

10-year-old girl arrested for B&E at Hays Park concession stand; adult and 2 teenagers also nabbed by police

By Karl Bayer

A 10-year-old girl was arrested, along with two teen-agers and an adult, in the B&E and robbery of the concession stand at Hays Park.

According to Watervliet Police Chief Tom Schultz, the four broke in the door and smashed the concession stand window sometime during the night between Monday, July 3, and Tuesday, July 4. Schultz said the investigation into the incident is

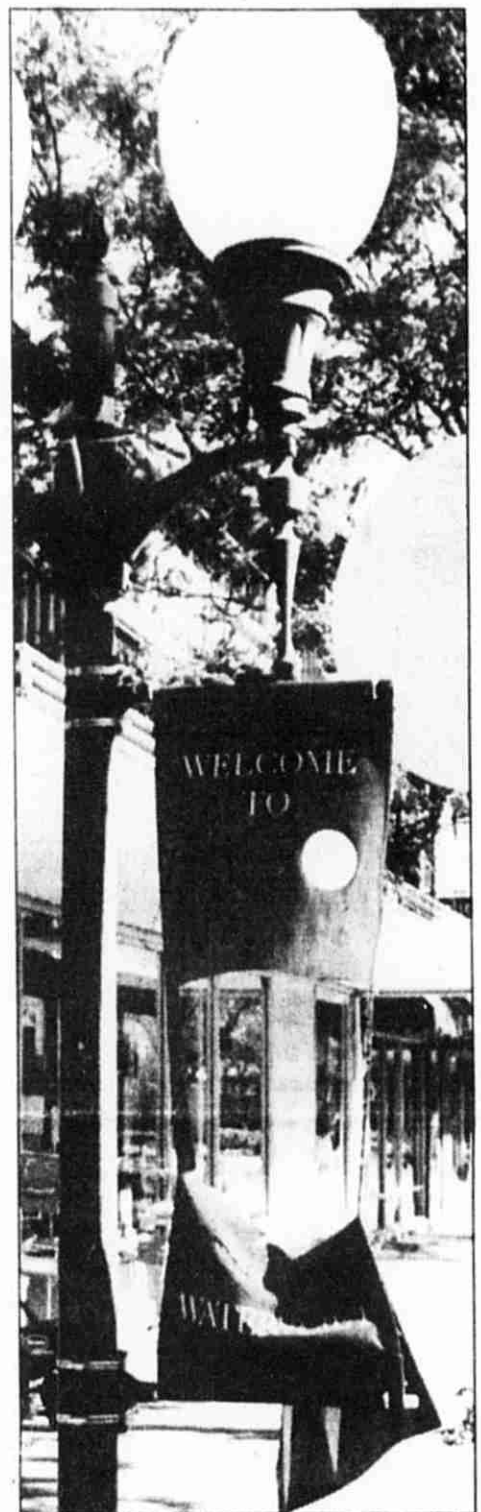
continuing and that no names have been released. He said the teens were 16 and 17.

Schultz added, "What we can figure is two did the actual breaking in and the other two watched. We estimate about \$400 in damages to the building and in the theft of candy, pop, and sunflower seeds."

"ENOUGH IS ENOUGH"... said Schultz on hearing that 10

"Welcome to Watervliet" banners were destroyed or stolen and five American flags over the Independence Weekend Celebration and the following week.

"Enough is enough! We'll cite them and write them up," Schultz said, adding that persons destroying property will be arrested and sent to the prosecutor for trial. The Chief said all the incidents might not be the work of local residents.



VANDALS...have destroyed or stolen 10 welcome banners and five American flags off Watervliet's Main Street since July 4. (Karl Bayer photo)

Coloma Commission OKs exploring water line extension into Township for development project

By Cliff Stevens

At its July 10 meeting, Coloma City Commission unanimously gave its support to exploratory talks with Coloma Charter Township officials over extending City water lines into the Township.

The Commission vote followed a report from Coloma Mayor Charles in which Owen said, "We (the City) need to work in partnership with the Township to ensure the assisted living care facility has the needed water and sewer facilities."

The City and Township have worked together in the past to provide City water to Township businesses north of the City Limits across the Paw Paw River, under the terms of a water service contract.

Businesses served by City water include a grocery store, drugstore, and pizza business.

The go-ahead to explore water services along Friday Road, south of I-94, would serve the proposed

Golden Place assisted care facility off Friday Road.

According to Owen, Township officials, in addition to seeking ways to extend Township sewer lines to the facility, are considering installing a well site south of the expressway.

Owen said the proposed well site could provide sufficient water pressure not only to the assisted care facility but also to water users in the southern portion of the City.

There is also a possibility of a water tower, added Owen.

Owen said, due to the high costs involved in extending City water lines, the City may have to borrow funds to cover the overall expenses.

In other areas, the Commission approved a request from City Clerk Martha Darling to increase the pay for election workers from \$5.25 to \$6.45 per hour. Darling said the increase will compare with the compensation election workers receive in neighboring Coloma Charter Township.

Railroad depot or platform for train stop in Watervliet is being considered by CSX

By Cliff Stevens

Watervliet City officials are awaiting an offer from CSX Transportation regarding the future status of the 1882 Watervliet train depot and the possible return of Amtrak passenger train stops in Watervliet.

The pending offer comes some 15 years after diligent efforts by two Watervliet mayors and the Editor of the Tri-City Record, with Watervliet's quest for a permanent Amtrak stop looking brighter today.

After Robert Flaherty was elected to his last term in 1985, he made the re-establishment of a passenger train stop in Watervliet, to serve all of northern Berrien County, a top priority.

Flaherty served a total of 18 years as Mayor.

In August 1988, Flaherty was successful in having a meeting with officials of the Michigan Department of Transportation, along with leaders from Coloma and Hartford, to discuss passenger service.

State officials expressed optimism regarding the idea.

The state Transportation Department funds daily runs of the Pere Marquette Amtrak Line between Grand Rapids and Chicago.

The closing of the paper mill, the first closing, placed the passenger stop on hold.

Karl Bayer, Editor of the Tri-City Record, then Chairman of the Watervliet Downtown Development Authority, appointed a three-member committee to assist the City in obtaining an Amtrak stop.

Bayer said the DDA was interested in acquiring the historical depot building where William Jennings Bryan, a three-time presidential candidate, spoke to crowd at the depot in October 1896.

DDA officials continued their efforts to obtain the depot and City officials undertook strong action to have the depot building, surrounding property, and adjacent CSX land cleared of debris and trash which they said was an eyesore for the City.

The depot has been used by CSX maintenance crews for several years, and City officials did not want to see the building become unsightly.

During 1991, Watervliet mayoral candidate and current Mayor Daniel Schofield made obtaining an Amtrak stop a key issue in his campaign against two more experienced challengers.

During the last eight years, Mayor Schofield has continued his efforts to reach the goal by working with DDA officials. Schofield is also a member of the DDA Board.

Schofield was able to ensure the CSX property and depot site would not continue to deteriorate.

On June 1 of this year, a meeting with state Department of Transportation officials, Mayor Schofield, and Flaherty was held to discuss bringing back passenger stops for Amtrak.

State officials said there was no reason Watervliet could not have an Amtrak passenger stop, based upon the Chicago-based population in

this area, "providing an Amtrak approved station is obtained."

According to Schofield, the City could obtain a "station" in one of two ways:

1. Build a new structure (platform) across from the current depot building, adjacent to the park-'n'-ride lot, at an estimated cost of \$50,000, to allow passengers to board or depart the Amtrak train.
2. Obtain the existing CSX depot building.

Department of Transportation officials suggested the City inquire to learn if CSX would be interested in trading the depot building in return for the City agreeing to close a CSX railroad crossing to improve railroad safety.

Watervliet, with a population under 2,000 people, has five railroad crossings. A possible crossing which might be closed is the First Street crossing, according to Schofield.

Schofield has contacted CSX regarding the possible trade but has not received any formal response.

The Mayor suspects CSX, in addition to the trade, might want the City to obtain a replacement facility (building) for housing the maintenance crew.

The interest in a Watervliet Amtrak stop was gauged during the Independence Weekend Celebration, when 161 residents traveled from St. Joseph to Watervliet on the Amtrak train. The annual train ride/stop was organized and promoted by former Mayor Flaherty.



GENEROUS GIFT...Jim and Susan Brock (far right) donated \$10,000 to the Hays Park Playground Project fund last week. Accepting the check at the project site were Watervliet Lioness Club members Millie Wendzel (left) and Deanna Heminger. Also pictured and holding the playground project T-shirt are the Brock children, Stephanie and James. (Karl Bayer photo)

Former residents "glad to give something back to hometown"

\$10,000 donation a big boost to Hays Park Playground Project fund-raising efforts

By Karl Bayer, Editor

A donation of \$10,000 brought the dream of a new playground complex in Watervliet's Hays Park much closer last Friday.

Jim and Sue Brock of Las Vegas, Nevada, handed over a check for that amount to Watervliet Lioness Club members Deanna Heminger and Millie Wendzel. The Lioness Club has been spearheading a drive to raise funds for the playground since kicking it off with an auction this past St. Patrick's Day that brought in nearly \$18,000.

The Brocks are natives of the area. Jim, the son of Judy Campbell, graduated from Watervliet High School in 1979. Susan, the daughter of John and Diane VanLierop of Hartford, graduated from Hartford High School in 1980. They were in town to attend Sue's high school reunion last Saturday.

Jim said they get the Tri-City Record in Las Vegas and, when they read about the playground project, they felt a donation would be a good way to give something back to the community.

He said, "We've been gone for 20 years but still like to think of home."

NEW CONCESSION STAND

The playground structure planned would cost about \$70,000, with the Lioness Club seeking to raise half. The other half, according to Heminger, would come from the DNR as a Recreation Bond Grant. "There are other costs as well. The Recreation Council is interested in seeing the ball fields realigned to radiate out from a new central concession stand area, with the playground next to it," she said, explaining it to the Brocks who visited the site on Friday.

SPECIAL GAME FUND-RAISER PITS LOCALS AGAINST WSJM "NO STARS"

Wendzel added a fund-raising game between the "Hays Park Theme Team" and the WSJM "No Stars" would be played at the park on Thursday, July 20. Game time is 7 p.m., with a steak fry and hot dog roast commencing at 5:30 as a fund-raiser. Tickets for the steak fry/

game are \$12; tickets for the hot dog roast/game are \$5.

Also available are a special printing of a Hays Park T-shirt on sale for \$10 for adult sizes and \$7.50 for children's sizes. Ticket and T-shirts are available at the Tri-City Record office, Epple Realty, and Unique Impressions, all in Watervliet; and Coldwell Banker Town & Country in Coloma. Persons wishing to play in the game should contact Jim Sheffer at 463-3729.

Herman re-elected Coloma School Board President

By Cliff Stevens

The Coloma Board of Education at its July 10 reorganizational meeting re-elected Joe Herman as Board President for the 2000-2001 year.

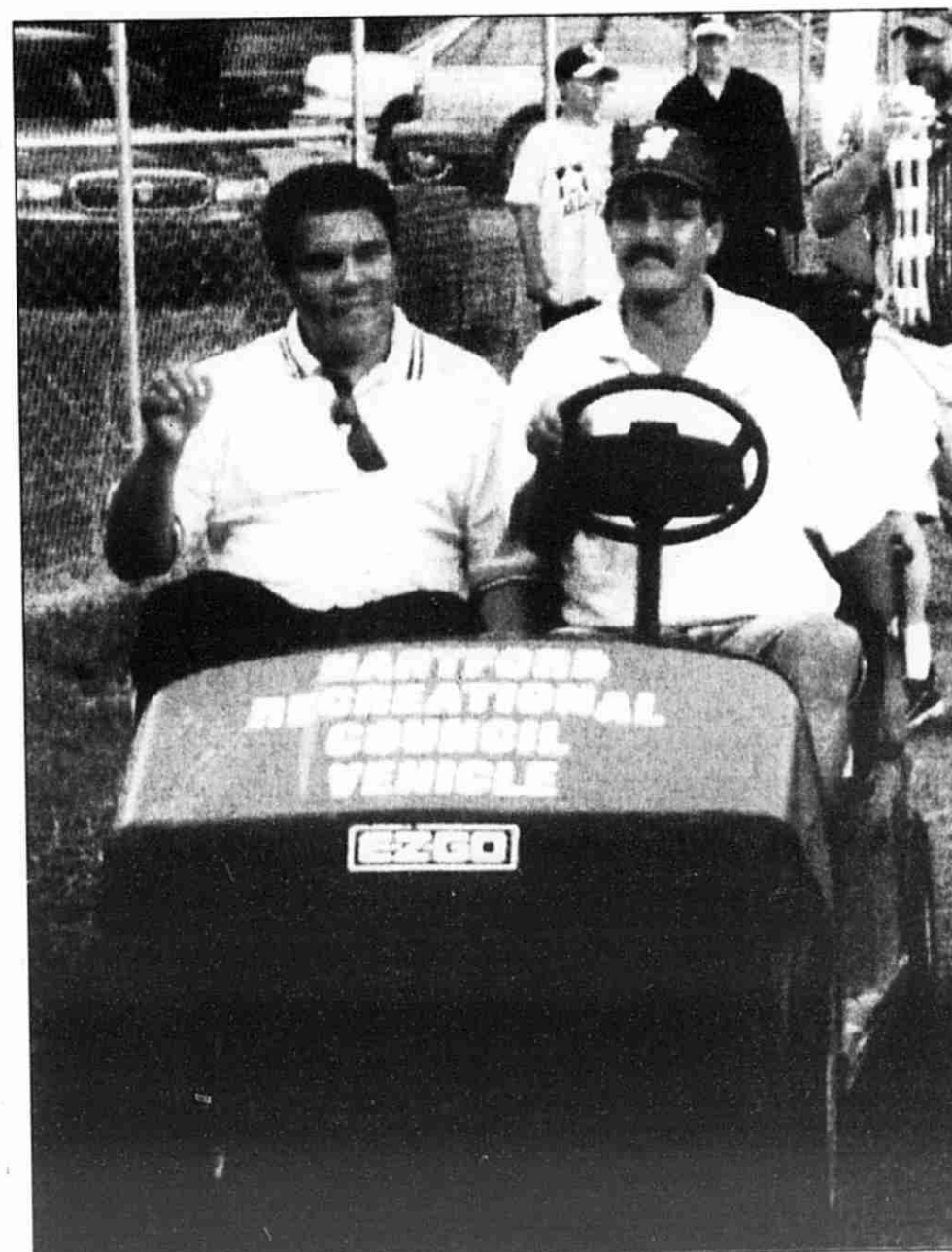
Other officers re-elected were: Cynthia Graffinius, Vice President; David Vollrath, Secretary; and Lynn Reinhardt as Treasurer.

Herman was re-elected to a new four-year term in the annual June school election.

During its regular meeting, the Board authorized school administrators to prepare the needed documents aimed at borrowing up to \$1.5 million to cover cash flow problems until state aid funds are received in September.

Board members also awarded a contract to Clean America of Benton Harbor for \$132,063 for janitorial services for several school buildings and the district's administrative offices for the new school year.

The Board also set 2:30 p.m. June 3, 2001, for next year's graduation ceremony for the Class of 2000-2001.



STILL THE GREATEST...Boxing champion Muhammad Ali was in Hartford this past weekend to attend a game at the boys baseball tournament. For a complete rundown of tournament action, see Press Box on Page 9. (Mike Leith photo)

Letters and Commentary

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 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.

Tri-City Angels yard sale a success

Dear Editor,
Hello! I apologize for this column being absent last week. I missed the deadline.

Things are going well. I had the yard sale last weekend and want to thank everyone for bringing things to sell. I gave the money to a local family in need.

This week we need help paying rent for a family that has been struggling. We also want to help a family that has a sick little boy. They could use

gift certificates for gas and meals out. A hotel voucher would also be helpful. They travel to the hospital with their son. They have three children all together, so any small gifts for the other children would brighten their day. It is very stressful for the whole family when one member is sick; in this case, it is the youngest child.

If you would like to help any of these families featured this week, please write in.

If YOU need help, write in or e-mail me. We will try to help as much as possible.

Thank you!

MTM
P.S.—The sale went so well we might have another one before the end of the summer. So start cleaning house! It's a great way to raise money for local people in need.
*** Write in to:
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Attention, community of Hartford

Dear Editor,
Do you realize that the Strawberry Prince and Princess winners do not have a float to ride on primarily because they are not welcomed to ride on the same float as the Hartford queens? We were told that the

queens are not baby-sitters and that the parents of the Strawberry Prince and Princess contestants did not help to build the float.

Well, to answer those remarks, we do not just drop our children off to be baby-sat. Most of us parents stay until lineup time or until the Prince and Princess coordinator is there, and we parents were never asked to help build the float.

After so many years of such a discrepancy, we think that there needs to be a change. We thought this was a community float. The Hartford Float Committee Chairman needs to take a look around at all the other communities and see that their prince and princess are allowed on their floats.

How do you think our children feel not being able to ride on a beautiful float to represent their community along with the queens?

The parents of the Strawberry Prince and Princess winners have decided to try and build a float for their children. If anyone would like to help or could donate items, it would be very appreciated. Please send responses to: M.E., 235 Marion, Hartford, MI 49057. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Parents of Hartford's Strawberry Prince and Princess contestants

This is no ordinary election

Dear Editor,
As the Bainbridge Township primary race heats up, one thing is becoming increasingly clear: this is no ordinary election. More than just a few Township Board positions are at stake. What will be decided August 8 is the future of our Township, our way of life, and the community we leave our children and grandchildren.

Recently there has been a public and private effort to reduce the 5- and 10-acre minimum lot size possibly to as low as 2 acres. This would destroy our Township as we know it. Residents would lose the open space and rural way of life we love. The live and let live attitude that makes living in Bainbridge Township enjoyable would disappear. The already difficult job of farming would become impossible. No farm can prosper, or even exist, as an island in a sea of 2-acre parcels and complaining neighbors.

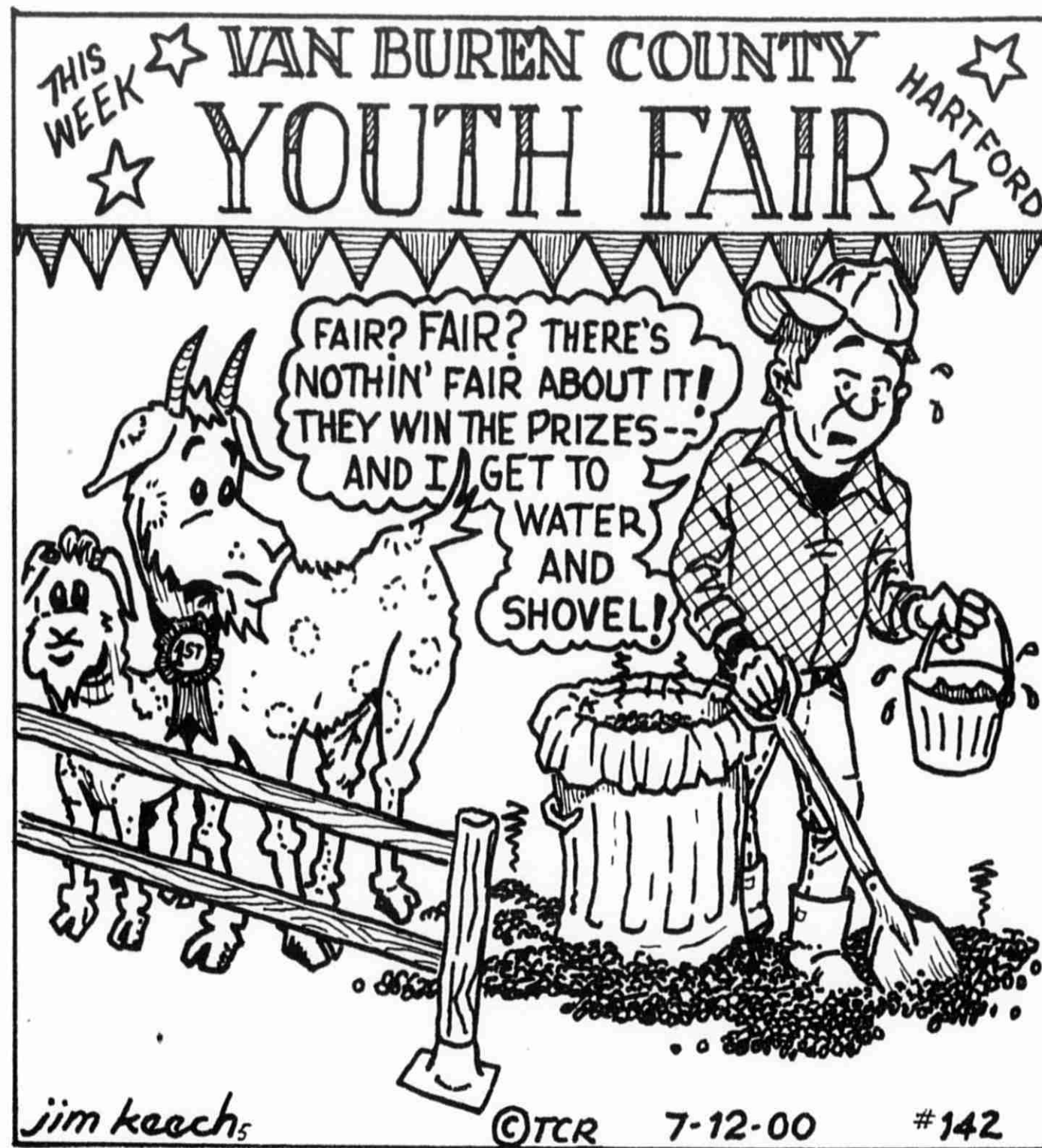
The word *progress* has been used to justify eliminating the 5- and 10-acre minimum. But progress at the cost of family and community life is not progress but is destruction. No doubt this "progress" will profit a few, but the rest of us, farmer and non-farmer alike, will be left to pay the price with higher taxes, increased traffic, unsafe roads, crime, and a general reduction in quality of life.

Bainbridge Township is unique and well worth the effort and challenge to preserve. What we need now in our Township government are leaders who are not afraid to state their positions and are open-minded enough to discuss these positions with all citizens, not politicians who hide behind vague generalities, avoidance of the issues, and false rumors.

We need leaders who will follow our Township Zoning Ordinance and Master Plan and be responsive to and cooperate with all Township residents. We need leaders who will put the Township before their own self-interests. To meet and balance the pressures of development and our existing way of life, we need Ted Tees, John Yetzke and Frank Petrovich.

Thank you.

Mark Crumb
Benton Harbor



Thank you for printing our memorial

Dear Editor,
I want to thank you for printing the memorial last week for my husband, Herbert, who passed away June 25. My sister Goldie Souldard's daughter, Jeannine, called your office and was told if she could have it up to the office in half an hour it would be printed. What wonderful service you did by printing it.

I enjoy your paper so much; read it from cover to cover. You can be very proud of your newspaper.

Sincerely,
Doris Gage

Thank you for helping us celebrate

Dear Editor,
We want to thank everyone who helped us celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary.

Lewis & Irene Davis

Correction

In the Watervliet parade winners story on Page 9 of the July 5, 2000, Tri-City Record, second place winner in the Most Unique category should have said Bruce Coburn, not Bryce Coburn.

We apologize for any inconveniences this error might have caused Mr. Coburn.

Correction

In the front-page story titled "Local suicide task force gets two grants" in the July 5, 2000, Tri-City Record, the hotline number was incorrect. The correct number is 468-7622, extension 222.

We apologize for any inconveniences this error might have caused the Suicide Prevention Education Crisis Intervention Affirming Life (S.P.E.C.I.A.L.) Task Force.

Golf tournament September 10 for Ronald McDonald House

The 12th annual Western Michigan Ronald McDonald House Golf Tournament at Lake Michigan Hills Golf Course in Benton Harbor will take place on Sunday, September 10, with a 1:00 p.m. shotgun start. A rain date of Sunday, September 17, has been set.

The two-person scramble tournament is sponsored by McDonald's Restaurants of Hartford, South Haven, Dowagiac, Cassopolis, Bangor, and Decatur and COSY 98 Radio. Ronald McDonald will be on hand again this year to clown around with all of the golfers, as well as be available for photo opportunities.

The Back Fence

By Anne Bayer, co-publisher

Summer is in full swing for me. How is yours going? We are having fun, along with some work, as the rest of you are I am sure. We had fun at the Independence Weekend Celebration this past week, and I loved the fireworks. Karl and I watched them from uptown, which is a first for us. We are usually in Hays Park.

We did not get to South Haven or St. Joseph but heard they had really good ones as well. I forget how much I really do like the fireworks show. I am a little kid all over again.

We have been watching Willy's team for the all-star tourney in Hartford. The games have been so much fun and are so exciting. They hit, they run, and they hang in there until the very end. Sometimes I think you had better not watch those games if you have a bad heart.

Of course, the fun is watching your own hit the ball and cheering when you know the kids. They will all be at Eaton Park over the next few weeks. If you find yourself with a slow Saturday or Sunday, drive to the park and cheer on your hometown kids. The games are fast and

Van Buren County Youth Fair is open

By Carole Kiernan

The rides are up and running, the elephant ears are huge, the cotton candy is plentiful, and so are the things to see and do at the Van Buren County Fairgrounds, east of Hartford. The fair officially opened at 6:00 Monday evening.

Monday's rain did not dampen the spirits of the 4-H members who had exhibits entered in the 45th annual Van Buren County Youth Fair. They and their parents just opened their umbrellas or donned raincoats and continued getting ready for judging. During the goat judging, one father was seen holding an umbrella over both his daughter and her goat.

Other adults expressed their relief that all of Monday's judging was mostly done under cover and not out in the open. The rain was gone by Monday evening's official opening ceremonies.

The horse competitions will be later in the week. With the rain gone, the night sky was lit by the rides. The fairgrounds were busy with activities and happy fairgoers. The weather promises to be as delightful as "going to the fair" all week.

Wednesday is Ladies Day, with free admission until noon for all ladies 18 and older. Special Ladies Day activities will take place. At noon, the Michigan Lightweight Horse Pull will begin; and the Hartford NTPA Nationals-Super Farm Tractors, 4-Wheel Drive



STILL EXHIBIT JUDGING...Kyle Romeo of Hartford (left) assists judge Tom Johnson as he judges Kate Persival's rose bush Saturday during the still exhibit judging at the Van Buren County Youth Fair. During the judging, each exhibitor answered many questions about his or her project. (Carole Kiernan photo)

Trucks, and Modified Tractors will begin at 7:00 p.m.

Thursday is Veterans and Senior Citizens Day, with free admission for those groups until 6:00 p.m. A Senior Citizens program, games, and entertainment begin at 1:00 p.m.; square dancing begins at 7:00; and in the grandstand, at 7:00, the band "Texas" will perform.

On Friday, the Pedal Tractor Pull gets under way at noon, the Draft Animal Fun Show begins at 2:00 p.m., and at 7:00 p.m. in the grandstand is the Wagon Wheel Rodeo. Also at 7:00, in the Community Tent, Dan Brooks will perform.

Saturday at the Fair the NBHA Speed Show starts at 10:00 a.m. At 4:30, the Youth Awards Program begins. The Youth Parade kicks off at 6:00 p.m., and the Demolition Derby and live music of Amanda and Ashley Green both begin at 7:00 p.m.

Grandstand and hillside seating is \$2 on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday; with those 10 years old and under free. On Thursday, grandstand and hillside seating are free.

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Open house for Margaret Stanley's 90th birthday is Sunday, July 23

Margaret Stanley will celebrate her 90th birthday at an "open house" on Sunday, July 23, 1-4 p.m., at the Country Cove in Riverside.

This special event will be hosted by her family. Margaret has resided in this area for most of her 90 years.

Study results to be released to all

By Cliff Stevens

The findings of McKenna & Associates over ways officials from the cities and townships of Coloma and Watervliet can combine services while saving taxpayer money will be revealed in a separate meeting in early August.

Two informed sources have informed the Tri-City Record the findings in the Joint Study will be released to city and township officials at the same time, instead of at their regular meeting nights.

The \$7,500 study was started late last year and is expected to be used by city and township officials to reduce their overall costs by combining services.

Watervliet students among Hope College graduates

Emille Forrester and Joshua Wheeler, both of Watervliet, were among the recent Hope College graduates earning honors for outstanding academic accomplishment during their four years of study.

Visiting her grandparents in Coloma

Kaitlyn Fast of Kansas City, Missouri, is visiting her grandparents, Larry and Darlene Heyns, in Coloma. Kaitlyn will be entering the third grade. She appreciates the volunteers who built the new playground at Randall Park.

Venetian Festival CAN-DO!
Program enters sixth season
The 2000 Venetian Festival will again include the Festival CAN-DO! Program, a canned food drive, from July 10 through July 16, designed to assist the needy in southwestern Michigan. The CAN-DO! Program's theme—"Feeding Our Hungry Neighbors in Southwest Michigan"—provides the cooperative spirit and community focus at the heart of the 2000 Venetian Festival.
"The festival hopes to focus attention on the area's needy and homeless at a time of year when people don't normally think about such needs. The festival's magnitude, with the help of underwriting support from Harding's Friendly Markets and All-Phase Electric Supply Company, will present a unique opportunity to gather a substantial amount of canned food," says Lynne Bahus, Festival CAN-DO! Program Coordinator. The total collected in the past four years is over 18,000 pounds.
The CAN-DO! Program will provide drop-off locations for canned food at any "VENETIAN CENTRAL" festival information centers during the festival and at the above named sponsors throughout the week of July 10.
Additionally, people can fill a
Harding's store. All of the food collected will go to Southwest Cleaners Food Bank, a nonprofit corporation that serves as a depository and distribution center for food pantries throughout Berrien, Cass and Van-Buren counties.
The Venetian Festival on the St. Joseph River is the largest event of its kind in southwest Michigan. Festival dates are July 13-16. For festival information and a schedule of events, call (616) 983-7917, or visit our Web site at www.venetian.org.
AYSO fall soccer signup going on now
You may sign up now until August 6 for AYSO fall soccer. The Coloma Public Library and Watervliet District Library have signup stations, and there will also be a booth at the Coloma Glad-Peach Festival August 4-6.
If you have any questions, call Ed Maher at 468-7355.

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"What do you most enjoy about being involved in 4-H?"



Josh Dietrich
Gobles
"Showing my animals."

Tanya Durian
Gobles
"Being with my friends."

Ben Baldus
Paw Paw
"Having fun and working with my projects."

John Baldus
Paw Paw
"Showing my animals."

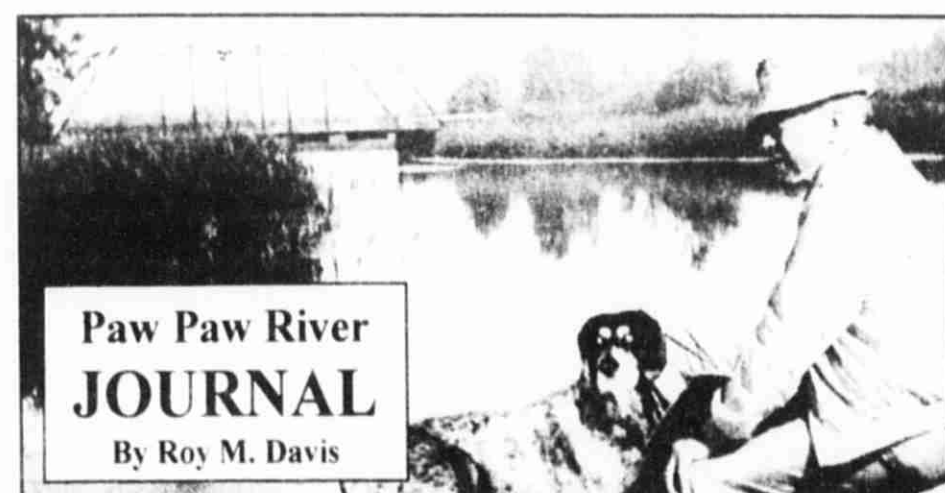
Phillip Curtis
Paw Paw
"Hanging out with friends."

Holly Streich
Paw Paw
"Making new friends."

Ahlea Streich
Paw Paw
"Meeting people."

Ashley Conner,
Paw Paw
"Meeting other people and seeing friends from all over."

Local History & Genealogy



From the Latus Archives

Just recently a letter surfaced in the files of one of Hartford's prominent families. They have graciously given me permission to use it in my column. Mator Leo Latus and another of Hartford's leading citizens went for treatment to a hospital in Grand Rapids. This was, and as far as I know still is, the premier place for the treatment of rectal disorders (i.e., hemorrhoids). Editor Don Cochrane of "The Hartford Day Spring," being familiar with their procedures, wrote a letter to pave the way. I herewith append it...

January 12, 1938
Doctors Ward and Droste:

I understand that two of my finest friends are at the Sanitarium today, and I feel impelled to commend them to your tender mercies. Both occupy important niches in our community life and we are desirous that they return sound in mind and rectum.

It is important, so I have always understood, that a physician should know the "background" of his patient, and it is in this connection that mayhap I have an opportunity to be helpful.

Dr. Leo Latus is my mayor. As a progressive mayor he has been engaged since 1935 in laying a sewer system in our town. While I have made no special diagnosis, I incline to the belief that his rectal trouble is purely sympathetic. His mind has dwelt so constantly upon excretory problems in connection with the sewer construction that he has naturally gone harwire in the butt.

Otherwise he is a very fine type of chap, who can give a joke and take one. He has a wonderful wife and five fine kiddies and should be grow confident he may confide to you that there will be six very soon. That makes him a very busy and useful citizen. He is also a very fine sport. He had occasion some time ago, ample occasion according to popular opinion, to knock hell out of one of our businessmen. He did a very efficient piece of work and when the hell was all out, he helped the fellow up, washed off the blood, bound up his wounds, and told him that when he felt the need for more of his treatment to send for him. The cure was complete and no further treatment has been necessary. The world needs more such courageous men who can face the problems of life squarely and who know how to handle them.

With kindest personal regards, I remain,

Sincerely,
DON COCHRANE
EDITOR
HARTFORD DAY SPRING

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100 Years Ago at Paw Paw Lake

By Rick Rasmussen
THE COLOMA COURIER NEWSPAPER
Friday, July 13, 1900
There has been a large number of young people at the Woodward house for the past three weeks and they make things lively. A hayrack party around the lake was one of the pleasant events of the week.

THE WATERVLIET RECORD NEWSPAPER
Friday, July 13, 1900
Geo. Collett has had 15,000 young black bass planted in the lake and will have 50,000 salmon trout put in soon.

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The Lakeland Auxiliary, Berrien General, is having a "watch sale" fund-raiser on Monday, July 17, in the McOmber Room from 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. The McOmber Room is located on the ground floor near the cafeteria.

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Rolling Back the Years
Local News and Newsmakers of Days Gone By

HARTFORD DAY SPRING

90 YEARS AGO - 1910
Will Nicolson had a narrow escape from injury the Fourth. He was riding rapidly down Main Street from the West when he encountered a wire which had been stretched across the street at the corner of Franklin Street to keep teams from driving through crowded portions of Main Street. The wire swept him from his motorcycle, the machine continuing down the street for several rods before turning over. Mr. Nicolson gathered himself up uninjured and found that the motorcycle had also escaped damage.

60 YEARS AGO - 1940
Charles "Dad" Ford again maintained his record of new potatoes and peas from his North Maple Street garden on the Fourth of July, and this year added green beans, also from the garden, as a side dish. "Dad's" potatoes are already commercial size, according to the specimens he was proudly exhibiting uptown. New potatoes and peas are

not unusual on the Fourth, but this year it was more of a feat because the season is two weeks later than normal. But "Dad" didn't miss the schedule he has maintained for 40 years merely because the season is late. "There's no use paying attention to a little thing like that," he declared. "Dad," who is 84, says he would have blown hot air on his garden to combat a late spring before he would miss his usual bill of fare on the Fourth.

30 YEARS AGO - 1970
Mr. and Mrs. Edmund Galusky of Lawton recently became parents of a son, Preston Scott, born at Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo. Mrs. Galusky is the former Lynn Stafford.

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COLOMA COURIER 100 YEARS AGO - 1900
James Carothers' team stood in front of E.L. Pitcher's feed store Tuesday unattended and in some way one of them became infatuated with the idea to return home. This seemed to meet the approval of the mate and accordingly the journey was made in haste. Having a clear track they reached home in safety.

60 YEARS AGO - 1940
Miss Eleanor Warriner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H.C. Warriner of Coloma, has received word that she has been granted a \$150 scholarship at Beloit College at Beloit, Wisconsin, and she has enrolled for a fine arts course.

30 YEARS AGO - 1970
A special meeting of the South-west Gladiolus Society will be held tonight, Thursday, July 9, at 8:00 p.m. at the Coloma Township Hall to finalize plans for the layout of the printed programs to be used during the Gladiolus Festival August 7, 8 and 9.

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Family Heirlooms

A Genealogy News Column by Carole Kiernan

Ancestors Series 2...

Quite some time ago, it was announced that Ancestors Series 2 would begin airing on public television stations across the country in June. Well, June came and went; but on 5 July the first episode aired on WNIT (Channel 34). The remaining episodes are scheduled to air on Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m. (IN time) or 5:30 p.m. (MI time). The following are episode previews provided by ANCESTORS/KBYU. During each episode, experts provide information on each topic.

Since the first episode has already aired and WNIT has not scheduled any repeats, maybe someone you know taped the episode and you can enjoy it by borrowing the videotape.

Records at Risk: The lives of our ancestors were a lot like our own, and the records they created represent the same life events we all experience. Tragically, thousands of irreplaceable records are destroyed every day; but, around the world, heroic efforts are being made to preserve them.

Family Records: Records kept by ordinary people right in their own homes can be valuable family history resources. Journals, diaries, letters, photographs, and even family Bibles not only provide names and dates; they bring our ancestors to life. Suzanne Ballard's search for her roots leads her to the amazing story of the Harshaw Diaries and a journey back to Northern Ireland where the diaries of her ancestor, a simple farmer, are declared a national treasure.

Compiled Records: Sheila Hsia's family had been recording its genealogy for nearly 4,000 years; but had their records survived China's devastating Cultural Revolution? Travel with Sheila to China where she discovers the fate of these important family records.

Genealogy and Technology: How

many "Smolenyak" names do you know? Computer resources helped Megan Smolenyak find cousins she didn't know she had. Experts elaborate on how to use computers and the Internet in seeking out family connections.

Vital Records: When Jeff Gallup's grandparents died, he felt he had lost his only connection to his Sicilian roots... until he took his mother back to Italy. Searching for their ancestors' birth and marriage records in their ancestral village of Piana, Jeff and his mother reconnected with their Italian heritage.

Religious Records: Greg Spacher uncovers a startling truth when he learns that his ancestors were not from Germany, as he had grown up believing. His search through church records leads him to France, where a long-lost branch of the family tree gives him a hero's welcome and several more generations of family history.

Cemetery Records: For Beth Uychara, her great-grandfather's life was a mystery. The family didn't even know where he was buried. After years of searching, Beth travels cross-country to discover the one tangible marker of her great-grandfather's life—his tombstone—and gain a new sense of her Welsh heritage.

Census Records: As an African-American, Darius Gray doubted he would find records documenting his family story. Relive his dramatic breakthrough as he discovers his ancestors in the 1880 census and then documents his family history back to the Revolutionary War era.

Military Records: For many years Susan Hadler's only link to her father was a letter he wrote to her just after she was born—and just before he was killed in combat during World War II. Follow Susan as she uses military records to connect with the father she never knew.

If you would like to have your queries, reunion notices or other information of genealogical interest appear here, type or neatly write your information and mail to: Carole Kiernan, P.O. Box 81, Watervliet, MI 49098. You may also e-mail queries or questions to: answered here in the future only to: carolekiernan@hotmail.com.

WATERVLIET RECORD

90 YEARS AGO - 1910

Lucian Lepper, Chas. Abel, Earl Branch and Audie Bradt were home from Chicago over the Fourth.

Mrs. Anna Haynes had her hands severely lacerated last Saturday by a tame rabbit, which she picked up.

While unloading hay in his barn Wednesday, a pulley broke and struck Dwight Boyer in the face with such force as to knock him off the load.

Geo. Burr, mail carrier on route 2, is enjoying a two weeks' vacation which he is spending in Chicago. E.N. Matrau is carrying the mail during his absence.

60 YEARS AGO - 1940
B.D. Dwigings of Watervliet and Gerald Reid of Kalamazoo caught 42 bluegills one day last week in Paw Paw Lake.

The Semper Fidelis class party will be held this evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Milham. Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Woodard and Miss Thyra Jennings will assist.

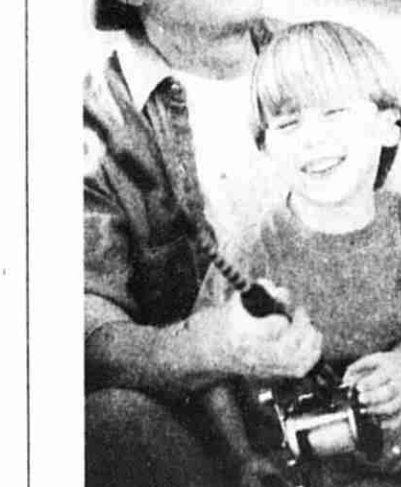
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Coloma reopening Schools of Choice application period

Coloma Community Schools is reopening the application period for the Schools of Choice program for the 2000-2001 school year.

To be considered, a student must live in the Berrien County Intermediate School District or in a district that is contiguous to the Coloma Community School District.

The number of openings by grade level is:

Kindergarten-7
1st Grade-4
2nd Grade-1
3rd Grade-7
4th Grade-None

5th Grade-16
6th Grade-2
7th Grade-4
8th Grade-20
9th Grade-16
10th Grade-11
11th Grade-12
12th Grade-8

Applications will be accepted July 17-31, 2000.

To obtain an application, call 468-2424 and ask for Dena Garland. Parents will be notified by mail no later than August 15, 2000, regarding acceptance of their child into the Schools of Choice program.

MOVIE GUIDE

G... General Audience.
PG... Parental Guidance. Some material may not be suited for children.
PG-13 Parents strongly cautioned.
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Sun: 11:00, 12:00, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00

DISNEY'S THE KID (PG)
Fri & Sat: 12:35, 2:40, 4:45, 6:55, 9:05, 11:10
Sun: 12:35, 2:40, 4:45, 6:55, 9:05

ADVENTURES OF ROCKY & BULLWINKLE (PG)
Fri - Sun: 11:10, 1:10, 3:10, 5:10

CHICKEN RUN (G)
Fri & Sat: 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:20, 11:20
Sun: 11:15, 1:15, 3:15, 5:15, 7:15, 9:20

GONE IN 60 SECONDS (PG13)
Fri & Sat: 6:45, 9:15, 11:35
Sun: 6:45, 9:15

BIG MOMMA'S HOUSE (PG13)
Fri & Sat: 7:20, 9:30, 11:35
Sun: 7:20, 9:30

DINOSAUR (PG)
Fri-Sun: 11:05, 1:25, 3:25, 5:25

THE PATRIOT (R)
Fri & Sat: 1:25, 4:50, 7:45, 10:50
Sun: 1:25, 4:50, 7:45

SCARY MOVIE (R)
Fri & Sat: 11:35, 12:35, 1:35, 2:35, 3:35, 4:35, 5:35, 6:35, 7:35, 8:35, 9:35, 10:35
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THE PERFECT STORM (PG13)
Fri & Sat: 11:20, 12:40, 2:00, 3:20, 4:40, 6:05, 7:25, 8:45, 10:10, 11:25
Sun: 11:20, 12:40, 2:00, 3:20, 4:40, 6:05, 7:25, 8:45

ME, MYSELF & IRENE (R)
Fri & Sat: 11:25, 2:05, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20, 11:40
Sun: 11:25, 2:05, 4:30, 6:50, 9:20

SHAFT (R)
Fri-Sun: 12:50, 2:55, 5:00, 7:10, 9:10

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Hartford man inducted into Michigan Steel Guitar Hall of Fame

Bill Vann of Hartford was recently inducted into the Michigan Steel Guitar Hall of Fame at a ceremony in Grand Rapids. Vann was honored for his many years of devotion and influence on individuals who later became steel guitar players.

His award was presented at the sixth annual Michigan Steel Guitar Show, April 7-9, to benefit the International Steel Guitar Hall of Fame in St. Louis. The International Steel Guitar Hall of Fame promotes steel guitar playing at all age levels and showcases the many talented players available. "I couldn't have been more excited had I been awarded a Grammy," said Vann.

Vann, 66, began lessons on the Hawaiian guitar when he was 6 years old. At 12, he joined a band with "older men" in their 20s and soon gained the confidence to join

and tour with another older group, the original Green Valley Boys. After graduation from high school, Vann spent time teaching guitar and steel guitar locally before joining the Navy, where he played in the U.S. Navy Band Unit 151 in Alaska.

Upon completing his U.S. Navy tour of duty in 1957, Vann rejoined the Green Valley Boys, who were seen on Kalamazoo's Channel 3 WKZO. Vann remained with them until 1980, when Rem Wall retired. Occasionally, the Green Valley Boys return and Vann still plays with the band for special functions.

In addition, he has taken a partner, Jeff Kosobucki, to work jobs with him, by playing at local dances, parties, and benefit dinners.

Vann is the owner of Motor Machine and Parts in Hartford.

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Community Hospital Foundation funds infant security system

Many Tatter, Chairman of Community Hospital Foundation, announced that the Foundation Board released \$37,000 at its June Board meeting to fund a new security system designed to electronically track an infant from birth through discharge.

Borgess Medical Center recently installed the same infant security system and Bronson Methodist Hospital will also implement this security system in its new birthing center when it opens.

Hospitals across the nation have taken a second look at their obstetrics security after an incident early this spring at Loyola Hospital in the Chicago area. A woman abducted a newborn from Loyola's birthing center. Loyola reported that its security system was activated and the response team reacted within a few seconds. However, the woman made it out the front door of the hospital, unnoticed, with the baby under her coat. The baby died from suffocation.

"This is one of those necessary expenses that you hope will never be used," said Tatter. "But we must take whatever steps to ensure the safety of every baby born in the A.L. Stagg Birthing Center." Installation is set for late August.

Since opening in August 1998, the A.L. Stagg Birthing Center has been going non-stop. The Birthing Center delivered 221 babies in 1999 and will have no trouble exceeding that number in 2000, since it is up to 151 births so far this year.

THE PATRIOT -- (Held Over!) Stars Mel Gibson. The story of a pacifist, one-time hero, during the Revolutionary War, who chooses not to fight against England until his son is killed. (Rated "R")

Disney's THE KID -- Stars Bruce Willis and Emily Mortimer. If your 8-year-old self had the chance to meet you as an adult, would he be happy with who you turned out to be? (Rated "PG")

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Tri-City Area Obituaries

CHARLES E. BRADLEY
Charles Edward ("Chuck") Bradley, 91, of St. Joseph, died Tuesday, July 4, 2000, at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph.

A memorial service will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at First United Methodist Church, St. Joseph, with Rev. Thomas Kikkil officiating. Burial will be in North Shore Memory Gardens in the Garden of the Good Shepherd. Arrangements are by Kerley & Starks Funeral Home, St. Joseph. The family has requested that memorials be directed to First United Methodist Church Church Glend Ave Fund or Benton Harbor Lions Club.

Mr. Bradley was born March 30, 1909, in Jeffersonville, Indiana. He had resided in St. Joseph from the age of 6 when he and his brother moved to St. Joseph with the North American Baptist Children's Home of Louisville, Kentucky, a home for orphans. He attended the old St. Joseph High School, which was located at Michigan Avenue and Morton Street, and was a National Honor Society member and a cheerleader.

Upon graduating, he attended Des Moines University, Des Moines, Iowa; later graduating from Denison University, Granville, Ohio, in 1933. He came back to St. Joseph during the Depression; found a job working at Wilson's Bakery in St. Joseph, where he met and later married Ruby Smith in 1934; and, in 1943, took a position with Gast Manufacturing of Benton Harbor, where he retired 31 years later as sales manager.

Music and the church played a major part in his life. As a member of the First United Methodist Church, he served as Sunday School teacher, Church Superintendent, and chairman of various boards and committees. As a choir member and soloist, he also performed at many weddings and funerals and in the last few years often sang at local retirement and nursing homes.

Mr. Bradley was a member of the Benton Harbor Lions Club for over 45 years, with perfect attendance. He served as President, received a Membership Key Award, Lion of the Year Award, and in 1998 was named a Melvin Jones Fellow by Lions Clubs International Foundation in recognition of his commitment to serving the world community.

During his retirement years, Mr. Bradley continued to support the church and the community with his wife, Phyllis, whom he married in 1974. He was active and in good health until his death.

Survivors include: his daughter, Patricia Wilson of Gainesville, Georgia; a son, Robert C. ("Bob") Bradley of Watervliet; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; two stepdaughters—Eileen Radcliffe of St. Joseph and Jerri Ruggles of Traverse City; two step-

sons—Vernon (Pete) Jorgensen of St. Joseph and David Jorgensen of Charlotte, North Carolina. He was preceded in death by: his parents; his wife, Phyllis; and his brother, Clarence.

LILLIAN EMERY

Lillian Emery, 85, of Coloma, died Thursday, July 6, 2000, at Country-side Nursing Centre, South Haven. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Monday, July 10, at Davidson Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, where the family greeted friends from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday. Burial was in Lakeshore-Hagar Cemetery, Benton Harbor. Memorials may be made to Berrien County Humane Society or First Congregational United Church of Christ, which she attended.

Mrs. Emery was born October 28, 1914, in Chicago, Illinois. She moved to this area in 1947 and was a member of the Over 50s Music Club.

Survivors include: a son, Allen (Deborah) Emery of Fennville; a daughter, Sherrill Emery of Coloma; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Mildred Benson of Bradenton, Florida. She was preceded in death by: her husband, Benjamin, in 1985; and a sister, Ruth Karowsky.

SANDRA FIGLUS

Sandra Figlus, 48, of Coloma, died Saturday, July 1, 2000, at Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo. Funeral services were held at 9:30 a.m. Thursday, July 6, at Fairplain Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Burial was in Crystal Springs Cemetery, Benton Harbor. Memorials may be made to the family.

Mrs. Figlus was born January 8, 1952, in Benton Harbor and had lived in the area all her life. She worked in the delicatessen at Jewel Foods in Benton Harbor for 15 years.

Survivors include: her husband, Steven Figlus of Coloma, whom she had married on September 26, 1972, in St. Joseph; a daughter, Toni (Greg) Figlus of Coloma; a son, Brian Figlus of Coloma; two grandchildren—Amanda Figlus and Shyanna Lawrence; her mother, Bernadene (Verle) Ellis of Benton Harbor; her mother-in-law, Edna Figlus of Benton Harbor; a sister, Reba (Gene) Wasmer of Eau Claire; and three brothers—Richard (Janet) Palmer, H.D. (Birdie) Palmer and Robert (Eva) Palmer, all of Benton Harbor. She was preceded in death by her father, Hiram Palmer, in 1987.

CYNTHIA (MUNDT) GARNER

Cynthia "Cindy" (Mundt) Garner, 51, of Watervliet, died Tuesday, July 4, 2000, at Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo.

Funeral services were held at 2 p.m. Friday, July 7, at Davidson Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Coloma, where the family greeted friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday. Burial was in Coloma Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family.

Cindy was born April 25, 1949, in Benton Harbor to Donna and "Gene" Mundt. She was a member of Apostolic Tabernacle, Benton Harbor. Being an organ donor, she has passed on her love to others and she will live on through that legacy.

Survivors include: her husband, Joseph, whom she married December 16, 1967; a daughter, Melanie Garner of Watervliet; a son, Scott Garner of Watervliet; one granddaughter, Michaela Rose Garner of Watervliet; a sister, Carol Head of Kalamazoo; a niece, Sara Head of Kalamazoo; many other nieces and nephews; and a very special father-in-law and mother-in-law, Eanis and SeDella Garner of Coloma.

VERNON THOMAS MEAGHER
Vernon Thomas Meagher, 82, died Thursday, July 6, 2000, in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Mass of Christian burial was held at 10 a.m. Monday, July 10, in Mowery Funeral Chapel, Owasso, Oklahoma, with Father Patrick Brankin officiating. Interment followed in Ketchum City, Oklahoma. Arrangements were by Mowery Funeral Service in Owasso.

Mr. Meagher was born November 6, 1917, in Minnesota, the son of Edward James and Eva Mae Corbett Meagher. He grew up and resided in Pembina, North Dakota. On February 4, 1939, he married Alvina Flagel in the Neche Catholic Parson-

age. After their marriage, he farmed land near Hamilton, North Dakota; worked as a millwright at the missile base in Grand Forks, North Dakota; and, in 1966, permanently made his home in Michigan, where he worked in various factories.

Survivors include: his wife, Alvina; three daughters—Carol Steinkne of Neche, North Dakota, Sharon (John) McClain of Tulsa, and Arlene (Henry) Pelletier of Coloma; eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Deloris Quam of Cavalier, North Dakota; and two brothers—Raymond Meagher of Hartford and Charles Meagher of Watervliet. He was preceded in death by: his parents; a great-granddaughter, Alyssa Steinkne; a son-in-law, William Steinkne; three sisters; and four brothers.

CHARLES A. OVERHEUL

Charles A. Overheul, 60, of Stevensville, died Friday, July 7, 2000, at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph.

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 11, at Kerley & Starks Funeral Home, St. Joseph, where visitation took place from 9 to 9 p.m. Monday. Burial was in Hickory Bluff Cemetery, Stevensville. Memorials may be made to the Michigan Heart Association.

Mr. Overheul was born October 19, 1939, in South Haven. He was former owner/operator of Taste-Freezes in South Haven and Watervliet and of several other restaurants in the area. For the last 13 years, he had owned and operated Overheul Builders, Stevensville. He was a 1958 graduate of South Haven High School; served in the Air National Guard of Michigan from 1962-68; and was a life member of First English Lutheran Church, South Haven, where he served as an usher for 35 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Patricia (Little) Overheul, whom he married in September 1963 in South Haven; a son, Charles B. Overheul of Stevensville; two daughters—Kimberly Dawn Overheul of South Haven and Holly (Christopher) Way of Grand Rapids; a grandson, Brett Overheul; a brother, Robert (Sharon) Overheul of South Haven; a sister, Margaret (Charles) Stucker of Coloma; and a good friend, Scott Lane. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Eileen (Eckert) Overheul.

Mr. Warner was born June 10, 1920, in Culver, Indiana. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and member of the Church of God, South Haven. He retired from Industrial Rubber Goods, St. Joseph, where he was employed for 43 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Evelyn; three sons—Alvin Jr. (Judy) of Lawrence, Steven of Grand Junction, and Dennis of Mattawan; two daughters—Linda (William) Becker of Watervliet and Kathy Warner of Paw Paw; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth of Indiana; and a sister, Velda Ridgeway of St. Joseph. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, two brothers, and a grandchild.

JACK E. SALVERSON

Jack E. Salverson, 51, of Paw Paw, formerly of Coloma, died Sunday morning, July 9, 2000, at home.

The family received friends from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday, July 11, at Adams-Zolp Funeral Home, Paw Paw. A graveside service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph. Memorial contributions may be directed to the family.

Mr. Salverson was born August 1, 1948, in Watervliet, the son of Charles and Maxine (Selter) Salverson. He was a former volunteer firefighter for Coloma and was Chairman of the St. Joseph County Heart Association and CPR Chairman.

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Survivors include: her husband, Joseph, whom she married December 16, 1967; a daughter, Melanie Garner of Watervliet; a son, Scott Garner of Watervliet; one granddaughter, Michaela Rose Garner of Watervliet; a sister, Carol Head of Kalamazoo; a niece, Sara Head of Kalamazoo; many other nieces and nephews; and a very special father-in-law and mother-in-law, Eanis and SeDella Garner of Coloma.

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age. After their marriage, he farmed land near Hamilton, North Dakota; worked as a millwright at the missile base in Grand Forks, North Dakota; and, in 1966, permanently made his home in Michigan, where he worked in various factories.

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ALVIN ("SHORTY") WARNER

Alvin R. ("Shorty") Warner, 80, of Bangor, died Monday, July 3, 2000, at Veterans Hospital, Battle Creek.

Funeral services were held at 1 p.m. Friday, July 7, at Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, where visitation took place from 11 a.m. until the time of the service. Burial was in North Shore Memory Gardens, Hagar Shores.

Mr. Warner was born June 10, 1920, in Culver, Indiana. He was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II and member of the Church of God, South Haven. He retired from Industrial Rubber Goods, St. Joseph, where he was employed for 43 years.

Survivors include: his wife, Evelyn; three sons—Alvin Jr. (Judy) of Lawrence, Steven of Grand Junction, and Dennis of Mattawan; two daughters—Linda (William) Becker of Watervliet and Kathy Warner of Paw Paw; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a brother, Kenneth of Indiana; and a sister, Velda Ridgeway of St. Joseph. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, two brothers, and a grandchild.

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Watervliet School Board elects officers

By Joe Cheshire
Ron McLaughlin was named President of the Watervliet School Board at the Board's July 10 meeting. McLaughlin had served as Vice President and succeeds Board President Mike Leith, who was not re-elected.

Named Vice President was Darrell Day, with Bob Sloan as Secretary and Joan Banasik continuing as Treasurer.

Board members set the second Monday of each month for their regular business meeting, with the August meeting being on the third Monday.

In other matters, the Board approved the second reading of Glencoe World Geography for the first reading a new drafting manual with CAD.

The Board also passed a resolution setting 180 student days of attendance, with 185 teacher days. The state of Michigan mandates 182 student days of attendance unless a

school district meets the 1,098 class hours, which Watervliet does. The extra two days will allow the district, in case of "snow days," to maintain its state aid. Under current law, student attendance must be at least 75% or the school district loses state aid for that day.

Board members were also advised that a one-mill area vocational technology issue will appear on the September 19 ballot, throughout all of Berrien County, to support vocational education.

Superintendent Bob Gabel also advised the Board of a request, under the Freedom of Information Act, for Board members' names, dues for MASA activities, etc., from the "Pro-Voucher" support group.

According to Gabel, this is the fifth request under the Freedom of Information Act. "The lines are being drawn between the pro-voucher and anti-voucher groups." The issue will surface in November when voters go to the ballot boxes.

Fireworks fund is open at Shoreline Bank

By Cliff Stevens

Area residents wishing to donate toward the 2000 Coloma Glad-Peach Festival aerial fireworks show may drop off their donation at the Coloma branch office of Shoreline Bank.

This year's aerial fireworks display will be held Saturday, August 5, around 10:30 p.m.

The festival allocates \$5,000 annually for the fireworks show, and any other funds received for the show will be earmarked for additional shells for the program.

Donations may also be mailed to the Coloma Glad-Peach Festival, P.O. Box 156, Coloma, MI 49038. Checks should be designated for "fireworks show."

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By Jackie Hammond

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BCYF & MSUE help kids prepare for fair

The Berrien County Youth Fair and Berrien County MSUE Extension are sponsoring nine pre-fair clinics to help exhibitors prepare for the fair.

Dog Agility Clinic—July 29. The dog agility clinic will start at 2:00 p.m. on the lawn in front of the Youth Memorial Building at the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds in Berrien Springs. Aspects of handling and care of dogs will be covered. A representative from the fair will be present to answer any questions.

Goat Clinic—July 13. The goat clinic will begin at 7:30 p.m. It will be held in the Berrien County Youth Fair Show Arena. It will focus on fitting, showing, clipping, and showmanship. Representatives from the goat barn will be present to answer any questions. RSVP required.

Poultry Clinic—July 15. The poultry clinic will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. and will run to approximately 12:00 noon. It will be held in the poultry shelter on the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds. Pullorum testing will take place and there will be demonstration of showmanship. Poultry barn representatives will also be present to answer any questions that exhibitors may have.

Flower Clinic—July 18. The flower clinic will begin at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the Youth Memorial Building at the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds. Children are required to bring one clean container and enough fresh cut flowers to make two arrangements. All aspects of arranging, displaying and fair rules will be discussed. Representatives from the flower barn will be present to answer any questions.

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Beef Clinic—July 19. The beef clinic will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Berrien County Youth Fair Show arena. Fitting, showing, and showmanship will be covered. Representatives from the beef barn will be present to answer any questions that the exhibitors may have. RSVP required.

Horse Reining—July 19. The horse-reining clinic will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at the BCYF Horse Complex.

Horse Hunter/Jumper—July 26. The horse hunter/jumper clinic will begin at 6:30 p.m. and will be held at Bob Egan's Farm at 2000 Baker-town Road, Buchanan.

RSVPs have been placed on the sheep, goat, flower and beef clinics. We are requesting a minimum of 10 exhibitors per clinic. All RSVPs can be called in by contacting the Michigan State University Extension Office at (616) 944-4126, fax (616) 982-8666, or email at berrien@msue.msu.edu.

For questions, contact the Berrien County Youth Fair Office at (616) 473-4251 or the Berrien County Michigan State University Extension Office at (616) 944-4126. Handicapper accommodations may be requested by calling the Extension Office, and requests will be met when possible.

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Attends baseball school in Missouri

Greg Harper of Watervliet has completed a two-week session of intensive baseball training at Mickey Owen Baseball School near Miller, Missouri.

During his stay, Greg received specialized training in all phases of baseball through a combination of instruction, practice, and game experience. A session includes 15 to 20 games in a two-week stay that incorporates the use of videotape replay and personalized training from top baseball instructors that enable him to improve his skills.

The school was founded in 1959 by former Major League catcher Mickey Owen in order to provide young players an opportunity to learn about baseball through systematic, personal instruction. Each summer, students come from all over the world to play, eat and sleep baseball.

Greg is the son of Mike and Dee Harper.

Area students on Siena Heights Academic Achievement List

Siena Heights University in Adrian has announced its Academic Achievement List recognizing part-time students who attained a 3.5 or better grade-point average out of a possible 4.0 during the second semester of the 1999-2000 academic year. Part-time students are enrolled in not less than six but no more than 11 semester hours. The honor is similar to the Dean's List for full-time students.

Among those students honored were Rebecca Lightner of Hartford and Michelle Dew of Watervliet, both in the Benton Harbor Program at Lake Michigan College.

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FIRST PLACE PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT WINNERS...for the Major League Division was won by the Watervliet Cubs, with Manager Mark Bolin, coaches Bill Brown and Dave Phillips, and bat boy Travis Bolin. Players include Shawn Marschke, Brad Phillips, Daniel Scowcroft, Matt Bolin, Bill Brown, Nathan Burke, Andrew Ollis, Joshua Smith, Zack Spear, Nick Ursin, and Joey Diehl.



THIRD PLACE PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT WINNERS...in the Major League Division was won by the Watervliet Tigers. The Tigers also won the Sportsmanship Trophy. Team manager is Bob Morris; coaches are Ryan VanNiel and Tom Brumley; and players are Derrick Morris, Ben Isbrecht, Marcus Moroz, Geoff Brumley, R.D. Thomas, Gene Barker, Josh Mann, Todd Bujack, Brian Joyner, Willie Spaulding, and Robert Filippi.

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Coloma Junior High School Honor Roll

Fourth Marking Period Ending June 8, 2000

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The Principal's List includes those honor students who have a straight "A" average.

8TH GRADE

Jamie Cade, Jamieanne Dumdei, Robert Edelberg, Mallory Golas, Jackie Hauch, Stephanie Kerlin, Andrew Kurland, Stefanie Robinson, Ky Schultz, Kimberly Wood

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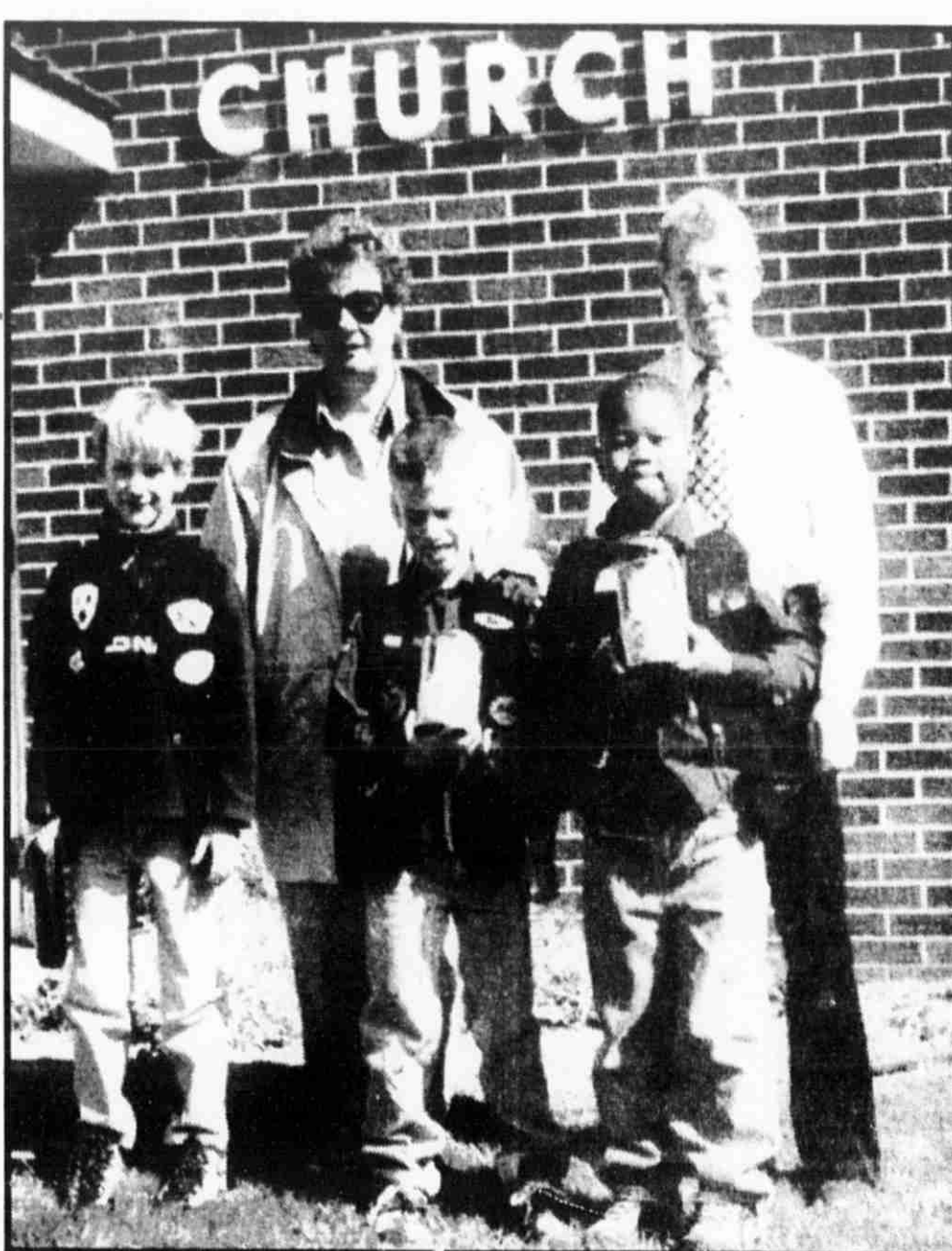
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FOOD DRIVE... Wolf Pack 610 wishes to thank all the people who supported its great food drive in Coloma this year. Pictured are: (front row, from the left) Robert Dittmer, Timothy Fredericks, and Desmond Abrams; (back row, from the left) Pack Leader Alberta Fredericks and Pastor Doug Huntington of Coloma Bible Church.

Watervliet Middle School to participate in "Cash Back for Schools" program at mall

Watervliet Middle School (WMS) will again participate in the "Cash Back for Schools" program at Orchards Mall in Benton Harbor. This year's program runs from July 1, 2000, through April 30, 2001.

Last year we were able to help in purchasing TVs and VCRs for every sixth- and seventh-grade

class. This year our goal is to purchase a new (portable) P.A. system.

The community can help by having their receipts stamped at the Customer Service Desk and ask that the points be applied to WMS. Thank you for your support!

Countryside Charter School Honor Roll

Second Semester

1999-2000

HIGH HONORS (ALL A'S)

Cody Blighon

Francine Brezinski, Brandon Garcia, Ashley Kotarba, Dustin Skibbe, Mickey White, Sarah Wilkins, Kaitlyn Young

Frick earns master's degree at GVSU

Allison M. Frick of Hartford graduated at the conclusion of the winter 2000 semester in April from Grand Valley State University. She earned a master of science degree.

CHS Student Council honored for successful blood drives

The Coloma High School Student Council was honored recently for its well organized and successful blood drives. At the annual meeting of the Great Lakes Region of the American Red Cross held in Lansing, the students received the "Good Neighbor" Award for their creative use of themes, recruitment techniques, and commitment to blood collection from student donors.

For the past 11 years, the students have met or exceeded their pint goal. The Student Council has received the Berrien County Blood Bowl trophy three years out of the five it has been in existence. The award is given to the high school that records the highest percentage of pints over its goal.



RED CROSS GOOD NEIGHBOR AWARD RECIPIENTS... Receiving the Red Cross Good Neighbor Award are (from the left) recent Coloma High School graduates Tommy Cottrell and Agatha Garey, junior Meghan Muenchow, and advisor Jody Crandall. Executive Director of the Great Lakes Region Fred Sterns is on the right.

Your "Kute Kids"

THESE "KUTE KIDS" ARE BROTHERS... Chad and Bradley (4) Pipkins, Steve and Robin Pipkins are their proud parents. They are the grandchildren of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Gunn, Mr. and Mrs. Dean Pipkins, and Nellie Bishop.

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 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 49098. 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.

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Thursdays, 8:00 p.m., ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 3559 60th Street, Hartford.

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m., STORY HOUR, Coloma Public Library, lower level, for ages 3 & up. Going on in July, WATERVLIET ROD AND GUN CLUB FIREARMS SAFETY AND EDUCATION CLASSES. For more information, call Kurt Keebler at 616-637-4919.

Now until July 21, PICK UP APPLICATIONS FOR COLOMA GLAD-PEACH FESTIVAL BAKE-FEST. Bake-Fest will be held on Friday, August 4, at North Berrien Senior Center, 6648 Ryno Road, Coloma. Applications are available at the Senior Center, Bit of Swiss Pastry Shop, Deli By The Park, Public Library and City Hall, all in Coloma.

Monday, July 10-16, CAN-DO PROGRAM, a canned food drive, to assist the needy in southwest Michigan. Drop-off locations are provided at any "Venetian Central" festival information center or pick up a CAN-DO bag at any Harding's store. Venetian Festival is July 13-16 in St. Joseph. Call (616) 983-7917 for more information.

Thursday, July 13, STEVENS PUPPETS PRESENTS "Beauty and the Beast" at the Watervliet District Library. Part of summer reading program; for more information, call 463-6382.

Thursday, July 13, 7:30 p.m., FREE "CONCERT IN THE PARK," with Renaissance String Quartet, Ely Park, Hartford.

Sunday, July 16, 8:00 a.m. to noon, BREAKFAST BUFFET, with Coloma American Legion Post 362 will host the buffet. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

Monday, July 17, 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., WATCH SALE FUND-RAISER, hosted by Lakeland Auxiliary, Berrien General, in the McOmber Room on the ground floor near the cafeteria.

Tuesday, July 18-27, 10:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., ART SHOW, Cook Center in Bridgman will host an Art Show displaying the work of Roberta Reb Allen; admission is free.

Thursday, July 20, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m., STEAK FRY, HOT DOG ROAST & BASEBALL GAME, Hays Park, Watervliet. The Watervliet Lioness Club is sponsoring a dinner & baseball game for the Hays Park Playground Project. Tickets on sale from any Lioness member or at the Tri-City Record. Cost for dinner and the game: Steak Fry, \$12; and Hot Dog Roast, \$5. Game time is 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, July 20, 7:30 p.m., FREE "CONCERT IN THE PARK," with Sojourn & Vision (contemporary & Christian rock), Ely Park, Hartford.

Saturday, July 22, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION, at Watervliet High School. Products labeled with words such as warning, flammable, poison or toxic will be accepted.

Saturday, July 22, 8:00 a.m., HOOSIER PRAIRIE, Sarett Nature Center will host a field trip to the largest high-quality prairie. The fee is \$15 per person and you must call to register.

Sunday, July 23, 3:00 p.m., ARIZON BIRDING, Sarett Nature Center in Benton Harbor will host a slide presentation on birds. The presentation will be by Mindy Walker. There is no charge.

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Press Box & Area Sports

From the PRESS BOX

By Mike Leith SportsWriter



Both the Hartford boys and Coloma girls all-star tournaments have finished by now. We will cover the boys this week and finish up with the girls next week. This will give the girls' coaches more time to contact me with detailed results about their teams. Encourage your kids' coach to get their results to me, as that is the only way I can get them in the paper.

Hartford all-star tournament results

The Hartford boys all-star tournament wound up last weekend and, of the Tri-City Area teams involved, the Coloma-Hagar teams fared the best.

In the Major League Division (11-12 year-olds), the Coloma #1 team made it to the championship game before falling to North Lincoln.

In the Minor League "A" Division (10-year-olds), the Coloma #1 team also made it to the championship game before falling to North Lincoln.

Watervliet had the next best finish, with a third place in the Major League "A" Division; while Hartford had its best finish in the Minor League "A" and Peanut League divisions.

The run that the Coloma #1 team had in the Minor League "A" Division was probably about the best of the tournament. They eventually finished second to North Lincoln as stated above but won the Sportsmanship Trophy as a bonus for their tournament behavior.

I had written about their first two games against North Lincoln #3 and South Haven #1 in last week's column, with North Lincoln knocking them into the losers bracket.

They went on a tear from there, with three wins to get into the championship game against North Lincoln before settling for second place.

In the first game against North Lincoln, Coloma #1 fell by a 16-6 score to suffer its first loss. North Lincoln had one big inning where it scored six runs and Coloma #1 could not recover from there.

Matt Page and Alex Garrod both went 3-4; Jeff Naumann went 3-3; Cody Kelley, Jake Bach, and Jason Rider each went 2-3; and Jordan Donohue went 1-3.

Defensively, coach Scott Garrod credited Chris Dew with six putouts, along with good play from outfielders Jeremy Bartalone and Dustin Dasse.

Coloma #1 then took on Hartford and downed them by a 12-2 score in five innings.

In this game, Matt Page, Jeff Naumann, and Alex Garrod each went 3-4; Casey Brownfield went 2-4; Jason Rider and Cody Kelley each went 2-2; Ryan Holly, Jeremy Bartalone, and Dustin Dasse each went 2-3; while Jake Bach and Chris Dew each added a hit.

Next came a rematch with South Haven #1, and Coloma #1 pounded them by a 16-7 score. Jake Bach went 4-4; Alex Garrod, Jeff Naumann, and Ryan Holly each went 3-

4; Casey Brownfield and Jason Rider each went 2-4; Jeremy Bartalone went 2-2; and Cody Kelley and Jordan Donohue each added a hit. Donohue's hit was a triple, as was one of Chris Dew's.

Then came the most exciting game of their tournament run for me as Coloma #1 prevailed over a very good Howard Township team by a 4-3 score in eight innings.

On offense, Jordan Donohue went 3-3; Alex Garrod, Jeff Naumann, and Chris Dew each went 3-4; Casey Brownfield and Jason Rider each went 2-4; Cody Kelley went 2-3; while Ryan Holly, Jeremy Bartalone, and Dustin Dasse each added a hit.

Jordan Donohue led off the decisive eighth inning with a double and moved to third on a ground out by Jeff Naumann. He then scored the winning run on a single by Chris Dew.

Coach Scott Garrod credited his whole defense with good play the whole game to hold Howard Township to just three runs.

In Coloma #1's final game, they dropped a 13-5 decision to North Lincoln #1 to finish second in their division. An eight-run second inning for North Lincoln made the difference.

Jeff Naumann, Ryan Holly, and Jason Rider each went 2-3; while Matt Page, Casey Brownfield, Alex Garrod, Cody Kelley, Jordan Donohue, Jake Bach, and Dustin Dasse each added a hit.

I might mention that it was the third game of the day for Coloma #1 as that does happen in the losers bracket.

As mentioned above, Scott Garrod is the head coach and is assisted by Jim Brownfield, Dave Bach, and Jim Dew. The scorekeeper is Jan Rider.

Look for these kids to do something in the coming weeks at Eaton Park.

Coloma also had one other team that made the championship game in the Coloma #1 team in the Major League Division. This team consisted of 12-year-olds and picked up after the first game which they lost to North Lincoln #1 to throw them into the losers bracket right away.

Their first game was against Gobles and they beat them by a 14-3 score. Jamie Page and Jeff Gargano both pitched three innings each to combine for the win. Jordan Radde went 3-4 with two home runs, a double, and four RBIs; Justin Rider also went 3-4 with a triple and three RBIs; Matt Veine went 2-4; while both Jamie Page and Jeff Gargano belted triples and drove in two RBIs.

Coloma #1 played its next game against Watervliet #2, which consisted of mainly 11-year-olds. That game lasted less than three innings as Coloma #1 won by a 16-0 score.

Danny Gelder was the winning pitcher and pitched against just seven batters. Jordan Radde had a home run, two doubles, and four RBIs; Ronnie Simmons went 2-3 with a home run, a double, and three RBIs; Justin Rider had a double and a triple, with two RBIs; Danny Gelder went 2-3 with a double and three RBIs; while Kasey Weber went 2-3 with three RBIs.

Their next win came against North Lincoln #2 by a 10-0 score in three and a half innings. Ronnie Simmons and Kasey Weber combined for the mound win.

On offense, Jamie Page went 3-3 with a triple, Danny Gelder went 2-3 with a triple and two RBIs, Kasey Weber went 2-3, while Kevin Tucker went 2-4 with a triple and two RBIs, Jordan Radde went 2-4 with three RBIs, while Justin Rider also went 2-4. Kevin Tucker rounded things out with a bases-loaded double and three RBIs.

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THURSDAY WOMEN'S LEAGUE

JULY 6, 2000

FRONT NINE: Elsie Klug had Low Gross of 48; Elsie Klug and Evie Kimbrough each had a Low Net of 28; and Jan Vollrath had

Low Puts of 14 and won the Special Event.

BACK NINE: Dottie Camp had Low Gross of 52; Joan Fox had Low Net of 37; Mary Kugler had Low Puts of 14; and Kathryn Bradford won the Special Event.

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THE COLOMA MINOR LEAGUE "A" TEAM... took second place and the Sportsmanship Trophy in its division as well as at the Hartford All-Star Tournament. Pictured are: (front row, from the left) Alex Garrod, Ryan Holly, Jake Bach, Corey Brownfield, Matt Page, Jeremy Bartalone; (middle row, from the left) Jeff Naumann, Dustin Dasse, Jordan Donohue, Cody Kelley, Chris Dew, Jason Rider; (back row, from the left) assistant coaches Dave Bach and Jim Brownfield, head coach Scott Garrod, scorekeeper Jan Rider, and assistant Jim Dew. (Mike Leith photo)

Tucker and Jordan Radde each had two RBIs.

Next came a 17-1 win against Bangor, with Jamie Page and Kevin Tucker combining for the win on the mound. Jeff Gargano went 3-4 with a triple and two RBIs, Kasey Weber went 3-5 with four RBIs, Jamie Page and Danny Gelder each went 2-4, while Ronnie Simmons had a bases-loaded double and two RBIs.

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The Coloma #2 team in the Major League Division consisted

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(28-1)

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(27-2)

YARD SALE THURSDAY & FRIDAY--July 13 & 14, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., 339 Sutherland, Watervliet. Miscellaneous items. Also camper for standard bed pickup truck; 21" motor home.

(28-1)

HELP WANTED AT COUNTRYSIDE CHARTER SCHOOL

Countryside Charter School has the following positions available for the 2000-2001 school year:
DEAN OF STUDENTS--High School (approx. 1/2 time). Duties--handle student attendance, discipline, and other duties as assigned.
RECEPTIONIST--High School. Duties--answer telephone, student lunch program, and student attendance.
CUSTODIAN--part time (approx. 4 hours per day).
Interested candidates should submit a Letter of Application and resume to:

William D. Smith, Administrator
Countryside Charter School
4800 Meadowbrook
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Fax: 616/944-3319
Deadline for receipt of materials is 3:00 p.m. July 14, 2000.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by CHRISTIAN OUTREACH REHAB & DEVELOPMENT, then a Michigan non-profit housing corporation, to The Peoples State Bank of St. Joseph, whose interest has been acquired by Fifth Third Bank, dated March 15, 1996, and recorded on March 21, 1996, in Liber 1738, page 856, Berrien County records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$93,883.20.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on

Thursday, July 20, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. local time, at the Courthouse, in the City of St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan, the place of the Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, together with interest at 10.0 percent, legal costs, attorneys fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays before the sale.

The property is located in Berrien County, Michigan, and is described in the mortgage as: Lot 2, Block 17, Benton Harbor Improvement Association's Third Addition to the City of Benton Harbor, according to the recorded plat thereof, recorded December 18, 1891, in Volume 2 of Plats, Berrien County records.

Property address: 636 E. Main Street, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022.

The redemption period will be six months from the date of sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.324(1); MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: June 9, 2000
KINNEY, BURDICK, BOWMAN & ENGELIN, P.L.C.
By: Mark S. Bowman (P34207)
Attorney for Mortgagee

811 Ship Street, P.O. Box 24
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate
STATE OF MICHIGAN
PROBATE COURT
COUNTY OF BERRIEN
FILE NO. 2000-0399-DE-N
Estate of RONALD GLENN CURTIS. Date of birth: 7/30/38.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Ronald Glenn Curtis, who lived at 5545 Wendzel Drive, Coloma, Michigan, died March 12, 2000.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Dean S. Jennings, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.
July 5, 2000

Dean S. Jennings
505 Pleasant St., Ste. 303
St. Joseph, MI 49085
616-983-7505

James S. Ford Jr. P13566
1211 E. Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
616-926-6135

PUBLIC NOTICE BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING SYNOPSIS

JULY 3, 2000

1. All members present.
2. June 5th minutes approved with correction under bills paid.
3. Approved Coloma Fire Department budget request in the amount of \$12,650.00.
4. Approved contract with Information System for appraisal system and tax administration.
5. Approved reappointment of Nancy Weber and Randy Willmington to Planning Commission.
6. Approved reappointment of Ron Bjess, Jim Lull, and George Shane to Zoning Board of

Appeals.

7. Approved contract with assessor through April 2001.
8. Approved Supervisor and Clerk to sign a petition to begin the process to establish a branch to the Krieger Drain.
9. Approved payment of all outstanding bills.

*Note Change: Regular Board Meeting July 31, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. Planning Commission Meeting August 14, 2000, at 7:00 p.m. Recycling Date July 15, 2000

Debra A. Grieser
Bainbridge Township Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 5, 2000, at 7:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Harvey, Clerk Phillips, Treasurer Capozio & Trustees Fowler, Hudson, Jefferson-Banks & McCausland
MEMBERS ABSENT: None

Amended the Agenda under New Business by adding Item F. C.L. Wolf Property.
Received Sewer Bypass update from John Olson.
Authorized purchase of 1999 Chevrolet for Police Department and granted authorization for the Police Chief to seek a second vehicle.

Had second reading and adopted Gough & Gough Pilot Ordinance No. 2-142.

Approved lot split requests by Frederick P. Cox and William D. Marohn.
Authorized \$500.00 donation to Benton Harbor/Benton Township Senior Services Inc.
Upheld the Planning Commission's recommendation and approved MHT Housing Site Plan and AT & T Wireless request for Special Use Permit for tower at 4750 Carmody Road, and denied Stockwell Properties, LLC request to rezone 1085 Nickerson Ct. and Carolyn Curry, 725 N. Euclid, for Special Use Permit to use 2-car garage for convenience store.

Approved payment of bills listing totaling \$460,864.14.
Authorized purchase of C.L. Wolff property, 1735 Territorial Road, for future Township expansion at a cost of \$80,000.00 by 6 to 1 vote.
Agreed to change Township Board meeting dates from the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, to the 1st Monday and 3rd Tuesday by 5 to 2 vote.
Adjourned the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

The next regular Board meeting will be held July 18, 2000, at 7:00 p.m.

Carolyn Phillips, Clerk
Benton Charter Township
Dated: July 6, 2000

PUBLIC NOTICE HARTFORD PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT

To the voters in the Hartford Public Library District (City of Hartford and Hartford Township): the Board of Trustees of the Hartford Public Library, at their regular monthly meeting of January 11, 2000, voted to place the following millage proposal on the August 8, 2000, Michigan state primary ballot:
HARTFORD DISTRICT LIBRARY
OPERATING MILLAGE PROPOSITION
Shall the Hartford Public Library

levy eighty-five cents (\$0.85) per thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) (.85 mill) on the state equalized valuation on all taxable property in the Hartford Library District (City of Hartford and Hartford Township) in perpetuity for the support and maintenance of the Hartford Public Library, Van Buren County, Michigan (the estimate of the revenue the Library will collect if the millage levy is approved and levied by the Library in the 2000 calendar year is \$61,198)? This Proposition is in addition to a previously passed millage of .85 mills in perpetuity.

The Board of Trustees of the Hartford Public Library has determined that the passage of this millage is necessary to the long-term existence of our library system.

A special-called meeting for the evening of August 1, 2000, at 7:00 P.M. EST at the library building, 15 Franklin Street, Hartford, Michigan 49057, will be held for the purpose of receiving public comment on the proposed millage.

The public is invited.
Lawrence L. Larsen, President
Board of Trustees
Hartford Public Library
(28-3)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BERRIEN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSION

BECHT & PECK DRAIN #028 and GROVE & PECK DRAIN #198
NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT AND REVIEW OF APPOINTMENTS
IMPORTANT NOTICE-TAXES INVOLVED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO PROPERTY OWNERS AND GOVERNMENTAL UNITS: Property Owners within the Drainage District, Coloma Charter Township at Large, County at Large, and Berrien County Road Commission.

NOTICE IS GIVEN, that on WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 16, 2000, between 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. (local time), in Conference Room 2B, Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, City of St. Joseph, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, or at any adjourned time and place, a Day of Review of Appearances will be held to review the apportionment of benefits for the lands within the "BECHT & PECK and the GROVE & PECK DRAIN Special Assessment Districts." Any property owner within the drainage district, Road Commission representative, State Highway representative, Township Supervisor, Village President, or City Mayor or officer, wishing to be heard or wishing to inspect the computation of cost with respect to the special assessments may appear during the day and time specified.

(In simpler English: This is a day set aside for you to call in or to come to the Berrien County Administration Center to find out details about the work scheduled to be done on the drain and to find out what your share of the dollar amount will be for that work.)

The following is a description of land constituting the Special Assessment District for the Drain and municipalities involved:

Coloma Charter Township at Large, Berrien County at Large, and Berrien County Road Commission. Commencing 440' W of the NE corner of Section 10, T35, R17W, Coloma Township, Berrien County, Michigan: thence(h) S 1020' to the outlet of the Branch and Derby Drain, th W 1170', th S 25°W 860', th S 85°W 1320', th S 42°W 990', th N 23°W 1890', th N 45°E 550', th N 500' to the centerline(c/l) of Hagar Shore Rd. approximately(approx) 990' E of Johnson Rd, th E 710', th N 100', th N 43°E 400', th E 420', th N 32°E 470', th N 1500', th S 77°E 1380', th S 26°E 450', th S 80°E 1120' to the c/l of Paw Paw Lake Rd approx 1400' N of Hagar Shore Rd, th S 980', th S 46°W 610' to the point of beginning.

You are further advised that, pursuant to Section 155 of the Michigan Drain Code, any owner of land within the drainage district or any city, village, township, district or county, feeling aggrieved by the apportionment of benefits made by the Drain Commissioner, may appeal the apportionment within 10 days after the Day of Review of Appearances by making an application to the Berrien County Probate Court for the appointment of a Board of Review.

INFORMATION FOR CONTRACTORS

That prior to 1:30 P.M. (local time) on THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2000, in Conference Room 2B, Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, City of St. Joseph, I. LOWELL BRUCE, Berrien County Drain Commissioner, State of Michigan, will receive sealed bids, and at 1:30 P.M. (local time) bids will be opened and publicly announced for the construction or maintenance of two Drains Known and designated as "BECHT & PECK" and "GROVE & PECK," located and established in the Charter Township of Coloma, in the County.

IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE FOLLOWING QUANTITIES ARE APPROXIMATE AND THAT FINAL PAYMENT WILL BE MADE ON MEASURED QUANTITIES.

DIVISION A - BECHT & PECK DRAIN	
4829 LFT	Open Drain Clean-Out, Sta. 7+89 to Sta. 58+78 (less new culverts) Bottom Width-3 feet
441 LFT	Open Drain Clean-Out, Sta. 0+00 to Sta. 4.41 (Hollywood Branch) Bottom Width-3 feet.
1 EA	Drive Crossing, Sta. 7+89
2 EA	30" Culvert, Perforated Plastic with Nylon Wrap, 60 feet long
2 EA	Drive Crossing, Sta. 13+00 and Sta. 15+40
2 EA	24" Culvert, 40 feet long
1 EA	Drive Crossing, Sta. 33+00 and Sta. 39+40
1 EA	24" Culvert, 30 feet long
	Road Crossing, Sta. 58+60
	(Hagar Shore Road) 24" Culvert, 60 feet long
	Riprap
DIVISION B - GROVE & PECK DRAIN	
430 LFT	18" Pipe, Perforated Plastic with Nylon Wrap
1 EA	60" Diam. Catchbasin
2 EA	48" Diam. Catchbasin
22 LFT	Bituminous Pavement Replacement

The contract documents required for review or bidding purposes may be obtained only from the Drain Commissioner's Office.

Payment for the above mentioned work will be made by monthly progress payments, third Thursday of month. Any person(s) desiring to bid on the above mentioned work will be required to deposit with the Drain Commissioner a bid bond, certified check, money order or cash in the amount of 5% (five per cent) of bid as a guarantee that he will enter into contract and furnish the required performance bond and proof of insurance as prescribed by law. The checks of all unsuccessful bidders will be returned after contracts are awarded.

If you have any questions regarding the contract documents, contact: Lowell Bruce, Berrien County Drain Commissioner (at number listed below) or Merritt Engineering, Inc. (616)428-4424.

DATED: June 28, 2000
LOWELL BRUCE, Berrien County Drain Commissioner
Berrien County Administration Center
701 Main Street, St. Joseph, MI
(616) 983-7111 Ext. 8260
(27-2)

Paw Paw Lake Almanac

By Delavan Sipes

Paw Paw Lake water surface was 622.00 feet above sea level on July 5th. With 1.06 inches of rain the level declined only 0.36 inch by July 9th. Surface water temperature in Sherwood Bay was 78°F. On Sunday the lake level was 2 inches higher than it was at this time in 1999.

Secchi Disk readings of water clarity were 4.0 feet over the deep hole in the south basin, 4.2 feet at the mouth of Bowe's Landing/Fairview Beach Bay, and 3.6 feet in the north basin. The latter two readings were a bit less than last week. The deep hole reading diminished by 1.8 feet.

I apologize to the gentleman, who requested a clarification of the May 29th column, for my tardiness in responding. I should have included, "The water from the Branch & Darby Drain does indeed flow over private land on both sides of Paw Paw Lake Road, including the channel at Lake Pointe Condominiums."

Will Rogers once said, Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier 'n puttin' it back in.

Historical Trivia

Question: Lake sturgeon were common in the St. Joseph River in the mid-to-late 1880s. It was not uncommon to report extremely large fish. How large were the larger fish? Answer next week.

Answer to last week's question: Name any five of the seventeen streams that flow into the St. Joseph River within Berrien County. Locally, the Paw Paw River, which carries the overflow from Paw Paw Lake, is one of them. Others are Dowagiac River, Pipestone Creek, Lemon Creek, Puterbaugh Creek, Love Creek, Townsend Creek, Old Bitty Creek, McCoy Creek, Walton Creek, Glen Creek, Famers Creek, Sand Creek, Blue Creek, Mill Creek (right here in Bainbridge and Watervliet townships and the City of Watervliet), Hickory Creek, Yellow Creek and one unnamed tributary.

Source: St. Joseph River Assessment, Wesley & Duffy, DNR, Fisheries Division—Special Report, Page 135.

Lake level and rainfall recorded by Ray Dlosky. Secchi Readings by Don & Martha Garnett. Information provided by the Paw Paw Lake Association.

Sarett Nature Center summer field trips scheduled

HOOSIER PRAIRIE

Saturday, July 22, 8:00 a.m.

Join a Sarett naturalist for a field trip to Indiana's largest high-quality prairie. Located near the Calumet area, this 548-acre nature preserve is full of diversity with black oak savannahs, wet prairies, cattail marshes, sedge meadows, and prairie openings. Bring a hat, sun protection, lots of water, and a lunch. The fee is \$15/person. This includes transportation. You must call to register, (616) 927-4832.

OWLS AND MORE OWLS

Sunday, July 30, 3:00 p.m.

Come meet several of Sarett's live resident owls. There will be a discussion about the many adaptations of owls and what makes them such superb nighttime hunters. This program is free and fun for the whole family.

ARIZONA BIRDING

Sunday, July 23, 3:00 p.m.

What do birders do in one of North

America's birding hot spots? Come to Sarett Nature Center to find out what attracts birds and birders to Arizona. This is a free slide presentation presented by Mindy Walker.

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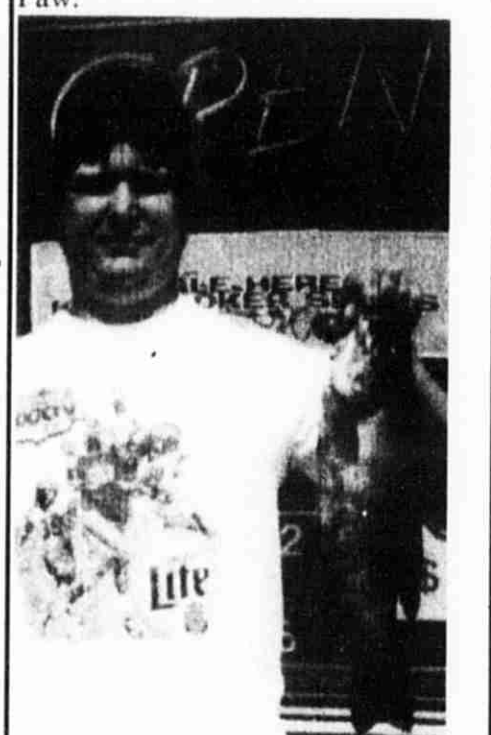
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Tri-City Area FISHING REPORT

Nice fish are being brought in from the area lakes.



This 4-pound, 12-ounce walleye was caught by 5-year-old Blake King off the end of his pier, using a bobber and minnow, on Big Paw Paw.



Brian Wilson has this 2-pound, 8-ounce smallmouth bass caught on July 7.

Little Paw Paw has produced some nice crappie, using minnows attached to a pinkie with no shafers weights while trolling slowly. Shafer Lake has produced decent bluegills with wax worms and crickets working best or mini minnie jigs in black and chartreuse.

Reminder to Hunters: You have to apply for your elk application by July 15.

Call Woodward's for all your fishing and hunting information.

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Soderborg, Nick Moore, and Ryan Wilson each had one hit.

Watervliet had a 9-year-old entry that finished fourth in its division, which was the Minor League "B" Division. They took on Hartford in their second game of the tournament and took an 11-10 win as Willy Loshbough drove in Alex Faulterback for the winning run.

For the game, Alex Faulterback had four hits; Brett Ballard, Kyle Garland, Willy Loshbough, and Curtis Frank each had three hits.

The team played strong defense, with the play of the game being a double play by Kevin Bryce.

Watervliet then took on South Haven and came away with a 17-16 victory. Alex Faulterback had five hits; Kevin Bryce, Willy Loshbough, Jeremy Fligel, Brett Ballard, and Curtis Frank had three hits each; while Josh Zucker added a hit.

Watervliet was then eliminated from the tournament by Coloma in a 9-4 decision after a long rain delay. Kevin Bryce had three hits; Brett Ballard had two hits; while Alex Faulterback, Kyle Garland, and Jeremy Fligel each added one hit.

Those are the stats that I have; so if your team did not appear, tell your coach and have him call me for Eaton Park. See you there.

Coloma Rocket Football still has openings

Organizers of the Coloma rocket football teams say there are still a few openings in both divisions. There are 12 openings in the Junior Division (ages 8-10) and seven openings in the Senior Division (ages 10-12).

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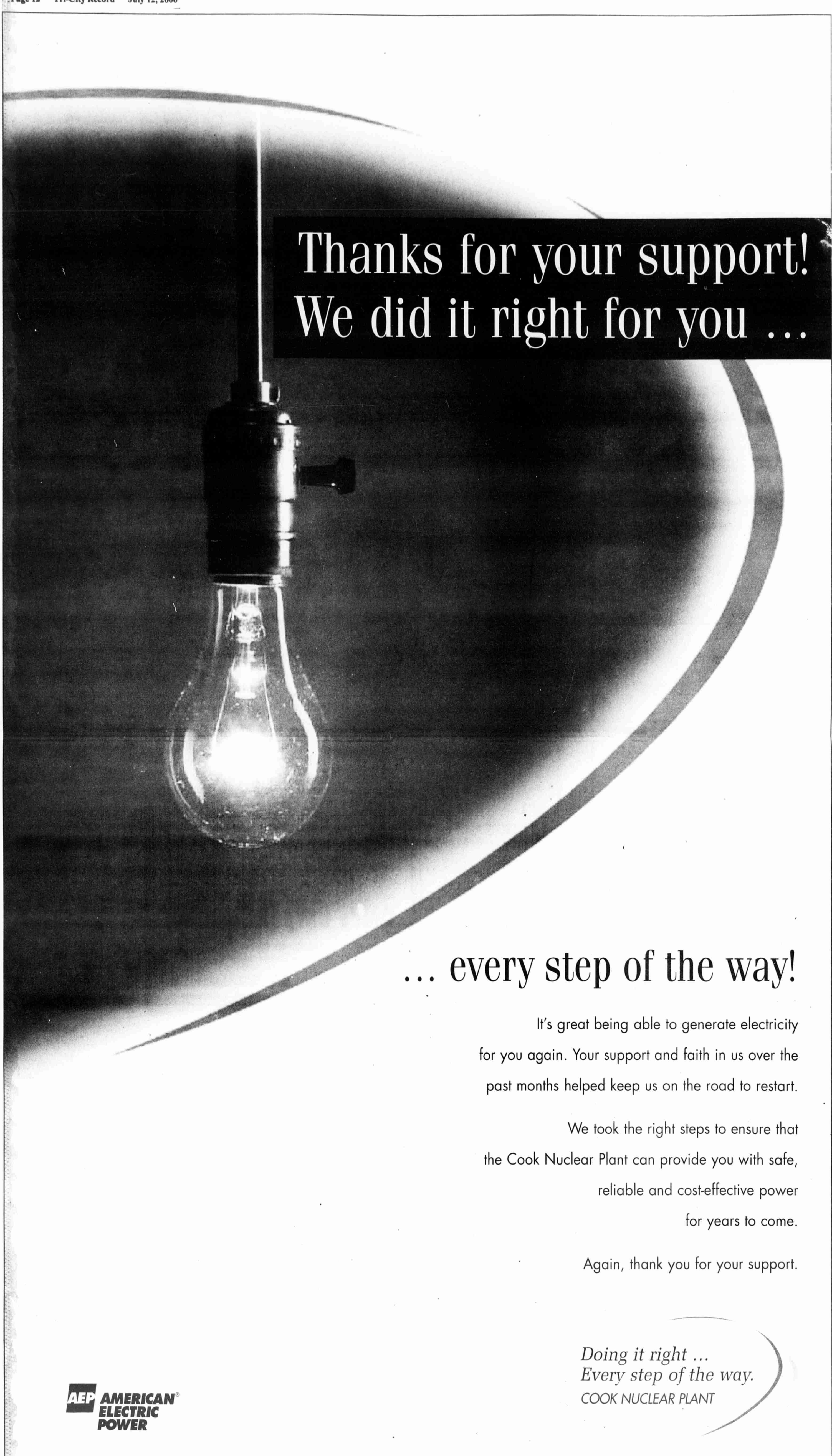
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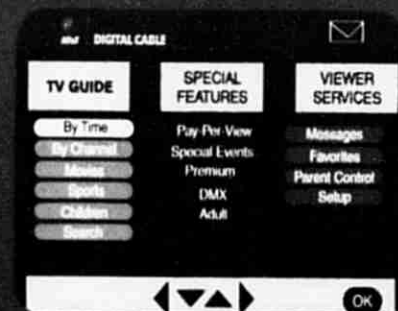
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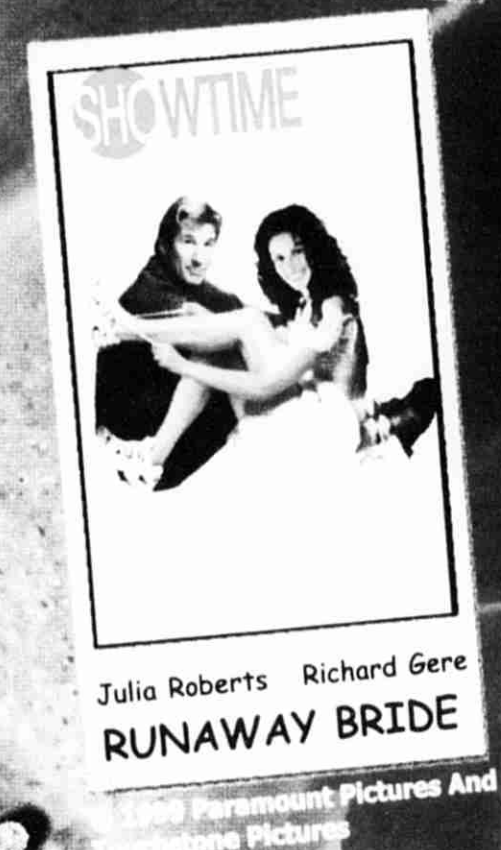
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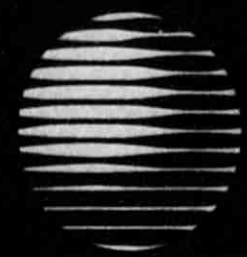


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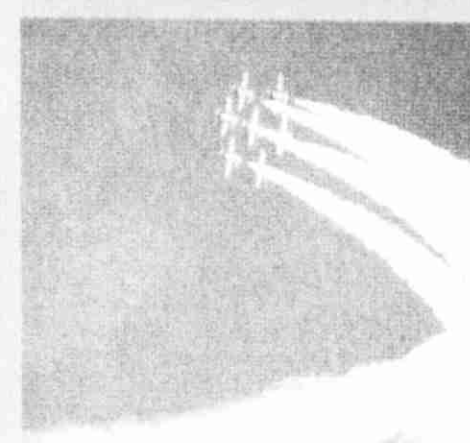
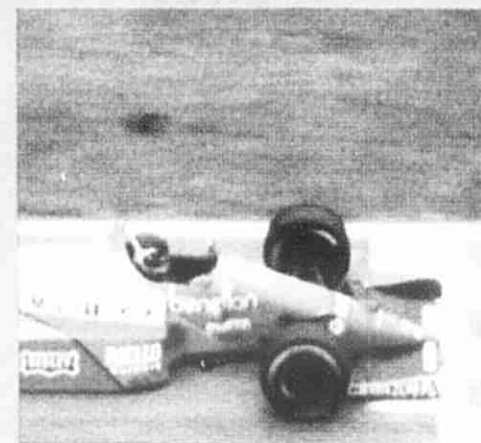
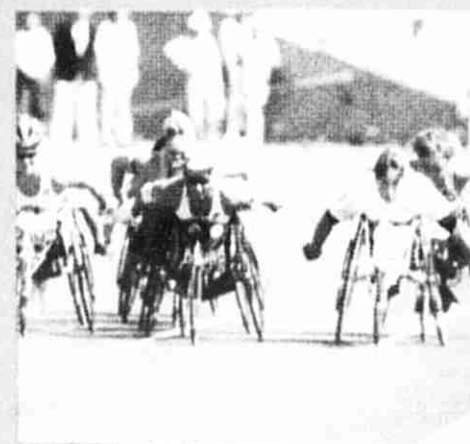
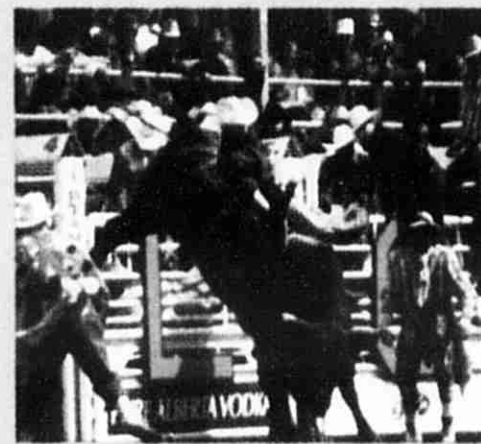
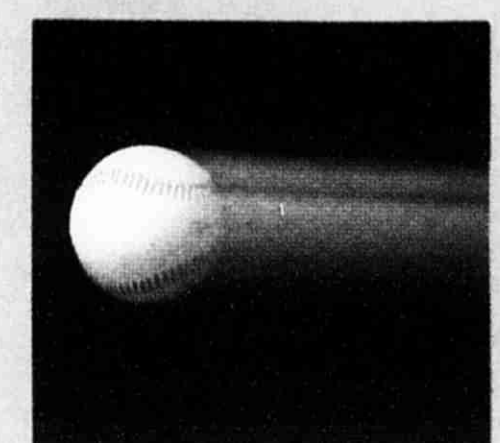
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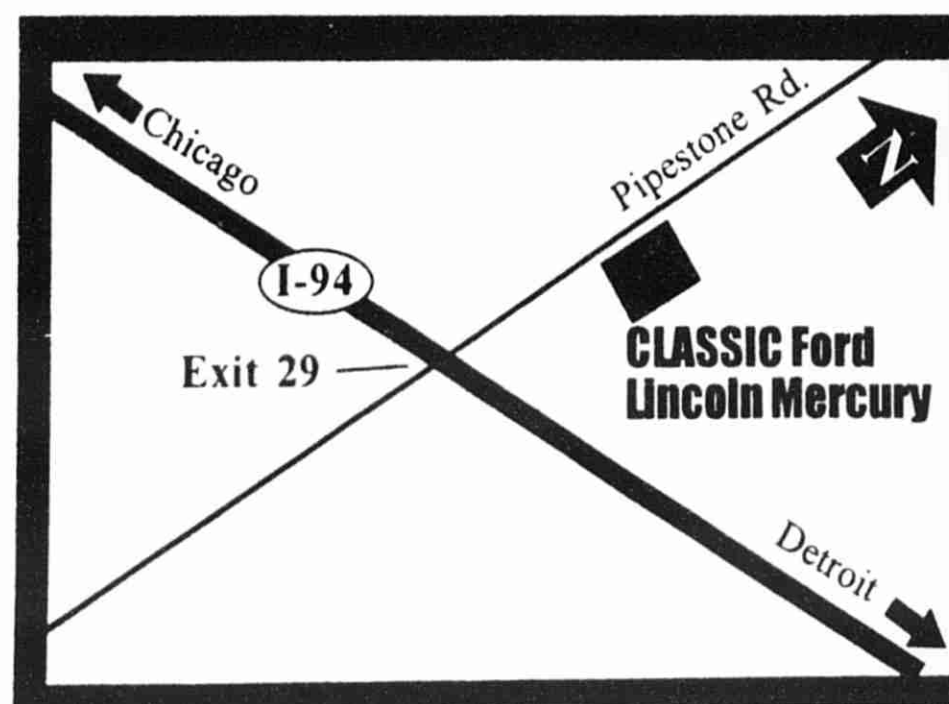
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