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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.

"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, then 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.'"

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

By Angela Stair

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.

He went on to say that he had not

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 not even own, it does not make

sense. What is going to happen 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

should not be representing the Township when he hasn't been asked.

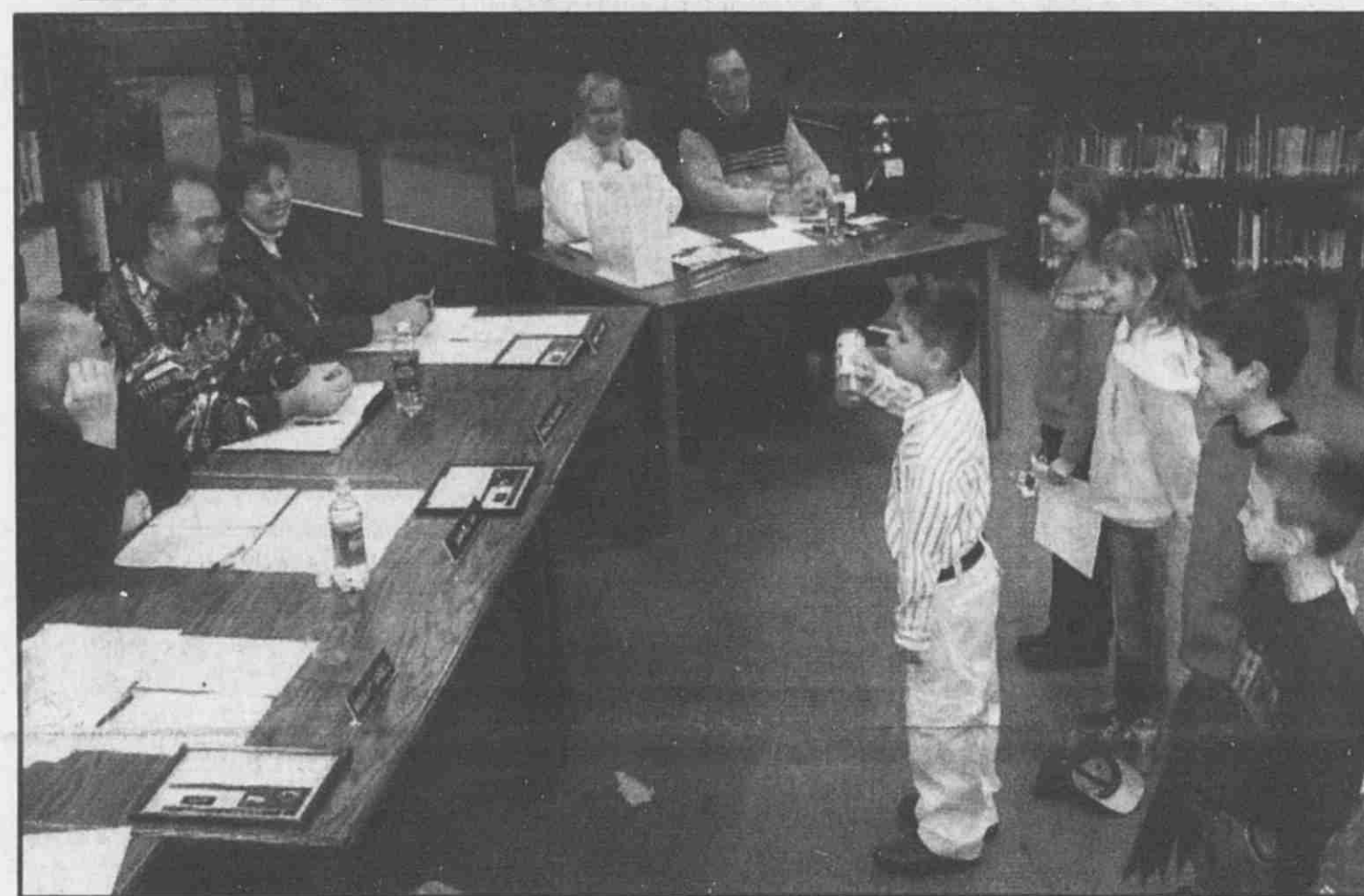
Clerk Grieser said a group of residents had attended the May meeting and asked that a resolution be passed asking that the commissioners seriously consider other options before approving the gun range. Grieser said the resolution did not say they

were against the range, just that there were more and better options 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 citizen.

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Kids thank Watervliet School Board



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

By Wanda Thomas

The Coloma Board of Education has appointed Scott A. Garrod to replace Board member Joe Herman, who resigned his position in December 2005.

Garrod will hold the position until the May 2 election, at which time he will need to be elected to the position in order to finish out the remaining two years of Herman's term.

Garrod, and other interested School Board candidates, will need to file by February 7 in order to be on the May ballot.

A Whirlpool Corporation employee, Garrod and his wife, Amy, have four children enrolled in Coloma Community Schools and also one foster child.

Jan. 12 bond issue mtg.

In other School Board business, another Bond Issue Core Committee meeting is scheduled for January 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Coloma Junior High Media Center.

Mentoring program

Reverend Hill from Coloma United Methodist Church has expressed an interest to begin a mentoring program at Coloma Elementary through Kids Hope USA.

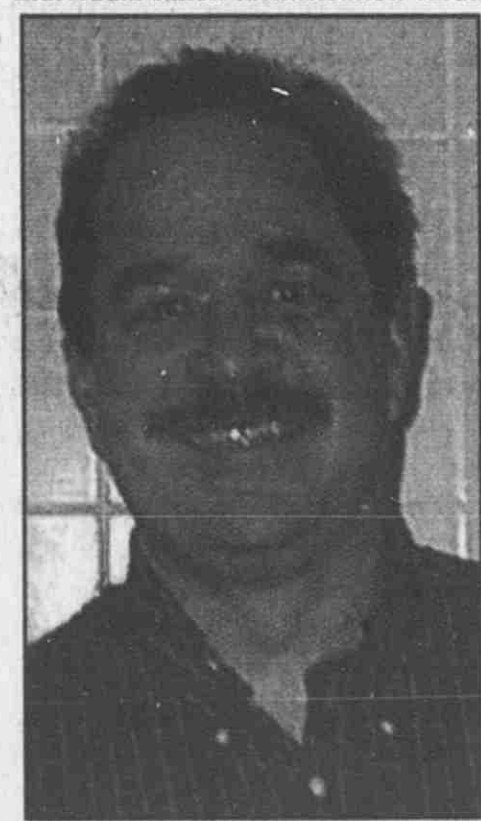
The church would recruit and train mentors who would work with and spend time with students during school hours, providing extra academic support and serving as positive role models.

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

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 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-

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.

Theme is "Star Wars"

Watervliet Ice Sculpture Festival set for January 21 & 22 weekend

By Lynn Attila

The air is electric with anticipation as Watervliet prepares for the 15th annual Ice Sculpture Festival slated for the weekend of January 21 and 22.

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 invited to watch as the "forces of good and evil" are brought to life.

This year's event will feature food vendors along Main Street. There will be vendors offering elephant ears and other tasty treats.



LaVanways celebrate 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 great-grandchildren, and four great-great-grandchildren.

Pauline was formerly employed at V-M Corporation and was a self-employed 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 employees 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 \$1,000-per-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 communications.

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 suggestions under advisement.

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.

Where are you, Mr. Proos?

Dear Editor, After reading the Saturday, January 7, paper about Watervliet's M-140 section of road, they are right; the road is a disgrace to our residents.

HELP! HELP! Robert and Barbara Baker Watervliet Proos returns office allotment to state budget

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

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office, ending the year with nearly \$2,500 remaining in his office allotment to return to the general fund. "My goal is to provide the best constituent outreach and service while keeping an eye toward saving taxpayer money," said Proos, R-St. Joseph.

I will never forget Michael

Submitted by Pastor David C. Helms Plymouth Congregational Church Watervliet

Having grown up in Philadelphia, it is no surprise that I had many contacts with homeless people. I would encounter them on Race Street, on Arch Street, around City Hall, and always in the subway.

I was touched by their need and took the opportunity to get to know a few that were approachable. Not many were open to conversation, but those that were (often the "regulars" at a particular location) had personal stories to share.

Street subway entrance just under the big "Clothespin" (an architectural anomaly found only in Philadelphia). He actually had a home. He lived with his mother in South Philly. He would come every day to this spot and often be spit upon by passers-by.

"News From Lansing"

By John Proos In December, I had an opportunity to tour the NextEnergy Center facility in Detroit to see firsthand the innovative steps that we have taken as a state to ensure we are on



the cutting edge of energy development for future generations. As Vice Chairman of the House Energy and Technology Committee, I joined committee Chairman Mike Nofs of Battle Creek and NextEnergy Center CEO Jim Croce on the tour.

Karl's Kolumn By Karl Bayer, Editor and Publisher

The Back Fence By Anne Bayer, Co-publisher

WARM VS. COLD COLDS... My mom always maintained we got fewer colds when the weather was cold. She claimed warmer weather allowed more germs to come into contact with more people.

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?"

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 day and any day of the week.

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...

I loved the sun last Sunday. It was great; it made me feel as if spring is just around the corner. I even saw some of the kids in the neighborhood, trying to ride their new bikes. They must have gotten them for Christmas.

When I opened the box, I could only laugh because Karl, who was trying to be clever, actually got me two presents. To throw me off, he wrapped them in one box. So that year, I got a guitar and an umbrella, which in England is called a "brolie."

When Karl got home around 9:00 that night, we turned off the lights and headed up to bed. Sad and over, my first Christmas as a married lady was spent alone... and what a wet one it was.

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 my "How in the..." I just got silence... and then an "Excuse me?"

to bring their research to NextEnergy Center, occupying one of the many research stations. There, the companies can generate and share ideas on alternative energies. Many of the research labs are still developing, but all are contracted to companies that may expand in Michigan some day.

With the Cook and Palisades Nuclear Power facilities in our area, the development of nuclear energy as a viable alternative is very important to our local economy.

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.

Winter dormancy in fruits and other plants Submitted by Mark Longstroth Because most plants do not grow during the winter, we say they are dormant.

Chilling and rest normally prevent 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.

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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 McCoy, Andy Cottier, Daniel Watson; (standing, from the left) Steve Moore, Eric Dolezan, Mike Hines, Robert Knight, Robert Fuller, and Daniel Gelder.

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.

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Students show appreciation to Watervliet School Board

By Mary Brost Reck Watervliet School Board member Bill Spaulding's term is ending this year. At the regular Board meeting 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.

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 children.

Will not include new band uniforms in budget In additional business, the Board discussed the possibility of adding the acquisition of new band uniforms to the short- and long-term capital improvements list.

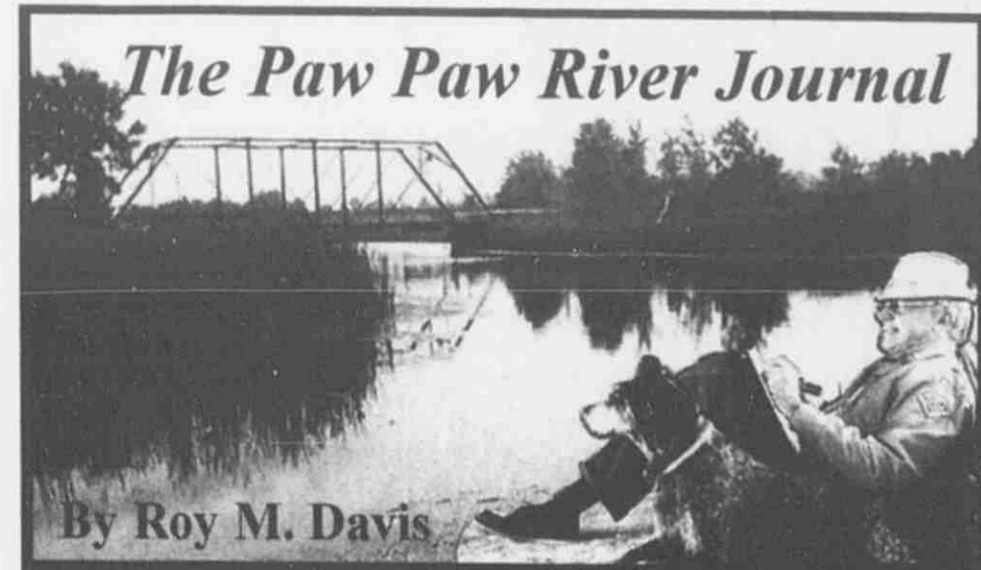
Reproductive Health/Sex Education Policy approved Following a second reading, the School Board formalized the Reproductive Health/Sex Education Policy as school policy.

Birth at Lakeland Hospital

Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph, is proud to announce the following birth: A baby girl was born to Crystal and Chris Cowgill of Hartford on Monday, January 9, 2006.

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By Roy M. Davis

Words That Live

Most of my adult life I have dealt in words. They are an important part of my living, my work, my hobbies, and even my recreation. In fact, I have gotten so used to them I sometimes forget how important they are. So then I have to stop and think... consider... and sometimes write about the importance of the words we all use in our daily lives.

First time I realized that words could be powerful was in about the seventh grade. We all had to write a story for English class. I had been reading about World War I and the men who flew the skies in crude fabric airplanes... They were like knights jousting as they tried to shoot each other down.

I loved those stories, so I tried writing one about the air war over France. It was a crude effort, but my teacher must have seen something in it because she praised my efforts.

Now I realize she was trying to encourage me... seeing in those first efforts the possibility that some day... some day... I might get better and write a worthwhile story.

When I started college after WWII, I was interested in getting back to writing. So I enrolled in a course for learning how to write creatively. It was taught by a lady professor, and I won't say she was down on life... but I don't remember her smiling very often. She did teach us a lot about what authors really do when they ply their craft.

We all had to read our stories in front of the class. One of my first real efforts was about a crime. And it was a doozy! The plot turned on a case of mistaken identity... two guys who looked so much alike that one was tried for a crime the other committed. Well, when I read it before the class, it was received well enough. But the prof was still sucking on a lemon and, in our conference afterwards, she told me, "It might make a pulp magazine story."

Back in the day, "pulp magazines" were those cheap dime publications on the newsstand... printed on newsprint paper, and having lurid covers. I had been an avid reader of

them as a kid... "G-8 & His Battle Aces," "Doc Savage, Man of Bronze," "Black Mask Detective," etc. But my teacher said it with such a sneer, I was crushed.

Later I came to realize she was right. But it still didn't make me like her!

Since that time, I have come back to my earlier efforts and I can see what was wrong with them. And I realize that writing well consists mostly not of inspiration but solid ideas and revising, revising, revising. In fact, I came to rely on revision so much that when I applied for a fellowship that would give us a year at a major university with all expenses paid... I wrote a six-page autobiography as an entrance exam. And I revised that paper again and again.

My Chief Accountant said she knew all along that I was going to get the fellowship. But... in my mind... what tipped the scales was my photo if you only have one available. We would like to continue to add to the photo gallery with all future queens.

If you know of a former Watervliet queen or one of her relatives, PLEASE let Joyce or Pam know. This year's contest is January 28. The Watervliet Lioness Club would like to have these photos on display for that night.

Please contact or give your photo, by January 24, to Joyce Wendzel at 463-5095 or Pam Quinn at 463-6700.

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MISS HARTFORD 1975 CANDIDATES... (front row, from the left) J. Buchholz, S. Mann, W. Esh, J. Hazelett, C. Miston, D. Koch, D. Diebold; (back row, from the left) J. Williams, L. Martin, J. Beeman, D. Miller, J. Winans, D. Widner, G. Bohle, and D. Jones. Carla Miston was crowned Miss Hartford. Photo and information from the Hartford High School annual, "1975 Indian Legend."

Rolling Back The Years

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

NEWS FROM THE COLOMA COURIER

100 YEARS AGO - 1906
G.W. Grant was in Kalamazoo yesterday. Postmaster and Mrs. Stevic entertained a party of relatives Sunday in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.

60 YEARS AGO - 1946
Joe Sassin and Ed Jaffke will establish a new woodworking plant in the old creamery building when remodeling is complete. Mrs. William Davis left on Monday en route to Albuquerque, New

Mexico, and Los Angeles, Cal., where she will visit relatives for the next three weeks. A trip to Mexico City is also contemplated.

30 YEARS AGO - 1976
"The Busy Needle," the new shop owned by Mrs. McGee, is located in the Tala Business Center in Coloma. She plans to carry a complete line of knitting and crocheting materials and supplies. The Coloma Comets put on their best defensive show in many, many years last Saturday evening in defeating a highly-rated River Valley team by a 51-49 score. Submitted by volunteer Barb Abrams

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NEWS FROM THE HARTFORD DAY SPRING

90 YEARS AGO - 1916
D.F. Smith, of Paw Paw, chief engineer of the Fruit Belt railroad, was in town this morning interviewing Hartford people relative to an extension of the Fruit Belt line from Hartford to Keeler to Sister Lakes. The M.U.T., which has the Fruit Belt under lease, proposes to electrify the line at once and is planning a branch to the Keeler territory to secure the freight business from that section, says Engineer Smith.

60 YEARS AGO - 1946
The Hartford Shoe Repair Shop, located next to Jim's Hardware in the building formerly occupied by the Bigelow Radio Shop, opened for business this week under the proprietorship of Ira Burleson. The new shop will offer Hartford residents general shoe repairing service, orthopedic shoemaking, and a shoe-

shine parlor. Burleson said that he plans to add a stock of merchandise later. The shop has been equipped with new modern machinery. Burleson is a native of Hartford and the son of May Harvey. He has been in the shoe repair business for 35 years and returned to Hartford a few weeks ago from Lansing, where he operated his own shop. He studied orthopedic shoemaking at University Hospital, Ann Arbor, to augment his working experience in that craft.

40 YEARS AGO - 1966
Boy Scouts of Troop 96 were among the 76 scouts from Northpoint District who attended the annual Winter Klondike held Saturday and Sunday at the Casco township farm of Preston Smith. They were John Falkner, Todd Olds, Randy Lowe, Stephen Axson, David Galati, David Heuser and Randy

Imbortino. Leader attending was Larry Olds. The boys worked on camping problems, stalking, and woodlore. Troop 96 received an honor ribbon for participating in the fields. On Wednesday, January 26, from 7:00 to 8:00, the Troop will go swimming at the YMCA at Benton Harbor. All scouts planning to attend are to bring 50 cents and will meet at the Methodist Church at 6:15. Submitted by Hartford Public Library from microfilm copies of the Hartford Day Spring. Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Tuesday & Thursday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Friday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Phone: 621-3408

NEWS FROM THE WATERVLIIET RECORD

90 YEARS AGO - 1916
A quiet wedding was solemnized at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S.C. Price January 1 when their daughter, Florence, was united in marriage to J.H. Beld, principal of New Buffalo Schools. James Juhl has 55 acres of wheat on the Parsons & Baldwin farm that he is operating. A baby girl arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Moser January 1.

60 YEARS AGO - 1946
The Watervliet high school basketball team took first place in the Little 8 Class C league when they beat Covert 34-27. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cook of Bainbridge 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.

30 YEARS AGO - 1976
At the recent Michigan Quarter Horse Association Convention and Awards Banquet held in Lansing, Debra Bajack and her mare, Bud's Mooe Gal, received many awards for the 1975 Quarter Horse Show season. Debbie is a sophomore at Watervliet High School. James E. Baiers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Baiers, Watervliet, graduated Magna Cum Laude on December 18 from Western Michigan University. He earned a BBA degree and has been accepted to the

Detroit College of Law. A baby girl weighing 7 pounds was born to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Milham on January 1. Submitted by Linda Cabbage from files at Watervliet District Library from the Watervliet Record newspapers donated by the Tri-City Record. Hours: Monday, 1:00-8:00 p.m.; Tuesday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Phone: 463-6382

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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 honored 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" Openeer 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 the Mayor's appointments. An individual was appointed to accept the responsibilities of the City Clerk position due to the current vacancy of that position.

Sue Openeer, current Deputy Clerk, will assume the responsibilities of the position. At this time, the Deputy Clerk's office already meets the bulk of those responsibilities 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 inconvenient 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.

City Manager Brian Dissette brought the Commission up to speed in a couple of areas.

Developer buys property along Paw Paw River
Dissette reported that City representatives met with Running Waters Inc. at Metropolitan Title Company to finalize a property purchase of



WATERVLIIET CITY CLERK...Olive Grady received a commendation for 12 years of service, signed by U.S. Congressman Fred Upton. Pictured are: (from the left) Watervliet Mayor Corky Openeer, Olive Grady, and state of Michigan Representative John Proos.

20+ acres along the Paw Paw River. At the meeting, the City received payment of \$24,425.

Running Waters plans to build 73 single-family homes on the property. Company representatives are currently working with their engineering 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 purchase 22,543 square feet on Church Street to expand his business, Nielsen Sports & Marine. Zakhar is attempting to seek assurance from the state of Michigan that his proposed development will be held harmless from any pending environmental issues related to the property.

Manager Dissette directed Zakhar to the MDEQ to seek guidance on the issue.

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 park. The material's surface is currently chalking, probable because of rain and snow during the last pour. The contractor has cleaned the slab and applied a penetrating sealer.

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 that time. Only time will tell.

Mayor makes committee appointments

Mayor Openeer made the following committee appointments:
Personnel: Roger Prince, Chairman; Danny Gray, Glenn Openeer.
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 Openeer, Steve Myotte, Carole Kieman.

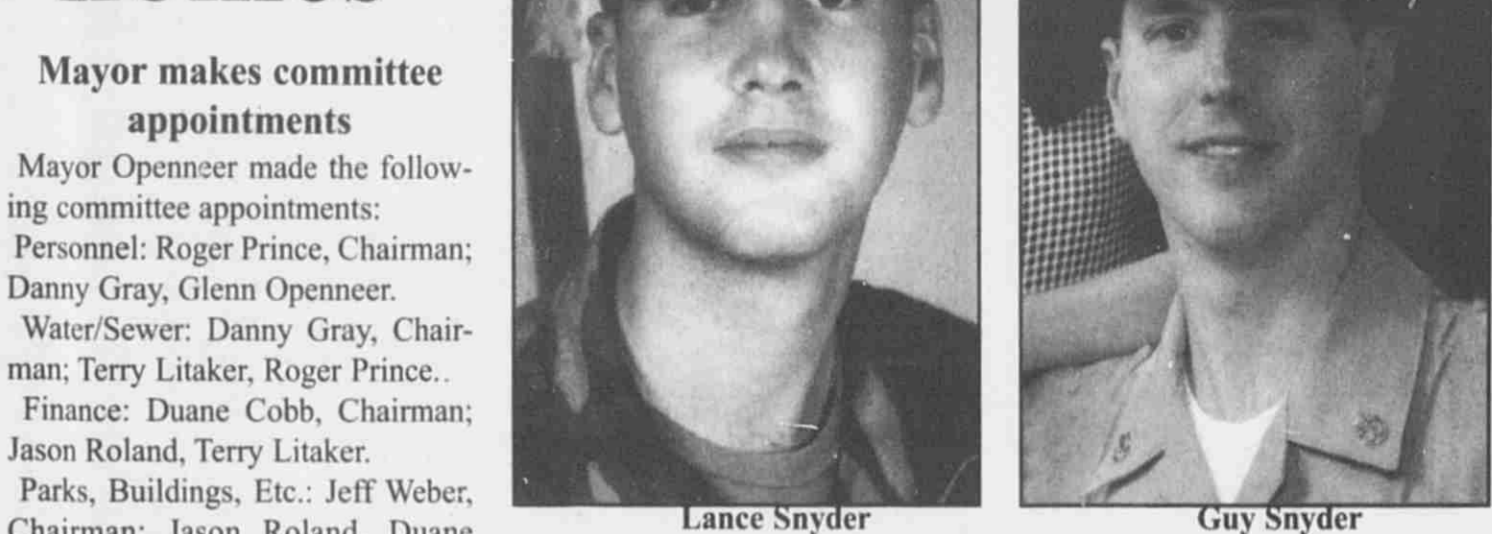
Brownfields Redevelopment: Duane Cobb, Tim Freeburn, Jimmy Bolin, Glenn Openeer.
Construction Board: Brad Dlouhy, Bernard Kelly, Jeff Barozek; Richard Martin, John Fulton.

Fire Board: Bob Flaherty, David Brinker.
Board of Review: Pat Hohnstein, Olive Grady.

Paw Paw Lake Sewer Board: Don Englehardt, Roger Prince.
Planning Commission: Tom Mundt, Era Snyder, Laurie Brule, Lori Meyers, Dan Schofield.

Senior Citizen Board: Thomas Yore.
CWAECD: Olive Grady, Barbara Schofield.

Mayor Pro Tem: Danuy Gray.



Coloma brothers back from Iraq; living in Texas & Hawaii

By Lynn Attila
The war in Iraq has hit close to home for two former Coloma residents. The men, both brothers, have each served time in the Persian Gulf, fighting for Iraqi freedom and supporting the United States.

Sgt. Lance Snyder of the Texas Army National Guard has returned to Fort Hood, Texas, and his family. He is transitioning back into civilian life, starting in January of 2006, after serving in Iraq.

During his time in the Middle East, Snyder's unit performed base security at a Marine base and did some convoy escorts and combat patrols.

Prior to joining the Texas National Guard in 2004, Snyder had been in the U.S. Army for over 12 years. During that time, he served in Germany; Saudi Arabia and Iraq during Operation Desert Storm/Desert Shield; Fort Riley in Kansas; Pan Mon Jun in Korea; 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg in North Carolina; and at Fort Hood, before getting out in 2001.

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

He graduated from Coloma High School in 1988.

Chief Petty Officer Gene ("Guy") Snyder Jr. of the U.S. Navy is currently serving at the U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Area Master Station, Pacific, Wahiawa, Hawaii. Chief Snyder is an Information Technology Specialist and lives in Wahiawa with his family. This will be his last duty station before he retires from military service in early 2008.

Snyder recently transferred from Guided Missile Destroyer USS John S. McCain, homeported in Yokosuka, Japan; and was in the Persian Gulf at the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom in March 2003.

He was previously stationed at the U.S. Naval Air Facility, Misawa, Japan; U.S. Support Force Antarctica, Port Hueneme, CA; U.S. Naval Computer and Telecommunications Station, Far East, Yokosuka, Japan; Commander of Submarine Group Seven, Yokosuka, Japan; and the USS Blue Ridge homeported in Yokosuka.

He also attended school at Michigan Technological University prior to joining the Navy and is a 1982 graduate of Coloma High School.

Both men are the sons of Gene Snyder Sr. of Coloma and the late Sharon Snyder. They are also the stepsons of the late Anita (Kerkebeck) Snyder.

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Rebecca Ryan Community Hospital employee since 2002 Specialty Clinic staff since 2004	Fred Levine, MD Cardiothoracic & Vascular Surgery Every Thursday PM 408-1660 or 1-800-408-4080	Robert Schaefer, MD Orthopedic Surgery Every Monday All Day 978-0144
Annette Chancellor Community Hospital employee since 2003 Specialty Clinic staff since 2005	John Bannow, MD Urology 2nd & 4th Friday PM 983-3455	Daniel Solin, MD Orthopedic Surgery Every Friday AM 428-3500
	Lawrence Damiani, DO Gastroenterology Every Tuesday All Day 408-1100	Allen Zencka, MD Cardiology Every Monday AM 428-0841
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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 front 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.

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 when 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.

Tri-City Area Obituaries

M. GERTRUDE BENDER
M. Gertrude Bender, 92, of St. Joseph, died Tuesday, January 10, 2006, at Golden Place Nursing Home in St. Joseph.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Friday, January 13, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 211 Church St., St. Joseph, with Father Christian Johnston officiating. Burial will be in Lincoln Township Cemetery, Stevensville.

Gertrude was born May 11, 1916. Memorial donations may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church in acknowledgment of the Parish Eucharistic Ministers. Those wishing to share a memory or sign the guest book online may do so at www.starks-menclinger.com.

Gertrude was born May 11, 1916, in Chicago, to John and Agnes (Kotowski) Lewandowski. She married Allen Bender on May 11, 1936.

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

She is survived by her son, Robert (Jane) Bender of Stevensville; daughters, Ruth Fricke of Watervliet and Rhonda (Dewayne) Crippon of Three Oaks; daughter-in-law, Pamela Bender of Stevensville; sisters Isabella O'Brien of Dowagiac and Rose Ball of Decatur; and two grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her 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

Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford, where a memorial service to honor her memory will follow. The Rev. Ronald Hansen of Hartford United Methodist Church will officiate. Private burial will take place in the family lot at Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Memorials may be made to the North Berrien Senior Center or Hartford United Methodist Church.

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 held at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. Visitation was held before the service. 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 Leachville, AK, to Lee and Pearlina (Galloway) Williamson, moving to this area at the age of 18. She was formerly employed by Victor Tool in St. Joseph.

Survivors include: two daughters - Phyllis (Bobby) Clark of Coloma and Janette Cordera of Battle Creek; four grandchildren - Robert and Ricky Clark and Jaime and Rene Cordera; four great-grandchildren; a special niece, Mavis Pankey of Benton Harbor; and a brother-in-law, Jess Yow of Flint, MI.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Glade, in 1997; a grandson, Randy Clark, in 1982; three brothers - Bill, Virgil and Verlin Williamson; and two sisters, Lillian Yow and Ethel Williamson.

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.

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

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 9, at Temple B'Nai Shalom in Benton Harbor, with Rabbi Michael Rascoe officiating. Burial followed at B'Nai Shalom Cemetery in Benton Harbor. Memorials may be made to Temple B'Nai Shalom, Berrien County Cancer Service, or John Jolley Scholarship Fund. Those wishing to share a memory or sign the guest book online may do so at www.starks-menclinger.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to Kerley-Starks & Menclinger Family Funeral Home, St. Joseph. Sheldon was born September 22, 1921, in Benton Harbor, to Solomon and Rose (Sax) Radom. He graduated from Benton Harbor High School in 1939. Sheldon served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II. On November 30, 1947, he married the former Estelle Dubman in Chicago.

Sheldon owned and operated Radom Farm Supply in Bainbridge Township, a business that was started by his father in 1919. He was a member of Temple B'Nai Shalom in Benton Harbor.

He served as Grand Marshal for the Grand Floral Blossomtime Parade in 2000. He was also inducted in 2002 into the Basketball Hall of Fame in Lansing for his contributions over the years.

Mr. Radom is survived by: his son, Michael (Richarda) Radom of St. Joseph; his daughter, Peggy Radom of St. Joseph; son-in-law Steven Zahl of St. Joseph; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother-in-law, Wilbur Jarvis of Paw Paw; a sister-in-law, Bernice Lewin of Chicago; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; his brother, Marvin Radom; his sister, Annette Jarvis; and father-in-law and mother-in-law, Morris and Bess Dubman.

CARMEN RODRIGUEZ
Carmen Rodriguez, 91, of Hartford, passed away on Friday, January 6,

2006, at Lakeland Hospital, St. Joseph. Carmen was born on March 9, 1914, in Guanauato, Mexico, the daughter of Sebastian and Aurea (Zuniga) Rodriguez, both of whom preceded her in death.

Friends and family gathered to honor her memory on Monday, January 9, at Calvin Funeral Home in Hartford. Mass of Christian Burial took place Tuesday, January 10, at Immaculate Conception Church in Hartford, with Father Robert Flickinger as Celebrant.

Carmen is survived by: a daughter, 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 Harbor, passed away on Friday, January 6, 2006, at home.

Frank was born on February 16, 1953, in War, West VA, the son of Ellis and Margaret (Robinson) Rose, both of whom preceded him in death.

The family greeted friends on Tuesday, January 10, at Calvin Funeral Home in Hartford. A service to honor his memory was held on Wednesday, January 11, at the funeral home, with Pastor Antoine Headstep of the Kingdom Restoration Worship Center of Benton Harbor officiating.

Frank is survived by: two sons - Daniel (Jamie Koshar) Lash of Benton Harbor and Frank Rose of Benton Harbor; three daughters - Tina Lash of Benton Harbor, Cristie Lash of Watervliet and Regina Lash of Bristol, IN; three grandchildren; a sister, Naomia (Robert) Miles of

Wyoming; four brothers - John Rose of New Mexico, William (Vinder) Rose of Benton Harbor, Manard Rose of Benton Harbor and Carl (Chris) Rose of Bridgman; along with his sister-in-law, Debbie Rose of Benton Harbor; and special friends - Doug Holly of Benton Harbor, Bobby Polibich of Lawrence, and Roger (Tina) Tramps of Bangor.

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

TIMOTHY JOHN "T.J." ROSE
Timothy John "T.J." Rose, 37, of Fort Lauderdale, FL, died Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 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 & Menclinger 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-menclinger.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 School.

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

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 (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 (Hayes) 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; brothers-in-law Tom Sargent of Collinsville, IL.; sister-in-law Annie Elston of Riverside; and one nephew.

Visitation was held at Braun Colonial Funeral Home in Cahokia, IL., on December 19, 2005. Funeral

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

Remembering the dearly departed of 2005

EDITOR'S NOTE: Now that all of the celebration of the New Year is over, please take a few minutes to recall all of our Tri-City Area relatives, friends and neighbors who died in 2005. The following is a list of the names of area residents whose obituaries appeared in the Tri-City Record.

JANUARY
Florence Blittner, Coloma; John B. Holifield Jr., Covert; Bernadine "Bunny" McNeese, Watervliet; Katherine E. Metz, Coloma; Rosie Sawyer, Benton Harbor; Ben Thomas Snider Sr., Hartford; Gene E. Williams, Niles; Mary Zehner, Watervliet;

Donald Eugene Blunier, Eau Claire; Martin C. Edinborough, Hagar Township; Franklyn "Bud" Fulton Sr., Watervliet; James Hurt, Hartford; Charles Edward Lewis, Benton Harbor; Wanda Martin, Watervliet; Cheryl Evelyn Mayhag, Hartford; Helen Ann Mitchell, Benton Harbor;

Johanna Price, Benton Harbor; Antoinette P. Price, Hartford; John S. Ross Sr., Watervliet; John M. Urch, Benton Harbor; Steven Craig Wilkins, Watervliet; James Creeden, Watervliet; Henry A. Dentler, Hartford; Flossie Mary "Babe" Paulson Evans, Eau Claire; Fredrick C. "Rick" Healy, Paw Paw;

James D. Hutchinson, Watervliet; Allen Raymond Marschke, Berrien Springs; Olga L. Morris, Stevensville; Charles R. "Charlie" Peapples, Watervliet; Donald Eugene "Woody" Woodward, Hartford; Edith Evonne Bahr, Benton Harbor; LaMoyné "Ringo" Bellingher, Coloma;

Janet Lee Brancecum, Hartford; Frances D. (Jarell) Carr, Watervliet; Norma Chesser, Galien; Melvin C. "Red" Danneffel, Watervliet; Cecelia Esther (Carlson) Dominion, Benton Harbor; Margaret Larsen, Three Oaks; Lillian M. LeBon, Benton Harbor; Barbara N. Lester, St. Joseph; Irene A. Pallas, St. Joseph; Blanche Stibal, Coloma.

FEBRUARY
Kathy Jo Churchill, Coloma; Paul E. Diebold, Coloma; Howard C. Fairbanks, Benton Harbor; Wayne W. Isom, South Haven; Catherine (Kibler) Donegan Lane, Watervliet; Elaine Lynch, Watervliet; Richard Lee Russell, Coloma; Geraldine F. Smallwood, St. Joseph; Laura Mae Archer, Dowagiac; Dennis J. Bennett, Watervliet; Frieda Pjesky Cole, Watervliet; Mary C. Dollar, St. Joseph; Richard Henry Muenchow, Coloma; Florence V. Saline, Hartford;

Richard John Sutter Sr., Hartford; James "Pat" Sutton, Stevensville; Brian Wesley Aldrich, Buchanan; Mary Barry, Benton Harbor; Catherine Anne Biondo, Coloma; Leonard David Burk, Berrien Center;

Teri Lyn Clark, Hartford; Theresa A. Crawford, South Haven; Dorothy Frazier, Watervliet; Goldie Mae (Harmen) Lockman, Coloma; Vera McKinney, Dowagiac; Ralph W. Pelton, St. Joseph; Kirt Bruno Reinhardt, Eau Claire; Bernice (Chrispell) Taylor, Coloma; Jeffrey Wallis, Watervliet;

Arthur Farrell Boyer, Stevensville; Douglas C. Hoffman, Coloma; Ruth Keelch, Hartford; Terri (Toth) Moolah, Perrysburg, OH; Jaime Lyn Mulkern, Coloma; Johnnie W. Rinkens, Watervliet; Clella Caroline (Darlene) Wallace, Watervliet; Darlene Edmundson Buca, Caulfield, MO;

Mary (Warman) Cottier, Coloma; Robert August Cupani Jr., Watervliet; Jessibell Danneffel, Bridgman; Dolores Gunn, Coloma; Arlene Mae Hall, Keeler; Sharon Jeanne Jackson, St. Joseph; Patricia L. Miller, Elkhart, IN; Matthew R. Muth, Houston, TX; Donald Jerry Norton, Benton Harbor;

Nellie Mae Pantaleo, Coloma; Genevieve L. Ruff, St. Joseph; Ronald Delbert Story, Sutton Bay, MI; Maryilyn L. Watts, Benton Harbor; Timothy Wayne Hanson, Hartford;

Freda Welty-Whitcomb, Benton Harbor; Ellen Inez (Hembree) Knuth, Coloma; Mabel V. Polasky, Benton Harbor; Dorothy C. Ransom, St. Joseph; Dorothy Lucile Rydolf, Berrien Springs.

MARCH
Donald Harold Bachman, Hartford; Charles Duane Livingston, Hartford; Kathern Manzella, Coloma; Willard J. "Shortzy" Ramer, Watervliet; Lloyd Foss Sanborn, Benton Harbor; Monte Sternaman, Coloma; Tina Renee Thomas, Benton Harbor; Freda Welty-Whitcomb, Watervliet; William R. Wirrick, Dowagiac; Anthony Gerald "Jerry" Cheshire, Hartford;

Myrtle L. Conrad, Coloma; Russell Fredrick Cross, Hartford; Helmut Friedrich, St. Joseph; George Murray Inman, Watervliet; Henry Kilchman, Coloma; Glandene Cross Lanphear, Lawrence; Leonard H. Popke, Benton Harbor; Edith Smith, Benton Harbor; Madeline M. Marxer, Benton Harbor; Calvin C. Shirley, Decatur;

Peter Douglas Forshee, Berrien Springs; Donnie Ray Franks, Coloma; Genevieve Mae Hiler, Coloma; Pamela G. (Reed) Johnson Pastrick, St. Joseph; Dolores A. Rogel, Coloma; Ken Shimer, Watervliet; John "Johnny" Springer, Watervliet; Duard "Tiny" Smith, Cary, IL;

Jenna Mae Brink, Coloma; Elizabeth (Schnaall) Clark, Benton Harbor; Earl J. Dechert, Stevensville; Julius G. Granke, St. Joseph; Edith Davis-Leight, Berrien Center; Yvonne "Vonnie" Leane Leonard, Hartford; Mary Karen McCrorey, North Lakes; Eugene Miller, Coloma; Margaret E. Mora, Bangor; Ken Shimer, Watervliet; Sara Soto, Hamilton Township; Verna Sue

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Bainbridge Township; Florence L. Patterson, Hartford; Ruth Smith, Watervliet; Adeline Lorene Smith, Bainbridge Township;

V. Joenell Summerhill-Williamson, Bangor; Norbert "Captain Gus" Spevak, Coloma; Marilyn J. Geresy, St. Joseph; Katherine Marie Garberson, Bainbridge Township; Irene Hazen, Coloma; Bill J. Heimichen Jr., Bangor; Frankie N. Ingram, Benton Harbor; Leo Martorano, Hagar Township; Alexis "Lexie" Jane Puckett, South Haven; Katherine "Kay" (Venerable) Roung, Coloma; Randall James Routheaux, Bangor; Clifford George Swift, Hartford; Dr. Chester J. Zwissler, St. Joseph.

JUNE

Frank E. Ezell Jr., Coloma; Doris A. Blackburn, Coloma; Wendell Irwin Martin, Sun City, AZ; Lilah J. Johnson, Hartford; Thomas Collins, Watervliet; Victor "Vic" McKinney, Watervliet; Theodore Clifford Murray, Watervliet; Richard Kiernan, Largo, FL; Charles H. Gifford, Hartford; Pamela Ann Geisinger, Coloma; Richard James Meiling, Coloma; Esther Marie Moore, Hartford; William John Zelenga Sr., Coloma; W. Tom Adams, Hartford; Harold

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

C. Allen Bachman, Coloma; Kenneth Bashta, Watervliet; Elsa Jean Bianchi, Hartford; John Thomas Lee Jr., Hartford; Ralph S. Moser, Benton Harbor; Rosemary Smith, Hartford; Frances M. Thompson, Watervliet; Harold Weir, Coloma.

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 Warman, Coloma;

Margaret Alice Avery, Hartford; Edith Ruth "Babe" Dyer, Hartford; Dorothy Marion Hiler Hennesey, Bainbridge Township; Geraldine

Jean Hayes, Coloma; Bob Wycoff, Watervliet; Lorraine June Homey, Coloma; Maria Keller, Hartford; Georgette L. Kovac, Coloma; Alfred O. "Neal" Williams, Watervliet; Wilford Paul Day, Hartford; Lorraine June Hoeny, Coloma; Louise A. Martin, Watervliet; Angel Simmons, Coloma; Nell M. Vanderwoude, Watervliet.

AUGUST

Donna Brown, Hartford; Maynard Day Jr., Watervliet; Madeline Dimaggio, Lake Michigan Beach; Victoria Marie Rosenthal, Hartford; James C. Mastandrea, Coloma; Edward Allen Rousselet, Coloma; Tahnara A. Pethick, Coloma; Harriette Cochran, Hartford; Franklin H. "Frank" Ison, Hartford; Ruth Rizzo, Benton Harbor; Edward Joseph Connolly, 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, Watervliet;

Virginia "Gimny" Healy, Coloma; Shelley Elaine Mathis, Coloma; Lawrence A. "Larry" Rodgers, Watervliet; Alice R. Ward, Watervliet; Barbara Wolfram, Coloma; Ruth Christine Bolton, Hartford; Lyll Emma Boothby, Hartford; John Brule, Watervliet; Kern Ward Fischer, Hartford; Bernadine "Bunny" McNeese, Watervliet;

Teresa Darlene Bryant, Watervliet; James Melvin Franklin, Decatur; Theima 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 Vandenberg, Watervliet; Roxie Braisher, Coloma;

Rodney R. Caprez, Watervliet; Eldon William Kroening, Watervliet; Verdine 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, Coloma;

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

Carl Timmons, Sister Lakes; Carol Mae Williams, Keeler; James Robert Disette 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) Stroj, Coloma; Ronald A. Bitner, Hudsonville, MI; LueElla Brown, Coloma; Cecelia Margaret Field, Lawrence;

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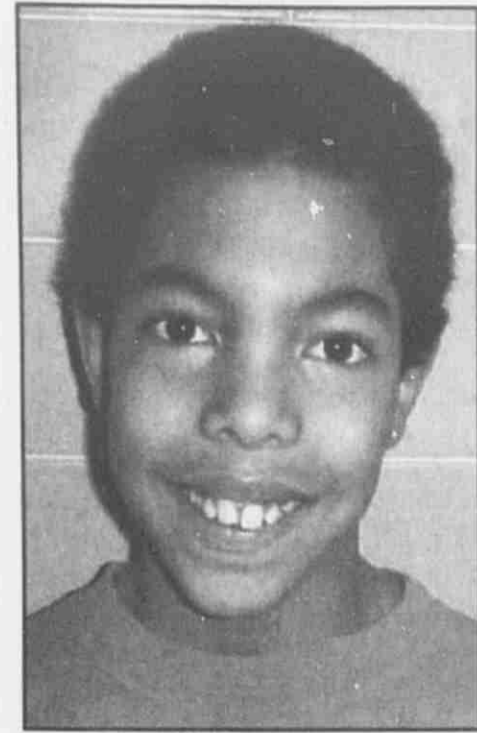
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Coloma Middle School "Student of the Week"

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."

The following businesses join Coloma Middle School in congratulating Christopher as "Student of the Week." Prizes awarded to him for his hard work and dedication are: Wesco (pop and popcorn coupon), Pizzeria Hut (\$10 gift certificate), Coloma Athletic Department (sports pass) Charwell's Food Service at Coloma (free snack coupon), Waffle House of America (free appetizer coupon), McDonald's (free sandwich coupon), and AMF Blossom 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

Calendar & Entertainment

"Kute Kids"...

THIS "KUTE KID"...is Kayla Morgan Pratt, born February 11, 2005. Her proud parents are Joseph and Tara Pratt. Grandparents are Joseph E. Pratt of Coloma and Diane Baker of Hartford. Her great-grandparents are Bea Pratt 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, neighbors, and relatives who read the Tri-City Record. Make sure you write your kids' names on the back of the picture and include any other information about you'd like to see in the paper, including mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, and so on. Send the photo to the Tri-City Record, P.O. Box 7, Watervliet, MI 49098. Pick up the photo after it appears in the paper or include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and we'll mail it back to you.



Where are your "Kute Kids"?

Thursday, Jan. 19: HALF DAY FOR ALL STUDENTS. HIGH SCHOOL - 9th, JV & Varsity Volleyball at Fenville, Beginning at 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 at Home w/Bangor, 4:30, 6:00 & 7:30 (approx.) p.m.

Obituaries

continued from Page 6 services were held December 20 at the funeral home with the Rev. Greg Weeks officiating. Burial was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bryan; daughter, Cheryl; parents; sister, Sharon Sargent; and brother, Don Elston.

RUBY L. STEWART

Ruby L. Stewart, 84, of St. Joseph, passed away on Wednesday, January 4, 2006, at Lakeland Specialty Hospital in Berrien County.

Funeral services were held on Monday, January 9, at the Fairplains Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Benton Harbor. Burial followed at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Sodus. Visitation took place on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the family. Ruby was born January 18, 1921, in McHenry, KY, to William and Ruth (Davis) McDaniel. She was a resident of this community for most of her life.

Survivors include: two daughters - Pamela (Todd) Crossman of Coloma and Melody Stewart of Los Angeles, CA; a grandson, Dylan Crossman of Coloma; two brothers - James (Barbara) McDaniel and Bob (Phyllis) McDaniel, both of Benton Harbor; a sister, Loretta (George) Schultz of Golf Trace, FL; and several nieces and nephews.

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Wednesdays, 7 p.m., "MIDWEEK PRAYER MEETINGS" at Keeler General Baptist Church, 63627 Territorial Road. Call (269) 621-2551 for 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 Fikes Road in Riverside.

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 ALLEGAN 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 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., "BECOMING 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.

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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.

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Tri-City Area Sports News

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



Jim Edwards 109-89 Nancy's Furniture Seahawks, Broncos, Colts, Panthers, 42 pts.

Edwards' 4-2 is best for AQB's

By Mike Leith
Well, we have a new national champion in college football with Texas upsetting Southern California in the Rose Bowl last week. It didn't really affect our race, as everyone picked the Trojans to win; however,

it did break USC's long win streak. Greg Borr is still our leader as he went 3-3 to keep his safety cushion over everyone else in our competition. Greg kicked it into gear several weeks ago and has not let up since then.

Nancy Huffman also went 3-3 to keep pace with Greg but she did not gain anything on him. By keeping

pace, she is still just three games back and has a slim chance to still overtake him.

Joe Jason stays in third place this week and also sported a 3-3 record. Joe kept pace with both Greg and Nancy, although he could have used this week to make a difference. He is still now four games behind Nancy.

Rob Bunn went 3-3 this week to stay one game behind Joe in fourth place. That means Rob still can improve his position in the coming weeks, so Joe had better watch out.

My view from the Press Box



By Mike Leith, Sportswriter
There was not much going on last week at the high school level as area schools were still on Christmas break.

However, Tri-City Area wrestling teams did compete last Saturday so we have them to talk about.

Coloma wrestler wins outstanding wrestler award at Berrien County meet

Both Coloma and Watervliet participated in the Berrien County Invitational wrestling meet last Saturday 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 meet.

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 champion in Jesse Martin at 215 lbs.

Coloma had another 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.

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

The Panthers also had two second-place 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 Coloma's Jesse Martin.

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 the meet, with Niles taking second place.

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 5-0 records on the day, including Kyle Halgren at 103 lbs., Ben Chas Burchett at 119 lbs., Ben Eiting at 130 lbs., Derek Goss at 145 lbs., and Carlos Uvalle at 275 lbs.

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

Area wrestling teams compete in Berrien Co. Invitational

Submitted by Bill Scott
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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 president.

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He is completely different than his brother, Michael, quarterback for the Atlanta Falcons. Michael has class and knows when to do or say something, plus knows what is or is not appropriate.

And if Marcus doesn't know by now, he never will.

NFL playoff picture set

With the NFL Wildcard games out of 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.

Second chances finally run out for Marcus Vick

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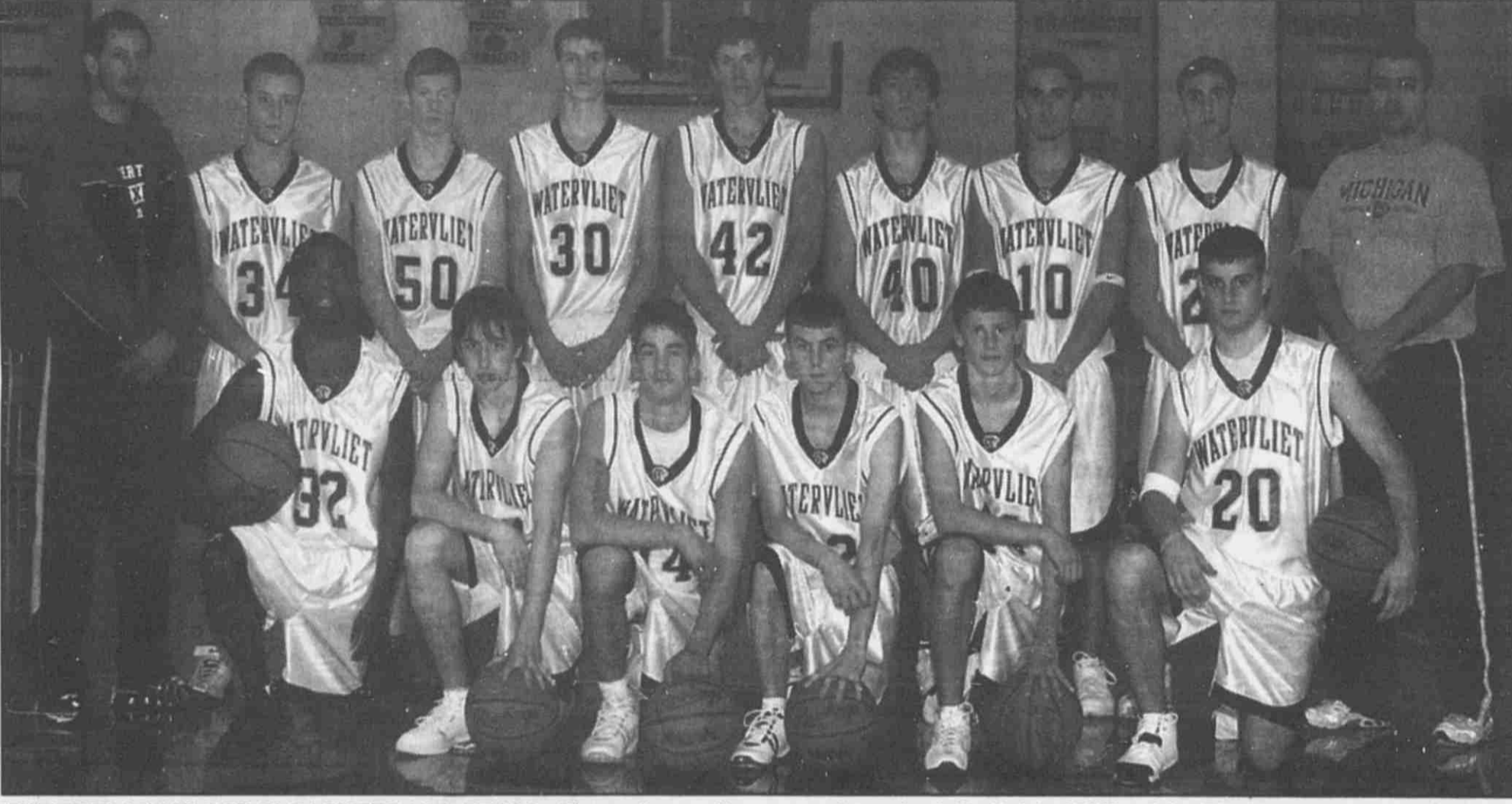
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WATERVLIET VARSITY BASKETBALL TEAM...Pictured are: (front row, from the left) Calvin Willis, Jake Litaker, Matt Bolin, Anthony Jennings, Kevin Bryce, Ryan Clark; (back row, from the left) head coach Randy Bradford, Nick Ursin, Travis McDonnell, Jacob Summerton, Jon Anderson, Austin Barcetti, Joe Bolin, Josh Hoadley, and assistant coach Jason Forrester. (Photo courtesy of Lee Brownford Photography)

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AD must be paid in advance by credit card, cash, or check at the Tri-City Record, 138 North Main Street, P.O. Box 7, Watervliet, MI 49098. AD DEADLINE IS NOON ON TUESDAY!

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LOST PUPPY 6-MONTH-OLD - Male Jack Russell Terrier. LOST on 1/8/06, Church Street, Coloma. Last seen at Hardware Store, Coloma. \$50 REWARD. Please call 325-1765 or 325-4591.

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT LOCAL FULFILLMENT - and Packaging facility is recruiting for an administrative assistant who's self-motivated, dependable, and professional. Applicant needs to be

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noncompliance; to provide for the inspection, sampling, and monitoring of storm water and other discharges; and to provide penalties for violations of the ordinance. PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of this Ordinance will be available for inspection and may be purchased at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days from the date of this publication.

PUBLIC NOTICE BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP SUMMARY/ SYNOPSIS

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

To: The residents and property owners of Benton Charter Township-Berrien County, Michigan, and any other interested persons.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that at a regular meeting held on January 3, 2006, the Township Board conducted the 2nd reading and adopted Ordinance No. 74-501 through 74-506.05. The summary of the ordinance appears below.

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 and Connection Ordinance is to regulate non-storm water discharges to the storm water drainage system to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law. The Ordinance establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the storm water drainage system in order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process. The Ordinance further provides for payment or reimbursement of costs and expenses incurred by Benton Charter Township associated with

Carolyn Phillips, Township Clerk 1725 Territorial Road Benton Harbor, MI 49022 (269) 925-0616 (1/12/06-TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2006, AT 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Ferguson, Clerk Phillips, Treasurer Boothby & Trustees Hudson, Jefferson, Price & Harvey MEMBERS ABSENT :None ALSO PRESENT:Recording Secretary-Kimberly Rolling

Accepted the minutes of the regular meeting held 12/20/05 as presented. Adopted the Illicit Discharge and Connection Ordinance, to regulate non-storm water discharges to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law. Approved payment of bill listing totaling \$37,983.96. Meeting adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Carolyn Phillips, Township Clerk Dated: January 4, 2006 (1/12/06-TCR)

WATERVLIET TOWNSHIP PUBLIC NOTICE

The Watervliet Township Regular Board Meeting will be held on Monday, January 16, 2006, at 7:00 p.m. at the Watervliet Township Hall, 4959 M-140 Hwy., Watervliet, MI. Reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired, or other aids and services for individuals with disabilities are available by contacting the

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Watervliet Township Clerk at least five days before the meeting in writing or by phone at the Watervliet Township Clerk's Office at 4959 M-140 Hwy., P.O. Box 384, Watervliet, MI 49098; telephone (269) 463-5113.

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 6:00 p.m. in the Community Education Classroom at COMMUNITY HOSPITAL, 400 MEDICAL PARK DRIVE, WATERVLIET, MICHIGAN.

The order of business will include: (re) appointment of four (4) Trustees, each to serve for a period of three (3) years in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation. Such other business as may come before the meeting. Published by order of the Board of Trustees.

DATED: December 30, 2005 Thelma Evelt Secretary/Treasurer Board of Trustees (1/12/06-TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE COMMUNITY VISIONING CITY OF HARTFORD/ HARTFORD TOWNSHIP JOINT RECREATION PLAN

ALL RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF HARTFORD AND HARTFORD TOWNSHIP ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A COMMUNITY VISIONING PROCESS TO DISCUSS RECREATION PLAN AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR COMMUNITY. 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 COMMUNITY A BETTER PLACE FOR OURSELVES AND OUR CHILDREN. MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO BE THERE AND LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD. YEMI AKINWALE CITY MANAGER (1/12/06-TCR)

SENTENCES Berrien County Courts St. Joseph

Compiled from the files at the Berrien County Courthouse (Compiled by Annette Christie) 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.

Shaun Pargo, Benton Harbor, 17-48 months in prison with credit for 89 days served and \$200 fines and costs for larceny in a building. He also received 18-60 months in prison with credit for 70 days served and \$120 in fines and costs for fleeing the police, 3rd degree.

Calvin Anderson, Benton Harbor, 16-24 months in prison and \$120 fines and costs for unlawful use of a motor vehicle.

Sherrion Cotton, Benton Harbor, 50 hours of community service and \$730 fines and costs for forgery.

Roger Schmidke, Stevensville, 45 days in jail with credit for 8 served, 4 years probation, \$170.25 restitution, \$2550 fines and costs, 50 hours community service, and a weapon forfeiture for killing/torturing an animal.

Michael Fryback, Baroda, attempted home invasion 3rd offense, \$270 fines and costs. He also received 30 days in jail with credit for 5 served for domestic violence. On the charge of restricting and obstructing police, he received 90 days with credit for 5 served, 2 years probation, \$776.19 restitution, and \$440 in fines and costs. His jail sentence may be served at KPEP.

Bruce Miles, Benton Harbor, 120 days in jail with credit for 2 served, 2 years probation, \$910 fines and costs, 50 hours community service, 180-day license suspension, 30-day license restriction for delivery-manufacturing cocaine of less than 50 grams. After 30 days in jail, the balance of his sentence will be served on tether.

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 jail 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 dangerous weapon.

Elvie Branch, Benton Harbor, 180 days with credit for 2 days served, 2 years probation, \$1630 fines and costs, 50 hours community service, 365-day license suspension, 60-day

restricted license for maintaining a drug house and delivery of cocaine of less than 50 grams. The jail sentence will be completed through BPEP and on tether.

Scott Coleman, Niles, 1 day in jail with credit for 1 day served, 3 years probation, \$5000 restitution, \$430 fines and costs, and 500 hours community service for embezzlement of greater than \$1000 but less than \$20,000.

Debra Kirtodoll, Niles, 90 days in jail and \$215 in fines and costs and restitution for attempted uttering and publishing.

Karlie Parker, Buchanan, 23 days in jail with credit for 23 served, 1 year probation, \$890 fines & costs and restitution, 80 hours community service for larceny in a building.

Mitchell White, Buchanan, 53 days in jail with credit for 53 served, 18 months probation, and \$940 in fines & costs, and restitution for larceny in a building.

Timothy James, Buchanan, 180 days in jail with credit for 45 served, 2 years probation, \$970 fines and costs, and 40 hours of community service for home invasion-3rd degree. After 45 days in jail, the balance of his sentence may be served at KPEP.

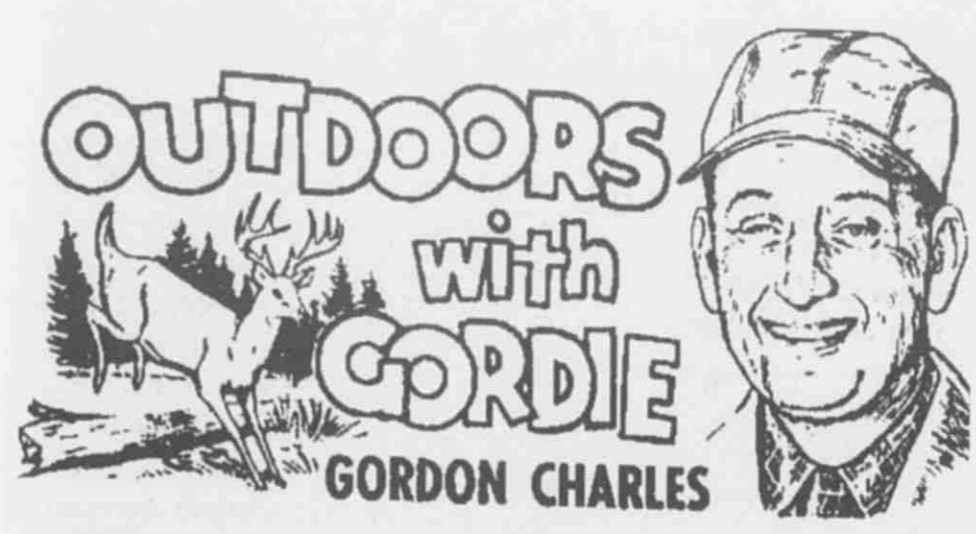
Heather Ward, Buchanan, 120 days in jail and \$120 fines and costs for attempted failure to register - sex offender.

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1949 deer season at PAJAJALABO

Longtime friend Paul Gardner was recently digging through some of the clutter all sportsmen seem to stack up, with good intentions to do something to tidy it up. Among his finds was some information from the 1949 deer season at PAJAJALABO.

That was the hunting and fishing camp in good deer country and took its name from the first two letters of the five men who built and used it every season. The original members were Paul Garner, Jack Bensenly, Jack Woodrow, Larry Hoxsie and Bob Hemming.

He called my attention to the grocery list compiled for the first week of the 1949 season for the five hunters. If you think prices have changed since then, you are absolutely right! Consider these items:

Two pounds butter, \$1.28; 2 lbs. oleo, 38¢; 2 lbs. lard, 25¢; 2 cabbages, 15¢; 1 jar mayonnaise, 27¢; 1 jar mustard, 10¢; 1 bottle catsup, 14¢; 1 box salt, 10¢; pepper, 25¢; 4 lbs. sugar, 48¢; 1 box crackers, 25¢; 2 lbs. hamburger, 90¢; 1 slab bacon, \$3.16; 6 dozen eggs, \$2.34; 4 loaves bread, 58¢.

Tea bags, 24¢; 3 lbs. coffee, \$1.27; 3 cans red kidney beans, 38¢; 2 cans tomatoes, 25¢; 3 cans tomato juice, 60¢; 1 can chili powder, 12¢; 1 box matches, 8¢; 4 rolls Scott tissue, 25¢; 4 cans corn, 50¢; 4 cans spaghetti, 50¢; 1 slab cheese, \$1.06; 2 dozen wieners, \$1.32; 2 rings baloney, \$1.00; 2 cans peas, 25¢.

Other items were on the list but you get the idea. Anyhow, the total grocery bill came to \$28.08. Then there were such necessities as \$6 for beer,

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Tri-City Area Outdoor News

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

By Angela Stair Watervliet resident Joe Arnt is well-known in the community. He is a businessman, entrepreneur, world-class hunter holding two world records, and a hometown boy. Arnt has lived all his life in and around the area.

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Area youths in wrestling tournaments

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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 medal.

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 cham-

ionship 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 Malory Spaulding, Blake Williams, Brad Martin, Brett Thumm, Zach Clauser, Mark Cox, Luke Faulterstack, Travis Martin, and Matt Thomas.

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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:

1. Basketball signed by MSU head 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,

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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 4½ 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 Amy Garrod at 468-7122

Gun Range

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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 Treasurer. 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.

Other options were offered, such as 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 by-line 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

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.



60TH REUNION FOR WHS CLASS OF 1945...Members of the Watervliet High School Class of 1945 met in the basement of Plymouth Congregational Church in Watervliet. Pictured are: (front row, from the left) Celia (Zabbia) Sprague, Frances (Webb) Bridgman, Joyce (Larsen) Kolenko; (second row, from the left) Audrey Elsner, Leona (Clinard) Russell, Barb (Smith) Zvonar who is hidden, Cecile (Weckwerth) Paul, Rose (Sineni) Ambler; (third row, from the left) Norma (Monroe) Johnston, Alice (Becht) Sadler, Clara (Noack) Kroschel, Bette (Costa) Anderson, Willis Bouma; (fourth row, from the left) Charles Miller, Jack Paul, Bruce Dwigings, Bob Gillard, and Norman Krieger. (Contributed photo)

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15th annual Watervliet Ice Sculpture Festival

Sat. & Sun., January 21 & 22

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The sculpture theme is "Star Wars". Sculptors carve around the clock until final judging on Sunday.

This year's event will feature food vendors on Main St. One vendor will be offering elephant ears and other treats. Along with that Watervliet Public Schools Yearbook Committee will be hosting a rotisserie chicken sale, with proceeds donated to the yearbook project

Master carving contest 1-4pm Sunday in parking lot across from the Elite Bar & Grill
Contest winners and prizes awarded will be announced at the Elite Bar & Grill at 5pm.

Festival organized by the Watervliet Business Association and supported by sculpture sponsors. For more information... visit www.watervliet.org, or contact Brian Dissette at 463-6269