year than it did in all of last January's and February's snowfalls.

I seem to recall a hot and humid

summer with little relief in tepid lake waters.

While all the hot shot economists kept yelling recovery and the stock market made and broke records each week, the economy for most of us has still a long way to go for "recovery." There were few homes built and fewer new jobs established and local merchants, while reporting better sales than 1984, are still struggling.

On a personal note, the loss of our young nephew, Brian, in June, and my niece's husband on Christmas Eve will always make 1985 a black year for us.

Terrorists still hold a grip on the world and government hasn't yet come up with the formula to control them.

Earthquakes, floods and mudslides took their toll in human lives and property loss. Guerrilla warfare kept terror and bloodshed on the front pages of newspapers all year.

Automobile accidents, boating accidents and freak happenstance all took loved ones from us this year.

All in all...I'd give 1985 a "D" and say good riddance and here's to 1986...it's gotta be better.

You may have missed purchasing a 300 Club ticket for a Christmas present, but there are still some out there to be had...get yours here at the Record office or from any Watervliet Business Association member.

Coloma High School grad (1970) Roger Reinhardt is teaching sixth grade at Beattie Elementary School in Nebraska. His students mailed letters to sixth grade students in Russia this past November.

Roger is the son of Joan Reinhardt of Coloma.

Pat Van Loon — How a brave lady celebrates Christmas

By Sylvia Prager

Seraphine Petrocelli was born May 1917 into an American-Italian family, to Eva and Dominic Petrocelli. She was their dear and only child.

"Christmas — oh, those wonderful Christmases were always at Grandma's and Grandpa's house. Seraphine continued, "We'd even hang our stockings there. Since I was the only granddaughter, I would get my stocking filled with nuts, candy and fruit. The boys (my cousins) would get theirs filled with coal. I guess girls are good and boys are not!"

Seraphine then recalled Christmas dinner, "There was soup, goose, ravioli, stuffing and mouth-watering saboyan sauce over lady fingers."

Seraphine said, "Let's go back to Christmas Eve. On Christmas Eve my six aunts and uncles and three cousins would all go to Midnight Mass. We'd then go back to Grandma's and Grandpa's house and roast chestnuts, sing Christmas carols, rejoice in the birth of our Saviour and wait for Santa. Wonderful, wonderful times as a family."

This young woman, from this loving family, finished high school and went into nurse's training. As long as she could remember, she had wanted to be a nurse. She enrolled at Mercy Hospital in Chicago, but got pneumonia and had to drop out. She returned to Columbus Hospital (a hospital started by Mother Cabrini) and was capped in 1939.

She recalled that during her training, her devoted father would visit her every pay day and give her \$2.00. She saved \$10.00 and was able to buy a radio for her room.

Upon graduation, Seraphine's name had been shortened to Pat (from Petrocelli). She was to enjoy a diversified nursing career — pediatrics, obstetrics, general duty, private duty, and the height of her career was being an Air Force officer as a flight nurse from June 15, 1942, to December 15, 1945.

Nurse Petrocelli was extremely modest. Most of the information to follow was gleaned from looking at a scrapbook she shared with this reporter.

The 801st Squadron was based on New Caledonia and as each Pacific island was secured, the nurses would be flown in to pick

up the wounded. Pat was a member of the Air Evacuation Nurses Unit that operated on Guadalcanal. She was one of the first Air Corps nurses to reach Guadalcanal.

She was decorated for evacuating wounded under fire. Yes, her medal was for bravery. Twenty-five nurses went over and they all came back. Pat still goes for reunions. Last spring, the flight nurses of the 801st Squadron met in Colorado Springs. They still have so much to remember and to share.

How did they celebrate Christmas in the Pacific? The soldiers would designate a palm tree as the Christmas tree. They'd take swamp grass and tack it to the tree trunks to make it look like an evergreen tree and string lights through the leaves. There were boxes from home and Christmas Mass. But it was a homesick time of year and a homesick time of their lives."

Laurence went to work as a truck driver. Pat and Laurence became parents to two sons and a daughter.

Pat Van Loon went to work in a house in Watervliet that was converted to a hospital. It's where Tri-City Village is today. The entryway was a parlor. There were four patient rooms on the first floor and in the back were the surgery and utility rooms. The second floor had four more patient rooms. On the second floor were most of the maternity cases and a delivery room. It was as though the whole staff was family.

Pat says, "There were approximately twelve nurses and we'd gather in the parlor for our Christmas party and then go home to our families. But the little house grew, so did the staff and so did our parties. Today, the hospital and the parties are quite large."

Pat is now a widow. Her home is beautifully decorated. There is a

Workshop that helped her to become reasonably self-sufficient. She is 28 years old. She is affectionate. Laurie can knit, play

basketball, swim and loves to watch baseball and football games.

"My son, Dennis, and his wife, Alexis, have presented me with two grandchildren, and soon there will be a third. Dennis and Alexis

invited Laurie, Michael and myself for Christmas Day. The Van Loons were together and celebrated Christmas. It was a good time for all of us."



Pat Van Loon

ENGAGED
MERLIN & JOANN Harper Sr. of Watervliet, Mich., announce the engagement of their granddaughter, Dawn Lynn Anderson, to Rant W. Blighton, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Blighton of Eau Claire, Mich. Dawn is the daughter of Loreeta Fisher of Elkhart, Ind. Rant is a 1982 graduate of Eau Claire High School and is employed by Fred Lertz Farms in Sodus, Mich. Dawn is a 1985 graduate of Watervliet High School and is employed by Capozio's Pizza at Orchards Mall. A May wedding is planned.



Radde-Vitale wedding vows spoken

Camille Vitale and Scott Charles Radde were married Nov. 23, 1985, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, St. Joseph. The Rev. John V. Cimino performed the ceremony.

Parents of the bride are Mrs. Joseph LoGalbo, 3592 Park St., Coloma, and the late Anthony Vitale. The groom is the son of Mrs. Beverly Radde, 309 First St., Watervliet, and Theodore Radde, 4590 Stanley, Watervliet.

Mrs. Larry Davis was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. Ronald Kelley, Mrs. Edward Pastrick, Miss Jennifer Rosenthal, and Miss Melanie Radde. Jennifer Kelley was junior bridesmaid.

Anthony Vitale was ringbearer. Donald Olson was best man. Ushers were Steven Fellows, Joseph Vitale, Bryan Duffield, Daniel Duffield, Rick Radde and Michael Radde.

A reception was held at the IAM

and AW Local 1918 Hall, Hagar Shores.

The couple is residing in St. Joseph.

The bride graduated from Coloma High School. She is employed as a counter clerk by Bobbie and Clem's One-Hour Mar-

chandising department of New Products Corp., Benton Harbor.

He is employed in the

Coping with teen-agers

On Jan. 16, 1986, at 7 p.m., the dating and acting out toward Samaritan Center of Southwestern

parents. The program will be presented at no charge.

The Samaritan Center, founded in 1973, does counseling and therapy for individuals, couples and families of Southwestern and Michigan. It has three administrative centers and five counseling locations in Berrien (St. Joseph, Niles and Stevensville), Cass (Dowagiac) and Van Buren (South Haven) counties.

The Four Flags program includes Niles, Dowagiac and Buchanan. It is headquartered in Niles in the First Presbyterian Church, 13 South Fourth Street. A branch office is located in Dowagiac's Federated Church, 202 Center Street.

Ms. Silvernale and Dr. Sloane will answer questions that parents may have regarding their teens. They will show parents how to work together to set guidelines for teen-agers in areas such as breaking curfew, drinking, drugs,

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May Christmas bring you joy today,
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find may YOU evermore be blest
With all that's happiest and best!

Deanna
"Gumbo"

V-MAIL

Pat says, "The next highlight of my life was my marriage to Laurence Van Loon. Pat met her husband while they were both in the service. He entered the service as an enlisted man. He left the service as an officer and a pilot. They met in Memphis and married in September 1948.

Van Loon's family was from Benton Harbor and after their marriage, Laurence and Pat rented an apartment in Coloma on Church Street for \$15.00 a month. They

bought their first house in 1951 on Lucinda Lane in Watervliet.

The nativity scene set in her fireplace. The nativity scene came from Italy and at one time was a gift to Pat's mother.

How did Pat celebrate this Christmas? As she told it:

"I went to the 5:30 church Mass. I was happy to be with my two sons, my daughter-in-law and my daughter, Laurie. Laurie has Down's Syndrome. I'm thankful to her school and to Gateway

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News & news makers of 1985 revisited

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ces Kurt Dowd is named valedictorian and Julaine Minshall is salutatorian.

Spring flood damage to the area is pegged at \$500,000.

Coloma Township begins arbitration for the fire hall location.

Watervliet High School announces Greg Mundt has been named valedictorian and Mary Wegenka is named salutatorian.

The Coloma City Commission approved Badts' square as site for fire hall.

Coloma merchants announce plan for Chamber of Commerce.

Watervliet Business Association elects officers for second year.

Hartford High School honors are panned by residents at School Board meeting.

The City of Hartford seeks a grant for aid in finding new water wells.

APRIL

Watervliet Township residents veto land purchase motion at annual meeting.

Coloma Township electors okay annual budget, grant pay raises.

Watervliet Lioness Club is organized.

Hartford School millage renewal is okayed.

Downtown Development Authority (DDA) for Watervliet is announced.

High winds increase land erosion along Paw Paw Lake. The lake is in its third flood stage of the year.

Hartford residents claim City is a dump.

Coloma residents claim City is responsible for flooding.

Pokagon Heights residents

discuss annexation possibilities with City of Watervliet.

Tommy Dorsey Band plays at St. Joseph Catholic School.

William Weeden resigns from the Hartford City Council.

Approval of nearly \$3 million in bonds will be sought at a June election for the construction of a new gymnasium for Coloma High School.

The Coloma City Commission took out an option for the purchase of the Christian Science Church for a new City Hall.

MAY

The Coloma Township supervisor suggests a second fire hall to be located at the Township Hall.

Donations are sought for a Vietnam Memorial in Hartford.

Watervliet Schools Superintendent William Penny announces he is a candidate for another position.

Jacqueline Worley is the Record's Best Mom contest winner.

Watervliet schools announces it will seek a 3-mill operational increase in the June election.

The Coloma City Commission asks the Waste Water Treatment facility to forgive an \$11,473.00 payment.

Hartford schools adopt a \$3,960,608 budget.

Mike Dolezan is appointed to the Hartford City Council to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of William Weeden.

Watervliet and Coloma townships approve participating in a flood plan for Paw Paw Lake.

Watervliet Rexall Pharmacy is sold to Belfy Drug Store.

Watervliet City Commission holds a public hearing to raise taxes by 1.595650 mills.

Coloma hosts Kalkaska for Mayor's Exchange Day.

Watervliet hosts Schoolcraft for Mayor's Exchange Day.

Watervliet High School teacher and coach Gene Bednarowski is killed in a car/truck crash.

Watervliet businessman Joe Hoffman dies of a heart attack.

Chicago man drowns in Little Paw Paw Lake.

Coloma officials say alleged rashes aren't caused by City water.

JUNE

Voters in the Coloma School District voted no on two ballot issues, a bond proposal to pay for a new gymnasium and a request for 2.5 mills.

Coloma residents Wayne Kreitner and Charles Nelson were elected to the School Board.

Forty-five persons voted in the Hartford school election. Unopposed incumbents Pete Sinclair and Barry Nilson were re-elected...there were no other election issues.

By a vote of 2-1, Watervliet voters rejected a millage increase of 3 mills. Incumbent George Shane and Phil Lynch were elected to the School Board.

Watervliet Schools business manager Charlene Bunnell was named interim superintendent while a replacement for the resigned William Penny was being sought.

Coloma schools announced a special election for August to seek a renewal of 2.5 mills.

Joe Johnson is named the Record's Top Pop for Father's Day.

The Coloma City Commission approves the purchase of the Christian Science Church for a new City Hall.

September 1 is set aside for the dedication of the Vietnam Memorial located in Hartford.

The Krenek Ford Dealership is sold to Hoekzema Ford.

JULY

Hartford and Watervliet host Fourth of July celebrations.

The Van Buren County Fair opens at the county fairgrounds.

The Coloma School Board adopts a \$6,832,433 budget.

Bob Morlock resigns from Watervliet Township Board.

Gary VanSlooten is appointed to the Watervliet Township Board.

Coloma youth Jon Jollay succumbs to cancer.

Hartford Township water and sewer rates are increased by the City.

Survey of students and voters rates Coloma Schools as excellent.

The circus is coming to Watervliet.

Former Watervliet resident Dave Keller rescues a small girl from the Paw Paw River near the Hays Park dam.

Bruce Watson is hired as the new Watervliet Schools Superintendent.

Twenty-six members of the Vi Shafer School of the Dance leave for a trip to Spain.

The state provides \$150,000 for new water wells in Hartford.

Hartford police report a rash of breaking and enterings.

Coloma hosts the Glad/Peach Festival.

AUGUST

A second request for a 2.5 millage renewal is rejected by Coloma School District voters.

The Watervliet City Commission approves the formation of a Downtown Development Authority.

Coloma Township grants a special hardship land use for placing a mobile home on residential property.

Watervliet Athletic Boosters donated a \$1,900 blocking sled to the High School football program.

Watervliet Township announces a reappraisal of all Township properties.

Mary Dominion is crowned Berrien County Apple Queen.

A Coloma resident circulates a petition calling for another school millage election.

The Hartford Department of Public Works is commended for actions in a recent water emergency.

The Lions 27th annual Fly-in is this weekend at the Watervliet Airport.

The Coloma Planning Commission rejected a bid for a group home on Becht Rd.

Hartford offers police services to Township for \$75,000.

Bruce Watson reports to job as new Watervliet Schools Superintendent.

Coloma seeks Amtrak stop in City.

A millage request for recreation will be on the Hartford election ballot.

SEPTEMBER

The Van Buren County Vietnam Memorial is unveiled and dedicated in Hartford.

Plans for a mini-mall in Watervliet are announced.

Coloma teen Lori Ann Postelli is killed in a car/bus crash.

Nine local citizens are appointed to the newly-formed Watervliet Downtown Development Authority.

The Coloma Fire Board considers the old City Hall as a new fire hall site.

Watervliet Township tables a decision on an adult foster care home.

Watervliet juveniles confess shooting bald eagle.

A county-wide drug bust makes 34 arrests.

Hartford residents pan Kabel Drain renovations.

Flood control assessments for the Paw Paw Lake flood control project are arranged.

Hartford Schools project a \$200,000 budget deficit.

Watervliet schools borrow \$250,000.

Superior Homes announces plans for a 48-unit apartment complex in Coloma.

Vandals caused \$600 in damage at Watervliet High School.

OCTOBER

Coloma receives a \$112,500 small cities grant.

Watervliet Business Association hosts Oktoberfest.

Student counts increase at Coloma, drop in Watervliet and Hartford schools.

A \$2,628,196 bid was awarded for lake flood control project.

The Hartford High School Band earns top honors.

Skip Thibeault and Chris Wittig are named Homecoming King and Queen at Coloma High School festivities.

The Hartford City Council hears cable television service complaints.

A mother and her two children were injured when the vehicle was struck by a train on Coloma Road.

The Watervliet Township Board voted no to allow an adult foster care home on Forest Beach Road.

Hartford Township restricts City mandated sewer rate increase.

Paw Paw Lake level set by circuit judge Julian Hughes.

Mike Thumm and Sandy Williams are named Homecoming royalty at Watervliet High festivities.

Coloma police solved a rash of B & E's with the arrest of three Coloma juveniles.

Hotel and recreation complex is unveiled for old Watervliet High School building.

Coloma Township planners ap-

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Facts of Law By Michael C. Dorstewitz

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A prison's use of tranquilizing drugs without proper medical guidance is viewed as cruel and unusual punishment and prohibited by the United States Constitution.

Under contract law, a counteroffer operates to reject the original offer; the terms of the contract must be renegotiated.

If a parent who has custody of a child refuses to allow visits by the other spouse, the court may suspend the obligation to pay child support until visitation is restored.

A driver who suddenly loses control of the car because of a heart attack or a seizure is not liable for negligence in operating the car, unless he knew he was likely to suffer such an attack.

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Area Police Reports

WATERLIET POLICE REPORT

Police here were kept busy investigating several motor vehicle accidents during the past week. On Tuesday, Dec. 17, Officer Vic Bianchi reports a two-car accident on Main St. at the Butternut Street intersection.

According to Bianchi, a vehicle driven by Theresa Phillips of Hartford was struck by a second vehicle driven by David Ream, also of Hartford. No injuries were reported in the 9:30 a.m. accident.

On Wednesday, Dec. 18, Sgt. Bill Saubier reports an accident on Main St. at the intersection of Riverside Dr.

According to Saubier, a vehicle driven by Michael Morrison of Watervliet was southbound on Main St. when it was struck by an eastbound vehicle driven by Roslyn Hickmott of Hartford, who was unable to stop for the stop sign.

According to the report, the weather and road conditions were a major contributing factor in this accident. No injuries or citations were reported in this 6:50 a.m. ac-

cident. Later in the morning on Wednesday, Officer Vic Bianchi reported the investigation of a three-car accident on St. Joseph St. at Pleasant. According to Bianchi, three cars were eastbound on St. Joseph St. when the lead vehicle pulled onto the shoulder to stop.

The second vehicle slowed down, as did the third vehicle. However, the driver of the third vehicle apparently lost control and struck vehicle number two before continuing on to strike vehicle number one.

No injuries or citations were reported in connection with this accident.

Friday, Dec. 20, Officer Vic Bianchi reported an accident at the intersection of Butternut and Lewis streets.

According to Bianchi, a vehicle driven by Ronald Ward of Hartford was struck by a second vehicle, driven by Corey Jennings of Watervliet. Again, no citations or injuries were reported.

In other areas, Officer Art Her-

man reports investigating a "price-switching" incident at Harding's Market. According to the report filed by Herman, a juvenile was observed changing price stickers on a piece of merchandise and was detained when he attempted to pass through the check-out lines.

Officer Herman reports the juvenile has been charged and petitioned into probate court.

Vic Bianchi reported receiving a report of a larceny from a motor vehicle that occurred while the vehicle was parked at the high school. According to Bianchi, the vehicle was entered and two pairs of glasses were taken on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Early Sunday morning, Officer Art Herman reported investigating a larceny of a gas complaint from the 66 station.

According to Herman, a subject pumped a quantity of gas and paid for some other items and left without paying for the gas. No arrests have been made in the incident.

HAYS

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would serve as a lamprey eel barrier. However, Mr. Don Reynolds, assistant to the director of the DNR Fisheries Division, Lansing, told this reporter that the U.S. Bureau of Fisheries had placed a very low priority on expenditure of funds for a lamprey barrier at the Hays Park location.

The U.S. Bureau of Fisheries evaluated the sea lamprey problem in the Paw Paw River last fall at the request of the Lake-River Ventures organization and stated at that time that the sea lamprey problem here was at best "minimal." Their personnel carried out an extensive chemical treatment eel control program which should eradicate sea lamprey from five to seven years.

Don Reynolds stated that cancellation of the low-level dam would save the taxpayers more than half of the total estimated cost of the Hays Park project which was projected at a total of \$300,000 to \$400,000.

Remaining project funds would be used to clean out the historic channel, improve the river bed, probably by the placing of gravel on the river bed, construction of deep pools in the river bed and other fish habitats, improvements to the river banks in the park and landscaping.

Mr. Reynolds stated that the next move would be a meeting with the City of Watervliet, its consultant Thomas Sinn and the Paw Paw Lake-River Ventures representatives. He suggested that this meeting should take place about Jan. 15, 1986, at which time, project options could be discussed and details finalized.

BOATING COURSES

An eight-lesson boating and seamanship course is being offered by the St. Joseph Flotilla of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary. Class will be held each Thursday evening for two hours, starting at 7 p.m., Jan. 16, 1986, at the St. Joseph Savings and Loan Association, 2717 S. State St., St. Joseph, Mich. Class is open to all area residents 12 years of age or older. Instruction is free. Course material cost is \$8.00.

A certificate is awarded on completion of the course. Many insurance companies give insurance discounts to boat owners who complete this course.

For more information, please contact Mr. Bruce Karnes at 616-983-2029.



Smoke detector winners

The winners of the Watervliet Fire Department's Christmas tree sales smoke detectors are Sandy Kraemer and Doug Hagberg, both of Coloma.

Rudy Appel honored

By Dee Catania

Coloma Mayor Glenn Randall presented an award at last week's Commission meeting to Rudy Appel of Coloma Township. The award was in appreciation for Appel's service to the children and community of Coloma with his portrayal of Santa Claus, which spans a period of over 20 years.

"I had more fun than everybody," Appel said. He added, "I may not be here for all of next year, but I'm not entirely retiring."

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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Saturday, Jan. 4 - Cross country skiing season begins at Sarett. Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Rd., Benton Harbor.

Wednesday, Jan. 8 - Watervliet Recreation Council election of officers. Watervliet Township Hall, 7:00 p.m.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club membership meeting. Watervliet Rod & Gun Club, Hennessey Rd., Watervliet, 7:30 p.m.

Make Today Count. Get acquainted time 7:00; meeting, 7:30 p.m., with guest speaker. Founders Hall, Community Hospital, Watervliet.

Monday, Jan. 13 - Order of Easter Star, Watervliet Chapter No. 232, will meet at the Masonic Lodge at 8 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 16 - "How to Cope with Your Teen-Ager" program sponsored by Samaritan Center of Southwestern Michigan. First Presbyterian Church, 13 S. Fourth St., Niles, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 15 - Dog Clinic, vaccinations. Dog licenses will be sold at \$8.00 each. Watervliet Rod & Gun Club, Hennessey Rd., Watervliet, 1:30-5 p.m.

The community calendar is available to non-profit community organizations active in the Record circulation area. There is no charge for the calendar. Items for the calendar must be submitted in writing by 5 p.m., Monday, for insertion in that week's Record. Items must be free of charge and will be included based on general interest, timeliness and space.

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Special thanks to the Free Methodist Church families and ladies who served the wonderful meal afterward. To Mr. Leonard and all of those who helped in any way. May God bless you all.

The wife, children and families of William S. Traver

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There are, admittedly, some outdoor odd-ball types wandering the wintery wonderland of Michigan. Example? The shanty spear fisherman.

Who else would climb out of a nice warm bed long before dawn, in order to trudge the frozen surface of a lake into the screaming fangs of a sub-zero wind? And this just to sit all day in a little house that almost perfectly resembles the structure indoor plumbing is supposed to have replaced.

When not tinkering with a fickle stove to keep it burning, he can be found hunched over in a half-trance, looking through a hole in the floor at a square of green water. After staring at that spot for hours, he is so startled when a fish finally does come into view that he is nearly petrified. Should he recover his wits in time, he usually does one of two things.

Either he will manage to kick his spear down the hole or he will grab the shaft and hurl it mightily. In either case, the fish usually flees the scene. The spear, the tines of which have been lovingly honed to razor sharpness, will curl up like a horn permanent against the only rock on bottom in that section of the lake.

To regain his composure, our mighty warrior stands up to stretch and bangs his head on the low shanty roof. At the same time, his foot somehow nudges a quart vacuum bottle of coffee over the edge of the spearing hole. He watches numbly as it settles serenely to the bottom.

Trying to fish for it with a treble hook is his only hope but this produces nothing. In leaning over the hole, though, his cigarettes slide out of his shirt pocket and into the water. Ever alert, he dives for the pack and scoops it out, getting wet only to the elbow and thoroughly dunking his wristwatch. He wonders if it is waterproof.

At this very moment, the finicky oil burner flickers and goes out. Our fisherman has prepared for that, though, and grabs the can of spare fuel, then hurriedly begins to refill the little tank. Hardly more than half of the oil spills and runs into the spearing hole. It is then that he discovers that oil and water don't mix and he can no longer see down into the water through the oily film on top.

He makes the additional discovery that he can't light the oil stove again, after all. It seems his only matches were with his cigarettes when they fell into the spearing hole. They are too wet to light.

Shaking with cold, his teeth chattering and completely fishless, he locks the shanty door

and trudges off toward shore. Even before he gets there he is almost sure his car won't start. But is this stalwart citizen discouraged?

Don't be silly. Back home, he reads that magazine article again; the one saying how much fun it is to spear fish through the ice. Stop at his shanty tomorrow and you'll find him right there trying again. After all, this might be the day when something goes right!

Hartford volleyball ready for action

By Kelly Sinclair

The Hartford High School volleyball team could surprise a lot of teams this season. They meet their first competitors on Jan. 9 in Lawrence. The match will be a tri-meet between Hartford, Lawrence, and Paw Paw.

The Indian squad returns two seniors, who held starting positions last season, Monica Dolezan and Angie White. Also returning for the Indians are four juniors, who saw partial starting time with the Varsity squad last year. They are Sharyl Weberg, Shari Peirce, Joy Johnson, and Kelly Sinclair. Other members of the squad are Sylvia Hernandez, Juli Smallwood, Bobbie Willer and Julie Ison. All are juniors who saw much playing time on the winning Junior Varsity team last season. Kirsten Steinhauer, a foreign exchange student from Germany, is also a member of the squad.

The Hartford squad is under the direction of first-year coach, Dorthy Bogart. The team will travel to both the Lawton and Brandywine invitationals this season. The team played some of its best matches last year at the Lawton contest and has high hopes of doing the same this year.

The Indians are using a new offense and have found it to be very effective. Setting for the Hartford team will be Sharyl Weberg and Joy Johnson. They are looking for a spike off of every received ball and hope to use their hitting ability to their advantage.

To earn some money the girls will be putting their serves to work in a Serv-a-Thon. Team members are asking for pledges toward the number of serves they make out of a possible 200.

Best of luck to the Hartford volleyball squad as they begin what they hope to be a very successful season!

Improving Panthers playing better than 1-4 record shows

By Carla Horton

Although Watervliet's record is now 1-4, the Panthers' hopes are still alive.

Within the first five games that the Panthers played, Watervliet had to go up against a few outstanding teams; and Watervliet has improved greatly since their first game.

The first game of the season the Panthers had to travel into Coloma territory to play the Comets. While Watervliet made only nine free throws out of 24, Coloma made 26 out of 42. After a long fight, the Panthers lost to the Comets, 68-51.

On Tuesday, Dec. 10, the Panthers hosted the Eagles of Niles First Assembly. The Panthers looked mighty impressive out on the court and even improved since their first game with Coloma. The Varsity men of Watervliet hit 17 free throws out of 24. Watervliet, who was in no immediate danger, beat Niles Assembly, 75-53.

For their third game of the season, the Panthers played a good hard game against New Buffalo. Watervliet was down by only two points with 24 seconds left in the game. But, the Panthers missed several chances within the last few seconds to tie the game. The Bisons drew a quick foul with no seconds left on the clock and won the game with a three-point margin, 47-44.

The Eau Claire Beavers traveled into the Panther gym on Tuesday, Dec. 17. At intermission, Watervliet trailed by only three points, but in the second half of the game, the Beavers took off as they outscored Watervliet, 45-34. Both teams had good shooting nights as Eau Claire hit 49 percent from the floor and Watervliet, 48 percent. The final score of the game was Eau Claire, 83, and Watervliet, 69.

Watervliet threw an awesome scare into the Bridgman Bees on Dec. 20. The Panthers led 14-8 after the first quarter, 28-26 as the two teams went into the locker rooms, and 42-39 at the end of the third quarter. Watervliet's momentum was slowed down in the fourth quarter as Bridgman outscored the Panthers, 22-11. Bridgman won the game, 61-53, after a long, determined fight by the Panthers.

As of right now, the Panthers have made 52 free throws out of 100; and have scored closed to 300 points. Watervliet is looking downright terrific, even though the record states that the Panthers are 1-4.

The Panthers have been playing a gun-and-run type of basketball and should be proud of their playing ability. On Jan. 7, the Panthers will travel to Bangor to prove their ability to the Vikings; and on Jan. 10, Watervliet will host the Lake Michigan Catholic Lakers.

Comet cagers will host Eau Claire Friday

By Scott Bower

The Coloma basketball team will host Eau Claire this Friday and travel to Muskegon Reeths-Puffer on Saturday. To get to Saturday's game, take U.S. 31 north to the M-120 exit. Go southwest on M-120 to a road called Getty. Turn left on Getty and look for Muskegon Reeths-Puffer High School on the left side of the road after traveling on Getty for a while.

Watervliet has young volleyball team

By Carla Horton

Deb Olson, a 1984 graduate of Watervliet, will be coaching both the Varsity and Junior Varsity volleyball teams of Watervliet for the 1985-86 season.

Miss Olson, who is now attending Lake Michigan College, played volleyball for Watervliet during her high school years. Welcome back, Deb!! This year's Varsity team is made up of 12 players; and almost all of the players will be returning from last year or coming up from last year's Junior Varsity.

There are only two seniors on the team and they are Lisa LoPresti and Kumi Wakabayashi. LoPresti is returning from last year; and Wakabayashi is an exchange student from Brazil.

The returning juniors from last year's Varsity are composed of

SPORTS & OUTDOORS



LAURA LEDEBUHR (left) and Suzie Graf (right), Watervliet summer residents, enjoy cross country skiing. Both girls are from Chicago. (Dee Catania photo)

Becky Epple, Karla Lang, and Regina Williams. Coming up from last year's Junior Varsity are Chris Eisenbrenner, and Chris Lamirand. Also, playing on the Varsity team are juniors Kris Bailey, Kris Richardson and Holly Smith.

The only sophomore on the team is Amy Bayer, who is also coming up from the Junior Varsity team. While the Varsity has many, but young, players returning, the Junior Varsity has only one returning player.

Sophomore Elaine Moore is the only member returning from last year's Junior Varsity. The other sophomores are composed of Cheryl Bowling, Donna Brinsfield, Teresa Brumley and Cindi Nail. Also helping out the Junior Varsity team are freshmen Candi Downey, Maureen Miller, Kelli McDonald, and Laurie Quinn.

The Panthers' season starts on Friday, Jan. 3, at 9 a.m., when the girls travel to Lakeshore for an invitational. On Monday, Jan. 6, the Panthers will travel to Fennville to start playing at 6 p.m.; and finally, on Jan. 8, Watervliet will have a home game. The Panthers will host Brandywine and the game will start at 6 p.m.

The lady Panthers will have a long season ahead of them (they don't finish until late February), so they're going to need some support.

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prove golf course on Red Arrow Highway.

Community Child Watch program is announced for Watervliet.

Hartford students Tamara Hefington and Brian Welther are named for Homecoming King and Queen.

NOVEMBER

Coloma voters approved a third millage request.

Two persons are killed in an apartment house fire on West St. Joseph.

A Hartford man was arrested by Berrien County deputies for accosting a Watervliet teen-ager on her way to school.

Incumbent Hartford Mayor Theodore Johnson is unseated by challenger William Weeden. Also elected to the Council were David Hadley, Mary Sue Thornburg, and Edward Szewczk.

At the Coloma municipal elections, incumbents Robert Wooley and Charles Owen, and newcomer Vivian Cox were elected to the City Commission.

A slate of Watervliet candidates,

all incumbents, were unopposed for re-election.

The City of Hartford sets its budget at \$517,832.

Rezoning of the old Watervliet High School is green light for hotel project.

A shortfall of \$110,000 is projected for the Watervliet school budget.

Two sites suggested for Coloma fire hall.

Hartford Township sewer rate increase called legal.

An unseasonal amount of rainfall causes flooding of the Paw Paw Lake shoreline.

Coloma residents voice opposition to apartment complex.

DECEMBER

The Watervliet City Commission announces plans to seek an agreement with Pokagon Heights over water maintenance.

Coloma Township appoints a Construction Appeals Board.

Hartford School MEAP results are lower than last year's.

Parents' survey gives Watervliet schools high marks.

A Coloma student dies following fall on school steps.

Watervliet man drowns while ice fishing.

Coloma City squares off on Township over cemetery issue.

Hartford Police Chief Bruce Slane announces resignation.

Rezoning rejected by Coloma Township planners.

Watervliet DDA announces improvement plan for downtown.

The proposed path for the Paw Paw Lake flood drain could be rerouted.

Coloma Township residents oppose reappraisal.

Hartford schools set policy for \$77,000 bequest.

Obituaries

WALLACE DENADEL
WATERVLIET — Wallace J. DenAdel, 93, of South Main Street, Watervliet, died Wednesday morning at Community Hospital, Watervliet.

Funeral services were held Friday at Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet. Burial was in Watervliet Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Plymouth Congregational Church, Watervliet, of which he was a member, or to the Watervliet Fire Department.

Mr. DenAdel was born March 24, 1892, in Kalamazoo. He had been employed by the Kindy Optical Co., Kalamazoo, from 1929 until retiring in 1957.

Survivors include: a daughter, Mary Hutchins of Watervliet; two grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Homer of Bloomfield Hills; and a sister, Esther Ferguson, of Kalamazoo. His wife, Mabel, preceded him in death.

GRACE SCHRINER

HARTFORD — Mrs. Grace A. Schriener, 104, formerly of Hartford, died Sunday, at the Allegan County Medical Care Facility.

Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Friday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Hartford, of which she was a member. Burial was in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford. A rosary-vigil service was held Thursday at Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford. Memorials may be made to the Allegan County Medical Care Facility or the St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Mrs. Schriener was born Jan. 13, 1881, in Mattoon, Ill.

Survivors include: three sons — Gerald of Schaumburg, Ill., Marshall of Woodruff, Wis., and Frances of Vacaville, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Albert T., Aug. 24, 1959, and by two sons — Harry and Otto.

ELIZABETH ANN MARTIN

Elizabeth Ann Martin, 18-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William (Cris) Martin of Stevensville, died Friday, Dec. 27, in Palm Beach, Fla.

Funeral services were held Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Watervliet. Burial was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery, Watervliet. Arrangements were by Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet. Memorials may be made to the St. Joseph Catholic School.

Elizabeth was born May 30, 1984, in Berrien Center.

Survivors, in addition to the parents, include: a brother, Shaun, at home; grandparents — Mr. and Mrs. William Martin of Watervliet and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Collins of Jupiter, Fla.; and great-grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Grzena of Detroit.

ROBERT CARTWRIGHT

WATERVLIET — Robert E. Cartwright, 54, of 8801 Hagar Shore Road, Watervliet, died Saturday, Dec. 28, at Mercy Division Hospital, Benton Harbor.

Funeral services were held Monday at Davidson Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Coloma. Burial was in Watervliet Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice At Home, Inc.

Mr. Cartwright was born May 5, 1931, in Judsonia, Ark. He was employed as a warehouse truck driver for Pepsi Cola Bottling Group. He was a veteran of the Korean War, the U.S. Army. He was a member of General Baptist Church, Watervliet.

Survivors include: his wife, the former Pat Archey; three sons — Kenneth and Gordon, both of Grand Rapids, and James of Coloma; three daughters — Mrs. Barry (Lisa) Baugh of Watervliet, Mrs. Jerry (Laurie) Keller of St. Joseph, and Mrs. Shawn (Paula) Long of Corcoran, Calif.; two brothers — James of Benton Harbor and Gordon of Hartford; two sisters — Mrs. Clorine Hassell of Watervliet, and Mrs. Otheline Horton of Benton Harbor; and nine grandchildren.



CHRISTMAS VACATION from school means plenty of snow-fun for local youngsters. These Coloma lads found an artificial hill of street scrapings piled high in Baker Park ideal for sledding.

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Sinn and Associates said the projects could take more than five years to complete. She explained the Tax Increment Finance Authority (TIFA) district that would generate revenues for the projects. The TIFA district, all the DDA area, captures tax monies that come from increased assessments in the district after those assessments are frozen in a base year. That was the reason for the special meeting Monday night, for 1985 to be the base year for tax assessments, the ordinance had to be passed in 1985. Now if tax assessments increase in the DDA (TIFA) district the difference in 1985 taxes collected and those in 1986 may be allocated for the DDA projects.

Members of the Commission and the audience all seemed to agree the ordinance and the DDA plans would be good for the community. Following Pierson's presentation and questions and answers about the plan and its implementation, the Commission passed the ordinance.

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14080	—	Office Machines - Computational	214	2	W	6:30-8:30 PM
14082	—	Word Processing III - Application	*215	3	W	6:00-10:00 PM
14083	—	Records Management	216	2	T	6:30-8:30 PM
15082	—	Job Search Seminar	150	1	M	6:30-8:30 PM
15083	\$ 5	Accounting Applications On Computers	212	3	Th	6:00-10:00 PM
36080	\$ 5	Technical Welding II	108	3	T	6:00-10:00 PM
34580	\$10	Machine Tool I	110	3	TTh	6:30-8:45 PM
33080	\$ 5	Semiconductors	111	4	TTh	7:30-10:00 PM
33081	—	Math For Electronics	107	5	TTh	5:00-7:30 PM
38080	—	Applied Algebra	102	2	W	6:30-8:30 PM
38081	—	Advanced Blueprint Reading I	111	2	M	6:30-8:30 PM
CONTINUING EDUCATION COURSES						
44080	—	How To Develop Your Own New Business	124	1	M	7:00-9:00 PM
44081	—	Marketing And Advertising	123	1	T	7:00-9:00 PM
44082	—	Electronic Spread Sheet	214	1	W	7:00-9:00 PM
44083	—	General Automotive Maintenance	070	1	W	7:00-9:00 PM
44084	—	Basic Electricity And Electronics I	523	1	Th	7:00-9:00 PM
44085	—	Basic Electricity And Electronics II	524	1	Th	7:00-9:00 PM
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