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Ordinances to ban burning and vending machines in Coloma

By Cliff Stevens

Fourteen Coloma City residents attended Monday night's meeting of the Coloma City Commission to express their comments on nine proposed ordinance changes.

During the July 8 meeting, a 90-minute public hearing found the residents commenting the most on proposed changes which would eliminate pop vending machines and the display of goods by merchants on sidewalks in the business district and a proposed ban on all burning drawing the most opposition.

Commission Sven Erickson, Chairman of the Commission's newly-formed Ordinance Committee, told the audience as a result of the comments heard during the hearing his committee will review all the comments and bring back amended ordinance changes later this summer for Commission consideration.

Although only about half of the 14 residents expressed their views on the proposal, a majority of those speaking in favor of keeping the vending machines felt the only concern would be if they began looking bad or created an eyesore.

Because the display of goods by merchants would also be halted on the sidewalks, residents felt the City needed to support and keep merchants in business and, if they needed to display their wares, they should be permitted to do so.

The proposed ordinance being considered to be adopted would replace an existing ordinance which permits merchants to display goods within three feet of their business.

Residents said they have never

seen a pedestrian or shopper have to enter the street to get past a vending machine.

In comments regarding the ban on all burning, City resident Bobby Robinson noted, "There's no reason to burn anything anymore."

City officials noted the City now picks up leaves in the fall and that should eliminate the need to burn leaves.

In another area, residents said they'd like to see more policing in the downtown business district, including foot patrols, to stem problems of teen-agers gathering

in the City-controlled parking lot between the Movie Zoo and Family Dollar store.

Concerns over the teen-agers using profanity and smoking were cited as reasons for the crackdown.

City officials assured the residents the matter would be forwarded to Coloma City Police Chief Robert Wohler to correct.

In another area, the Commission approved paying \$32,854 to Harris Excavating for work they have completed on improvements to water lines along four City streets.

Greg Chisek named new principal at Watervliet H.S.

By Cliff Stevens

The Watervliet Board of Education Monday night, July 8, hired Eau Claire Junior-Senior High School Principal Greg Chisek as the new Principal at Watervliet High School for the 1996-97 school year.

Chisek was among 18 applicants for the position and one of six candidates interviewed by a team of school officials to fill the vacant post after former Principal Kevin Harness accepted the post of Director of Ad-



Greg Chisek

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BELLES OF THE TEA...More than 30 ladies attended the "Tea with Mrs. Lincoln" and ladies dress contest at the Watervliet District Library during the July 4th Celebration. Hosting the tea were Anne Bayer (left), Brenda Fulton (right), and Librarian Lois Hartman (not pictured). "Mrs. Lincoln" Della Veit (center) and her husband, Richard, as Honest Abe, portrayed the presidential couple over the four-day event.

(Karl Bayer photo)

From fireworks to 1860s baseball to a "Rendezvous" to a duck race; there was plenty of fun in Watervliet

By Joe Cheshire

As the ducks entered the chute in Mill Creek Sunday afternoon, July 7, it signaled the end to another Fourth of July Celebration in Watervliet.

Tired and weary volunteers staggered home, eager to grab some much-needed rest.

The rest break will not last long, however, as they will soon gather again and begin making plans for next year's festival.

Under their guidance and supervision, this year's four-day celebration kicked off Thursday night, July 4, with a gala fireworks display to lighten, brighten, and bedazzle the night sky over Hays Park for a full half hour.

The "ohs and ahs" were heard from all directions as the on-lookers gathered shoulder to shoulder along Main Street and across the Paw Paw River bridge. Those who could find parking spaces in Hays Park had done so, well ahead of the setting sun, lest they be denied such a privilege, dare they tarry.

As the sun rose Friday morning, stirring could be seen in Mill Creek Park where the Rendezvous participants had set up encampments along Mill Creek. Smoke curled up from the campfires, as the ladies of the lodges began preparing the morning repast and their buckskin and flaxen-clad mates gathered water and firewood.

Joining the Rendezvous mem-

bers was Traders Row, where items of the mid-1800s were available for purchase. Items of all descriptions, shapes, and sizes were offered, where for a six-pence or so one could take home a prized pelt of a bobcat or a needed iron kettle.

There were beads, necklaces, knives, leather goods, purses, and handy bags. One could also sip a refreshing sarsaparilla or buy a dress. Dishes and candies were readily available, as were many different sized turtle shells. Earrings and wooden furniture, along with glass baubles, were interwoven with the dream catchers and elk horns. Tomahawks and muslin cloth were interwoven with the dream catchers and elk horns. Tomahawks and muslin cloth were among the many furs and skins and, to capture that feeling of yesterday, an old-time photo studio.

Meanwhile, the All Military Auction got under way in Library Park at 1:00 in the afternoon.

Mill Creek Park was the center of attention once again as the evening hours appeared, with the Dunns, a gospel group, performing at the pavilion. Hundreds gathered around as the Dunns sang of the Lord and his glory.

Music of a different sort was

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Hartford School Board hires Elementary School Principal

By Joe Cheshire

For the second time in less than a month, Hartford Public Schools has filled a Principal vacancy. The Board announced at its annual organizational meeting Monday, July 1, that Margaret Husa has accepted the Principal's position at Woodside Elementary School. Husa currently holds an elementary principal's position with the Holland Public Schools District.

Husa will replace Mary Lou Nieman, who announced her retirement following a bout with encephalitis last November that has kept her away from school since. Nieman was found unconscious in her home just before Thanksgiving and spent a week in a comatose state. She has been undergoing rehabilitation

therapy ever since, trying to regain muscle tone and control.

The Board announced only two weeks ago Stew Schofield had been hired to replace Lew Seaman as High School Principal. Seaman spent one year in the Hartford system, having been lured out of retirement to fill a vacancy created when former Principal Rob Hellenga announced he had accepted a similar position elsewhere just as the 1995-96 school year began. Schofield, a former Hartford High School Principal, is currently Principal at Bridgman High School.

In other matters, the Board chose Gerald Lutz to again head the Board by unanimously electing him President. Also by

unanimous vote, the Board chose Gary Unrath as Vice President, Dr. Edward Liebenthal as Secre-

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We asked Rendezvous participants at Watervliet's Fourth of July Celebration: "What event do you feel was the most important during the era you represent?"



Kodiak, Three Rivers: "The whole concept of the fur trade."



Jingles, Three Rivers: "The fur trade. It opened up the opportunities that otherwise wouldn't have been there."



Bull in the Woods, South Bend, Indiana: "The fur trade opened commerce for the Indians."



Spread Eagle, Montpelier, Ohio: "The opening of the fur trade between nations and countrymen."



Jay Patrick, South Haven: "Probably the French-Indian War. It was the highlanders' high water mark."



Crazy Hawk, Mat-tawan: "The advent of the fur trade. Without that, this country would be a lot different today."



Man Bear, Battle Creek: "The Lewis-Clark expedition. It started the whole thing."

WE WELCOME LETTERS...

The Tri-City Record welcomes all letters to the editor. Letters are subject to editing, especially for length, and will be published at the discretion of the editor. All letters must be signed and must include a phone number or address so that the authorship of controversial letters can be verified. Names will be withheld at the request of the writer for sufficient reason. Letters should be typed or at least written in easily-read handwriting. Names must be printed in addition to the signature.

COLOMA FIRE DEPARTMENT SAYS THANKS

Dear Editor,
The Coloma Fire Department would like to thank Paw Paw Lake Sports and Marina Inc. and Yama Watercrafts Inc. for loaning us two jet skis and a trailer for our water rescue team to use in our area.
This is the fourth year that both companies have gone together and done this for us. (We keep the crafts for one year and then turn them in for new ones the next year.) Each year they have supplied us with bigger, better and safer watercrafts. They do this to promote watercraft safety on the lakes in our area and so that we may respond to calls on the lake and rivers in our area much more efficiently, if the need arises for our services.
Coloma Fire Department

HERE AND THERE FROM LANSING

By Bob Brackneridge
BILLS BOOST BED-AND-BREAKFAST RESORTS

Michigan rural tourism got a boost with a recent House-passed bill allowing bed-and-breakfast establishments to serve their guests additional meals.
House bills 5638-39 loosen meal restrictions at the popular hotel alternatives by allowing owners to serve lunch and dinner without a licensed kitchen, something prohibited under current law. The measures also increase from eight to 10 the number of rooms they can rent.
These changes encourage rural tourism by allowing more entrepreneurs to offer guests extended visits on farms or at country inns.



THE BACK FENCE
By Anne Bayer, co-publisher

This past weekend was very enjoyable and a learning weekend. As you all know, the Watervliet Business Association held its annual July 4th Celebration. This year's Chairman was Larry Nordhoff of Trade Winds Mall in downtown Watervliet.

This was a first for Watervliet because Larry had planned a Civil War re-enactment and also an encampment with all kinds of traders.

Traders Row was set up in Mill Creek Park behind the shops on Main Street. It was wonderful. You really felt as if you had taken a step back in time.

About two weeks ago, Larry had asked me to co-chair the "Tea with Mrs. Lincoln" with Watervliet District Library Head Librarian Lois Hartman. This event proved to be more of a learning experience than a tea party. Lois and I also received a large portion of help from Brenda Fulton, the owner of our new tea and novelties store, Sadie Mae's, here in Watervliet. Carole Kiernan was also a judge for the tea. The tea was to be held at 3:00 on Saturday, July 6. Once we had the conference room at the library set with our oldest and dearest china, I proceeded down to Traders Row to invite some of the ladies. The second traders tent I happened on was a wardrobe shop with authentic outfits from the Civil War era.

The owner, Connie, and her husband, once they heard what I was about, insisted I wear one of their original dresses. She proceeded to outfit me and, once I was put together, we went out for a stroll down Traders Row.

While walking, Connie and I stopped to speak with Larry Nordhoff. At the same time, my husband came along and tapped

The bills are under consideration by the Senate.
WELFARE CASELOADS CONTINUE TO DECLINE
Michigan's caseload of Aid to Families with Dependent Children continues to decline.

February figures from the Family Independence Agency show a drop in AFDC cases to 180,366. It marked the 32nd consecutive monthly decrease in assistance cases.

The overall population receiving some form of welfare assistance also fell by 22,000 to 915,000 recipients. This was the 17th consecutive month that Michigan's total welfare population was less than 1 million.

In a related measure, Michigan welfare recipients who work are rewarded with cash instead of food stamps beginning in May. Recipients must earn at least \$50 for three straight months to qualify.

The new practice encourages incentive and responsible budgeting. It also reduces some of the perceived stigma attached to food coupons.

STATE POPULATION INCREASES
Among the many good reasons economists are calling Michigan the "Growth Belt" is that more people moved into the state than out in 1995.

According to figures from the office of the State Demographer, Michigan's natural increase in population—births minus deaths—was 57,500 last year. That brought the total population to more than 9.5 million. It was the first time since 1966, however, that Michigan had a net increase of 2,800 solely from in-migration. In total, Michigan has 263,700 more people now than when the 1990 census was taken. That's more than seven times the state's growth between 1980 and 1990 when we were dubbed the "Rust Belt."

STATE UNEMPLOYMENT AT 26-YEAR LOW
Michigan's unemployment hit another record low in March at 4.6 percent, the smallest figure in 26 years.

In addition, figures from the Michigan Employment Security Commission show that the state's labor force has never been greater and the number of workers with jobs has never been higher. Employment is up in all industries except manufacturing, which was attributed to layoffs caused by the General Motors

and United Auto Workers labor disputes in Ohio.
Since 1991, total state employment has grown by 446,000. Over the same period, unemployment has been cut in half from a high of nearly 10 percent.

Michigan's stellar job market reflects Republican strategy of the past few years that includes cutting taxes, reducing regulations, and balancing budgets.

If you would like more information on these, or any other issues, please feel free to contact my office. Write: State Representative Bob Brackneridge, P.O. Box 30014, Lansing, MI 48909.

DRUG THREAT IN OUR HOMES

The war on drugs rages on across the nation, often seeming remote as border forces fight smugglers and traffickers. In fact, there may be an immediate threat in our own homes. Gasoline, hair spray, cleaning products, correction fluid, and spray paint are the drug of choice for a growing number of Michigan youth.

Many are poisoned accidentally. Others intentionally sniff or huff one of these products for a quick—and potentially fatal—high.

According to a 1995 statewide survey released by the Michigan Office of Drug Control Police, nearly 12% of eighth-graders say they started huffing in the fifth grade. By the time they reach eighth grade, 33% of all Michigan students have sniffed or huffed concentrated fumes to get high.

Misuse of these products can lead, to permanent and severe brain damage, heart failure, irreversible damage to several other organs, and even death.

Because inhalants are easily accessible, legal and inexpensive, they are often the first thing a youngster will try. There are more than 1,000 household products that can be misused. Many can be found under the kitchen sink, in the medicine cabinet, or bought at the local store for not much more than the price of a candy bar.

Parents and teachers are often

unwitting suppliers, failing to raise an eyebrow when the typewriter correction fluid is missing or a tube of glue disappears.

These products are legal and helpful when used properly. Most of us would have a difficult time getting by without them. But increased awareness about the problem is critical.

This month, the Michigan Coalition on Inhalants (MICOI) launched an effort to educate parents, teachers, and youth workers about inhalant misuse. You can participate in the campaign by being more vigilant.

Some of the characteristics identified by MICOI as potential signs of abuse include:

- red or runny eyes or nose
- spots or sores around the mouth
- unusual breath odor
- drunk, dazed or dizzy appearance
- nausea, loss of appetite
- anxiety, excitability, irritability.

Keep an eye out for some of these tell-tale signs of inhalant misuse in your home. Parents who suspect their child of using inhalants should talk about it with their child. If their child is involved in regular abuse, parents should seek professional help. Professionals say it is usually helpful to talk with the child's physician, teachers, clergy, and others who are significant in the child's life. Parents should also closely monitor the use of household cleaning products and other possible inhalants.

Retailers who suspect a child or teen of buying products for use as inhalants should get the child's name and contact their parents or guardian.

By implementing some of these precautions, you will do a great deal to help reduce the alarming rate of inhalant misuse.

SHUTTING OUT OLDER AMERICANS

Just recently I had the opportunity to visit with three different

senior groups in our area. Almost in unison, they shared with me the same concern that a lot of seniors are expressing right now.

The prospect of Medicare slamming the door shut on older Americans who are desperately seeking help with their health care bills is very, very troubling.

The bipartisan Social Security and Medicare Board of Trustees, which oversees these important seniors programs, this week released its annual report outlining Medicare's fiscal health. The news is not good.

In no uncertain terms, if we continue on our current course without reform, without change, Medicare will not be able to pay its bills after 2001. It will be, for lack of a better term, bankrupt.

Is this a troubling development? You bet it is. Is this new news? Unfortunately, it is not. The Medicare trustees have been sending us red flags for quite some time. While last year's report predicted Medicare's demise in 2002, this report warns that Medicare will be bankrupt in 2001. Already this year alone we'll spend \$10 billion more than is going into the program.

Last year, my colleagues and I in Congress introduced a plan to save Medicare. It offered new options for health care that seniors could choose from. They could keep the exact same Medicare program they've counted on for years or select a new managed care system patterned after those in the private sector. While expanding coverage and opportunity, this reform would have also saved Medicare and put it back on the road to financial solvency.

But as long as politics stands in the way of reasonably reforming Medicare, we continue to set the stage for costly financial disaster the likes of which we haven't seen since the taxpayers paid \$150 billion to bail out the Savings and Loan debacle.

I took to the House floor on Wednesday to express my outrage at this brewing tempest. Just like Congress should have acted back in the '80s to avert the S & L scandal that ended up costing the taxpayers some \$150 billion. We must react to the warning signs. We must learn from our mistakes, or history will repeat itself.

Through all of these dire predictions, through the bipartisan calls for action, there are still those that would put roadblocks in the path of progress. Despite the fact that Medicare is bankrupt one year earlier than originally predicted, they prefer to wait.

Up until now, partisan bickering has prevailed in the Medicare debate. It must give way to bipartisanship if we are going to save Medicare. Everyone must read the writing on the wall and realize that the time for reform is now.

Millions of seniors in this country count on Medicare every day. These same seniors are counting on Congress to make sure this program will be there for them tomorrow and for tomorrow's seniors. The time has come to save Medicare—we can't afford to wait any longer.

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KARL'S KOLUMN
By Karl Bayer, editor

A FAIR TIME... Don't be lulled into thinking there's nothing to do after the Fourth of July in Watervliet.

The Van Buren County Youth Fair is well under way. Headlined by country superstar Doug Supernaw, and with all the county fair attractions, the "fair with the future" is the one to attend, just east of Hartford.

Several of the traders camping the park also commented on the great cooperation of the City, the WBA, and the School (they provided showers to the campers). More said Mill Creek Park was one of the nicest settings they had ever had a show in or had camped.

To be sure there were a few glitches and we learned a few things other and along with the praise came a lot of suggestions for a better "next year." You can bet the WBA is already thinking about '97.

As with any event of the magnitude of last weekend's, there's also got to be some negatives... sadly, the biggest and most embarrassing occurrences of the four-day weekend had little to do with the actual festival.

Groups of youngsters, who must regularly prowl Mill Creek Park and Hays Park, harassed and vandalized some of the campers there. A tent was robbed, bathrooms were despoiled, and rocks were thrown at some tents from the railroad trestle over Mill Creek.

Mom and dad, do you know where your kids are? Do you know what they are doing out well after midnight? Did you know you are liable for your kids' actions and the damage they may cause? Think about it.

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those people personally in next week's paper.

Meanwhile, I've got to say thank you to the City's Department of Public Works. Corky and his guys did a fantastic job of getting the City spruced up, kept it clean and, after the festival was over, got right to it cleaning up the mess.

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AWANA COOKOUT...The AWANA Youth Program of Midway Baptist Church concluded its club season with a "hot dog" cookout, followed by the presentation of awards and trophies which the clubbers had earned. Three hundred forty clubbers and parents attended.

Besides the many clubbers who received awards for their achievements, there were 18 clubbers from the older group who went to Michigan Adventure Fun Park for a day. To be eligible, they had to have finished a workbook this past year.

AWANA stands for Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed, which means that when Christians are properly trained in understanding the Bible, then they are not ashamed to stand up for what the Bible teaches and they have confidence in what they should believe. The goal of AWANA is to train young people to have leadership ability which can be used to benefit all mankind.

AWANA is an international organization with headquarters in Streamwood, Illinois. Midway Baptist Church sponsors and staffs the local club for boys and girls 3½ years old through sixth grade. The new club season will begin September 18.

(picture courtesy of Friesen Photography)

Series takes look at roles of Evangelicals & Catholics

The Coloma Bible Church, located on Wilson at West, is having a special six-week video series with Dr. D. James Kennedy, Dr. John MacArthur, and Dr. R.C. Sproul to address this highly controversial movement that has been headed up by Mr. Charles Colson from Prison Fellowship. This excellent series gives credit where credit is due to both Roman Catholics and to Evangelicals in the roles each has played in religion from the birth of the Church to our present day. Past Doug, from Coloma Bi-



JOHN B. WOODRUFF II... graduated June 21, 1996, from U.S. Air Force Officer Training School, Maxwell AFB, Alabama. He is the son of Jacquelyn K. Woodruff, formerly of Watervliet. He is a 1995 graduate of Aquinas College, Grand Rapids, Mich., and holds a bachelor of arts degree in economics. Second Lieutenant Woodruff is a Contracting Officer and will be stationed at the Space and Missile Systems Center, Los Angeles AFB, El Segundo, California.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME
AUGUST 1

Community Hospital Auxiliary will be hosting a 1996 Chicago Cubs vs. Colorado baseball game, Thursday, August 1. Cost for the game ticket and bus will be \$29 per person, meals not included. For reservations, please mail a check to Community Hospital, Priscilla Kelley, Medical Park Drive, Watervliet, MI 49098; or telephone 463-3111, ext. 451. See you at the game!

PRINCIPAL

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ministrative Services with Allegan Public Schools.
Chisek was hired under a one-year contract with Watervliet Schools, and his beginning salary will be \$58,919.

Superintendent Kenneth Bannen said the salary is identical to Harness' salary when he left the post.
According to Bannen, "Chisek is an excellent choice for our High School Principal position."
Prior to becoming Principal at Eau Claire Junior-Senior High School in 1983, Chisek was Principal of Eau Claire Middle School and Lybrook Elementary School. He formerly taught at the High School in the fields of social studies, physical education, and health.

In other areas, the Board approved the purchase of four portable classroom buildings, two reconstructed buildings and two new buildings, at a cost of \$105,000 to offset projected increases in student enrollments for the 1996-97 school year.
The Board accepted the admittance of former Hartford student Adam Stevens for the 1996-97 school year.

The fourth-grader's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stevens of 62681 County Line Road, Hartford, requested their son attend Watervliet schools because it is closer than the Hartford schools. Last month, the Hartford Board of Education voted to release the student so he could attend school in Watervliet.

Moldovan orphan fund started by Touch of Hope Center

Touch of Hope Adoption Center, Hartford, Mich., international liaison program assistant Dave Sink is pleased to announce that a Moldovan Orphan Fund has been set up at Shoreline Bank.

Touch of Hope is expanding its ministry to include the handicapped orphans in Moldova, the smallest and most densely populated republic of the former USSR. Touch of Hope, along with Battle Creek Hospital, Bronson Hospital, physicians, local businesses, and individuals are bringing five orphans from Moldova to the United States for corrective surgery. Donations are being accepted to help cover the cost of the surgeries and can be made directly to Shoreline Bank, 18 North Center Street, Hartford; (616) 621-3196.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL IS JULY 14

On Sunday, July 14, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., there will be an "Ice Cream Social" at Riverside United Methodist Church at 401 Pikes Road in Riverside, Mich. Sponsored by Riverside United Methodist Women, the price is by donation.

REINHARDT REUNION

The 50th Reinhardt Reunion was held at the home of Bud and Sylvia Reinhardt on Little Paw Paw Lake.

These annual affairs began in the summer of 1946 with the return of five Reinhardt brothers and cousins from service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. Cousins, their kids and grandkids came from the four corners of the country and, along with friends, added up to 80 in attendance.
Also celebrated at this occasion were the following wedding anniversaries: 20 years, Cyndy (Reinhardt) and Gerritt Meyers of Dimondale, Michigan; 40 years, Elaine (Reinhardt) and Peter Longjohn of Harmony, Pennsylvania; 50 years, Bud and Sylvia Reinhardt of Coloma; and the 100th anniversary of the late Richard and Elizabeth Reinhardt, formerly of Bridgman, German immigrants who were married in South Haven and were the grandparents of the clan.

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WATERVLIET MIDDLE SCHOOL HONOR ROLL

4TH MARKING PERIOD
7TH GRADE
ALL A's
Jason Elliot, Joshua Hauch, Lindsay Rutledge, Shanell Sloan, Sidra Tees, Amy Zienke.

7TH GRADE HONOR ROLL
William Beller, Carmen Bunn, Candice Cahill, Jerry Capovilla, Crystal Cartwright, Nicole Diouby, Neal Evans, Brian Frank, Jason Fuller, Brian Giganti, Aaron Gray, Jody Halamka, Timothy Hamilton, Greg Harper, Daniel Hiff, Alaina Lewis, Kayla Mack.

Travis Mack, Corrin Morgan, Stephanie Morlock, Jennifer Prestidge, Bethany Roe, Tasha Romeo, Tabitha Salmons, Tracy Sample, Marcie Stinemam, Kristin Tacy, Jessica Teed, Paul Volk, Lydia Walter, Sarah Watson, Nancy Wildeman, Stephanie Worden, Amy Zachary.

SECOND SEMESTER
7TH GRADE
ALL A's
Jason Elliot, Joshua Hauch, Lindsay Rutledge, Shanell Sloan, Sidra Tees, Amy Zienke.

SEVENTH SEMESTER
7TH GRADE
HONOR ROLL
Matt Andrews, Williams Beller, Carmen Bunn, Candice Cahill, Jerry Capovilla, Crystal Cartwright, Nicole Diouby, Neal Evans, Brian Frank, Jason Fuller, Brian Giganti, Aaron Gray, Jody Halamka, Timothy Hamilton, Greg Harper, Kristin Iger, Daniel Hiff, Jacqueline Johnson, Jennifer Joyner, Alaina Lewis, Charles Litaker.

LOCAL STUDENT SELECTED FOR UNIQUE SEA WORLD EDUCATION PROGRAM

8TH GRADE HONOR ROLL
ALL A's
Michael Arendt, Harvey Atherton, Joshua Felt, Shawn Prince, Ami Sherwood, Maegan Shimer.

8TH GRADE HONOR ROLL
Dustin Beebe, Allison Edwards, Kurtis Gear, Katherine Geisler, April Kuelbs, Tiffany Kugle, Eric Leith, Sara Lingle, Dana Lynch, Jennifer Martin, Donna Matthews, Lewis Maynard, Wayne Morrison, Sara Muntz, Kelly Prillwitz, Paul Reese, Sara Reese, Nathan Sink, Susen Sliker, Jonathan Strong, Jeremy Sutherland, Jessica Tarantino, Ashlee Tarbutton, Mario Trotter, Rebecca Wagner, Megan Walker, Jacob Wallace, Jessica Walmeier, Benjamin Warner, Joseph Wheeler, Chad Worl, Jennifer Worley.

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8TH GRADE
ALL A's
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SMC MUSEUM HOSTS BROWN BAG SERIES

The Southwestern Michigan College Museum will host its second annual Brown Bag Lunch Series beginning Wednesday, July 17. The informal lunch group will meet from 12 noon to 1 p.m. (EDT) every Wednesday for approximately two months in the Museum's Frederick S. Upton Foundation Educational Center. The documentary series that will be played this year is titled "Eyes on the Prize," an award-winning documentary that chronicles the American Civil Rights Movement from 1952 to 1965. Interested persons may bring a sack lunch and attend every Wednesday or may attend as many sessions as convenient. The SMC Museum is located adjacent to the Dale A. Lyons Building on the Dowagiac campus. For further information, contact Craig Olson, Museum Director, at the college at (616) 782-1334 or 683-5780, extension 334. Admission to the Museum is always free.

CMU ANNOUNCES HONORS STUDENTS
Central Michigan University's spring semester honors list includes students from the Tri-City Area who earned 3.5 (on a 4.0 scale) and higher grade point averages. Included on this list is one Tri-City Area student, sophomore Kristie Morse of Hartford. In all, 2,289 CMU students were named to the honors list and 294 earned a straight "A" average. About 16,400 students attend CMU in Mount Pleasant. For the spring semester, 439 freshmen, 444 sophomores, 521 juniors, and 885 seniors were named to the honors list. The spring semester ended in May.

SMC STUDENTS NAMED TO DEAN'S LIST

Eight-two (82) Southwestern Michigan College students have been named to the Dean's List for the Winter 1996 Semester. Students are awarded this honor for maintaining a grade point average of at least 3.5 on a 4.0 scales while carrying a full load of studies (at least twelve credit hours). Tri-City Area students included were David James Blair and Jennifer A. Mehlenbeck, both of Hartford. SMC is located in Dowagiac.

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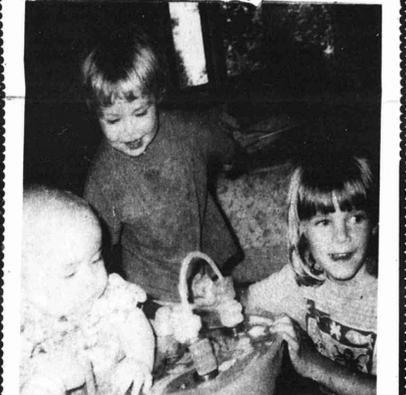
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Your "Kute Kids"



KUTE KIDS...Six-month-old Mary Beth, two-year-old Maggie, and five-year-old Katie are the daughters of Michael and Kathleen McVay of Charlotte, North Carolina. They all say hello to Grandpa Ed McVay of Gainesville, Florida; Uncle Carl McVay of Lawrence, Michigan; and Aunt Margaret Mashak of Hartford, Michigan.

Share a photo of your "Kute Kids" with your friends, neighbors, and relatives who read the Tri-City Record. Make sure you write your kids' names on the back of the picture and include any other information about it you'd like to see in the paper, including mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, and so on. Send the photo to the Tri-City Record, P.O. Box 7, Watervliet, MI 49086. Pick up the photo after it appears in the paper or include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and we'll mail it back to you.

FALL FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION DEADLINE NEARS

If you're wondering how you're going to finance your college education this fall, now is the time to inquire, according to David Borton, Director of Financial Aid at Lake Michigan College.

Financial aid is still available for fall to students qualifying in certain categories. At LMC last year, 24 percent of the students received financial aid. Borton adds that financial assistance is intended to supplement—not replace—a family's resources, and families should think of themselves as the first source of funds.

To receive financial assistance at LMC, students must first be accepted for admission to the college. The LMC application for admission also serves as a pre-application for financial aid. In addition to this application, students may be asked for a copy of their high school transcript or GED. Students should allow approximately six to eight weeks for financial aid processing. According to Borton, financial aid can be approved even after the semester starts, but the student would have to use other money to initially pay for tuition and fees prior to the beginning of fall classes on August 26.

Tuition at LMC is among the lowest in the state, says Borton. For students living in the LMC district, tuition is \$45 per credit hour, plus a \$6 per credit general services fee. A full-time student's tuition and fees (15 credits per semester) for the year would average about \$1,530. For students who fail to qualify for need-based assistance, LMC has developed a tuition payment plan to make monthly payments of tuition and fees, with the balance to be paid prior to the beginning of the semester. The last day to qualify for the managed payments program for fall is July 28.

Registration is ongoing for fall semester (August 26-December 14). Early registration is more likely to ensure that students can take the classes of their choice. Hours of registration are 8 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday in the Registrar's Office at the Main Campus, South Campus (11 Spruce Street, Niles, registration hours are Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 8:30

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COMMUNITY CALE

WHS 40 Year Club plans Aug. reunion

A regrouping meeting of the Forty Year Club of Watervliet was called on June 20 by Vice President Wanda Joy Lavelly. This organization was saddened in January of this year by the untimely death of its acting President, Alice Shrosbree.

This year's 77th meeting will again be held the third Saturday in August, Aug. 17, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Paw Paw Avenue, Watervliet. This hall is barrier-free. The registration time is 11:00 a.m. and the buffet luncheon will be served at 12 noon. The price is \$8.50 per plate to club members and/or guests. The main course is beef and chicken.

Anyone who attended the Watervliet school system 40 or more years ago can attend this event. Graduation is not a requirement, for during the war years many fellows were unable to graduate with their class, due

to service in the armed forces.

The officers and members-at-large are now preparing a mailing list which includes students from Bainbridge, Cribbs and Stickney School districts, and those from Pier School, who were bused in the late '30s and early '40s. Postcards will soon be mailed. If you receive one and know of anyone who might want to attend but didn't receive a card, have them notify the committee.

Officers are Vice President Wanda Joy Lavelly; Secretary Mary Becht Grant; Treasurer Mary Kolenko Ross; and members-at-large Beulah "Boots" Smith Grice, Joyce Larsen Kolenko, Flossie VanGorder Muth, Gloria Walker Starbuck, Joann Robbins Megna, and Loretta Nichols Brooks.

The club also held a meeting July 9 at Plymouth Congregational Church in Watervliet.



NEW SIGN...The new sponsorship sign located at Washington School in Coloma is in honor of Marylou and Melvin McCain. Anyone wishing to be a sponsor at Washington Coloma/Hagar Softball fields may contact Doug Fischer at 468-7317. Your sponsorship helps our young children become better citizens for the future.

Descendents of Covert Reunion to be held July 28 in Twp. Hall

Descendents of Covert will hold its annual reunion on Sunday, July 28, at 1:00 p.m. at the Covert Township Hall.

Each family is asked to bring one big dish for the potluck dinner and its own table service.

Coffee will be furnished. Current officers of the organization are: Donald Tompkins, President; La Mondue Taylor, Vice President; and Irene Varga Swift, Secretary and Treasurer.



NEW IMPROVEMENTS...Everyone is getting ready for the Coloma/Hagar Softball Tournament which will be held July 11-15. New lighting has been placed on field #1. Fences have been moved on field #5 and new fencing has been placed on field #4.

1996 PREFAIR SWINE AND SHEEP CLINICS

The series of prefair livestock clinics sponsored by Berrien County 4-H will continue the week of July 15 with the sheep and swine. The sheep clinic will be held Tuesday, July 16, at 7 p.m. in the Show Arena on the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds. Swine exhibitors will meet on Thursday, July 18, at 7 p.m. on the Durm Farm.

Both clinics will feature demonstrations on how to prepare your animal for the fair; showmanship and grooming techniques will be emphasized. Fair superintendents will also be on hand to discuss fair rules and procedures.

The swine clinic will be held this year at the Durm Farm at 2625 Old U.S.-31 North in Niles. From the 31 Bypass, take the Walton Road exit east, follow Walton Road until it ends at Old 31, turn right. The Durms live in the first house on the left.

MSU Extension programs are open to all without regard to race, color, national origin, sex, disability, age, or religion. Handicapper accommodations can be made by contacting the MSU Extension Officer at (616) 429-2425 by July 9 to ensure sufficient time for arrangements to be made. Requests made after that date will be met when possible.

COLOMA LIBRARY SUMMER READING CLUB UNDER WAY

Signup for this year's Summer Reading Club at Coloma Public Library is currently under way and the program will run through August 3.

This year's program is entitled "Go For the Gold-Read."

Club members who read a minimum of five books during the program will be given a poster.

At the conclusion of the Summer Reading Club program, a picnic for all club members successfully completing the minimum of reading five books will be treated to a picnic at Randall Park on Wednesday, Aug. 7, from noon to 1:30 p.m. Games, refreshments, prizes, and honors will be presented at the annual event.

The library's popular Wednesday morning Story Hour will be ending July 31. The hour-long program will return for the fall in mid-September.

Parents interested in obtaining additional information on the library's Summer Reading Club should call the library.

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