

Why we celebrate Thanksgiving

First-grade students from Mrs. Platt's class at Grace Christian School in Watervliet were asked: "Why do we celebrate Thanksgiving?" (Mary Brost Reck photos)



Kenan Saxe:
"We like to eat turkey, and we like to eat a lot of food. The best part is the turkey."



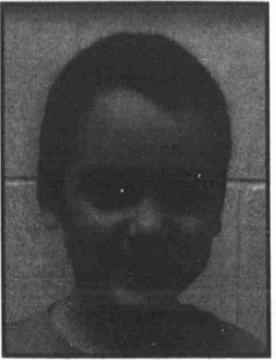
Julie Newell: "We celebrate because the Indians and Pilgrims met up. We are the Pilgrims. The Indians gave food to the Pilgrims and helped them."



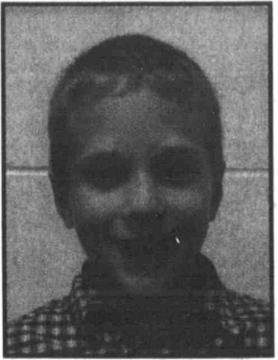
Michaella Braamse:
"Thanksgiving is a holiday we celebrate because of St. Patrick's Day. It's actually lots of fun."



Alaina Riede: "It's when the Pilgrims found America. It's a fun time to make stuff and decorate."



Dwight Davis:
"It's when God led the Pilgrims to America, so it's a very important thing to celebrate."



Matthew Braamse:
"Thanksgiving is to celebrate Jesus because He brought the Pilgrims to America"

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Youth goes to Hollywood for TV appearance... see page 5

H.S. students hone leadership skills at LMC... see page 7

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Second chance for Watervliet resident Greg Krell

Celebrating Thanksgiving with a new heart

By Angela Stair
This Thanksgiving, Watervliet resident Greg Krell will be giving thanks for a second chance at life with a heart transplant he received last September.

Every day is a bonus

"Every day now is like a bonus," Krell stated simply. "I never thought about dying and wasn't worried because it was not in my hands. I just felt if I lived OK and if I died, I knew I would go to Heaven."

Thanksgiving turkey winners announced

Following is a list of this year's winners of a turkey from area merchants participating in the Tri-City Record's annual Thanksgiving turkey giveaway:

Dennis Smith of Watervliet from Watervliet Harding's; Irma Krieger of Watervliet from Brookfield Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep; Karen Tarantino of Hartford from Hartford Harding's; Tammy Kay Kendall of Benton Harbor from Miller Thermometer;

Bonnie E. James of Bangor from Richter Insurance Agency; Joe Martin of Watervliet from Elite Bar & Grill; Olive Grady of Watervliet from Watervliet Ace Hardware; Sonya Geist of Riverside, Dr. Cindy Carrone, Chiropractor;

Pat Culver of Coloma from Chemical Bank Shoreline; George Rose of Coloma from True Value Hardware; Herman Vullriede of Coloma from Steinhoff Optical; Kathryn Hernandez of Coloma from Four Seasons Spa & Pool;

Willis A. Bouma of Watervliet from Cutting Corners; Juanita Flanagan of Benton Harbor from Affordable Florist; Paul Ryan of Coloma from Eifestelle Chiropractic;

Michelle Wait of Covert from Paw Paw Lake Board of Trade; Shirley Somers of Hartford from Calvin Funeral Home; Sherry Stenske of Watervliet from Flicks (used to be Star Video) of Coloma;

John Brown of Watervliet from Nancy's Furniture of Coloma; Debbie Cowgill of Coloma from Waffle House of America; Helen Dunning of Coloma from C&R Sales; Ruby Akins of Coloma from Sprague's Grocery;

Gloria Yore of Watervliet from Hair Innovations & Day Spa; Alvin Zick of Coloma from Watervliet Fruit Exchange; Donna Imler of Coloma from Dave's Amoco; Kim Barteo of Coloma from Don Young Insurance;

A. Burgess of Hartford from Midwest Petroleum Watervliet Mobil; Bev Moore of Covert from Edward Jones Investments; Bruce Kibler of Watervliet from Farm Bureau, Owner Mark Eppele; E.R. Nybro of Watervliet from Tri-City Record; and Joe Kuzma of Coloma from LaSalle Federal Bank.

High School in 1977. He went on to Ferris State, from where he graduated in 1984.

Since then, he has traveled doing independent sales and has established a home in Florida.

Greg's ordeal began simply enough on June 4, 2004, with chest pains while he was in Indianapolis, Indiana. He said the pains were very sharp so he decided to have them checked out. At the hospital, he learned that he had congestive heart failure, an irregular heartbeat, and slight muscle damage from a heart attack.

They kept Greg in the hospital until June 9 and released him when his angiogram showed there was no blockage. He was sent home with medications and told to check in with his cardiologist.

Greg's father, Gordon, brought him home to Watervliet. Since Greg did not have a cardiologist, Gordon took him to his own at Lakeland in St. Joseph.

The cardiologist recommended the use of a heart monitor to see what was happening, and Greg's medicine was changed. At this time, he also had a pacemaker implanted. Greg was not getting any better and was losing weight because he could not keep anything in his stomach; not even water would stay down.

On July 16, Greg was put in the hospital in St. Joseph for observation and on Monday, the 19th of July, he was transported by ambulance to the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. There they ran new tests and a LVAD (left ventricular assist device) was installed in his body to assist his heart.

Gordon Krell said that Dr. Francis Pagani, the specialist that cared for Greg, told him his son's heart was ejecting less than 17% before the surgery. The risk of death without the device was higher than the risk of death by installing it.

3-lb. device stuffed in chest

The LVAD, Greg said, weighs three pounds and is inserted in the chest. He said he could feel it and he felt stuffed with it inside his body. Once it was installed, he could not be left alone. If the LVAD stopped, his heart would stop.

Greg said he also had a right temporary pump put on so the heart could rest while he recovered. A feeding tube was installed and he was fed liquid food for 12 hours a day. He was in intensive care for four weeks; on the third week, he was up and walking.

He chuckled as he said "walking." "I walked with four people assisting me," Greg said. "They had to hold me up and handle all my tubes and wires."

Gordon said, "At one time, I counted 19 liquids flowing into him and 14-16 electrical attachments."

On September 12, he was released but not before the hospital personnel were sure that Greg and his father could handle any situation that would come up while he wore the LVAD.

If for some reason the batteries failed on the LVAD, a hand pump



WATERVLIET RESIDENT GREG KRELL...displays the 18 medications he must take daily after having a heart transplant at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in September. Gordon Krell (behind his son) said there are many mixed emotions connected to a transplant. There is their joy at getting the heart and the sorrow of the people that have lost a loved one. He is thankful that in their sorrow they could find the strength to donate the heart. (Angela Stair photo)

had to be carried at all times and Gordon would have to use it until they could be flown to Ann Arbor. Wherever they went, a suitcase carrying extra batteries, the hand pump, and other supplies would have to be taken along. It weighs between 25 and 30 pounds.

Greg also wore a computer that constantly monitored the LVAD and would alert them of any impending problems.

Greg could not ride in the front seat of a car because, if the airbag deployed, it could kill him. Also, when they were finally able to come home, the emergency response people in the area that would have to respond got special instructions from Ann Arbor on how to handle it. CPR could be deadly.

When they left Ann Arbor, they were told Greg was on the waiting list for a heart. Neither man asked where on the list Greg was, for both knew there was the possibility that the wait would be longer than Greg could survive. Later, they discovered that you are listed by how great your need is for a new heart.

Waited just 7 days for new heart

After being released September 12, Greg and Gordon returned to Watervliet. On the evening of September 19, Greg received a call from Ann Arbor asking how soon he could be there; they had a heart for him.

Greg said that by 3:00 a.m. he was being prepped and the last he remembers was going under at 5:30 a.m. Gordon was told by Dr. Pagani the surgery would take approximately 5½ hours. He said that after eight hours he was moved to another waiting room and he asked about his son.

The doctor explained that it was taking longer because they would do some work and then wait to see how it was working; then do more.

It was Tuesday morning when Greg first became aware of his surroundings. Gordon said he had been awake several times... but not totally.

Greg was released from the hospital in Ann Arbor on October 21. He said he has some restrictions such as wearing a mask when he goes out, eating a low sodium diet, and is not allowed to lift more than 10 pounds.

Driving a car now

"I can drive a car now and eat three meals a day, although I haven't gained much of the 35 pounds I lost," Greg says. "Now I can also have the luxury of a shower. With all the tubes, wires and hardware I've had to wear, I could not get them wet so had to do the best I could. So you see why I call a shower a luxury."

Greg said he has 18 medications to take daily and, because he is unable to keep pills down, 13 or 14 are in liquid form and the others have to be made into a slurry form by a specialist pharmacist. He has to have an angiogram and biopsy of his heart every two weeks so the doctors can adjust his medications. At his last checkup, he said they lowered the amount of two medications but raised the amount of three others.

Subject of documentary

When Greg first arrived at the University of Michigan Medical Center, before he got the LVAD, the Discovery Health Channel people were doing a documentary and asked if Greg would allow them to follow

his progress. He agreed. He said they filmed every day and interviewed his father, the doctors, nurses, and therapists. The film will air in January or February of 2005.

This is life and you just go with it

Gordon played a large part in his

son's recovery from this ordeal and philosophically says, "I knew it was serious, but you do not have time for a pity party. This is life and you just go with it."

The doctors told Greg that either a virus or heredity had caused his heart condition. Greg said he has never been a smoker or drinker or used drugs.

Hometown Holiday Happenings

Hospital Auxiliary "Bake & Craft Sale" December 3

Community Hospital Auxiliary will hold a "Bake & Craft Sale", Friday, December 3, from 8:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., in the main lobby of the hospital in Watervliet.

There will be lots of baked goods and a variety of crafts on display and available for purchase for the upcoming holidays and gifts for your friends and family.

Everyone is welcome to come and enjoy this Community Hospital Auxiliary fund-raiser.

For children 5-9

Make Christmas ornaments Dec. 4 at Coloma Public Library

Coloma Public Library will have a Christmas ornament make-and-take session for children 5-9 on Saturday, December 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A \$1 material fee will include everything needed to make several different ornaments.

Call the library at (269) 468-3431 to register.

Fund-raiser Auction at Hartford Public Library December 7

On Tuesday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m. at Hartford Public Library, there will be a "Christmas Tea and Auction."

Some of the items for auction are the newest American Girl Doll, "Nellie"; seven laminated posters of the American Girl Doll Collection; American Girl Card Game; Samantha's Story Collection in one volume; plus trading cards; a Cardinal Christmas blanket; a snowflake Christmas blanket; Josephina Paper Dolls; American Girl Puzzle Book; Samantha's Valentine Craft Kit; American Girl Pen Pal Pack; 10 different Pickford Bears Ltd.; the Polar Express Gift Set Edition, which includes the hardcover book/audio cassette/CD; and many other children's items.

This fund-raiser is for the continuing support of our American Girl monthly programs and all our programs throughout the year. Come and join us for a short program by some of the girls, refreshments, and the auction.

The library is accepting donated items for the auction until Nov. 27. All items will be on display beginning Monday, Nov. 29, in the library. For more information, call 621-3408.

Everyone is invited

Hartford Winter Festival Parade is December 11

The third annual Hartford Winter Festival Parade will take place Saturday, December 11, with caroling and a tree lighting in Ely Park, following the "lighted" parade through Hartford's downtown business district.

Line-up will take place at Hartford High School at 5:30 p.m.; judging begins at 6:15 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to participate. Please make your reservations through Festival chairmen Bob and Shirley Hall at (269) 621-1067.

All participants will receive buttons and ribbons.

Santa's welcome to Watervliet set for Dec. 14

Santa Claus will officially be welcomed to Watervliet at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, December 14, at the community tree lighting in Library Park.

Members of the combined Watervliet North and South School Elementary choirs will greet him with Christmas carols. Mayor Corky Oppenheer and Township Supervisor Dan Hutchins will be on hand to give Santa the "Key to the Community."

The Watervliet Police and Fire departments will escort Santa into town.

Following the tree lighting, all are invited to visit with Santa Claus at Tri-County Computer, just north of Library Park. Santa will have a candy cane for each child.

The Santa visit is organized and sponsored by the Watervliet Business Association.

BUSINESS DECORATIONS JUDGING DECEMBER 10

The WBA will judge Watervliet area business Christmas decorations on December 10. First place best decorated will get \$50 and the WBA engraved traveling trophy, second place gets \$35, and third place \$25. The winners will be announced in the Tri-City Record.

Letters to editor policy

The Tri-City Record welcomes all letters to the editor. Letters are subject to editing, and will be published at the discretion of the editor.

All letters must be signed and must include a phone number and address so that authorship may be verified.

Letters should be typed or at least written in easy-to-read handwriting. Letter authorship identity may be withheld by request, at the discretion of the editor.

Letters endorsing a candidate or position will not be printed in the issue immediately preceding an election.

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Letters and Commentary

some of the points made in the editorial and simply cut and paste from my earlier letters to address the rest.

Starting at the top, the consent decree approved by the Township brings the litigation and contention to an end in a manner acceptable to all parties; litigation that was started against the Township because they violated their own regulations to the direct benefit of an out-of-town developer whose project would adversely affect the environment and boating safety on the lake.

In the editorial correctly points out "most would agree that an additional 35 homes on the lake would cause problems, including increased boat traffic and increased pressure on the lakes ecology."

Since the Township Board boldly shirked that responsibility in this case, we used legal action to hold them accountable—as citizens should always do when their government fails to do its job properly.

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The class will be held December 2, 7 and 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at Lakeshore Baptist Church located at 5411 Cleveland Avenue in Stevensville.

To register or for more information, call the Berrien County Crime Prevention Unit at (269) 983-7141, extension 7281 or 7221.

"Holiday Mitten Tree" at Michigan State Police Bridgman Post

The seasons have rushed by, and it is time to announce the Michigan State Police Bridgman Post's 16th annual "Holiday Mitten Tree"

When the weather gets cold, it is time for us to remember our winter gear. The difficult thing to remember is that not everyone is able to afford warm clothing for themselves or their children.

We are not fooling anyone. We will pay when most of the workers in our country are out of work and all we have to show for ourselves is a pile of junk.

Those wishing to donate may drop off their items for the Bridgman Post "Holiday Mitten Tree" between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. seven days a week.

The Post is located at 9301 Red Arrow Highway in Bridgman.

Anyone requesting additional information may call Trooper Michael Sites or Jill Weber at the Bridgman Post at (269) 429-1111, (269) 465-3111, or (269) 469-1111.

Thank you to all who have donated in the past.

AEP employee honored by grant to 4-H

Berrien County 4-H has received a grant from American Electric Power in honor of AEP employee Russ Scott's significant volunteer service.

The AEP Connects program recognizes the commitment of AEP employees and retirees to their communities and supports causes that are important to them, according to Michael G. Morris, Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer.

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Cindy Aviles

Cindy Aviles takes over chairmanship of CWAEDC; Coloma Twp. trustee's active

By Noel Carlson Cindy Aviles, Coloma Charter Township trustee, has added Chairman of the Coloma Watervliet Area Economic Development Corporation (CWAEDC) to her list of community positions.

She took over as Chairman of the CWAEDC Board when Dan Hutchins resigned the position on November 4. Aviles was previously Vice Chairman.

The CWAEDC is funded by the City and Township of Coloma and the City and Township of Watervliet. Members of those communities make up a Board that runs the CWAEDC.

Aviles has served on the Board for several years and says she decided to become Chairman because it's a "wonderful organization that our communities have" and she enjoys being a part of it.

The CWAEDC is "dedicated to improving the business climate, helping businesses remain healthy and grow, and improve the quality of life for all," according to the Economic Development Department link at www.coloma-watervliet.org.

Aviles said the CWAEDC helps "facilitate 'seamless' communities."

"Having seamless boundaries puts us all in a position to have better opportunities and outcomes," she said.

Aviles said that when more communities are involved with each other, the more advanced they can be at a more economical cost.

Aviles' service on the local level is extensive, as she serves on the Township Board, the Finance and Personnel committees, and also is Chairman of the Coloma Charter Township Community Development Committee.

She is also on the Board of Directors for the Southwest Michigan Scholarship Program.

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The fruit sessions include apple, berry, peach/plum, cherry, cider, juice grape, tree fruit, and wine grape. The vegetable sessions include asparagus, carrots, celery, onions, peppers, phytothpora, pickling cucumbers, potatoes, snap beans, sweet corn, tomatoes, and vine crops.

Other sessions will cover organic production, cover crops, irrigation, blueberry industry competitiveness, hard cider, worker protection standards, drift management, and several more farm market-related sessions.

Preregistration time is past, but you can still attend. The registration fee is \$65 per person; spousal registration fee is \$15. Children of registered participants are free.

There is a special Thursday-only registration fee of \$20. Admission to all educational sessions plus the trade show is included in the registration.

Those wishing more information should contact either the Expo Web site at www.glegpo.com or the Berrien County MSU Extension Office at (269) 944-4126.

Hartford resident receives appointment to South Bend Fire Department

Hartford resident Michael Rennie has recently received an appointment with the South Bend (Indiana) Fire Department. He was one of six people that were chosen from the testing process that took over six months.

The testing process began with 209 applicants taking the practice written and written tests. Next were the practice physical agility and the physical agility tests. The final stage of the testing that the 69 applicants had to complete was the oral interview.

Rennie's final ranking out of the original 209 applicants placed him fourth.

He must still complete psychological test, a commission examination, a background investigation, and a drug screen prior to being able to report to recruit school on January 12, 2005.

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READY TO RACE...The kindergarten class of Grace Christian School in Watervliet enjoyed a field trip to Lane Automotive recently. Under the friendly guidance of John McLellan, we toured offices, met racecar drivers, had our picture taken with a racecar, patted tires (big ones!), and tried on helmets.

By the time we tried out the racecar seats, we were ready to race. Stan Carey was glad to accompany us on this field trip, as was Dale Griener. (We noticed the men had more questions than the students.) Afterward, Mr. Griener treated us to lunch at Burger King, which was enjoyed by all.

Holiday videos series begins Friday at Krasl Art Center

Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph, will offer a holiday video series starting on Friday, November 26. Bring a lunch, if you'd like.

Coffee will be served. Call the Education Department at (269) 983-0271 for more information; or check our Web site at www.krasl.org. Krasl is barrier free.

Friday, Nov. 26: The Three Tenors Christmas. Jose Carreras, Placido Domingo and Luciano Pavarotti join forces for the holidays. This film finds them in peak form, taking on the wide breadth of material, from the spiritual "Cantique de Noel" to the secular "White Christmas" to the surprisingly resonant, full-choir presentation of John Lennon's "Happy Christmas/War Is Over."

With the Vienna Symphony and the Gumpoldskirchner Spatzen Children's Choir backing them up, The Three Tenors will begin the holiday season for you. 81 minutes

Friday, Dec. 3: The Christmas Spirit: A Celebration of Music and Light. This film celebrates America as it lights up the holidays. No longer do you need to get into your car to see how homes across the country are embellished with decorations. Just turn on this video and stroll through winter wonderlands of holiday lights... with over 20 classic Christmas tunes you can sing along to. 60 minutes.

Friday, Dec. 10: A Naxos Musical Journey: Christmas Goes Baroque - Scenes From Switzerland. Zurich's bustling holiday shoppers; twinkling lights reflected in magical window displays; the famed Toy Museum in Nuremberg; a beautiful Christmas feast; an elaborate Nativity scene; the snow covered landscape of Switzerland. These are the joyously evocative images of the Christmas season and inspiration for many beloved Christmas Carols. Eternal favorites such as "Jingle Bells," "Silent Night," "The First Noel," "O Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "God Tannenbaum" are performed in the baroque style of Bach, Handel and Vivaldi. 52 minutes.

Friday, Dec. 17: Sister Wendy's Pains of Glass. Go with Sister Wendy Beckett to the monumental stained glass Passion Windows at the Cathedral of King's College in Cambridge, England, where she will interpret each window's story against the backdrop of scriptural readings and chorale music. 75 minutes.

SPECIAL HOLIDAY-BREAK VIDEOS! Tues., Dec. 28, at noon: Father Christmas. Take a break and get out of the house to see our wonderful Father Christmas exhibition; then enjoy the film Father Christmas. Santa Claus decides it might be time he had a holiday for a change, instead of helping everyone else have one. 30 minutes.

Wed., Dec. 29, at noon: The Snowman. In The Snowman, a young boy builds a snowman and, to his astonishment, the snowman comes to life, taking him along for a magical journey to the North Pole. The Snowman was nominated for an Academy Award as Best Animated Short Film of 1982. 30 minutes.

Send in your favorite holiday stories and pictures! Share them with your friends reading the Tri-City Record... call Karl at 463-6397 for details

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Dear Editor, Thank you so much to all the people who have donated winter wear for our third annual "Winter Wardrobe" drive. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

We are still taking donations of new and gently used coats, hats, boots, snow pants, and gloves. Anyone who is interested in donating items may drop them off at the Tri-City Record during regular business hours.

Again, thanks to all who have donated so far. Your generosity is going to make a local youngster warm and happy this winter!

Have a happy and safe Thanksgiving. Thank you, Tri-City Angel

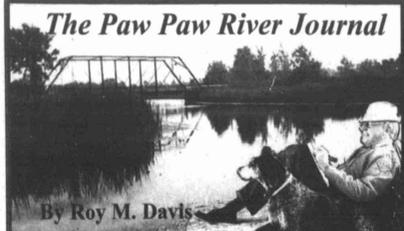
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After proper training it turned out to be one of the safest airplanes and racked up an enviable record for bombing runs over Europe. And Ray was the one who kept the Major's airplane flying smoothly. Until they made that fatal trip.

Coming back over the English Channel one day, they had picked up an Army cook who wanted a ride home to England. Ray said they had four people on board... and it was then I noticed they only had three parachutes. Oh, well, he thought, we won't need them anyway. Hah!

Ray said over England all of a sudden there was a "pop" and one engine began to run raggedly. Ray shut it down and started looking for a landing strip. They found one... Cosford Air Base. So they called and got permission for an emergency landing. Carefully, carefully, Fay nursed the crippled aircraft into the pattern. Now any pilot knows you

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DRAPER'S HOTEL AND COTTAGE RESORT - PAW PAW LAKE, COLOMA, MICHIGAN

Do you remember Draper's Hotel and Cottage Resort on Paw Paw Lake? From the collection of Tri-City Area photographs and postcards at the North Berrien Historical Society Museum, 300 Coloma Ave., Coloma 468-3330. Open Wed., Sat., and Sun. 1-4pm and by appointment.

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 Mr. Felix Sawatzki and Miss Ora Barnum, who were married in Benton Harbor yesterday morning, are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Sawatzki.

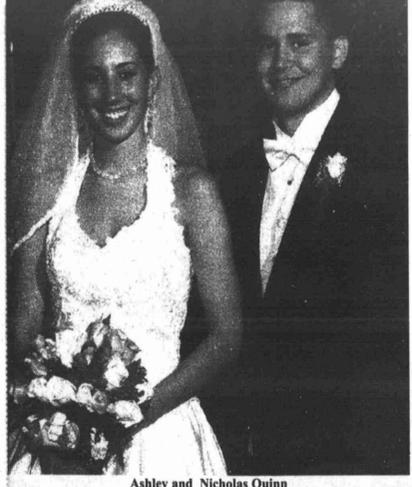
News from the Hartford Day Spring

90 YEARS AGO - 1914 Southwest Hartford: Jake Geisler is remodeling his farm residence, Roy Henderson, who has been in the west this past summer, returned home last week. Thursday, November 19, the Southwest Hartford Club met at the home of Mrs. Della Henderson.

News from the Watervliet Record

90 YEARS AGO - 1914 A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Weston of North Watervliet November 7th. On account of the low price for potatoes—25c to 40c a bushel—thousands of bushels have been stored in pits and cellars.

utilized," stated Fetting. "We had hoped that the \$500,000 challenge would encourage people to support programs that benefit student access and student success. We think it worked. In fact, 223 gifts were matched and we achieved more than 120% of our goal."



Ashley and Nicholas Quinn Harlan and Quinn wedding

Ashley Harlan of Sister Lakes and Nicholas Quinn of Watervliet were married October 16, 2004, at Saint Paul's United Church of Christ in Bainbridge Township, with Pastor Tim Ashley officiating the service.

Featured Home of the Week!

Three bedroom home in the city of Watervliet. Many updates; siding, roof, windows, 100amp electrical box, furnace w/central air. Nice size family room, two car detached garage. Home needs some cleaning and new carpet, but is reflected in the price.

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"Holiday Mitten Tree" at Michigan State Police Bridgman Post

The seasons' have rushed by, and it is time to announce the Michigan State Police Bridgman Post's 16th annual "Holiday Mitten Tree" is now waiting to be filled.

Peter Coffin goes to Hollywood... twice!

Watervliet resident Peter Coffin recently hit the big time in Hollywood as a guest on Warner Brothers' "Steve Harvey's Big Time Show."

Over a year ago, Peter sent Steve Harvey a videotape of himself and his surprising talent. The show kept the tape until just the right time. Three weeks ago, Peter was called to come to be a contestant in Steve Harvey's "Craziest Person in America" Contest!

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FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR ALICE WILLIAMS...Hartford City Manager Yemi Akinwale (left) and Mayor Ted Johnson (right) hold the cake shared by guests at the farewell reception for Alice Williams who is leaving after four terms as a City Commissioner.

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SIDNEY "PATTI" ADAMS
Sidney "Patti" Adams, 75, of Coloma, died, Saturday, Nov. 20, 2004, at Orchard Grove Extended Care Center in Benton Harbor. A Celebration of Life Memorial Service was held at 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, at First United Methodist Church, 3003 Leeco Court, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Wade Pans officiating.

Mrs. Adams was born May 26, 1929, to Milford and Edna (Hammond) Truesdale in Ferndale, Mich. On March 19, 1967, she married Edward Adams in Glendale, Calif. She attended First United Methodist Church in St. Joseph.

Patti is survived by her husband, Edward, her son, Eric Schmitt of Delray Beach, Fla., two daughters — Gail (Robert) Blaz and daughters — Mary (Brian) Burke of Stevensville; eight grandchildren — James (Amy) Felgner Jr., Julie (Jason) Kuk, Schmitt-Jr., Erica (Jason) Kohut, Christopher Burke, Todd Burke, Jesse Blazo, Jonathan Blazo and Jacob Blazo; four great-grandchildren — Carolyn and Natalie Ku, Ana and Adelaide Felgner; and a sister-in-law, Constance Simmons of Los Angeles, Calif.

Her father, Mildred Truesdale and her mother and stepfather, Sidney and Clara Pascual, preceded her in death.

Memorials may be made to First United Methodist Church. Arrangements are entrusted to Kerley-Starks & Menchinger Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services, St. Joseph. Those wishing to share a memory or sign the guest book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com

Brian (Michele) Dziubinski of Ann Arbor, one daughter, Jean (Michael) Peoples of Cameron, N.C.; five grandchildren — Ashley, Travis, Jessica, Aaron and Maria; one sister, Juanita (Bruce) Rager of Coloma, and many nieces and nephews. The family suggests memorials to the Make A Wish Foundation.

RICHARD "DICK" FERRARI
Longtime Battle Creek resident Richard "Dick" Ferrari, 68, of Coloma died Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at his home.

A memorial Mass was celebrated at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 23, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Watervliet. He is survived by his wife, Judy; daughters — Ginny (Greg) Clausen, Theresa Ferrari and Vicki (Jack) McMahon; his adoring grandchildren — Greer, Andy and Kyra; a brother, John; and sisters — Joan (Paul) Smaglick, Lorraine (Fred) Rakey and Alice Komosa. Dick's family would like you to remember Dick with a donation to a charity of your choice. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, is assisting the family with arrangements.

AMANDA GILLIAM
Amanda Lynn Starnes Gilliam, 17, treasured daughter of Mike and Jeana Gilliam, was welcomed into the arms of God on Sunday, Nov. 14, 2004. She will be greatly missed by her sisters, Caitlin, Kayla, Mary, JoAnn (Randy), and her brother, Paul. Amanda had been a patient at Mott Children's Hospital in Ann Arbor.

Amanda was born Dec. 9, 1986, and was a student at Coloma High School. On her 12th birthday, she was diagnosed with MPGN Type 2 kidney disorder. After being on dialysis for several years, she received a kidney transplant on Jan. 31, 2004. Despite the tireless efforts of her many doctors at Mott Children's Hospital, the disease recurred preventing Amanda's recovery. She fought a difficult and courageous battle all these years, remaining optimistic and hopeful despite the odds. Amanda had an amazing sense of humor. She never complained and kept her sweet personality throughout hospital stays. Although she had not been able to attend school for quite a while, she valued her education. Her goal was to return to high school, graduate with her class and eventually become a nurse.

Amanda loved life. One of her greatest joys was playing junior high basketball and volleyball. She loved Michael Jordan and the Bulls, reading good books and Scooby-Doo. A good pizza and spaghetti were a delight.

Amanda was the recipient of a great deal of community support. She received a computer from the Make A Wish Foundation, and enjoyed a shopping spree from the Kids Care Program through the generosity of Meijer and Target. Throughout her illness, Amanda and her family received love and support from many local churches. During her valiant fight, their prayers sustained both Amanda and those who loved her.

Amanda was an inspiration to everyone she met, and all who knew her felt blessed and awed by her courage. In her memory, the Gilliams would love to hear the many stories her family and friends wish to share, which they want to assemble into a book. These may be sent to the Gilliams at 4525 Wil-O-Paw Drive, Coloma MI 49038. These memories will be shared on her birthday, Dec. 9, when a celebration of her life will be held at Ma and Pa's Country Kettle in Watervliet with an open house beginning at 2 p.m. All who knew and loved Amanda are welcome.

A scholarship in Amanda's memory is being established at Coloma High School. Memorial contributions can be made to the Amanda Starnes Gilliam fund at Chemical Bank Shoreline of Coloma or at the Coloma Community Schools Administration Building.

EDWIN E. DZIUBINSKI
Edwin E. Dziubinski, 73, of Bangor passed away Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo. The family met friends Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Bangor Chapel, D. L. Miller Funeral Home where funeral services were held Saturday at 5 p.m. with the Rev. Sandra McNary and the Rev. Charles McNary officiating. Cremation will follow services.

Ed was born April 24, 1931, in Chicago and resided in this area over 55 years. He was an Air Force veteran serving with the 18th Weather Squadron during the Berlin Air Lift and a veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the American Legion and the V.F.W. He was a volunteer fireman in Bangor for many years and retired from GTE after 20 years.

Surviving are his wife, the former Janice Burlingame, whom he married June 9, 1956; two sons, Edwin (Vicky) Dziubinski of Ann Arbor and

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MARY DALY THEISEN
Mary Daly Theisen, 89, passed away at home Nov. 17, 2004, with her family surrounding her.

At her request, cremation has taken place. A memorial Mass was held at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Watervliet, at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 20.

Mary was born March 31, 1915, in Riverside. She grew up in Riverside, the oldest of eight children to William and Mae Daly. Mary graduated from Nazareth College in Kalamazoo and married Charles Theisen in 1939. They lived in Salem, N.J., for 13 years, where all her children were born.

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LILLY "DOLLY" JONES
Lillie "Dolly" Jones, 80, of Coloma passed away Friday, Nov. 19, 2004, at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph. A service celebrating her life was held at 12 p.m. Monday, Nov. 22, at Davidson Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, Coloma. Burial followed at Harris Cemetery in Hagar Township. Visitation took place from 5 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mrs. Jones was born on May 10, 1924, in Gibson County, Tenn., to Robert and Rosie Lee (Crocker) Bryant. She was one of 14 children. On Oct. 5, 1942, in Missouri, she married Roy Jones, who preceded her in death on Oct. 3, 1995. She could always be found working in the garden. She always said she loved to see things grow. The only things she loved more than gardening were her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. She was a member of the Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama. She will be greatly missed by all that knew her.

She is survived by her children — Marvin Jones of Coloma, Sarah (André) Bachelder of Buchanan, Betty (Delbert) Morris and Barbara (Del) Morris, both of Coloma; one brother, Wesley Bryant of Greenfield, Tenn.; a sister, Ruby (Jimmy) Morris of Coloma; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews who loved her dearly.

Her husband, Roy Jones; her daughter-in-law, Donna Jones; six brothers and five sisters preceded her in death.

Memorials may be made to Community Hospital in Watervliet.

DOROTHY M. NUTTING
Dorothy M. Nutting, 80, of Coloma passed away on Tuesday, Nov. 16, 2004, at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph.

A service celebrating her life was held at noon on Friday, Nov. 19, at Davidson Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, St. Joseph where visitation took place beginning at 11 a.m. Burial followed at North Shore Memory Gardens, Hagar Shores.

Mrs. Nutting was born on Aug. 31, 1924, in Riverside to August and Louise (Westphal) Noack. On July 21, 1951, she married Dwight Nutting in Riverside. She was a homemaker who loved flowers, birds, family times and friends. She was a lifelong area resident. She will be deeply missed by those who knew her.

Survivors include her husband of 53 years, Dwight Nutting of Coloma; a daughter, Pam (Ron) Dolezan of Stevensville; a son, Steve (Stacey) Nutting of Coloma; two sisters, Marguerite Knox of Covert and Clara Kroschel of Coloma; two brothers, Harold (Glady) Noack of Riverside and Victor (Jean) Noack of Coloma; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

A brother, Albert Noack, preceded her in death.

Memorial donations may be made to North Berrien Senior Center.

ORVILLE R. KESSINGER
Orville R. Kessinger Sr., 69, of Eau Claire, passed away Thursday, Nov. 18, 2004, at Community Hospital, Watervliet.

A Celebration of Life Service was held at 1 p.m. Monday at Kerley-Starks & Menchinger Family Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Wade Blankenship of The Lighthouse officiating. Burial followed at Oak Hill Cemetery in Plymouth, Ind. Friends called from 2 to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mr. Kessinger was born Jan. 16, 1935, in McHenry, Ky., to Raymond and Elizabeth (Stone) Kessinger. On Dec. 20, 1969, he married the former Ruby Lucas Little in St. Joseph. Orville retired in 2000 from West McLain in Benton Harbor after 20 years of employment.

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Coloma Middle School "Student of the Week"

Seventh-grade Coloma Middle School student Leah Briney has been selected as "Student of the Week." Leah is the daughter of Larry Briney and Eric and Barbara Evtet of Coloma. There are three other girls in Leah's family—Jessie (21), Sarah (17), and Marjanna (1). Leah was nominated by Middle School secretary Sue Champion. Mrs. Champion said, "Leah is an excellent office teaching assistant. She is a very conscientious young lady. She does her job without being asked twice and many times without being asked."

Her favorite class is science with Mrs. Calbeck. She really enjoyed a recent science trip to Fort Custer in Battle Creek, where students collected "Little Blue Stem" seeds for the government.

Leah enjoys shopping with her friends and watching softball games. The following local merchants join the staff at CMS in congratulating this "Student of the Week" for her hard work and dedication: Coloma Pizza Hut (\$10 gift certificate), Waffle House (free appetizer coupon), McDonald's (free sandwich coupon), Wesco (fountain drink and popcorn), Candy Caste (\$2.50 gift certificate), AMF Bowling Lanes (two free games), Coloma Athletic Department (free student pass), and Chartwell's School Dining Services at Coloma Middle School (snack gift certificate).

Watervliet Middle School "Student of the Week"

Watervliet Middle School student Bud Lovell, son of Robert and Alena Lovell, has been selected as "Outstanding Sixth-Grader" by his teachers. All teachers agree that Bud deserves this honor because of his cooperation and helpfulness contributes to the greater good of the Middle School population.

Kyle Priebe, a friend of Bud's, thinks "he is a very hard working, organized and responsible student."

When asked what he likes best about WMS, Bud responded, "I like switching classes. It's cool." His favorite subject is Transitions Math. Bud enjoys reading fantasy books and would like to take a day visit California.

In math, he enjoys algebra and especially likes experiments in science class. Band is Bud's favorite enrichment class.

During his spare time, Bud likes to play video games with his best friend, Kyle Priebe. He is looking forward to attending the E3 convention. This convention allows individuals to preview upcoming video games.

Congratulations, Bud!

The following local merchants join the staff at WMS in congratulating our "Student of the Week" for his hard work and dedication: Waffle House (Free Appetizer Coupon), Coloma Pizza Hut (\$10 Gift Certificate), McDonald's (Free Sandwich Coupon), Wesco (Fountain Drink & Donut Coupon), and WPS Athletic Office (Free 1-Event Student Pass).



Coloma Community Schools menus

November 29-December 3 ELEMENTARY
 BREAKFAST: Monday - French Toast Sticks, Tuesday - Cheese Omelet, Wednesday - Waffles, Thursday - Breakfast Sandwich, Friday - Pancakes.
 LUNCH: Monday - Mini Corn Dogs or Italian Chicken Patty Bunwich, Tuesday - Cheeseburger on a Bun or Creamy Tuna Noodle Casserole, Wednesday - Barbecued Meatloaf Sandwich or Chicken Rings, Thursday - Meatball Sub or Salisbury Steak w/Gravy, Friday - Fish Nuggets or Cuban Chicken/Rice/Bean Wrap.
SECONDARY
 LUNCH: Monday - Casa Ortega Nacho Bar, Tuesday - Creamy Tuna Noodle Casserole, Wednesday - Garden Emporium Salad Bar, Thursday - Casa Ortega Nacho Bar, Friday - Chicken Cacciatore w/Rice.

A.L. Stagg Birthing Center arrival announced

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

A son was born Saturday, November 20, 2004, to Kara Smith and Antonio Aguilera of Benton Harbor. He weighed 9 pounds, 1 ounce.

Congratulations to this new arrival and his family.

Calendar & Entertainment Page

"Kute Kids"...

THIS "KUTE KID" ... is Brendan Michael McAlvey, 5, son of Heather McAlvey of Walnut, Illinois; and Todd Brakau of Princeton, Illinois. The grandson of Dan and Michele McAlvey of Walnut and Gary and Janet Brakau of Princeton, Brendan is the great-grandson of Elizabeth and the late Robert Cabbage of Walnut, formerly of Coloma.

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 are your "Kute Kids"?

Lake Michigan College ensembles to perform in Fine Arts Concert December 5

The Lake Michigan College Music Department presents its Fine Arts Concert on Sunday, December 5, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hanson Theater of the Mendel Center on the Napier Avenue Campus in Benton Township. Featured LMC ensembles include the Concert Choir, Voices LMC, and the Jazz Band.

Voices LMC, directed by Daniel Hendrickson, will perform a program of traditional a cappella literature including Renaissance motets by Thomas Luis Victoria and Hans Leo Hassler and a madrigal by Thomas Morely. The popular hymn tune "Lo, How A Rose E're Blooming" by Michael Praetorius and a setting of the traditional carol "The Holly and the Ivy" will also be performed.

The Concert Choir, also directed by Hendrickson, will perform the "Blue Bird" by Charles V. Stanford, "Dance, Dance, My Heart" by Emma Lou Diemer, and "If Music Be the Food of Love" by David Dickson. Other works will include arrangements of "Still, Still, Still" by Norman Luboff, "The Huron Carol" by Paul Aitken and "Susanni," a traditional German carol, arranged for choir by Robert Shaw and Alice Parker.

The Jazz Band will pay tribute to recently deceased jazz great Ray Charles with "What'd I'd Say," arranged by director Jim Cooper. The band's performance will also include Cooper's arrangement of Hoagy Carmichael's "Georgia," as well as arrangements by Dave Wolfe of the movie classics "Peter Gunn" and "Ghost Busters."

Individual tickets are \$7 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and students, and \$4 each for groups of 20 or more. Tickets may be purchased through the Mainstage Box Office Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at (269) 927-1221; or in person at the Box Office located in the Mendel Center.

Lake Michigan College is host of student music recital

The Lake Michigan College Music Department presented its final student recital for the fall semester at 12:20 p.m. Tuesday, November 23, in the Hanson Theater of the LMC Mendel Center on the Napier Avenue Campus in Benton Township.

Students participating at the program included soloists: soprano, Laura Boehler (Holland); soprano, Anna DeWitt (St. Joseph); tenor, Jason Dienes (Benton Harbor); baritone, Random Frie (Stevensville); soprano, Kimberly Howell (Niles); soprano, Audrey Iwan (St. Joseph); tuba, Andrew Kroepel (Decatur); guitar, Kevin Keith (St. Joseph); mezzo-soprano, Ann Marie Marlow (Stevensville); guitar, Justin Martin (Niles); guitar, Noah Privett (St. Joseph); piano, Kelly Richmond (Michigan City, IN); soprano, Kishana Samuel (Benton Harbor); baritone, Alan Selvidge (Watervliet); soprano, Cheri Stieve (South Haven); and piano, Caitlin Williams (Coloma).

Faculty presenting students in the November recital included Lisa Falcetta, Paul Flyger, Dan Hendrickson, Rob Lamm, Alan Mitchell, Patrick Pantaleo, Elifé Schults-Berndt, and Carrie VanDenburgh. The accompanist was Paul Flyger.

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LOMA MOVIE GUIDE

THE INCREDIBLES - (Held Over) Animated movie with the voice of Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter & Samuel L. Jackson. A retired superhero itching to get back into action gets his chance when a mysterious communication summons him to a remote island for a secret assignment. (PG)

CHRISTMAS WITH THE KRANKS - Tim Allen plays Luth Krank, a man who decides to skip Christmas and all the surrounding trappings and go on a vacation with his wife, Nora (Jamie Lee Curtis), instead. But when his daughter decides, at the last minute, to come home for the holidays, he is forced to put Christmas back together. (PG)

SPONGEBOB - (Held Over) Featuring the voices of Alec Baldwin, David Hasselhoff. Starring the squarepants-clad sponge himself along with all his trusty friends from Bikini Bottom, this action-packed undersea adventure is based on the ever-popular Emmy-winning TV series. (PG)

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The Incredibles (PG)
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National Treasure (PG)
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The Polar Express (G)
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Spongebob Squarepants (G)
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Listings must be renewed weekly; the listing deadline for next week's paper is noon on Monday.

Available now, "APPLICATIONS FOR MISS WATERVLIET SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT," sponsored by Watervliet Lions Club, at Watervliet High School Office or by calling Joyce Wendzel at 463-4370. TEA is set for 2 p.m. November 28 at Watervliet Public Library. Open to any young lady 17-21 residing in the Watervliet School District.

Now through Nov. 26, "ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR PACKAGES THAT WILL BE SENT TO OUR OVERSEAS TROOPS." Stop in at Curves on Red Arrow Highway, between Coloma & Watervliet, for a list of items needed or for more information you might need. You may also call 463-8370.

Now through Nov. 29, "TAKING ORDERS FOR WMS HAND PROGRAM'S CITRUS SALE," weekly second week of December. Call 463-5595 to place your order.

Now through 12/31, "ORNAIMENT FUND-RAISER FOR TREE OF LOVE," sponsored by Community Hospital Auxiliary, \$10 donation to 16-point star ornament to honor a special person or as a memorial, \$5 for gold & blue ornament. Forms available at Park Bench Gift Shop at the hospital. For more information, call 463-3111, extension 461 or 466.

Thursday, Nov. 25, 12:00 noon-4 p.m., "FREE MEAL SERVED TO ANYONE WHO IS ALONE ON THANKSGIVING DAY," Coloma Cafe downtown Coloma. Call 468-3800 for more information.

Saturday, Nov. 27, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., "24TH ANNUAL DECATUR HOLIDAY ARTS & CRAFTS SHOW," at Decatur High School, featuring over 150 area craftsmen, plus a food & bake sale. Sponsored by Decatur Athletic Boosters.

Wednesday, Dec. 1, 6:30 p.m., "COMMUNITY ADVENT FELLOWSHIP SOUP DINNER & CAROLING," at Riverside United Methodist Church in Riverside; Dec. 8 at Coloma United Methodist Church; Dec. 15 at Watervliet United Methodist Church; and Dec. 22 at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Barabridge Township. Free-will donations will go to North Berrien Food Pantry.

Thursday, Dec. 2, 8-9 p.m., "SPAGHETTI DINNER," at Coloma Middle School Cafeteria 274 N. West Street, Coloma. Fund-raiser sponsored by Pizza Hut for Mr. Coloma Contest & Miss Coloma 2005 Fashion Show; tickets are \$5/adult and \$4/child 12 & under. Carryouts will be available. Call Yvette at The Candy Factory, 468-9362, or Fran at Hair Innovations, 468-8652, for more information.

Friday, Dec. 3, 8 a.m.-4 p.m., "COMMUNITY HOSPITAL AUXILIARY BAKE & CRAFT SALE," main lobby of the hospital in Watervliet.

Friday, Dec. 3, 5:00-8:30 p.m., "COMMUNITY SOUP & SALAD SUPPER," hosted by North Berrien County Senior Center, Ryno Road Coloma. \$4/adult; \$3/child 12 & under. Proceeds go to North Berrien Food Pantry.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., "SHOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS" for 12-17 year-olds, Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. To register, call (269) 353-7111, extension 7255.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 9:30-10:30 a.m. or 11 a.m.-12 noon, "WINTER FISHING DAY FOR KIDS 5-16," at Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Visitor Center, near Kalamazoo (Mattawan, at Highway Road & M-43, six miles west of the junction of M-43 & U.S. 131. Call Shara at (269) 868-2876 for more information.

Saturday, Dec. 4, 10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., "CHRISTMAS ORNAIMENT MAKE-AND-TAKE FOR 5-9 YEAR-OLDS," Coloma Public Library \$1 fee for materials; call (269) 468-3431 to register.

Sunday, Dec. 5, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., "CCW RENEWAL CLASS," at Watervliet Rod & Gun Club, Hennessey Road, Watervliet. Bring old NRA textbooks, handgun, 50 rounds of new ammo, boots & warm clothes. Must register. Call 468-3837, 468-7875 or 429-5357.

Sunday, Dec. 5, 2 p.m., "TREE OF LOVE LIGHTING CEREMONY," Community Hospital Watervliet lobby, w/Caroling & light refreshments.

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Tri-City Area Sports News

Armchair Quarterbacks pick this weekend's game winners!

Each week these football fans pick their favorite teams to win. The AQB with the best record ending with Super Bowl XXXIX wins a hat!

Nebraska over Colorado Texas over Texas A & M Virginia Tech. Over Virginia Arkansas over LSU USC over Notre Dame Georgia over Georgia Tech. Green Bay over St. Louis Dallas over Chicago Indianapolis over Detroit Tiebreaker Lions/Colts 53 pts.	Nebraska over Colorado Texas over Texas A & M Virginia Tech. Over Virginia LSU over Arkansas USC over Notre Dame Georgia over Georgia Tech. Green Bay over St. Louis Dallas over Chicago Indianapolis over Detroit Tiebreaker Lions/Colts 60 pts.	Nebraska over Colorado Texas A & M over Texas Virginia Tech. Over Virginia LSU over Arkansas USC over Notre Dame Georgia over Georgia Tech. Green Bay over St. Louis Chicago over Dallas Detroit over Indianapolis Tiebreaker Lions/Colts 41 pts.	Nebraska over Colorado Texas over Texas A & M Virginia Tech. Over Virginia LSU over Arkansas USC over Notre Dame Georgia over Georgia Tech. Green Bay over St. Louis Dallas over Chicago Indianapolis over Detroit Tiebreaker Lions/Colts 50 pts.	Colorado over Nebraska Texas over Texas A & M Virginia Tech. Over Virginia LSU over Arkansas USC over Notre Dame Georgia over Georgia Tech. St. Louis over Green Bay Dallas over Chicago Indianapolis over Detroit Tiebreaker Lions/Colts 56 pts.	Colorado over Nebraska Texas over Texas A & M Virginia Tech. Over Virginia LSU over Arkansas USC over Notre Dame Georgia over Georgia Tech. Green Bay over St. Louis Dallas over Chicago Indianapolis over Detroit Tiebreaker Lions/Colts 40 pts.

My view from the Press Box

By Mike Leith, Sportswriter

Armchair players stay in line

Not one person changed position this week in our Armchair Quarterback race while some strange things did happen in the process.

Everyone missed the Ohio State upset of Michigan, so that was a wash; and as the Michigan State and Florida State losses.

Greg Borr went 6-4 for the week and stays in first place as a result. He also picked Mendon, but that didn't matter as Joe Jason had the exact same picks as Greg so Joe stays in second place. That means that Joe is still two games behind Greg and is well within striking range.

Third place belongs to Chris Leach once again this week as he went 4-6. That puts her three games behind Joe, but she had better watch out on the other side as Nancy Huffman is closing the gap.

Nancy went 7-3 for the week and stays in fourth place. But she does make up some ground on the people above her with that performance.

Nancy is now just one game behind Chris and within reach of the rest.

Rob Bunn went 7-3 this week as well and the same can be said for him. Rob is still in fifth place but is just one game behind Nancy. That gives him hope and keeps him in the hunt.

Jim Edwards went 5-5 this week and solidifies his grasp on sixth place. Jim might just be sandbagging until the end, but only time will tell.

Have a happy Thanksgiving and enjoy the football games.



WATERVLIET'S KIM GEAR...dribbles into traffic as Katelyn Bryce looks on in last week's District game against Bloomingdale. Even though Gear scored 18 points and Bryce seven points, the Lady Panthers fell short by a 34-30 score to end their season.

Michigan State was beaten by Penn State to deny the Spartans a bowl bid, while both Western and Eastern Michigan lost.

Western Michigan is in the midst of its worst losing string ever and has fired Coach Gary Darrell as a result. Darrell was MAC Coach of the Year back in 2000 but had fallen on hard times the last two seasons.

If Wisconsin had won, they would have gone to the Rose Bowl even though they would have had just one conference loss just like the Badgers would have had. That is because Michigan went to the Rose Bowl last.

Penalties should be as stiff for brawling NBA fans

Things are really going too far now with what happened in Detroit last week against the Indiana Pacers.

Ben Wallace got the stiffest penalty of the Pistons with a six-game suspension.

On the Pacers' side, Ron Artest was suspended for the rest of the NBA season. The Pacers' Stephen Jackson got a 30-game suspension while Jermaine O'Neal got 25 games.

Artest's season-long suspension will amount to over five million dollars in lost pay.

They also must come down on the fans that got way out of control as well. Their penalties should be just as stiff.

Wolverines back into Rose Bowl

I'm sure that Lloyd Carr and most of the Michigan faithful would have preferred to have beaten Ohio State in order to win the Big Ten Conference title outright and the Rose Bowl trip that would have come along with it.

However, since the Wolverines lost, their fate was in the hands of the Iowa Hawkeyes who were taking on Wisconsin later in the afternoon.

Iowa ended up pounding the

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Watervliet girls fall to Bloomingdale

The Watervliet girls varsity basketball team had its season ended prematurely last Wednesday as the Lady Panthers fell to Bloomingdale in the first round of the Class "C" District tournament.

The Lady Panthers had been beaten by the Lady Cardinals just the week before in their SAC crossover game, and Bloomingdale did it again.

Watervliet missed several early shots in the first quarter and trailed 10-4 after that period.

It was a 17-10 game at the half and 27-21 after three quarters, in the Lady Cardinals' favor.

Watervliet rallied in the final quarter and got to within two points but could not get over the hump.

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In the pits!

By Sue Openner

Biffle wins race; Busch win championship

It's all over race fans! The 2004 NASCAR Nextel season is over. The final race at Homestead/Miami was wild and caution filled. The title was still within the reach of five drivers.

It came down to the final laps of the race to determine the first Nextel Champion. Kurt Busch would cross the finish line in fifth place to win his first Nextel Cup title. He finished just eight points ahead of Jimmie Johnson. It was the second consecutive title for Roush Racing. Matt Kenseth won the final Winston Cup Title in 2003.

A scary moment during the race almost cost Busch the championship. The right front tire broke off as he headed in for a pit stop. He barely missed crashing into the outside wall of pit road. He fought back lap after lap for the fifth-place finish. It was his third win of the season and the first in the 10-race chase.

Busch is the third youngest driver to win a championship title at 26. Jimmie Johnson finished second in Sunday's season-finisher race. He gained 239 points in the last six races to finish second in the championship run.

Johnson's teammate, Jeff Gordon, finished third at Homestead/Miami and would also take third place in the standings. He was just 16 points behind Busch. It would have been Gordon's fifth championship.

Mark Martin, the fan favorite to win the championship, finished 11th. He moved from fifth to fourth place in the standings. He was 107 points behind teammate Kurt Busch. Martin is scheduled to retire after the 2005 series. He has never won a championship.

Dale Jr. was never a real factor in the race. He finished 23rd after experiencing handling problems with the #8 Budweiser Chevrolet. He dropped to fifth in the standings and was 138 points out of first.

Greg Biffle was the winner of Sunday's race. It was his second win of the season. He was not a contender in the championship run.

Bobby Hamilton won the 2004 NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series and Martin Truex Jr. was this year's Busch Series Champion.

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(11/25, 12/2, 12/9 & 12/16/04-TCR)

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The Bainbridge Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, corner of Bainbridge Center and Territorial roads, on the following date: December 14th 9 a.m. The meeting is to correct clerical errors and/or mutual mistakes of fact.

Jerry Jolley, Supervisor (11-25-04-TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE OF ORDINANCE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COLOMA BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COLOMA, BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following is a summary of a proposed Ordinance which was received for first reading by the Township Board of the Charter Township of Coloma at a regular meeting held on November 10, 2004.

SECTION I. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Coloma Charter Township Public Parks, Fire Lanes, Road Ends and Township Property Ordinance".

SECTION II. ADMINISTRATIVE RULE-MAKING AUTHORITY.

This section gives the Board of Trustees of Coloma Charter Township the authority to adopt by resolution administrative rules, policies and procedures for the operation, maintenance, control, use, protection and regulation of all Township property. This section further sets forth various general classifications of Township property.

DEFINITIONS. This section defines various terms used in this Ordinance. SECTION IV. GENERAL RULES. This section contains extensive general rules pertaining to Township property, including, but not limited to, prohibitions against destruction of Township property, regulations regarding the parking of vehicles on Township property, regulations regarding the operation of motor vehicles and other devices on Township property and regulations regarding conduct on Township property.

SECTION V. SPECIFIC RULES PERTAINING TO ROAD ENDS (INCLUDING FIRE LANES). This section sets forth various regulations regulating use of Township road ends and fire lanes.

SECTION VI. SPECIFIC RULES PERTAINING TO TOWNSHIP PUBLIC PARKS. This section sets forth various rules pertaining to use of Township public parks.

SECTION VII. EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. This section sets forth provision for establishment of emergency rules or orders required to protect the health, welfare or safety of visitors or users of Township property.

SECTION VIII. SANCTIONS. Violation of this Ordinance is a municipal civil infraction punishable by a civil fine of not more than \$500 along with costs and such other additional sanctions as are authorized under Michigan law. Each day that a violation of this Ordinance continues to exist shall constitute a separate violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION IX. SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION X. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect immediately following publication after adoption. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of the proposed Ordinance has been posted in the following public places situated within the Township for inspection by the general public:

- 1. Office of the Township Clerk, 4919 Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma, Michigan.
2. Hardings Market, 6577 Paw Paw Avenue, Coloma.
3. North Berrien Senior Center, 6648 Reno Road, Coloma.
4. Rite Aid, 6699 Paw Paw Avenue, Coloma.
5. Paw Paw Avenue Laundromat, 6755 Paw Paw Avenue, Coloma.
6. Big C Lumber, 6603 Red Arrow Highway, Coloma.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Ordinance will be considered for adoption by the Township Board at its next regular meeting to be held at the Coloma Township Hall, 4919 Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma, Michigan, on December 8, 2004, commencing at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

Coloma Charter Township will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, to individuals with disabilities at the hearing upon four (4) days' notice to the Coloma Charter Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Coloma Charter Township Clerk at the address or telephone number listed below.

Nancy Baiers, Clerk Coloma Charter Township 4919 Paw Paw Lake Road Coloma, MI 49038 (269) 468-7212 (11-25-04-TCR)

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OUTDOORS with GORDIE. GORDON CHARLES. She may be baffled by hunting!

Most women have a tough time trying to figure out what it is that the males in their lives (husband, brother, son, boyfriend) can possibly see in hunting or fishing. Ask almost any gal and she may admit she is completely baffled by what goes on. For example, the guy who gets nearly sick at the sight of his young child's bloody nose will think nothing of sticking his arms clear up to the elbows into a deer he is dressing out. He won't bat an eye when it comes to cleaning a rabbit, squirrel, grouse, or a mess of fish. That, he explains, is a lot different.

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building a new fish shanty or taking the dog out for a practice run. The whole thing just happens to be a matter of the right priorities - his vs. hers. Paw Paw Lake Almanac. By Delavan Sipes. The wind has lost its bite. The woods are soggy from rain. Leaves have lost their crunch. Air is warm and humid. Fog doesn't know whether to be, or not to be. Deer season is in - husbands and sons are gone. Here and there are an occasional wife or daughter who joins them. Carpenters, plumbers, and roofers are hard to find. Business, says - northern business, boots.

Tri-City Area FISHING REPORT

By Theresa Broadhurst. Report from last week... The Day to the Fishin' Hole 2 for a quick photo on the way home. It will be placed on our "Trophy Board" for everyone to enjoy. Your photo might be the one chosen as our Sportsman Of The Week and placed right here for everyone to enjoy! Continue to be safe this hunting season. Until next week, have a safe and pleasant Thanksgiving. Sportsman of the Week: J.P. Metz of Coloma shot his 7-pt. Buck weighing 205# in Nebraska on 11/13/04 in Republican City, Way to go, J.R.! Until next week, tight lines and sinking bolles...

FISHIN' HOLE 2. 5605 Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma 468-7522. FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES. HOURS: Monday-Saturday, 7 A.M.-6 P.M.; Sunday, 7 A.M.-4 P.M.

See "Tales of the Hunt" on the back page

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RIBBON CUTTING... The recently completed Multi Use Trail around Paw Paw Lake got officially opened with a ribbon cutting on Friday, November 12. The 8.2 mile trail along roads that border the lake goes through Coloma Township and Watervliet City and Township. On hand for the ceremony included City and Township officials, MDOT and State officials, design engineers, area economic development members, and citizens. Local officials noted their gratitude for the \$90,000 state grant and the spirit of cooperation among the local government to see the project through. Officials also said the success of the project was a good reason to create a similar trail for hiking and biking between the cities of Coloma and Watervliet with a link up the new trail. (Karl Bayer photo)

Tale of the Hunt from Hayden's Taxidermy Youth learns from Grandpa; shares venison with others

By Angela Stair

Brian Hastings, 16, of Allegan, got his first eight-point buck this year. An avid hunter since the age of 12, this was his fourth buck.

"This is the first one that was nice enough that he wanted to have it mounted," proud grandmother Sharon Porter said.

Sharon and Bruce Porter of Bangor like to have their grandson around and teach him more than the value of good sportsmanship. Sharon said even though they don't eat all the meat brought in by her hunting husband and grandson, they always get it processed.

"We like to give the deer meat to people that don't get the chance at a deer and could use it," Sharon said.

"Before we came here, we picked up the horns, hide, and meat at the processors and we have already delivered the meat to a family we



Brian Hastings

knew." "I had an agreement with Grandpa (Bruce Porter) that I would not take a buck unless it had more than six points," Brian said, "and Grandpa also said 'no does.'"

Brian lives in Allegan and hunts with his grandfather around the Bangor and Hartford areas. He was hunting south of Hartford when this eight-point beauty came into view.

"Opening day, I had two bucks come by me; one was a six-point and the other was a four-point," Brian said. "It was about 7:30 in the morning of the second day of gun season, just getting light, when this buck came running in right at me. I blew my grunt call and he stopped. Then he ran again and I blew the grunt again. This time when he stopped, I had a good shot and took it."

Brian said the buck ran about 50 yards and dropped. He had shot him through the shoulder and into the heart. The deer weighed out at 180 pounds, field dressed.

For children 5-9

Make Christmas ornaments Dec. 4 at Coloma Public Library

Coloma Public Library will have a Christmas ornament make-and-take session for children 5-9 on Saturday, December 4, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

A \$1 material fee will include everything needed to make several different ornaments.

Call the library at (269) 468-3431 to register.

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Grace Christian's kindergarteners visit Carpenter's Dairy Farm

Grace Christian School's kindergarten class visited Carpenter's Dairy Farm. We enjoyed seeing the cows and their calves and petting the calves and goats. We had fun on a hayride and liked going into a big barn and seeing the cows being milked.

Mrs. Carpenter gave us a snack of cookies and milk, of course.

Carpenter's Dairy Farm, home of the "World's Largest Corn Maze," is run by Dan and Penny Carpenter, grandparents of one of our students, Isis Carpenter. Their farm is located on M-43 between South Haven and Bangor and is a state of Michigan Centennial Farm.

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Healthy Learning at Lakeland

December 2004

<p>Family Life</p>	<p>Hip/Knee Pain Seminar</p>	<p>A Show of Support</p>
<p>Town Meeting Topics cover all aspects of family life. Mon., Dec. 20, 4:00 p.m. Lakeland Continuing Care Center, St. Joseph. Call: 983-6501.</p>	<p>The Good News About Hip and Knee Pain A registered nurse and physical therapist discuss common symptoms and treatments available. Mon., Dec. 13, 10:00 a.m., at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, Frederick S. Upton Education Center, Room #5. No registration required. Call: 927-5350.</p>	<p>Weight Loss Surgery Support Group Education and support for patients and their families before and after surgery. Sat., Dec. 18, 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m., at Lakeland Hospital, Niles. Call: 687-1459 for more information.</p>
<p>Pediatric Surgical Orientation Surgery isn't so scary when your child is prepared. Patients, ages 3-12, will tour the pre- and post-operative care units and operating room while parents receive post-operative care information. Wed., Dec. 8 or Wed., Dec. 22, 5:30 p.m. Preregistration required. Call: 983-8615.</p>	<p>Bones in Balance Bones in Balance is a self-managed, osteoporosis education program which meets Tuesdays and Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Lakeland Center for Outpatient Services, 3900 Hollywood Rd., St. Joseph. Participants must be physician referred. Call: Jennifer Layman Young, 556-2808, for more information. NO CLASSES IN DECEMBER. CLASSES WILL BEGIN AGAIN IN JANUARY.</p>	<p>SHARE Support Group For parents who have lost a child through stillbirth, miscarriage, tubal pregnancy or death in early infancy. Tues., Dec. 7, 7:00 p.m., Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph. Call: 983-8187 or 683-5510, ext. 8187.</p>
<p>Baby, Are You Ready?</p> <p>Expectant Parent Program Whether you're awaiting your first or fifth, attend a Lakeland childbirth course. Preregistration required. Call: 927-5355 for St. Joseph, 687-1829 for Niles or 927-5350 for Benton Harbor.</p>	<p>Dealing with Diabetes</p> <p>Diabetes-Taking Control Improve blood glucose control, make healthier food choices and reduce the risk of complications. Classes offered on an ongoing basis in Niles and St. Joseph. Preregistration required. Physician Referral Required. Call: 927-5465 or 683-5510, ext. 5465.</p>	<p>Diabetes Support Group A support group for adult diabetics and their families. Wed., Dec. 8, 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Lakeland, St. Joseph. Call: 927-5350 or 683-5510, ext. 5350.</p>
<p>Look Good...Feel Better</p> <p>Look Good...Feel Better provides information and cosmetic advice to women battling cancer. This training includes hands-on instruction on makeup, skin care and suggestions for using wigs, turbans and scarves. It also includes tips on nail care while undergoing treatment. Cosmetics are provided for your personal make-over. This program is free of charge and facilitated by trained, licensed cosmetologists - all American Cancer Society volunteers. Offered on the 2nd Monday of each month, Dec. 13, 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m., Lakeland Center for Outpatient Services, Margaret Beckley Upton Women's Center, 3900 Hollywood Rd., St. Joseph. Call: Jennifer Layman Young, 556-2808, to register for the class. Preregistration is required, class size is limited to six participants.</p>	<p>Pre-Diabetes Class: Beginning on Jan. 26, Lakeland Hospital will offer free monthly classes designed for anyone with higher than normal blood sugar levels and who is at risk of developing type 2 diabetes. The 3-hour group class will discuss lifestyle changes that can help participants avoid or delay the onset of the disease. Please register by calling 927-5350 or 683-5510, ext. 5350.</p>	<p>Interstitial Cystitis Support Group General support group meeting, Thurs., Dec. 16, 7:00 p.m., at the Frederick S. Upton Education Center, Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph. Call: Marcia Koehler, 429-8860 for more information.</p> <p>Class Locations All St. Joseph classes meet in the Frederick S. Upton Education Center at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, except when otherwise noted. All Niles classes meet in the Meeting Room at Lakeland Hospital, Niles, except when otherwise noted. For health information & physician referral, call the Lakeland HealthLine at 1-800-303-8399, or visit www.lakelandhealth.org</p>

