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**Gary Pardike** 

# Pardike resigns

# **Hartford School** Superintendent leaving in June

By Angela Stair Hartford School District Superintendent Gary Pardike told the School Board at its January 5 meeting that he would resign on June 30 when his contract expires. He told Board members he would stay on as late as September 30 to help with the transition of a new Superintendent, if the Board requested that of him.

# Bainbridge officials say there's no Township position; defend personal opinions **Resident grills Jollay on gun range opposition**

#### By Angela Stair

Issue #2

A Bainbridge Township resident identified as Mr. Stasiak came before the Township Board at its meeting on January 10 and questioned Supervisor Jerry Jollay as to his right to attend a meeting about the proposed Coloma Township gun range and state he was not in favor of it.

Stasiak said he was totally in favor of the gun range and he did not believe anyone from the Board should state he or she was not for it and represent the people of Bainbridge. He said his wife had read him an article from the newspaper (The Herald-Palladium), and that is exactly what it sounded like.

been asked if he wanted the gun range. There had been no questionnaire that had come to his house, asking if he wanted it; so how could they possibly say all the people in the Township were against the gun range.

Supervisor Jollay said the Board had not passed a resolution against the gun range.

Clerk Deb Grieser told Stasiak that is not what the resolution said.

Trustee John Yetzke said the Board was not against the gun range, just the way it was being pushed on them. He said he felt that if the Berrien County commissioners were going to spend a quarter of a million dollars on a gun range that they do He went on to say that he had not not even own, it does not make

when the lease runs out in 20 years and they can no longer use the property as a gun range?

Yetzke told Stasiak that a new place would have to be found and then millions spent on that. He asked what was wrong with them going out and purchasing land to build a gun range that they would own for 200 years.

Stasiak said that would not happen. Treasurer Mark Epple said, "Yes, it could." If the landfill gets full and they need the property is one scenario, but what if they decide they no longer want the gun range there or sell the site and the next owners don't want it there? It could happen. Stasiak said he still felt someone

sense. What is going to happen should not be representing the Township when he hasn't been there were more and better options asked.

> Clerk Grieser said a group of residents had attended the May meeting and asked that a resolution be passed asking that the commissioners seriously consider other options before approving the gun range. Grieser said the resolution did not say they

were against the range, just that to look at before making a decision. She read the resolution that was passed that night.

Supervisor Jollay said being the Supervisor of Bainbridge Township does not preclude him from being a citizen. He said he speaks as a citi-Continued on back page



LaVanways celebrate

# **Kids thank Watervliet School Board**



"I just felt it was time to look at what I have accomplished in my life and pursue some of my interests and hobbies," Pardike said. "I feel like I've grown up and need to do something different. I love to hunt, fish, read, and travel. My job has not given me a lot of free time to pursue these interests."

Pardike was quick to point out, "This has been a great job and I have nothing but good feelings about it and the people I have had the privilege to work with. The Hartford school staff members are some of the best people, and the School Board is just terrific."

Pardike said he and his family like the Hartford area and plan to stay. He said his wife, Jonette, is a teacher in Lawrence and also plans to retire. They are hoping to do some traveling.

The School Board voted to accept applications from within for the position of Superintendent. The deadline for submitting an application was January 11 at 3:00 p.m. Pardike said it would not be a long list from within that the Board would be looking at because the qualifications necessary to hold the position are extensive.

Pardike said the Board would look internally first, for someone to fill the position. If they do not find someone within that would qualify, than they will open it "worldwide." He said they would have a better selection of applicants if the applicants knew someone from within did not have an inside track to the position.

School Board President Ed Liebenthal said they would miss Pardike. "Gary has been an exemplary Superintendent and stands out among the others in the area. He has been delightful to work with. He has such good ideas, is a very honest man, and always keeps his cool. He is a calm voice." Liebenthal went on to praise Pardike for the tremendous job he had done in setting up the Southwest Activities Conference (SAC). "I guess the best way to describe Gary is to say he's a gentleman ... a real 'gentle man.'"

STUDENTS FROM SOUTH SCHOOL IN WATERVLIET...sang in honor of National School Board Appreciation Month at the Monday night, January 9, Watervliet School Board meeting. The specially-composed song noted favorite traits of individual Board members. (Mary Brost Reck photo) The School Board meeting story is on Page 3.

# Scott Garrod appointed to **Coloma Board of Education**

individual lunch identification cards



SCOTT GARROD ... was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Joe Herman. (Wanda Thomas photo)

for each student, speeding up the lunch line and paperwork process. Parents would be able to see what their children were purchasing to eat. Under the plan, confidentiality would improve.

A final report on the program and a recommendation is expected to be

sistently parking illegally in the fire lane on the east side of Coloma High School.

In an emergency situation, emergency vehicles would not have room to properly respond which could result in a life-threatening situation.

## **School Board**

recognized Due to the fact that January is

School Board Recognition Month, Superintendent Terry Boguth presented certificates and expressed her appreciation to the current Coloma Board of Education.

Members include: Cindy Graffenius, nine years of service; Lynn Reinhardt, nine years; Dave Vollrath, eight years; Bill Stowers, six years; and Libby DeRosa and Jonathan Stibal, both two years of service.



#### By Lynn Attila

22.

The air is electric with anticipation as Watervliet prepares for the 15th annual Ice Sculpture Festival slated

# 70th wedding anniversary

Forest and Pauline LaVanway of Benton Harbor are celebrating 70 years of marriage.

They were married on January 14, 1936, in LaPorte, Indiana. Attending the couple were Lillie Couch, mother of the bride; and Grayson LaVanway, father of the groom.

The couple has five children: Joan Berndt of Benton Harbor, Allen LaVanway of Benton Harbor, Kay (John) Burtchett of Claremore, Oklahoma, Donald LaVanway of Benton Harbor, and Dennis LaVanway (deceased). They also have 12 grandchildren (four deceased), seven greatgrandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Pauline was formerly employed at V-M Corporation and was a selfemployed custodian. She is a loving mother and wife.

Forest has been employed as an assistant funeral director, in sales for Western Southern Insurance Company, and as a butcher. He also farmed and his hobby is raising red raspberries.

The LaVanways have lived in Benton Harbor for 59 years and are members of Riverside United Methodist Church. Pauline is the daughter of George and Lillie Couch. Forest is the son of Grayson and Gladys LaVanway. A family gathering will be held at Sophia's House of Pancakes on Mall

Drive in Benton Harbor from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 14. The LaVanways would welcome a phone call or a card.

#### Coloma Commission discusses phone tower

# **Health plan changes** save \$15,000 annually

By Lynn Attila

Coloma City Commission passed two resolutions Monday, January 9, in order to make changes to health benefits for City employees. The resolutions allow an addendum to the current contract in order to include two non-bargaining (non-

union) employees on the plan. The benefits will be available to four Public Works employees (bargaining) and the Public Works Supervisor and Cemetery Sexton (non-bargaining).

Mayor Chuck Owen said that health benefits "have been a major problem for us balancing the budget every year." Commissioner Sue Dahlquist,

who worked on the project, said the new plan would save the City "more than \$15,000 over a three-year period."

The contract is with Blue Cross/ Blue Shield and will be good through July 2008. It will include health, dental and prescription coverage and will be in place by February 1, 2006.

**Emergency** antenna

suggested for phone tower Mayor Owen reported that a lease agreement between the City and U.S. Cellular, a cell phone company, is being drawn up by City attorneys. U.S. Cellular has proposed putting a cell phone tower near the City's water tower. The company is interested in a five-year lease with an option for a five-year renewal. The project would generate a \$1,000per-month income for the City.

A Coloma fireman and member of the 911 Advisory Board, Dale Stover, suggested to commissioners that while they are setting up the lease agreement with U.S. Cellular,

they could request the installation of

an antenna on the cell phone tower.

This antenna would improve

Countywide emergency communi-

cations.

Kids Hope USA.

High Media Center.

The church would recruit and train mentors who would work with and spend time with students during school hours, providing extra academic support and serving as positive role models.

**By Wanda Thomas** 

The Coloma Board of Education

has appointed Scott A. Garrod to

replace Board member Joe Herman, who resigned his position in Dec-

Garrod will hold the position until

the May 2 election, at which time he

will need to be elected to the posi-

Garrod, and other interested School

A Whirlpool Corporation employee,

children enrolled in Coloma Com-

munity Schools and also one foster

Jan. 12 bond issue mtg.

In other School Board business, an-

other Bond Issue Core Committee

meeting is scheduled for January 12

at 6:00 p.m. in the Coloma Junior

Mentoring program

Reverend Hill from Coloma United

Methodist Church has expressed an

interest to begin a mentoring pro-

gram at Coloma Elementary through

The public is invited to attend.

ing two years of Herman's term.

ember 2005.

May ballot.

child.

The program would begin in the fall of 2006.

Food service changes Business Manager Terry Barella updated the Board about the Point of Service Food Service Management System. This system would provide presented at the February 13 regular Board meeting.

Sick days donated

The Board approved a Letter of Understanding with the Coloma Education Association that will allow employees of the Coloma School District to donate one sick day of their accumulated sick leave for use by Angie Seabury, who is suffering a life-threatening illness. Blocked fire lane unsafe Coloma fireman Dale Stover expressed concern that cars were con-

for the weekend of January 21 and

The sculpture theme is "Star Wars." Witness up to 100 300-pound blocks of ice being transformed into works of art. Sculptors will carve around the clock until the final judging on Sunday. The masterpieces will line Main Street out to I-94. You are Watervliet Business Association and invited to watch as the "forces of supported by sculpture sponsors. good and evil" are brought to life. For more information, visit www This year's event will feature food vendors along Main Street. There watervliet.org or call Brian Dissette at 463-6769. will be vendors offering elephant ears and other tasty treats.

project. A Master Carving Contest will be held from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 22, in the parking lot across from the Elite Bar & Grill. Contest winners will be awarded prizes at the Elite Bar & Grill at 5:00 p.m. The event is sponsored by the

book Committee will be offering

rotisserie chicken for sale, with all

proceeds donated to the yearbook

Stover told the Commission that now is the time to pursue a system of funding for the much-needed antenna. He feels the City is in the unique position to request the antenna be included in the project, perhaps at no cost to the City. The Commission took his sugges-

tions under advisement.

Page 2 Tri-City Record January 12, 2006 Watervliet Harding's donation for "tea" appreciated by **Miss Watervliet** contestants and

#### committee

Dear Watervliet Harding's, The Watervliet Scholarship Pageant Committee and Miss Watervliet contestants would like to thank you for your kind donation that helped make the kickoff tea so pleasant.

We are looking forward to a wonderful pageant this year and truly appreciate the community support. Thank you again.

Watervliet Queen Committee Miss Watervliet 2006 contestants

Where are you, Mr. Proos?

Dear Editor,

After reading the Saturday, January House of America last year, we Arch Street, around City Hall, and hope you get to meet him someday. pointed out how bad our section was always in the subway. It seemed that in. He agrees with us but, as we can there was always someone panhansee, agreeing hasn't gotten the road dling or begging for: "A quarter for fixed.

Proos? HELP! HELP!

## Proos returns office allotment to state budget

State of Michigan Rep. John Proos exercised fiscal responsibility during daily operations in his Lansing

office, ending the year with nearly Street subway entrance just under "My goal is to provide the best con- phia) stituent outreach and service while He actually had a home. He lived face Michigan's Great Southwest. I you." will continue to provide strong con- In his humble estate, he was great. stituent services in 2006."

\$2,451.13 to the state budget.

I will never

#### forget Michael Submitted by Pastor David C. Helms

Plymouth Congregational Church Watervliet

When Rep. Proos was at the Waffle encounter them on Race Street, on place at the subway entrance... I a loaf of bread?"

Until somebody takes action, or an I was touched by their need and election year comes around, nothing took the opportunity to get to know gets done. Where are you, Mr. a few that were approachable. Not many were open to conversation, but those that were (often the "regulars" Robert and Barbara Baker at a particular location) had personal Watervliet stories to share. Some, to my surprise, could see beyond their own NextEnergy plight and demonstrated a sincere interest in others.

> One of those I will never forget. He firsthand the inhad a physical disorder that caused novative steps him to drool; his speech was that we have strained and almost unintelligible. taken as a state to His spot was the Broad and Market



WARM VS. COLD COLDS... My mom always maintained we got fewer colds when the weather was cold. She claimed warm weather allowed more

germs to come into contact with more people. One look around where you are proves the theory; doesn't it seem there are more folks hacking and sneezing since this warm snap began just before

Christmas? Sunday's abundant sunshine and balmy temps was more like a day in March than a day in January. Kids were out in sweatshirts and on their bikes and skateboards; fishermen were down at the Paw Paw River.

Pleasant as these days have been. I hope the cold weather returns in time to keep the ice solid for the upcoming Ice Sculpture Festival in Watervliet. Not to mention... we need the cold to kill the cold and flu germs.

PHONE PHOIBLES... Many times when I get carried away on a project and spend too much weekend time here in the office, Anne will call and ask, "Did you forget to come home?"

That's what happened this past Sunday afternoon. I got caught up working on a special page and was surprised to see I had been at it for more than two hours.

So when the phone rang, it was an easy conclusion that it was Anne calling who the gift is from. to remind me of home life.

"It's about time you called," I said, picking up the receiver. "Why, hello, Karl!" stammered the caller. "I was expecting to leave a mes-

sage on your answering machine." After a friendly chat and taking care of business, I headed home.

Naturally, the incident got me thinking about the phone and how it is used and abused.

As much as WE ALL hate the answering machine, the ubiquitous device has taken the place of many a human voice manning the phone at all hours of the day, every and any day of the week. Sunday's call was not unique... phone messages are left on the answering machine around the clock. I assume most folks let the machine do the work and don't answer; the practice even has a name. It's called screening calls.

I have a buddy that consistently screens his calls. Even when he's sitting next to the phone, he lets the machine "pick up."

Since I know that's his practice, I'm never surprised when in the midst of the message I'm leaving he'll break in and say, "Whaduyuwant?" That there are still folks that hate to leave a message and, worse, take per-

sonal affront to the mechanical monster is proven by the number of hangups left on my machine. Easily, half of the messages left are a "click." I can only hope most hang-ups are "special stock offers" and requests for donations.

(Here's a thought for a future column... With record funds donated by Americans, why are we still being asked to donate more? Have you noticed that since you donated you get called more? Why don't "they" call those that haven't donated?)

Meanwhile, back to the phone. Not only have I (we) become answering machine dependent, the speed dialer has replaced the phone number.

While I can still recite the phone number of my childhood home, I can't remember numbers I use every day ... that's because those numbers are single digits on the phone's memory bank... home is #1, the printer is number #2, various reporters #3-#4, and so on. When someone called for Angie Stair's phone number last week, I had to look it up!

Since I've had the pleasure of being involved in a few projects with the good folks at Watervliet City Hall, they get special treatment. When the happy soul answers the phone there, "Hello, Watervliet City

Hall," yours truly is pressed to reply, "How in the hall are you?" Those good souls have been great sports to put up with my worn-out pun.

New assistant Cara Goodrich answered just a few days into her new job. On base. I am sure some of you out we had with us. my "How in the ... " I just got silence ... and then an "Excuse me?" I guess it's time to just "hang it up."

## Letters & Commentary

\$2,500 remaining in his office allot- the big "Clothespin" (an architecturment to return to the general fund. al anomaly found only in Philadel-

keeping an eye toward saving tax- with his mother in South Philly. He payer money," said Proos, R-St. would come every day to this spot Joseph. "Our office has used our and often be spit upon by passers-by. budget effectively to distribute But he had a mission. He gave out newsletters and informational book- gospel tracts to anyone who would lets. My priority remains to listen take them. With each tract received, and to understand the issues that he would struggle out, "God loves

His crooked smiling face almost The office allotment covers expens- glowed with God's love and his es such as staff salaries, mailings, kindness, even when mistreated, printing, publications, and telephone was beyond anything I could have services. Proos returned exactly done. He became one of my heroes. I think his name was Michael, but I don't quite remember.

I know someone who does remember, though. God remembers. Michael served God with all that he had and, because he trusted God and loved God, he was able to have a joy in living that few who passed by his unassuming person ever realized. 7, paper about Watervliet's M-140 Having grown up in Philadelphia, it I hope you get to meet him somesection of road, they are right; the is no surprise that I had many con- day. Oh, it won't be at the Clothroad is a disgrace to our residents. tacts with homeless people. I would espin. Michael has long ago left his

> **"News From** Lansing"

**By John Proos** In December, had an opportunitour the Center facility in Detroit to



By Anne Bayer, Co-publisher

I loved the sun last Sunday. It was with 1,000 GIs, but I was pregnant great; it made me feel as if spring is and I was not doing well with the just around the corner. I even saw entire thing. I wanted to stay home. some of the kids in the neighbor- So we had Christmas by ourselves a hood, trying to ride their new bikes. few days before the actual day. They must have gotten them for I also have to add that we did get a Christmas,

I spent the day working on my last much in it for the holidays; and I baby blanket for this year. I have had also have to tell the truth... that I six to make, with sweaters and hats had opened and had been wearing Because most plants do not grow if I get the chance; it really keeps all the gifts that our parents had sent. during the winter, we say they are this grandma busy.

Karli said she is going to call me morning and I had so many pack- types of dormancy during the winter. "G-Ma" and Karl "G-Pa." I love it ages for Karl under the tree; but all I One is called rest and the plant will because it shortens my typing time. saw for me was one box. It was the not grow even under good warm It also made the Christmas packages size and the shape of a guitar, so I conditions. The other is called doreasier to write this past year. So thought that is what it was. thanks, Karli, for your really great When I opened the box, I could only but the conditions are not right; usuidea. Now all the kids will know laugh because Karl, who was trying ally it's too cold.

We had such a nice Christmas, presents. To throw me off, he plant accumulates chilling hours, thanks to Billy and Amy and Willy wrapped them in one box. So that Chilling describes the process wheand Karli and Ben and Lil' Gram. It year, I got a guitar and an umbrella, reby the plant measures time during is so good that these family mem- which in England is called a "brol- the winter. The plant tracks the bers still live in our local area. lie."

I know Christmas is not about the After we had opened our gifts, we below 50 F. The plant ignores temgifts; it is about so much more. As I went to visit some of our new peratures below freezing or warm cuttings from the plants you are have aged, I realize the importance friends to make the day a little dif- temperatures above 50. of this wonderful time of year; but I ferent. All in all, it was a really fun Chilling is measured in hours. The placing them in a vase or glass of want to tell you all about the first day and a nice memory ... but the chilling hours required varies for water, to force them. If the buds Christmas we had as a married cou- actual day was awful. ple living in England.

even went so far as to take a double- came on around four or five o'clock no growth occurs. This allows the dormant because of cool weather decker bus to another city to try and in the afternoon and went off at plant to track the winter and know and that warm weather will cause find some really good gifts for him. 11:00. They did not show TV all day when it is spring. I wanted to make his first Christmas long, with the exception of Christwith Anne the best he ever had, and mas. I knew he was also working on some But even though I had the TV for perfect gifts for me.

Coming from the family I did, I just floor and cried all day. The movies expected a lot of presents under the made me even more homesick. They tree for me. I say, forever and a day, were all the greats and the ones we that I was not spoiled; but I am sure loved and have been seeing for there are many who will argue that every Christmas. point. I was always the one to have When Karl got home around 9:00 so many presents under the tree. that night, we turned off the lights

Christmas for us that year had to be and headed up to bed. Sad and over, celebrated early, for Karl had to my first Christmas as a married lady work on the base for the holiday. I was spent alone ... and what a wet do not know how that happened one it was. because, at that time, there were on- I know we all have stories that are ly two married guys and they both the same or similar; but when I think had KP duty on Christmas. of all the years and the celebrations

The "sarge" had said the wives since, that one pales by comparison. could come to base for dinner if they This year I missed so many people wanted to, but I did not want to dress that the list is too long for this colup and make the 20-mile trip into the umn, but I am thankful for the ones there would not mind having dinner



the cutting edge of energy develop- to bring their research to NextEn- of oil and look toward preparing for

ment for future generations. As Vice Chairman of the House many research stations. There, the needs in the future. Energy and Technology Committee, companies can generate and share I applaud the work of NextEnergy I joined committee Chairman Mike ideas on alternative energies. future energy usage.

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great package from home, with so

comfort, I will tell you I sat on the

State University. The project, started succeed now in building new energy I welcome your continued input as we start out this New Year. As ensure we are on to companies from around the globe With the Cook and Palisades Nuc- always, you can contact my office lear Power facilities in our area, the toll free at 1-888-656-0079 or by edevelopment of nuclear energy as a mail at johnproos@house.mi.gov. viable alternative is very important to our local economy. I look forward to working with leaders of those **TRI-CITY RECORD** facilities concerning what I learned (269) 463-6397 during my tour of NextEnergy Center. Collectively, we can have FAX (269) 463-8329 less dependence on foreign sources www.tricityrecord.com



#### Winter dormancy in fruits and other plants

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Center on behalf of the state of Nofs of Battle Creek and NextEn- Many of the research labs are still Michigan. NextEnergy is now a selfergy Center CEO Jim Croce on the developing, but all are contracted to sustaining project that will look for tour. Our committee has looked at, companies that may expand in grants from the 21st Century Job and will continue to look at, alterna- Michigan some day. Wind, solar, Fund that was created last year to tive energies and their place in biodiesel and nuclear power will all help spur our economy. Our hope be looked at as future energy alter- and vision in creating this fund is NextEnergy Center was created as a natives for our state and nation. that companies can use this money state-funded project that is head- While the lights in your home or to grow and expand jobs in our state quartered in the heart of Detroit's office turn on today, that may not be at a time when we desperately need

> **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.

Submitted by Mark Longstroth

So here we are... it is our Christmas dormant. There are actually two mancy and the plant is ready to grow

to be clever, actually got me two Rest occurs first. During rest, the amount of time above 35 F and

plants from beginning growth during warm spells in the middle of the winter. This would cause the trees to lose cold hardiness. Once growth begins, the plant cannot increase its ability to withstand cold and can be injured by very cold weather. Once the chilling requirement is

Chilling and rest normally prevent

met, the plants have completed rest and are merely dormant because the weather is too cold for rapid growth. Chilling requirements are usually completed by midwinter. With the return of warm weather,

the plant begins to grow. The very warm weather we have had since before Christmas makes me think that for some types of plants we may have already completed rest by fulfilling the chilling requirement.

There is one very easy way to know if rest has been completed. You take interested in and bring them inside, different plants, from 700 to 1,300 begin to swell and grow within a I have to admit that at least they had hours or more. If warm weather week to 10 days, then you know that I can remember shopping for Karl. I TV all day long. Usually it only occurs before the completion of rest, rest is completed and the plants are them to grow.

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WHO WILL BE SELECTED MR. COLOMA?... These 11 young men will vie for the title of Mr. Coloma, with hopes of continuing to claim the Mr. Blossomtime title. Kneeling are: (from the left) Jordan Muenchow, Derek Stonebraker, Mike McCov, Andy Cottier, Daniel Watson; (standing, from the left) Steve Moore, Eric Dolezan, Mike Himes, Robert Knight, Robert Fuller, and Daniel Gelder. The Mr. Coloma selection will take place Sunday, January 15, in conjunction with the Miss Coloma Fashion Show at Coloma High School at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10. Chairman for the event is Doreen Hess.

(Photo by Annette Blakeman of A Moment In Time Photography)

#### Martin Luther King Jr. Day **Celebration** set for **January 15**

The Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration, jointly sponsored by the Southwest Ministerial Alliance and Berrien County Association of Churches, will be held Monday, January 15, at Second Baptist Church, 600 Donald Atkins Drive, Benton Harbor. The worship service will start at 7:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome to attend Come to hear outstanding preaching, excellent choirs, and moving presentations.

A free-will offering will be taken to 8:30 p.m. at the St. Joseph Catholi benefit the College Assistance Fund Church Annex, 157 Lucinda Lane, of the Ministerial Alliance and Street Watervliet. Ministry of BCAC.

#### Seven-session program "Love and Logic" parenting

#### program begins **January** 17

A "Love and Logic" parent program is being offered by St. Joseph Catholic Church Parish for parents of school-age children. There will be seven Tuesday ses-

sions, beginning January 17. The classes will take place from 6:30 to



Tax advantages - If you have a tradi- est ally. tional IRA, your earnings have the potential to grow tax-deferred, so your money can grow faster than it would in an investment on which you paid taxes

then, you may be in a lower tax brack- ment-savings vehicles you have avail-Also, depending on your income level, focus your efforts on making sure you your contributions may be tax- have the resources available to enjoy

in mind that IRAs offer two major ben- end up with more money in the long run. That's because you'll be giving your money more time to grow - and, as an investor, time can be your great-

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The cost is \$40 per family.

The program offers parents an approach to guiding children with loving support while at the same time encouraging them to be respectful and responsible. Facilitator of the class is Diane

Kopp, a counselor at Samaritan Center and a St. Joseph parishioner and former St. Joseph Catholic School mom.

The class is open to parents and anyone who works daily with chil-

For more information, call (269) 926-61999; (269) 463-3941; or (269) 463-5470.

# **Birth at Lakeland** Hospital

Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, is proud to announce the following

A baby girl was born to Crystal and Chris Cowgill of Hartford on Monday, January 9, 2006. She weighed 7 pounds, 10 ounces.



By Mary Brost Reck Monday night, January 9, Spaulding announced his intention to run again for Board membership.

Any citizens also interested in running for this seat must contact the Bainbridge Township Clerk. Petitions, paperwork, and information must be completed and turned into the Clerk's office before the February 7 deadline.

The Watervliet School Board received a special treat Monday evening. Area students, representing each of the four district schools. paid tribute to the Board members for their service to the community Kyle Green, Vice President of the Watervliet High School Student Council, expressed the school's appreciation "for being a great School Board." Green presented members of the Board with gift certificates to Rookies Bar and Grill.

Cassie Bauer, Middle School Student Council President, also recognized the Board for its "dedication to our education." Bauer presented gift certificates to the Board, as

North School students presented tokens of appreciation to the Board members. One student stumped the Board with a question about when the Panther mascot and school colors were established. One individual noted that the first graduating class was in 1889, but the Board promised to research the source of the mascot and colors decision.

Students from South School presented a personalized song recog- In additional business, the Board nizing individual Board members discussed the possibility of adding The first reading for a Social for specific traits. The members' school spirit, participation at athletic events, and dedication were all noted in the humorous lyrics.

**Reproductive Health/Sex** 

**Education Policy approved** Following a second reading, the School Board formalized the Reproductive Health/Sex Education Policy as school policy. The move was required in order to be in compliance with a state of Michigan statute.

It was reported that no additional

year. At the regular Board meeting goals in accordance with the policy. ment.'

Watervliet Band **Fund-Raising Committee formed** 

The Board recognized the newly formed Watervliet Band Fund-Raising Committee (WBFC) as an official school-approved organization. Policy dictates that such booster organizations must be officially recognized.

Parent John Oliphant described the groundwork the committee has established in the effort to assist the Watervliet band community. The committee hopes to generate additional revenues for the improvement of instruments, uniforms, and other supports for a quality band.

We discovered that one student was playing the very same instrument her father had played," said the class trip come alive with stories Oliphant. "It seems that some of the about visits to the Statue of Liberty. uniforms are older than the kids. If Ground Zero and the artifacts at we can raise the funds to build a Trinity Church, and Madison new skate park, we figured a group of us parents could do something to The students also had the opportuhelp our band look the part of the fifth-place band in the state, as they "Beauty and the Beast" and were presently are."

the proposed WBFC policy, while Building commending the parent group for Farac noted she had received letters its initiative in the advancement and from the tour company and the hotel assistance of the Watervliet band stating they had never had a group

#### Will not include new band uniforms in budget

replace band uniforms every 15 Boards recommendations. used in the 1995 Blossomtime Social Security Confidentiality Act. Parade.

at present are 10 years old or less. ered and approved.

community feedback had been However, it is clear that there is a Watervliet School Board member received. The committee will now perception in the community that Bill Spaulding's term is ending this go over survey results and develop the uniforms are in need of replace-

> Following discussion, the Board decided that the issue of the uniforms did not belong on the capital improvements list, which includes such items as re-roofing, paving, and building improvements. The standard 15-year rotation for uniforms will, instead, be part of general finance considerations.

"When it is the right time," noted Board President Darrell Day, "I am certain the Board will consider the financing of replacements of band uniforms."

#### Student NYC trip highlighted

Peg Farac presented a travelogue, of sorts, to the School Board. Farac, reporting on the recent drama and choir trip to New York City, made Square Garden.

nity to see the Broadway play able to see the lighting of the The Board recommended some Rockefeller Center Christmas tree technical changes to the wording of from the top of the Empire State

> represent their community better than the Watervliet students.

#### **Board** reviews

Social Security policy & budget Items

the acquisition of new band uni- Security Number Confidentiality forms to the short- and long-term Policy was given. The policy precapital improvements list. It was sented was in conformity with the noted that school districts typically Michigan Association of School

years. According to district records, The Board approved the first readthe Watervliet uniforms were first ing, to be in compliance with the

Board members also reviewed the "There is apparently a miscommu- district's bills and budgets, as usual. nication regarding the age of the Expenses for electricity, food servuniforms," noted Board member ice, custodial supplies, worker com-Ronald McLaughlin. "The uniforms pensation, and payroll were consid-



Words That Live my living, my work, my hobbies, sneer, I was crushed. and even my recreation. In fact, I have gotten so used to them I some- right. But it still didn't make me like I say, "Amen, Brother Benjamin, times forget how important they are. her! So then I have to stop and think ... Since that time, I have come back to consider... and sometimes write my earlier efforts and I can see what we all use in our daily lives.

shoot each other down.

it because she praised my efforts. less revising that improved it. and write a worthwhile story.

writing. So I enrolled in a course for jamin learning how to write creatively. It He said: "A group of frogs were for that night. they ply their craft.

front of the class. One of my first other frogs above kept telling them real efforts was about a crime. And it to stop, that they were as good as was a doozy! The plot turned on a dead. Finally, one of the frogs took case of mistaken identity ... two heed to what the other frogs were guys who looked so much alike that saying and simply gave up. He fell one was tried for a crime the other down and died. The other frog concommitted. Well, when I read it tinued to jump as hard as he could. before the class, it was received well Once again, the crowd of frogs enough. But the prof was still suck- yelled at him to stop the pain and ing on a lemon and, in our confer- suffering and just die. He jumped

were those cheap dime publications jumping? Didn't you hear us?' The Addresses are being sought for forcovers. I had been an avid reader of aging him the entire time.

about the importance of the words was wrong with them. And I realize that writing well consists mostly not First time I realized that words of inspiration but solid ideas and could be powerful was in about the revising, revising, revising. In fact, I seventh grade. We all had to write a came to rely on revision so much story for English class. I had been that when I applied for a fellowship The Watervliet Queen Committee is reading about World War I and the that would give us a year at a major searching for ALL former Miss men who flew the skies in crude fab- university with all expenses paid ... I ric airplanes ... They were like wrote a six-page autobiography as serve for history and for the upcomknights jousting as they tried to an entrance exam. And I revised that ing queen contest. Any former queen paper again and again.

France. It was a crude effort, but my fellowship. But ... in my mind ...

encourage me... seeing in those first haps I could end with a story that future queens. efforts the possibility that some came in one of Marion's nursing If you know of a former Waterday ... some day ... I might get better school newsletters. The son of one vliet queen or one of her relatives, nurse wrote it. I know nothing about PLEASE let Joyce or Pam know. When I started college after WWII, him, except that he is in the religious This year's contest in January 28. I was interested in getting back to life and his name is Brother Ben- The Watervliet Lioness Club would

was taught by a lady professor, and I traveling through the woods, and Please contact or give your photo, very often. She did teach us a lot was, they told the unfortunate frogs 6700. about what authors really do when they would never get out. The two frogs ignored the comments and We all had to read our stories in tried to jump up out of the pit. The

Back in the day, "pulp magazines" asked him, 'Why did you continue Society in Coloma.



#### Take Extra Care When Driving At Night

Driving at night with snow swirling around you can reduce your visibility to near zero, and that tempts people to focus on the tail lights of the vehicle in from of them and hang on. But safety experts say that that is not the safe way to drive. If you can't see, most likely the driver in front of you can't, either, and could lead you right into a ditch.

You can improve your visibility by using your low beams or fog lights, dimming all interior lights including the instrument panel, and looking for landmarks along the side of the road. If you still can't see, it's time to pull over and seek help.

#### **Tips for Safe Winter Driving at Night**

Late-night winter driving poses many safety threats. The fatality rate for night driving is three to four times higher than for driving during the day. Here are some tips on how to stay safe when you drive at night:

- Decrease your speed and increase your following distance to at least eight to ten seconds between you and the car in front of you.
- · Resist the urge to overdrive your headlights. This can become a serious matter when something unexpected looms suddenly into your range of view.
- · Be aware of your normal sleeping hours, and try to avoid driving during times that you are usually asleep. If you must drive during these times, get plenty of sleep in advance.

Tri-City Area History Page

"This story teaches two lessons: 1 There is power of life and death in the tongue. An encouraging word to someone who is down can lift him up and help him make it through the lay. 2. A destructive word to somene who is down can be what it akes to kill him.

'Be careful of what you say. Speak life to those who cross your path. The power of words... it is sometimes hard to understand that an them as a kid ... "G-8 & His Battle encouraging word can go such a Aces," "Doc Savage, Man of Bron- long way. Anyone can speak words Most of my adult life I have dealt in ze," "Black Mask Detective," etc. that tend to rob another of the spirit words. They are an important part of But my teacher said it with such a to continue in difficult times. Special is the individual who will Later I came to realize she was take the time to encourage another!"

#### Miss Watervliet **Queen Committee** searching for queen photos

Watervliet queen photos to preor relative of a former Watervliet I loved those stories, so I tried writ- My Chief Accountant said she knew queen should contact Joyce Wendzel ing one about the air war over all along that I was going to get the with a copy of the queen photo or contact Pam Quinn to scan your teacher must have seen something in what tipped the scales was the end- photo if you only have one available. We would like to continue to Now I realize she was trying to Words are so powerful... and per- add to the photo gallery with all

like to have these photos on display

won't say she was down on life ... two of them fell into a deep pit. by January 24, to Joyce Wendzel at but I don't remember her smiling When they saw how deep the pit 463-5095 or Pam Quinn at 463-

> Alumni sought **Brick-Boyer School Reunion** planned for September 9

**By Wanda Thomas** A Brick-Boyer School Reunion has ence afterwards, she told me, "It even harder and finally made it out. been planned for September 9, 2006, might make a pulp magazine story." "When he got out, the other frogs at the North Berrien Historical

on the newsstand... printed on frog explained to them that he was mer students. If anyone is aware of The Hartford Shoe Repair Shop, Boy Scouts of Troop 96 were Hartford Day Spring. Hours: friends or relatives who ever attend- located next to Jim's Hardware in among the 76 scouts from Monday & Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.ed one of the schools, please pass the building formerly occupied by Northpoint District who attended the 7:00 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday, the information along or call one of the Bigelow Radio Shop, opened for annual Winter Klondike held 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.the reunion contact people listed below with the names and addresses etorship of Ira Burleson. The new township farm of Preston Smith. a.m.-2:00 p.m. of any former students you know. Contact person for those who attended Brick School is Linda (Waits) Steinhaus, (269) 468-8236. Contact person for former Boyer School students is Kathy (Schultz) Yonker, (269) 468-2235.

Marsha (Hammond) Fishburn, P.O. Box 269, Coloma, MI 49038. **Brick School** 

Brick School, which is still in existence on the Jollay Orchards properat a cost of \$1,678.50. It replaced a the Parsons & Baldwin farm that he Watervliet High School. wooden building that had been is operating. erected in 1851.

According to Fishburn's research, the school was located in what was once known as the "Dutch Settle-

in the Coloma/Bainbridge area. Twenty-four families in the district potatoes a week or so ago and is each paid a share to erect the school. loading another car this week. Mr. A well was sunk in 1920. Until then, Easton has shipped about 50 cars water was provided by Mrs. Fred from this vicinity this fall and his (Mary) Krieger, whose home served prices have always been as high, if generations of Brick students as a not higher, than nearby markets, as first aid and lending station.

#### **Boyer School**

Boyer School, located at the corner of Boyer and Carmody roads, was first built in 1859. The building was replaced in 1884 at a cost of \$500. This building was closed in 1959 Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook of Bainwhen another new building, which currently houses Coloma Community Schools Administration offices, was erected.

Boyer School closed when it merged with Coloma Community Schools.

Any students who attended either Brick School or Boyer School are encouraged to attend the September 9 reunion. Please bring along any

pictures or memorabilia. Web site for the reunion is: brick-boyer-Reunion@yahoo.com.





#### **NEWS FROM THE COLOMA COURIER**

Postmaster and Mrs. Stevic enter- City is also contemplated. tained a party of relatives Sunday in nonor of their 35th wedding anni-

"Cole and Crawford" will sell ten owned by Mrs. McGee, is located in bars of Lenox soap for 25 cents the Tala Business Center in Coloma. today and tomorrow.

60 YEARS AGO - 1946 Joe Sassman and Ed Jaffke will The Coloma Comets put on their establish a new woodworking plant best defensive show in many, many in the old creamery building when years last Saturday evening in remodeling is complete. Mrs. William Davis left on Monday ley team by a 51-49 score. en route to Albuquerque, New Submitted by volunteer Barb Abr-

**NEWS FROM THE HARTFORD DAY SPRING** 

90 YEARS AGO - 1916 says Engineer Smith.

shop will offer Hartford residents They were John Falkner, Todd Olds, general shoe repairing service, Randy Lowe, Stephen Axson, David orthopedic shoemaking, and a shoe- Galati, David Heuser and Randy

#### **NEWS FROM THE WATERVLIET RECORD** 90 YEARS AGO - 1916

Mailing address for the reunion is: A quiet wedding was solemnized at At the recent Michigan Quarter A baby girl weighing 7 pounds was January 1 when their daughter, Awards Banquet held in Lansing, ham on January 1 schools

Watervliet seems to be a produce igan University. He earned a BBA a.m.-2:00 p.m. ment," one of the oldest settlements shipping point nearly the year degree and has been accepted to the around. Carl Easton shipped a car of he has a large eastern outlet.

#### 60 YEARS AGO - 1946

The Watervliet high school basketball team took first place in the Little 8 Class C league when they beat

bridge announce the marriage of their daughter, Helen, to Robert Krugman. The wedding was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents on December 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Rogers arrived Wednesday evening from Winnipeg, Canada, to make their home with his sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Atherton, Southeast Watervliet. His sister, Miss Lotta Rogers, who accompanied him to Canada for the wedding, returned by plane last Wednesday.

freight business from that section, sity Hospital, Ann Arbor, to augment the Methodist Church at 6:15. his working experience in that craft.

town this morning interviewing with new modern machinery. sion of the Fruit Belt line from the son of May Harvey. He has been fields. Hartford to Keeler to Sister Lakes. in the shoe repair business for 35 On Wednesday, January 26, from

and supplies.

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**Rolling Back The Years** Local News and Newsmakers of Days Gone By As reported in the local newspapers: Coloma Courier,

30 YEARS AGO - 1976

She plans to carry a complete line of knitting and crocheting materials

defeating a highly-rated River Val-

30 YEARS AGO - 1976

100 YEARS AGO - 1906 Mexico, and Los Angeles, Cal., ams at Coloma Public Library, from G.W. Grant was in Kalamazoo ves- where she will visit relatives for the the Coloma Courier newspapers next three weeks. A trip to Mexico donated by the Tri-City Record. Hours: Monday & Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.; "The Busy Needle," the new shop and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Phone: 468-3431

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shine parlor. Burleson said that he Imbordino. Leader attending was D.F. Smith, of Paw Paw, chief engi- plans to add a stock of merchandise Larry Olds. The boys worked on neer of the Fruit Belt railroad, was in later. The shop has been equipped camping problems, stalking, and woodlore. Troop 96 received an Hartford people relative to an exten- Burleson is a native of Hartford and honor ribbon for participating in the

The M.U.T., which has the Fruit Belt years and returned to Hartford a few 7:00 to 8:00, the Troop will go under lease, proposes to electrify the weeks ago from Lansing, where he swimming at the YMCA at Benton line at once and is planning a branch operated his own shop. He studied Harbor. All scouts planning to attend to the Keeler territory to secure the orthopedic shoemaking at Univer- are to bring 50 cents and will meet at

Submitted by Hartford Public business this week under the propri- Saturday and Sunday at the Casco 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 Phone: 621-3408

the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Price Horse Association Convention and born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Mil-Florence, was united in marriage to Debora Bujack and her mare, Bud's Submitted by Linda Cubbage from

J.H. Beld, principal of New Buffalo Moco Gal, received many awards files at Watervliet District Library for the 1975 Quarter Horse Show from the Watervliet Record newspaty on Friday Road, was built in 1874 James Juhl has 55 acres of wheat on season. Debbie is a sophomore at pers donated by the Tri-City Record. Hours: Monday, 1:00-8:00 p.m.; James E. Baiers, son of Mr. and Tuesday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Wed-nes-A baby girl arrived at the home of Mrs. Henry C. Baiers, Watervliet, day, 10:00 a.m. -8:00 p.m.; Thurs-Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moser January graduated Magna Cum Laude on day, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday, December 18 from Western Mich- 1:00-5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 Phone: 463-6382



# **Olive Grady commended for years as Watervliet City Clerk** Payment accepted for land on river; developer has plans for 73 homes

#### By Lynn Attila City Clerk Olive Grady was hon-

ored Tuesday, January 10, at the Watervliet City Commission meeting. Olive had been City Clerk for 12 years and is retiring from the position

State of Michigan Representative John Proos was on hand to congratulate Grady.

Mayor Glenn "Corky" Openneer presented Grady with a commendation signed by U.S. Congressman Fred Upton, commemorating her years of service.

In another matter, the City agreed to a Charter amendment to allow the appointment of City Clerk as part of of that position.

Sue Openneer, current Deputy Clerk, will assume the responsibil ties of the position. At this time, the Deputy Clerk's office already meets the bulk of those responsibilit assigned to the City Clerk

#### Tri City Village sold

MHT Housing Inc., out of Southfield, Michigan, announced it has purchased the Tri-City Village, a senior housing complex in downtown Watervliet. Van Fox, representative of the company, said the company will be completely renovating the apartment complex but would keep the same management team in place.

He also said that MHT Housing would do everything possible to make the renovations as minimally nconvenient and with as little stress as possible for the tenants.

Fox assured the Commission that the complex would remain a development for senior citizens and would be available for residents of the Tri-City Area. "We're going to give it (Tri City Village) a brand new life... a brand new start without an increase in rent," Fox stressed.

brought the Commission up to speed rently chalky, probable because of in a couple of areas.

#### **Developer buys property** along Paw Paw River

Dissette reported that City represen tatives met with Running Waters Inc. at Metropolitan Title Company to finalize a property purchase of



the Mayor's appointments. An indi- WATERVLIET CITY CLERK ... Olive Grady received a commendation vidual was appointed to accept the for 12 years of service, signed by U.S. Congressman Fred Upton. responsibilities of the City Clerk Pictured are: (from the left) Watervliet Mayor Corky Openneer, Olive position due to the current vacancy Grady, and state of Michigan Representative John Proos.

> 20+ acres along the Paw Paw River. that time. Only time will tell. payment of \$24,425.

Company representatives are cur- City Skate Park Association ng firm to finalize details for final site plan approval.

#### Marina seeks expansion

The City has been in touch with Robert Zakhar about his request to ramps is still the plan. purchase 22,543 square feet on City in need of fourth well Church Street to expand his busi- Wightman & Associates has reportness, Nielsen Sports & Marine. ed that the USDA water project has Zakhar is attempting to seek assur- taken a major step forward. ance from the state of Michigan that Peerless Midwest has begun work his proposed development will be on an observation well at the site of held harmless from any pending a proposed municipal well for the environmental issues related to the City system. The observation well property.

#### **Skate Park might** have a problem

The City Engineer reported there might be problems with the last pour of the concrete slab for the skate City Manager Brian Dissette park. The material's surface is currain and snow during the last pour. The contractor has cleaned the slab and applied a penetrating sealant.

Further observation of the slab and evaluation in the spring is on the agenda. There is a possibility that the slab may need to be re-poured at

(Lynn Attila photo)

the meeting, the City received The City has also been soliciting Bolin, Glenn Openneer. quotes for the ramp materials during single-family homes on the property. being review by members of the Tri ard Martin, John Fulton.

rently working with their engineer- The City Commission will be presented a recommendation for the purchase of the materials at a later

Volunteer labor to construct the

will be used to determine if the Manager Dissette directed Zakhar aquifer can support a high-capacity the MDEQ to seek guidance on municipal well pumping approximately 500 gallons per minute.

Another well in addition to the City's existing three wells is currenty required in order to meet the lichigan Department of Environnental Quality's (MDEQ) standards for water source development. These requirements for water source development are based on existing customer demands for water.

For the City to assure sustained growth and likewise increase water usage, finding an additional source of quality drinking water has become even more critical and is of utmost importance.



Department and other local police home/businesses in the area where program's efficientcy. If citizens departments will be using a program the missing person was last seen. receive an alert message from their called A Child Is Missing.

system. However, unlike the Amber and intensity of the search. for any purpose law enforcement know that this new program is in sary. This will allow the law enseems fit. Plus, the ACIS can be used to locate adults.

Some reasons to use this system may include but are not limited to abducted persons, lost persons, wander-offs, runaways, persons with Alzheimer's, and jail escapes.

The ACIM program works like this: A deputy/officer verifies that an individual is missing and calls an ACIM technician. The officer provides the technician with pertinent information about the missing person. The ACIM technician uses computer-mapping technology to identify the area where the individual was last seen.

Next, an individual message is



A Child Is Missing (ACIM) is a numbers and does not include unlist- need to listen to the message carenationwide program that will gener- ed numbers. This automated system fully and call their local police ate thousands of phone calls and can send 1,000-recorded messages department if they have any inforrecorded messages to help find lost within 60 seconds. Calls can be gen- mation that may assist with the case. individuals. The system works in erated to 100 or 5,000 homes and It is critical that residents do not conjunction with the Amber Alert businesses, depending on the area flood the law enforcement agencies

Alert system, ACIS can be utilized Residents in Berrien County need to imacy of the message, unless neces-

## Sarett Nature Center activities schedule MOONLIGHT **SNOWSHOE**

Saturday, January 14 7:00 p.m.

Come to Sarett Nature Center and explore the marsh under the full moon looking for tracks, calling for owls, and enjoying the winter's recorded, with the description of the evening. Fee: Non-members/\$2; members/free; snowshoe rental/\$3.

> ter. EAGLES AND GEESE, OH MY! Sunday, January 15

2:00 p.m.

to look for eagles and overwintering Canadian geese. Fee: Non-members /\$8; members/\$5. Please call (269) 927-4832 to regis- Olivia Browndorf-Winans.

ter. Sarett Nature Center is located at Watervliet and Roger and Lynda 2300 Benton Center Road, Benton Hiler of Coloma. He is the son-in-Harbor; phone (269) 927-4832; or law of Lee and Molly Browndorf of go to sarett@sarett.com.

ACIM has over 50 million phone local law enforcement agency, they

with telephone calls asking the legitforcement agency the time needed to focus on the critical incident on

The Berrien County Sheriff's Department, along with other local law enforcement agencies, are utilizing all resources possible to ensure people's safety. This is an important tool we can use together (law enforcement and citizens) to make Berrien County a safer place to live!

#### Service News AIRMAN JORDAN WINANS ACCEPTED INTO

**COMMUNITY COLLEGE OF THE AIR FORCE** 

Airman Basic Jordan Winans of the Please call (269) 927-4832 to regis- United States Air Force has been accepted into the Community College of the Air Force and is leaving for basic military training on January 17, 2006, according to an announcement made by the Air Force. His current job title is that of Travel to Allegan State Game Area Tactical Aircraft Maintenance Apprentice.

Jordan is a 2004 graduate of Watervliet High School and is married to

Winans is the son Dan Winans of Coloma.

Detroit College of Law.

Mayor makes committee appointments

Mayor Openneer made the following committee appointments: Personnel: Roger Prince, Chairman; Danny Gray, Glenn Openneer.

Water/Sewer: Danny Gray, Chairman; Terry Litaker, Roger Prince ... Finance: Duane Cobb, Chairman;

Jason Roland, Terry Litaker. Parks, Buildings, Etc.: Jeff Weber, Chairman; Jason Roland, Duane Cobb.

Ordinance: Jason Roland, Chairman; Duane Cobb, Jeff Weber. Safety: Terry Litaker, Chairman: Duane Cobb, Jeff Weber.

Ambulance/Medic 1: David Haase. Airport Board: Danny Gray, Jason Roland, Daryl Osgood.

Cemetery Board: Glenn Openneer. Steve Myotte, Carole Kiernan. Brownsfield Redevelopment: Du-

ane Cobb, Tim Freeburn, Jimmey Construction Board: Brad Dlouhy

Running Waters plans to build 73 the last several weeks. Quotes are Bernard Kelly, Jeff Baroszek; Rich-Fire Board: Bob Flaherty, David

Brinker. Board of Review: Pat Hohnstein

Olive Grady. Paw Paw Lake Sewer Board: Dor

Englehardt, Roger Prince. Planning Commission: Tom Mundt, Era Snyder, Laurie Brule, Lori

Meyers, Dan Schofield. Senior Citizen Board: Thomas Yore. CWAEDC: Olive Grady, Barbara

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**Coloma brothers back from** Iraq; living in Texas & Hawaii

By Lynn Attila porting the United States.

Army National Guard has returned service in early 2008. to Fort Hood, Texas, and his family. Snyder recently transferred from He is transitioning back into civilian Guided Missile Destroyer USS John life, starting in January of 2006, S. McCain, homeported in Yokafter serving in Iraq.

Snyder's unit performed base secu- Freedom in March 2003. rity at a Marine base and did some He was previously stationed at the Kansas; Pan Mon Jom in Korea; Yokosuka. before getting out in 2001.

Sgt. Snyder will work for the U.S. graduate of Coloma High School. Postal Service in Waco, Texas, when he becomes a civilian again.

School in 1988. Chief Petty Officer Gene ("Guy") meyer) Snyder.

Snyder Jr. of the U.S. Navy is cur-

rently serving at the U.S. Naval The war in Iraq has hit close to Computer and Telecommunications home for two former Coloma resi- Area Master Station, Pacific, dents. The men, both brothers, have Wahiawa, Hawaii. Chief Snyder is each served time in the Persian Gulf, an Information Technology Specfighting for Iraqi freedom and sup- ialist and lives in Wahiawa with his family. This will be his last duty sta-Sgt. Lance Snyder of the Texas tion before he retires from military

osuka, Japan; and was in the Persian During his time in the Middle East, Gulf at the start of Operation Iraqi

convoy escorts and combat patrols. U.S. Naval Air Facility, Misawa, Prior to joining the Texas National Japan; U.S. Support Force Antarc-Guard in 2004, Snyder had been in tica, Port Hueneme, CA; U.S. Naval the U.S. Army for over 12 years. Computer and Telecommunications During that time, he served in Station, Far East, Yokosuka, Japan; Germany; Saudi Arabia and Iraq Commander of Submarine Group during Operation Desert Sto- Seven, Yokosuka, Japan; and the rm/Desert Shield; Fort Riley in USS Blue Ridge homeported in

82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg in He also attended school at Michi-North Carolina; and at Fort Hood, gan Technological University prior to joining the Navy and is a 1982

Both men are the sons of Gene Snyder Sr. of Coloma and the late He graduated from Coloma High Sharon Snyder. They are also the stepsons of the late Anita (Kerke-



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We're Moving!

The goal of the Specialty Clinic at Community Hospital has always been to provide our communities with local access to a variety of medical specialists. In other words, we have the physicians do the travelling so that our patients don't have to. And over the years, thousands of people have chosen to visit the clinic and receive their healthcare close to home.

But because of the clinic's on-going success, we've outgrown our facility. Visit our new location, just east of our former building, at 460 Medical Park Drive on the campus of Community Hospital. You'll still find the same loyal, dedicated staff and the same compassionate, high-quality physicians. But now you'll also find an expanded facility with larger exam rooms, a more comfortable waiting area, and better ease of scheduling appointments.

So if you need a specialist, ask for a referral to one of our Specialty Clinic physicians, and experience our family, caring for yours.

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M. GERTRUDE BENDER M. Gertrude Bender, 92, of St. Joseph Home in St. Joseph

Father Christian Johnston officiat- butions may be made to the family. nship Cemetery, Stevensville.

day, with prayers at 7 p.m. at dent of Coloma since 1955. She Kerley-Starks & Menchinger Fam- married Robert Ditchie on October ilv Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Rd., 2, 1948, in Chicago. St. Joseph.

to St. Joseph Catholic Church in Linda (Bill) Miller of Baroda; two acknowledgment of the Parish Eu- sisters - Sue (Edward) Riordan of charistic Ministers. Those wishing Paris, TN, and Jeanne (Claude) to share a memory or sign the guest Diamond of Sauk Village, IL; eight book online may do so at grandchildren; five great-grandchilwww.starks-menchinger.com

Gertrude was born May 2, 1913, in nephews. Chicago, to John and Agnes (Koto- Roberta was preceded in death by: wski) Lewandowski. She married her parents; son, Jerry Ditchie; and Allen Bender on May 11, 1936.

Gertrude was very active in the community in the St. Joseph-Lincoln Township Senior Center, the Baroda Senior Center, the Berrien County Safety Council, the "Nutt Club."

She is survived by: her son, Robert Huntley of Lexington, KY. (Jane) Bender of Stevensville; daug- In addition to his parents, survivors hters, Ruth Fricke of Watervliet and include: his grandparents, Michael Rhonda (Dewayne) Crippon of Huntley and Sandra Huntley of Three Oaks; daughter-in-law, Pam- Fletcher, NC, Robert and Kathy ela Bender of Stevensville; sisters Rotach of Berrien Springs, and Isabella O'Brien of Dowagiac and Kimberly Coulson of Coloma; sev-Rose Ball of Decatur; and two eral great-grandparents; and a greatgrandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her father husband; a son, Ronald Bender; brother, Edwin Lewandowski; and son-in-law, Robert Fricke.

**ROBERTA H. DITCHIE** Roberta H. Ditchie, 75, of Coloma, passed away on Wednesday, January



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#### 4, 2005, at Lakeland Hospital, St.

Joseph, died Tuesday, January 10, Upon Roberta's request, there was family lot at Maple Hill Cemetery, preceded her in death. 2006, at Golden Place Nursing no visitation or service. Immediate Hartford. Memorials may be made entombment took place at North to the North Berrien Senior Center honor her memory on Monday, Harbor, Bobby Polibick of Law-A Mass of Christian Burial will be Shore Memory Gardens, Hagar celebrated at 2 p.m. Friday, January Shores, Arrangements were made by Church 13, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Davidson Chapel, Florin Funeral 211 Church St., St. Joseph, with Service, Coloma. Memorials contriing. Burial will be in Lincoln Tow- Roberta was born March 3, 1930, in Chicago, to Albert and Dorthea Visitation is from 5 to 7 p.m. Thurs- (Baffa) Ellery. She had been a resi-

Survivors include: her husband Memorial donations may be made Robert Ditchie of Coloma; daughter, dren; and several nieces and

by a sister. Doris Erb.

#### **ROLAND MICHAEL**

MANSON HUNTLEY Roland Michael Manson Huntley passed away on January 2, 2006, at Club", and her ladies "Friendship University of Kentucky Hospital. He was the son of Simon and Amanda

great-grandmother and great-grand-

There was a graveside service on January 5 at Lexington Cemetery. No visitation was held. Kerr Brothers Funeral Home, Main Street, Lexington, was in charge of the arrangements.

#### DORA ALICE

(THAR) KAUCHER January 8, 2006, at her home.

businesses until her marriage to www.starks-menchinger.com. Victor Kaucher on October 25, Arrangements are entrusted to "Bunny" McNees, Watervliet; Kath-

She became an active member of the Chicago. than 50 years.

ber of cousins.

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where a memorial service to honor Joseph. her memory will follow. The Rev. Carmen was born on March 9, Rose of Benton Harbor, Manard Ronald Hansen of Hartford United 1914, in Guanauuato, Mexico, the Rose of Benton Harbor and Carl Methodist Church will officiate. Private burial will take place in the (Zuniga) Rodriguez, both of whom with his sister-in-law, Debbie Rose or Hartford United Methodist January 9, at Calvin Funeral Home rence, and Roger (Tina) Tramps of

#### VINA LEE MARTIN

Vina Lee Martin, 88, of Benton Harbor, passed away on Wednesday, December 21, 2005, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A service celebrating Vina's life was eld at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. Visitation was held before the servce. Burial was in North Shore Memory Gardens,. Memorial donations may be made to Midway Baptist Church in Watervliet.

Vina was born October 15, 1917, in Harbor, passed away on Friday, Leachville, AK, to Lee and Pearlena January 6, 2006, at home. St. Joseph.

Survivors include: two daughters - death Phyllis (Bobby) Clark of Coloma The family greeted friends and Janette Cordera of Battle Creek; Tuesday, January 10, at Calvin four grandchildren - Robert and Funeral Home in Hartford. A service Ricky Clark and Jaime and Rene to honor his memory was held on Cordera; four great-grandchildren; a Wednesday, January 11, at the funerspecial niece, Mavis Pankey of al home, with Pastor Antoine Benton Harbor; and a brother-in- Headspeth of the Kingdom Restoralaw, Jess Yow of Flint, MI.

She was preceded in death by: her Harbor officiating usband, Glade, in 1997; a grand- Frank is survived by: two sons son, Randy Clark, in 1982; three Daniel (Jamie Koshar) Lash of Banprothers - Bill, Virgil and Verlin gor and Frank Rose of Benton Williamson; and two sisters, Lillian Harbor; three daughters - Tina Lash Yow and Ethel Williamson.



#### SHELDON L. RADOM

Sheldon L. Radom, 84, of St. Joseph, passed away Friday, January 6, 2006, at home.

Dora Alice (Thar) Kaucher, 89, of Monday, January 9, at Temple B'Nai of the celebration of the New Year James "Pat" Sutton, Stevensville; Coloma, passed away Sunday, Shalom in Benton Harbor, with is over, please take a few minutes Brian Wesley Aldrich, Buchanan; Rabbi Michael Rascoe officiating. to recall all of our Tri-City Area Marry Barry, Benton Harbor; Cath- Stanley H. Carr, South Haven; Lois Dora was born on May 31, 1916, in Burial followed at B'Nai Shalom relatives, friends and neighbors erine Anne Biondo, Coloma; Leo- Chancellor, Lawrence; Marjorie E. Benton Harbor, the daughter of Cemetery in Benton Harbor. who died in 2005. The following is nard David Burk, Berrien Center; Drought, Naples, FL; Lynn Eldon Mathias and Alice (Paul) Thar, both Memorials may be made to Temple a list of the names of area resi- Teri Lyn Clark, Hartford; Theresa Hall, Coloma; Gary L. Hauch, Colof whom preceded her in passing. B'Nai Shalom, Berrien County dents whose obituaries appeared A. Crawford, South Haven; Dorothy oma; Frederick A. Henry, Benton She graduated from Hartford High Cancer Service, or John Jollay in the Tri-City Record. School in 1934. Following her grad- Scholarship Fund. Those wishing to uation from Twin Cities Business share a memory or sign the guest School, she worked for various area book online may do so at Florence Bittner, Coloma; John B. Pelton, St. Joseph; Kirt Bruno Pomeroy, Hartford; Eugene "Gene"

1941. He preceded her in death in Kerley-Starks & Menchinger erine E. Metz, Coloma; Rosie Family Funeral Home, St. Joseph. Dora and her husband were fruit Sheldon was born September 22, Thomas Snider Sr., Hartford; Gene farmers in Hartford and Coloma for 1921, in Benton Harbor, to Solomon E. Williams, Niles; Mary Zehner, many years. She was active in and Rose (Sax) Radom. He graduat- Watervliet; American Agri Women and was a ed from Benton Harbor High School Donald Eugene Blunier, Eau Claire; (Women for Survival of Agriculture in the U.S. Army during World War Township; Franklin "Bud" Fulton in Michigan). In 1990, Dora retired II. On November 30, 1947, he mar- Sr., Watervliet: James Hurt, Hartfrom farming and moved to Coloma. ried the former Estelle Dubman in ford: Charles Edward Lewis, Benton

support group. Her hobbies included Radom Farm Supply in Bainbridge Cheryl Ann Mitchell, Benton Norman Ray Sharpe, Hartford; Dolores Gunn, Coloma; Arlene Mae oil painting and playing the piano. Township, a business that was start- Harbor; She was a member of Hartford ed by his father in 1919. He was a Johanna Price, Benton Harbor; Harbor; Lois Mae Zepik, Watervliet. son, St. Joseph; Patricia L. Miller, United Methodist Church for more member of Temple B'Nai Shalom in Antoinette P. Price, Hartford; John Benton Harbor.

(Ronda) Kaucher of Coloma; two Grand Floral Blossomtime Parade in Wilkins, Watervliet; James Creeden, Charles Duane Livingston, Hart- Nellie Mae Pantaleo, Coloma; the years.

of Chicago; and many nieces and linger, Coloma; nephews.

daughter of Sebastian and Aurea (Chris) Rose of Bridgman; along

Friends and family gathered to friends - Doug Holly of Benton in Hartford. Mass of Christian Bangor, Burial took place Tuesday, January 10, at Immaculate Conception Church in Hartford, with Father Robert Flickinger as Celebrant. Carmen is survived by: a daughter, Rose; and a stepbrother, Pete John-Esther (Jose G.) Razo of Hartford; three grandchildren; a granddaughter-in-law; and one great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her husband, Alberto Vaca; and three infant children.

FRANK ALLEN ROSE Frank Allen Rose, 52, of Benton

(Galloway) Williamson, moving to Frank was born on February 16, this area at the age of 18. She was 1953, in War, West VA, the son of formerly employed by Victor Tool in Ellis and Margaret (Robinson) Rose, both of whom preceded him in

tion Worship Center of Benton

of Benton Harbor, Cristie Lash of Watervliet and Regina Lash of Bristol, IN; three grandchildren; a sister, Naomia (Robert) Miles of

# **Remembering the dearly** departed of 2005 Funeral services were held on EDITOR'S NOTE: Now that all Richard John Sutter Sr., Hartford; (Chambers) Tucker, Hartford,

#### JANUARY

Holifield Jr., Covert: Bernadine Sawyer, Benton Harbor; Ben

Harbor: Wanda Martin, Watervliet; Twin Cities Widows and Widowers Sheldon owned and operated Helen Evelyn Mayhak, Hartford;

S. Ross Sr., Watervliet; John M. Survivors include: her son, Dale He served as Grand Marshal for the Urch, Benton Harbor; Steven Craig Donald Harold Bachman, Hartford; Benton Harbor; C. "Rick" Healy, Paw Paw;

on Thursday evening, January 12, at Michael (Richonda) Radom of St. Allen Raymond Marschke, Berrien Freda Welty-Whitcomb, Watervliet; Clifford LeRoy Johnson, Benton Zuhl of St. Joseph; four grandchil- Peapples, Watervliet; Donald Hartford;

> er-in-law, Morris and Bess Dubman. Benton Harbor; Margaret Larsen, Shirley, Decatur; Carmen Rodriguez, 91, of Hartford, St. Joseph; Irene A. Pallas, St. Coloma; Genevieve Mae Hiler, Gathright, Buchanan;

#### **FEBRUARY**

Fairbanks, Benton Harbor; Wayne Cary, IL; Bennett, Watervliet;

Frieda Pjesky Cole, Watervliet; Twin Lakes; Eugene Miller, Mary C. Dollar, St. Joseph; Richard Coloma; Margaret E. Mora, Bangor; Henry Muenchow, Coloma; Ken Shimer, Watervliet; Sara Soto, Florence V. Saline, Hartford; Hamilton Township; Verna Sue

MARCH

brother-in-law, Wilbur Jarvis of Paw ford; Edith Evonne Bahr, Benton Fredrick Cross, Hartford; Helmut Rydolf, Berrien Springs. Paw; a sister-in-law, Bernice Lewin Harbor; LaMoyne "Ringo" Bel- Fandrich, St. Joseph; George Murray Inman, Watervliet; Henry Janet Lee Brancecum, Hartford; Klitchman, Coloma; Glenadine He was preceded in death by: his Frances D. (Jarrel) Carr, Watervliet; Cross Lanphear, Lawrence; Leondar parents; his wife; his brother, Norma Chesser, Galien; Melvin C. H. Popke, Benton Harbor; Edith Marvin Radom; his sister, Annette "Red" Danneffel, Watervliet; Smith, Benton Harbor; Madaline M. Jarvis; and father-in-law and-moth- Cecelia Esther (Carlson) Dominion, Marxer, Benton Harbor; Calvin C. Charles Polaskey Jr., Coloma; Ward

(Kibler) Donegan Lane, Watervliet; Elizabeth (Schnaall) Clark, Benton Adams, St. Joseph; Elaine Lynch, Watervliet; Richard Harbor; Earl J. Dechert, Steven- Leo B. Bachman, Watervliet; Hartford; Mary Karen McCrorey, Harbor; Elmer A. Isbrecht,

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Visitation will be held from 6-7:30 Mr. Radom is survived by: his son, James D. Hutchinson, Watervliet; Tina Renee Thomas, Benton Harbor; Hartford;

SECO J

CARMEN RODRIGUEZ passed away on Friday, January 6, Joseph; Blanche Stibal, Coloma. Coloma; Pamela G. (Reed) Johnson Genevieve E. Hiatt, Watervliet;

of New Mexico, William (Vinder) of Benton Harbor; and special

Besides his parents, Frank was preceded in death by his stepfather, Alvin Johnson; three brothers James Rose, Walter Rose and Bobby

#### **TIMOTHY JOHN** "T.J." ROSE

son.

Timothy John "T.J." Rose, 37, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, died Wednes day, January 4, 2006, at home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be clebrated at 10:30 a.m. Friday, January 13, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 211 Church St., St. Joseph, with Msgr. Thomas Martin officiating, Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, St. Joseph.

Visitation is from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Kerley Starks & Menchinger Family Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. Memorial donations may be made to Lake Michigan Catholic School Sports Department. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

T.J. was born July 10, 1968, in St. Joseph, to Terry and Maralyn (Wolf) Rose. He graduated in 1986 from Lake Michigan Catholic High Scho-

T.J. is survived by: his wife, Laura (Cromarty) Rose; sisters, Kimberley (Tony) Peugh of Orlando, Fl., Tami (Gary) Robertson of Coloma, and Kelly (Greg) Basham of Louisville, K.; brother-in-law Tony Smith of

Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, 2006, at Lakeland Hospital, St. Wyoming; four brothers - John Rose Benton Harbor; three nephews, Terrence Peugh, Billy Basham and Jonathan Peugh; and two nieces, Dawn Wesner and Karly Basham. He was preceded in death by his brother, Clancy Rose; sister Stacy Smith; and his father, Terry Rose.

JERRIE (ELSTON) SNOW Jerrie A. (Elston) Snow, 68, of Depo. IL, formerly of Riverside, passed away Friday, December 16, 2005, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in

Belleville, IL Jerrie was born July 11, 1937, in Riverside to Wellington and Ilo (Haves) Elston. On October 15, 1958, she married her husband, Bryan (Bink) Snow in Waterloo, IL She is survived by her six children - Ed (Lisa) Snow of Fenton, MO., Kim (Ken) Diers of Chokia, IL. Debra Sue (Jim) Crow of Waterloo, IL., Tina (Dave) Harris of Fairview Heights, IL., Bryan Snow of Cahokia, IL., and Sally Dixon of East Carondelet, IL. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sisters -Sandy (Chuck) Henderson of South Bend, IN, and Joann Tabor of Louisville, KY.; brothers - Paul (Helen) Elston and Kenneth (Deanna) Elston of Coloma; brother-in-law Tom Sargent of Colinsville, IL.; sister-in-law Annie

Visitation was held at Braun Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia, on December 19, 2005. Funeral **Continued on Page 8** 

Elston of Riverside; and one nep-

There is no charge to publish obituaries in the Tri-City Record

(Chrispell) Taylor, Coloma; Jeffery Anderson, Hartford; Wallis, Watervliet;

Harbor; Juanita Moore, Coloma;

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Frazier, Watervliet; Goldie Mae Harbor; Walter B. "Walt" Hess, (Harmon) Lockman, Coloma; Vera Hartford; William E. "Willie" McKinney, Dowagiac; Ralph W. Meachum, Lawrence; John R. Reinhardt, Eau Claire; Bernice Ruhno, St. Joseph; Norman Robert

Arthur Farrell Boyer, Stevensville; Pastor John M. Yusko, Keeler; Irene Douglas C. Hoffman, Coloma; Ruth Watkins-Worra, South Haven; Keech, Hartford; Terri (Toth) Irving Allen Clauser, Hartford; Peter Molpus, Perrysburg, OH; Jaime Lyn Daly, Hart, MI; Andrew Dillenbeck, Mulhern, Coloma; Johnnie W. Watervliet; Sybil M. Flippo, Col- Rinks, Watervliet; Clella Caroline founding member of WSAM in 1939. Sheldon served his country Martin C. Edinborough, Hagar oma; Gerald A. Goodman, Paw (Kingery) Wallace, Watervliet; Paw; Otto C. Hill III, Benton Darlene Edmundson Buca, Caulfield, MO:

Virginia Reinhardt, Coloma; Vergie Mary (Warman) Cottier, Coloma; Ricketts, South Haven; Mildred Robert August Cupani Jr., Water-Eileen (Dockter) Shannon, Coloma; vliet; Jessibell Danneffel, Bridgman; Bruce Daniel "Bruno" Zech, Benton Hall, Keeler; Sharon Jeanne Jack-Elkhart, IN: Matthew R. Muth, Houston, TX; Donald Jerry Norton,

granddaughters - Betsy (Matt) Gil- 2000. He was also inducted in 2002 Watervliet; Henry A. Dentler, ford; Kathern Manzella, Coloma; Genevieve L. Ruff, St. Joseph; bert of Waterford and Stephanie into the Basketball Hall of Fame in Hartford; Flossie Mary "Babe" Willard J. "Shorty" Ramer, Water- Ronald Delbert Story, Sutton Bay, Kaucher of Northville; plus a num- Lansing for his contributions over Paulson Evans, Eau Claire; Fredrick vliet; Lloyd Foss Sanborn, Benton MI; Maryilyn L. Watts, Benton Harbor; Monte Sternaman, Coloma; Harbor; Timothy Wayne Hanson,

Joseph; his daughter, Peggy Radom Springs; Olga L. Morris, Steven- William R. Wirick, Dowagiac; Harbor; Ellen Inez (Hembree) of St. Joseph; son-in-law Steven sville; Charles R. "Charlie" Anthony Gerald "Jerry" Cheshire, Knuth, Coloma; Mabel V. Polaskey, Benton Harbor; Dorothy C. dren; two great-grandchildren; a Eugene "Woody" Woodward, Hart- Myrtle I. Conrad, Coloma; Russell Ransom, St. Joseph; Dorothy Lucile

#### MAY

Clara B. Blythe, Buchanan; Margaret P. Bovo, Benton Harbor; Valerie Lynn Paukowits, St. Joseph; "Buck" Sisson, Watervliet; George Three Oaks; Lillian M. LeBon, Peter Douglas Forshee, Berrien William Stone, Coloma; W. Tom Benton Harbor; Barbara N. Lester, Springs; Donnie Ray Franks, Adams, Hartford; Dorothy L.

Pastrick, St. Joseph; Dolores A. Herman J. Klug, Eau Claire; Rogel, Coloma; Ken Shimer, Raymond Nathanial Kirksey, St. Kathy Jo Churchill, Coloma; Paul Watervliet, John "Johnny" Springer, Joseph; Lois Irene Ludlam, Coloma; E. Diebold, Coloma; Howard C. Watervliet; Duard "Tiny" Smith, Alice G. Peters, Coloma; Clara Jane Shank, Benton Harbor; Norma W. Isom, South Haven; Catherine Jenna Mae Brink, Coloma; Springer, Buchanan; Phyllis E.

Lee Russell, Coloma; Geraldine F. sville; Julius G. Granke, St. Joseph; Gladys Edel L. (Dyer) Bobo, Smallwood, St. Joseph; Laura Mae Edith Davis-Leight, Berrien Center; Watervliet; Utha C. Craft, Bangor; Archer, Dowagiac; Dennis J. Yvonne "Vonnie" Leane Leonard, Richard "Richie" Howard, Benton Continued on Page 7

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continued from Page 6 Bainbridge Township; Florence L. Patterson, Hartford; Ruth Smith, Watervliet; Adeline Lorene Smith, Bainbridge Township;

V. Joenell Summerhil-Williamson, Bangor; Norbert "Captain Gus" Frank E. Ezell Jr., Coloma; Doris A. Spevak, Coloma; Marilyn J. Geresy, Blackburn, Coloma; Wendell Irwin St. Joseph; Katherine Marie Garber- Martin, Sun City, AZ; Lilah J. Johnson, Bainbridge Township; Irene son, Hartford; Thomas Collins, Hazen, Coloma; Bill J. Heinichen Watervliet; Victor "Vic" McKinney, Jr., Bangor; Frankie N. Ingram, Ben- Watervliet; Theodore Richard Murton Harbor; Leo Martorano, Hagar ray, Watervliet; Clifford Kiernan, Township; Alexus "Lexie" Jane Largo, FL; Charles H. Gifford, Hart-Puckett, South Haven; Katherine ford; Pamela Ann Geisler, Coloma; Clifford George Swift, Hartford; Dr. William John Zeilenga Sr., Coloma; vliet; Harold Weir, Coloma.

JUNE



Vernon "Tony" Anthony, Watervliet; Chester Lee Heskett, Dowagiac; Rose M. Hanks, Elkhart, IN; Willie Henezzy Inman, Hartford; Lucille "Bonnie" Korzilius, Coloma;

C. Allen Bachman, Coloma; Kenneth Basha, Watervliet; Elsa Jean Bianchi, Hartford; John Thomas Lee Jr., Hartford; Ralph S. Moser, Ben-"Kay" (Venerable) Roung, Coloma; Richard James Melling, Coloma; ton Harbor; Rosemary Smith, Hart-Randall James Routheaux, Bangor; Esther Marie Moore, Hartford; ford; Frances M. Thompson, Water-

#### JULY

Frederick R. Carpenter, Bainbridge Township; Mildred M. Crain, Hartford; Bonnie Jean Glisson, Hartford; Dorothy B. Hingst, Watervliet; Brenda Lambrecht, Watervliet; Wanda Mae Lindeman, Coloma; Robert John Spagnola, Coloma; Don A Martin, Watervliet; Angel Sim-Warman, Coloma;

Margaret Alice Avery, Hartford; woude, Watervliet. Edith Ruth "Babe" Dyer, Hartford; Dorothy Marion Hiler Hennesey,

Jean Hayes, Coloma; Bob Wycoff, Watervliet; Lorraine June Horney, Coloma; Maria Keller, Hartford; Georgette L. Kovac, Coloma; Alfred O. "Neal" Williams, Watervliet;

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Wilford Paul Day, Hartford; Lor raine June Hoeney, Coloma; Louise mons, Coloma; Nell M. Vander-

#### AUGUST

Donna Brown, Hartford; Maynard Day Jr., Watervliet; Madeline Dimaggio, Lake Michigan Beach; Victoria Marie Rosenthal, Hartford: James C. Mastandrea, Coloma; Edward Allen Rousselle, Coloma: Tamara A. Pethick, Coloma;

Harriette Cocharane, Hartford; Franklin H. "Frank" Ison, Hartford; Ruth Rizzo, Benton Harbor; Edward Joseph Connally, Coloma; Grace Evelyn Hann, Hartford.

#### SEPTEMBER

Thomas Bruce Frazier, Watervliet; Donnie Adams II, Coloma; Raymond Hake Morris, Buchanan; Betty Lou (Robbins) Cracchiolo South Haven; Mary R. Franklin, Benton Harbor; Irene Minnie Ison, Hartford; Alice R. Ward, Watervliet; Jimmie Marie Wilson Byers, Water-

Virginia "Ginny" Healy, Coloma; Shelley Elaine Mathis, Coloma; Lawrence A. "Larry" Rogers, Watervliet; Alice R. Ward, Watervliet; Barbara Wolfram, Coloma; Ruth Christine Bolton, Hartford; Lyall Emma Boothby, Hartford; John Brule, Watervliet; Kern Ward Fischer, Hartford; Bernadine "Bunny" McNees, Watervliet;

Teresa Darlene Bryant, Watervliet; James Melvin Franklin, Decatur; Thelma Forrester, Watervliet; Homer Andrew Jackson, Watervliet; Mary "Pat" Lee, Hartford; Charles Joseph Stevens, Coloma.

#### OCTOBER

Ruby Jane Elson Wintersteen, Dowagiac; David V. Bianchi, Hartford; Delmar Bradshaw, Keeler; Elmer W. DeMay, Hartford; Hilary Madison, South Canaan, PA; Corinne H. "Granny" Henry, Watervliet; Nicholas Hook, Watervliet; Alice Scherer, Coloma; Donald Vanderboegh, Watervliet; Roxie Braisher. Coloma:

Rodney R. Caprez, Watervliet; Eldon William Kroening, Watervliet; Virdie Lee Scott, Coloma; Ben Valenti, Coloma; Maxine Brule, Watervliet; Eldon William Kroening, Watervliet; Donald Edward Elston Sr., Riverside.

#### **NOVEMBER**

Howard D. Bishop, Coloma; Angelina "Lea" Flynn, Coloma; Richard V. Hazen Sr., Coloma; Frederick Kavanagh Sr., Coloma; Tami L. McLean, Coloma; Mildred Delia Mix, Coloma; Eddie Joe Newton, Hartford; Barbara Jane Parker, Watervliet; Ralph K. Shackelford, Coloma; Leonard John Gallas, Colo-

Loren Wayne "Hootch" Kidd, Lawrence; Ian Robert Wayne MacGregor, Coloma; Ida Noack, Coloma; Alexander Solis, Dowagiac; Margaret "Peg" Dwan Kramp, Benton Harbor; Barbara M. Oakley, Colo-

Carl Timmons, Sister Lakes; Carol Mae Williams, Keeler; James Robert Dissette Sr., South Haven; Kenneth D. Jennings, Coloma; Joan Langley, Coloma; Robert Gordon Sells, Benton Harbor.

#### DECEMBER

Jennie Alice Mae Daisy, Coloma; Eileen DeMartinis, Coloma; William Norton Dyer, Hartford; Shirley A. Giudice, Coloma; Mildred Rose (Kucera) Strejc, Coloma; Ronald A. Bittner, Hudsonville, MI; LueElla Brown, Coloma; Cecelia Margaret Field, Lawrence:

Gloria D. Marr, Bangor; Mark Alan Olds, Hartford; Richard "Dick" Hayden Braziel, Coloma; Raymond "Ray" Crawford, Covert; Madeline V. Giambalvo, Coloma; Donald, "P.J." Hertzel, Hartford; Roger W. Newton Sr., Bangor;

Nina E. Bromley, Hartford; Arthur Fredricks Sr., Coloma; Doris "Frostie" (Warman) Gage, Coloma; Charles Fred Gould, Sodus; Faith Elizabeth Horton, Benton Center; Michael Lee Tate, Hartford; Alice G. Rush, Hartford;

Madalene Rachael Rose, Watervliet; Margaret Ann Weckler Plumley, St. Joseph; Michelle Dawn Austin, Hartford; Gary Ray Grinage, Otsego; Bill Lee Manning Jr., Hartford; Robert D. Meade, Berrien Springs; Elsie L. Ryan, Baroda.

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Coloma **Middle School** "Student of the Week" January 9, 2006

Coloma Middle School is proud to announce that 11-year-old Christopher Crenshaw, a sixth-grader, is "Student of the Week." Chris is the son of James Crenshaw of Chicago, Illinois, and Donna Domingo of Hagar Shores. He has four sisters Natasha (age 16), Patricia (14), Chrystal (8), and Gabrielle (7).

Teacher aide Sonya Boven nominated him for this honor. In her nomination, Mrs. Boven said, "Chris would make a good Student of the Week. He's a great student who works hard to keep his grades high. He is someone that I have never seen misbehave on the playground or in the lunchroom. He's always respectful and nice to his classmates. He's willing to do anything that is asked of him."

Hobbies for Chris include playing with his Playstation and hanging out with his family. He also enjoyed playing Rocket Football this year.

Chris' family is full of heroes that make him proud. He has relatives that are veterans of WW II. Vietnam and Operation Desert Storm; and also has relatives that are EMS healthcare providers and firemen.

When asked what he would like to be when he grows up, Chris says "a chef."

ma Middle School in congratulating 5:30 p.m. Christopher as "Student of the Friday, Jan. 13: SOUTH SCHOOL Week." Prizes awarded to him for - Spirit Day. HIGH SCHOOL - 9th, his hard work and dedication are: JV & Varsity Basketball at Lawton, Wesco (pop and popcorn coupon), 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30 (approx.) p.m. Pizza Hut (\$10 gift certificate), Saturday, Jan. 14: HIGH SCHOOL Coloma Athletic Department (sports - Varsity Volleyball at Bridgman, House of America (free appetizer ling at Athens, TBA. coupon), McDonald's (free sand- Monday, Jan. 16: MIDDLE wich coupon), and AMF Blossom SCHOOL - Boys Basketball at Lanes (two free bowling games).



#### **North School** "Student of the Week"

Devon Gitersonke is the North School "Student of the Week." Devon is the son of Joseph and Kristina Gitersonke of Watervliet, He has a younger brother, Jakub; and a younger sister, Emalie.

Devon is a third-grade student in Mrs. VonKoenig's classroom. Mrs. VonKoenig appreciates Devon's attitude in school. He is helpful and consistently gives his very best effort in school.

Devon's favorite subjects are physical education, math, and science. He likes the exercise he gets in gym class and enjoys the experiments in science.

Devon also enjoys being with his friends and teachers at school. When he is at recess, he likes playing with his friends, especially when they play kickball.

When Devon is finished with school, he would like to find a job in construction. He said that he likes to knock stuff down and then build it back up new.

When Devon is not in school, he likes to play outside. He said he likes pretty much anything he is able

to do outside, especially riding his bike. We are all very proud of Devon and the way he is handling himself at Congratulations to Devon and his amily.

Tickets on sale now **Miss Coloma** Pageant is January 21 at **Mendel** Center

The Miss Coloma Pageant will be held at the Mendel Center on the Lake Michigan College Campus in Benton Township on Saturday, January 21, at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and are

available at the following places: Nancy's Furniture in Coloma; Deli By The Park in Coloma; Hair Innovations in Coloma; and Studio 690 in Dowagiac. If you have any questions, please

call Bonnie at (269) 849-0783.

# Miss Watervliet Scholarship Pageant ticket sale Saturday

Tickets for the Miss Watervliet Scholarship Pageant will be on sale at Epple Realty on East Red Arrow Highway, across from Watervliet High School, on Saturday, January 14, from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon. Tickets are \$12 each.

The pageant will be held at the Watervliet High School Auditorium on Saturday, January 28, at 7:00 p.m.

## Watervliet **Public Schools District Calendar**

Thursday, January 12: HIGH SCHOOL - 9th Grade, JV & Varsity The following businesses join Colo- Volleyball at Hartford, Beginning at

pass) Chartwell's Food Service at 9:00 a.m.; 9th Grade Volleyball at Coloma (free snack coupon), Waffle Lawton, 9:00 a.m.; Varsity Wrest-

> Home w/Decatur, 5:00 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL - 9th Grade, JV & Varsity Volleyball at Home w/Bloomingdale, 9th Grade & JV Beginning at her life. 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 17: HIGH SCHOOL -

9th Grade, JV & Varsity Basketball 6:00 & 7:30 (approx.) p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 18: NORTH SCHOOL - Drama Club Play (4th & 5th Grades), Evening Performance, 6:00 p.m. MIDDLE SCHOOL -Booster Meeting in Media Center, 7:00 p.m.; Boys Basketball at Home w/Lawrence, 5:00 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL - Wrestling at Home w/ Hartford, 6:00 p.m.

and Diane Baker of Hartford. Her great-grandparents are Bea Pratl of Stevensville and Dave and Marcie Roper of Hartford. We are all very proud of Kayla and love her dearly. Share a photo of your "Kute Kids" with your friends, neighrelatives who read the

are Joseph E. Pratl of Coloma

Tri-City Record. Make sure you ' names on th back of the picture and include any other information about it

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

Calendar & Entertainment

"Kute Kids" ....

THIS "KUTE KID" ... is Kayla Morgan Pratl, born February 11

Thursday, Jan. 19: HALF DAY and nephews. FOR ALL STUDENTS. HIGH Ruby was preceded in death by her SCHOOL - 9th, JV & Varsity parents; her husband, Roscoe Ste-Volleyball at Fennville, Beginning at wart; a brother, Herbert McDaniel; 5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 20: HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS - End of Semester. SOUTH SCHOOL - Family Movie Night, "The Mouse and The Motorcycle," 5:30 p.m.; Playgroup, 9:30-10:30 a.m. HIGH SCHOOL -9th, JV & Varsity Basketball Home w/ Bangor, 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30 (approx.) p.m.

## Obituaries

continued from Page 6 services were held December 20 at 1912, in Coloma. She was one of the funeral home with the Rev, Greg four children born to Robert and Weeks officiating. Burial was in Marie (Schreiber) Kibler Sr. In Jefferson Barracks National Cem- 1931, Agnes was crowned Miss etery in St. Louis, MO. She was preceded in death by her Coloma High School. husband, Bryan; daughter, Cheryl; parents; sister, Sharon Sargent; and rother, Don Elston.

#### **RUBY L. STEWART**

Hospital in Berrien Center.

Funeral services were held on nephews. Monday, January 9, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in parents; a sister, Frances Kibler Benton Harbor. Burial followed at the funeral home. Memorial contrioutions may be made to the family. Ruby was born January 18, 1921, in McHenry, KY, to William and Ruth Crofton, Kentucky, formerly o (Davis) McDaniel. She was a resident of this community for most of January 4, 2006, at her home.

Pamela (Todd) Crossman of Coloma Mishawaka, IN, the daughter of and Melody Stewart of Los Angeles, Henry and Florence (Vanderwold) at Home w/Marcellus, 4:30 p.m., CA; a grandson, Dylan Crossman of Johnson, both of whom precede her Coloma; two brothers - James (Bar- in death. bara) McDaniel and Bob (Phyllis) McDaniel, both of Benton Harbor; a sister, Loretta (George) Schultz of Funeral Home, Hartford, where a Golf Trace, FL; and several nieces service to honor her memory took

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Where are your "Kute Kids"?

and a sister, Ann Wilkinson.

AGNES MARIE WATTS Agnes Marie Watts, 93, of Coloma, died on Friday, January 6, 2006, at her home

A memorial Mass will be celebrated Saturday, January 14, 2006, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Watervliet with her cremains being buried afterward in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery. Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet is assisting the family with the arrangements.

Agnes' life began November 23, Coloma and she graduated from

On September 28, 1943, Agnes married Charles T. Watts Jr. She was a life-long member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in Watervliet.

Her greatest love was spending time Ruby L. Stewart, 84, of St. Joseph, with her family, which includes: her passed away on Wednesday, January son, Charles (Sharon) Watts; four 4, 2006, at Lakeland Specialty granddaughters; 10 great-grandchildren; and several nieces and

> Preceding her in death were: he (Thomas) Dykas; and two brothers. Robert and Fredrick Kibler.

#### FLORENCE IRENE

WILLIAMSON Florence Irene Williams, 80, Keeler, passed away on Wednesday,

Irene, as she was known to most. Survivors include: two daughters - was born on September 3, 1924 in

> The family greeted friends or Monday, January 9, at the Calvin place. Pastor Richard Ely officiated Burial followed in Keeler Cemetery. Irene is survived by her husband Clyde, a son - Russell Williamson o Pensacola, FL; two daughters Gayle Bisnett of Hartford and Dianna Williamson of Eau Claire two brothers - Floyd Johnson o Niles and Joe Hersch of Mishawaka, IN; two sisters - Gloria Houtman o Decatur and Helen Scott of Fo Wayne, IN; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Besides her parents, Irene was preceded by a son, Jon Steven William son, on August 2, 2000.



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for next week's newspaper is 12:00 noon on Monday. Now, "REQUESTING PICTURES OF FORMER MISS WATERVLIETS" for photo gallery display at Jan. 28 Miss Watervliet Scholarship Pageant Contact Joyce at 463-5095 or Pam at 463-6700 for more information.

ty boys basketball game

Hartford Public Library. Fikes Road in Riverside.

available at the door.

Monday, Jan. 16, 4:00-5:00 p.m., "CHESS CLUB" at Hartford Public Library. Beginner's class. Monday, Jan. 16, 7 p.m., "HARTFORD LIBRARY BOOK CLUB," open to the public Tuesdays for 7 weeks, beginning Jan. 17, 6:30-8:30 p.m., "BECOM-ING A LOVE & LOGIC PARENT" program at St. Joseph Catholic Church Annex, 157 Lucinda Lane, Watervliet. Cost is \$40/family. Call 463-3941 or 463-5470 for information.

Wednesday & Thursday, Jan. 18-19, 7 p.m., "AUDITIONS FOR 'A FUNNY THING HAPPENED ON THE WAY TO THE FORUM'" at Lake Michigan College, Hanson Theater. Call 927-8627 for information. Saturday, Jan. 21, 10 a.m.-4 p.m., "SNOWMOBILE SAFETY CLASS" for ages 12-16, by Berrien County Sheriff's Dept. Call 983-7111, ext. 7255 for information/registration. Saturday, Jan. 21, 6 p.m., "MISS COLOMA COMMUNITY PAGEANT" at LMC's Mendel Center, Benton Twp. Tickets available at the door. Call Bonnie at (269) 849-0783 for more ticket information.

Saturday & Sunday, Jan. 21-22, "WATERVLIET ICE SCULPTURE FESTIVAL," along Main Street and out to I-94. Call Brian at 463-6769 for info. Master carving 1-4 p.m. Sunday, in lot across from the Elite. Beginning Monday, Jan. 23, for eight weeks, "WINTER CLASSES FOR TEENS & ADULTS" at Krasl Art Center, 707 Lake Blvd., St. Joseph. Call (269) 983-0271 for more information or to register. VIDEOS begin on 1/25 at noon. Bring a sack lunch.



Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Sodus. Visitation took place on Sunday at

## LOMA MOVIE GUIDE

CHRONICLES OF NARNIA - (Held Over!) Adventure/fantasy starring Georgie Henly, William Moseley, Skander Keynes & Anna Popplewell. Four London children are sent to a professor's country home for protection during World War II.

MEMOIRS OF A GEISHA - Drama/romance starring Ziyl Zhang and Ken Watanabe. In 1929, a 9-year-old named Chlyo from a fishing village is sold to a geisha house. Chlyo becomes trained in all the artistic and social skills a geisha must master in order to survive in her society. ("PG-13")

HOODWINKED - Animation/comedy with the voices of Glenn Close and Anne Hathaway. Little Red Riding Hood: A classic story; but before you judge a book by its cover, you've got to flip through the pages. For this story, we begin at the end. Furry and feathered cops from the animal world investigate a disturbance at Granny's cottage, involving a girl, a wolf and an axe. The charges are many: breaking and entering, disturbing the peace, intent to eat, and wielding an axe without a license.

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Now, "ATTN: CRIBBS-PENN YAN-SPINKS CORNERS COUNTRY SCHOOLS OF BAINBRIDGE TWP. ALUMNI, TEACHERS & RESI-DENTS" to be included on a mailing list for "Open House Reunion" July 29, 2006. Contact the following: Cribbs - Linda (Cook) Gioupis, 269-428-9307: Penn Yan - Robert Cerny, 269-944-1640: Spinks Corners - Bonnie (Coon) Barkell, 269-424-3719

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 6-7:30 p.m., "COLOMA WRESTLING CLUB FOLKSTYLE WRESTLING," Coloma High School wrestling room, Cost is \$27: call Kevin McCov at 468-9524 for info. Wednesdays, 10:00-11:00 a.m., "PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR"

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.; Thursdays, 1:30 p.m., "STORY HOUR" for 3-5 year-olds, Watervliet District Library. Call 463-6382 for info.

Wednesdays, 7 p.m., "MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETINGS" at Keeler General Baptist Church, 63627 Territorial Road, Call (269) 621-2551 fc more information about the services. Friday, Jan. 13, 5-7 p.m., "SPAGHETTI SUPPER" at Riverside United

Methodist Church. Price is by donation. The church is located at 4401 Saturday, Jan. 14, 9 a.m.-noon, "MISS WATERVLIET TICKET SALE"

at Epple Realty, E. Red Arrow Hwy., across from Watervliet High School, Tickets are \$12; pageant is on 1/28 at 7 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 14, 7 p.m., "MOONLIGHT SNOWSHOE" at Sarett Nature Center, 2300 Benton Center Rd., Benton Harbor, Call (269) 927-4832 to register or for more information

Sunday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m., "EAGLES AND GEESE SEARCH AT ALLE-GAN STATE GAME AREA." Call Sarett Nature Center at (269) 927-4832 for more information and to register Sunday, Jan. 15, 8 a.m.-noon, "ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT BREAKFAST

BUFFET" at Coloma American Legion. Adults, \$5; children 3-12, \$3; children under 3 are free. Open to the public. Sunday, Jan. 15, 2 p.m., "FASHION SHOW WITH MISS COLOMA

CONTESTANTS," at Coloma High School Auditorium. Tickets will be

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Nancy Huffman 128-70 Huffman's TV & Appliances Seahawks, Broncos, Colts, Bears, 37 pts.

it did break USC's long win streak. pace, she is still just three games Rob Bunn went 3-3 this week to on her this week and still has a urday and two more on Sunday. went 3-3 to keep his safety cushion overtake him. over everyone else in our competition. Greg kicked it into gear several Joe Jason stays in third place this weeks, so Joe had better watch out. best weekly record. He is still in the weeks ago and has not let up since week and also sported a 3-3 record. psetting Southern California in the then



Joe Jason 124-74 "Mr. Radio" Seahawks, patriots, Colts, Bears, 40 pts.

## Area wrestling teams compete in Berrien Co. Invitational

Submitted by Bill Scott Varsity wrestlers from all over Ber- next year.



Second chances

teams did compete last Saturday so Virginia Tech officials put up with a lot of ridiculous antics from star quarterback Marcus Vick over the last few years, including a one-year suspension that kept him out of football for the whole 2004 season.

> He was let back on the team this season, with the understanding that there was a zero-tolerance policy in place and that any slip-up would lead to his permanent dismissal from the university.

> However, the straw that broke the camel's back came in the Gator Bowl against Louisville when Vick stomped on the leg of a Cardinal defensive player intentionally after a play that was seen on national television. It wasn't Virginia Tech's head coach that dismissed him but. rather, it was the university's presi-

As a result, Vick will now forgo his draft this spring. He has a lot of talent but just doesn't seem to think that the rules are for him to follow like everyone else. I don't know how that will fly in the NFL but there is so much money thrown around that someone will take a chance on him.

He probably won't get the amount of money in a contract that he otherwise would have gotten if he had staved straight, but he probably doesn't understand that either. He is completely different than his

brother, Michael, guarterback for the Atlanta Falcons. Michael has class and knows when to do or say some-

thing, plus knows what is or is not And if Marcus doesn't know by now, he never will.

## NFL playoff picture set

the way after last weekend, the stage is set for the rest of the playoff run to the Super Bowl.

This weekend there will be two games played on Saturday and two more on Sunday.

On Saturday, the Washington Redskins will play at the Seattle Seahawks at 4:00 p.m., while the New England Patriots will travel to Denver for the second Saturday game to be played at 8:00 p.m.

On Sunday, the first game of the day will pit the Pittsburgh Steelers at the Indianapolis Colts at 1:00 p.m.; with the second Sunday game to be held at 4:30 p.m. with the Bears taking on the Carolina Panthers.

The winners of these games will then play for their conference title games on Sunday, Jan. 22.

There will then be a week off before the Super Bowl, which will be held on February 5 at Ford Field in Detroit.





we have them to talk about. **Coloma** wrestler wins outstanding wrestler award at Berrien

**County meet** 

Greg Borr 131-67

**True Value** 

Seahawks, Patriots, Colts,

Bears, 34 pts.

Edwards' 4-2 is

best for AQBs

**By Mike Leith** 

Well, we have a new national cham-

pion in college football with Texas

My view

from the

**Press Box** 

By Mike Leith, Sportswriter

There was not much going on last

However, Tri-City Area wrestling

week at the high school level as area

at St. Joseph.

The highlight of the meet for Tri-City Area teams came when Coloma's Jordan Muenchow was named the most outstanding wrestler of the

Muenchow won his weight class at 103 pounds and went 4-0 on the day after coming into the meet unseeded. The Comets had one other champi-

Coloma had one other wrestler in the top four finishes, with Anthony Moore taking a fourth at 130 lbs. Coloma finished the meet in sixth

place out of 12 schools. only championship for the Panthers

The Panthers also had two secondplace finishers as Brad Wing took a second-place finish at 275 lbs. after dropping a close 7-6 decision in his championship against St. Joe wrestler Logan Klug. Mike Tees also took a second at 215 lbs. as he fell to

Countryside Charter School and Lake Michigan Catholic competed together as a team, with fourth-place finishes from Andy Cottier at 152 lbs, and Mike Bartels at 160 lbs. It is no surprise that Lakeshore won With the NFL Wildcard games out the meet, with Niles taking second

### Hartford wrestlers take Climax-Scotts team tournament

The Hartford wrestling team participated in the Climax-Scotts team tournament last Saturday and won the tournament while going 5-0 on the day as a team. Hastings took second place with a 4-1 team record.

Hartford had five wrestlers go undefeated with 5-0 records on the day, including Kyle Halgreen at 103 lbs., Chas Burtchett at 119 lbs., Ben Efting at 130 lbs., Derek Goss at 145 lbs., and Carlos Uvalle at 275 lbs.

Three Indian wrestlers went 4-1 on the day, including Tim Wimbley a 135 lbs., George Allen at 171 lbs., and Ronnie Kinchen at 275 lbs.

Both Coloma and Watervliet particpated in the Berrien County Invitaional wrestling meet last Saturday

on in Jesse Martin at 215 lbs.

Watervliet finished eighth in the meet, with Ben Isbrecht taking the with the 189-lb, title. Isbrecht was the runner-up in his weight class for the last two years.

Coloma's Jesse Martin.

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Rob Bunn 123-75 **Brookfield Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep** Redskins, Broncos, Colts, Panthers, 40 pts.

Greg Borr is still our leader as he back and has a slim chance to still stay one game behind Joe in fourth chance to catch her before the finish The tiebreaker for positions will be place. That means Rob still can line. improve his position in the coming Jim went 4-2 this week to turn in the thers game.

Joe kept pace with both Greg and Chris Leach went 3-3 as well this Chris. Rose Bowl last week. It didn't real- Nancy Huffman also went 3-3 to Nancy, although he could have used week to maintain her fifth-place affect our race, as everyone keep pace with Greg but she did not this week to make a difference. He is spot. But she cannot rest either, as This week's games will all be NFL Pittsburgh at Indianapolis, 1:0

> Coloma varsity wrestling teams also early March. wrestled in the Berrien County St. Joseph High School's gym was according to the athlete's weight. Joseph High School.

wrestling meets the area high A total of 12 teams competed in the Inside the gymnasium, there were schools participate in. The wrestling contest, with 13 schools represented. four meets going on simultaneously; season lasts from the beginning of Lake Michigan Catholic and Coun- with teammates and parents voicing December through February of the tryside Charter School joined to- their support for each match.

High School on Saturday, January 7, to participate in the state finals held teams competed for honors in varito test their skills. Watervliet and at The Palace of Auburn Hills in ous weight classes. Each team di-



Chris Leach 112-86 **Guy's Marine** Seahawks, Broncos, Colts, Bears, 27 pts.

cellar but is just three games behind Washington at Seattle, 4:30 p.m.

picked the Trojans to win; however, gain anything on him. By keeping still now four games behind Nancy. Jim Edwards gained some ground playoff contests, with two on Sat- p.m.; Carolina at Chicago, 4:30 p.m.

This meet is just one of the many from 10:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

gether to field a team.



the total points of the Bears-Pan

Saturday

New England at Denver, 8:00 p.m. Sunday

vides its members into categories Invitational wrestling meet at St. filled with wrestlers and spectators They do this so each match is decidfor the daylong event that lasted ed by the athlete's skill, with no unfair weight advantage.

Wrestling matches are divided into

en County converged on St. Joseph The very best wrestlers are invited Individual wrestlers from the school one one-minute period and two twocontinued on the back page

Jennings, Kevin Bryce, Rvan Clark; (back row, from the left) head coach Randy Bradford, Nick Ursin, Travis McDonnell, Jacob Summerton, Jon Anderson, Austin Barchett, Joe Bolin, Josh Hoadley, and assistant coach Jason Forrester. (Photo courtesy of Lee Browndorf Photography)

Yeah, Panthers!

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Carolyn Phillips, Township Clerk

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Dated: January 4, 2006

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**TOWNSHIP PUBLIC** 

NOTICE

The Watervliet Township Regular

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p.m. at the Watervliet Township

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> ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND CONNECTION ORDINANCE BENTON CHARTER

**TOWNSHIP-BERRIEN** COUNTY, MICHIGAN

ORDINANCE NO. 74-501 through 74-506.05

The purpose of the Illicit Discharge meeting held 12/20/05 as presented. of three (3) years in accordance with and Connection Ordinance is to reg- Adopted the Illicit Discharge and the Bylaws of the Corporation. ulate non-storm water discharges to Connection Ordinance, to regulate Such other business as may come the storm water drainage system to non-storm water discharges to the before the meeting. the maximum extent practicable as storm water drainage system to the Published by order of the Board of REWARD. Please call 325-1765 or required by federal and state law. maximum extent practicable as Trustees. The Ordinance establishes methods required by federal and state law. (1/12/06-TCR) for controlling the introduction of Approved payment of bill listing pollutants into the storm water totaling \$37,983.96. drainage system in order to comply Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m. with requirements of the National Carolyn Phillips, Township Clerk Pollutant Discharge Elimination LOCAL FULFILLMENT - and System (NPDES) permit process. fessional. Applicant needs to be Charter Township associated with

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**PUBLIC NOTICE** COMMUNITY HOSPITAL WATERVLIET, MICHIGAN **NOTICE OF ANNUAL** 

MEETING NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees, in accordance with the Corporate Bylaws, has set the 2006 Annual Meeting of the Voting Members of Community Hospital, Watervliet, Michigan, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, for Wednesday, January 25, 2006, at MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor 6:00 p.m. in the Community Education Classroom at COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, 400 MEDICAL PARK DRIVE, WATERVLIET, MICHI-GAN.

ALSO PRESENT: Recording Secre- The order of business will include: the (re) appointment of four (4) Accepted the minutes of the regular Trustees, each to serve for a period

DATED: December 30, 2005 Thelma Evett Secretary/Treasurer Board of Trustees

**PUBLIC NOTICE** COMMUNITY VISIONING **CITY OF** HARTFORD/ HARTFORD

**TOWNSHIP JOINT RECREATION PLAN** ESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD AND HART-FORD TOWNSHIP ARE COR-DIALLY INVITED TO PARTICI-PATE IN A COMMUNITY VISI-ONING PROCESS TO DISCUSS RECREATION PLAN AND OP-PORTUNITIES FOR OUR COM-MUNITY, ON JANUARY 25, 2006, AT HARTFORD CITY HALL AT 7:30 P.M.

JOIN US TO DISCUSS OUR RECREATIONAL NEEDS AND WANTS TO MAKE OUR COM-MUNITY A BETTER PLACE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHIL DREN. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE THERE AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD.

**Berrien County Courts** St. Joseph

at the Berrien County Courthouse

Carolyn Callahan, South Bend, Indiana, 5 years probation, \$67,000 restitution, \$120 fines and costs, and 200 hours of community service for attempted embezzlement. Brenda Gordon, Benton Harbor, \$350 fines and costs for disturbing

the peace.



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# (1/12/06-TCR)

received 18-60 months in prison BPEP and on tether. the police, 3rd degree.

\$730 fines and costs for forgery.

motor vehicle.

animal.

Roger Schmidtke, Stevensville, 45 publishing.

days in jail with credit for 5 served in a building served at KPEP.

Bruce Miles, Benton Harbor, 120 at KPEP. 180-day license suspension, 30-day offender. license restriction for delivery/manufacturing cocaine of less than 50 grams. After 30 days in jail, the balance of his sentence will be served

Todd Helms, Buchanan, 365 days in jail and \$20,497.10 in restitution, fines and costs for possession of a financial transaction device.

Steven Rayford, Coloma, 90 days in ail with credit for 38 served, 18 months probation, completion of anger management and mental health programs, 60 hours community service, and \$970 fines and costs for attempted assault with a langerous weapon.

days with credit for 2 days served, 2 years probation, \$1630 fines and costs, 50 hours community service,

Shaun Pargo, Benton Harbor, 17-48 restricted license for maintaining a months in prison with credit for 89 drug house and delivery of cocaine days served and \$200 fines and costs of less than 50 grams. The jail senfor larceny in a building. He also tence will be completed through

with credit for 70 days served and Scott Coleman, Niles, 1 day in jail \$120 in fines and costs for fleeing with credit for 1 day served, 3 years probation, \$5000 restitution, \$430 Calvin Anderson, Benton Harbor, fines and costs, and 500 hours com-16-24 months in prison and \$120 munity service for embezzlement of fines and costs for unlawful use of a greater than \$1000 but less than

\$20,000. Sherrion Cotton, Benton Harbor, 50 Debra Kirtdoll, Niles, 90 days in jail hours of community service and and \$215 in fines and costs and restitution for attempted uttering and

days in jail with credit for 8 served, Karlie Parker, Buchanan, 23 days in 4 years probation, \$170.25 restitu- jail with credit for 23 served, 1 year tion, \$2550 fines and costs, 50 hours probation, \$890 fines & costs and community service, and a weapon restitution, 80 hours community forfeiture for killing/torturing an service for larceny in a building.

Mitchell White, Buchanan, 53 days Michael Fryback, Baroda, attempt- in jail with credit for 53 served, 18 ed home invasion 3rd offense, \$270 months probation, and \$940 in fines fines and costs. He also received 30 & costs, and restitution for larceny

for domestic violence. On the charge Timothy James, Buchanan, 180 of restricting and obstructing police, days in jail with credit for 45 served, he received 90 days with credit for 5 2 years probation, \$970 fines and served, 2 years probation, \$776.19 costs, and 40 hours of community estitution, and \$440 in fines and service for home invasion-3rd costs. His jail sentence may be degree. After 45 days in jail, the balance of his sentence may be served

days in jail with credit for 2 served, Heather Ward, Buchanan, 120 days 2 years probation, \$910 fines and in jail and \$120 fines and costs for costs, 50 hours community service, attempted failure to register - sex





## 1949 deer season at PAJAJALABO

recently digging through some of for \$2.50. Overall, the cost for the the clutter all sportsmen seem to week ended up being \$45.78 which the area. stack up, with good intentions to do had to be split five ways. All of them something to tidy it up. Among his agreed, however, that it was "reafinds was some information from sonable" and nobody went hungry. the 1949 deer season at PAJAJAL- As is the case at most deer camps, ABO.

camp in good deer country and took body was lucky enough to round out its name from the first two letters of the menu by bagging a buck. Paul the five men who built and used it Gardner, one year, shot a nice buck every season. The original members which he thought didn't run very far; were Pail Garner, Jack Bensley, Jack but look as he could, neither he nor Woodrow, Larry Hoxsie and Bob any of the others was able to find it. Hemming.

cery list compiled for the first week meat was spoiled. of the 1949 season for the five Given an idea for some fun, the othhunters. If you think prices have ers put their heads together and one changed since then, you are abso- sneaked out to where the deer was

oleo, 38¢; 2 lbs. lard, 25¢; 2 cab- full view. They then convinced Paul bages, 15¢; 1 jar mayonnaise, 27¢; 1 it would be a good idea if they could jar mustard, 10¢; 1 bottle catsup, all quietly stalk the area and jump a 14¢; 1 box salt, 10¢; pepper, 25¢; 4 big buck. lbs. sugar, 48¢; 1 box crackers, 25¢; As they worked their way into the 2 lbs. hamburger, 90¢; 1 slab bacon, cover where a deer was likely to be \$3.16; 6 dozen eggs, \$2.34; 4 loaves found, Paul was enthusiastic and bread, 58¢.

3 cans red kidney beans, 38¢; 2 cans remarked to a companion who, with 2 dozen wieners, \$1.32; 2 rings too much and everybody roared

cery bill came to \$28.08. Then there when telling it. were such necessities as \$6 for beer.

Longtime friend Paul Gardner was \$3.20 for whiskey, oil at \$3 and gas

not every hunter bagged a deer but That was the hunting and fishing generally at PAJAJALABO some-Later in the week, though, one of He called my attention to the gro- them found it although by then the

lutely right! Consider these items: lying and managed to prop his head Two pounds butter, \$1.28; 2 lbs. up on a stump so the antlers were in

expecting the best. "I can almost

Other items were on the list but you move. Proving that he was a good get the idea. Anyhow, the total gro- sport, Paul still laughs even today



# **Paw Paw Lake Almanac**

By Delavan Sipes bright blue cloudless sky with cheer Lions Park and St. Joseph Street.

pockets of ice in the eastern bays. At noon it was a joy to look out at exploded, killing two children and sparkling waves, then to see geese injuring others and gulls. There! Geese sat on the Around 1855, Gilson built a larger edge of the ice in a broad line drawn sawmill about one-half mile north, from south to north. At the north end near where the road now crosses the were at least 100 gulls arrayed along north river bridge. He sold the mill a west to east line.

proached the ice, sized up the situa- downstream to St. Joseph. tion, went up on the ice, tucked their The Dobbyn Mill and Siver Mill heads under their wings and took a were located north and west of sunny snooze.

there is snow on the ground. Apparently, natural food is still more tasty Watervliet wild bird seed mix

tion to change the lake level. There and held about 1,500 board feet of is still a substantial stretch of lumber. The lumber was piled be-"beach" on the water side of the sea- tween stakes and lashed down with walls.

#### **Historical Trivia**

Who owned the early lumber mills \$8 per thousand board feet. learned that Sumner and Wheeler Branch Stark, pp. 13-14. occupied by the Watervliet Paper Answer next week. Mill.

Smith & Merrick Lumber Company Erase that! To err is human, but built a mill and acquired large tracts when the eraser wears out ahead of of forestland in Watervliet, Hagar the pencil, you're overdoing it. and Bainbridge townships in 1836. In 1849, Gilson Osgood and

Stephen Gilson built a waterpower-Sunday morning a full sun filled the ed mill on Tannery Creek near

and warmth. Ice on the lake surface Osgood bought out Gilson. Then he continued to diminish, leaving only converted the mill to steam power. He had used an old boiler which

to Austin Boyer. Sawed lumber was After resting and socializing for a floated down the Paw Paw River to while, the gulls took off in unison. St. Joseph. The lack of a bridge did-A short time later the geese walked n't stop people from crossing the off the ice into the water and swam river. Often they could walk across westward. Soon, two swans ap- on the lumber that was being floated

Coloma. These mills operated gang Bird feeders aren't as busy as when saws that ripped logs into dimension

Lumber was stacked until there was than thistle seed, or even the special enough to put on rafts to float down river to St. Joseph. Rafts were typi-There hasn't been enough precipita- cally 12 feet wide by 16 feet long binders made of oak.

Choice lumber, at that time, cost \$4in the Watervliet area? Last week we Source: Trails from Shingle Diggin's; Mabel

delavan@earthlink.net built the first lumber mill in 1833. It Question: How were tanneries was near the site which was later related to the lumber industry?



# By Angela Stair

class hunter holding two world and served in Vietnam.

Joe and his wife, Sally, live in a beautiful home on North Watervliet Road where they have raised three ed to retire. daughters and one son. Born in Bainbridge Township, Arnt



Tea bags, 24¢; 3 lbs. coffee, \$1.27; smell a big buck from here." He WATERVLLIET RESIDENT AND HUNTER EXTRAORDINAIRE ...Joe Arnt stands beside one of his many, many mounts. Arnt is known tomatoes, 25¢; 3 cans tomato juice, difficulty, refrained from laughing. for his love of hunting and has hunted all over the world. He holds two 60¢; 1 can chili powder, 12¢; 1 box Finally spotting the buck's antlers world records. One is for a New Zealand elk, the Wapiti; and his newest matches, 8¢; 4 rolls Scott tissue, and body outline, Paul pulled up and record is for the world record Shiras moose from Alberta. Canada. He 25¢; 4 cans corn, 50¢; 4 cans fired his rifle. When nothing hap- stands beside two bobcats he shot near Austin, Texas; and behind him is spaghetti, 50¢; 1 slab cheese, \$1.06; pened, he shot again. That was just a black bear from Ontario, Canada. (Angela Stair photo)

#### baloney, \$1.00; 2 cans peas, 25¢. when the dead deer still didn't Other items were on the list but you move Proving that he was a good **Tri-City Area FISHING REPORT** By Theresa Broadhurst

Fishin' Hole 2 business hours will remain from 8:00 A.M.-5:30 P.M. un such time as SAFE ice arrives. At that time, we will increase busines hours accordingly.

Fishing report as of January 10, 2006: Ice Fishing: There is NOT any safe ice to speak of. The temperature was 25° on my way to Fishin' Hole 2 this morning; so IF the cold temperature stay with us, we may have ice again soon. I don't believe it is over yet but then again, this is Michigan and the weather is VERY unpredictable. River Fishing: Slow, but there are a few Steelhead and Walleye bein taken from the St. Joseph River - mainly in Berrien Springs. I have had few reports of Steelhead being taken in the Paw Paw River as well. The first 2006 Ice Fishing Tournament has been postponed until Januar

21, 2006 (provided we have good ice at that time). If there still isn't any safe ice on the 21st, it will be postponed until January 28. WISH FOR ICE - WISH FOR ICE! The 2005 Big Fish Contest at Fishin' Hole 2 has come to an

Certificates are ready for pickup. If you are one of the winners, stop by Fishin' Hole 2 and pick up your certificate. The 2006 Big Fish Contest is under way. We have our first weigh-in:

Sportsman of the Week...



# Joe Arnt: businessman, entrepreneur, world-class hunter, hometown boy

said his family moved to the Keeler one employee ran the business and it he shot with his bow in Alberta,

has lived all his life in and around back to finish school at Southwest- a year. ern Michigan College. Arnt said it Arnt said he feels his success is due was about 1970 when he had the to committing to what you believe in ness from an elderly man that want- good, talented people working for

In the beginning, Arnt said he and 15 to 20 years.

employees and the Asphalt Sealing his score of 503<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>. records, and a hometown boy. Arnt When Arnt came home, he went Inc. was taking in millions of dollars

> opportunity to buy an asphalt busi- and he has been blessed with a lot of him. Many have been with him for

> > "I always knew I wanted to be selfemployed and I would either make it or break it. You have to be committed; it's got to be your life and you really have to want to do it. Then you will get it done."

> > The hotel and water park complex that Arnt is building just south of the City, behind Burger King, is a good opportunity, he said. "It's something that has been needed for Watervliet and I think this will help a lot. I have a lot of money committed to this and I believe in it. Watervliet was stagnant for so long and now it is changing, which is good. This is a great City and Township."

> > Arnt said they plan to begin building by March 2006 and hope to have the hotel/water park open by Christmas 2006. He said they want to do the same for the mall that will be located across from the hotel and water park. The road is to be completed as soon as weather permits ind he said they are putting in drainage now, as the weather lets them work.

> > Taking a break before the busy time gets here, Arnt was preparing for a hunting trip to Austin, Texas.

In the Arnt home, he and his wife mary sponsorship being Kelhave a great den with mounted animals from around the world. But the majority of the trophies Arnt has taken are in a barn made for the purpose of housing them.

The barn is made up of two rooms full of majestic animals and is located just down the road from their home. He has everything from a rhinoceros to a grizzly bear to a whitetailed deer and just about everything in-between. Arnt said his love of hunting has been with him since he was about 5 and first went hunting with his father.

In 1990, he decided to try to go to at least one different place a year. Arnt said the asphalt business was ideal for his hunting because it is busy for nine months of the year; and then the business is basically closed for three months, which happen to be during hunting season, at least in Michigan. Traveling all over the world to hunt has many times been a family affair, as his wife loves to hunt too.

He said he could not pick out any single hunt that was the best, because there have been so many good ones. Some stand out, like the polar bear hunt that was extremely

Arnt said a puff adder in Africa had oitten him once. He said they were walking in single file down the trail and he was about the third person in line. Apparently the first man scared the snake and it dove into a hole, but the hole was not big enough; and by the time Arnt got to it, the snake had irned around in the hole and bit

"I was lucky because the African adder is deadly. I had high-top boots while everyone else had on sneakers; and where he bit, he could have gotten any one of them. My oots saved me from the bite."

Arnt is very proud of his two world record trophies. He holds one record for a Wapiti, which is a New Zea-2000 and which scored 3473/4. His newest record is for a Shiras moose



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Series. Labonte is 49 years old. "Texas Terry," as he is known to all his fans, will appear in 10 races during his final year driving for the Hendrick Motorsports organization. Labonte will drive the #44 Chevrolet with the priogg's. Kellogg's has had a 12year relationship with Labonte and it will be the main sponso during the last half of the season Other sponsorships will include GMAC and Carquest Auto Parts abonte's schedule will include nultiple races at Texas Motor Speedway, Lowe's, and Pocond Raceway.

Labonte will run the first five races in the #96 Chevrolet Hall of Fame Race Team owned by Roger Staubach and Troy Aikman. He is scheduled to run hi last race at Texas Motor Speedway on November 5, 2006.

Labonte's career has spanned lmost three decades. He starte is Cup career in 1978. He had wo Cup championships and ha 22 Cup victories. Labonte finshed 40th in the 2005 season. He an only 14 races and had one top

Terry's brother, Bobby, is set to limb in the #43 Cheerio's Dodge or Richard Petty at the start of ie season.

Six days of testing have already egun in preparation for the upming Daytona 500 on February 9. Owners whose drivers finshed in the odd-numbered posiion tested January 9-11. The ven-numbered position drivers vill test January 16-18.

NACAR changed the testing chedule for race teams this year. ASCAR designated six tracks ams would be able to test and hen they could test. Daytona i mong the tracks NASCAR de nated on its schedule of tests



#### Page 12 Tri-City Record January 12, 2006 Area youths in wrestling tourneys

continued from Page 9 minute periods. To win, wrestlers must either pin their opponents or out-score them in points. Points are awarded for various moves made by the wrestlers, such as an escape or takedown.

The wrestling meets are officiated by professional referees trained and governed by the MHSAA (Michigan High School Athletic Association).

For Coloma, in the 103-pound weight class, Jordan Muenchow of Coloma received first-place honors by winning a decision over David Kingsley of Buchanan. Jesse Martin also received first-place honors in the 215-pound weight class by

defeating Watervliet's Mike Tees. In the 125-pound weight class, Zach Chandler finished in fifth place. Matt Kiser, also of Coloma, finished fifth in the 130-pound weight class. Watervliet had a first-place finish in the 189-pound weight class, thanks to Ben Isbrecht defeating Adam Simons of Brandywine, with a decision.

In the 275-pound weight class, Watervliet's Brad Wing took a second place after losing to St. Joseph's Logan Klug. Mike Tees also received a second-place metal.

Tyler Carr of Watervliet finished fifth in the 145-pound weight class.

## Coloma Wrestling Club news; Kody Riley wins championship

The Coloma Wrestling Club's season began on Sunday, January 8, at Jenison Fieldhouse at Michigan State University in East Lansing. The club had 20 wrestlers hitting the mats in "The Superbowl of Wrestling." Taking home the championship in his weight class was Kody Riley.

Garret Matthews, Jamaal Jackson, Harrison Spaulding, and Brock Thumm earned second-place trophies. Nathan McCoy and John Tanner brought home fourth-place medals. Earning fifth-place medals were Tyler Daniel and Ryan Vitale. Grant Kroeschel and Dylan LeClear battled to earn sixth-place medals. Representing the club with sportsmanship and great efforts were Mallory Spaulding, Blake Williams, Brad Martin, Brett Thumm, Zach Clauser, Mark Cox, Luke Faulterstack, Travis Martin, and Matt Thomas.

#### Congratulations to all wrestlers and

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#### coaches on an outstanding day. **Proceeds** are for new uniforms Watervliet Middle **School boys** basketball fund-raiser raffle

The Watervliet Middle School boys basketball team will be selling raffle tickets to raise money for new basketball uniforms.

The prizes are as follows:

basketball coach Tom Izzo 2. Four 18-hole rounds of golf at

Paw Paw Lake Golf Course

3. Four 18-hole rounds of golf at Lake Michigan Hills Golf Course 4. Four tickets to Central Michigan vs. Western Michigan men's basketball game on February 25, 2006 5. One \$35 gift certificate to Keep-

in' You in Stitches

Tickets are \$5 for one ticket, \$12 for three tickets, or \$20 for six tickets. The tickets are being sold at all Watervliet Middle School home basketball games and at most of the home WHS varsity boys basketball games.

The drawing will be held Friday, February 17, during halftime of the varsity game.

## Registration information for **Coloma Hagar Little League**

Coloma Hagar Little League will be holding registration for the 2006 season on: Saturday, January 28,



9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Sunday, Jan. 29, 2:00-5:00 p.m.; Saturday, February 4, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; and Sunday, Feb. 5, 2:00-5:00 p.m. All registrations will be held at the Coloma Elementary gymnasium. There are several opportunities for your child to play ball in Coloma. From our T-ball program starting at age 41/2 through 14 for girls softball and to 15 years old for boys baseball. Girls' ages are as of January 1, 2006; and boys' ages are as of May 1, 2006.

If you have any questions, please call Scott McLean at 463-5564 or 1. Basketball signed by MSU head Amy Garrod at 468-7122

#### **Gun Range** continued from Page 1

zen and he is the Township Supervisor. He personally is against the

range and has a right to say that as a citizen, he told Stasiak. Treasurer Epple said he also identified himself as Mark Epple and said he is the Bainbridge Township Trea-

surer. He said he was speaking as a citizen. Trustee Don Baiers said he had not known Stasiak was coming to the meeting to speak of the matter, but he had also been approached by a

couple of residents that felt the article in the paper did make it seem like Supervisor Jollay was speaking for the residents.

Supervisor Jollay said he was not. The proposed gun range to be located in Coloma Township, by the Bainbridge Township border, has been a hot topic for some time. The Berrien County Sheriff's Department needed a gun range for its officers to train on and they chose the corner of the landfill property for the site in Coloma Township.

the use of various other gun ranges that already exist and the donation of a piece of property. The conflict still continues over the location, even though the County commissioners have approved the site.

#### Budget

Supervisor Jollay said he had taken a look at the budget and there will have to be some amendments made later; but, on the whole, it looks good.

He said as an example was the line item for advertisement, which shows that they have used 108% of the line item budgeted. He said since the Township does not approve a byline item, but does by category, some adjustments would be needed. He said that, as a category, they have only used 65.5% of the money that was budgeted.

Supervisor Jollay said they have some income gained in taxes and interest, which puts them in a good position with one quarter of the fiscal year to go. He felt that at the end of the year the Township should be in good shape.

**Discharge of firearms** complaint from last month The Board took another look at the concern that was voiced at the December meeting about the discharging of firearms.

A resident said he had people on both sides of him that would fire off their guns in the middle of the night or whenever they felt like it. He asked if there was anything the Township Board could do about it. Supervisor Jollay said the problem had been investigated and they had spoken to the Township Attorney. The attorney said that the state has several laws pertaining to the firing

Other options were offered, such as of arms. He suggested the Board let the state of Michigan do the Board's legal obligation; and, once a report is filed, it falls into the domain of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department. The attorney said there were legal steps to follow and also pointed out that the Township does not have a police department to enforce anything.

#### Other business

Township Supervisor Jollay said there were several small maintenance items that needed to be done around the Township, such as ceiling tile in the Hall, mail slots, and signs to be put up. He asked the Board's approval to have a handyman take care of it.

The Board approved up to \$200 to have the list of small items taken care of.

Treasurer Epple reported that he has been gathering information on charging a fee for looking up information on land parcels for banks and mortgage companies. He said two banks have spoken to him and said most townships do charge a fee and it does not come out of the resident's escrow account. He said he is waiting for a few more replies to his inquiries and should have a report for the February meeting.

The Board tabled the Social Security Resolution concerning the usage of Social Security numbers until the February meeting. Clerk Grieser said they are compliant in most things, but there are numbers used on the paychecks. She should have them removed before the end of the month.

The Board approved the paying of bills in the amount of \$35,505.12 and payroll in the amount of \$4,212.09 for a total of \$39,717.21.





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