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Seventy-five Cents

\$125,000 in federal grants for Watervliet Twp. & CWAEDC to aid in "economic revival"

By Lynn Attila

Two federal grants in the amount of \$125,000 were awarded to Watervliet Township and the CWAEDC on August 9, 2006.

Watervliet Township was awarded an \$85,000 United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Grant for construction of infrastructure associated with Safari Joe's hotel/waterpark.

Lisa Epple, USDA Business-Cooperative Specialist; and the Department of Agriculture, along with Gene DeRossett, state of Michigan Director for Rural Environ-

ment, presented the check to Watervliet Township Supervisor Dan Hutchins.

"I am pleased USDA Rural Development could contribute to build an economic revival in Watervliet and Coloma," DeRossett said. "These grants can help spur rural development, improving the quality of life for all area residents."

The \$10 million Michigan Outdoor Products project, spearheaded by local visionary Joe Arnt, is situated behind Burger King and will include a strip mall featuring eight storefronts and additional businesses that

will locate along the new roadway and complement the projects.

More than 50 jobs are expected to be generated in the next year because of the project.

A \$40,000 USDA Rural Development revolving loan fund grant was presented to the Chairman of the CWAEDC, Cindy Aviles. This grant to the Coloma Watervliet Area Economic Development Corporation establishes a revolving loan fund to encourage development and growth in Watervliet City and Township as well as in the City and Township of Coloma.



A USDA CHECK FOR \$85,000 WAS PRESENTED TO... Watervliet Township Supervisor Dan Hutchins on Wednesday, August 9, at the site of the new strip mall going in behind Burger King. Presenting the check were: (In front, from the left) Dave Casey representing Senator Carl Levin's Office; Lisa Epple, USDA Business-Cooperative Specialist; Gene DeRossett, USDA Rural Development State Director; Watervliet Township Supervisor Dan Hutchins; Joe Arnt, President of Michigan Outdoor Products. In the back (from the left) are: Al Pscholka, District Representative for U.S. Congressman Fred Upton's Office; and Chris Siebenmark, representative from Senator Ron Jelinek's Office. (Lynn Attila photo)

Watervliet H.S. MEAP scores above average; sports eligibility requirements to be reviewed

By Mary Brost Reck

The Watervliet School Board was pleased to hear of the success of the Class of 2006 on its Michigan Educational Assessment Program (MEAP) scores. The local High School scores indicated an above-average proficiency in every area: Math, Reading, Science, Social Studies, Writing, and English Language Arts.

"We know there is still a lot of work to be done," said Watervliet High School Principal Greg Chisek, "but we are very happy. We are above state averages in every category. There are a lot of schools below us, and now others will be looking to see what Watervliet is doing."

Dialogue is presently under way at the state level to consider the possibility of replacing the high school MEAP with the Michigan Merit Exam. Until that determination is made, according to Chisek, "We will prepare students for both tests as best we can."

Athletic eligibility adjustments sought

In existing school policy, if a student receives one failing grade on his or her last previous report card, that student is ineligible to participate in school sports for the first three weeks of school. After the first school report is available, the student's effort to improve grades is accessed.

The difficulty arises, according to Athletic Director Ken Dietz, because of recent changes in the scheduling. Over the past several years, several sporting seasons — such as football, cross country, and girls basketball — have been pushed back to begin earlier in the summer, well before school begins. Additionally, school this year begins a week later than previously. Therefore, if a probationary student must sit out until after three weeks of

school, that athlete could miss over half the season.

"Watervliet has a stricter policy than most other districts," said Dietz, "and that is a good thing. It points to our ultimate academic goal. But since schedules have changed, we need to look at the fairness of the policy as well."

"We want to make sure we have a policy that is firm, but fair," noted Chisek. "We want students to be accountable, but we don't want to penalize them beyond the intent."

Chisek and Dietz noted that they will be meeting with parents, students, and coaches over the next couple of weeks.

While the Board agreed to review the policy more formally at its special August 28 meeting, Board members gave preliminary approval for the athletic department to take the special circumstances into consideration for now.

"I believe the Board is satisfied that students (with one failing grade) will continue to be penalized, but we recognize that this does not need to go beyond what is realistic," said Board member Ronald McLaughlin. "The coaches should have the ability to prorate the policy to adjust to the new fall sports timing."

This lexity will be re-examined at the next Board meeting.

2% teacher wage increase; 80% of health insurance coverage paid

The Board also voted to ratify a three-year agreement with the Watervliet Education Association, beginning with the 2006-07 school year. The contract specifies 2% salary increases each year. Paramount to the settlement was the Board's agreement to go from the previous fixed dollar rate that the Board paid for teacher health insurance coverage to a coverage of 80%

of teacher health insurance costs.

During their regular meeting, the Board received the budget by general consensus. Watervliet Public Schools General Fund expenses for July, totaling \$627,028.56 — \$347,663.41 payroll related, was approved for payment.

New teachers welcomed

The Board approved recommendations to extend four-year probationary contracts to two new teachers for the district. Marcella Ward will fill the High School art vacancy, and Dawn Burger will assume the open elementary special education position.

Ward is a 1998 graduate of Chicago's Columbia College and a professional photographer. She received her teaching degree from Western Michigan University in 2005.

Burger is a graduate of Michigan State University and has taught elementary school for two years in Florida and Detroit. The district will be applying for a special teaching permit, as Burger does not yet have special education certification. She is presently pursuing the endorsement through Western Michigan University.

Watervliet receives accreditation for 75 continuous years

Principal Chisek read a statement from the North Central Association congratulating Watervliet High School students, staff, and the community for achieving 75 years of continuous NCA accreditation as of the 2005-06 school year. Watervliet High School was initially accredited by NCA in 1931.

Linda Holt, Treasurer of the Berrien County Intermediate School District Board of Education, presented a report on BCISD services available

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TOP COPS... Sgt. Tom LaVanway (left) and Chief Phil Cottier were recently honored for their years of service to Coloma Charter Township. (Contributed photo)

Coloma Police officers honored

By Lynn Attila

Coloma Charter Township Police Chief Phil Cottier and Police Officer Tom LaVanway were presented with plaques commemorating 30+ years of service to the community at the Charter Township's regular meeting August 9.

Township Supervisor Ken Parrigin made the presentation in front of the officers' families and friends. Each Commissioner praised the pair for their stellar careers.

Commissioner Cindy Aviles became emotional during her commendation speech, praising the pair for their contribution to the community. "You grew up in the department and grew the department up with you!" stressed Aviles.

Parrigin said, "Through your leadership, I've seen the community become what it is!" He said he was extending his appreciation for the efforts on behalf of the Board as well as the Township.

An alarming issue

Commissioner Robert Molter told the Board that Hagar Township had reported four false alarms in July and Chief Cottier concurred saying there had been 21 false alarms in Coloma Township during that time.

Molter said Board members needed to review an ordinance that would address the alarm system problem.

The ordinance would require regulations as well as fees to ensure alarms were designed, installed, and maintained properly.

Parrigin told the group that he would address the details of this issue at the September meeting.

Paving will cost more

The Board approved the repair and repaving of Wil-O-Paw Drive by the Berrien County Road Commission at a cost of \$103,999. This cost is up from last year's estimate, which was \$77,970.

Parrigin said, "There's not much I can do about it now. Prices went up and it's not going to get any cheap-

er." There was some dialogue about the actual repair of the road and not just a facelift with repaving only. Parrigin assured the Board that repair work as well as repaving work would be done on the infrastructure.

Morning Aire Drive to get water and sewer

George Granger, the Township's civil engineer, told the Board that it would be \$10,000 cheaper to install water and sewer at the same time on Morning Aire Drive. The estimated cost would be \$195,000 for the half-mile of roadway and would serve a dozen homes.

Landfill "smellin' up the town"

Commissioner Ed Helbling made a motion to send a formal letter of complaint to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality about the smell of the Watervliet-based landfill. "It's been worse than usual," Helbling stressed. "I could even smell it downtown."

He said he had received several calls from residents complaining about the obnoxious odor coming from Orchard Hill Sanitary Landfill. The motion died on the floor for lack of a second.

Township Clerk Deb Olsen said she thought other steps should be taken before addressing the DEQ, such as talking to the Landfill Manager.

Parrigin said he would look into the matter and personally talk to landfill officials to see if all concerns could be remedied. He said he would report his findings back to the Board in September.

In another matter, the Board agreed to pay the monthly bills in the amount of \$189,545.36. Treasurer Lance Becht said the only things out of the ordinary were \$23,332.40 to Compton's Inc. and \$14,055 for the annual audit.

Police Reports

By Angela Stair

Lake Michigan claims a life in Hagar Township

Lt. Milford Russell of the Berrien County Sheriff's Marine Division reported that the department had answered a call from Dispatch of a possible drowning in Hagar Township, early Sunday morning.

Lt. Russell reported that two men had gone out in a canoe at around 3:00 a.m. The canoe tipped over and they swam for shore. One man made it back to shore, but a 22-year-old Chicago man did not. When the 22-year-old could not be found, friends called police at 4:15 a.m.

United States Coast Guard and Berrien County Sheriff's Department units were dispatched to assist in the search. The Berrien County Sheriff's Dive/Recovery Team was called to begin a search at daybreak.

After sunrise, a U.S. Coast Guard helicopter spotted the victim in about 12 feet of water; that was at 6:58 a.m., and the dive team recovered the body by 7:43 a.m.

The victim was positively identified by friends as Brendan Tobinski of Chicago, but they had no contact numbers to notify next of kin. The friends said Tobinski lived alone.

Lt. Russell said the men were at a wedding reception being held at what used to be called Camp Warren. The man who made it to shore had been drinking but it is not certain whether Tobinski had been or not.

Investigation into the incident is continuing and an autopsy is planned for the victim. Lt. Russell said they would be doing blood screening to see if alcohol was a factor in the drowning. He said hypothermia could also be a contributing factor because the water temperature was only 45 degrees. Lt. Russell said friends told police that Tobinski had lifeguard training.

Mother and daughter cited in Watervliet

On August 8 at 3:40 p.m., Officer Maher Nasif of the Watervliet Police Department was on patrol when he observed a traffic violation and conducted a stop.

Upon contact with the 15-year-old driver, Officer Nasif found she did not have a driver's license. Her mother was the passenger and advised him that the girl had no license.

After a computer check revealed that the girl had never applied for a license and verified she did not have one, she was cited for that violation. The mother was cited for allowing an unlicensed minor to drive.

Intoxicated driver arrested in Coloma

Officer Andrew Ulleg of the Coloma Township Police Department was dispatched on August 13 at 9:40 p.m. after several calls of a possible intoxicated driver had been received.

Officer Ulleg reported that he responded to the area and observed the vehicle in question traveling in a wrong lane and at times down the center of Boyer Road. Officer Ulleg conducted a traffic stop and conducted a series of sobriety tests.

Officer Ulleg determined that the 51-year-old female from Benton Harbor was intoxicated. She was arrested and transported to Berrien County Jail.

Rash of warrants served in Hartford

Hartford Police Chief Ramon

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HALEIGH KISER...brought not only one but two great rabbits to the Berrien County Youth Fair this year. She was awarded the Grand Champion ribbon for her Pen of Two Market Rabbits.

(Annette Christie photo)

Letters & Commentary

Auxiliary appreciates Silent Auction support

Dear Editor, Coloma American Legion Auxiliary recently held its annual Silent Auction. We would like to thank all the people who donated items, all those who worked to put it together, and all the businesses who contributed to our success.

Thank you to: Coloma Harding's, Escape Salon, Brookfield Chrysler-Dodge-Jeep, The Friendly Tavern, Paw Paw Lake Golf Club, Lee Brownndorf Photography, Hot Spot, Dr. Moss, and Orchard Hill Sanitary Landfill.

Thanks for your confidence in me

Dear Editor, TO THE VOTERS OF HARTFORD TOWNSHIP:

My sincerest thanks to the 73 people who put their confidence in me. I will still work to make Hartford a place you can be proud of. Look for my updates here in the paper.

Thank you again for putting your trust in me. Together, we will make a difference.

Watervliet Fire Dept. appreciates millage support

Dear Editor, The Watervliet Fire Department would like to say "Thank You" to all of the residents of the City of Watervliet and Watervliet Township for their support in passing the millage renewal/increase.

We appreciate the time you took to show your support by voting. Because of all of you, we can keep Watervliet a much happier and safer place to live.

Thank you again, Watervliet Fire Department

Museum Director thanks residents for millage support

Dear Editor, I would like to thank the residents of North Berrien County for the "YES" vote they gave the North Berrien Historical Society/Museum. This millage will be put to good use for the Museum and to maintain the artifacts we have.

I also want to thank Wanda Thomas and the Tri-City Record for the articles written, highlighting the many aspects of the Museum. This millage committee wants to thank all the people and members of the Museum who spread the word, allowed us to place signs in their yards, sent money, wrote letters, and provided much support in the last five

Gordon Knutson Memorial Golf Tournament is September 23

Dear Editor, Community Hospital Foundation is proud to host the fifth annual Gordon Knutson Memorial Golf Tournament on Saturday, September 23. Over the past four years, this event has been a huge success, raising over \$60,000 for the Community Hospital Foundation Endowment Fund.

Gordon Knutson was a long-time member of Community Hospital's Board of Trustees and was Vice President of the Community Hospital Foundation Board.

An enthusiastic supporter of the hospital, Gordon was committed to making quality healthcare services available to the residents of Coloma, Watervliet, Hartford, and the surrounding areas. This event is Community Hospital Foundation's way to honor his dedication and continue his legacy.

Please join us for the fifth annual Gordon Knutson Memorial Golf Tournament at Paw Paw Lake Golf Course in Watervliet.

Registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with a shotgun start at 8:00 a.m. This is a four-member team event, with three categories of teams: men's, women's, and mixed doubles. You can create your own foursome, or we can match you up with other golfers.

The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of golf, a steak lunch, giveaways, and the opportunity to win lots of prizes. To register, or to receive more information, please contact Heather West at (249) 463-2434. Registration deadline is Friday, September 8.

Thank you for supporting the fifth annual Gordon Knutson Memorial Golf Tournament and for showing your dedication to the future of healthcare in our community.

Southwest Michigan lawmakers say end of SBT offers new start for Michigan jobs

State lawmakers last week voted to end the job-killing Single Business Tax, marking the start of an effort to reform Michigan's business tax code and bring jobs back to the state. For years, the SBT has been a one-of-a-kind tax in America making job providers pay more for each job they create for healthcare as well as any 401(k) plans they offer.

State representatives Neal Nitz, John Proos and Rick Shaffer discussed the elimination of the SBT at Regal Finishing Inc. in Coloma, where the petition drive kicked off in April with Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson. Enough signatures were collected to allow the Legislature to help struggling businesses and spur job growth in Michigan.

"Michigan can no longer afford to take a back seat to other states in economic development," said Proos, R-St. Joseph. "By eliminating the SBT, we not only provide relief for business and industry in our state but we will finally have an incentive to attract innovative entrepreneurs to Michigan's Great Southwest and the entire state."

The SBT will be repealed on Dec. 31, 2007, as a result of thousands of petition signatures and the Legislature's vote this week.

"The SBT continues to cut the legs of our businesses, preventing the state from prospering and moving forward toward economic recovery," said Nitz, R-Baroda. "Now that we have repealed the SBT, we can implement a stable tax structure that prevents an overburdening grip on our economy to help build a stronger workforce."

A report released Monday by the Anderson Economic Group shows that Michigan's key business taxes are out of step with competing states. The report specifically cited the Single Business Tax as the only state value-added tax in the United States.

"This is an important first step for restoring a competitive business environment in Michigan," said Jim Kodis, Southwest Michigan business owner of Regal Finishing Inc. "Elimination of the SBT means businesses won't be taxed on investments within the company and will mean improved benefits, new people, and new technology."

Work to replace the Single Business Tax has already begun. Earlier this summer, a joint House and Senate committee was named to develop a new business tax for Michigan. The committee is scheduled to report back to legislative leaders by Dec. 1, 2006.

"Reforming the SBT is great news for Southwest Michigan residents as it will provide more opportunities for our communities to grow and develop," said Shaffer, R-Three Rivers. "Now is the time to take pivotal action and put Michigan back on the map as one of the top places to live and do business."

Respectfully, Community Hospital Foundation

Spiritual Compass Points

By Pastor David C. Helms Plymouth Congregational Church

Health and Wholeness?

Most of us, if given the choice between "health and wholeness" or holiness, would choose health and wholeness. While health and wholeness seems to be the accepted goal of much of what we hear from popular spiritual teachers, holiness would be a better choice.

Health is important. We should take good care of ourselves, physically, mentally and emotionally. And wholeness is important, but "wholeness" is more difficult to define and measure. If wholeness means "peacefully accepting ourselves and others the way we are," we may be on dangerous ground.

Jesus' ministry goal was not helping people feel good about themselves but redeeming people from themselves and giving them NEW life, not just temporarily acceptable life.

True wholeness requires dynamic change. That was much of God's message to Israel in the Bible. He once said to them, through Solomon: "If My people who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14 (NIV)

National healing required a more serious relationship with God, a different national choice than the "Power of Pride." A different personal choice is also required for personal healing.

When we choose to focus our lives around God's righteous expecta-



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tions, when we seek a true and honest relationship with Him (not a bad way to describe "holiness"), issues of "health and wholeness" are also often resolved. It's not really a choice of one or the other, but rather a choice of priorities.

God honors right priorities, and the wholeness He supplies lasts far beyond the inevitable deterioration of health. Remember, a nation is made up of individuals. Whole individuals are the best contribution to a whole nation.

Papasan-Mamasan Korean Veterans Association annual picnic is August 19

The Papasan-Mamasan Korean Veterans Association will hold its annual picnic on Saturday, August 19, at the New Troy/Wee-Chick American Legion.

Social hour is at noon and dinner will be served at 1:00 p.m. Meat, beverage, table service, and door prizes will be provided.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass. Doug Leiter and Terry Lovelady will provide the musical entertainment for this event.

For more information, contact Bill Miller at (269) 471-1405.

Join in the support of human life

Van Buren County Right to Life (VBCRTL) exists to provide a witness about life-threatening issues such as abortion, euthanasia, assisted suicide, and embryonic stem cell research.

VBCRTL is holding a regular meeting on Wednesday, August 30, at Immaculate Conception Church, 63559 60th Avenue, Hartford, at 7:00 p.m.

All concerned individuals who are interested in finding out what can be done to protect the defenseless in our community and world are invited to join in the effort to carry out programs to change the hearts and minds of those who see death as a solution.

For more information, contact Larry McPhillips at (269) 674-3363; e-mail to lmcphillips@trition.net.

Free "Plan First!" program offered by Van Buren/Cass District Health Dept.

The Van Buren/Cass District Health Department Family Planning Program can now offer eligible women, 19 through 44 years of age, the new Michigan Department of Community Health "Plan First!" program.

Family planning is more than just birth control. Family planning screening services also help find serious health problem and infections sooner, improving overall health for women.

The "Plan First!" Family Planning Program covers: office visits for

family planning related services, prescriptions, for sexually transmitted infections, and some sterilizations for women 21 years of age and older.

Eligibility requirements for the "Plan First!" program include women who are ages 17 through 44 years, are U.S. citizens or qualified immigrants, Michigan residents, meet monthly family income limits, have a Social Security Number or have applied for one, and cannot be currently receiving Medicaid.

For more information on the "Plan First!" program, how to apply or to learn about services offered through the Van Buren/Cass District Health Department Family Planning Program, visit the Health Department Web site www.vbcass.dhd.org or reproduction health link under clinical services; or call (269) 621-3143, extension 329, in Van Buren County; or (269) 445-5280, ext. 321, in Cass County.



By Anne Bayer, Co-publisher

The Back Fence

The news this past week was not too good, with the attempt to kill so many more Americans while they travel the world; it is so terrible. Not terrible that they got caught, but to think that they can take the lives from another human being to me is disgusting.

I am also sure that this will put a crimp in the airline travel industry for a time. With the price of gas and now checking so many of those items we need to live, this will be another change for all of us.

Most times you are able to buy whatever you need once you reach your destination but if you happen to arrive in a non-English speaking country, then those chances are slim. I know when I was in the Ukraine I could not even read the little bags of condiments in Gill and Serg's fridge. I tried what looked to me like it would be ketchup... wrong; it was something made with garlic.

At the little shop on the first floor of their apartment building, I took the girls in for a treat one night while Serg was visiting Gill at the hospital. We were at their apartment for 20 days and I did get a little cabin fever. Granted, they made sure I did get out of the house but I still felt like a trapped rabbit without being able to know what was going on in the world around me.

So Laine and Zo and I headed into the store and as soon as the door closed I realized that I was in a different world. I began to look at the items in the glass cases and on the

counters and nothing looks like something I would eat. So we spied a small freezer in the corner and headed there to look in at its contents. Lo and behold, it was filled with ice cream; not this kind we are used to, but I did see one with a picture of the "Little Mermaid" on the front. I asked the girls if that would be a good treat and they responded with a strong "Yes!" We then headed to the counter to pay.

Again, I was lost so I tried to watch others at the counter since I did not know what they were saying. Thank goodness for Elaine and her talents to understand what was being said. She gave over the money and we all went right up to the apartment to eat our treats. I have to tell you it even tasted different to me, but we had gotten it all on our own.

So I am saying that those of you who have plans to travel to a foreign country will have a hard time trying to find the products you need for your own care. I never took the time to think about not being able to get what I need to live but this last trip showed me that there are places in this big-old world where that can happen.

I am sure we will again hear the experts say we cannot let a small group tell those of us what and how we can run our lives; so they will say fly and continue to do what you always do, but do it all with caution and care. So I guess it is up to all of us how we handle this latest attempt to ruin the world and its occupants.

Merger review legislation

This month I will introduce legislation creating a merger review authority to give the Michigan Public Service Commission (MSPC) the tools necessary to review mergers and acquisitions of electric and gas utility companies.

I believe this legislative initiative is important because of skyrocketing gas prices and increasing home heating and electric costs. We need to have a watchdog looking out for us - the consumer - on these important issues. Michigan is one of three states in the union that currently does not have merger review authority.

This authority would be used to protect consumers from increased rates while also looking to protect Michigan jobs at a time when our state's economy is suffering the most. If a merger would have an adverse impact on Michigan's Great Southwest and our state as a whole, the MSPC would review it.

I am proud to be working on a bipartisan basis with the House Energy and Technology Committee leadership - Chairman Mike Noft (R-Battle Creek) and Vice Chairman Andy Dillon (D-Redford Township) - on this important piece of legislation. Together, we can move this bill quickly through the legislative process and work to provide sound legislation for the Governor to sign.

My interest in introducing this bill peaked in May when we held a committee hearing on this important issue. I commend the Chairman of the Michigan Public Service Commission, Peter Lark, for bringing this issue to the committee's attention.

Since then I have been working with all interested parties to develop the best legislation we can to protect Michigan consumers. By creating a merger review authority, we can prevent costs from increasing and hurting the economic growth in our communities. This legislation will continue to improve economic vitality in Michigan's Great Southwest and help maintain jobs for our residents.

As always, please feel free to contact me toll free at 1-888-656-0079 or by e-mail at johnproos@house.mi.gov. You can also keep up with what is happening in Lansing by visiting my Web site at www.gop-house.com/proos.htm. There, you can find bills, news releases, complementary booklets and my updated blog.

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Family meals get an "A+"

Submitted by Zella Felix-Mottley Ext. Home Economist Berrien County

Life is busy. Often, the family meal becomes a casualty of our rushed lifestyle. Family meals are important for at least three reasons. (1) They provide children and teens with predictable structure. (2) Eating together provides the family a chance to talk with each other, thereby strengthening family communication and bonding. (3) Children who share family meals:

- *eat more fruits, vegetables and whole grains
*are less likely to snack on unhealthy foods
*have less substance abuse
*perform better academically
*are healthier
*have fewer eating disorders
Even though most parents think family meals are important, only

Investing in Your Future

By Charles Stein Investment Representative Edward Jones

Retirement on 70 percent or less of their pre-retirement income. Clearly, many working Americans are just not "getting it" when it comes to paying for retirement. To avoid falling into this group, what should you do?

First, know what to expect from your employer's retirement plan. A 401(k) or other type of defined contribution plan won't offer the predictable income of a pension. Yet, a 401(k) does offer good opportunities for building retirement savings; your money grows on a tax-deferred basis, and, if you're fortunate, your employer will match some of your contributions. But it's up to you to choose from the mix of available investments to provide the maximum potential for long-term growth, given your individual risk tolerance and time horizon. So, contribute as much as you can afford to your 401(k), and when you get salary increases, bump up your contributions.

What else can you do to improve your retirement-savings outlook? Look beyond your 401(k) for other tax-advantaged opportunities, such as a 529 plan and a fixed annuity. And try to gradually build a diversified portfolio of high-quality stocks, bonds and other securities.

Finally, don't underestimate how much money you will need to pay for retirement. You could spend two or three decades as an active retiree, and that maintains the lifestyle you want, you may well need 80 percent - or more - of your pre-retirement income, with the exact amount depending on your individual lifestyle.

By educating yourself on what sort of financial resources you need during retirement, and by estimating what you can expect from your employer-sponsored retirement plan and Social Security, you can create a long-term savings and investment strategy that should serve you well - and help you avoid unpleasant surprises - when you retire.

G-P "carnies" panned at Coloma Commission; grant deadline missed

By Lynn Attila At the City of Coloma's bimonthly meeting, Linda Steinhuis, co-owner of Ray's Towing in the City of Coloma, was disgruntled over incidents transpiring during the Glad-Peach Festival with the carnival workers.

She told the City Commission Board that there is a meeting scheduled for August 16 at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall to discuss these issues with the Coloma Glad-Peach Committee and representatives of the City Commission, She was very unhappy.

After the Board meeting, Steinhuis said Coloma merchants have had problems with the carnival personnel for five or six years and this year was no exception. A group of concerned business people registered their complaints with the City at a March meeting. They said that windows had been broken out of businesses, water lines have been tapped during the carnival, and some of them slept outside near their sides.

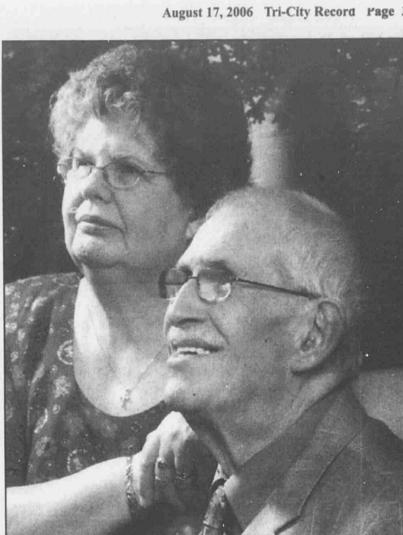
City Mayor Chuck Owen had said in a previous interview that the carnival and vendors were the main source of income for the festival so totally eliminating the carnival probably wouldn't be a solution. Steinhuis is hoping that something permanent will be resolved at this upcoming meeting.

Wellhead Protection grant application lost in the mail

In June, the City Commission had agreed to go forward and develop a Wellhead Protection Program to protect the public water supplies, which utilize groundwater from potential sources of contamination. Even though the cost of the program, \$46,000, is quite pricey, the City is eligible for grants from the DEQ that would cover up to 50% of the total cost.

The application for the City for the 2006-2007 year was supposed to be postmarked by June 15, 2006, in order to put the City of Coloma in the running for the grant money.

A representative of Peerless-Midwest mailed Coloma's 2007 Grant application on June 15, 2006.



Joyce and Vern Gaddie

Gaddies to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Vern and Joyce (Hafar) Gaddie will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on September 2, 2006. They were married at Trinity Lutheran Church in St. Joseph.

Vern graduated from Benton Harbor High School and Joyce was a graduate of St. Joseph High School.

Vern was Plant Manager at Plas-tronic Packaging in Stevensville, while Joyce was a cook at Watervliet North and South schools.

In 1965, the Gaddies moved their family to Watervliet where all of their children graduated from Watervliet High School. The couple moved to Florida in 1986 and then on to Tennessee in 1995.

The Gaddies have four children: Karen Neal of Knoxville, Tennessee; Mark (Kelly) Gaddie of Berrien Springs, Michigan; Heidi (Jerry) Johnson of Blaine, TN; and Melanie (John) Lelle of Clinton, TN.

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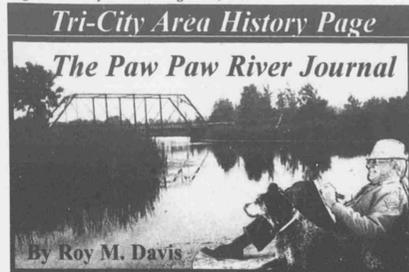
By Karl Bayer, Editor and Publisher

SPECTACULAR SATURDAY SUNSET... Saturday evening found me tucked in a back corner of Paw Paw Lake. Call it "Mud Lake," "Lewis Lake" or "Lake Stella"... it may not even be part of Big Paw Paw, but to get there by boat you have to take the old river channel under the bridge on North Watervliet Road, and then veer off to the left. Once you clear the shallow water channel and the mosquito-laden woods, the "lake" opens before you. While I have fished all parts of Paw Paw Lake, when I want to "get away from it all" - powerboats, jet skis, and other fishermen - Mud Lake always beckons.

Anyway, there I am on the lake; the sun has already gone down behind the trees; their shadows on the water have nearly made it to the opposite shore. A small airplane is flying a lazy pattern overhead. I can hear the "big" boats on Paw Paw, roaring back and forth; the buzz of jet skis is in the air. Along M-140, just to the east, a convoy of motorcycles roars down the road; on North Watervliet Road, kids race by on a golf cart, whooping it up, probably trying to beat the gathering dusk home; and loud shouts in the air announce the winner of some lakefront yard game.

In those few minutes just before the dark seemed a surge of activity, as if all the daylight souls were trying for a little more joy before day gave way to night. Abruptly, there was a silence, a calm, a peace. Startled, I looked around. It was dark in that little corner of the lake; I hadn't fished for some moments. I must have been sharing in the joy of the day that just passed. By the time I stowed my gear and headed back through the now-black channel, the nighttime sounds had taken over... evening celebrations had begun; voices laughed across the water; music danced over the waves; bonfires were lit; some fireworks began arcing into the sky; the lake became dotted with red, green and white lights of the boats sedately cruising along. The moments of the spectacular sunset were already history.

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By Roy M. Davis

Old Girls Rule!

A few days ago your Paw Paw River correspondent received a call from friend Barb Olds. It seems she was hosting a nostalgic meeting of a couple of her clubs from days gone by. And Barb belonged to both of them. So, she reasoned, wouldn't it be fun to get them all together for an afternoon of refreshments and chitchat! And she asked me if I would come over and take a picture of them.

So I changed my shirt, put some slickum on what little hair I have left, and went to check on this gathering of old girls. Much to my surprise, when I got there I found a room full of mature, but vibrant and attractive, women. And they did little to spare my dignity until I got my picture and beat a hasty retreat!

Those girls have been friends for over 50 years! And they are the remaining members of two of Hartford's long-time social organizations. One is the Bunco Club; the other, the Junior Mothers' Club. Some belong to one or the other, some to both. And they were having a ball.

The Bunco Club was formed just for fun and a social time. Of course, they did play Bunco and sampled refreshments at each meeting. The other, the Junior Mothers' Club, had a more civic-oriented slant. They raised money for new HHS stage curtains and held dinners to raise



OLD GIRLS RULE...Pictured are: (back row, from the left) Lois (Duane) Cook, Helen (Ken) Norden, Genevieve (Rich) Conklin, Barb (Larry) Olds, Irene (Jack) Leach, Celia (Bob) Brookfield, Mary (John) Kendzior, Dorothy (George) Kuzmack, Reva (Fred) Knight, Ruth (Jerry) Selters, and Elaine (Earl) Carlson. (Roy Davis photo)

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News from Hartford Library

RENOVATION AND RECONSTRUCTION BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Beginning next week, the front entrance and parking lot of Hartford Public Library will not be accessible to patrons or staff for two to three months. This is due to the renovation and reconstruction work starting on the front porch entrance and side portico.

The green-canopied entrance, which is visible from Main Street, is available. Convenient parking is just across from the entrance in the new City Parking Lot.

We appreciate your patience during this time of construction.

REGULAR HOURS
The library will be OPEN its regular hours, which are: Monday - 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Tuesday - 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Wednesday - 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; 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.

The after-hours drop box will NOT be accessible during this time.

If you have any questions or further information, call the library at (269) 621-3408.

CHILDREN'S ROOM FACELIFT
Also during the last two weeks of August, the children's room is going to get an interior facelift. We will be painting the children's room and reorganizing the children's collection.

NEW BOOKS
New arrivals for your reading pleasure: *Coming Out* by Danielle Steel, *Angels Fall* by Nora Roberts, *Hit Parade* by Lawrence Sanders, *Judge and Jury* by James Patterson, *Caroline's Journal* by Katherine Stone, and others.

We have been fortunate in receiving a donation of about 300 books on tape and are busy cataloging these for your listening pleasure.

Reminder of Pier School Reunion August 26
From 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Saturday, August 26, the Pier School Reunion will be held at the North Berrien Historical Society Museum, across from Coloma High School.

All former pupils and their families and friends are welcome.

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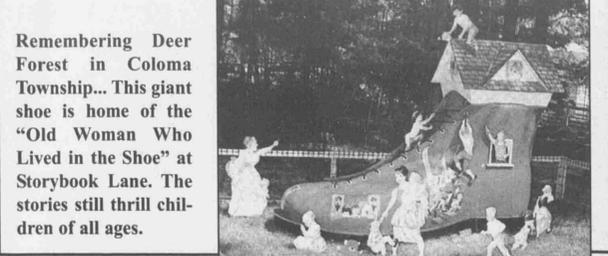
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Do you remember?

Photo submitted from the collection of the North Berrien Historical Society Museum



Remembering Deer Forest in Coloma Township... This giant shoe is home of the "Old Woman Who Lived in the Shoe" at Storybook Lane. The stories still thrill children of all ages.

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.

100 YEARS AGO - 1906
The firm of Peck Brothers, which has carried on a general hardware and implement business in Coloma during the past seven years, will go out of business. John R. Peck, senior member of the firm, has decided to locate in the west.
A 9-1/2 pound son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hastings, living on the Hutton Farm, Tuesday.
Mrs. Ellen Becker's father, Mr. Higbee of Grand Rapids, is visiting at the farm home for a week or more. Mr. Higbee is 86 years old, but enjoys the country trip.

60 YEARS AGO - 1946
Peaches grown on the farm of the president of the National Peach

30 YEARS AGO - 1976
The 25th annual Skibbe reunion

NEWS FROM THE HARTFORD DAY SPRING

90 YEARS AGO - 1916
The regular meeting of the West End club was held at the home of Mrs. Agnes Smith on Tuesday, August 5. Twenty-four ladies were present. After a short program, refreshments were served. A social hour followed during which the hostesses' niece, Miss Hammell, kindly took pictures.
Miss M.E. Dinford, a library organizer sent out by the state board of library commissioners, is spending three weeks in Hartford, being sent here by the state board for the purpose of re-cataloging and re-classifying and arranging the books at the Ladies Library. The work is done at the state's expense.
The peach crop will begin to move in the vicinity of Hartford next week and the growers are estimating that they will yield approximately 60 percent of a normal crop.

60 YEARS AGO - 1946
Three Hartford servicemen returned this week after discharge from military service. They are: T. Sgt. Merle Barlow, who served in Saipan, Iwo Jima, Chi Chi Jima and Guam; Sgt. Richard Conklin, who has two battlestars from the Rhineland and central Europe; and T. Sgt. William Fullriede, who served with the 8th Air Force in England.
A drought of nearly two months' duration was broken here late last week when rain fell on two successive nights. The rain was the first here since June 18.
Mrs. Gertrude Davidson returned to Chicago after visiting in Hartford with Mrs. Emily Kruthaup.
40 YEARS AGO - 1966
Winners in a recent children's fishing rodeo have been announced by the Van Buren Sportsmen's Club sponsors. Winning first prize for the longest fish caught were Scott Donovan and Cheryl Bulat, who each caught a 20-inch pike.
The Hammond family reunion was held Sunday at the Clyde Hammond Sr. home, the occasion being the

NEWS FROM THE WATERVLIET RECORD

90 YEARS AGO - 1916
Village Marshal Frank Green was the first citizen to get water connections with the new municipal system. C.R. Curtis is having a connection to put water into his house. Village Treasurer Houser is now prepared to sign up water contracts.
Francis X. Carmody of New York City visited relatives and friends here over Sunday. Mr. Carmody's children have been in Michigan all summer and they will remain here until the infantile paralysis epidemic in New York abates.
60 YEARS AGO - 1946
Three baton twirlers brought top honors to Southwest Michigan. Joyce Thomas, daughter of Mrs. Frances Thomas, who was one of the three, received first in the senior girls division on Saturday as the result of the district eliminations for the Chicagoland Music Festival held in Michigan City.
Mr. and Mrs. Bertil Brunden and son Marshall plan to leave Watervliet on August 21 for New York where they will embark August 24 on the SS Drottningholm for Sweden.

30 YEARS AGO - 1976
Mr. Garth Beam of Paw Paw

60 YEARS AGO - 1946
A boy, weighing 8 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Gregory F. Schultz, August 8 at 7:19 p.m. at Memorial Hospital.
Submitted by Linda Cabbage from files at Watervliet District Library from Watervliet District Record newspapers donated by the Tri-City Record. Hours: Monday, 1:00-8:00 p.m.; Tuesday, 1:00-5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 1:00 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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JESSICA WEAVER...of Watervliet gained a reserve champion honor for her entomology display. (Annette Christie photos)



NATHAN CONRAD...14, of Coloma received Reserve Champion for his marigolds, Champion for his dish garden/terranium, and champion for his decorated gourd.

Dreams and smiles are found at the Berrien County Youth Fair this week

By Annette Christie
The Berrien County Youth Fair began Monday, August 14, with an attendance on opening day of 21,437, down slightly from last year's opening day figure.
Barns and show arenas were filled with youth preparing their animals to, hopefully, take home the big trophies and ribbons.
Haleigh Kiser of Watervliet did just that with her Pen of Two Market Rabbits, bringing home the Grand Champion ribbon. Kiser and other youth will auction off their small market animals on Thursday with the large animal auction is held Friday in the Show Arena.
The craft and baking barns, always popular with the kids, opened around 3:00 p.m. on Monday as anxious youth traveled through the barns to find their works and see what kind of award they received.
As of Monday, the fair office could not yet provide the total number of exhibitors and exhibits.
Kelsey Griffith of Watervliet found that her basket in the age category 5-13 won the Champion award.
There is so much more to do throughout the week. The third annual food drive continues throughout the week in the Ag Expo/USA Building. Those interested in dropping off canned goods, non-perishables, or paper products can look for the food drive drop-off signs.
Southwest Cleaners Food Bank is organizing the drive and has determined that the top 10 most wanted items are: breakfast cereal; canned meats; pasta meals; canned fruits and vegetables; dry beans; rice; baby food; peanut butter and jelly; soup; and hygiene products.

USA/Ag Expo Building
The USA/Ag Expo Building (USA is an abbreviation for unlimited special attractions) has many free and entertaining events throughout the week. Highlights for the remainder of the week are:

Thursday, August 17
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Safety & Volunteer Day
6:00-8:00 p.m. - Volunteer Opportunities on display
6:00 & 8:00 p.m. - Sunset Coast Gymnastics performing in the mall area
7:00 p.m. - Square Dancing Demonstration

Friday, August 18
11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. - Showcase of local senior citizens arts & crafts work
6:00 p.m. - Talent Show Winners Showcase
6:00 p.m. - Shoreline Sounds performing in the mall area
7:00 & 9:00 p.m. - Steve Roberts performing in the mall area

Saturday, August 19
10:30 a.m. - Best of Berrien Pie Contest
1:00 & 3:00 p.m. - Cheer Unlimited in the mall area
1:00 & 3:00 p.m. - The Palace Theatre
5:30 p.m. - Vi Shafer School of the Dance
6:30 p.m. - Southwest Michigan Scholarship Program Performance
7:30 p.m. - Patrice School of Dance

Grandstand entertainment

Grandstand entertainment for the remainder of the week includes country music superstars Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert in the grandstand on Thursday night. Tickets are still available in the \$22 section and may be purchased at the ticket sales building located behind the grandstand.
Friday night features Bullmania. Tickets are \$7.
Saturday night is the popular Demolition Derby and tickets are \$8 each.

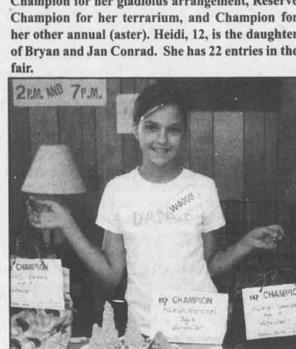
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HEIDI CONRAD...of Coloma received Reserve Champion for her terrarium arrangement, Reserve Champion for her terrarium, and Champion for her other annual (aster). Heidi, 12, is the daughter of Bryan and Jan Conrad. She has 22 entries in the fair.



HALEIGH WENZEL...of Watervliet gained all Champion ribbons for cake decoration hard form, an apron and slacks or shorts, ages 6-12.

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12 applicants for Watervliet City Manager job; reviews to begin

By Lynn Attila
Watervliet Mayor Pro Tem Danny Gray announced at the August 15 regular meeting that the Commission had received 12 resumes for the position of Watervliet City Manager. The next step, Gray said, was for City personnel and attorneys to review the resumes and set up interviews.
Former City Manager Brian Disette resigned his position as of June 30 to take a like job in the City of South Haven. Before leaving, Disette designed an online application to aid the Commission in its search. Disette estimated the search would take about three months to find his replacement.

Better communication
There was a lengthy discussion on the need for better communication between the Public Works Garage and the City Office in order for the City to be reimbursed by the state. Deputy Clerk Cara Goodrich said that it was impossible to be reimbursed by the state without certain information that has to be provided by the Department of Public Works. It was agreed that members of the Public Works Garage, including Jimmie Bolin, and members from the City Commission along with the Deputy clerks would meet and finally settle this issue.

Recreation Council gets \$150,000 for sidewalks
Mayor Pro Tem Gray said that \$150,000 had been budgeted for work at Hays Park. The work scheduled is

for sidewalks and will be done by Mark Smith. The Recreation Council will make up the rest of the monies need to finish the project. The work is, hopefully, going to be done before the snow season begins.

Other matters
Commissioners approved the replacement of DDA Board member Marifrances Styers with Scott Saylor of Saylor's Pizza. Styers has sold her business.
Commission members also approved the 2006-2007 DDA officers: Karl Bayer, Chairman; Tim Freburn, Vice Chairman; Deb Shannon, Secretary; and Tom Gear, Treasurer.
The City paid bills in the amount of \$130,485.80 for the month of June.

Bainbridge Twp. gets turned down on first property bid; Board eyes options to increase office and storage space

By Angela Stair
Bainbridge Township Supervisor Jerry Jolley said it is not a question of if the Township officials need space, he said, "We do need space." The Supervisor said the first bid on the property next door to the Township Hall was turned down.
For the last few months, Bainbridge Township Board has been looking into the possibility of purchasing the property that has become available next door. The Township owns the property surrounding the house and it made sense to look into the possibility of renovating the house for offices and storage space for hard-copy records that must be kept for perpetuity.
Supervisor Jolley said they have contacted someone to give the Board a concrete dollar estimate of what it would take to improve the property for their needs and make it handicapped accessible.
After much discussion by the Board and with the public suggestions and thoughts, Supervisor Jolley said they would be looking at a lot of different options for making the space they need: Building a new office space; adding on to but keeping the integrity of the present building; and a dollar amount for remodeling the one next door.
More information will be made available at the next meeting.

Summer tax complications
Because Bainbridge does not collect summer taxes, the Township runs into a few problems every year.

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Tri-City Area Obituaries

HELEN MAE BAKER
Helen Mae Baker, 82, formerly of Sodus, passed away Thursday, August 10, 2006, at Countryside Nursing Home in South Haven.

A Celebration of Life service was held August 14 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Sodus with Rev. Robert Duellemeier officiating. Burial followed in North Shore Memorial Gardens in Hagar Shores. Memorials may be made to the church.

Helen was born May 2, 1924, in Benton Harbor to Edward and Helen Neubauer. On October 18, 1943, she married Norman Baker. She was a devoted wife and mother and a member of the Sodus Lutheran Church for over 45 years.

She is survived by her children - David Baker of Berrien Springs, Cheryl (Wayne) Karn of Battle Creek, Michael (Judy) Baker of Hartford, and Nancy (Harvey) Sellers of Coloma; one grandson; and her brother, Richard (Elvren) Neubauer of Benton Harbor.

JAMES O. CHESHIRE
James O. Cheshire of Neenah, Wis., formerly of Hartford, passed away August 12, 2006, at Saint Elizabeth Hospital in Wisconsin.

Jim was born March 20, 1935, in New Hope, KY. He served in the U.S. Army 101st Airborne Division. Jim received a B.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Michigan Tech University and completed his graduate studies at University of Wisconsin, Madison. Jim's careers included 34 years with James River Technologies in Neenah, where he held 17 patents in the paper industry.

Survivors include: his wife of 47 years, the former Ann McCormick, whom he married February 21, 1959. Also surviving are: one son, James Cheshire Jr.; one daughter, Kathy (James) Janowski; two grandchildren; and brothers Kenneth (Doris) Cheshire and Leonard Cheshire.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Freda Harbin; and brothers Francis, Jerry and Joe Cheshire.

Funeral services were held on Friday, August 18, at Faith United Methodist Church in Neenah.

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assembly of God Church in West, West Virginia officiated. Burial took place in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford. Memorials may be made to the Alzheimer's Association - Michigan Great Lakes Chapter or to the donor's choice.

Stella is survived by: her daughters - Betty (Curt) Wely of Hartford, Doris (Harold) Bowen of Kalamazoo, and Sharon Strand of Lawrence; a son, Bill (Joy) Maddox of Wyoming; 17 grandchildren; 41 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by: her husband, Buck; two daughters, Lois and Dorothy; a son, Robert; her parents; three brothers; and three sisters.

ABEL CASTILLO ROSALES
Abel Castillo Rosales, 80 of Hartford, passed away on Sunday, August 12, 2006, at his home.

Abel was born on March 14, 1926 in San Benito, TX, the son of Crispin and Juanita (Castillo) Rosales Sr., both of whom preceded him in passing. Abel served his country in the U.S. Army Air Corps Flying Liberators during WWII. He received two Purple Hearts, a Silver Star, and a Bronze Star. He was a member of the American Legion Stoddard Post 93, Veterans of Foreign Wars Celery City Post 248 of Decatur, and the National Disabled American Veterans. He was formerly employed as a director of recruiting for the Coloma Migrant Program and was a director of the Tri Cap Program in Benton Harbor and Hartford.

He married Esperanza Gonzalez on February 23, 1955, and she survives along with five daughters - Mary Lucille (Angelberto) Rosales-Cavazos of Edinburg, TX; Esperanza Rosales of Hartford, Frances (Valentin) Rosales-Portillo of Lawton, Cindy Rosales of Hartford, and Lupita Rosales of Texas; eight sons - Jose (Carol Ann) Rosales Sr. and Israel (Diana) Rosales of Lawrence, Jose Rosales of Hartford, Juan Rosales of Kalamazoo, and Abel Rosales II, Roberto Rosales, Ramiro Rosales and Raul Rosales, all of Texas; nine grandchildren; two great grandchildren; two sisters, Margarita Rosales and Maria de Rosario Segura; and brothers Crispin Castillo Rosales and Jesus Castillo Rosales.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his brothers, Jesus (Pepe) Castillo Rosales and Erasmo Castillo Rosales.

Mass of Christian Burial took place on Wednesday, August 16, at Immaculate Conception Church in Hartford with Father Robert Flickinger officiating. Burial took place in Maple Hill Cemetery, Hartford with full Military Rites conducted by VFW Post 1137, VFW Post 6803 and American Legion Post 362 and Auxiliary. Memorials may be made to the family.

LARRY "PEANUT" GENE SHELTON
Larry Gene Shelton, 61, of Hartford, passed away on Saturday, August 12, 2006, at Metron of Bloomington.

Peanut, as he was known by everyone, was born on September 20, 1944, in Hayti, Missouri, the son of Harrel and Ida (Thomas) Shelton, both of whom preceded him in passing. He served his country in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion Stoddard Post 93 in Hartford. He was an excellent mechanic. Burial will be held at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta at 10 a.m. on Thursday, August 17.

Peanut is survived by: a son, Larry Shelton Jr.; a daughter, Tammy (Johnnie) Moore; a grandson; two

sisters, Jerry (Carmen) and Marjorie and Becky (James) Slaughter of Grand Junction; a brother, Denny (Sue) Shelton of Hartford; a brother-in-law, Paul (Nicki) Darling of Coloma; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Norma is survived by her son: Levi Crampton of Hartford, a daughter - Felicia (Victor) Phillips of Decatur; two grandchildren; four sisters - Julie Wesaw of Hartford, Loretta Wesaw and Rhonda Hansen of Grand Rapids, and Mary Townsend of Cleveland, OH; and two brothers - Dean Sprague of Grand Rapids and Paul Sprague of Bowling Green, FL.

State increases school foundation allowance; Coloma schools benefit

By Wanda Thomas
Coloma Community Schools will be receiving \$7,108 per student this school year from the state of Michigan.

At the regular August 14 Coloma Board of Education meeting, Superintendent of Schools Terry Boguth reported that the state had increased the foundation allowance amount over last year for all schools by \$210.

However, because Coloma is one of the schools at the bottom of the Foundation Allowance list, the district was given an additional \$23 per student, making the increase a total of \$233 per student.

KIDS HOPE USA
KIDS HOPE USA, a free mentoring program sponsored by Coloma United Methodist Church, will be in operation at Coloma Elementary this school year.

The program, which began nationally in 1995, creates a church/state partnership. Schools select students to be mentored. Churches hire a part-time director who recruits and trains the mentors. The mentors commit for a full school year, meeting with individual students one hour per week. Separation of church/state is respected.

According to Superintendent Boguth, Diane Hogue will be the part-time director. One hundred forty Michigan schools currently participate in KIDS HOPE USA.

College level courses
Superintendent Boguth explained a college level course agreement that Coloma has with Lake Michigan College. Many courses are offered at the High School level that Coloma students may also receive college credit by paying a 30% reduced tuition rate to LMC.

Some course examples are Intro to Business, Machine Drawing, Intro to Early Childhood Education, Industrial Safety, and Medical Office Procedures.

Those students who choose to pay the reduced college tuition for an approved class receive credit hours for both high school and college.

Unexpected expenses
Business Manager Terry Barella advised the Board of approximately \$30,000 that was spent this month for unanticipated maintenance project expenses.

After an inspection, a second boiler at the High School needed to be repaired at a cost of \$5,500. One hundred one bleacher boards were replaced at the football field at a cost of \$4,500. Sections of the bleachers were condemned after an inspection. Athletic Director Dick Becht was appreciative of the volunteer labor of several area men with the project.

Another large unexpected expense was a partial roof replacement at the Middle School North building.

Administrative contracts renewed
One-year extensions of administrative contracts for the year 2007-2008 were approved for Terry Barella, Richard Becht, John Brown, William Dygert, David Ehlers, Rita Moore, Peter Olsen, Daryl Ost, Scott Pauley, Fred Paulsen, and Lee Wilson.

Staff changes
A contract was approved for the 2006-2007 school year with Matthew Ford to teach English at the High School and Spanish at the Junior High.

The resignation of Junior High School special education teacher Denise Schmitt was approved, effective immediately. Schmitt is relocating out of state.

A one-year unpaid district leave of absence was granted to Andrea Alexander for the 2006-2007 school year to complete a master's degree.

Action items
An annual step for classified employees that was initiated in 2003-2004 was approved for the current school year. This includes all employees except teachers, administrators, and bus drivers.

Bliff/Wheeler wedding

Beth Bliff and Joseph Wheeler, both of Watervliet, were united in marriage on July 8, 2006, at Grace Lutheran Church, St. Joseph, with Pastor Robert Duellemeier Jr. officiating.

Beth is the daughter of Patrick and Debbie Bliff of Watervliet. Joseph is the son of David and Cathy Wheeler, also of Watervliet. Maid of honor was Denise Bliff of Watervliet, sister of the bride.

Bridesmaids were: Jordan Wheeler of Watervliet; Heidi Wheeler of Aurora, Colorado; Chrystal Scott of Watervliet; and Elizabeth Schulz of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

Junior bridesmaids were Jordan Krieger and Taylor Krieger, both of Watervliet. Flower girls were Mikayela Scott and Madison Scott, also both of Watervliet.

Best man was Josh Wheeler of Aurora, Colorado, brother of the groom. Groomsmen were: Ben Bliff of Coloma; Dan Bliff of Davenport, Iowa; Dustin Beebe of Watervliet; John Roche of St. Croix; Nathan Sink of Watervliet; and Chris Sink of Belleville, MI.

Ushers were Todd Hiler of Kalamazoo and Chris Menkhaus of Indianapolis, Indiana. Ringbearers were Nolan Hiler and Garrett Hiler, both of Addison Township, MI.

WMS Open House
August 28 for all sixth-graders and new students
Watervliet Middle School has invited all sixth-graders and new students to WMS for an Open House on Monday, August 28, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Student Council members will be available to show students around the building and answer any questions they may have about attending WMS. Teachers will not be available that day.

80th annual Danneffel Family Reunion
Despite temperatures in the 90s and a severe thunderstorm warning, 27 brave family members gathered for the 80th annual Danneffel Family Reunion on July 30. As the storm broke, everyone moved inside the home of Mrs. Roxy Cochran at Royal Crest Stables in St. Joseph, where it was dry and air-conditioned.

A delicious chicken potluck dinner was enjoyed as family members watched the rain from the comfort of the indoors.

The oldest member present was Mrs. Eleanor Stanhiser from Berrien Springs. The youngest family member present was Hallee Frame from Grand Blanc. The Patrick Frame family from Grand Blanc traveled the farthest to be at the reunion.

Each member was presented with a commemorative wooden nickel, inscribed with "The 80th Annual Danneffel Family Reunion, July 30, 2006."

Officers for next year are Shirley (Danneffel) Boone, President; Greg Danneffel, Vice President; and Lindsay Smith, Secretary/Treasurer. Tom and Lori (Danneffel) Smith will host the reunion at their home in Hartford on the last Sunday of July 2007.

Danneffels in this area are descended from Adolph Danneffel and Johann Danneffel II, brothers, who came to this country from Baden, Germany, in 1854. They found their way to Keeler Township, Van Buren County, and settled on land that eventually totaled over 600 acres of prime farmland.

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Joseph and Beth Wheeler

Benefit dinner for Vicki Lusk September 23 in Watervliet

A benefit dinner will be held at the Elite Bar & Grill on Saturday, September 23, for Vicki Lusk who has been diagnosed with leukemia. The dinner will begin at 4:00 p.m. Cost will be \$5 a plate. All cash donations will be taken at Chemical Bank: "Benefit for Vicki Lusk." If you have any questions, please call Kim Fuller at 621-2227 (home) or at 621-2447 (work) between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Kids Sunday School Picnic August 26 at Flaherty Park

First United Methodist Church Watervliet is having a Kids Sunday School Picnic to kick off the new year. It will be held Saturday, August 26, at Flaherty Park in Watervliet. Come at noon and sign up for Sunday school, plus enjoy a fun picnic and games. The picnic ends at 2:00 p.m. If you need more information, please call Ms. Linda at 468-4902.

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Jeff's Towing & Recovery 9211 California Road Bridgman, MI 49106 Sale to be held on: Friday 25 day of August, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. (Michigan time). Vehicle to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder.

LIEN SALE THE FOLLOWING UNITS - have been taken under possession by Modern Mini Storage, 60401 C.R. 687, Hartford, MI, (269) 621-0245.

Unit #81, Warren R. Howard Unit #143, Penny L. Green (8-17-06-TCR)

LIEN SALE THE FOLLOWING UNITS - have been taken under possession by Sparkle U-Stor-I for lack of payment. These units will be auctioned on September 8 if the Tenant fails to claim unit.

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ESTATE SALE AUGUST 18 & 19 - 5156 North Watervliet Road. 9 A.M. to 5 P.M. Everything must go, including kitchen sink! Furniture, linens, appliances, house fixtures, kitchen items, plants shrubs. (8-10, 8-17-06-TCR)

GARAGE SALE 4993 Park Dr., Watervliet, August 17, 18 & 19. 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (8-10 & 8-17-06-TCR)

CLEANING \$9 - Small office cleaning in New Buffalo on Monday and Thursday evenings. 1 1/2 hours each night after 6 p.m. All equipment provided, must be min. age of 18 with clean criminal history. Call to arrange a local interview at 1-800-441-463 or apply online at www.urbinc.com (EOE) (8-10 & 8-17-06-TCR)

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NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED VEHICLES By virtue of the authority contained in section 252, P.A. 300 of 1949, as amended: I hereby give notice of the sale of the described automobile at public auction: INXB12E21Z509123 2G1WH54T5N1134746 Sale to be held at:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: the decedent, CHARLOTTE JANE LEATHERS who lived at 21 S. Berrien Street, New Buffalo, MI died 7-12-06. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Yvonne M Herbet, named personal representative, or to both the probate at 811 Port St., St. Joseph, MI 49085, and the named/proposed personal representative within 4 months after the date of the publication of this notice. Lawrence I. Frankle (P35990) 121 W. Merchant Street New Buffalo, MI 49117 269-469-4439 (8-17-06-TCR)

SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES HELD ON AUGUST 1, 2006, AT 5:30 P.M. AT THE BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP MUNICIPAL BUILDING, 1725 TERRITORIAL RD. BLDG B.

BENTON HARBOR, MI MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor Ferguson, Clerk Phillips, Treasurer Boothby & trustees Harvey, Hudson and Price MEMBERS ABSENT: Trustee Jefferson Also Present: Chris Fuchs-TWP. Building Inspector, Elden Piontek - Twp. Controller, Ron Ingram - Pro Transmission & Kimberly Rolling - Recording Secretary

The minutes of the regular meeting held July 18, 2006, were accepted as presented. Denied request from Randy's Metal Recycling for a special use permit to operate an indoor metal recycling business at 2573 Territorial Road. Approved request from Ron Ingram - Pro Transmission for a special use permit to operate an outside storage facility to accommodate trucks, cars, RVs, and boats at 2127 S. M-139 with restrictions.

Approved an amendment to the City of Benton Harbor/Benton Charter Township Water Service Agreement setting forth provisions for payment of previously billed and collected water service charges and payment of future billed and collected water service charges. Approved payment of bill listing totaling \$222,913.25 as follows: General Fund-\$53,426.45; Fire Fund-\$12,806.74; Police Fund-\$37,370.94; Sewer Fund-\$118,712.95; Water Fund-\$596.17. The meeting was adjourned at 6:12 p.m.

Carolyn Phillips, Township Clerk (08-17-06-TCR)

WATERVLIET TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Be it hereby notified that the Watervliet Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, September 5, 2006, at 7:05 p.m. at the Watervliet Township Hall, 4959 M-140 Highway, Watervliet, Michigan. The purpose of the public hearing is to hear comments or concerns regarding the request to rezone approximately 1.48 acres, or the entire area, of parcel: 11-21-0022-0044-00-6 from R1-B Single Family Residential to AG - Agricultural. The parcel is located at 7490 Paw Paw Ave. Interested persons are invited to attend the hearing and be heard. Written comments may be mailed to the Office of Zoning Administrator at the Watervliet Township Hall, P.O. Box 384 Watervliet, MI 49098; faxed to (269) 463-4808 or hand delivered and received no later than 3:00 p.m. the date of the hearing.

Robert Lohr (8-17-06-TCR)

Decedent's Estate STATE OF MICHIGAN PROBATE COURT COUNTY OF BERRIEN FILE NO 2006-0558-DE-M Estate of CHARLOTT JANE LEATHERS, Deceased. Date of birth: 6/6/20 TO ALL CREDITORS.*

a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Fridays. Please contact Yemi Akinwale, City Manager, at (269) 621-2477 for further information.

The City will undertake the project described above with Community Development Grant funds, under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City is certifying to the State of Michigan that the City and Certifying Officer, in his capacity as the City Manager, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE SALE

Default has occurred in a mortgage made by MICHAEL STEWART and JOY STEWART, husband and wife, to EDGEWATER BANK, formerly known as LaSALLE FEDERAL SAVINGS BANK, dated September 21, 2001, and recorded on October 12, 2001, in Liber 2182, Page 983, Berrien County Records. No objections have been instituted to recover any part of the debt, which is now \$293,627.43.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the property, at public auction to the highest bidder, on Thursday, October 5, 2006, at 11:00 a.m. local time, at the West entrance of the Courthouse, in the City of St. Joseph, Berrien County, Michigan, the place of the Circuit Court. The property will be sold to pay the amounts then due on the mortgage, together with interest due, legal costs, attorneys fees, and also any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays before the sale.

The property is located in the Township of Bertrand, Berrien County, State of Michigan, and is described as:

That part of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 3, Township 8 South, Range 17 West, described as follows: Beginning at the North 1/4 corner of said Section 3; thence South 00 degrees 03 minutes 24 seconds East along the North and South 1/4 line of said Section 3, 315.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds West parallel to the North line of said Northwest 1/4, 1126.11 feet; thence North 00 degrees 00 minutes 13 seconds East, 315.00 feet to said North line; thence South 89 degrees 52 minutes 35 seconds East along said North line, 1125.78 feet to the place of beginning.

Property address: 1360 West River Road, Niles, Michigan 49120. The redemption period will be six (6) months from the date of sale. Dated: August 9, 2006 KINNEY, BURDICK, BOWMAN & ENGELN, P.L.C. Mark S. Bowman (P34207) Attorney for Mortgagee 206 Court Street, P.O. Box 24 St. Joseph, Michigan 49085 Telephone: (269) 983-0103 (8-17, 8/24/ 8/31/ 9/7, 9/14-06-TCR)

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF COLOMA BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS: SECTION I REZONING OF PROPERTY IN LAND SECTION 15

The official Zoning Map as incorporated by reference in the Coloma Charter Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended so as to rezone, the following described properties from the "C-1" Commercial District zoning classification to the "R-3" Multi-Family Residential District zoning classification: Part of the Northwest fractional Quarter of Section 15, Township 3 South, Range 17 West, described as follows: Commencing at a point 30.0 feet West of the Northwest corner of the recorded plat of Revised Plat of Summer Home, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Liber 4 of Plats, page 15 and on the North line of Walnut Avenue, produced, thence North to the South line of County Highway No. 22, thence Westerly, along the South line of County Highway No. 22, 102.0 feet, thence South to the North line of Walnut Avenue, produced, thence East 102.0 feet to the place of beginning, being in Coloma Township, Berrien County, Michigan, property code 11-08-0015-0005-00-2.

SECTION II SEVERABILITY Should any section, clause or provision of this Ordinance be declared unconstitutional, illegal or of no force and effect by a court of competent jurisdiction, then and in the event such portion thereof shall not be deemed to affect the validity of any other part or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION III EFFECTIVE DATE This ordinance shall take effect eight (8) days following publication after adoption. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are repealed.

Debra Olsen, Clerk Charter Township of Coloma (8-17-06-TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF COLOMA

The Coloma City Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, August 28, 2006, at 7:45 p.m. at the Coloma Public Library, 151 West Center St., Coloma, Michigan. The purpose of this public hearing is to discuss and consider the adoption of the proposed Cell Phone Tower Ordinance to provide for wireless communication services.

A full copy of the proposed Ordinance is available at the Coloma City Hall during regular business hours. Said public hearings are accessible. Persons requiring auxiliary aids or other accommodations should contact, by one (1) week's prior notice in writing or by telephone, the Coloma City Hall, 119 N. Paw Paw St., P.O. Box 329, Coloma, Michigan 49038, Phone # (269) 468-6606.

Martha L. Darling Coloma City Clerk (8-17-06-TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE COLOMA CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING August 9, 2006

Present: Parrigin, Olsen, Becht, Mulder, Aviles and Helbling. Approved Consent Agenda Approved resurfacing bid from County Road Commission Approved Zoning Ordinance #92

Debra Olsen Coloma Charter Township Clerk (8-17-06-TCR)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage (hereinafter "Mortgage") and Note (hereinafter "Note") made by PATRICIA M. HAYES, a single woman (hereinafter "Mortgagor"), whose address is 1441 Miners Road, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085, to CHEMICAL BANK SHORELINE, a Michigan Banking Corporation (hereinafter "Mortgagee"), whose address is 720 Pleasant Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085, which Mortgage is dated April 26, 2002, and recorded on May 9, 2002, in the Berrien County Register of Deeds, State of Michigan, at Liber 2251, Page 134.

As of August 10, 2006, the amount due under the Mortgage and related loan documents, made by Mortgagor in favor of Mortgagee (collectively "Loan Documents") is the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINETY-NINE and 91/100 (\$25,099.91) including interest on the Note at the current rate of SIX (6.0%) PERCENT per annum. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorneys fees accrue under the Loan Documents and which are permitted under Michigan law after the date set forth below.

Under the power of sale contained in the Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public sale to the highest bidder at the Front Steps of the Berrien County Courthouse, that being the place of the holding of the Circuit Court for Berrien County, State of Michigan, on September 14, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

The parcel subject to the Mortgage which is being sold is located at 1441 Miners Road, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085, in the Township of Royalton, County of Berrien, State of Michigan, and legally described as follows:

Debra A. Griesser Bainbridge Township Clerk (8-17-06-TCR)

BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP REGULAR BOARD MEETING AUGUST 10, 2006 SYNOPSIS

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. Present - Jollay, Griesser, Baiers, Yetzke, Epple. Agenda stood approved as written. Approved July 10, 2006, minutes as written. Approved payment of bills/payroll totaling \$29,159.85. Approved paying additional bills from Petty Cash and Kenach Press. Received reports from Supervisor, Treasurer, and Building Department. Board has completed first 2 courses in NIMS training. Will complete last 2 courses on September 11, 2006. The clerk has completed all 4 courses.

Supervisor is continuing to work on dispatch problem with Sister Lakes Ambulance. The Board is continuing to look into options for administrative offices. Approved change in phone service. Will review after one quarter. Received letters of resignation from the Assessor and Secretary/Receptionist. Will advertise both positions. Purchase of aerials tabled. Request for data entry assistance for assessor tabled.

Approved the rezoning of property #11-01-0007-0013-02-9 located at 952 Boyer Rd., Coloma. Steve Van Wieren from I-2000 Inc. presented an option for Internet service. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m. Respectfully submitted, Debra A. Griesser Bainbridge Township Clerk

Township Board Meetings - Sept. 11, 2006 Planning Commission - Sept. 18, 2006 All meetings begin at 7 p.m. (8-17-06-TCR)

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage (hereinafter "Mortgage") and Note (hereinafter "Note") made by PATRICIA M. HAYES, a single woman (hereinafter "Mortgagor"), whose address is 1441 Miners Road, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085, to CHEMICAL BANK SHORELINE, a Michigan Banking Corporation (hereinafter "Mortgagee"), whose address is 720 Pleasant Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085, which Mortgage is dated April 26, 2002, and recorded on May 9, 2002, in the Berrien County Register of Deeds, State of Michigan, at Liber 2251, Page 134.

As of August 10, 2006, the amount due under the Mortgage and related loan documents, made by Mortgagor in favor of Mortgagee (collectively "Loan Documents") is the sum of TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND NINETY-NINE and 91/100 (\$25,099.91) including interest on the Note at the current rate of SIX (6.0%) PERCENT per annum. This sum will increase as additional interest, costs, expenses, and attorneys fees accrue under the Loan Documents and which are permitted under Michigan law after the date set forth below.

Under the power of sale contained in the Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that the Mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public sale to the highest bidder at the Front Steps of the Berrien County Courthouse, that being the place of the holding of the Circuit Court for Berrien County, State of Michigan, on September 14, 2006 at 11:00 a.m.

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Tri-City Area Outdoor News Paw Paw Lake Almanac



By Delavan Sipes This past week, the chill of the post-dawn air transported his thoughts back through seven decades to a like morn. With cane poles in one hand and bait can in the other, the boy and his dad trod through the dew-laden grasses. Their rowboat lay motionless among the lily pads, its beached bow beckoning to the two fishermen.

In mere moments, dad pulled on the oars, ripples radiated from the bow, little whirlpools slipped from the oar tips, and they were headed for their favorite fishin' spot. The boy shuddered in the morning chill. A glow in the eastern sky gave promise of a warming sun.

They reached the sweet spot where they dropped anchor, baited their hooks, watched the line sink until their bobbers sprang upright. Then began the man/boy talk. Think we'll catch lots? Won't mom be surprised? What's the biggest you ever caught? Hey, you've got a bite! Watch your bobber.

Decades have passed. There aren't as many fish as there once were. Most of them are smaller but the thrill is still there, drawn from anticipation and memories.

There was only a trace of rain this past week. Lake level is 2 1/4 inches above the established level, measuring 621.99 feet above sea level. Environmental Impacts What would you find, what are the threats, and what are the conservation needs regarding the Wetland-Swamp Complex and the Forest-Barrens Mosaic in the Paw Paw River Watershed? The wetland-swamp complex is made up of forested and non-forested wetlands which are the sources of several tributaries that control the flow of water into the river. There is special concern for this habitat of a variety of Michigan wetland species, including Blanding's box turtle, numerous breeding birds and the massasauga rattlesnake.

OUTDOORS with GORDIE GORDON CHARLES Monarch butterflies are fascinating It was one of those warm, sunny days just made for sitting under a tree. So that's what I did, not dreaming of the slightly goofy thing about to happen.

Since I didn't need them there in the shade, I took off my sunglasses and sat idly swinging them back and forth in my hand. That's when the big orange-and-black monarch butterfly suddenly appeared and headed straight for the glasses.

The way he acted, he must have thought they were another butterfly and probably of the opposite sex. Around and around he flew, landing occasionally on my hand where he could get a better view of the other "butterfly."

Finally, I reached over and plucked him off my hand and gently tossed him into the air. He flew over to a tree about 50 feet away and sat there with about as puzzled an expression as a butterfly can get. Then, still not convinced, back he came to again investigate those fascinating sunglasses. In all, that butterfly must have hung around there for something like 10 minutes and just couldn't be chased away. When not perched on my hand, he showed an intense interest in a red pattern on my socks and kept landing repeatedly on my foot. As far as I can recall, it was the first and only time my feet have ever been mistaken for flowers or anything that might smell remotely like blossoms. Either that crazy monarch

Tri-City Area FISHING REPORT By Theresa Broadhurst Fishing Report as of August 15, 2006:

E-mail photos of your catch to Theresa at: theresa@broadhurst.com Inland Lake Fishing has been picking up. The temperatures have been cooling down, so the fish are not as deep. I hear that Shaffer is producing some nice-sized Bluegill in 70' of water suspended at 15' deep. Paw Paw Lake has been producing some Northern Pike as well as Bluegill and a few smaller Bass. You may want to try Magician as well. I hear nice catches are being taken from there as well.

As for the Big Lake - Kings are in 50'-100' of water, using Blue Bubble Spoons and Flies, Green Spin Doctors and Tin Can Rotators. Steelhead are at the Pier heads. Try a Thin Fish in the surface. Pier Fishing is producing nice-sized Perch from the North Pier. No Report from River Fishing.

Sportsman Of The Week: Westley Buchanan (and Scott Davis) of Benton Harbor with Westley's catch of a 3# 15oz., 21 1/2" Largemouth Bass from Rush Lake on 07/28/06. Way to go, Westley!

2006 BIG FISH CONTEST

There is no charge to enter; however, we must have a photo of your catch for the Tri-City Record Fishing Report and the Brag Board to qualify for entry! Largemouth Bass: 5# 10oz., 22". Bluegill: 13oz., 10". Brown Trout: 9# 7oz., 26 1/2". Crappie: 1# 7oz., 14 1/2". Flat Head: 35#. 4 1/2". King Salmon: 22#. Pike: 10# 15oz., 36 1/2". Perch: 1# 2oz., 14". Steelhead: 16# 7oz., 36". Walleye: 11# 9oz., 30 1/2". Whitefish: 4#, 23".

Another Sportsman of the Week: Edward Pekarek of Coloma with his 5# 1oz., 21 1/2" Largemouth taken from Little Paw Paw Lake on 07/12/06. Way to go, Edward!

Until Next Week... Tight Lines - Sinking Bobbers... Theresa B. E-mail the photos of your catches to Theresa at: theresa@broadhurst.com. Please include information regarding your catch. All photos and information are subject to printing in the weekly Tri-City Record Fishing Report.

FISHIN' HOLE 2 5605 Paw Paw Lake Road, Coloma 468-7522 FISHING & HUNTING LICENSES 6:00 A.M. - 7:00 P.M.

Share your hunting and fishing trophies with the readers of the Tri-City Record; please e-mail to news@tricityrecord.com

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MARK VANDERBOEGH...is a well-known park designer who designed the Tri-City Skate Park. He is an International X-Games judge and stands by the soon-to-be-completed skate park in Watervliet. In the background, you can see the Ramp Armor that is being applied to the pre-assembled ramps (built last winter) for protection. If all goes well, the skate park could be open by next week. (Angela Stair photo)

Paw Paw Lake Environmental tours Sept. 16 & Oct. 7

This year's Paw Paw Lake 2006 Environmental tours are being offered by the Paw Paw Lake Foundation with Sarett Nature Center on September 16, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon; and on October 7, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Experience Paw Paw Lake as never before in Sarett's giant Voyageur canoes. Paddle silently through wetlands and clear waters as the French explorers once did in early Michigan. Learn about the origins of Paw Paw Lake; discover the value of the wetlands and how we can preserve them; learn about the Paw Paw Lake Watershed; familiarize yourself with the lake's wildlife; become aware of the migratory animals that use Paw Paw Lake; take water quality tests; double your enjoyment of beautiful Paw Paw Lake.

Minimum donation is \$5. All proceeds will go to Sarett Nature Center and Paw Paw Lake Foundation. To reserve one of the 48 spots available, call (269) 468-7634 by Sep-

Hot air balloon rides August 25-27 at Salem Lutheran Church

Lift High the Cross hot air balloon rides will be in the field behind Salem Lutheran Church, Coloma. The tethered rides will begin Friday, August 25, at 5:30 p.m. and will be offered until 8:30 p.m. They will also be held on Saturday, August 26, 5:30-8:30 p.m.; and Sunday, August 27, 7:00-9:00 a.m.

Food and souvenirs will be sold. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy watching while it's inflated at the corner of Park and Marvin streets. For more information, contact the church at (269) 468-6567.

NASCAR makes its way to Michigan International Speedway this Sunday for the GFS Marketplace 400. The race will air on TNT and is scheduled to start at 2:00 p.m. Last year's winner was Greg Biffle.

NASCAR NEXTEL CUP SERIES Tri-County Computer your local NEXTEL authorized dealer Main St. Watervliet 463-4963

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That part of the Southeast Quarter of Section 8, Town 5 South, Range 18 West, described as: beginning at a point on the South line of said Section 8 that is 878.99 feet East of the South Quarter Corner of said Section 8, thence North 00°17'00" East parallel with the West line of the East 39 rods of the Southwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of said Section 8 a distance of 90.00 feet, thence North 41°22'29" West 46.64 feet, thence East parallel with said South line 147.00 feet, thence South 00°17'00" West parallel with said West line 125.00 feet to said South line, thence West on said South line 116.00 feet to the place of beginning.

TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBERS:
11-17-0008-0012-09-9

The redemption period shall be SIX (6) MONTHS from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA Section 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be THIRTY (30) DAYS from the date of such sale.

Dated: August 10, 2006
MORTGAGEE:
CHEMICAL BANK
SHORELINE
720 Pleasant Street
St. Joseph, Michigan 49085

Drafted by:

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(8-10, 8-17, 8-24, 8-31, 9-7-06-TCR)

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

WARDROP & WARDROP, P.C. IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT US AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a Mortgage made by PATRICK M. O'BRIEN and BARBARA A. O'BRIEN, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to THE CIT GROUP/CONSUMER FINANCE, INC., Mortgagee, dated October 2, 2001, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Berrien, State of Michigan, on November 6, 2001, in Liber 2190 beginning on Page 1432, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Seventeen Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty Seven and 82/100 (\$117,857.82) Dollars. No suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof secured by this Mortgage.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on Thursday, September 21, 2006, at 11:00 o'clock a.m., inside the front door entrance of the Berrien County Courthouse, 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, Michigan, that being the place for holding the Circuit Court for Berrien County, there will be offered for sale and sold to the highest bidder or bidders at public auction or vendue, for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid on said Mortgage, together with interest at the rate of 11.460% all allowable costs of sale, taxes, and includable attorneys' fees, the lands and premises situated in the Township of Coloma, Berrien County, State of Michigan, described as:

THAT PART OF THE SOUTH 1/2 OF SECTION 18 AND THE NORTH 1/2 OF SECTION 19, TOWNSHIP 3 SOUTH, RANGE 17 WEST, DESCRIBED AS: BEGINNING AT THE EAST 1/4 POST OF SAID SECTION 18; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST ALONG THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE 1505.72 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 5 SEC-

ONDS WEST 730.75 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 59 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 162.53 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 371.13 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 43 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 272.98 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 6 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 229.10 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 1 DEGREE 56 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 315.04 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE SOUTH 88 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 200.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 3 DEGREES 11 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 1427.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 75 DEGREES 56 MINUTES 20 SECONDS WEST 176.01 FEET; THENCE NORTH 64 DEGREES 10 MINUTES 40 SECONDS WEST 327.06 FEET; THENCE NORTH 39 DEGREES 46 MINUTES 20 SECONDS EAST 343.88 FEET; THENCE NORTH 8 DEGREES 44 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 224.65 FEET; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 46 MINUTES WEST 344.63 FEET; THENCE NORTH 23 DEGREES 24 MINUTES EAST 577.89 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. ALSO ALL THAT LAND LYING SOUTHERLY AND WESTERLY OF THE ABOVE DESCRIPTION TO THE WATER'S EDGE OF THE PAW PAW RIVER BY EXTENDING THE EASTERLY AND WESTERLY PROPERTY LINES ALONG THEIR RESPECTIVE BEARINGS TO SAID WATER'S EDGE.

TOGETHER WITH A RIGHT-OF-WAY FOR INGRESS AND EGRESS TO BE USED IN COMMON WITH OTHERS, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT A POINT ON THE EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE OF SAID SECTION 18, THAT IS 1213.92 FEET NORTH 89 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST OF THE EAST 1/4 POST, SAID PLACE OF BEGINNING BEING THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF LOT 13, RECORDED PLAT OF SECLUDED ACRES, RECORDED SEPTEMBER 13, 1978, IN VOLUME 23 OF PLATS, PAGE 19; THENCE SOUTH 00 DEGREES 48 MINUTES WEST 66.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89 DEGREES 12 MINUTES WEST, PARALLEL WITH SAID 1/4 LINE, 279.82 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 05 SECONDS SOUTH 345.12 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 33 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 25 SECONDS EAST 634.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF CURVATURE OF A TURN-AROUND, THENCE AROUND A 75.0 FOOT RADIUS CURVE TO THE RIGHT, A CHORD DISTANCE OF SOUTH 56 DEGREES 54 MINUTES 35 SECONDS WEST 66.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE NORTH 33 DEGREES 05 MINUTES 25 SECONDS WEST 638.18 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 60 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 05 SECONDS WEST 301.05 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 59 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 154.80 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 47 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 50 SECONDS WEST 361.79 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 43 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 10 SECONDS WEST 248.48 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 6 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 204.50 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 01 DEGREE 56 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 312.70 FEET; THENCE NORTH 88 DEGREES 03 MINUTES 30 SECONDS WEST 66.00 FEET; THENCE NORTH 01 DEGREE 56 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 315.04 FEET; THENCE NORTH 06 DEGREES 00 MINUTES 30 SECONDS EAST 229.10 FEET; THENCE NORTH 43 DEGREES 17 MINUTES 10 SECONDS EAST 272.98 FEET; THENCE NORTH 47 DEGREES 14 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 371.13 FEET; THENCE NORTH 59 DEGREES 27 MINUTES 50 SECONDS EAST 162.53 FEET; THENCE NORTH 60 DEGREES 37 MINUTES 05 SECONDS EAST 730.75 FEET TO SAID EAST AND WEST 1/4 LINE; THENCE SOUTH 89 DEGREES 12 MINUTES EAST ALONG SAID 1/4 LINE, 291.80 FEET TO THE PLACE OF BEGINNING. COMMONLY KNOWN AS 4900 MORNING AIRE LANE, COLOMA, MICHIGAN 49038-8803. TAX PARCEL NO. 11-08-0018-0009-10-0.

The redemption period shall be twelve (12) months from the date of

such sale unless redeemed according to the law, in such case made and provided.
TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foregoing mortgagee can rescind the Sheriff's Sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower(s). In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus any applicable interest.

Dated: August 8, 2006
The CIT Group/Consumer Finance, Inc., Mortgagee
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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WATERVLIET FIRE HYDRANT FLUSHING NOTICE

The City of Watervliet Public Works Department will be flushing fire hydrants on Thursday and Friday, August 17 and August 18.

On Thursday, we will flush the south side of the railroad tracks. On Friday, we will flush the north side of the railroad tracks.

City of Watervliet
Director of Public Works
Jimmy Bolin
(8-17-06-TCR)

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk M. Louise Stine. (Compiled by Annette Christie)

Jerry Nor Jones and Chana Drishelle, both of Benton Harbor.

John Michael Gibbs and Anne Marie Snider, both of St. Joseph.

Kyle Jacob Boehm and Dana Marie McCaleb, both of Stevensville.

Jason Matthew Rucker and Sarah Whitney Mitchell, both of Niles.

Justin Prince Brooks, Niles; and Tara Marie Hamer, Dowagiac.

Brian James Schilling and Monique Adelle Terry, both of Galien.

Colton Trevor Krumrie, Berrien Springs; and Claire Paulette Helene Dagand, St. Joseph.

Guy Andrew Simon and Teresa Ann Ludwig, both of Buchanan.

Edgar Julio Asebey and Molly Ann Birkholm, both of Hallandale Beach, Florida.

Adrian Scales, Charlotte, North Carolina; and Alauna Denise Spencer, Benton Harbor.

Anthony Charles Pate and Julie Marie Johnson, both of Fort Worth, Texas.

James Lee III, Nottingham, Maryland; and Adneia Aparecida Alves, Silver Springs, Maryland.

Mark Karl Otto, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin; and Suzanne Alexis Scheffler, West Allis, Wisconsin.

Warren Callahan III and Shanta Maria Rheams, both of Benton Harbor.

Brent Scott Reschke and Jenefer Dian Aguilar, both of Benton Harbor.

Raymond Jonathan Riden and Tyanna Lynn Weller, both of St. Joseph.

Ryan Timothy Wheat, Sparta; and Tabitha Renee Weldy, Buchanan.

Adam Paul-Valentino Gorka and Jennifer Lynn Brink, both of Berrien Springs.

Joseph Lamont Gill and Renal Yvette Ealey, both of Buchanan.

Todd Allison Brocius and Michelle Renee Nichols, both of Buchanan.

Justin Eugene Helt and Kristen Renae Plott, both of Buchanan.

Adam Scott Kuipers and Jennifer Mae Payne, both of Benton Harbor.

Jeffery Michael Bartos, II and Susan Eve Goodenough, both of Three Oaks.

Ira Lee Green III and Tara Briana King, both of Benton Harbor.

Joshua Daniel Dewulf and Jennifer Lane Worvey, both of Buchanan.

Corri Kentae Weaver and Sanequa Nichole Goodloe, both of Benton Harbor.

Graydon David Pope and Dorothy Elizabeth Boyden, both of Eau Claire.

Miguel Angel Vargas and Lindsey Lauren Schuttler, both of St. Joseph, Missouri.

Sean Connery Wright and Pamela Elizabeth Norwood, both of Benton Harbor.

Michael Steven Ferrell II and

Rebecca Ann Day, both of Niles.
Joshua Aaron Lamar Blair and Melissa Sue Hall, both of Watervliet.

David Keith Menefee and Karla Oshay Scott, both of Niles.

Happy Junior Hipshier II and Maria Varsch Browder, both of Niles.

Gregory Edmund White, Brighton; and Lori Artn Lamport, New Buffalo.

Tyler Joseph Hamilton and Megain Lynn Hilburn, both of Buchanan.

Daniel Enrique Corrales, Grand Rapids; and Erin Ann O'Connor, Stevensville.

Dale Allen Newman, Flint; and Katie Lee Bockover, Benton Harbor.

Harry Ephron Mitchell Jr. and Danielle Nicole Turgeon, both of Benton Harbor.

Matthew Alexander Sims and Karrie Ann Cook, both of St. Joseph.

Chadwick Dale Teter and Jennifer Lee Whittaker, both of Watervliet.

Joshua Clinton Trowbridge and Melanie June Boller, both of Buchanan.

Thomas James LaVanway Jr. and Tamicka Nicole Bell, both of Sodus.

Larry W. Biggs and Carole Anne Ringle, both of Mishawaka, Indiana.

Jason Mathew Pritchett, Darien, Illinois; and Polly Elizabeth Stephenson, St. Joseph.

Robert Allen Stauffer and Karri Ann Coffeen, both of St. Joseph.

Jason Richard Riggins and Lindsay Jeann McGrew, both of Niles.

Fire Dept. Reports

By Angela Stair
Hartford Fire Department
Fire Chief Ed Riley

Chief Riley said he knows it is hard to believe, but they have not had one call in the last seven days.

Coloma/Hagar Fire Department
Fire Chief Randy Morris

On August 10 at 7:18 p.m., the Coloma/Hagar Fire Department was dispatched to a rollover on I-196 at Exit 7. A car rolled over, and four people went to the hospital.

On August 10 at 10:47 p.m., the Coloma/Hagar Fire Department was dispatched to I-94 on the westbound lane, at mile marker 36, for a truck on fire. The truck's brakes had overheated and caught the tires on fire.

POLICE REPORTS

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Beltran reported that several warrants had been served over a period of two days in Hartford.

Officer Phil Lucas of the department arrested Shawn M. Rice of Hartford on August 9 on a two-count Felony/Misdemeanor warrant from the Hartford Police Department.

Lt. Tressa Beltran arrested April McCaig, 19, of Pullman on August 9 on a Misdemeanor warrant from the South Haven Police Department.

Lt. Beltran arrested Robert Guy III, 20, of Breedsville on August 9 for Felony/Misdemeanor warrants from Michigan State Police and Bangor Police Department.

Lt. Beltran arrested Vernon Austin of Hartford on August 9 for two Misdemeanor warrants from the Hartford Police Department.

Officer Bill Strong arrested Jeffrey Coe, 45, of Pensacola, Florida, on August 10 on a Misdemeanor warrant from the Kalamazoo County Sheriff's Office.

Another domestic violence call in Watervliet

On August 9 at 11:38 p.m., Sgt. Bill Saubier of the Watervliet Police Department was dispatched to a disturbance within the City. Upon investigation, one of the individuals involved was placed under arrest for Domestic Violence.

Warrant arrest in Coloma

Officer Trent DeGroff of the Coloma Township Police Department observed a male subject walking on the railroad tracks near Coloma Road on August 12 at 5:35 p.m.

Officer DeGroff contacted the subject and he determined that the 49-year-old Riverside man was wanted on a warrant out of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department. After being warned against walking on the tracks, the subject was transported to

Berrien County jail.

Larceny from a vehicle in Hartford

Hartford Police Chief Ramon Beltran reported that Officer Phil Lucas was dispatched to the larceny of a Pioneer car stereo AM/FM CD player. It was taken from a vehicle owned by John Wesaw of Hartford on August 11.

Chief Beltran is asking anyone with information on this crime to call the Hartford Police Department at (269) 621-3225.

Watervliet traffic stop finds a DWLS

On August 12 at 4:00 a.m., Officer Maher Nasif of the Watervliet Police Department stopped a vehicle for a traffic violation.

Following a computer check, Officer Nasif found that the 45-year-old driver from Illinois was driving on a suspended license. The driver was issued a Driving While License Suspended citation for the offense.

Two-car crash in Hartford Township

Sheriff Dale Gribler reported that Deputy Fidel Mireles II was dispatched to an accident on Red Arrow Highway near County Road 681 on August 14 at 8:34 p.m.

Upon arrival, Deputy Mireles determined that the driver of the Ford Ranger, 38-year-old Filiberto Gonzalez Hernandez of Paw Paw, had been traveling eastbound on Red Arrow Highway when he attempted a left-hand turn on C.R. 681 and failed to yield to oncoming westbound traffic.

Hernandez and his passengers, 22-

year-old Martinez Odenez of Paw Paw and 25-year-old Luis Alijandro Morales Dominquez of Paw Paw, were not injured.

Deputy Mireles reported that Joseph Wayne Wright, 35, of Lawton was westbound on Red Arrow Highway when his vehicle was struck by Hernandez. Wright was transported to LakeView Hospital for a head laceration and his passenger, Shelly Renee Wright, 34, of Lawton, was transported to LakeView Hospital for neck and shoulder injuries.

Alcohol was not a factor in the crash, and the investigation is closed at this time.

WATERVLIET BOARD OF ED.

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Promoting Student Wellness

The Board moved to adopt the Student Wellness Policy as presented for its second reading. The policy was mandated by the Michigan Legislature requirements that school boards establish policies to promote student health.

The Watervliet Board moved to accept the model recommended by the Michigan Association of School Boards. The proposal focuses on providing healthier food choices for students and an increased emphasis on physical education activities.

Cafeteria choices will focus on increased whole grain offerings and decreased fats. Schools will no longer offer soft drinks.



VAN BUREN COUNTY AREA YOUNGSTERS DID WELL...at the recent state 4-H Dog Show. Pictured are: (from the left) Nic Massey and Jake from Gobles; Stephanie Consford and Rizzo from Gobles; the 4-H Dog Show judge; Katy Massey and Shelly from Gobles; and Veronica Kincaid and Abbie from Gobles. (Bart Black photo)

State 4-H Dog Show results for Van Buren County members

Several young 4-H members representing Van Buren County took home prizes at the annual state of Michigan 4-H Dog Show held in Lansing on August 12.

Congratulations to the following Young Explorers 4-H Dog members for all of their hard work and dedication.

Samantha Black and her dog, Shadow, from the community of Hartford took home third place in Novice Showmanship, Age 9; as well as fourth place in Beginner Agility, Ages 9-10.

Veronica Kincaid and her dog, Abbie, of Gobles took first-place honors in Novice A Obedience; and Reserve High Points Novice Obedience - Entire Show (197.5).

Nic Massey and Jake from the community of Gobles took second place in Novice A Obedience, Ages 13-14. Stephanie Consford and Rizzo from Gobles won first place in Novice A Obedience, Ages 15-19.

Katy Massey and her dog, Shelly, from Gobles brought home first place - Open B Obedience (this was the most difficult obedience class at state this year; there were no utility entries).

In the Team Obedience category, those taking first place were: Stephanie Consford and Rizzo; Veronica Kincaid and Abbie; Nic Massey and Jake; and Katy Massey and Shelly.

Again, the team did an exemplary job this year.



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