

Community Hospital hires CEO

Fritz Fahrenbacher has been named permanent Chief Executive Officer of Community Hospital in Watervliet. Fahrenbacher, who has over 30 years of health care experience, has been serving as interim CEO since May.

"We are very fortunate to have Fritz join Community Hospital," said Norma Somers, President of the hospital's Board of Directors. "His experience and wisdom will help us deal with the many challenges we currently face. We are eager to move forward with this highly-qualified leader."

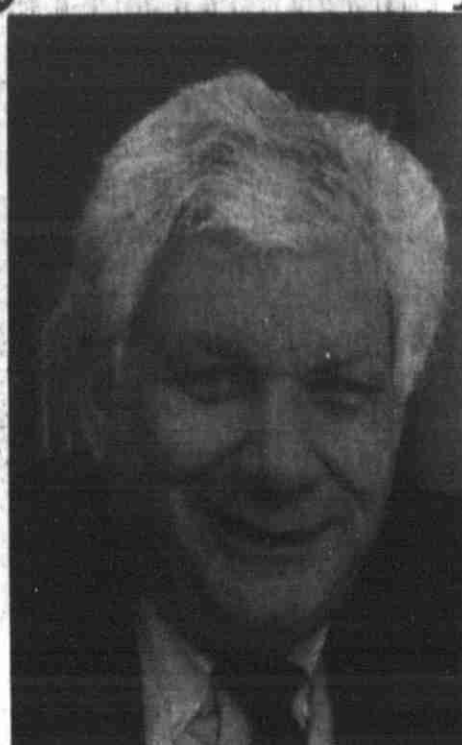
Dr. Donald Brooks, Chief of Staff at Community Hospital, agrees. "Mr. Fahrenbacher has been in health care

management in hospitals throughout Southwest Michigan for many years," he said. "He brings those many years of knowledge and experience with him to Community Hospital."

Former CEO at Lee Memorial and Pipp Hospitals

For Fahrenbacher, those many years of experience include serving as President and CEO of both Lee Memorial Hospital in Dowagiac and Pipp Community Hospital in Plainwell. In addition, he spent 20 years working within Borgess Health Alliance, with which Community Hospital is affiliated.

Fahrenbacher's list of professional accomplishments includes oversee-



Fritz Fahrenbacher

ing the establishment of various medical clinics, facilitating the construction of new units, quadrupling revenue, and building important community relationships for the hospitals he has served.

Fahrenbacher was also instrumental in developing a successful Occupational Medicine program at Pipp Community Hospital, something that he plans to resurrect in Watervliet.

While the hospital staff is excited about Fahrenbacher's appointment, he is also looking forward to this new opportunity.

"I am very grateful and honored that the Board of Directors, medical staff, and management staff placed their

confidence in me," Fahrenbacher said. "It is my goal to utilize the resources of the hospital, the communities that we serve, the Board of Directors, the medical staff, and the hospital staff to continue to do the things that we do well and to improve upon the things that need improvement."

Dr. Brooks feels that Fahrenbacher is well on his way to achieving that goal. "In the relatively short time he has been here, we have already seen objective improvements in the management of Community Hospital," Brooks said.

But with current economic struggles and health care challenges in Michigan, Fahrenbacher knows that

he has a big job ahead of him. "In these very challenging times of health care in general—and small community hospitals in particular—it is imperative that the relationships that Community Hospital has with Quorum Health Resources and Borgess Health Alliance be utilized to their maximum extent," Fahrenbacher said.

Fahrenbacher also plans to connect with the communities served by Community Hospital through outreach programs and community involvement.

That is something that Somers believes everyone will benefit from. "Fritz is a real asset to our communities," she said.

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HAPPY 100th BIRTHDAY...
Riverside resident Lillian Baushke will be celebrating her 100th birthday on September 28, 2004.
(Wanda Thomas photo)

Lillian Baushke celebrates her 100th birthday September 28

By Wanda Thomas

Lillian Baushke, long-time Riverside/Benton Harbor resident, will turn 100 on September 28, 2004. A celebration has been planned in her honor on Sunday, Sept. 26, at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Sister Lakes.

With a sense of humor, Mrs. Baushke offered no suggestions on how to live a long life. "I didn't think I'd make it. I don't know how I did."

Mrs. Baushke resides with her daughter, Lillian (75), and son-in-law William Alton in the Baushke homestead located in Riverside. Her son, Lester Baushke, 68, lives in Athens, Michigan.

Born at her parents' home in Benton Harbor in 1904, Mrs. Baushke was the fourth child in a family of 10 children, six girls and four boys. Along with Lillian, one sister, who is 92, is still living.

Lillian has witnessed many changes during her lifetime. To her, the airplane was the wonder of wonders. Regrettably, she has never had the opportunity to ride in one.

As far as appliances, she never even imagined such a thing as a microwave. "I still don't know how to work one," she laughed.

Probably one of the biggest changes Lillian has seen in our country that bothers her is the change in personal morals. "What I was taught was wrong, society now says is right," she commented.

Her education consisted of finishing the eighth grade at Fairplain School in Benton Harbor, a common practice during that time period so children could go to work.

Kindergarten through eighth grade were divided into four rooms. A typical day involved doing studies, eating a jelly sandwich for lunch, and walking for 15 minutes with a couple of girls during noon recess. Boys usually played catch. Girls

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Fire Lane complaints heard by Watervliet Twp. Board; neighbor says never notified of 9-11 Memorial approval

By Annette Krieger

The Watervliet Township Board heard complaints from residents of two different fire lanes at its Monday night meeting September 20.

Pat Wesley, a resident near Fire Lane 16, questioned why the recent memorial placed there had to remove the natural beauty that had been there for so long. Wesley said she had flowers and plants along the

Fire Lane and in her yard that were removed without her knowledge.

Fire Lane 16 was recently made into a memorial to the firefighters who lost their lives in the September 11, 2001, tragedy, with donated materials and time by Wally Gearhart.

Wesley told the Board, "I love the idea. I just don't like the way it happened." She said she had con-

versations with the Board and was promised nothing would happen until a design layout was presented for the memorial, and then she came home one day and there was a bulldozer in her driveway and all of her flowers and plants were removed.

She has requested that more natural beauty be added to the Fire Lane. "Now when I look out my window, all I see out my window is a gravel road."

The Board said it would survey the property and look at some additional beautification.

Township resident Dave Kliss also brought Fire Lane #3 to the Board's attention. Kliss said that the lane,

which was once 20 feet wide and easily accessible to emergency vehicles, has now shrunk to about half the original width. Also, a cement wall near the Fire Lane has had spray-painted graffiti placed on it stating "No public access." The graffiti has been removed once by another resident, Renee Johnson, but has been painted on the wall again.

Kliss asked the Board to ensure that property owners have their property marked at right angles as it is recorded in their deeds and to clear out the trees and rubbish that is in the Fire Lane, thus limiting accessibility.

Board members assured Kliss and Johnson that they would check into the situation.

In other business, the Board approved \$86,100 in road repairs. Airport Drive, East Baldwin, Vineyard Place, and Hennessey Road will all see improvements in the near future.

The Township's trick-or-treating hours will be the same as the City's. Friday, October 29, from 3-5 p.m. will be the downtown Halloween Parade and the actual trick-or-treating hours are 5-7 p.m.

The last day to register to vote in the November election is October 4.

48-unit senior housing project dead, City Manager tells DDA

By Karl Bayer

A proposed 48-unit subsidized senior citizens housing project adjacent to downtown Watervliet is "dead." That's what City Manager Brian Disette told the Downtown Development Authority last week.

Disette told the Tri-City Record that communications to the developer have gone unanswered for the past two months.

He said Werth Development of Alpena had sought an alternate site to the 6.25 acres on Main Street, just north of Brookfield Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep. He said, following an engineering survey, the company discovered that development of the site would be more than they were willing to invest in the project.

Werth Development announced the \$2.5 million project in early 2002 contingent on the donation of land. The County Brownfield Redevelopment Authority, owner of the paper mill site, donated the acreage needed with frontage on Mill Creek.

Disette says it is that waterfront that has caused some of the problem. "Anytime there is waterfront involved, there are increased costs," he told the Record.

The City Manager added that the City/Brownfield Redevelopment Authority have offered two other

sites for the project, on the paper mill site across the road and on City property across from Flaherty Park on Mill Creek. Both waterfront sites also have increase development costs.

Housing project eyed at paper mill site

Disette also told the DDA that an announcement could be made at next month's Commission meeting of the sale of the 20-some acres of buildable property of the former paper mill.

Disette told the Record a housing developer has engineering plans for the site and is negotiating with the County to purchase the site. He said plans for the site included a public walkway along the riverfront and park sites throughout the site.

A major concern he told the Record was the developer would have to bring in "a lot of" fill to bring the site up to a level with the flood control berm along the river to accommodate basements. (The berm is an estimated 8-10 feet above the river and was installed by the DNR to prevent flooding of the paper mill.)

"If there isn't an offer," Disette told the DDA, "then it's back to the drawing board."

West Dig; Harglo finish water line into Coloma Township

By Noel Carlson

After two time extensions granted by the Township, West Dig (subcontracted by Harglo) has finished the water line that will bring Coloma City water to areas of the Township contaminated with Dac-thal.

At the last Township meeting, the Board voted to terminate the contract if the work was not done by September 17. "They've kept their word this time," said Ken Parrigin, Township Supervisor, who reported that West Dig had finished by the final date.

West Dig workers have been the subject of much complaint over the

past few months because of their work ethics and failure to clean up the project as they went.

But, finally, "They've done their part," according to Parrigin. He says he has a punch list of things for them to do, but the contracted jobs are finished.

However, forgiveness may not flow as freely as the water.

"People aren't going to be satisfied because of what West Dig has previously done," he said. "For some people, we are going back and doing more."

Parrigin said the hookups to the water line will be a separate contract.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HONORS FAMILIES AND MEMBERS...Anthony Tavalacci and his family were named Knights of Columbus Family of the Year at the September 19 Family Picnic held in Watervliet. Dennis Palgen Sr. was named Knight of the Year. Pictured are: (from the left) Pauline and Dennis Palgen Sr., Anthony Tavalacci; his wife, Sharon; and son Mike. Ronald Ostrowski was named Columbian Man of the Year, but he was unable to be present because of his recent double-knee surgery.
(Mary Brost Reek photo)

Davis named to Hartford School Board, replaces Denis Huffman

By Angela Stair

At its September 16 meeting, the Hartford Board of Education appointed Noal ("Wayne") Davis Jr. to fill the trustee seat vacated by Denis Huffman.

Huffman, who has served the Board of Education twice with a combined time of eight years, turned in his resignation to the Board on September 2. Huffman said his professional life is time consuming and he was moving out of the Hartford School District.

Superintendent Gary Pardike said they ran an ad in the paper and received two applications. Katherine Schults and Noal ("Wayne") Davis Jr. Pardike said the Board interviewed both candidates and found both to be good candidates for the position. Davis has two children in school and this became the deciding factor. He will serve until the next regular Board election in 2005.

The election date is to be determined using the new election schedule that the state has set up with its recent elections consolida-

tion laws.

Superintendent Pardike said they would be holding a public hearing on October 21 at 6:45 to gather public input on the new election schedule. He said the Board would recommend May, since June is no longer an option on the new schedule.

The Board accepted the bid submitted by Eric Efting Construction Company for the Woodside Elementary School Bus Parking Project. The bid was \$29,000 with an alternate of \$3,400 for a total of \$32,400.

Superintendent Pardike said the alternate that was accepted was to use crushed concrete instead of regular gravel on the roadbed. He said the architect recommended its use, saying it is very durable and will be excellent for asphaltting at a later time. Pardike said they hope to have the job done before the snow flies.

The new pick-up and drop-off changes that have been made at Red Arrow Elementary School are

"proving to work out great," Superintendent Pardike said. By changing the bus pick-up and drop-off spot to Linden Street, they have removed the danger to the children from parents and other motorists.

"There was a lot of confusion and posed a danger to the children," Pardike said. "Now there will be the buses on the south end of the school and pick-up and drop-off location for students on both the east and west sides of the school. This will be safer and seems to be working out well."

In other matters, the Board accepted the resignations of Richard Pritchard and Amy Munjoy. They hired Doug Swift as a bus driver.

The following coaching positions for the 2004-2005 school year are: Vic Holland, JV Football; Lee Mireles, extra Middle School Football Coach; Lindsay Olds, extra Middle School Girls Basketball; Gale Knight, Cheerleading; and John Jonatzke, Varsity Wrestling.

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Hopes the old high school building can be saved

Dear Editor,
I read in your paper about the old high school building, wondering what it could be saved for... has something already been decided? Probably, but I wanted to give my 2-cents (you know how I love it!)... I have loved that building for years and study it every day, wondering if it could be saved. I have a "thing" about old buildings.
I had hoped the new owner would have been able to accomplish what they started years ago, but that hasn't happened (probably a much bigger job than she originally had thought).
Anyway, I think it would be good for many things, but I would like to see it as a retirement center. The

The Back Fence

By Anne Bayer, Co-Publisher

Karl wrote last week about his trip to the hospital and the test that was run to make sure all was OK with his heart, and the good news... it is! But what was I supposed to do with mine... my heart that is... while we all waited for the outcome. We waited a whole week and I was sure that mine was skipping a beat every time the discussion came back to the heart test and the what ifs... Of course, they give the patients enough to make them sleepy and drowsy but nothing to the poor souls in the waiting room, waiting to see if they will have their life partner or not.
I am so glad Karl is well and the outcome was good; and I am sure, once the aftereffects stop, I, too, will be OK but for now I will let the anxiety just roll over me. I keep saying to myself that it is all OK and it is good and we are so lucky. Gillian and her family arrived in the States Thursday evening and, thankfully, Amy again came to the rescue and picked them up from Chicago. They all hit our front door about 11:30 in the evening. Some were running, some were shy and the rest were just so sleepy and ready for food and bed, in that order. They said they had a good flight but it was, as they well know, long. The little girls were really good and took the whole trip in stride.
They spent Friday resting and trying to catch up with the family. Friday evening, their friends from Moody, Kevin and Andrea and children Emma and Ethan, arrived to spend the week. They are missionaries way deep in Mexico and were also on a leave.

gently sloping sidewalks are perfect for the elderly and lead right into town. The large shaded yard would be great for them to sit and get fresh air. They seem so cramped over by Harding's and I think the old high school would be a perfect place for them, once the structural problems are fixed... anyway, that's my vote, for what it's worth.

Teresa LaPlante

Watervliet Recreation Council members give lots to thankless job

Dear Editor,
I would like to say a few things about the Watervliet Recreation Council and the City of Watervliet.

First, a huge thank you to outgoing Rec. Council President Dave Phillips for going above and beyond the call of duty.

This man did the work of three. He was at the fields for countless hours, including his vacation time, arriving there by 6:00 a.m., busting his tail to get things done so our kids could play ball this year. Mind you, this was all volunteered time and, for the most part, a thankless job.

I thought that the job of President was to coordinate committees, along with many other duties to make the Council run smoothly, so the children in this community and surrounding communities could play ball while building lifelong memories.

I was unaware that it was the responsibility of the President and the Rec. Council to break ground, build the fields, put up fences, etc., and run the Council with all the duties that it includes.

Hays Park is a City park! Yet the Recreation Council seems to have been responsible for getting things done, all of which is done, with the exception of four dugouts. Two of them are in the process of being built by the Rec. Council and the last two are still yet to be built.

If I'm not mistaken, the City thinks the Rec. Council should take care of that too. The Rec. Council didn't mind its efforts, but it shouldn't be obligated to complete the unbuilt dugouts.

While working on all of these tasks, Dave Phillips received a nasty letter from the City of Watervliet! Why? That is ridiculous! Not only

did the City throw criticism his way but so did a few parents. Anyone that did this should be ashamed! People want to complain, when they should be stepping up to help out.

There was a meeting Sunday, the 12th, at 6:00 p.m., that was announced in the paper and announced at the football game Friday and at the Rocket Football Jambo-ree on Saturday. Yet there were no new faces at the meeting; just the same people from last year, minus a few of them. As in the past, many Council members are stepping down, including Dave Phillips. I'd like to see who could possibly fill his shoes.

Anyone that has concerns, or would like to help out, should become involved with the Watervliet Recreation Council. As a community, we can and should work together.

Thank you also to Carol Saurbier for her countless hours at the concession stand and to everyone who unselfishly volunteered their time and contributions to make Hays Park what it is today.

Sincerely,
Shelley Taylor
Citizen & Council member

Lee Smith Scholarship Motorcycle Run raised \$1,630

Dear Editor,
Wow! What a great time we had at

MSU Extension Connections

Michigan State University Extension helps people improve their lives through an education process that applies knowledge to critical issues, needs, and opportunities.

Becoming a student at Michigan State University, Part 2

Last month we looked at a section of MSU's Web site dedicated to assisting current students and their parents find information as they prepare for their students to start the fall semester. Many of these sections will also be helpful to those students and parents who are considering attending Michigan State University.

Continuing on from last month, this month's topics will be:

- Staying Connected
- Knowing the Rules
- Joining the MSU Community
- Safety and Security
- Staying Connected

www.msu.edu/parents/connected.html

As a parent of a future Spartan, you have many things to consider before sending your son or daughter to Michigan State University. These include the cost of attending MSU, availability of academic support services, housing options, and campus safety. This section includes information on:

- "Quick Links for Parents" - A directory of all the major resources you may need.
- "Family Weekend" - Parents, siblings, record crowds, fun, and fun.
- "Online Cards" - Use the service of your choice to boost morale, congratulate, and celebrate.
- "Spartan Cash" - Sending money for food, restaurants, and services.
- "Spartan's Flowers" - Student operated florist, best prices, on-campus delivery.
- "MSU Dairy Store" - Cheese, sausage, and ice cream at its finest. Order gifts online.
- "Spartan Bookstore" - Sports-wear, gift items, accessories. Purchase online.

Knowing the Rules

www.msu.edu/parents/rules.html

The MSU community is governed by policies developed to ensure the fair treatment and security of students and all community members.

- Topics in this section include:
- "Anti-Discrimination Policy" - University-wide policy and procedures.
- "City of East Lansing" - Living in East Lansing, events, attractions, city government, businesses.
- "Judicial Affairs Office" - Student rights, regulations, and disciplinary process.
- "Privacy Rights (FERPA)" - MSU's guidelines governing privacy and release of student records.

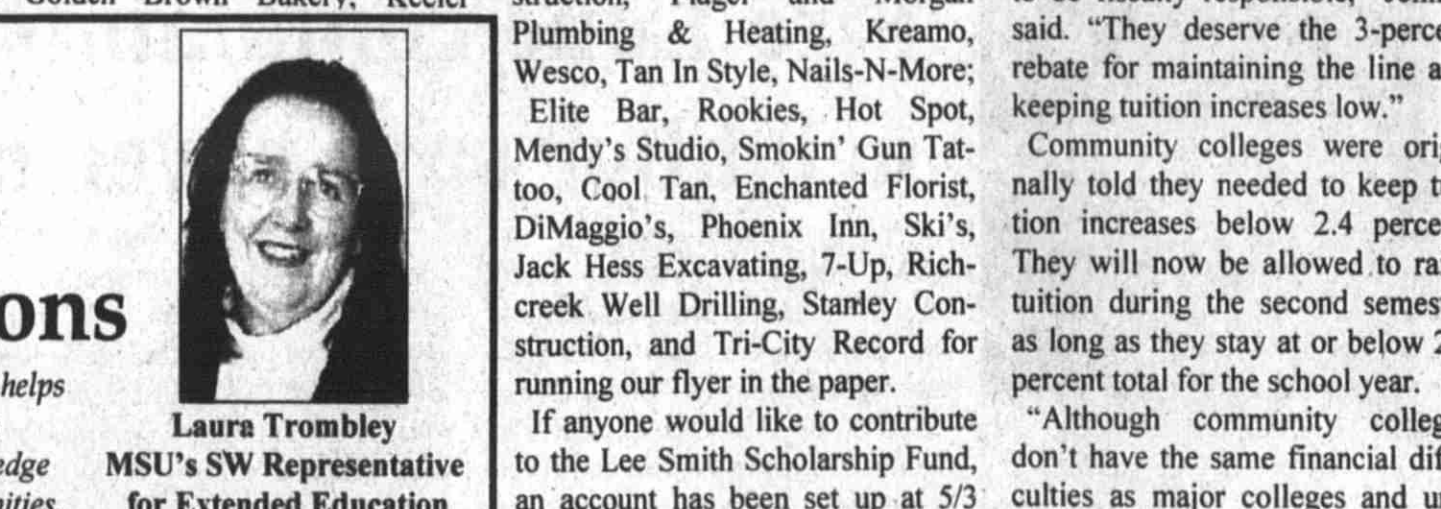


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the first annual Lee Smith Scholarship Motorcycle Run. There were about 25 motorcycles, which helped to raise \$1,630.

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the 88-mile ride.

Also, a big thank you to all the businesses that generously gave a donation of food and prizes: Golden Brown Bakery, Keeler



Laura Trombley MSU's SW Representative for Extended Education

Community colleges to receive funding rebate

Community colleges will receive a 3-percent rebate from the state if they keep their tuition increases during the 2004-2005 school year to 2.8 percent or less under the community college budget passed Thursday, Sept. 9, announced Sen. Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks.

"Our community colleges continue to do an excellent job and continue to be fiscally responsible," Jelinek said. "They deserve the 3-percent rebate for maintaining the line and keeping tuition increases low."

Community colleges were originally told they needed to keep tuition increases below 2.4 percent. They will now be allowed to raise tuition during the second semester as long as they stay at or below 2.8 percent total for the school year.

"Although community colleges don't have the same financial difficulties as major colleges and universities, keeping tuition low is still a burden for them," Jelinek said. "We are allowing them to raise their tuition to meet the growing needs of students and continue to operate efficiently."

The 2.8 percent tuition restraint applies to in-state students only. It does not apply to tuition increases for out-of-state students.

Michelle Edmonds

Karl's Kolumn

By Karl Bayer, Publisher & Editor

THANKS FOR ASKING... The results of my angiogram last week were good... no heart blockage or damage. Dr. Mesiano and Dr. Brooks agree I need a better diet, less cholesterol, and less stress (I take that to mean more fishing). I'll keep you posted. Thanks to the many who took a moment to offer encouragement and prayers... I know it helped.

SEND OLD MEN TO WAR... This bit is compliments of the "other KB" (Ken Bannen). Ken forwarded this from the Internet...

If I could, I'd enlist today and help my country track down those responsible for killing thousands of innocent people in New York City and Washington, D.C.

But, I'm over 60 now and the Armed Forces say I'm too old to track down terrorists. You can't be older than 35 to join the military.

They've got the whole thing backwards. Instead of sending 18-year-olds off to fight, they ought to take us old guys. You shouldn't be able to join until you're at least 35. For starters: Researchers say 18-year-olds think about sex every 10 seconds. Old guys only think about sex a couple of times a day, leaving us more than 28,000 additional seconds per day to concentrate on the enemy.

Young guys haven't lived long enough to be cranky, and a cranky soldier is a dangerous soldier. If we can't kill the enemy, we'll complain them into submission. "My back hurts!"; "I'm hungry!"; "Where's the remote control?"

An 18-year-old hasn't had a legal beer yet and you shouldn't go to war until you're at least old enough to legally drink. An average old guy, on the other hand, has consumed 126,000 gallons of beer by the time he's 35 and a jaunt through the desert heat with a backpack and an M-60 would do wonders for the old beer belly.

An 18-year-old doesn't like to get up before 10 a.m. Old guys get up early every morning to pee. If old guys are captured, we couldn't spill the beans because we'd probably forget where we put them. In fact, name, rank, and serial number would be a real brain teaser.

Boot camp would actually be easier for old guys. We're used to getting screamed and yelled at and we actually like soft food. We've also developed a deep appreciation for guns and rifles. We like them almost better than naps.

They could lighten up on the obstacle course, however. I've been in combat and didn't see a single 20-foot wall with rope hanging over the side, nor did I ever do any pushups after completing basic training. I can hear the Drill Sergeant now, "Get down and give me... er... one."

I've never seen anyone outrun a bullet.

An 18-year-old has the whole world ahead of him. He's still learning to shave, to actually carry on a conversation, and to wear pants without the top of his butt crack showing and his boxer shorts sticking out. He still hasn't figured out that a pierced tongue catches food particles and that a 400-watt speaker in the back seat of a Honda Accord can rupture an eardrum.

All are great reasons to keep our sons at home to learn a little more about life before sending them off to possible death.

Let us old guys track down those dirty rotten cowards who attacked our hearts on September 11. The last thing the enemy would want to see right now is a couple of million old farts with attitudes.

Exchange students add to our cultural experience

By Angela Stair
Being a host to an exchange student from another country might not be for everyone, but for those who do host a student it is an enlightening experience.

Carla Baldwin and her son, Corey, of Hartford have been discussing the possibility of hosting a student for a couple of years now. This year they took the plunge and are enjoying every minute of it.

"We, my son and I, have talked about hosting an exchange student being an exchange student and I thought I would like that."

School is getting better Perovic said. He thinks that by the second semester he should be getting all A's. Perovic said understanding the language better everyday is helping also.

Marcos is from Caracas, Venezuela. He is 18 years old and wants to become a lawyer. When he returns to Venezuela, he will need to spend five years in the university to achieve his goal.



EXCHANGE STUDENTS AT HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL... Marcos Cobos (left) and Vasilije Perovic (right) are seen with their families. Carla and Corey Baldwin. Marcos is from Caracas, Venezuela; and Vasilije is from Niksic, Montenegro.

for some time now," Baldwin said. "I am so glad we are. Our student is Vasilije Perovic from Montenegro and will stay with us until next June. We also are hosting Marcos Cobos from Venezuela for a few weeks, until his family can take him."

"It has been such a pleasure to have them both with us," Baldwin continued. "Corey, my son, has been thrilled to have both young men here. Last week they started bowling in a league and had a great time."

Baldwin said Marcos and Vasilije are having a good influence on their household and are adjusting to life in America.

Vasilije is from Niksic, Montenegro. He is 18 years old and wants to study math and science. He said he plans to become a teacher to work with children and teach them good and useful things. His native language is Serbian, but he is doing very well with his English. He said he also speaks Russian and some Latin.

Perovic lives with his mother and father and has one brother, 23; and a sister, 22. "I became interested in coming to America as an exchange student in elementary school five or six years ago," Perovic said. "My brother brought home a brochure of

events and special outings for the exchange students and any host family members that also wish to attend. Next weekend they have plans to go to Cedar Point and have three buses reserved for the trip.

According to Pipkins, for every bad placing you have 20 good ones. She said sometimes the student is not mature enough to adjust, there are personality differences, or a family finds it isn't comfortable sharing its home with someone else.

"I have taken a student from one home and placed them elsewhere and everything was fine," Pipkins said. "I have also put a different student with a family that thought they could not cope, and that worked out too."

Pipkins said her region covers Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. "I placed 182 students in the three states this year, with 11 in Indiana, 17 in Illinois and 154 in Michigan. Hartford has two students, and Watervliet is hosting four."

The host family provides a bed and food for the student, Pipkins said. The student's parents are responsible for school supplies, entertainment costs, clothes, and any extras the student wants. All students must have a complete physical before they leave their homeland and they must also have their own insurance.

There are a few students that still need to be placed, but more will be available in January. The students that are here now are the ones attending for the whole school year. The January arrivals will attend for one semester and leave in June.

Pipkins said, if anyone wishes more information about hosting an exchange student, she could be reached at (269) 621-0175.

Pauline Pipkins, Regional Director for the International Student Exchange Program, and her husband, George, will be the host family for Cobos. "Because of family illness, we had to find a temporary place for Marcos. Carla and her son, Corey, were kind enough to extend their home for him. We hope to have him here in the next couple of weeks."

"Marcos will be our 30th exchange student," Pipkins said. "We have been doing this for 14 years now and one of our students from last year is coming back to go to college."

Having an exchange student in your home is a wonderful way to meet people from all over the world, Pipkins added. She went on to say that they have a schedule of

Van Buren County Sheriff warns of telephone solicitors

A recent flood of telephone calls to area residents asking for funds to support the Van Buren County Sheriff's Office has Sheriff Dale Gribler issuing this message to citizens:

BEWARE: "If your phone is ringing, it's not the Sheriff's Office calling," said Sheriff Gribler. "These callers are not affiliated with our office nor have we asked anyone to make calls on our behalf."

Questionable tactics by telemarketers claiming to support local law enforcement often involve promises of providing better protection for the community or "fixing" minor violations like speeding or parking tickets.

Sheriff Gribler also warns citizens to be aware of who is calling. "Many times organization names sound familiar enough that citizens

believe they are talking to someone who is legitimate." Additionally, Sheriff Gribler reminds the citizens of Van Buren County that the Michigan Sheriff's Association, his professional organization, NEVER solicits money by telephone from anyone.

If you get one of these calls, stay calm and follow these steps:

- Ask the caller to clearly state who they represent.
- Ask for the caller's name and a number where you can call them back.
- DO NOT send money by any means (courier, overnight delivery, or wire) to anyone who insists he or she receive the money immediately.

For additional information, Sheriff Gribler recommends contacting the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 1-877-765-8388.

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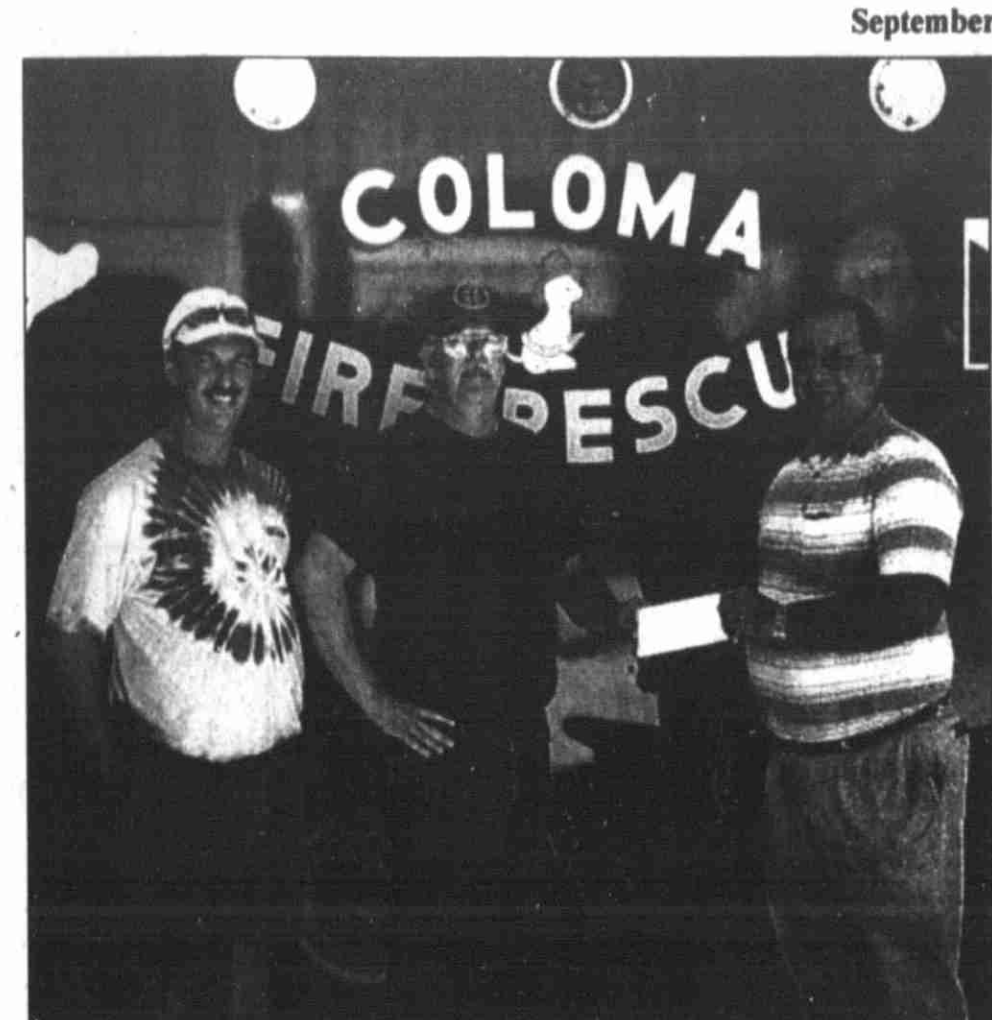
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Central Assembly Church of God donates \$1,100 to Coloma-Hagar Fire Dept.

On Thursday, September 16, Central Assembly Church of God presented a check to the Coloma-Hagar Fire Department for \$1,100 specifically for use with Dive Team equipment and training.

Central Assembly raised the money by hosting a "Pig Roast" on August 28.

Central Assembly Church of God, which is located on Ryno Road in

Coloma, is already beginning to plan next year's "Pig Roast." That money will go toward a still-to-be-selected community organization.

The Coloma-Hagar Fire Department thanks all who were involved and Central Assembly Church of God who hosted this event to help with training and equipment purchases for the department's Dive Rescue Team.

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Friends of Hartford Library sets meeting date of September 27

Friends of the Hartford Library will be meeting Monday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. at Hartford Public Library.

Please plan on joining us!

"Quilt Show" Sept. 25 at Van Buren County Museum

The Van Buren County Historical Society will hold a "Quilt Show" on Saturday, September 25, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Van Buren County Museum.

There will be both antique and new quilts on display for this event. Vendors will be on hand to supply your quilting needs, as well as someone sharpening scissors and doing sewing machine repair.

Food will also be available on the grounds.

There will be an admission fee of \$3 for adults and \$1 for children 12 and under for this event.

Proceeds from this event will help support the Museum.

If you would be interested in displaying a quilt or you have questions, please contact Alice Pugh at (269) 628-2645; Sue Bred at (269) 375-5016 or (269) 271-0025; or Marge Horton at 521-6443.

The Museum is located at 58471 Red Arrow Highway, halfway between Hartford and Lawrence, next to the Van Buren County Fairgrounds.

Tri-City Area History



Rolling Back The Years

Local News and Newsmakers of Days Gone By
As reported in the local newspapers: Coloma Courier,
Hartford Day Spring, and Watervliet Record.

News from the Coloma Courier

100 YEARS AGO - 1904

Mrs. V.R. Foote and Mrs. Sarah Vincent left Coloma Tuesday for a winter sojourn in the land of flowers, sunshine, singing birds and salt sea breezes of the Gulf of Mexico, the former at Wiggins, Mississippi, the latter at Pensacola, Florida.

George W. Grant has been in Keeler Township and vicinity the past week in behalf of the Coloma Nursery Company.

60 YEARS AGO - 1944
Peach crop will run over 2,000

bushels this year. Coloma plant could use many more men and women if crops now ripe are to be saved.

30 YEARS AGO - 1974

Navy Seaman Kenneth L. Williams recently graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Williams of Route 2, Coloma.

Three of the new teachers at Coloma Middle School are Coloma High School graduates. They are Mrs. Pat (Freed) McGee, Mrs. Mary (Krell) Klug, and Randy Kniebes.

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News from the Hartford Day Spring

90 YEARS AGO - 1914

Stoughton Corners: John Coughlin is attending school in Kalamazoo. A.B. Camfield and Fern spent Sunday in the Pinery. Frank Cook is adding some new repairs to their home. Mrs. Fred Allen spent Tuesday with relatives in Benton Harbor. Mrs. Gay is spending an indefinite time with her son. Lewis Lightner is having his buildings repaired. Mr. Pinkerton is doing the work. The stork flew quietly among us last week and left an infant daughter with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hartman. On account of sickness of Miss Smith, our school was closed on Thursday. Miss Kate Carney acted as teacher Friday.

60 YEARS AGO - 1944
Roy Mosher of Mattawan will get his grapes picked this year with the

help of seven of the women's land army members. The girls were secured through Darwin Brown of the emergency farm labor office, Paw Paw. The land army girls come from Detroit and have volunteered to use their vacation from their regular jobs to help harvest the crops in Michigan. Though they are inexperienced in farming they are very willing to learn how to do the job the way the farmer wants it done, said Mr. Brown. The girls have chosen to help the farmer harvest the food crops as their extra home front job.

40 YEARS AGO - 1964
Hartford News Briefly Told: Mrs. Frank Arend and Mrs. Leah Williams recently visited friends and relatives at Baroda. Mr. C.H. Clover is home after spending a week with his daughter and family, Mr. and

Mrs. Clyde Colman, at Berrien Springs. Mr. and Mrs. Primo Capovilla Jr. are the parents of a daughter born Sunday at Community hospital. The baby was named Tammy Lou and weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces. David Sinclair, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sinclair, has entered Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Michigan, as a freshman in electrical engineering. Rush Lake Friendship club will meet today at the home of Mrs. Lois Rogers.

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News from the Watervliet Record

90 YEARS AGO - 1914

R.H. Sherwood has been appointed by Governor Ferris one of the Michigan delegates to attend the National Good Roads Convention at Atlanta, GA.

The announcement of the birth of a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. O.L. Root at Middleville September 1 has been received. The mother was formerly Miss Leta Lepper of Watervliet and the little girl has been named Leta Isabell.

The village and township are attaching the sidewalk to the west Paw Paw River bridge this week.

60 YEARS AGO - 1944
Rev. Fr. R. Vincent (Bob) Myrick, who is serving as a catholic Chaplain with the Air Forces in Italy, has recently been promoted from Captain to Major. Fr. Myrick has

been in the war theatres for 27 months.

Tony Sweeney of the U.S. Marine Corps has recently been promoted to the rank of Tech. Sergeant.

George Spore, veteran of World War I, who served in France in 1917-18, is now undergoing treatment at Hines Memorial hospital, Chicago.

30 YEARS AGO - 1974
A team of four members of the Watervliet Fire Department took first place at the "Fireman's Fun Day" waterball tournament held September 14 at Middleville, Michigan. The four members were J. Whitney, C. Schuh, B. Whitney, and B. Fizzell.

Miss Norma Hatfield, daughter of Mrs. Kathleen Hatfield of Watervliet, and Mr. Ward Hatfield of Iowa, married James Hammond, son

of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Hammond of Hartford.

Miss Cheri Ruess, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ruess, married Frank Robert Mach, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Mach of Benton Harbor.

By the end of September, the Paw Paw Lake area Cable TV will be ready to offer their services to the cities of Watervliet and Coloma and the southern parts of both townships.

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Do you remember The WHS Senior Plays at the old high school?
From the collection of Tri-City Area photographs at the North Berrien Historical Society Museum, 300 Coloma Ave., Coloma 468-3330. Open Wed., Sat., and Sun. 1-4pm and by appointment.

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Memories of
James Z. Byers

Lt. James Z. Byers, USN Ret., has departed this world for new adventures... perhaps either sailing or flying... because he has done both. He was a sailor in the U.S. Navy, and he has been an extraordinarily skilled pilot for many years.

We always assess others' lives through the filter of our own experiences. A man whose face is thrust against the blue panel of a multi-colored sky-scraper would swear the building is blue! But if he could stand back, he could see it in all its multi-colored beauty.

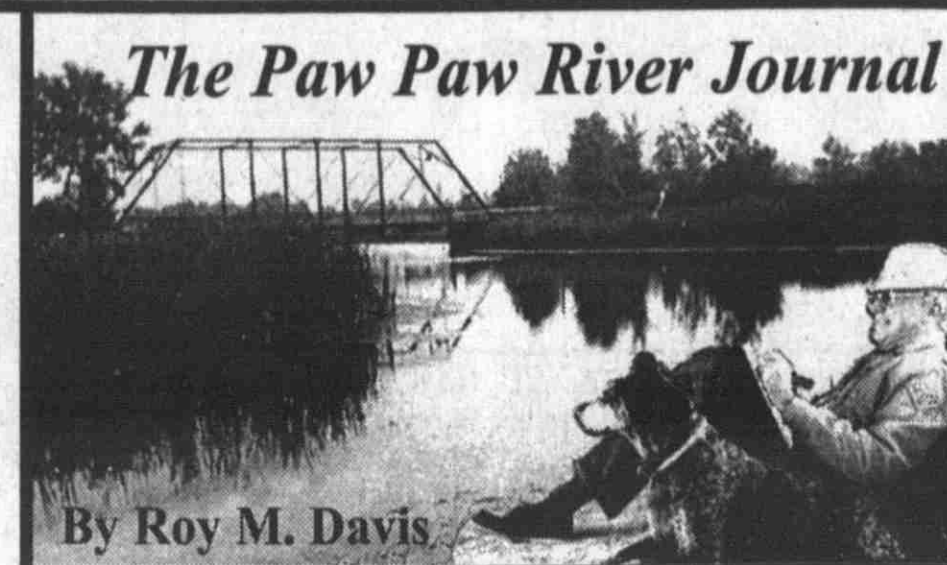
Thus it is with Jim Byers' life. We can see the part we know... but only



Jim Byers, US Navy, circa 1943.

when we talk to others is it apparent how varied were the experiences in his life. Our strangest encounter with one of his friends was on the Mississippi River. Marion and I traveled up that mighty waterway on a Riverboat.

Because I wanted to write about it for my column, I interviewed Captain Dennis Trone up in the wheelhouse. It was straight out of



By Roy M. Davis

Mark Twain's stories! Turned out Captain Trone and Lt. Jim Byers were shipmates in the U.S. Navy. They went through small-boats school together.

Jim was a live wire in high school. He played trumpet in the band and led cheers in the old high school auditorium before a basketball game. Musi-cal? He was a great trumpeter and could also whistle along with the music so skillfully it rivaled Elmo Tanner (if you don't know Big Bands, look him up!).

Bev Pompey Brooks says she first met Jim at one of the Alumni Big Band concerts in Ely Park, introduced to him by Earl Zaleski (sax and clarinet), who also plays in the band. Impressed by his sense of humor, Bev remembers Jim playing a strong trumpet and whistling the song, "Whispering."

Back in the day, when our family was traveling in New England, we stopped to visit Jim. He was remodeling an old house right on the coast of Maine at that time in his life. Our kids were very impressed. Youngest daughter Laurie said, "I couldn't have been very old. But I remember he had such a carefree lifestyle... and his flying!"

I said, "Do you also remember his wild eyebrows... sort of like Andy 'oney'?"

"Yes," she said, "I remember them!"

"Well, he had them to the day he died!"

In other remarks, Lois Latus said, "There is now a void in our 'Concerts in the Park' program. A stroke didn't even slow Jim down; he learned to play the trumpet with his left hand..."

Yes, Lois, one time I asked him about that... he said, "Well, I haven't yet learned to play 'Flight of the Bumblebee' left-handed, but I can play 'Old Folks at Home'!"

Friend Stuart Elder has many memories of Jim's friendship. When they were kids they formed a Roof Climbers' Club and decided to conquer every building in Hartford that could be climbed. They were on the roof of the old Ford Garage, when Constable Hugh Spaulding caught them. Stu recalls that Jim shinned down the back, hid over in Ely Park, and thus was the only one to get away!

Jim and Virginia were visiting Stu and Irene out west one time. While shopping in Ensenada, Jim bought a conch shell. Stu said, "... any brass instrument player can make music on one by blowing into it. An unknown person was blowing one way across the market area where we were shopping. Jim started imitating what he heard, and the two of them kept doing responsive conch shell blowing (I recall some double and triple tonguing) and getting closer to each other until they finally met. Jim got his money's worth out of that conch shell in this one encounter!"

We attended the memorial services for Jim Byers at the First Presbyterian Church in Benton Harbor. Pastor Douglas Peterson was one of Jim's friends of long standing. He gave a marvelous eulogy and asked for friends to do the same. Several people recalled scenes from back in the day. The last hymn, Rev. Peterson asked us to honor Jim's memory by all whistling the last verse of "Just a Closer Walk..." We did it and literally made the rafters rattle.

Somewhere, Jim was smiling... I wouldn't be surprised if right now he is angling for the Angel Gabriel's job... or at least talking his way into playing a duet! Whatever room he occupies in Our Father's Mansion... I'm sure it is a better, happier, sunnier place!

Local author
at Great
Lakes
Antique Mall
September 26

Are you looking for an alphabetical list containing all of the residents over 17 years old that lived in Berrien County in 1899? What about the Cass County Gard family papers from 1815-1878? Do you need the Farm Plat book of Van Buren County for 1958?

Toni Benson's book, "Toni's List: A Bibliographical of Southwest Michigan Local/Family History Resources and Their Repositories," tells you where to find this information plus 3,800 other bibliographical items about Southwest Michigan.

If you'd like to meet Benson or purchase one of her books, which costs \$39.95, she will be at Great Lakes Antique Mall, 210 Ryno Road, in Coloma on Sunday, September 26, from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m.

Her book is arranged first by location, first by county, then by general Michigan reference. Next is the sub-location—a city, village or township. Each listing includes a title, author, publisher, date, and description of items such as paging, illustrations, and format. Most importantly, there will be a number or numbers that indicate(s) where these items are located. Numbers correspond to the 52 libraries in Southwest Michigan.



PLENTY OF RIDERS... Organizers of the first annual Lee Smith Memorial Ride in Watervliet are real pleased with the past weekend's turnout. See the letter on page 2.



NEW MEMBER...Phi Sigma Theta is proud to announce that Laura Somers, daughter of Doug and Norma Somers of Coloma, has recently become a member of Phi Sigma Theta National Honor Society at Western Michigan University.

Phi Sigma Theta is a national honor society dedicated to recognizing and rewarding academic achievement in undergraduates at institutions of higher learning. Congratulations, Laura!

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Say hello to Copper an adorable beagle mix puppy who is now about six months old. Copper and three siblings were found where they had apparently been dumped in the woods. Copper and Dipstick, his brother, were rescued, but the other two pups were too shy of people. Copper is a handsome black and tan fellow who looks a bit like he might also have some dachshund in the mix. He loves people and other dogs—just about anyone who will play with him! If you would like to meet Copper or Dipstick (who looks like a tri-color beagle), please call Bonnie at (269) 923-7751. A \$75 adoption fee will be asked. You can also see Copper and over 100 other foster dogs and cats on Animal www.animalaidsw.org, and Copper may be at the Mostly Dogs Adoption Day at Pet Supplies Plus in Benton Harbor on Sunday, 26 September, from 1-3 pm.

United Way Kickoff Sept. 23
in Van Buren County

Van Buren County United Way announces the 2004 Campaign Kickoff September 23. The campaign runs through November 15, with community partners made up of business, industry, professional offices, retail establishments and organizations collectively joining together to invest in their communities through the United Way. Van Buren County United Way supports 34 programs through the funds raised by the community partners.

Results matter. "Knowing mom was comfortable, pain free, and allowed to die peacefully at home in a loving environment makes it easier on all of us as we remember her" was the comment from a son about Hospice.

"I appreciate the caseworker's quick response to the house fire that destroyed our family's home in June. The Red Cross provided us with food and clothing and our farm employer found us temporary housing" was the grateful thanks from a

fire victim.

"What matters most is that United Way focuses on priorities," says Greta Williams, Executive Director of Van Buren County United Way. "The priority is improving the quality of life for people in Van Buren County. Together, we can get results that none of us can accomplish alone."

Last year, VBCUW exceeded its goal of \$450,000.

The 2004 goal will be announced at the Campaign Kickoff.

Van Buren County United Way kicks off its campaign on Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Lawrence Conference Center in Lawrence. United Way invites community members to attend the Campaign Kickoff Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. Community members are asked R.S.V.P. if they are coming by calling (269) 657-2410.

Together, the people of Van Buren County will help each other and in the process make an impact that matters.

Washington Elementary School
landscaping project completed
by church volunteers

"I think it looks great," said Washington Elementary School Principal William Dygert, regarding the landscaping job done by Midway Baptist Church in front of the building.

Involved in the project were MBC Facilities and Property Planning Team members Julie Bartholomew, Libby DeRosa, Walt Army, Jerry Rush, Ken Biastock, Steve Mitchell, Howard Fish and Pastor Mark Cowell.

Dygert said he got a call from Libby DeRosa, who serves on the Coloma School Board, stating there was a group that wanted to do some community service and asking if he had any ideas. Recognizing the front grown and dead pine trees, he suggested they do some landscaping of the school as a focal point that was sporting three or four over-

there. He contacted Robin Kniebes, owner of Grapevine Nursery, who volunteered to draw up plans and donate plants for the new design.

"We wanted to put in a special thanks for Grapevine," Dygert said. According to Pastor Mark Cowell, it took team members the afternoon and evening of September 9 to do the work, plus an extra trip back to install a soaker hose.

"We've had a lot of positive comments," said Dygert.

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS...Zane Lute and Andrea Hook join Principal William Dygert in showing off the landscaping done in front of the building by Midway Baptist Church and Grapevine Nursery.

(Noel Carlson photo)

New Hartford City
Commissioner resigns

By Angela Stair
Hartford City Manager Yemi Akinwale informed the Commission at its Monday night workshop on September 20 that Jeff Walls, the newly appointed Commissioner, submitted his resignation.

Manager Akinwale said Walls had submitted his resignation on September 13. Walls said in his letter that he had been accepted into the seminary and would pursue his life-long dream of becoming a priest.

Walls said he did not think he would be accepted into the seminary and had begun to build his career working for the public in the political arena. When he was notified that he had been accepted, there was no doubt in his mind which life he would choose.

Akinwale said they wish him luck in his chosen career. The Commission will accept his resignation at the regular meeting on September 27. They will also decide if they want to appoint a replacement or just wait for the election in November. Akinwale said they have a 60-day window to do something about the seat, and the election would fall within the 60 days.

Walls had been appointed by the Commission at its July 26 meeting to fill the seat left vacant by former Commissioner Mike Banic. The term is due to expire in November.

A public hearing was held at 7:30 p.m. prior to the workshop meeting, on the resolution made last month to make 14 East Street an Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District.

Manager Akinwale said Connie Sanborn and Bonnie Robinson have gotten a building permit for \$40,000 of improvements to the property to make it usable for a childcare center. He said this is the amount they would be granted a tax break on.

Akinwale said they plan to work on the plumbing, heating, and air conditioning; new playground equipment; a new fence to protect the children when outside; and they planned to re-side the building.

The childcare center will generate six full-time jobs and the building would have a new and functional use. This would qualify for the forming of the Obsolete Property Rehabilitation District. Akinwale said their planned date for completion of the work is November 5, 2004.



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Watervliet Public Schools District Calendar

Thursday, September 23: HIGH SCHOOL—Golf at Fennville, 4:30 p.m.; JV/Varsity Basketball at DeWitt, 5:30 p.m.; JV Football at Home w/Decatur, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 24: HIGH SCHOOL—Varsity Football at Decatur, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 25: HIGH SCHOOL—Golf Invitational at DeWitt, 10:00 a.m.; Band at Otsego Arching Invitational, TBA; ACT Testing (Contact Mrs. Maack); Homecoming Events—Window Decorating and Judging, 6:00 p.m.; Snake Dance (from old Judd Lumber site), 7:10 p.m.; Community Pep Rally at Panther Stadium, 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 27: MIDDLE SCHOOL—Basketball at Decatur, 5:00 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL—Athletic Boosters Meeting, Cafeteria, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 28: HIGH SCHOOL—Golf Jamboree at Home, 4:30 p.m.; JV/Varsity Basketball at Home w/Martin, 5:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 29: MIDDLE SCHOOL—7th Grade Football at Gobles, 5:00 p.m.; 8th Grade Football at Home w/Lawton, 5:00 p.m.; Basketball at Lawrence, 5:00 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 30: HIGH SCHOOL—JV/Varsity Basketball at Home w/Lawrence, 5:30 p.m.; JV Football at Lawrence, 6:30 p.m.; Golf Conference at Cheshire Hills, TBA.

Friday, October 1: SOUTH SCHOOL—Progress Notes Sent Home. HIGH SCHOOL—Homecoming Parade, 5:00 p.m.; Varsity Football at Home (Homecoming) w/Lawton, 7:00 p.m.; Homecoming Dance, 9:30 p.m.—12:00 Midnight.

Saturday, Oct. 2: HIGH SCHOOL—Band Competition at Hudsonville, TBA.

News from the bookshelves of Watervliet District Library

STORY HOUR
Watervliet District Library's Story Hour program will begin the first week in October and run through the end of April 2005. The program is for 3-, 4- and 5-year-olds not yet enrolled in kindergarten.

We will meet Wednesday, 10:30-11:30 a.m.; and Thursday, 1:00-2:00 p.m. There will be stories, songs, games, crafts, and treats. This year's theme is "The Alphabet," with a different letter each week.

Registration will be appreciated but is not necessary to attend Story Hour.

"Art Hop and Shop" Sept. 24

Visit numerous local and regional artists at shops and galleries throughout downtown St. Joseph and the Benton Harbor Arts District during the "Art Hop and Shop" event set for Friday, September 24, from 5-9 p.m.

Galleries and shops throughout the Benton Harbor Arts District and downtown St. Joseph will be open and welcoming the public with top quality art, merchandise, refreshments, and in some instances, live musical entertainment. People will have the opportunity to meet with artists who will be showcasing their art at various shops and galleries.

There is no charge for the Art Hop and Shop event, which includes free continuous trolley service sponsored by New Territory for the Arts Association along the gallery route the entire four hours.

For additional information about St. Joseph Today's Art Hop and Shop, call St. Joseph Today at (269) 985-1111.

FAST CALL FOR COMPUTER CLASSES
This is the last call for computer classes at the library. During October, classes are being offered. Those being considered are Basic Computer, Basic Internet, and Introduction to Microsoft Word.

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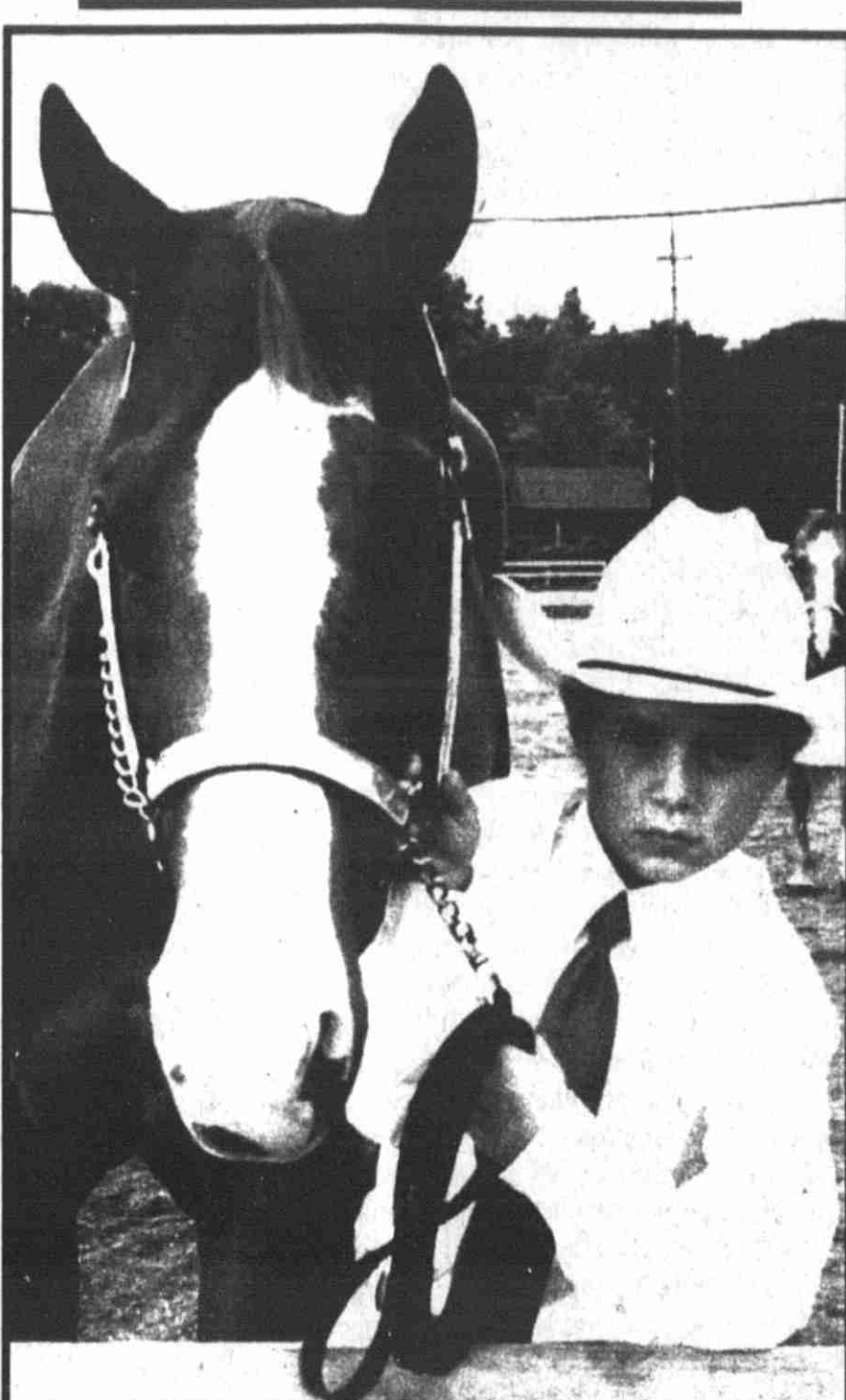
NEW BOARD MEMBER
Welcome to our new board member, Patricia Geisler. Patricia's parents, Richard and Mary Woodruff, also served on the Library Board.

COMMUNITY ROOM RENTAL
Watervliet District Library has a community room available for parties, showers, meetings, etc. There is a \$30 fee with an additional \$20 cleaning deposit, which is refundable. Call for more information and availability.

NEW BOOKS THIS WEEK
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"Kute Kids"...



THIS "KUTE KID"...is 7-year-old Michael Romeo, the son of Dave and Lori Romeo. Michael and his horse, Sonny's Gunsmoke, took Reserve Grand Champion Overall Walk Trot Horse and Rider at this year's Berrien County Youth Fair in Berrien Springs. Michael is a second-grader at Washington Elementary School in Coloma. He and "Max" placed first in Halter, first in English Pleasure, third in English Hunt Seat Equitation, second in Western Equitation and third in Western Pleasure, all in the Walk Trot Horse category. The team then placed Reserve Grand Champion in Walk Trot Horses.

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

Where's yours?

News from Lake Michigan Catholic Schools

Lake Michigan Catholic Schools will be closed on Friday, September 24, for teachers in-service.

Lake Michigan Catholic's Homecoming has been set for Tuesday, November 4, and will be celebrated at the girls basketball game that night.

A new game has been added for the Middle School girls basketball team. On Thursday, Sept. 23, the

Chapel Hill Arts & Crafts Show October 2

The 25th anniversary of the Chapel Hill Arts & Crafts Show will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, October 2, at the Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds in Berrien Springs.

There will be over 260 exhibitors, plus food, a bake sale and hourly drawings for free cash. Admission charge will be \$1.

LOMA MOVIE GUIDE

WITHOUT A PADDLE — (Held Over!) Comedy starring Seth Green and Burt Reynolds. Three young guys head into the Oregon wilderness in search of lost treasure where everything that can go wrong does. ("PG-13")

NAPOLEON DYNAMITE — From Preston, Idaho, comes Napoleon Dynamite (Jon Heder), a new kind of hero complete with a tight red 'fro, some sweet moon boots, and skills that can't be topped. Napoleon lives with his grandma (Sandy Martin) and 30-year-old unemployed brother Kip (Aaron Ruel), who spends his days looking for love in Internet chat rooms. When Grandma hits the road on her quad runner, Napoleon and Kip's meddling Uncle Rico (Jon Gries) comes to town to stay with them and ruin their lives. ("PG")

RESIDENT EVIL — ("R")

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Resident Evil (R)	
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Community Calendar

Sponsored as a community service by Orchard Hill Sanitary Landfill
Send Community Calendar listings to: Tri-City Record, P.O. Box 7, Watervliet, MI 49098; Fax to (616) 463-8329; or e-mail to news@tricityrecord.com. Listings must be renewed weekly; the listing deadline for next week's paper is noon on Monday.

Wednesdays 10:30-11:30 a.m. & Thursdays 1-2 p.m., "STORY HOUR" with stories, songs, games crafts & treats for 3-, 4- & 5-year-olds, Watervliet District Library. Call the library at 463-6382 for information.

Wednesdays & Sundays of Sept., 1:00-4:00 p.m., "THE HISTORY OF 23 EARLY SCHOOLS OF NORTH BERRIEN COUNTY" display at Museum, sponsored by North Berrien Historical Society, across from CHS. Call 468-3330 for info.

Sundays, 6:30-8:30 p.m., "TRI CITY SKATE PARK FUND-RAISER DANCES" for 12-15 year-olds, at Demars, Watervliet. Cost is \$5; plus, soda & snacks are available for sale. Chaperones are needed. Call Cars at 463-8345.

Sunday, Sept. 26, noon-4 p.m., "LOCAL AUTHOR TONI BENSON AT GREAT LAKES ANTIQUE MALL," 210 Ryno Road, Coloma. Come and meet her and/or purchase one of her books on genealogy.

Now through Friday, Nov. 5, 12:00 noon, "FALL VIDEO SERIES" at Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph. Bring a lunch; coffee will be served. Call the Education Dept. at (269) 983-0271 for more information; or go to www.krasl.org. Krasl is barrier-free.

Friday, Sept. 24, "PORTA-PIT CHICKEN DINNER," Coloma Athletic Boosters fund-raiser, preceding the Homecoming football game.

Friday, Sept. 24, 5:30 p.m., "HARTFORD HOMEcoming PARADE" through downtown to HHS; Athletic Boosters "Hot Dog & Brat Tent" at the football field until halftime of football game; Homecoming dance at 9:00 until midnight in HHS cafeteria.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., "VAN BUREN COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY QUILT SHOW," VB County Museum, 58471 Red Arrow Hwy., halfway between Hartford & Lawrence, next to fairgrounds. Admission of \$3 for adults/\$1 for children 12 & under. Food will be available. If you have questions, please call Alice at (269) 626-2645. Sue at (269) 375-5016 or 271-0025, or Marge at 521-6443.

Saturday, Sept. 25, 8-9 p.m., "BENEFIT COOKOUT FOR RANDY WATSON FAMILY," Coloma Lions Community Building, Lions Park, Coloma. Adults \$5; children 10 & under \$3. Tickets will be available at the door.

Saturday, Sept. 25, "WATERVLIET HIGH SCHOOL HOMEcoming FESTIVITIES BEGIN," downtown window decorating from 6-7 p.m.; snake dance at 7:10 from Judd Lumber site to Panther Stadium for community pep rally, crowning of Prince & Princess, Mini-Olympics, and introduction of fall sports participants. Search is on for volunteer community members to compete against the students in the Mini-Olympics; call Gale at 463-2005 for more information. Homecoming game is October 1; crowning of King & Queen at halftime of the football game.

Monday, Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m., "WATERVLIET ATHLETIC BOOSTERS MEETING," HHS cafeteria. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Monday, Sept. 27, 6:30 p.m., "FRIENDS OF THE HARTFORD LIBRARY," at Hartford Public Library.

Monday, Sept. 27, 7:00 p.m., "VAN BUREN REGIONAL GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING," with speaker Dr. Halseh demonstrating online computer services for genealogists, at Webster Memorial Library, Decatur.

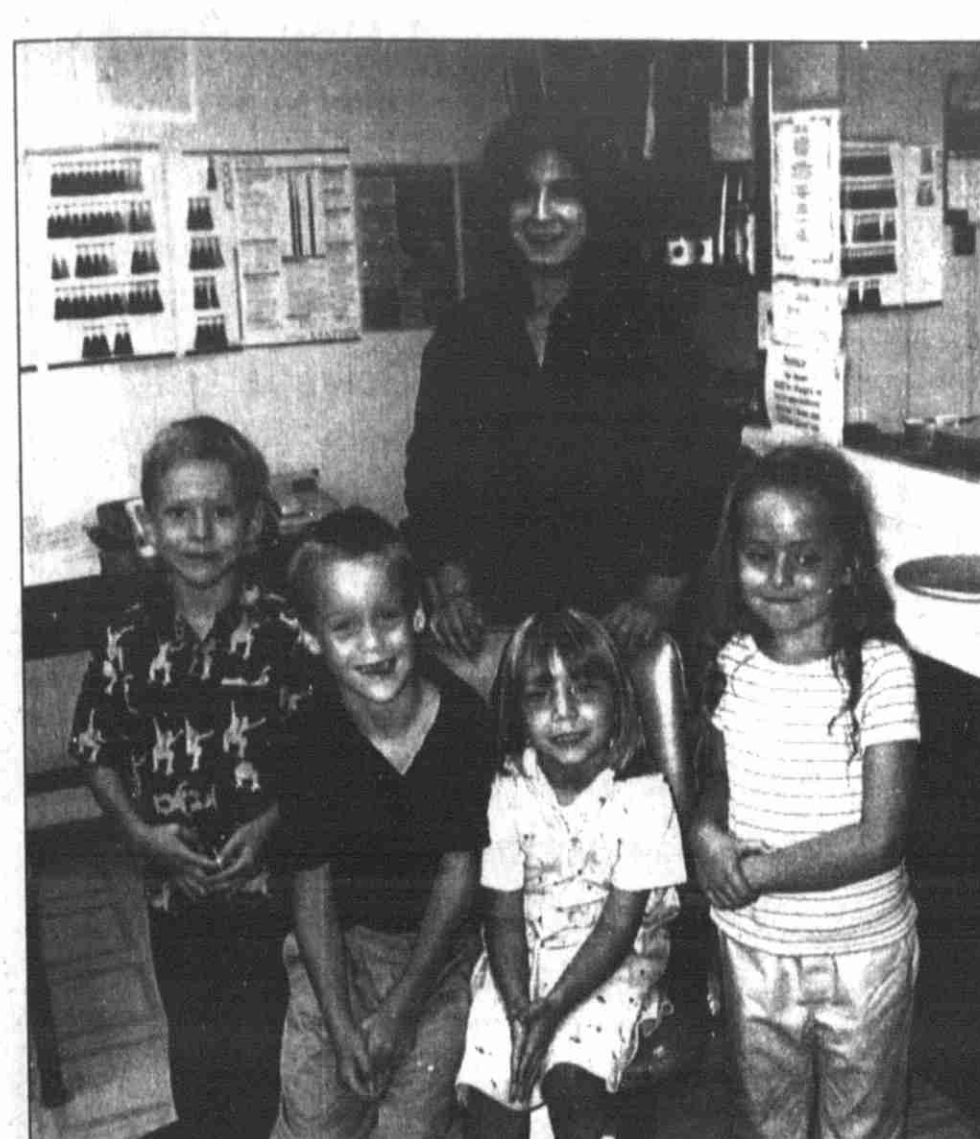
Tuesday, Sept. 28, 6 p.m. dinner & short business meeting, "NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF RETIRED FEDERAL EMPLOYEES SW MICHIGAN CHAPTER #572," at Empire Buffet, 2630 M-35, Benton Harbor. For info or a ride, call R. Peterson at (269) 428-0667.

Saturday, Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., "BUILDING FUND-RAISER FOR FIRST GENERAL BAPTIST CHURCH OF COLOMA," with rummage, bake sale, children's games, tool sale, auction, food & fun, at County Cove, 3373 West Thar Rd. (corner of Riverside & Thar Rd.), Riverside.

Saturday, Oct. 2, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., "CHAPEL HILL ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW," sponsored by Chapel Hill United Methodist Church, Berrien County Youth Fairgrounds, Berrien Springs. Admission fee is \$1. Please enter fairgrounds from Old U.S. 31 or Shawnee Road.

Wednesdays, Oct. 6-13-20-27, 6:30-7:30 p.m., "WRITER'S WORKSHOP," by Ami Hendrickson, Coloma Library Reading Room. Call 468-3217 to register or for more information. One-hour sessions run for four weeks; free & open to public; seating is limited.

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THE KINDERGARTEN CLASS OF GRACE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL...in Watervliet visited Kathy Rothrock's Hair Care Studio in Coloma for its first Community Helpers field trip. The students had fun riding and pumping up her special chair, sitting under a hair dryer, and fitting their necks into the special sink for hair washing. Pictured are Kathy Rothrock with (from the left) Mitchel Grier, Shawn Newton, Chrystal Kendrick, and Isis Carpenter.

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and boys didn't intermingle much. Lillian also remembers that growing up in her household they never missed Sunday school. "That was a must," she said.

Before marrying at age 23, she did housework for different families and worked in a dime store. Then, she worked many years at Cary Flower Shop in Benton Harbor and St. Joseph.

When her marriage ended in divorce, she worked for 30 years at Williams Brothers Box Factory in St. Joseph where she retired at 69 as a "floor lady" (now known as supervisor). Lillian loves to tell people that her occupation during that time was a "stripper." A stripper at a box factory attached decorative strips around boxes, anything from little tiny ring boxes to big bathtubs.

At 100, life has slowed down for Lillian. She begins and ends each day with devotions. She doesn't watch much television but finds enjoyment sitting and watching the many birds and squirrels that feed outside her living-room windows.

Lillian has been blessed with a loving family that will be celebrating this monumental 100th birthday with her. Besides her two children, she also has 12 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and 12 great-great-grandchildren.

This program will also interest

Investing in Your Future

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These Investment Moves Can Help Fight Inflation

Not too long ago, inflation was low enough to spur concerns about the possible effects of deflation. But that was then - and this is now. Today, we're seeing signs that inflation may be picking up. As a consumer, you can adapt your purchasing habits to cope with higher prices - but, as an investor, how should you respond to inflation?

For starters, don't get too alarmed - we aren't anywhere near the inflationary levels we saw in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Nonetheless, even a gradual increase in inflation may be enough for you to consider making some investment moves. Your fixed-income investments, such as bonds and certificates of deposit, are particularly vulnerable to higher inflation. Consequently, you may need to consider investments that offer rising income.

Where can you find such investments? Start by looking at stocks that may pay dividends - particularly those high-quality stocks that increase their dividend payouts, year after year. Of course, companies that have historically paid - and increased - their dividends may not always do so, but those businesses with good track records of paying dividends are typically well-run firms, capable of adjusting to different market environments and determined to reward their investors.

Furthermore, from a tax standpoint, it's a good time to invest in dividend-paying stocks. If you're in a tax bracket of 25 percent or higher, you'll only have to pay 15 percent for most types of domestic stock dividends you receive. Before tax laws were

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granddaughter, Marie, preceded him in death.

ALICE DARLENE WAGNER
Alice Darlene Wagner, 77, of Keeler passed away from her life on earth to eternity in heaven on Tuesday, Sept. 14, 2004, at her home. Alice was born on Sept. 10, 1927, in Nevada, Iowa, the daughter of James and Eva (Morgan) Coffin, both of whom preceded her in death.

The family greeted friends from 6 to 8 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 17, at Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford. A service to honor her memory was held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 18, at Glenwood Seventh-Day Adventist Church. Pastor James Coffin officiated the service. Burial followed in Keeler Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the ADRA. Alice is survived by her husband, John, whom she married on Sept. 3, 1947; two sons - Jerry (Rita) Wagner of Hudson, N.Y., and Ron Wagner of Watervliet; daughter, Kathy (David) Hill of Keeler; 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; sister, Margaret Meeker of Arkansas; and a sister-in-law, Mildred Coffin of Colorado. Besides her parents, two brothers, Nate and Carlos Coffin; and a sister, Rita McClaughlin, preceded Alice in death.

Meeting of Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society is Sept. 27

Dr. Halseh, retired professor from Western Michigan University, will be the presenter at the September 27 meeting of the Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Webster Memorial Library in Decatur.

Dr. Halseh will present a computer demonstration to acquaint people with online resources from the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS). Patrons may access these databases at Van Buren District Library, which holds an Institutional Membership in NEHGS.

More than 90 million names are included in 2,000 searchable databases, which include: The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1847-1994; The Great Migration Begins; Immigrants to New England, 1620-1633; and Massachusetts Vital Records to 1850.

Other databases contain names from church records, cemeteries, family genealogies, probate records, vital records, military records, etc. Please write the information about your New England ancestor on a 3x5 card, or other paper, to give to the presenter.

This program will also interest

Six candidates are finalists for Berrien County Administrator position

The Steering Selection Committee of the Berrien County Board of Commissioners has selected six finalists for the County Administrator position. Mike Henry, who will be retiring after 16 years of service to the County, will vacate the position at the end of the year.

The committee met last Friday to review the application packets provided by 36 individuals. From that, they selected the six finalists. The committee is made up of commissioners Robert Wooley, Chairman; Andrew Vavra; Richard Bartz; Debra Panozzo; Jim Converse; and Jeanette Lealey.

The finalists will be interviewed on October 11 by an employee interview panel and then on October 12 by the Board of Commissioners. On the evening of October 11, a public "meet and greet" will be held as well to give interested residents an opportunity to meet each of the finalists. The location of this event has yet to be determined.

Among the finalists are local residents and current County employees Randy Rood, Parks and Recreation Director; and Bill Wolf, Treasurer.

Rood, a St. Joseph resident, has worked for Berrien County for 27 years. He has been the Director of Parks and Recreation since 1984. Since 1998, he has also been the Special Projects Officer, coordinating the development and implementation of a program addressing building and ground improvements.

Rood started at the County in 1977 as a Park Planner. He had just graduated from Grand Valley State University with a bachelor's degree in environmental science. He obtained his master's degree in public administration in 1989.

Wolf resides in Stevensville and has been Berrien County Treasurer since 1997. He has a bachelor's degree from the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, New York; and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Chicago. He served as Mayor of Benton Harbor from 1988 until 1991 and was a Commissioner at large from 1986 until 1987. He has also held a position as a sales manager at Wolf's Marine in Benton Harbor and owned his own business, Wolf's Annex, in Benton Harbor.

Steven Lux resides in Chicago, Illinois; and has been Managing Deputy Controller for the City of Chicago since January of 2003. He has a bachelor's degree in accounting from the University of Illinois. Previous positions include Deputy Controller for the City of Chicago and Audit Senior and then Audit Manager for Deloitte & Touche. Douglas Cultra of Mattawan holds a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University. Since 1995, he has been Chief Administrative Officer/Owner of Brookside Mortgage Corporation in Kalamazoo. Cultra was the County Administrator of Van Buren County from 1987-1994. He was Director of Administrative Services for Lapeer County for three years and has served in management positions for Glendale Heights, Brookfield, and Downers Grove, Illinois.

Darnell Earley resides in Lansing. He served as City Administrator for Flint for three years and is currently contracted as a temporary Deputy City Manager for the City of Saginaw. He has a bachelor's degree from Grand Valley State University and a master's degree in public administration from Western Michigan University. His previous experience includes Deputy County Controller for Administrative Service and Budget for Ingham County and Director of Research and Public Policy Staff for the Michigan House of Representatives.

Daniel Skiver has been the County Administrator for the County of Gratiot since 1999. He is responsible for a \$30 million dollar budget and administration of 170 County employees. His previous experience is with the County of Saginaw as Purchasing/Risk Manager and as Management Assistant for the Controller's Office. He holds a master's degree in public administration and resides in Alma.

The County Administrator position reports to the 13-member Berrien County Board of Commissioners. This person is responsible for providing administrative leadership and policy guidance to a staff of 722. The Administrator serves as the chief administrative, financial, personnel and operational officer of the County. The County has a general fund budget of \$42 million and a special fund budget of \$38 million.

The Board will announce its decision at its regular Board meeting on Thursday, October 21, at the Administration Center, St. Joseph.

A.L. Stagg Birthing Center arrivals announced
The A.L. Stagg Birthing Center at Community Hospital Watervliet is pleased to announce the following births:

A son was born at 10:33 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, to Lydia Punak of Hartford. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

A daughter was born at 10:34 p.m. Wednesday, September 15, 2004, to Irene Riley and Ryan Imler of Watervliet. She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

A son was born at 12:58 a.m. on Friday, September 17, 2004, to Mary McCallister of Watervliet. He weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

A daughter was born at 8:28 a.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2004, to Josephine and Brian Morrow of St. Joseph. She weighed 8 pounds.

A son was born at 8:28 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 2004, to Angie and Faustino Gutierrez of Benton Harbor. He weighed 10 pounds, 8 ounces.

Congratulations to these new arrivals and their families.

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(TFN-TCR)

ROUTE DRIVERS WANTED
THE HERALD-PALLADIUM is taking phone applications for motor routes in the Hartford/Lawrence area and the Paw Paw/Decatur area. Must have a clean driving record. Contact Tim Bush at 1-800-356-4262, extension 361.
(9/16 & 9/23/04-TCR)

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(9/16 & 9/23/04-TCR)

LIEN SALE
MODERN MINI STORAGE—60401 C.R. 687, Hartford, MI, will have lien sales on the following units on Sept. 24, 2004:
Unit #27 - Donald Summers
Unit #100 - Merlin, Jan Casey
Unit #122 - Christy Harper
Unit #124 - Linda Springer
Unit #167 - Brenda Cockrun
Unit #191 and #194 - Richard Trogdon.
(9/23/04-TCR)

LIEN SALE
The following units have been taken under possession by Sparkle U-Store-It for lack of payment. These units will be auctioned on October 7, 2004 if the tenant fails to claim unit:
Unit 103 - Sheila Powell, Benton Harbor, MI
Unit 209 - Daryl McClinton, Benton Harbor, MI
Unit 289 - Linda Fleming, Benton Harbor, MI
Unit 344 - Lakeisha Smith, Benton Harbor, MI
Unit 69 - Candy Johnson, Benton Harbor, MI
Unit 155 - Ebony Williams, Milwaukee, WI
Unit 21 - Denita Caughn, Benton Harbor, MI
Unit 321 - Michael Cleveland, St. Joe, MI
Unit 353 - Steven Dean, Benton Harbor, MI
Unit 71 - Larry Smith, Stevensville, MI
Unit 181 - Duane Conrick, Benton Harbor, MI
Unit 211 - Larry Jones, Benton Harbor, MI
Unit 322 - Ernest Wake, Stevensville, MI
Unit 39 - Sherina Brown, Benton Harbor, MI
Unit 81 - Frederick Reed, Benton Harbor, MI
(9/23/04-TCR)

FREE PUPPIES
Six (6) - 10 wk. old Rottweiler mix puppies. Call 449-1848. Very cute, must see!
(9/23/04-TCR)

GARAGE SALE
Sept. 23, 24, 25, 9-5. 157 Strand, Coloma. Wood spindles, tables, mini trampoline, treadmill, canopy cover, paint-craft boxes, big mens & small ladies clothes and misc. items.
(9/23/04-TCR)

LIEN SALE
Modern Mini Storage, 60401 CR 687, Hartford, MI will have lien sales on the following units on Oct. 7, 2004:
Unit #158 - Sharon Ferrell
Unit #34 - Robert Cox
Unit #60 - Keith Long
(9/23/04-TCR)

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CITY OF WATERVLIET PUBLIC NOTICE

The City of Watervliet is notifying residents that the first notice of close of registration for the November general election is September 24, 2004. To register before this date, you may do so at Watervliet City Hall between the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

City Clerk
Olive Grady

CITY OF HARTFORD PUBLIC NOTICE PART 1 ADVERTISEMENT FOR BID

The City of Hartford will receive sealed bids for the Municipal Parking Lot Improvements Project until 10:00 a.m., local time on the 6th day of October, 2004, at the City of Hartford, 19 West Main Street, Hartford, MI 49057 at which time and place all bids will be opened and read aloud.

The work for which bids are being received includes:
1. L.S. Mobilization, Max. \$3,000.00; 1. L.S. Traffic Maintenance Control; 1. L.S. Clearing; 210 LFT Fence, Remove; 1 EA Drainage Structure, Remove; 115 SYD Sidewalk, Remove; 130 FT Curb and Gutter, Remove; 1,660 SYD Pavt, Rem, Modified; 10 CYD Concrete and Masonry Structures, Remove; 100 CYD Subgrade Undercutting, Type II; 1 EA Drainage Structure Cover, Adjust Case 1; 1 EA Drainage Structure, 2' Diameter; 1 EA Drainage Structure, 4' Diameter; 850 LBS Drainage Structure Cover; 105 FT Sewer, CL C76-IV, 12", T.D.B.; 1 L.S. Machine Grading, Modified; 440 LFT Concrete Curb and Gutter, Detail C4; 95 LFT Driveway Opening, Detail M; 1,800 SYD Sidewalk, Concrete, 6"; 65 SYD Driveway Approach, Conc, 6"; 1,900 SYD Aggregate Base, 8"; 175 TON HMA, 13A; 175 TON HMA, 36A; 1 L.S. Pavement Markings; 2 EA Handicap Sign; 1 L.S. Mulching, Modified; and all other appearances as described in the specifications.

The Contract Documents including plans and specifications may be obtained at the office of the ENGINEER, Wightman & Associates, Inc., 2303 Pipestone Road, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, (269) 927-0100, at a non-refundable cost of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) for each set of documents so obtained. An additional cost of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) will be charged for bid sets requiring shipping and handling. Additional sets may be obtained at a non-refundable cost of Ten Dollars (\$10.00). Neither the OWNER nor the ENGINEER will be responsible for partial sets of documents obtained from any other source. The Advertisement for bids, Plan Holder's List, Addenda, and the Bid Tabulation will be posted to the Wightman & Associates Web Page at www.wightman-assoc.com/bidinfo/bidinfo.html.

The OWNER reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities in bidding. A certified check or bank draft drawn on a solvent bank in the State of Michigan payable without condition to the OWNER or a satisfactory bid bond executed by the bidder and a surety company, in an amount equal to 5 percent of the bid shall be submitted with each bid.

No bids may be withdrawn after the scheduled closing time for receipt of bids for at least thirty (30) days. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a satisfactory Performance and Labor and Materials Bond in the amount of 100 percent of the Contract price. Bond forms are included in the Contract Documents.

This project is being funded in part through a grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation-Community Development Block Grant. The CONTRACTOR shall comply with all requirements of this granting agency.

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The bidder's attention is called to the "Notice of Requirement for Affirmative Action to Insure Equal Employment Opportunity" (Executive Order #11246), contained in the bid documents,

which sets forth, in part, goals and timetables for the employment of women and minorities in the project area. CONTRACTOR's must apply every "good faith effort" to see that minorities and women comprise a portion of each construction trade on this project and to the maximum extent feasible, lower income persons are given employment opportunities and businesses located in the community are given contracting opportunities on this project.

CONTRACTOR's and subcontractors are required to pay not less than the prevailing rates established by the U.S. Department of Labor which are included in the project specifications. Information explaining other prevailing wage laws which apply to this work are also contained in the project specifications. CONTRACTOR must comply with the Davis Bacon Act, July 2, 1964 (Title 40S276A), the Equal Employment Opportunity Act, September 28, 1965, No. 11246, all United States Department of Labor Regulations and Standards Title 29, 1, 2, 5 and Title 18 U.S.C. Section 874 known as "Anti-Kickback Act", and the Federal Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970.

CITY OF HARTFORD
Roxann Isbrecht, Clerk
(9-23-04-TCR)

HARTFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Township of Hartford is notifying residents that the first notice of close of registration for the November general election is September 24, 2004.

Respectfully submitted
Helen Mayhak
(9-23-04-TCR)

HARTFORD TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Township of Hartford is notifying residents that the last day to register for the November 2, 2004 election is October 4, 2004.

Respectfully submitted
Helen Mayhak
(9-23-04-TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE HARTFORD TOWNSHIP MEETING MINUTES SEPTEMBER 9, 2004

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Shaffer, Mayhak, Nilson, Dowd present. Absent Martin Deputy Sheriff Mike Ferguson, and Township Residents.
Sharon Vargo gave the complete audit for Fiscal year ending March 31, 2004.

Motion by Dowd, supported by Nilson to accept the minutes of August 1, 2004 as corrected. Motion carried.
Motion by Mayhak supported by Nilson to pay bills in the amount of \$24,476.04. Motion carried.
6712 Street will be paved this fall. Planning Commission and liquor Report be placed on file.

April the 1st 2004 is the Township fiscal year. The Deputy Treasurer and Deputy Clerk if need extra money a motion by previous Board meeting may be issued another. \$20,000.00. Motion by Dowd, supported by Nilson. There were two bids for the Toro Mower the Boards did not accept either bid. They decided to wait until next year to sell the tractor. Motion carried.
Motion by Nilson, supported by Mayhak to purchase a copy machine for \$950.00. Motion carried.

Motion by Dowd supported by Nilson. To have full service maintenance agreement for \$180.00. Motion carried.
The board will change the assessing software from "Sams" to "Equalizer." Motion by Dowd, supported by Nilson. To adjourn. Motion carried. Adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted
By Helen Mayhak
Hartford Township Clerk
(9-23-04-TCR)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Township of Bainbridge County of Berrien

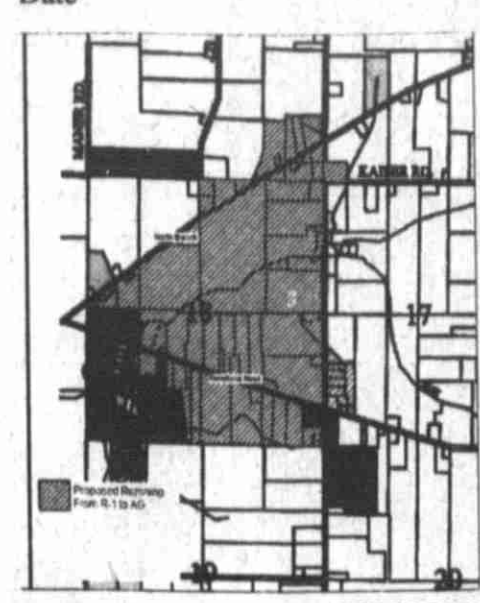
Bainbridge Township through its Planning Commission, shall hold a Public Hearing on revisions to the Township's Zoning Ordinance and Zoning Map pursuant to the Provisions of Act 184 P.A. 1943, the Township Rural Zoning Act, as amended. The Hearing will be held on Monday October 18, 2004 at

7:00 PM at the Township Hall, 7315 Territorial Road, Watervliet 49098. Copies of the proposed ordinance and zoning map revisions can be viewed at the Township Hall, Monday, Tuesday and Thursday, from 9:00 am till Noon, through October 18th. Written comments will be received concerning the proposed amendments through October 18, 2004 at the Bainbridge Township Hall, 7315 Territorial Road, Watervliet, MI 49098, until noon.

This notice is by order of
Dale Kreitner
7315 Territorial Road
Watervliet, MI 49098
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The Zoning Ordinance revisions are summarized as:
ARTICLE III - Application of District Regulations
Section 3.01 - Application for Regulations
A.
ARTICLE IV - Nonconforming Lots, Uses and Structures
Section 4.02 - Nonconforming Lots of Record
D.
3.
4.
ARTICLE V - Schedule of District Regulations Adopted
Section 5.01 - District Regulations
B.
Section 5.09 - Schedule of District Regulations
AG, Agricultural District 20.
Yard, Height and Lot Size Requirements for Principal (a) and Accessory Uses
R-AG
R-1
R-2
RMH
C
C-A
M
AG
(d)
Section 5.12 - Schedule of District Regulations
Additional Regulations for Agriculture District (AG)
A.
i.
ii.
ARTICLE VI - Supplementary District Regulations
Section 6.02 Accessory Buildings
A.
Section 6.03 - One Dwelling Structure Upon a Lot of Record
A.
B.
C.
1.
Section 6.04 - Temporary Occupancy of Existing Residential Dwelling while the Dwelling is Constructed
2.
Section 6.06 - Structure to Have Access
B.
Section 6.07 - Animals and Poultry
6.
Section 6.11 - Temporary Dwelling Structures
2.
Section 6.12 - Fences
B.
Section 6.14 - Off-Site Roadside Stand
A.
ARTICLE VII - Signs
Section 7.01 - Definitions
M.
Section 7.04 - Signs in Residential Districts and Residential Mobile Home Districts
4.
Section 7.06 - Signs in All Other Districts
2.
ARTICLE XII - Administration Enforcement and Violations
Section 12.02 - Duties and Limitations of the Building Inspector
A.
B.
C.
D.
E.
Section 12.03 - Duties and Limitations of the Zoning Administrator
A.
C.
Section 12.06 - Appeals
A.
B.
ARTICLE XIII - Appeals
Section 13.04 - Processing
A.
ARTICLE XVII - Planned Unit Development
Section 17.05 - Review and Approval
4.
ARTICLE XXIV (heading) - Definitions
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Repeal of Conflicting, Severability Ordinances; Severability; Effective Date



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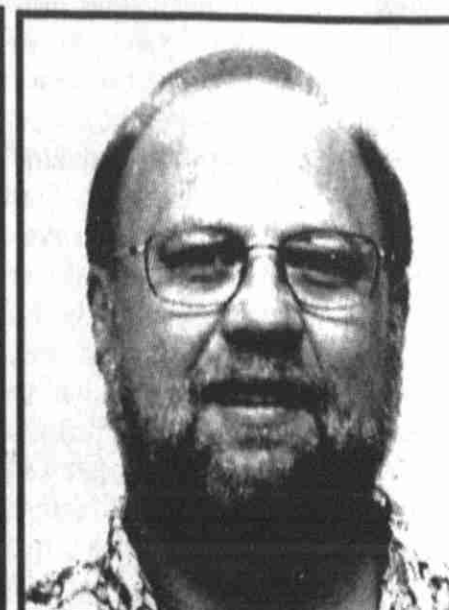
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View from the Press Box

By Mike Leith, Sportswriter



Watervliet throws shutout against Lawrence for second straight year

Some people may have thought it was a fluke last year when the Watervliet varsity football team shut out Lawrence by a 43-0 score. However, the Panthers validated that ticket last Friday night with a 42-0 win over the Tigers at Lawrence.

The Panthers got the only score of the first quarter on a one-yard run by Cedric Henry. Henry also ran in the 2-point conversion to make it an 8-0 game.

Things went south for Lawrence in the second quarter as the Panthers put three scores on the board to make it a 30-0 game at the half.

Their first second quarter score came on a 41-yard run by quarterback Nick Ursin, with Henry taking in his second 2-point conversion of the night to make it a 16-0 game.

Then Phil Halamka hauled in a 31-yard pass from Ursin to make it a 22-0 game.

The final Panther score of the half came on a 32-yard pass from Ursin to Eric Odom. Odom also ran in the 2-point conversion to make it a 30-0 game at the half.

It turned into a short second half by virtue of what happened on the kickoff to start the third quarter as Matt Green hauled in the kick and ran it back 82 yards for a score. That made it a 36-0 game and started a running clock.

From there, the time went very quickly and the Panthers got in just one more score in the fourth quarter when Ben Isbrecht took it in from two yards out to make it a 42-0 game.

Watervliet amassed 347 yards of total offense while holding Lawrence to just 60 yards.

Quarterback Nick Ursin completed five of seven passes for 123 yards and two touchdowns, while Eric Odom threw for 70 yards on a 4-6 performance.

Cedric Henry ran for 60 yards, one touchdown, and two conversions.

Gene Barker ran for 22 yards as well.

Matt Green had five catches for 66 yards, Matt Bolin had three catches, while Phil Halamka and Eric Odom each had their touchdown catches.

On defense, Phil Halamka had 15 tackles, Chris Hauch had nine tackles, and Ben Isbrecht added seven tackles.

Also, on defense, Green and Kamron Morris each had interceptions. Panther coach Ron Farac said his team played like it was capable of playing with lots of enthusiasm.

"We got off the ball well and had a good night," he added.

The Panthers are now 1-0 in the SAC South Division and 2-2 overall. They will travel to Decatur this Friday night for another tough conference match-up.

Comets fall on last play of game against Bucks

It was hard to believe that it came down to this after Coloma dominated the first half and took a 24-7 lead into the locker room at half-time, but this was for all of the marbles... the last play of the game with the Comets on the Bucks' 20-yard line, four seconds left to play, and Coloma trailing 27-24. Quarterback Brian Rogers threw a pass into the end zone that was ultimately ruled incomplete, saddling the Comets with their first conference loss in over a year.

As I said at the beginning, the Comets just dominated the first half and crammed the ball right down the Bucks' throats.

Coloma scored first on a 4-yard Brian Rogers run in the first quarter and a 5-yard touchdown run by Brandon McLean to make it 12-0 after one quarter.

In the second quarter, the Comets picked right up where they left off, with Jermain Murphy catching an 83-yard touchdown pass from Rogers to make it 18-0.

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Buchanan then did finally get on the board to make it an 18-7 game.

Coloma scored one more time on a 17-yard run by Lawrence Jackson to make it a 24-7 game at the half. But then it was all Buchanan in the second half as the Bucks scored twice within the first five minutes of the third quarter to make it a 24-20 game in the Comets' favor.

In the fourth quarter, as in most of the third, Coloma was saddled with extremely poor field position after punts and kickoffs and could not do much with the ball so the Bucks kept getting it back in great field position to make their successful drives that much shorter.

Buchanan scored the winning touchdown on a quarterback keeper that went about 47 yards with about 8:50 left to play.

Coloma then could not do anything with the ball and had to punt. Buchanan then drove the ball all of the way down to the Comet 12-yard line before being stopped.

When Coloma took over the ball, there was about 1:20 left to play in the game.

Several passes later, the Comets found themselves on the Bucks' 20-yard line with four seconds left on the clock, enough for just one more play.

Rogers sprinted out right and threw to the end zone to C.J. Myers where Comet fans initially thought it was caught but ultimately ruled incomplete to end the game.

The Comets had 371 yards of total offense but penalties hurt them as two touchdowns were called back because of them.

This is supposed to be a good officiating crew with at least three of them having experience as state finals officials. But there were several calls by the head linesman that I didn't see, resulting in the nullification of several good Coloma offensive plays that gained big yardage.

On offense, Coloma quarterback Brian Rogers completed 12 of 23 passes for 176 yards and one touchdown pass to Jermain Murphy. Murphy was Rogers' leading receiver with five receptions for 130 yards. C.J. Myers, Lucas Fonseca, and John Arnold all caught two passes apiece.

Lawrence Jackson led the Comet rushing attack with 104 yards and a touchdown on 19 carries. Brandon

McLean had 45 yards and a touchdown on 25 carries.

On defense, the Comets had Paul Grenon with a fumble recovery. Coloma coach Mark Eddy said he was proud of the fact that his team didn't give up and gave itself a chance to win until the very end of the game.

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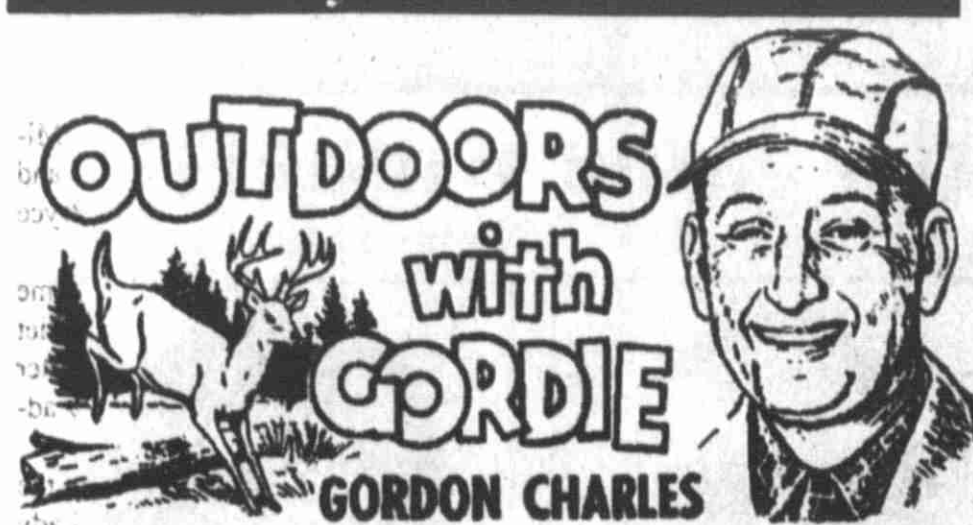


COLOMA'S LAWRENCE JACKSON (#25)...moves up field with the ball as C.J. Myers (#22) throws a block in last Friday night's game against Buchanan. Despite a strong first half, the Comets fell to the Bucks by a 27-24 score.
(Mike Leith photo)

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Make sure your shotgun "fits"

Wing-shooting is a fascinating, yet very bothersome, affair for most beginning shotgunners. It involves the problem of getting a gamebird and a scattering of fine shot to arrive at the same spot in the air at the same instant. Even the expert hunter has trouble doing this all the time.

Surprisingly, the cause for consistent missing with a shotgun is often something simple. Beginning hunters, for example, quite often start out with a gun that does not "fit" them. They pick up just any old shotgun to see if they are going to enjoy hunting. It is quite likely they will start out by missing virtually all of their wing-shots.

Before buying a new gun, try a bit of "dry shooting" with it to see if it actually fits you. For this, swing the gun to your shoulder and point it at some object. At the same time, keep both eyes open. Now close your left eye and squint along the barrel. Your gun should be perfectly pointed at your target. This, of course, refers to right-handed shooters. Southpaws should close the right eye when making this test. If the shotgun does not come smoothly to your shoulder and feel

touches off the fireworks, somewhat similar to the snap-shooter. The point shooter is slow and deliberate. Sometimes he is so slow that a flying bird is gone before he can begin to shoot. Such a hunter frequently ends up with a flinch, which can hamper any hunter or target shooter. The deliberate shooter hits more targets than the others combined. He automatically places the gun against his shoulder, swings quickly but smoothly past his target, touches the trigger and continues to swing. On skeet and trap fields, he is a sensation. Put him in a duck blind or pheasant fields and he rarely misses. Take him into typical grouse cover, though, and his averages tend to go all to heck.

Most beginning hunters eventually develop into fair wing-shots if they keep at it long enough and have a shotgun that fits. But between beginners and experts, there are a lot of missed shots.

The man (or woman) with a very long arm reach may have to go to a competent gunsmith and have the stock lengthened by adding a recoil pad or even a longer stock. A hunter with short arms has the opposite problem and may need to have the stock cut off to the proper length.

Depending upon your method of shooting, the art of dropping a flying object out of the air can be a very fast process, whether a clay pigeon or a gamebird. A good snap-shooter can get set and shoot accurately in only one-fifth of a second. He or she can successfully shoot grouse or woodcock bursting out of heavy cover in the time it takes a bird to flash across a 10-foot opening. Such an individual may even shoot from the hip and uses instinct as much as anything.

A spot-shooter, by contrast, picks out a spot in front of his target and

Watervliet Athletic Boosters to meet Sept. 27

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Paw Paw Lake Almanac

By Delavan Sipes
With the finality of the Labor Day weekend, Paw Paw Lake has grown suddenly quiet. Evenings are serene as the few remaining watercraft move leisurely and almost silently across the smooth water. An occasional personal watercraft is a rare intrusion on the tranquility.

Fruits and vegetables abound at the roadside farm stands. Farmer Paul Friday delivers his famous Flamin' Fury peaches to Meijer in Benton Harbor on a daily basis. Large luscious blueberries seem a bit expensive this year, but there does not seem to be a shortage.

Despite the ample rainfall earlier in the summer, the ground moisture has been taken up so quickly by the existing plants that the ground is extremely dry. It appears that it will be several years before we fully recover from the past four years of drought.

There was 1" of rain last week, and the lake level dropped to 621.88 feet above sea level.

Historical Trivia

What is the probability of the first freezing temperature occurring in September? Relax, there is only a 10% chance that a 32° freeze will occur prior to October 5. That's one year in 10. There's a 20% chance of a freeze prior to October 11 and a 50% probability before October 21.

For a real cold snap (less than 24°), there is less than a 20% chance of that occurring before November 3.

Source: Soil Survey of Berrien County, Michigan, U.S. Department of Agriculture, p. 122. Lake level and rainfall reported by Ray Doolittle. Information provided by the Paw Paw Lake Association. delavan@2.com

Question: What are the average daily maxima and minima temperatures for each of the last four months of the year? Answer next week.

Things that puzzle men: Why can't women put on mascara with their mouths closed?

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Hartford Homecoming festivities this week

Homecoming Week is being celebrated at Hartford High School this week.

The theme for these year's Homecoming floats is "Movies." The freshman class chose the movie "Titanic" to be the theme of its float, the sophomore class chose "Star Wars," the junior class chose "Finding Nemo," and the seniors will build their last float based on the movie "Varsity Blues."

To celebrate, students held "Spirit Days." Monday was PJ Day, with students wearing pajamas to school; Tuesday was Color Day, with seniors wearing blue, juniors wearing white, sophomores wearing red, and freshmen wearing green; Wednesday was Spirit Day, when students wore something that went with their movie theme; Thursday was Bling Bling Day; and, of course, Friday will be Green & White Day.

The following students were nominated for Homecoming King: Joaquin Arreola, Julian Arreola, Wyatt Boothby-Shoemaker, Edgar Perez, Justin Quigno, and Chris Walker.

Homecoming Queen candidates are Tiffany Baeske, Vanessa Garcia, Amy Holland, Priscilla Mireles, Jenna Cox, and Kacey Darling.

Representing the junior class for the title of Homecoming Prince are candidates Craig Baham and Jake

Warrens, sophomore class representatives are Garrett Oldham and Keith Pompey, and Chas Burchett and Chris Cook represent the freshman class.

Princess candidates are juniors Samantha Kimp and Emily Foster, sophomores Laura Zimmerman and Rebecca Saldana, and freshmen candidates Angela Frias and Bianca Mireles.

Voting for Homecoming royalty took place Wednesday, Sept. 22, before school in the front lobby and also during the lunch hours. The Queen and Princess will be crowned during halftime of Hartford Indians football game, and the King and Prince will be crowned at the dance following the game.

A pep assembly is planned for Friday at the end of the school day. The Homecoming parade will be held at 5:30 Friday with line-up in the HHS parking lot. The parade will proceed down Edwin Street and turn onto Main Street. Each class will "parade" its float creation, with the winner announced during halftime of the game.

The Athletic Boosters will be holding its annual Homecoming "Hot Dog & Brat Tent" starting at 5:30 p.m. and running until halftime of the game.

The Homecoming dance will be held in the High School cafeteria from 9:00 p.m. until midnight.

Unusable pesticide disposal day September 29

Farmers, golf courses and other commercial users of pesticides can get rid of their old, banned and unusable pesticides on Wednesday, September 29. This will be the last collection date for 2004.

A grant from Michigan Department of Agriculture enables the free, non-regulatory program for qualified Michigan farms (current or retired), greenhouses, nurseries, golf course and other users of pesticides. Pesticide retailers also can participate but will be charged for disposal. More than 3,000 pounds of old, unregistered or unusable pesticides have been collected from area farms in 2004 under this program.

The application must be returned by September 21 so program coordinators can prepare for the amount of pesticides being brought in to the collection site.

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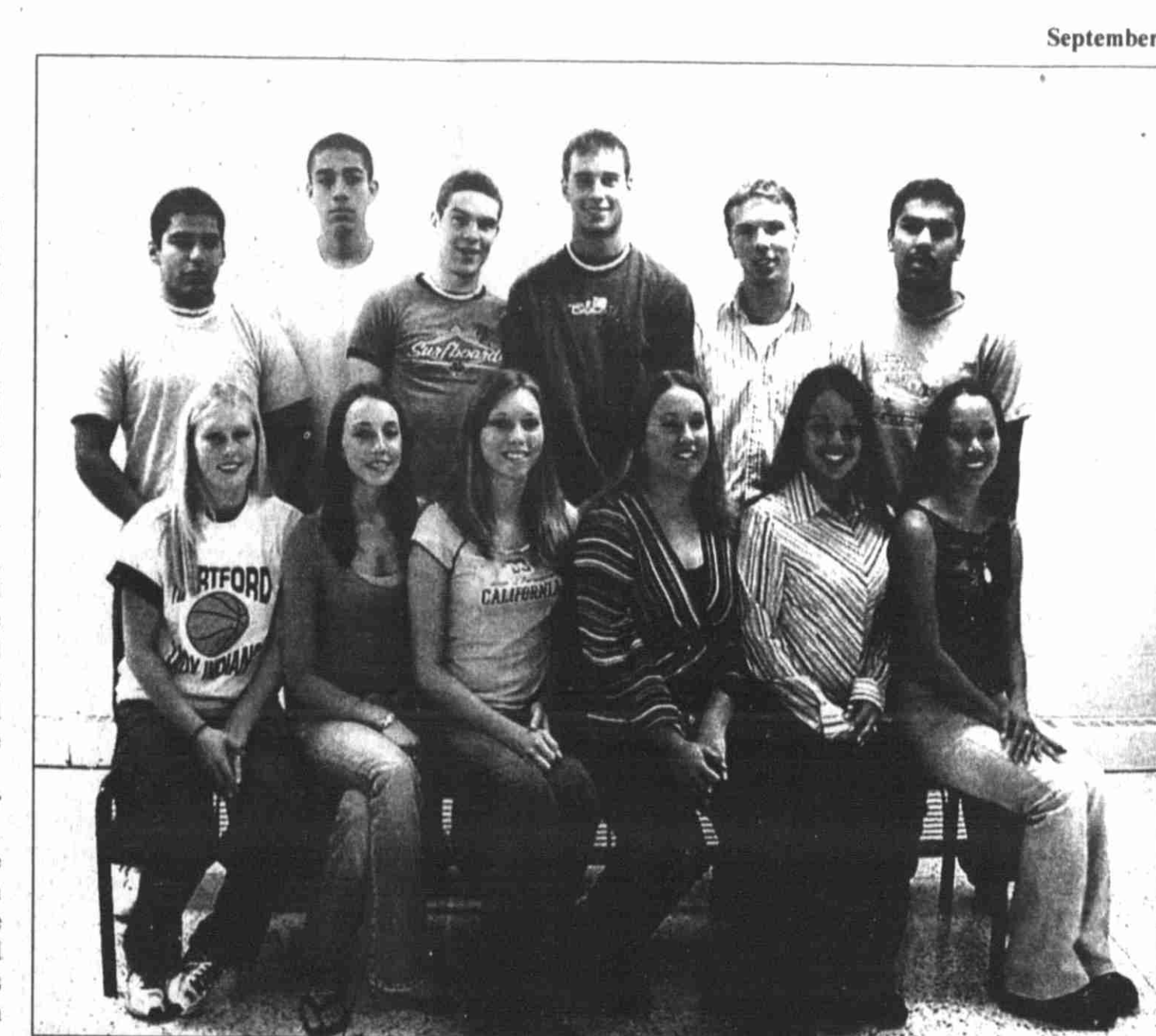
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HARTFORD 2004 HOMECOMING CANDIDATES... King candidates (back row, from the left) Julian Arreola, Edgar Perez, Chris Walker, Justin Quigno, Wyatt Boothby-Shoemaker, and Joaquin Arreola. Queen candidates (front row, from the left) Kasey Darling, Jenna Cox, Tiffany Baeske, Amy Holland, Priscilla Mireles, and Vanessa Garcia.



HARTFORD 2004 HOMECOMING CANDIDATES... Prince candidates (back row, from the left) Chas Burchett, Jake Warrens, Chris Cook, Craig Baham and Keith Pompey. Absent from the photo is Garrett Oldham. Princess candidates (front row from the left) Emily Foster, Samantha Kimp, Rebecca Saldana, Laura Zimmerman, Bianca Mireles and Angela Frias.

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seven points and seven steals; Michelle Ditchie had four points and 10 rebounds; while Kaitlyn Bryce added four points.

It was pretty much the game against Marcellus as Watervliet jumped out to a 15-7 first-quarter lead and held a 26-15 halftime advantage.

They then broke it open in the third quarter by outscoring the Lady Wildcats 18-7 and coasted from there.

Kim Gear had 20 points, 10 rebounds, and three blocks; Sarah Sheffer had nine points, six rebounds, and three blocks; Kaitlyn Bryce had eight points and three rebounds; Jamie Hartmann had seven points and 10 assists; Shannon McLaughlin had six points and three steals; while Kathryn Cooper added two points and seven rebounds.

The Lady Panthers will play just one game this week when they travel to Decatur this Thursday, Sept. 23. They will then host Martin next Tuesday, before hosting Lawrence in a showdown game a week from today on Thursday, September 30.

Coloma girls fall to Bridgman

The Coloma girls varsity basketball team fell to Bridgman by a 63-30 score last week in Lakeland Conference action.

It was only an 11-4 game after the quarter but a 26-9 run by Bridgman in the second quarter put it away. Coloma had Kachina Blackmore with eight points, Andrea Bajis with seven points, and Melanie Galles with three points.

Earlier in the week the Lady Colts fell to Parchment by a 35-10 score.

In this game, the Lady Colts took an 8-5 first-quarter lead, held a 15-8 halftime edge.

But the third quarter was their undoing as Parchment went on a 15-7 run and then mustered out a 14-11 edge in the fourth quarter to saddle the Lady Colts with the loss.

Kachina Blackmore had 11 points, Hannah Barrett had five points, and Melanie Galles added four points.

Hartford girls results

The Hartford girls varsity basketball team dropped a pair of games.

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COLOMA 2004 HOMECOMING CANDIDATES... (front row, from the left) Erika Schreiber, Katherine Noel, Ashley Mannino, Jennifer Riccio, Erin Herman, Jenny Daugherty; (back row, from the left) Jeret Mitchell, Rico Fajardo, Jacob Boven, Brandon McLean, Brian Rogers, Don Watson. The King and Queen will be crowned during halftime at the September 24th football game.

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last week as it fell to Decatur 60-44 to start the week before falling to Lawrence 67-29 to end it.

Against Decatur, the Lady Indians led 13-10 after one quarter and it was tied 24-24 at the half.

Decatur took charge in the third quarter with a 20-4 run to seal the result.

Kacey Darling had 13 points, Jimmy Smith had nine points, Sammy Kimp had eight points, Krystin Weberg had six points, while Bethany Smith and Amber Manning each added four points.

Against Lawrence, the Lady Indians fell behind 21-8 after the first quarter and could never catch up.

Hartford had Sammy Kimp and Kimmy Smith with seven points each, Kacey Darling with five points, and Krystin Weberg with four points.

Armchair results

Our leader remains the same this week as Joe Jason went 7-3 to keep a one-game lead over everyone else. Joe is serious about this year and is

out for blood.

Second place shows a logjam of people as there are three competitors that have a cumulative record of 20-10; therefore, we have to revert to the tiebreaker.

Jim Edwards gets the nod for second as he went 8-2 for the week and won the tiebreaker. That moves him up two spots from fourth place.

Third place goes to Nancy Huffman because of the tiebreaker. Nancy went a respectable 7-3 for the week but drops to third because of that tiebreaker.

Fourth place goes to Rob Bunn this week as Rob had the best weekly record at 9-1 but moves up just two spots because of that tiebreaker.

Fifth place goes to Greg Borr this week as he went 7-3 as well but is one game behind the logjam at 19-11 overall. He is still right in the thick of things, as is Chris Leach.

Chris slipped back down to sixth place this week with a 6-4 record but is very much in the thick of things still.

Birthing Center arrivals announced

The A.L. Stagg Birthing Center at Community Hospital Watervliet is pleased to announce the following births:

A daughter was born at 6:03 p.m. on Friday, September 10, 2004, to Kanesha Holton of Benton Harbor. She weighed 6 pounds, 3 ounces.

A son was born at 10:26 a.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, to Jenette Owens and Robbie Little of Lawrence. He weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.

A son was born at 10:33 p.m. on Tuesday, September 14, 2004, to Lydia Punak of Hartford. He weighed 6 pounds, 14 ounces.

Congratulations to these new arrivals and their families.

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U6 - CO-ED

The outstanding players in the game played between the Sureshots and the Fusion were Tyler Brant, Ryan Chisek, Shelby Ebrecht, Fabian Gonzalez, and Karlee Liles playing for the Sureshots. Playing for the Fusion were Andrew Rios, Gabrielle Stefani, Dylan LeClear, Bailey O'Neal, and Olivia Kling.

The outstanding players in the game played between the Comets and the Thunderfeet were Tristin Hicks, Maya Hammond, Lauren Matthews, and Kayla Yore playing for the Comets. Playing for the Thunderfeet were Sam Tavolacci, Ally Craft, Courtney Angelo, Justin Ludwig, and Rachel Kietzerow.

U8 - CO-ED

The game played between the Wildcats and the Cubs ended in an 8-3 win for the Cubs. Scoring for the Cubs were Riley Sullivan with four goals, Devin Rollins with three, and Ally Smith with one. Scoring for the Wildcats were Zach Heater, Chase Moxley, and Stephanie Scott with one goal each.

The game played between the Wolverines and the Panthers ended in an 11-1 win for the Panthers. Scoring for the Panthers were Jacob Irvin with five goals, Jason Irvin with four, and Taylor Krieger with two. Scoring the single goal for the Wolverines was Jasmine Aviles.

The game played between the Marlins and the Bears ended in a 4-0 win for the Marlins. Scoring for the Marlins was Maggie Leaf with two goals and Dana Dowd and Eric Gorzynski with one goal each.

The game played between the Spartans and the Broncos ended in a 14-1 win for the Spartans. Scoring for the Spartans were Blake Spalding with seven goals, Blake Kick-enapp with five goals, and Brandon Sternaman with two. Scoring the single goal for the Broncos was Hannah Rohrer.

The game played between the Hawks and the Lions ended in a 4-2 win for the Lions. Scoring for the Lions were Austin Ebrecht with two goals and Kevin Clark and Alexis Pflugradt with one goal each. Scoring both goals for the Hawks was Josiah Smith.

U10 - GIRLS

The game played between the Raiders and the Flyers ended in a 9-3 win for the Flyers. Scoring for the Flyers were Erin Churchill, Kelsey Vogel, Emily Ross, and Kyrsten Yarbrough with two goals each and Haleigh Wendzel with one. Scoring for the Raiders were Mercedes Harris with two goals and Michelle Graffenius with one.

The game played between the Hurricanes and the Raiders on September 13 ended in an 8-1 win for the Hurricanes. Scoring for the Hurricanes was Hannah Sremba with four goals, Ignacia Contreras with two, and Jamie Lee and Casey Clark with one goal each.

U12 - GIRLS

The game played between the Earthquakes and Bridgman ended in a 2-1 win for the Earthquakes. Scoring for the Earthquakes were Jordan Krieger and Edith Robles with one goal each. An assist was credited to Taylor Willming. Great defense was played by Justyc Mitchell, Anna McCain, and Alexis Perry. Jordan Krieger made a great defensive play and saved a goal while backing up goalie Taylor Willming. Great goalkeeping in the game was credited to Patty McClerman.

The game played between the Tornados and the Earthquakes ended in a 2-1 win for the Tornados. Scoring both goals for the Tornados was Kayla Weiser. Scoring the single goal for the Earthquakes was Taylor Willming with the assist credited to Katie Sonner. Great defense was played by Anna McCain and Patty McClerman. Great goalkeeping in the game was credited to Patty McClerman.

U14 - CO-ED

The game played between the Co-

bras and Bridgman ended in a 2-0 win for Bridgman. Outstanding plays were made by Ryan Heater, Joshua Lopez, and Saul Rodriguez of the Cobras. Great goalkeepers for the Cobras were Shelby Metz and Ryan Berry.

Turn Tyson products into big bucks for Countryside FFA

If you eat Tyson products, you can help Countryside FFA earn money! FFA advisor Cara Kowal has announced that the school is taking part in a national fund-raising program sponsored by Tyson-Foods Inc.

The program is called Project A+ and, according to Mrs. Kowal, it works like this: "There's a Project A+ label, worth 24 cents, on various Tyson products that feature the Project A+ logo on the front of the package. Schools earn money from Tyson by collecting and redeeming the labels."

Participating schools can earn up to \$12,000 per academic year, and there are no restrictions on how the funds are used. "We will be using this money for our members to attend leadership training and to fund our community service projects," said Mrs. Kowal.

"Parents and others in the community can drop off their Tyson Project A+ redemption labels at Countryside Charter School."

Kowal went on to urge everyone to participate in the program. "If everyone out in the community clips and saves the Tyson Project A+ redemption labels, we can make this program a huge success for our school."

For more information on the Tyson Project A+ program, contact Cara Kowal at 944-3319, or check out the Tyson Project A+ Web site at <http://ProjectAPlus.tyson.com>.

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