The Watervliet VFW will host a **Veterans Day** Service at 11 a.m. Wednesday, November 11, in Veterans Park in downtown Watervliet



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Hospital moves to limit outpatient risk during current H1N1 flu outbreak; restricts visitors

By Lynn Attila

Community Hospital Watervliet CEO only. Ray Cruse and Director of Infection Control Theda Koshar have announced interim measures have been among outpatients during the current and third floors. HINI flu outbreak.

Cruse commented, "This has been done to protect our staff, our patients, and our visitors. It's making us as safe of an environment as we can be and I have been told, 'Thank you for trying to do that.""

Age restriction placed on visitors

In order to prevent the transmission of influenza virus to staff and patients, Community Hospital will be temporarily restricting visitation by persons under the age of 18 to special cir-

Election results

Some new faces will be seen on Hartford and Watervliet

City commissions

By Lynn Attila Turnout was considered "light" at the Tuesday, November 3, general election, according to officials running the Tri-City Area polls; but those taking the time to cast votes made their feelings clear on which way they wanted their City's future to go. In some instances, the voters chose to keep the status quo; but in other situations they decided to take an entirely different approach and voted accordingly.

Watervliet

City of Watervliet voters gave the green light for the next three years to go ahead with both the 2-mill Fire Millage Renewal and the 3-mill Police Millage Renewal. The Fire Millage Renewal request passed by a margin of 97 "Yes" votes to 20 "No" votes, while the Police Millage Renewal request passed with 95 "Yes" votes to 22 "No" votes.

In the six-way Commission race, sixyear incumbent Commissioner Duane A. Cobb was defeated, receiving 46 votes.

The top three candidates receiving the most votes for the four-year terms were: Melanie Marvin, 77; Pamela Loyd, 64; and Richard Wicks, 54.

David Flaherty received 30 votes even though he had announced that his name was no longer in contention for a seat on the Commission, due to health issues.

The sixth candidate was Robert Becker who garnered 51 votes.

Kevin S. Beckman ran unopposed to fill a two-year partial term. He received 85 votes.

Election officials at the Watervliet polls report 117 voters turned out to cast ballots on Tuesday.

Hartford

The City of Hartford's "election central" reported the highest voter turnout in the tri-cities for Tuesday's election with 200 registered voters casting bal-

In the mayoral race, challenger Cody Scott garnered 66 votes to 18-year our efforts were thwarted. veteran incumbent Mayor Ted Johnson's 129.

Incumbent Commissioner Natalie Rios lost her bid for a second two-year term, garnering 90 votes. The top

The predominate number of "swine flu" cases are occurring in the younger age group; therefore, no one under the adopted by the hospital to reduce the age of 18 will be allowed in the hospipotential for influenza transmission tal to visit with patients on the second

When visiting the **Emergency Department**

Patients presenting at the Emergency Department WITH "flu-like" symptoms shall proceed as follows:

Patients will be triaged and registered

and instructed in its use:

Will be directed to the current waiting

cumstances and emergency situations Will be provided with a surgical mask area until called (current sick waiting near lab and x-ray department). CONTINUED ON PAGE 6



in the Emergency Department Triage HUNDREDS OF FOLKS ... stood in line for an hour or two, waiting for a swine flu shot, in Watervliet last week. (Karl Bayer photo)

Twice as many kids than adults hit clinic, officials report

Nearly 900 turn out for H1N1 flu vaccine

By Lynn Attila

Today, every time someone sneezes or coughs, the thought of "swine flu" enters our minds. It was with this "mindset" that nearly 1,000 men, women, and mostly children lined up at St, Joseph Catholic School in Watervliet last Thursday, October 29, to take part in an officially-sanctioned Berrien County Health Department H1N1 immunization clinic conveniently held in the Tri-City

According to Michael A. Mortimore, Ed. M., M.P.H., Health Officer/ Director for Berrien County Health Department, literally all cases of flu hitting the area now are H1N1 or "swine flu," even though the Health

Department, doctors' offices and hospitals are not testing all cases.

He said the Health Department anticipates this strain of flu to run its course within a few months and toward January through March the "more traditional seasonal flu may take hold." Regular flu vaccines will cover this strain of flu virus and are readily available at your primary physician's office or clinic.

The federal government, at no cost to the recipients, is funding the H1N1 vaccines, Mortimore said. He "estimates" a normal flu shot cost around \$30 at a clinic. All residents of the area are encouraged to get the vaccine unless they are allergic to components in its makeup.

Currently, however, there are not enough vaccines to go around; so doses are being administered only to children under the ages of 18, pregnant women, and people with underlying health problems such as diabetes, heart disease, asthma, kidney disease or immune deficiency.

The official final tally for the clinic was 866, with a 2-to-1 child-to-adult before it was stopped by deputies. ratio, according to Pegi Hamel of the Berrien County Health Department. BCHD epidemiologist Nicki Britten said that adults only need one vaccine to be covered from the virus; however, children need to receive two vaccines 30 days apart in order

to be inoculated from H1N1.

Upton calls for commonsense reform for health care; new plan could cost taxpayers \$2.24 million a word

By Congressman Fred Upton

There is no question that we need reform to reduce skyrocketing medical costs and improve access to quality care for all Michigan families, but it is imperative that the cure is not worse than the disease.

While most agree there is room for improvement and cost savings, we cannot destroy our current health care system, which works well for so many, and replace it with a government-run plan that adds hundreds of billions of dollars to the deficit, costs jobs and erodes the quality of care.

The House Energy and Commerce Committee narrowly passed the original Waxman-Pelosi bill, H.R. 3200, by a vote of 31 to 28 on July 31. I voted against the bill as I strongly oppose a government takeover of health care. When using a formula developed by the Chairman of the President's Council of Economic Advisors, the employer mandates imposed by this legislation could result in as many as five million lost jobs. Many employers in Southwest Michigan have warned that the added costs of compliance would

force substantial job cuts. Additionally, under the House plan, nearly two-thirds of folks could lose their current coverage, including over 100 million who receive employerprovided health benefits. Over 10 million seniors would also lose their Medicare Advantage coverage and more than eight million Health Savings accounts would be subject to a tax penalty.

The bill was again brought before our committee in late September, offering a unique opportunity to have a thoughtful discussion on the concerns that our constituents had raised during August over this radical overhaul - yet

Committee Republicans answered the President's call on a whole host of issues to reach a bipartisan consensus, yet Chairman Waxman prevented a simple up-or-down vote. It is disappointing that the many concerns raised by folks across the country have fallen

on deaf ears.

And, last Thursday, Speaker Pelosi buy coverage; and Chairman Waxman seemed to **Pooling:** Allow professional groups double-down, despite all of the critito share risks and lower costs; cism of H.R. 3200, in introducing a Medical Savings Accounts: Expand 1,990-page bill that still has the same existing programs to allow patients pitfalls as before and a price tax of more freedom to spend their health nearly \$1.3 trillion over the first 10 care dollars and allow unspent dollars years. (The newspaper Politico to be rolled into long-term plans; pegged the cost of the new bill at Fraud: Attack fraud and abuse that \$2.24 million per word.)

ments that were adopted during the safety and allow quick, secure and replan stands to penalize families and bureaucracy. businesses that do not conform to spethe market.

We should be pursuing commonsense reforms that will make a difference to all Americans and keep costs down.

Employer Incentives: Incentivize companies to provide health insurance for their workers;

Tort Reform: Reduce frivolous lawsuits, which lead to unnecessary testing, and reduce the crippling cost of malpractice insurance;

Portability: Allow workers to "carry" their insurance from employer to employer if they change jobs;

Pre-existing Conditions: Deny insurance companies the ability to prohibit coverage for pre-existing illnesses, which limits access and drives up

Preventative Health Care: Offer incentives to encourage healthy life-

Medical Research: Continue funding to find a cure for cancer, diabetes, Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, and other an avalanche of debt on our children serious conditions;

Out-of-State Insurance: Allow insurance policies to be sold across state lines, providing more choices and competition;

Tax Credits: Individuals without employer-provided healthcare coverage

should be eligible for a tax credit to

costs tens of billions of dollars;

Not to mention, in the new bill, H.R. <u>Technology</u>: Technology must be up-3962, many of the Republican amend- graded in order to improve patient committee process have either been liable access to medical records, all gutted or completely stripped out. The while reducing costs and cutting

cific federal standards of coverage, officials are now meeting behind while the "government option" would closed doors, finalizing a plan that drive many private providers out of stands to impact every single American. I recently joined over 100 House members demanding that all meetings to finalize sweeping health care reform be conducted in full view of

The measure also partners with the bipartisan effort to mandate that all legislation before the House of Representatives be made public for at least 72 hours before being brought to a vote. Any bill of this magnitude, especially one with a trillion-dollar price tag that will impact one-sixth of our economy, should be done in the open under the watchful eye of the American people.

Our health care system needs serious reforms, but we cannot mandate drastic change at the expense of jobs or by jeopardizing the benefits we presently enjoy. The last thing we need to do is rush through a massive new government program that does real and lasting damage to our current system and all those covered under it, while piling and grandchildren.

It is time to head back to the negotiating table; allow all parties to have their voices heard; and reach a sensible, bipartisan solution that provides improved access and affordable care

Police & Fire Reports

Compiled by Annette Christie

Drunk driver has a child in the car

Van Buren County Sheriff Dale R. Gribler reports that the Van Buren County 9-1-1 operators received calls of a vehicle that had crashed into another at the main intersection in the City of Hartford on October 28 at approximately 8:15 a.m.

The call was dispatched to Hartford City Police and the Van Buren County deputies in the area. Further information revealed that the suspect vehicle involved was being followed by a witness to that crash.

As officers were in the process of attempting to locate and stop the Buick LeSabre, another crash took place involving the Buick hitting a Consumers Energy truck in the Village of Lawrence. The vehicle still did not stop after that crash and proceeded southbound for another two to three miles

The car's driver, a 66-year-old Paw Paw Township woman, was arrested for operating under the influence, failing to stop and identify from two crashes she was involved in and for child endangerment. The woman had her 3-year-old great-grandchild in the vehicle. Neither the woman nor the child were injured in the accidents.

Sex offender absconds after release from jail; arrested Wed.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police-Bridgman Post were attempting to locate two registered sex offenders who have been released from the Berrien County Jail system. The release of these subjects was discovered during an audit of the current jail population by troopers last week

The first subject, Alfonso Gibbs, is a 32-year-old black male, formerly of Benton Township. Gibbs was released from the Berrien County Jail on June 29, 2009. He was arrested November Democrat leaders and White House 4 at a relative's home in Benton Har-

> In addition for being arrested for failure to change and verify his address as a convicted sex offender, Gibbs was also arrested for other unreatled charges, including a felony drug war-

Since being released from jail, he had failed to report a current address or to comply with his reporting duties as required by law. He was convicted for criminal sexual conduct involving force or coercion in 1996.

Gibbs has previously been convicted of resisting and obstructing police, drug crimes, domestic violence, and prior violations of the Michigan Sex Offender Registry Act. Troopers are attempting to locate Gibbs and arrest him on warrants that have already been issued by the Berrien County Prosecutor's Office.

The name of the second offender is not being released, pending a warrant being issued for the subject's arrest.

Fire reports

Watervliet Fire Department Chief Scott Richcreek

On October 23, Watervliet Fire Department was dispatched to the area of North Branch and Bainbridge Center Road to investigate a report of wires

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Ambulance care should be based

on quality, not cost Dear Editor.

After reading Karl's Kolumn last week concerning ambulance service. I feel the need to respond

I was deeply involved in the study, patchers planning and decision that, in 1988, resulted in Hartford City and Township along with Watervliet City and Township joining Medic 1 ambulance. We knew that something had to be done. It was becoming increasingly difficult to attract and maintain paid on-call personnel. The state training requirements were increasing and we were still offering only basic level service.

The decision was not made lightly. We first looked at establishing our It is much more demanding than own full-time service, but the cost was just too high. We then evaluated three nearby ambulance operations.

Three factors played a role in choosing Medic 1. First, they had written policies and procedures to assure quality of care. Second, they were a 100 percent paramedic service with the ability to start IVs and give drugs in the field. The most important factor was the ability to maintain some manner of local control

The four municipalities joined others as owners of Medic 1. They each received a seat on the Medic 1 Board and could vote on the finances and operation of the service

When Watervliet City left Medic 1 earlier this year, they lost all of their fund equity that had built up over more than 20 years. They no longer have a vote on the budget or the fees best. Everything must be top-notch. charged to patients. They do not see monthly financial reports on an annual audit. Private companies are not required to release this information. So just what is Medic 1? It is a government entity owned and operated by its member municipalities. It is similar to an airport authority or a regional water and sewer system. It is

Michigan. Medic 1 operates 12 paramedic ambulances out of five stations, one of which is leased from Watervliet Township. All of the ambulances have state-of-the-art equipment in-

the largest example of intergovern-

mental cooperation in the state of

cluding 12 lead EKG, three separate communications systems and GPS. The GPS allows our dispatchers to always determine the nearest unit to a call and to talk the crew into unfamil-

The service also operates with a paramedic supervisor on each shift and our own medical certified dis-

Also in the fleet are a 30-foot disaster trailer, an off-road ambulance. and nine wheelchair vans.

Medic 1 is the only ambulance service in southwestern Michigan to be accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Ambulance Services. There are only 23 others in the state with national accreditation.

This means that Medic 1 meets tough national standards, not just on paper but with an on-site inspection. meeting the minimum requirements for a state license; sort of like the difference between just passing or graduating at the top of the class.

The Medic 1 Board meets monthly to review and approve financial data and bills. They also receive and review a number of other reports to include monthly call data and reports from crew supervisors.

The meetings are open to the public. as they are subject to the open meetings act and the freedom of information act just like any other governmental unit. The public and Board members have the opportunity to ask questions or voice concerns.

It is the position of the Board and Medic 1 management that we are not content to just get by, to just meet minimums, or accept less than the Does it cost a little more? Sometimes it does, but do you choose your doctor based on price or on quality of care? Should your emergency care in the field be any less?

> Pete Sinclair City of Hartford Medic 1 Board Chairman

Thank-you from Coloma Boosters

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The Back **Fence**

By Anne Bayer, Co-publisher

I cannot believe that it is November... what the heck... and I am still on summer time. I guess I had better get my ask all of you.

be gone and then I will miss it.

But this year the leaves have been alone, without even a TV. outstanding. The beauty of it all is so I am also looking for a used TV to great. The sad part is it is almost over. give him. The girls up there have From the news reports from out west, asked him time and again and he that area is now in heavy snows. Of always declines, but the other day he course, the ski areas are pleased... but said to me he would like one. I am I wonder how long they will be sure if we could hook up the channels pleased when about the end March or with hunting and fishing he would be Dear Editor. April we still have the white stuff on happy

Our little granddaughter Polly has our local library, ones that I plan to her angiogram on Wednesday, Nov- discard. Once I have read them, I give ember 4, and that will hopefully the books to the nursing home. There define her areas that need to be fixed. are so many avid readers up there. We are all holding our breath, waiting Some of them even need the large to hear where she will be at in her print kinds, so if you have any better efforts to fight off this new syndrome. ideas please let me know.

My mom is still at the South Haven Now do not get me wrong... they Nursing and Rehabilitation Center have a wonderful program director and they are still taking such good who spends many hours trying to care of her there. I go every day at encourage the residents to take part in 11:00 a.m. and stay until she heads the activities that are provided. Some for her bed, which seems to be more choose not to, so those are the ones often than not lately. I know the time that make me wonder if I could help seems so long for her, but she is and hit on something that they love. sleeping so many hours a day.

week, she was up and in her wheel- Trivial Pursuit, she cannot hear and chair and said to me, "It has been so see well at all so then she pulls back long since you were here. Where and is alone most of the time were you?"

I said, "I was here yesterday, Mom, cannot eat in the lunchroom so her and I am here today and I will be back contacts are the nursing staff and me. tomorrow.'

this building, I am finding some of long. Since she has not been able to the ins and outs of this type of busi- get out at all, the time seems even ness... and it is tough. When you deal longer to her. with so many people in the throws of From what I have seen and heard the end of their lives, it makes all that over the past few years, we all need to

you do for them so important. In fact, I am now going to ask you, ed that he is there and alone. I bought with needing help of some kind.

him a few but I cannot do this all the

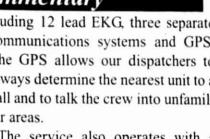
soon. By the time I get it to fall, it will them but I am sure that some would and sold tickets. shorten his days. He sits in his room The Coloma Athletic Boosters thank

Also, most of the time I buy books at

Even Mom does not take part in Bin-When I arrived on Wednesday of last go, which so many love; and, in Because of her medicine, she also

The staff is wonderful and very car-As I spend more and more time in ing but, still, her time there still seems

plan and to make an effort to have all of our things in control when our time my readers, to do me a favor. I need comes; because no matter what good hunting magazines for a special resi- care we take of ourselves, we all are dent. He is a hunter and is so frustrataging and will have to come to terms



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We encourage all of you to help us time. Then I thought... maybe I could support our local businesses as they "Support The Spirit of Coloma." time clock to turn to winter very Now, I do not want thousands of Thank-you to everyone who bought

Respectfully. Jan Vollrath, President

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Karl's Kolumn By Karl Bayer, Editor and Publisher

ETERANS DAY



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SALUTE OUR HEROES... Wednesday, November 11, is Veterans Day, Veterans Day is the day Americans are asked to remember the men and women who gave their lives in defense of our country.

11-5-09

The Watervliet VFW Post members will be laying a wreath at Veterans Park in downtown Watervliet at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday.

If you can, join them in saluting their fallen comrades and our heroes.

CORRECTION... Watervliet Charter Township resident Rich Quinn pointed out an error in my column last week on the need for Watervliet Township to tudy its ambulance service options.

I wrote that a petition of 600 names was to seek a change in the ambulance service some 25 years ago.

According to Rich, the petition was to KEEP the service as it was; operated by the Watervliet Fire Department and staffed with trained emergency personnel

The correction doesn't change my point; as it was 25 years ago, when there is a perceived need or desire for change, it is up to the local government body to study the issue thoroughly before acting on it.

Now, 25 years after the Township joined the Medie 1 ambulance service (see Pete Sinclair's letter on this page), there is public discussion of a change in service options; now, just like back then, there needs to be serious study and

Local government owes it to the taxpayer to make the call, based on facts, not

RECORD RECORD CONTINUES...I've long maintained that Vince Pratt is holding the longest continuous subscription to the Tri-City Record.

Vince can trace his subscription in an unbroken lineage that dates to his greatgrandfather back when the roads were dirt and the mail was delivered by horse

Up until a year or so ago, the Record was even delivered to the same address south of town on M-140

Vince has been visiting a friend at a nursing home in South Haven and he noticed copies of the Record on the coffee table in the waiting room. Anne has been leaving a few there for the residents to enjoy.

Vince dropped me a note wondering why he should continue to subscribe when he can get the paper free in South Haven.

I had a genuine concern that the historic string of subscribers could be broken, when I noticed the note was accompanied by his renewal check.

THE NOT-SO-GREAT FLOOD & OTHER WEATHER MUSINGS... That was some deluge we had last Thursday and Friday; close to four inches Watervliet Recreation Council of rain fell across the region in barely 24 hours. Fortunately, the mercury would like to thank the City of stayed in the balmy 50s and we avoided any problems with the stiff and fluffy

for our summer ball program. This While low areas and flood plains had plenty of standing water, we had nothyear we had about 360 children par- ing like mid-September 2008 where we were flooded out for three to four days. ticipating in the program, and it For instance, the record-high watermark for the Paw Paw River National keeps getting bigger every year. Weather Service recording station in Riverside on September 18, 2008, was Without the support of our communi- 11.24 feet. (Normal level is 6.5 ft.) The high-water mark this October 31 was ty and volunteers, we would not have 9.05 feet at 7:00 a.m. By the way, the lowest recorded water level at that location was 2.7 ft. on July 5, 1964. The second-lowest level was 3.5 feet on

Watervliet Department of Public One Record reader commented here in the office that at least it's not snowing. Somewhere I recall reading an inch of rain generates seven inches of snow.

That's enough to make one shudder and appreciate watching the water wash down the ditches instead of pil-

ing up on the driveway. A television weather guesser declared last week that the area has seen a steady increase in snowfall the past five years, from 68 inches five years ago to 87 inches last winter.

Just when he was getting me to bolt

for the shed to start work on the old Snapper snow blower, he said snowfall should drop off this year because of an El Nino forming in the Pacific. An El Nino is the effect of a large mass of warmer-than-usual water in the mid-Pacific Ocean affects the weather patterns across the globe; including warmer temperatures in the

Hopefully, some of that warmer weather will stick around for next summer; this summer was a bust for hot weather, with just a few days in the upper 90s.

U.S. over the winter months.

Spiritual Compass **Points**



By Pastor David C. Helms Plymouth Congregational Church

Be ready If we knew the date and time that someone was going to break into our house, would we ignore it? Probably not. If we had a vacation coming up that included a trip to Alaska, would we neglect to plan for our adventure, leaving the flight schedules to chance? Not likely. In each case we would be careful to make appropriate arrangements. We would not leave the event to chance.

Can we ignore arrangements for eternity? Most people spend more time planning a vacation than planning for eternity. We give more thought to home security than we do to securing an eternal home. Why is that?

Maybe it's because we're so busy. Or may be it's because we don't see the need. Or maybe we just don't know

Actually, getting ready for eternity is not complicated. A Bible passage explains it in a nutshell - Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Sin has a payback - "wages." Death will be separation from help and hope. Our last chance stops with our last breath, as it says in Hebrews 9:27 "And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment.' Not good news.

But Romans 6:23 explains that God has offered us a gift. A gift can never be forced on anyone. It has to be accepted - on the giver's terms - free. That gift in this case is the gift of being ready - the free gift of eternal life. How can God do that? He can do that because of what Jesus Christ did for each of us on the cross of Calvary. He Is it hard to make your zipper slide? personally accepted the wages for our Close it; then rub the teeth with a lead His own blood if we are willing to per- the sliding will be much easier. sonally accept the gift.



Taxpayer dollars at risk

of mismanagement One month to the day after the Legislature approved an emergency budget and a bipartisan, balanced budget, the Governor finally finished her work. signing the budgets into law.

While I'm pleased that the process is completed, I could not be more disappointed with the shortsightedness the Governor displayed through some of her vetoes.

One such veto is the County Jail Reimbursement Program - a program that saves the state millions of dollars a year, vetoed for political games and paybacks.

Currently, judges have discretion to allow prisoners with short sentences to serve time in county jails instead of state prisons. The state reimburses counties \$43.50 per day to house prisoners - about half of what it costs to house prisoners in state-run prisons. The veto of this program will actually cost our state money because counties are more efficient and cost-effec-

There is no doubt that state government can operate more efficiently; and if the County Jail Reimbursement Program isn't enough proof, the Auditor General recently issued a report outlining \$800 million in question marks.

Of that \$800 million, \$163 million is known misspent dollars and \$671 million is noted as "likely questionable"

At a time when the state's unemployment rate is higher than 15 percent, it is disheartening that the Governor isn't forcing her departments to do more with less and making sure that every dollar available is used to assist Michigan families in need.

There are plenty of ways to reform government and save taxpayer dollars just not the political will to do them. I will continue fighting for commonsense reforms

Social Security & you By Vonda VanTil, Social Security



Ouestion:

(Public Law 110-328)?

year time limit.

September 30, 2011.

We Can Help. You'll find it online (Continued from last week...) www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs/10095. html.

Do I have to pay income tax on my Social Security benefits?

You will have to pay federal taxes on your benefits if you file an individual federal tax return and your total income is more than \$25,000. If you file a joint return, you will have to pay taxes if you and your spouse have a total income that is more than

For more information, call the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) toll-free at 1-800-829-3676 (TTY 1-800-829-4059) and ask for IRS Publication 915, Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits, available online at www.irs.gov/publica tions/p915/index.html. Question:

I am receiving Social Security disability benefits. Will my benefits be affected if I work and earn money?

Social Security wants to help you go to work if that's what you'd like to do. We offer work incentives that will help you keep your cash benefits and Medicare coverage while you test your ability to work.

For example, there is a trial work proved. period during which you can receive full benefits regardless of how much you earn, as long as you report your work activity to us and continue to have a disabling impairment. For more information about work in-

centives, we recommend that you even if all eligibility factors are met.

Use it up, wear it out, make it do, or do without.

Tried and true cost-saving tips by Olive Grady

To share your savings ideas with Olive, dial 463-4030 sin and paid the redemptive price with pencil. The graphite will lubricate so

Buttonholes too small on a new garment? Rub the end of the buttonhole with a sharp knife. Don't snip, as you could cut too much; just rub a bit until the button will go through nicely.

When using a clothes dryer, remove Cancer Control Program (BCCCP). things just a tiny bit damp and smooth BCCCP provides breast exams, Pap pocket flaps, collars and button bands smears, pelvic exams, and mammowith your fingers so they finish dry- grams to uninsured and underinsured ing perfectly smooth without ironing. women ages 40-64. Plastic grocery bags often fit waste- Women coming for BCCCP visits may baskets as liners. If you pour the junk also choose to participate in the WISEinto the big waste container, you can WOMAN program, which will include often reuse the liner.

David Wang, MD

amily Medicine

If all SSI eligibility requirements are

met, the two-year extension may ap-

ply retroactively to non-citizens

whose SSI previously ceased due to

the expiration of the seven-year peri-

od, but not earlier than Oct. 1, 2008.



Don't let hearing loss affect your life and rela-

Hearing loss can be isolating. The Deafness Research Foundation estimates that some 36 million Americans report some degree of difficulty in hearing. Many deny the problem. As a result, they begin to withdraw from social situations and their quality of life is compromised.

"If you struggle to hear conversations - especially in crowded rooms or you find yourself turning up the volume of your television or car radio, you may be experiencing hearing loss," says David Wang, MD, a family physician with Tri-City

Medical Center in Coloma. "Sometimes, hearing loss is a temporary problem caused by a build-up of earwax in the ear canal," Dr. Wang explains. "Once the wax is removed by your doctor, hearing returns to normal. Hearing loss that continues over time, however, could signify a permanent problem which deserves the attention of your doctor or healthcare provider," Dr. Wang says.

According to Dr. Wang, the signs and symptoms of hearing loss

- Straining to hear words, especially against background noise
- Frequently turning up the volume on your TV or radio
- Inability to hear someone approaching you from behind

A growing need to face the person speaking to you

Tendency to ask others to repeat themselves

hearing loss."

"Hearing loss can begin at any age, but most significant hearing problems happen from about age 45 onwards," says Dr. Wang. "Hearing loss can especially be a problem if you have a family history of deaf-

ness, or you have been exposed through your job to noises that can

cause permanent damage to your ears. "If you suspect hearing loss, don't wait until the problem begins to impact your life and relationships," says Dr. Wang. "Many medical interventions are available, today, including hearing aids and ear implants. Denying the problem can lead to anxiety, depression and a real sense of social isolation," Dr. Wang concludes. "So talk with your doctor about what you can do to reverse the negative effects of

If you think you may have hearing loss, contact your personal physician or make an appointment with Dr. David Wang by calling (269) 468-7684.

Raising awareness of Alzheimer's disease

Americans across the nation have come together to raise awareness of Alzheimer's disease every November dating back to 1983, when then-President Ronald Reagan, who was later diagnosed with the disease, signed a proclamation calling the nation's attention to this degenerative

I am a non-citizen and I lost my Sup-Alzheimer's disease is a devastating plemental Security Income (SSI) beillness that touches all Americans. cause my seven-year eligibility periboth old and young. National Alzheiod expired. Will I benefit from the mer's Disease Awareness Month pronew law, the SSI Extension for Elderly and Disabled Refugees Act vides an opportunity to rededicate ourselves to finding a cure and to offer support to the spouses, families, and caregivers of people with Alz-It depends. This law provides for up

to two years of additional benefits for The statistics are startling - approxicertain SSI recipients who had their mately 5.3 million Americans have benefits terminated due to the seven-Alzheimer's disease and that number is expected to rise rapidly. Someone The seven-year SSI eligibility period is diagnosed with Alzheimer's every for refugees, asylees, and certain 70 seconds and, by mid-century, it is other humanitarian immigrants (inexpected to be as high as every 33 cluding victims of human trafficking)

is extended up to two years, or three Alzheimer's disease is not a normal years for certain individuals, during part of aging. It is a brain disease that the period October 1, 2008, through results in impaired memory, thinking, and behavior. Over the past 20 years, To qualify, otherwise eligible nonimmense progress has been made in citizens are required to sign a declaraunderstanding the disease and its risk tion indicating that they have made a factors; but much remains to be done good faith effort to pursue U.S. citizenship unless they are under age 18 to delay progression of the disease, or have an application for naturaliza- prevent it, and ultimately find a cure. As America observes National Alztion that is pending or has been apheimer's Disease Awareness Month, I

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My view from the Capitol Fred Upton

Congressman

hope that policymakers and the public will develop a better understanding of the toll this disease takes on people with Alzheimer's and on those who care for them. We must continue to support critical funding for research and continue to build an envi-

Throughout November, organizations such as the Alzheimer's Association sponsor events for families. caregivers and the public. To find out about National Alzheimer's Disease Awareness Month events planned in Southwest Michigan, visit the Alzheimer's Association's Website at http://www.alz.org/apps/findus.asp.

The Alzheimer's Association has a 24-hour helpline for anyone who may need assistance: 1-800-272-3900.

P.O. Box 7, Watervliet, Michigan 49098;

Submitted by the Berrien County Health Department

WISEWOMAN

The WISEWOMAN program runs

having their pulse, blood pressure, weight, body mass index, cholesterol levels and glucose levels screened. These are all factors to monitor to prevent Coronary Heart Disease (CHD),

Stroke, and Diabetes.

also meet with a Lifestyle Coun-selor and set goals to improve their health. hese goals will include im-proving eating habits and increasing physical If a woman's screening results show

and that appointment will be paid for by the WISEWOMAN program. While you're waiting to come in for a WISEWOMAN appointment, you can take some steps to live a healthier lifestyle. Increase the amount of fruits and vegetables you eat, and limit your in-

Because lifestyle affects these condi-

Edward Jones Making Sense of Investing"

Should You Add

It's election season. Although you won't be selecting either a new president or a new Congress, you may well have the opportunity to vote on something that can affect your city or state: municipal bonds. However, just because you vote to give your state or local government permission to issue municipal bonds doesn't mean you have to invest in them. But should

Before you can answer that question you need to know what municipal bonds are and how they work. General obligation bonds are backed by property taxes and finance projects from cities, counties, school districts and states. Revenue bonds are backed by a specific revenue source and finance hospitals, utilities, airports, affordable housing and other public works. So when you invest in a revenue bond, you are being somewhat civic-minded, although you aren't confined to bonds issued by

You can get other tangible benefits from investing in municipal bonds, or "munis." First, you'll receive regular interest payments. Just as importantly, these payments typically are exempt from federal income taxes and possibly state and local income

taxes as well. Keep in mind, however, that they may be subject to the alternative minimum tax. Consequently, if you're in an upper tax bracket, you may be especially interested in munis.

Still, before investing in a muni,

when a bond's price rises, its yield usually falls, and vice versa. The longer the time to a bond's maturity the greater its interest rate risk. To compare the yield of a tax-free mun to that of a taxable bond, you must calculate its tax-equivalent yield which is based on the muni's interest rate and your individual tax bracket For example, let's say you are considering a tax-free muni that pays 4% interest, and you're in the 28% tax bracket. To determine the bond's taxequivalent yield, subtract your tax rate (.28) from 1, giving you .72. Then divide the bond's rate, or .4, by .72, giving you 5.5%. This means you would need to find a taxable bond that pays at least 5.5% to equal the yield of a tax-free muni paying

Even if you've determined that a tax free muni's yield compares favorably to that of a taxable bond, you need to assess some of the potential risks of owning munis. For one thing, munic ipalities are clearly not exempt from the effects of the long and harsh recession we've experienced. Consequently, some projects funded by munis may have trouble generating the revenue needed to repay the

bonds' investors. Another potential issue to consider with munis is their liquidity. Some states, such as New York and Califor nia, issue a great many bonds, which are traded regularly. But some municipalities operate in more illiquid markets, so if you buy a muni from one of these issuers, you may need to

Also, munis are traded "over the counter" rather than on an exchange, so it can sometimes be difficult to get a price quote for your bond, not to mention a buyer. These liquidity issues may not matter to you, however, if you intend to hold your bond until maturity, collecting regular interest payments along the way and eventually receiving your principal back. There is also credit risk when investing in bonds, where if the issuer de-

ronment ripe for new discoveries.

Do you have a comment on

any of the columns in this issue of the Tri-City Record? Reply with a letter to the editor: or e-mail record@i2k.com

For your good health & safety

269 926-7121 ions, women coming for screening will

By BCHD staff

that she needs additional follow-up, she will be referred to an outside provider

> take of high fat foods. Also, begin being more physically active. Start slowly; work up to 30 minutes a day, five days

Investing in Your Future

By Denise Barowicz **Financial Advisor**

154 Badt Dr., Coloma

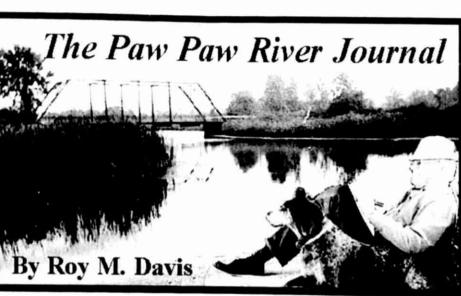
"Munis" to Your Portfolio?

your city or state.

you'll want to determine its yield. Basically, a bond's yield is the rate of return it promises at any given price;

faults you could potentially lose all of your principal.





Veterans Day

Earth when there is not somewhere, perhaps in a far corner, a struggle... and men are spilling other men's blood? Or women and children? The and we must fight against it all the battles against each other. way through life.

Since our country had its very begin-In 1954, President Eisenhower offinings, we have lost many in battle. Some good wars, and some bad wars. tice Day to Veterans Day. As small And some of our very best young schoolchildren, I can remember on people lost when there was not even November 11th everything in our officially a war being fought. No classrooms came to a halt, and we to fight to keep our freedom? We did charge. Nothing can reflect greater school junior and senior bands at 6:30 of those who gave their lives are heroes of that war. Now it was offiheroes. We have a day each year cial... a day to remember all of those A great athletic coach depends on a when we pause to think about them. who fought for our country It is called Veterans Day. And it start- I have never heard our fallen heroes bring talent to the contests in which

On November 11, 1918, the Armis- Jewish Army Chaplain named Rotice was signed, officially ending land B. Gittlesohn. The occasion... on World War I. The Germans signed it the island of Iwo Jima, he stood on reluctantly... they had no choice, hav- soil drenched with the blood of many ing been beaten down on all fronts after four years of bitter, bloody fighting all over central Europe. Thus it was, in the forest of Ardennes, offi- ing words: "Somewhere in this plot cials of all the major powers met in a of ground there may be that man who railroad car. It was not a joyous cele-11th day of the 11th month of 1918. And many historians feel it rankled David, there may rest now a man who the Germans so much... it helped to was destined to be a great prophet.

was to start about 20 years later. The war had been costly, long, and crate this earth in their memory."

from Auto-Owners Insurance Company.

fountains of earth, mud, broken trees, buildings and parts of bodies from previous battles. The yellow fog of poison gas drifted over a landscape

like something out of Dante's Infer-

It is the only war I know of that was fought with cavalry charges, horsealong with the men who fight. There mounted men brandishing sabers... seems to be an innate cussedness in and tanks rumbling over the broken human beings. The Puritans had a barbed wire and trenches. It was also name for it... they called it Original the first war in which airplanes were Sin. They said we are all born with it, used... first for observation, then in

cially changed the name from Armis-

eulogized more eloquently than by a men. They were there to dedicate a

Chaplain Gittlesohn said the followcould have discovered a cure for cancer. Under one of these Christian crosses or beneath a Jewish Star of set the stage for World War II, which Now they lie here silently in this sacred soil, and we gather to conse-

bitter. Armies slugged it out over the "Here lie officers and men, black and same ground again and again. Shells white, rich and poor... here are struck on both sides, erupting in Protestants, Catholics, and Jews...

Insurance?

It's about people,

not things.

It's about security.

It's about confidence.

It's about relationships.

It's about trust.

It's about you!

here no man prefers another because Sunday with her sisters, the Misses of his faith or despises him because Hattie and Anna Kull in St. Joseph. of his color. Here there are no quotas of how many from each group are Spurred by their crushing defeat over admitted or allowed. Theirs is the St. Joseph Catholic, Coach "Mac" highest and purest democracy!

"Any man among us, the living, lock horns tomorrow evening with who... lifts his hand in hate against a their toughest opponents of the seabrother, or thinks himself superior to son, the rugged Cassopolis Rangers. those who happen to be in minority, New blacksmithing and welding makes of this ceremony and of the equipment has been added and Tom bloody sacrifice it commemorates, an Hembree, of Paw Paw street, has day, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; and Satempty, hollow mockery!"

I'm sure that after the echo of his at the Coloma Farm Supply. words died away... that day... on that windswept hill, those present looked over the sulfurous volcanic ash of that barren island... I'm sure some of those present must have thought... Why have we sacrificed all of these men? Was this island worth the loss

And the answer is not an easy one Personally, I feel sure that if the day ever comes when we decide it is not worth it will be the day we begin to hollow relic of the past.

it on 9-11. We all came together, b

stable and continuing farm system to

I believe our country's farm system is THE FAMILY! Are we keeping it in good repair? We must, if our children and grandchildren are to enjoy

Thus ends my little sermon, as I sit ly by young men, old enough to know first members were Walter Allmindinhere at my desk... staring at the com- better. always continue to weave golden threads into the tapestry of life in our

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tained Tuesday at the home of Mrs.

90 YEARS AGO - 1919 Mrs. John Anderson lost a valuable A World War II veteran, Norbert

Ira Lyons, St. Joseph contractor, who has the job of building the trunk line cow last Friday. bridge over mill creek in this village, arrived here Tuesday with a caterpillar tractor crane and commenced dredging for the foundation of the bridge. Grading on this road between of Watervliet's oldest pharmaceutical Watervliet has been designated the Watervliet and the county line is be- establishment, Carmody's drug store, home team.

The property known as the Burke building, now owned by Mrs. F.M. Sterner, is again to be run as a hotel. It will be named "The Wayside Inn" and will be run on the European plan, under the management of Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Jamison. The Jamisons already own the restaurant in the same building and are very optimistic concerning Watervliet's business

Expiration date

test at the City Hall next Monday, public. Two classes will be available, 2:00 p.m. one for those 15-18 years of age and the other for 19 years and older. First prize in each class is \$5.00 and the

and state contests. As of Wednesday of this week, the Greyhound bus station, which has long been quartered in the Phillips "66" station, was switched to the Maroon Bar, North Main street.

30 YEARS AGO - 1979 The Watervliet P.T.O. is sponsoring a Book Fair in conjunction with the Parent-Teacher conferences, Monday, November 12th, through Friday, November 16th.

The annual Coloma-Watervliet battle meant a little extra for the Panthers this year as it gave them a perfect 9-0 record and a State Class C

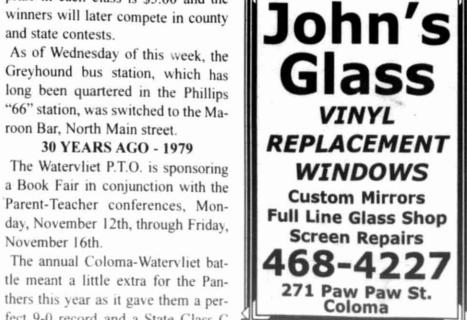
Play-off spot. Watervliet faces Manchester in the quarterfinals at Post field in Battle Creek, Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. The Watervliet High School band will travel to Bat-Hutchins, former Watervliet towntle Creek on a separate fan bus and ship supervisor and former manager will play the national anthem, as

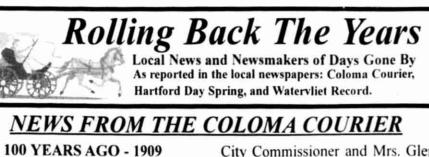
p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00

Phone: 621-3408

Submitted by Sara Duris from files at street proprietor on Monday of this Watervliet District Library from the Watervliet Record newspapers donathe Legner Drug Store, formerly Car- ted by the Tri-City Record. Hours: Monday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Tues-The Watervliet Extension club is day, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Wednessponsoring an apple pie baking con- day, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00-November 7, which is open to the 5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-

Phone: 463-6382





City Commissioner and Mrs. Glenn The dance given at the Whip-Poor-Randall celebrated their 15th wed-Will hotel, Little Paw Paw lake, last ding anniversary last Friday night Friday evening was well attended and when 12 guest arrived for a chicken dinner and social evening.

about twenty members were secured for the organization of a dancing club. 30 YEARS AGO - 1979 Mesdames W.H. Ball, Charles O. Tracy Steinhoff was named the first-Ball, and George W. Grant and Miss place winner of the Poster Contest Lena Carson attended the hospital held by the Washington School benefit given at the Bell Opera house Parent Teachers Club. Missie Klimasin Benton Harbor, last Saturday, afterzewski was second place, with honorable mention going to Cheryl Feury. Miss Ella Kull spent Saturday and

Navy Aviation Boatswain's Mate Airman Recruit Douglas E. Sexton, Blue Star Highway, Coloma, has returned from a deployment in the

Submitted by volunteer Barb Abrams at Coloma Public Library, from the Coloma Courier newspapers donated by the Tri-City Record. Hours: Monday & Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursbeen employed to head the field shop urday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Phone: 468-3431

marches and college songs, plus pop-

ger, coach; Fred VanRiper, Harley

Tuttle, E.B. Rowe, Noel Thompson,

NEWS FROM THE HARTFORD DAY SPRING

90 YEARS AGO - 1919

60 YEARS AGO - 1949

McDaniels, Coloma Comets, will

Marion Anderson. Miss Bernice Gus-The Baby Welfare Campaign, which tine spoke on the history of valuable is being conducted under the auspices books in the library. Mrs. Elinora of the Hartford Woman's club and was Chamberlin told how the library was scheduled for Tuesday and Wednes- started in 1895. The club made plans day, Nov. 4 and 5, at the club rooms, for a cooking school to be held at the has been postponed until Thursday Heart theater on Nov. 15. and Friday, Nov. 6 and 7. Mrs. Mary Trafford, Red Cross Visiting Nurse, sink... to lose our freedom. And our will address the club members and Miss Cora Southard celebrated her loss will be to some who have no their guests on Thursday afternoon at 104th birthday Saturday. She was born such doubts. Perhaps in their eyes the 2 o'clock, and the baby clinic will fol-shortly after Abraham Lincoln was glitter of religious fervor... and the low the next day. Dr. Stewart and Dr. assassinated. She has lived her entire feeling that Democracy is an empty, Shaw have very kindly tendered their life in Hartford and operated a milliservices in conducting the clinic. nery shop here for many years.

Babies and all small children up to A concert recognizing the 100th anni-Can we still rise to the occasion? Do seven years of age will be weighed, versary of football in the United States we have the strength, the backbone, measured and examined free of will be presented by the Hartford high credit on any community than that it p.m. Thursday at the high school gymshould interest itself in obtaining and nasium. Entitled "Happy Hundred preserving a high standard of health in Football," the concert will feature

Halloween passed quietly in Hartford ular favorites. There will be no admiswith a maximum of harmless fun for sion charge. Under the direction of the youth of the village and a mini- Dale Kooi, the band also is planning a mum of damage. The principle dam- football anniversary halftime show for age was caused by the overturning of the Hartford-Eau Claire game on the freedom that has meant so much several outbuildings, but this mali- Friday night. Hartford's first football cious mischief was perpetuated most- team was either 1915 or 1916. The

60 YEARS AGO - 1949

Tickets will be on sale Monday for Ed Finley, W. McAllister, V. Niles, "The Big Blowup," a three-act come- Afred Engle, _ Lightner, Jack Irey and dy scheduled for a two-day run by the F. Willard Kime. Tuttle was the only junior class of Hartford high school. member of the team with a helmet The November17 showing will be a because his father ran a leather shop. matinee with the evening performance Nov.18 set for 8 p.m. in the high Submitted by Librarian Stephanie school auditorium. The comedy's 14- Daniels at Hartford Public Library member cast, directed by Mrs. Ida from microfilm copies of the Hartford Galbreath, includes Fred Stewart, Day Spring. Hours: Monday & Wed-James Keech, Joanne Miller, Miriam nesday, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Tues-Childs and Ray Lou O'Malley in the day, Thursday & Friday, 10:00-5:00

Hartford Women's club was enter- p.m.

NEWS FROM THE WATERVLIET RECORD

60 YEARS AGO - 1949

came home as a full-fledged Main

week when he acquired ownership of

O'Rileys celebrate 50th wedding anniversary; guests donate 742 lbs. of food to local food pantries

Through the generosity of family and friends in celebration of the 50th could be covered and what should be anniversary of Gene and Carol O'Riley of Hartford, 742 pounds of food and avoided. personal items chosen from the SW Gleaners "10 Most Wanted Items List". The district is forming superintendent were given to the local food bank. To these wonderful people, we say "thank- search focus groups involving comyou" from the bottom of our hearts. trict expects of a superintendent and

If you would like to help this most-worthy organization, please stop by the SW Gleaners food bank at 622 Langley, St. Joseph, and pick up its "10 Most Wanted Items List." I'm sure they will appreciate your help.

Watervliet Building Inspector resigns in wake of allegations made by business owner Clay told the Record the City would

By Karl Bayer, Editor Watervliet Building Inspector Craig hire a temporary Building Inspector to programs Niephaus resigned his position "im- handle the permit process.

operate Kim's Asian Grocery at 131, with City officials, N. Main Street, as well as the Movie Mayor Prince confirmed that here had educational activities, awards and Library next door.

permit" even though other permits are According to Hatch, plans to open a kitchen downstairs to the grocery are

on hold as needed permits are still pending, including those for plumbing and electrical work. He claims the permit process as administered by Niephaus has threatened his livelihood and the welfare of ber 25.

his family. At the end of the broadcast, Hatch son was shown crying. The youngster, prompted by his father, sobbed that he was afraid the family wouldn't be able to live in Watervliet because of the

"bad" Building Inspector.

An edited version of Hatch's You Tube statement was printed in last week's Tri-City Record.

Mayor Roger Prince confirmed there was an "open-ended" temporary occupancy permit to get the grocery opened in the spring. He said new City Manager Troy Clay would be reorganizing the building permit office and Coloma Library news procedures soon.

WIN A **THANKSGIVING** TURKEY!

The Tri-City Record is sponsoring its annual WIN A THANKSGIVING TURKEY contest. To enter all of the drawings at partic- Story Hour continues to meet at the

ipating stores in the Tri-City Area, fill library every Wednesday from 10:30 in the turkeys (found inside these to 11:30 a.m. There is no signup or fee pages) with your name, address, and required. Story Hour is for toddlers phone number. Cut the turkey entries ages 3 and up; it is asked that all todfrom the paper and drop them off at dlers be accompanied and supervised the participating stores (one entry per by an adult. store, please).

The winning entries will be drawn The Coloma Public Library Book Monday, November 23, at 12:00 noon. Club meets every other Thursday Winners will be contacted by phone from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. by the sponsoring business, and the If you are interested in joining, the in that week's Tri-City Record.

Store employees and their families The Small Town Library Cat Who are not eligible to win their employ- Touched the World" by Vicki Myron. er's prize; however, they may win There are a few copies available for turkeys from other stores.

Please drop off your own entry in each store!

You must be at least 18 to enter!

mediately" on October 28 in a letter to Niephaus would not comment on the City Manager and Commission. Hatch's allegations and would not Director of Curriculum John Visser The letter came the day after Bryon confirm his resignation was a re-provide an overview of the 2008-09 Hatch launched a "You Tube" broad- sponse to them. He did tell the Record annual report for the School District. cast on the Internet, criticizing Nie- that he had told then Manager Michael He highlighted some of the noteworphaus and charging that the inspector Hart nearly six months ago that he thy facts in the report, including govintended to resign and had actually ernment, policy and financial issues. Hatch, with his wife, Kim, own and sent a potential replacement to meet Visser noted that the report includes

been discussions with Niephaus about facilities maintenance for the year. It The grocery has been operating since his stepping down as part of the in-provides a focus on the adult and the spring on a "temporary operating spection office reorganization process. alternative education and family liter-

North Berrien **Food Drive ends** November 25

The North Berrien Food Drive is going on now until Wednesday, Novem-

Please help by donating items such as macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, soup, and canned meat. If you are interested in donating hams

for the Thanksgiving holiday, please call Kandy Hays at (269) 208-6571. Drop-off locations in Coloma are at Harding's, Hagar Township Hall, Rite Aid, Edgewater Bank, Chemical Bank, and North Berrien Historical

The Food Pantry has served 2,705 families this year in northern Berrien

Coloma Public Library's Thanksgiving hours will be:

Wednesday, November 25, 10:00 a.m. -5:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 26 closed; Friday, November 27, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; and Saturday, November 28, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Regular hours will resume Monday November 30.

Story Hour meets Wednesdays

names the winners will be published club is meeting Thursday, November 19, and members are reading "Dewey checkout; if you are interested in joining, please call the library at 468-3431 or just stop in.

end of the year, Hallgren is interim Supt.

Smith and other Board members re-

cently had the opportunity to attend

the Michigan Association of School

Boards (MASB) annual conference

and, as Smith noted, there was an es-

pecially timely presentation on "Sup-

Present Superintendent Dave Levstek

is retiring as of December 31, 2009.

Deputy Superintendent Mike Hallgren

will fill the interim position as acting

Superintendent until July 1, 2010.

the process to reach a consensus.

munity and staff input on what the dis-

Annual report available

on the Web

points of pride, such as the sports and

acy programs, as well as the technolo-

Much data is included in the report,

said Visser, including MME, MEAP,

and other testing results, scholarship

information, graduation retention and

dropout rates, parent involvement and

erintendent Selection."

school improvement plans. At the October 29 Hartford Board of "The report lets everybody know who were asked to change positions and Education meeting, President Scott we are and what we are doing," noted change jobs. This has been one of the Smith addressed the Board on an issue Visser. The report is available for toughest times in education, but it has of utmost importance to the district - review on the school Website, http:// also been an opportunity." the upcoming search for a new Hart- www.hartford-schools.org, under the ford School District Superintendent.

Search under way for new Hartford

Schools Superintendent; Levstek retires at

administration and central office tab. Students helping students

In other business, the Board approved the job description and course work for teacher Rick Ward to commence change to the departure location. with the English Language Acquisition program. A certified English Orlando, Florida, fly out of Detroit. teacher and former Spanish teacher This year, the class will depart from for the district, Ward has been working to assist students who are struggling in their regular classes and need grade their hotel, according to McNitt. to work on developing English lan-

Smith shared some of the tips he Ward works with these students earned to prepare for the replacement search. He noted some general data on to 4:00 p.m. to help them acquire how a well-chosen superintendent can English proficiency and ensure they promote the greatest student achievement. He reinforced the importance of ments. He reported that he has had a will run from April 30 to May 3. community and staff involvement in very positive response from students One of the most helpful aspects of the seminar, according to Smith, was the mock interviews that indicated what Funding continues

to be an issue

With further cuts to education coming from the state budget, financial issues continue to be a concern with school will meet on November 9, 17, and 18. boards. Smith noted that with the eco-Board members Bill Najacht and Ben nomic downturns, everyone expects Chambers also reported on their ongo-certain cuts. He pointed out, however, ing Board member certification that cuts to schools have been proporprocess and experiences with MASB tionately greater. While previously classes. They noted they recently 3.6% of the state budget financed eduspend a day touring all of the district cation, that number is now down to school buildings and programs and 3.1% of dwindling finances. Smith is adamant, however, that the

described their pride in various district district continues to look at the positives. "We don't want to make some of the decisions we've had to, but you do what you can with what you can. The way we used to do business is not going to work anymore. We may have to do things another way, but they will get done and get done right.'

Levstek added his compliments to the 180 teachers, administrators, and staff n the district. "All of our staff has

come forward and stepped up. Some

Trips approved Two separate school trips were approved by the Board. Senior class advisor Heather McNitt presented information to the Board, including a Usually, seniors on the annual trip to Midway in Chicago. This enables the students to save some money and up-The four-day, three-night trip will include an ocean beach study and a visit to Sea World. So far, 51 students Monday through Thursday from 3:00 are planning to make the trip, along with five chaperones. That comes to 71.9% of the senior class, the largest are able to understand their assign- group ever McNitt believes. The trip On a smaller scale, the Board also ap-

willing to help as peer tutors. Ward is proved a June 21-July 2 Spanish Club also hoping to expand the program as trip to the Yucatan Peninsula in Mexsuggestions from students and staff ico. Five students from Hartford and five from Lawrence will come together for the joint venture to, among other things, study turtle nesting and environmental issues.

Community meeting planned

The Board and community were reminded that the next school and community meeting is being planned for 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, at the Middle School/High School

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Hartford's 42nd Annual Community Christmas Bazaar

9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Saturday, November 7th Hartford Middle School

There will be homemade lunches available Sponsored by the Hartford United Methodist Women



New Physician close to home

The community now has another option for primary care. Dr. Alexander Runowski has joined Family Care of Coloma-Watervliet and is now accepting new Medicare and commercial patients.

Dr. Runowski received his medical degree from Michigan State University and completed a family practice residency at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Dr. Runowski also holds a Doctor of Pharmacy degree. With more than 10 years experience as a

physician and board certification by the American Board of Family Medicine, Dr. Runowski is ready to meet your family's primary care needs.

Partnering with Dr. Michael Mayle, who has served the area for over 20 years, their practice is located in the new Lakeland Paw Paw Lake Medical Center, Imaging and laboratory services are available on site for our patients convenience.

Michael Mayle, MD

Alexander Runowski, MD

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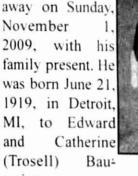
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meister. Nelson served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps during World War II. He married Lila Smith in 1941 and vliet, she preceded him in death in 1998. On from Watervliet April 10, 1999, he married Myrtle High School. After high school, he Berger who survives.

VFW Post 6803 and Knights of Col- with family. umbus in Watervliet, MI. Nelson truly His loving family includes: his wife, enjoyed his family and his friends.

Baumeister of Watervliet; one son, by his parents. Tom (and Brenda) Baumeister of Eau Drew died Friday, October 30, 2009, six brothers and sisters.

Funeral service will be held 11:00 a.m. on Friday, Nov. 6, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 157 Lucinda Lane, Watervliet, with Father James Swiat officiating; with visitation one hour prior to the service. Interment will be at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Watervliet. Visitation will be at J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, on Thursday, Nov. 5 from 1:00 until 8:00 p.m.; with a Vigil Service at 4:00 p.m. conducted by Father Carl Peltz of St. John Catholic



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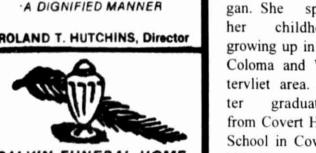
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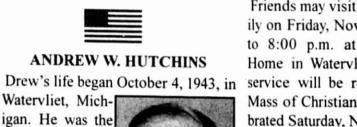


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Church in Albion: In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Alzheimer's Research in Kalamazoo, MI; or Hos-



(DenAdel) Hutch-Drew spent his

went to work for Gast Manufacturing For over 32 years, Nelson sold insur- where he worked until his retirement. ance for AAA from his office, which He was a member of the Watervliet was located in Benton Harbor. He Fire Department for 47 years and an moved to Albion in 1999. He was a active member of the Knights of member of St. John Catholic Church Columbus #4055. Drew loved to fill in Albion and was also a member of his time helping people and visiting Family Funeral

Kay Hutchins of Watervliet; one son, Harbor. Visitation took place on Crime Stoppers. He is survived by: his wife, Myrtle Andy Hutchins of Grand Rapids, MI; Baumeister of Albion; one daughter, his brother, Roland (Loretta) Hutchins Ellen (and Joe) Hagenbarth of Mar- of Watervliet; and many nieces and shall, MI; one daughter-in-law, Eva nephews. He was preceded in death

Claire, MI; two stepsons - Andy and at the University of Michigan Hospital Nancy) Anderla of Lansing, MI, and in Ann Arbor, MI. Friends may visit Terry (and Dan) Anderla of Albion; with Drew's family on Wednesday, one sister, Cassie Eidson of Califor- November 4, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., nia; one brother, Jack (and Ida) Bau- at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watermeister; 18 grandchildren; and 29 vliet. Memorials may be made in great-grandchildren. He was preceded Drew's memory to the Watervliet Fire in death by: one son, Nelson Jr.; and Department or Knights of Columbus Council 4055.

ELSIE LAURA (SPILLERS)

nesday, November 4, 2009, at Willows semi-truckloads of grapes from local Assisted Living in St. Joseph, sur- growers as well as tomatoes and

Elsie's life began on August 10, 1933, west. at the home of her loving and proud Mr. Schultz is survived by: his wife, ony warrant for parents, Ralph O. and Geraldine W. Mildred; sons - Robert (Bonnie) assault. His last (Peter) Spillers in Watervliet, MI. She Schultz of Benton Harbor, MI, and known address is

was the oldest of four daughters. Elsie graduated from Watervliet High Harbor; one daughter, Katherine (Lar-School in 1951. She met and then ry) Yonker of Coloma; his sister, Eleamarried Howard Lee Kimball, her nor Marquardt; granddaughter Holly husband of 57 years. They were mar- Norman; grandsons Sanford (Donda) ried on October 25, 1952, in Water- Walke, James (Jennifer) Walke, Jeff

Her loving family includes: her hus- Yonker, Ky Schultz, Shawn Stevens, Charase Janine Harvey is wanted ready to be tested, thus limiting your band, Howard; five daughters - Cindy and Robert and William Schultz; and on a felony war-(Dave) Young of Watervliet, Sandra numerous great-grandchildren. (Jim) Richter of Houston, TX, Jane He was preceded in death by: his par- last known ad-(Paul) Dykema of Lansing, MI, Julie ents; and two sisters, Norma Langer dress is in Benton (Jerry) Rider of Eustus, FL, and Amy and Madeline Schaub. (Jeff) O'Riley of Watervliet; nine grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and three sisters - Jean (Fritz) Froehlich of Sodus, MI, Nancy Bohn, and Carol (Pete) Kobe of Ft. Wayne, Christopher Lee Thompson, 35, of IN. She was preceded in death by: her Samburg, Tennessee, former Water-

on Saturday, November 7, from 1:00 Samburg. to 3:00 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral Travis Fleming, 85, of Coloma, Home in Watervliet, where her life Michigan, died Wednesday, October will be celebrated following the visita- 21, 2009, at home. Duffield & Pastion, at 3:00 p.m. with Reverend Dan trick Family Funeral Home and Cre-Scheid officiating. Memorials may be mation Services, Coloma.

THERESA PLASKO

Theresa's life began April 8, 1933, in childhood growing up in the Coloma and Watervliet area. After graduating from Covert High

tended nursing school at Mercy Hospital in Benton Harbor, MI. Through some neighbor friends, she igan, died Sunday, November 1, 2009, met Robert Plasko and they married at Caretel Inns of Lakeland. Starks & on June 19, 1954, at St. Joseph Cath-

olic Church in Watervliet. Theresa was a registered nurse and owned Tech Exercise Salon in Mansfield and Centerville, OH; and in South Haven, MI. In her spare time, she was a Girl Scout leader, American Field Service leader, and volunteered at the YMCA. When she was not volunteering, Theresa enjoyed playing bridge, square dancing and traveling. Theresa's greatest love was spending time with her family, which includes: her husband, Bob Plasko; seven children - Mark Plasko of Chapel Hill, NC, Mary (John) Sheets of Meridian, IN, Victoria Jean Keon of George

West, TX, Phillip (Susan) Plasko of

Plano, TX, Stephen (Norine) Plasko of

Waxhaw, NC, Theodore Plasko of

Round Rock, TX, and Joy (Mark) Turner of Heath Springs, SC; 11 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; two sisters - Sallie (Noel) Rodriguez of Semi Valley, CA, and Dee Phillips of Watervliet; and several nieces and

ily on Friday, November 6, from 6:00 Rescue Department with a structure extension 7222. to 8:00 p.m. at Hutchins Funeral fire on Riverside Road in Hagar Home in Watervliet, where a prayer Township. The second call was for a service will be recited at 7:30 p.m. possible water rescue on the Paw Paw Mass of Christian Burial will be cele- River just off N. Main Street but it brated Saturday, November 7, at 10:00 turned out to be unfounded. a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in The department was dispatched to Watervliet. Burial will follow in St. 317 W. St. Joseph Street on October Patients presenting at the E.D. with Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

RAYMOND H. SCHULTZ Raymond H. Schultz, 89, of Coloma,

Michigan, passed away Saturday.

Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Memorial donations may be made to John William Watson is wanted on the Humane Society of Southwestern a felony warrant Michigan or North Berrien Senior for fraud. His last Center. Those wishing to sign the on- known address is line guest book or leave a message of in Niles.

comfort for the family may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com. Raymond was born August 10, 1920, in Sodus, MI, to Rudolph and Amalie (Hauch) Schultz. The family moved to a farm at Twelve Corners, MI, when Ray was 10 years old. In 1945, he Donald Edward Britton is wanted married Mildred (Antes) Schultz. on a felony war-They purchased a farm on Park Road, rant for robbery. one that became known as Schultz's His last known Fruitland. Ray also assisted John address is in Glassman with his auctions and man- Niles. Elsie L. Kimball, 76, of Benton Haraged the Burton Richards Farms. He bor, Michigan, passed away on Wed- became a fruit broker and shipped

apples to New York, Ohio, and points James (Mary) Schultz of Benton in Constantine. (Betsy) Yonker, Jason (Suzanne)

Death Notices

parents, and a brother-in-law, Bill vliet and Hartford, MI, area resident, information that leads to the arrest of died Tuesday, October 20, 2009. any of these people. Callers don't Friends may visit with Elsie's family Edmaiston-Mosley Funeral Home, need to leave a name but will be

made in Elsie's name to Hospice at James Michael Rawson, 70, of Phoenix, Arizona, formerly of Sister Lakes, Michigan, died Friday, October 23, 2009, at home. Colonial Chapel,

Frederick Robert Schmalfeldt, 53, of South Bend, Indiana, formerly of Hartford, MI, died Tuesday, October 23, 2009, at his home. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, MI.

John Sullivan Hodges, 65, of Covert, Michigan, died Tuesday, October 27, 2009, at South Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven,

Ann Kennedy, 81, of Coloma, Mich-Menchinger Family Funeral Home,

St. Joseph, MI. Martha C. Saetre, 82, of Hartford, Michigan, died Sunday, November 1, 2009, at Bronson Nursing and Rehabilitation, Lawton, MI. Calvin Funeral



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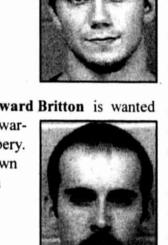
CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1 On October 26, the department was must be reconfirmed before an arrest. dispatched to two calls. The first was To comment on the accuracy of this Friends may visit with Theresa's fam- to assist the North Berrien Fire- information, call (269) 983-7141,

27 for a structure fire. This was due to all other medical conditions: a chair on the front porch that was on Patients will be triaged in the triage;

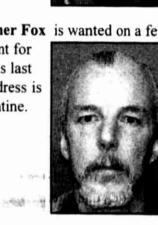
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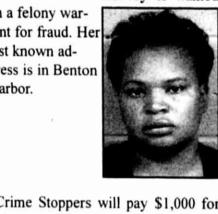
out on October 30 to 465 E. Parsons. Wanted by the police

Photos and information about people from the area who are wanted on outstanding warrants for various alleged felonies are listed below. This infor-Home in Coloma. Burial followed at mation was provided by the Berrien Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton County Sheriff's Department and



John Elmer Fox is wanted on a fel-





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HOSPITAL

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Will be registered in the regular admitting area, if appropriate; Will be seated in the main corridor, if appropriate, until called. This is the

"well waiting area." After Hours Clinic

The After Hours Clinic, located across from the Emergency Dept., is open at noon; and efforts have currently been under way to secure additional staff and extend hours to treat patients showing signs of the flu symptoms so they can be treated at the After Hours Clinic instead of the Emergency Department setting.

When making a routine outpatient visit

Patients requiring routine outpatient procedures such as lab tests or x-rays, but who have NO illness with flu-like symptoms, should proceed as follows: Patients will be registered in the regular admitting area;

Patients will be directed to go to the 'well waiting area" to wait until called for their procedure: Laboratory procedures - main lobby; Radiology procedures - waiting area next to the Ultrasound Department.

Patients requiring outpatient procedures, however, who are ill WITH flulike symptoms should proceed as fol-

Patients will be registered at the Emergency Department Triage area; Will be provided with a surgical mask and instructed in its use;

Will be directed to the current "sick waiting area" until being called for

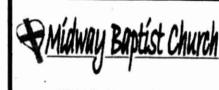
Pre-surgical patients

Patients requiring pre-surgical testing will be instructed to report to the Surgical Services Department when arriving for scheduled tests and wait at this location. You will be called by the appropriate department when you are exposure to other patients and preventing the potential of pre-surgical infection.

Specialty clinic patients Patients at the specialty clinics requiring outpatient tests or procedures will be asked to wait at the clinic. They will be called to come over to the appropriate department when it is ready for them, thus limiting their exposure to other patients,

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ERICH PICA...is the new President of Friends of the Earth and is a nationally recognized expert on dirty energy subsidies. A 1992 graduate of Watervliet High School and 1997 graduate of Western Michigan University, Erich is the son of George Pica and the late Lois Pica. He is now living in the Washington, D.C., area with his wife, the former Amy Zandarski, a 1993 graduate of

New teacher joins the family at St. Joseph Catholic School

By Mary Brost Reck St. Joseph Catholic School in Water-

vliet recently welcomed a new second-grade teacher. Kimberly Polym is originally from La Porte, Indiana. She went to St. Xavier in Chicago, Illinois, where she received a degree

cation. A master's degree in elementary education followed at Indiana Wesleyan. Polym is currently also working on a second master's degree, in special education.

She now lives with her husband of 11 Brianna Schultz, a sixth-grader, has technique such as frequent hand wash- ral medications on the market ap- parent-teacher years and their two children in Bridg- been selected as Coloma Middle ing and the use of alcohol-based hand proved by the FDA today. Koshar said

"I wanted the chance to grow in my of the Week." Brifaith and teach in a Catholic school," anna is the 11said Polym of her decision to come to wear-old daughter Watervliet. "I am glad to be here." of Shawn and Polym replaces former second-grade Michelle Schultz teacher Cathy Wilkinson, who moved of Coloma. She out of the area when her husband was has one cat named

Birth

A baby boy was born at 8:18 a.m. on She focuses on the work she needs to Michigan. He weighed 8 pounds, 4 complete. She plans ahead so she's

announcements

A baby boy was born at 10:11 a.m. on example of a Coloma Middle School Saturday, October 24, 2009, to Ashley student." and Nick Skoda of Benton Harbor, Hobbies for Brianna include gymnas-

Thursday, October 29, 2009, to April C.A.R.E. weighed 4 pounds, 13 ounces.

"All-you-can-eat" Fish Fry November 13 at Coloma American Legion

The Coloma American Legion bowling teams will be serving an "all-youcan-eat" Fish Fry on Friday, November 13, at Post 362, located at the corner of St. Joseph Avenue and Sassaf-

They will serve from 5:00 until 7:00

Adults are \$7; children 3-10 are \$3 and under 3 are free. This event is open to the public.

Watervliet District Library news Children's fiction

The following new children's fiction

titles are now available at Watervliet

District Library: Rainy Day by Patricia Lakin; Groundhog Stays Up Late by Margery Cuyler; How to Heal A Broken Wing by Bob Graham; Pizza For the Queen by Nancy Castaldo; Santa Duck by David Milgrim; Once Upon A Twice

New fiction Additionally, new fiction titles for

Alan Durant.

young adults include: Forged in the Fire by Ann Turbull; Camp Alien by Pamela Service; The Hospital Watervliet, this virus is a

House of a Million Pets by Hodgman; Princess Nevermore by Dian Curtis Regan; A Room with a Zoo by Jules Feiffer; The Runaway Dolls by Ann Martin, Laura Godwin & Brian Selznick; and the graphic novel Angel Sanctuary by Kaori Yuki.

Coloma Middle School "Student of the Week"

November 2, 2009

Mrs. Clore nominated Brianna for spectful, attentive, and willing to help. ready for class. Brianna is a good

Michigan. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 tics, basketball, and cheerleading. In Koshar said once exposed to the virus

COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1959 CELEBRATED...its 50th reunion Saturday, August 8, at The Waterfront restaurant in Coloma. Pictured are: (kneeling in front, from the left) Art Sill, Adele Hauch Bluschke, Joyce McCormick Westfall, Julie Stansfield Hogan, Robert Randall, Sandy Babcock Carter, Dale Kreitner, Jim Andres; (second row, from the left) Susan Head Munjoy, Sharon Umphrey Fox, Shirley Johnson Bailey, Kaye Kerstetter, Doug Carter, Jean Fruehauf Kreitner, Alice Carrothers Vacanti; (third row, from the left) Neal Kreitner, Barbara Matlock Green, Lois Kavanaugh Smalley, Janet Traxler Glover, Judy Urness Sardella, Fred Reeves, Jim Dubach; (back row, from the left) Jim VanOrman, Tony Tavolacci, Birney Vanderboegh, Paul Friday, Robert Flippen, Tom Willmeng, Wayne Clapsaddle, Bill Cole, Allan Strejc, and Gail Steele Wells. Also attending but not available for the photo was Robert Letsch.

Swine Flu is not caused by kissing pigs... and other myths

Scientists originally referred to the viruses that normally occur in pigs in degrees F.

According to Theda Koshar, Director of Infection Control at Community mon to other flu symptomology. deviant cousin to the common occurring "A" flu virus that infects the pop-

H1N1 virus primarily through "peoare already sick with the illness... it and definitely no playtime. has nothing to do with contact with a sick pig or eating contaminated pork. also by touching infected objects and condition and find yourself experienc- that department.

Koshar says the chance of self-conmouth when you cough; and utilizing at your physician's discretion. a home sanitizing routine, especially when family members are ill. This can yourself or your child recovered from vliet High School will be held on and making sure to wash surfaces and such as Tylenol or Motrin.

Remember children's toys; soaking clinics, and doctor's offices have seen first-served basis. plastic toys in a diluted bleach solu- a marked increase in patient load over For additional information, please tion for a few minutes will do the the past few weeks with this swine flu contact the WHS Principal's Office at trick. You can wipe down the toys that outbreak in the Tri-City Area. can't be soaked with the same solution. Be sure to machine wash your Wednesday, October 21, 2009, to get done, even when others around her child's favorite "Lovey" during this Lanessa Lloyd of Benton Harbor, are off task. Her work is neat and flu outbreak... "Lovey" is a sure virus

What to look for

if you are getting sick

her spare time, she enjoys listening to the onset of "actually getting sick" is A baby boy was born at 11:59 p.m. on country and rock music, reading "Al approximately one to four days but Saturday, October 24, 2009, to Cree Capone Does My Shirts," and playing can take as long as seven days to Miles and Montell Coates of Benton Rock Band 1 and 2. Her favorite class become ill. The course of this flu runs Harbor, Michigan. He weighed 5 is language arts with Mrs. Mantei. five to 10 days and symptoms can be Throughout Middle School, Brianna mild to severe. Most cases that hospital stay, Koshar said, involve evening will also feature musical performances by alumni.

ditions such as asthma or diabetes. seen a 40% increase in patient load in Symptoms include: malaise (having the last two weeks, due to the health H1N1 influenza virus as "swine flu" no get-up-and-go) sore throat, runny crisis. by Denise Doyen; and Burger Boy by because laboratory testing showed nose, cough, headache, fatigue, chills, The CEO of Community Hospital that many of the genes in the new body aches, diarrhea, vomiting, intes- Watervliet, Ray Cruse, commented on

then touching your nose, mouth, and ing respiratory distress... difficulty

There are no antibiotics to treat a tamination diminishes with a simple virus; however, there are some antivisanitizer; covering your nose and the antiviral drug Tamiflu is available

be done by wiping everything down the swine flu until you have been Thursday, November 19, from 12:30with a diluted bleach solution or sim- fever-free for a 24-hour period with- 3:00 p.m. and 5:30-8:00 p.m. ply using lots of hot water and soap out the use of any fever-reducing aids Sign-in sheets for parents will be

Hospital emergency rooms, walk-in parents will be seen on a first-come,

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virus were very similar to influenza tinal cramping, and fever over 100 this influx of patients: "We have not turned away any patient who has Koshar pointed out that this flu has needed to be seen or who believes that gastrointestinal symptoms not com- they need to be seen. We can't make

Cruse said if you are sick and you go If you find you or a member of your to Community Hospital, you would be family is showing signs of swine flu, seen. He did point out that the wait has begin monitoring the fever and make been hours for some patients but he the patient comfortable. Most impor- has called in extra staff when needed tant, REMOVE the patient from the to cover the shortages. But he said his ple-to-people" contact with those who public; this means no school or work staff has also been stricken with the flu, "just like everyone else."

If you feel this situation has moved Koshar also recommends all Tri-City into medical necessity, go to the doc- Area residents get the H1N1 vaccine. The virus is spread easily through the tor, hospital emergency department or which is being provided free of cost coughs and sneezes of people who are walk-in clinic for medical assistance. by the Berrien County Health Departsick with the swine flu (not pigs) and If you have an underlying medical ment, as soon as it is made available to

WHS fall conferences

Koshar said you should not consider This year, fall conferences at Water-

placed outside each classroom where

463-4221, extension 341.

Grace Christian School will mark 35th anniversary

Grace Christian School will celebrate its 35th anniversary at a special annual banquet on Saturday, November 14, at the school, south of Watervliet on M-

The banquet will begin at 6:00 p.m. with appetizers and fellowship; a catered The theme of this year's banquet is "A Generation of Grace," and it will fea-

ture a reflection on the school's heritage. Former students, faculty, staff, and parents have been invited to return for a Grace family reunion. Among those taking part in the program will be three of the school's four for-A baby girl was born at 6:00 p.m. on has been on the Honor Roll and progress to a critical status requiring a mer administrators - Brian Mayfield, Ted Caucutt, and John Davis. The

Braisher of Coloma, Michigan. She When Brianna grows up, she wants to patients with underlying medical con-To register, call the school office by Friday, November 6, at 463-5545.



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Movie Guides & Community Calendar

Watervliet **Public Schools District Calendar**

Thursday, Nov. 5 HIGH SCHOOL - Volleyball District Championship Game, 7:00 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 6 End of Marking Period. SOUTH SCHOOL - Spirit Day; Half Day of School. HIGH SCHOOL - District Final Football Game at Watervliet High School, 7:00 p.m., Watervliet vs. Constantine.

Saturday, Nov. 7 PTO Fun Fair at North School, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL -Band at MCBA State Competition.

Monday, Nov. 9 Board of Education Meeting in High School Library, 7:00 p.m.; PTO Meeting at South School, 5:30 p.m. SOUTH SCHOOL - PTO Book Fair, Monday through Thursday. HIGH SCHOOL - Athletic Booster Meeting in High School Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, Nov. 11 MIDDLE SCHOOL - Seventh Grade Boys Basketball at Lawton, 5:00/6:15 p.m.; Eighth Grade Boys Basketball at Home w/Lawton, 5:00/6:15 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL - National Honor Society Blood Drive in High School Gymnasium

Friday, Nov. 13 SOUTH SCHOOL - Reports Cards Sent Home. MIDDLE SCHOOL Boys basketball at Home w/Lawrence, 5:00/6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 14 HIGH SCHOOL - Quiz Bowl at Holland Tournament, 9:30 a.m.

North School Notes PTO FUN FAIR **NOVEMBER 7**

The Watervliet PTO Fun Fair. "Hawaiian Luau," will be held at North School this year on Saturday, November 7, from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

As in years past, there will be games, including awesome door prizes. Children are free to play all the games. Prize cards (required to collect any prizes) will be available for

If you would like to help at the Fun Fair, or if you would like to donate a baked good for the bake sale or cakewalk, please contact the North or South School offices.

This is a day for the whole family, so please come.

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Balanced posture

Have you ever noticed someone with one shoulder that is higher is than

the other? Chances are the opposite hip will be higher, too. That is

because the body will always adapt and try to balance or center itself

from top to bottom, from side to side, and from front to back. So how do

I think balance always starts with good posture. Last week I wrote about

seated posture and how it could affect your neck and shoulders. Having

good posture applies whether you are sitting, standing or lying down!

Let's break the correct standing posture down from bottom to top: feet

are hip width apart with the weight centered evenly over your feet; knees

are "soft", not locked out; hips are level and in a neutral position, not

tipped forward or backward; the abdominals are tucked in tight; the

shoulders are pulled slightly back and down and the arms are hanging

loosely by your side; the top of the head is reaching up toward the ceil-

ing. Take a few minutes and try it! It will probably feel a little unnatural

first, but with practice it will feel more and more normal. Always try to

practice correct standing posture whenever you are waiting in line at the

grocery store, walking, exercising, washing dishes or cooking - anything

Having good posture when you are lying down involves keeping the

spine in a neutral alignment, which means the natural curves of the spine

are supported. If you are lying on your back, you want to have your neck

supported so that it is neither propped up (the chin being pushed toward

the chest) or flattened out (the top of the back of the head pressing on the

surface you are laying on which stretches out the throat), and you want

the low back curve supported also, maybe by adding a small roll or fold-

ed towel to lie on. If you are lying on your side, you want the neck sup-

ported so the head is a direct extension of the neck, not dropped down or

lifted up, and you can keep the hips in line by placing a pillow between

the knees. By keeping the spine in its natural alignment, you can allevi-

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ate pain and head off problems with the muscles and joints.

By Ann DeHaver

you develop balance in your body?

you do standing up.

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PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent/teacher conferences at North School in Watervliet will be held Wednesday evening, November 18; and Thursday afternoon and evening,

Conferences are an important time for parents to meet with their child's teacher to discuss academic progress as well as any other questions or con-

Please plan to attend your child's mysterious Christmas apparitions. scheduled conference. We look forward to seeing you.

Remember that Wednesday through Friday, Nov. 18-20, will be half days for students; and dismissal will be at 11:25 a.m. on those days.

Watervliet Middle School

"Student of the Week" Watervliet Public Schools and the

eighth-grade team are proud to present T.J. Hoffman as this week's of the Week."

Shayla's 6-month-old baby T.J. is a member of the Honor Club the unjust deal into his deadly plan. and also plays basketball and foot-

T.J.'s favorite subject is language Boy (voiced by Highmore) is about a arts. He says he likes language arts because Mrs. Moerman is funny and she makes the class fun.

Mrs. Moerman says, "T.J. is wonderful to have in class. He always comes class prepared, participates thoughtfully, asks great questions, and always has a smile on his face!" After high school, he would like to or the University of Michigan. He him. would like to play basketball and go to the NBA or become a lawyer.

When asked to name one place in the entire world he would like to visit, he said he would like to visit New York because he would like to see the Niagara Falls and visit a big city athletic, funny, and intelligent.

His proudest moment in his life making the Principal's List all last

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Movie Guide

A Christmas Carol...

An animated retelling of the Charles cerns. Extra effort has been made to Dickens novel about Ebenezer schedule a conference for every child Scrooge (Carrey), a Victorian-era and to coordinate with any siblings' miser who is taken on a journey of self-redemption, courtesy of several

The Fourth Kind...

An investigator (Jovovich) is dispatched to Nome, Alaska to puzzle out a 40-year-long mystery involving an extraordinary number of unexplained disappearances in the town. Her videotaped evidence looks to present the most convincing evidence of alien abduction ever documented.

This Is It...

A compilation of interviews, rehearsals and backstage footage of Michael Jackson as he prepared for his series of sold-out shows in London.

Law Abiding Citizen...

After family man Clyde Shelton (Butler) is failed by the court system, he concocts a series of events designed to exact his revenge on the killers of his wife and daughter. And from inside Patrick, 11; his sister, Shayla, 17; and his jail cell, the mastermind lures the prosecutor (Foxx) who orchestrated

Astro Boy...

Set in futuristic Metro City, Astro young robot with incredible powers created by a brilliant scientist (voiced by Cage) in the image of the son he has lost. Unable to fulfill the grieving man's expectations, our hero embarks on a journey in search of acceptance, experiencing betraval and a netherworld of robot gladiators, before he returns to save Metro City and recongo to a big college like Notre Dame cile with the father who had rejected

The Stepfather...

Michael Harding (Badgley) returns from military school to find his mother (Ward) living with her new boy friend, David (Walsh). As the two men. get to know each other. Michael Three adjectives that describe T.J. are becomes suspicious of the man in his



TECHNOLOGY Valid: Friday 11/6 to Thursday. 11/12 Met Opera: Turandot Saturday 1:00 p.m. (live) **A Christmas Carol 3D (PG) (Premium 3D Prices Apply) :45, 4:15, 5:15, 6:45, 7:45, 9:15

**A Christmas Carol 2D (PG) 12:45, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:1

*The Fourth Kind (PG13) 12:15, 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50 *The Box-35mm (PG13) 1:15, 4:10, 6:50, 9:30 Men Who Stare At Goats (R) :35, 4:10, 6:25, 8:50 Sunday Night Coast Movie

Where The Wild Things Are(PG 6:35, 8:45 * Michael Jacksons This is It

1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45 **Amelia (PG) 12:40, 3:30, 6:15, 9:00 Astro Boy (PG) 1:30, 3:50

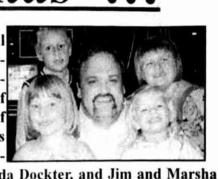
*Cirque Due Freak: The Vampire's Assistant (PG-13) 10:00

Saw VI (R) 8:05, 10:10 Paranormal Activity (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:55, 10:10 *Where The Wild Things Are(PG) 1:55, 4:15, 6:35, 8:45 Law Abiding Citizen (R)

1:10, 4:00, 6:45, 9:30 Couples Retreat (PG13) 2:25, 4:55, 7:25, 9:55 "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatball 3D (PG) (Premium 3D Prices Apply) 2:00

"Kute Kids"...

PROUD UNCLE"...Deane Fizzell (center) of Watervliet was recently surprised with a party on his 46th birthday. He is the son of Bill Fizzell of Chicago, Illinois; and Vida Dockter of Hartford. Pictured with Deane are his nieces and nephew who are the grand-



children of Bill Fizzell, Frank and Vida Dockter, and Jim and Marsha Cole of Watervliet. In front, from the left, are Melanie Goetter and Chelsea Fleming; in back, from the left, are Tyler Fleming and Avery Openneer. Melanie is the daughter of Ben and Dana (Fizzell) Goetter of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Chelsea and Tyler are the children of Lynn and Ashley (Fizzell) Fleming of Florence, South Carolina; and Avery is the daughter of Michele Cole and Steve Openneer.

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

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Orchard Hill Sanitary Landfill Send Community Calendar listings to: Tri-City Record Box 7, Watervliet, MI 49098; Fax to (269) 463-8329; or E-mail to record@i2k.com

Listings must be renewed weekly; the listings deadline for next week's newspaper is 12:00 noon on Monday.

Now available, "APPLICATIONS FOR MR. WATERVLIET CON-TEST" at WHS Office. First practice is Sunday, Nov. 8. If you have any juestions, you may contact Ann DeHaven through the High School.

Now until November 24, "NORTH BERRIEN FOOD DRIVE." Needed are macaroni & cheese, peanut butter, soup & canned meat. Drop-off locations in Coloma are at Harding's, Hagar Township Hall, Rite Aid, Edgewater Bank, Chemical Bank, and North Berrien Historical Museum. If you want to donate a ham, please call Kandy at (269) 208-6571.

Now through November 28, "LEAF PICKUP FOR COLOMA CHAR-TER TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS." Questions? Call the Township Hall,

Thursday, November 5, 5:30-7:00 p.m., "BOOK CLUB MEETS" at Coloma Public Library. "The Mermaids Singing" will be discussed; copies are still available for checkout.

Friday, November 6, 5:00-6:30 p.m., "COMMUNITY SOUP & SALAD SUPPER" at North Berrien Senior Center, 6648 Ryno Road, Coloma. Menu includes soup, salad, breat, dessert & beverage. Cost is \$5 for adults; \$3 for children up to 12; free for children 3 & younger.

Saturday, November 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., "CRAFT SHOW/ BA-ZAAR" at Watervliet First UMC, 122 Church Street, one block east of the stoplight in downtown Watervliet. Call Linda at 468-4902 after 1:00 p.m. weekdays; or leave a message at the church office, 463-6361, for details. Saturday, November 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., "HARTFORD COMMU-NITY CHRISTMAS BAZAAR" at Hartford Middle School. Free admission; over 100 booths; homemade luncheon will also be offered.

Saturday, November 7, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., "BERRIEN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY SEMINAR" at Park Inn Motel, Conference Room, 4290 Red Arrow Highway, Stevensville. Registration fee is \$5 for members, \$10 for non-members, free with 2010 Single BCGS membership; walk-ins are also welcome.

Saturday, November 7, 11:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., "WATERVLIET PTO FUN FAIR" at North School. Theme is "Hawaiian Luau." Games, food & fun for the whole family. Help is needed, as are cake/baked good donations. Please call the school offices to offer your help.

Saturday, November 7, 7:00-11:00 p.m., "LAST BLAST BEFORE THE SNOW FLIES DANCE & RAFFLE" at Van Buren Sportsmen's Club. north of Hartford on C.R. 687 at the Paw Paw River. Great entertainment, dancing, food & raffle; cash bar also available. Admission is \$5; the public is welcome. Call (269) 621-3994 for more information.

Sunday, November 8, 1:00-7:00 p.m., "FAMILY FUN DAY FUNDRAIS-ER" at Surfari Joe's Indoor Wilderness Water Park, Watervliet. You may bring your own food/beverage (no alcohol allowed). Cost is \$20 per person. Call (269) 463-7946i for more information.

Sunday, November 8, 2:00 p.m., "THE SOUNDS OF FREEDOM" patriotic concert and program, hosted by Lest We Forget SWMI, at Lake Michigan College Mendel Center, Benton Township. Tickets are \$10 each. Call (269) 925-7176 for more information or tickets.

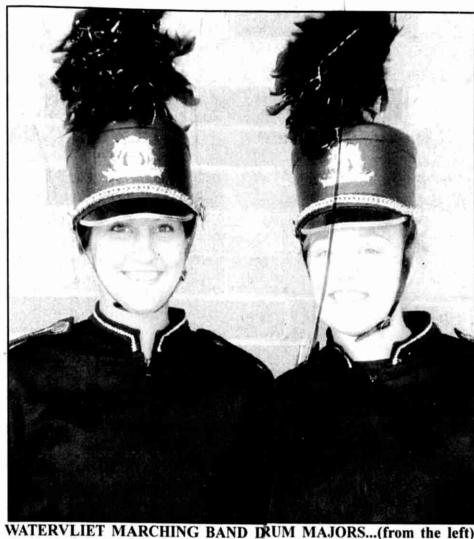
"WATERVLIET DISTRICT LIBRARY BOARD MEETING," at the library, downtown Watervliet. Meetings are open to the public Wednesday, November 11, 9:30 a.m., "VETERANS DAY CEREMO-NY" at the Korean War Memorial on Lake Boulevard in St. Joseph, sponsored by Korean War Veterans of SW Michigan.

Tuesday, November 10, and second Tuesday of each month, 6:30 p.m.

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Alyson Wendzel and Kayla Warsko recived the honor of being named Best Drum Majors at the Niles Marchig Band Invitational earlier in the Park 2009 on Saturday, October 31.

First practice this Sunday, November 8

Mr. Watervliet Contest applications now available

Contestants for the Mr. Watervliet Contest should High School Office this week, fill at an application, and pick up a practice

The first practice will be this Sundy, November 8. If you have any questions, please contact Ann DeHaven through the High

Coloma Lioness Holiday **Fashion Show November 14**

The 30th annual Coloma Lioness Holiday Fashion Show will be held on unteer officers, were on hand to help Saturday, November 14, at the S. Joseph Elks Lodge in St. Joseph. Donation for the all-you-can-ea salad lunch, with lots of prizes will be \$12. Doors will open at 11:30 a.m.

Contact any Lioness member of call (269) 468-3917 for tickets of more infor-



UMBRELLAS...were a big part of most Halloween commes last Friday for the annual Watervliet Downtown Sidewalk Costum Parade. Driving rain and the flu might have accounted for less than the spected 1,500 but an estimated 600 youngsters, along with parents and gardians, visited the stores and businesses for treats on Friday afternoon fom 3:00-5:00. (Karl Bayer photo)

Brunch

Buffet

Onions

\$6.99

Area bands making beautiful music;

WHS band heads for Ford Field Sat.

The Tri-City Area bands have been Under the direction of Cheryl Thomaking beautiful music during this mas, the Coloma High School Marchfall, their competitive season. All ing Band has been participating in the bands received a Division I rating at Scholastic Marching Band competithe Marching Band Festival held in tions in addition to performing at all ments, it did receive Best Marching, home football games.

Paw Paw on October 7

Coloma's

Halloween in

the Park 2009

is a big hit

Submitted by Chana Kniebes

ebration in Baker Park with the Colo-

volunteered to help. Local govern-

ment officials from Coloma City and

Township were also busy participating

Coloma Township Police Department

and North Berrien Community Devel-

opment (NBCD) were proud to help

organize and promote this wonderful

community event that took place right

hours. This could not have been possi-

ble without the generous contributions

from business owners and the many

volunteer hours put in by the Hallo-

Plans are already under way to make

2010 Halloween in the Park, contact

next year even bigger and better.

and having a great time

ween Committee.

the NBCD at 468-4430.

Thomas said the band attended the Otsego Invitational on September 26, followed by the Hastings Invitational on October 3, coming in third place at both events. Also at the Hastings Invitational, Coloma received the Best Color Guard honor.

The 72-member-strong band received new uniforms this year on behalf of the Band Boosters and the School This is the sixth year for Thomas

the School District.

The weather was cold and windy but that did not stop hundreds of children The Hartford Indian Emerald Vanand their family members from comguard, under the direction of John ing to Coloma for Halloween in the Murphy, has had a very competitive season this year. The band is made up This year, instead of merchant trick or of 35 members, which Murphy said is treating, area businesses and organizaone of the smallest schools competing tions gave contributions toward a celin the Michigan Competing Band As-

ma Charter Township Police Dept. "Despite having small numbers, the The sponsorships were used to bag Vanguard has been doing excellent over 1,300 bags of candy and grill work," Murphy said. 1,200 hot dogs right at the park, along with juice, cider and beautifully deco-

At the Rockford Invitational, Hartford took first place and received an award rated cupcakes, all given free of for Best Music. The band took eighth place at the Jenison Invitational, sev-A costumed parade started at the enth place at the Allegan Invitational, Coloma Fire Station, led by the Comet sixth place at the Reeths-Puffer Car, and ended downtown at Baker Park. The park was decorated with

With its marching season coming to a spooky mannequins, Halloween decoclose, Murphy says, "It has been a fun rations, and an orange-striped canopy season for the Vanguard, with plenty with games and prizes for the elemenof memories that will last a lifetime." tary children. The Coloma Township Watervliet Police Department, part-time and vol-

The Watervliet Marching Band has with the event and pass out candy and had a very exciting season this year, interact with the children in an infor- and it's not over yet. Under the direc- There are seven judges at each com-

gave donations and candy but also be traveling to Ford Field in Detroit

November 7.

The band started its season at the Niles Marching Band Invitational; and while the band did not receive place-Best Drum Majors (Kayla Warsko and Alyson Wendzel), and Best Color

On October 10, the band traveled to Belding for the first of its Michigan Competing Band Association competitions. The band took home fourth place with a score of 64.15. On October 24, it was on to Allegan. The band received fifth place with a score of 67.55. This past Saturday the band traveled to Durand High School after at a long, cold day of practice. The practice paid off when the Watervliet Marching Band received fourth place and a score of 68.25. The average of the scores just barely put the band in the top 10 and landed it at the state

This is the sixth year in a row that the Watervliet Marching Band has finished in the top 10 of Flight IV and qualified for state.

The Michigan Competing Band Association is a competitive organization that hosts events throughout the state and culminates the season with a Championship Contest. While the organization requires a membership, it has strict rules governing the shows that are extensive and must be strictly

A band must compete in at least two shows to qualify for state and only the top 10 bands in each flight are invited o the Championship Contest. There are four flights - I, II, III, IV - and Watervliet is in Flight IV. The flight placement is determined by school enrollment and changes yearly, depend-

tion of Jennifer Engleman, now in her petition, two of them being on the Many local business owners not only 13th year, the band of 61 students will field during the performance.



A GREAT TURNOUT...on a windy and cold day ensured success for Coloma's first Halloween in the Park. (Chana Kniebes photo)

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PUBLIC NOTICE **Minutes from Coloma** Twp. meeting 10-14-09

Approved Pay Estimate #24 from Balkema Excavating Inc. in the amount of \$69,272.22. Approved Change Order #6 in the amount of \$82,040.

Master Plan Approved Updated Township Master

Approved Resolution for Township

Respectfully Submitted, Sandy Kraemer Coloma Township Clerk

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November 5, 2009 CITY OF HARTFORD 19 WEST MAIN STREET, HART-FORD, MI 49057 (269)-621-2477 TO ALL INTERESTED AGEN-CIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS: On or about November 23, 2009, the above named City will request the state of Michigan to release Federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of

(P.L. 93-383) for the following proj-

Water main Replacement Project Upgrade Water mains Diameters to Improve Water Pressure, Quality and FireSuppressant Purpose or Nature

City of Hartford, Van Buren County,

\$515,000.00 Estimated Cost of Project Finding of No Significant Impact. It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an quality of human environment and accordingly the above - named City has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (PL-91-

The reasons for such decision not to prepare an EIS are as follows: (10-29, 11-5-09-TCR) 1. The proposed project will have No Significant Impact on the environ-

> 2. The proposed project will improve Water Quality, Reliability and Fire

3. The long-term benefits of the will not be considered by the state. improved water flow outweigh the No objection received after Decemshort-term impact during construc- ber 8, 2009, will be considered by the

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by the above-named City, which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why an EIS is

This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request at Hartford City Hall between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. on Fridays. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be con-

ducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

Public Comments on Funding All interested agencies, groups, and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the City to the office of the Undersigned on or before November 20, 2009. All such comments so received will be considered and the City will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence. Release of Funds

The City of Hartford will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant Funds from the State of Michigan under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Hartford is certifying to the State of Michigan that the City of Hartford and Yemi Akinwale in his official capacity as 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. The legal effect Notice is further given then the asses of the certification is that upon its approval the City of Hartford may use the Block Grant funds and the state will have satisfied its responsi-

mental Policy Act of 1969. Objections to State Release of Funds The State of Michigan will accept an objection to its approval only if it is 5610 Meadow Lane action significantly affecting the on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State of Michigan; (b) that applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted to the State of Michigan, MEDC, 300 North Washington

bilities under the National Environ-

Square, Lansing, Michigan 48913. Objections to the release of funds on basis other than those stated above

Yemi Akinwale, City Manager 19 West Main Street Hartford, MI 49057 RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, Clerk City of Hartford 19 West Main Street Hartford, MI 49057 269-621-2477 269-621-2054 fax cityclerk@hartfordmi.com www.cityofhartfordmi.org

PUBLIC NOTICE Hartford Township Regular Board Meeting October 8, 2009

Proposed Minutes Supervisor Sefcik called the Regular Meeting of the Hartford Township Board to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Hartford Township Hall.

Members present: Supervisor Sefcik, Clerk Sweet, Treasurer Wilmoth and Trustees Dowd & McLellan Public Comment opened at 7:31 p.m.

and closed at 7:34 p.m. Sheriff's report placed on file. Moved by Dowd, supported by McLellan, to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2009, Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried. Moved by McLellan, supported by Dowd, to approve the minutes of the

September 24, 2009, Special Board Meeting. Motion carried. Moved by Dowd, supported by McLellan to pay bills and payroll in the amount of \$29,428.91. Motion

Dowd gave update on the Planning Zoning Administrator's report placed

Moved by McLellan, supported by Dowd, to pay 1/2 of installation price for electric service for Robert Kling (Zoning Permit 0010-2009) due to erroneous information given to Mr. Kling. Motion carried.

Moved by Sweet, supported by Dowd, to adopt Ordinance 33 Ordinance Enforcement Officer Ordinance. Ayes: Sefcik, Sweet, Wilmoth, Dowd & McLellan, Navs: none.

Motion carried. Moved by Dowd, supported by McLellan to appoint Jim Lechenet as Ordinance Enforcement Officer effective the day after publication of Ordinance 33. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Jilie Sweet, Clerk (11-3-09-TCR)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Trust TO ALL CREDITORS* NOTICE TO CRIDITOR: The deceased Settlor, Dian K. Morlock. who lived at 8363 E. Baldwin Ave... Watervliet, MI 4909 SS XXXX-XX-8849, died October 4, 2009, No probate estate has been opened for Diana K. Morlock and there is no Personal Representative of the Settlor's probate estate to wh Letters of

Authority have been issue Creditors of the deceased ettlor are notified that all claims against the Diana K. Morlock Revocabe Trust u/t/a dated March 27, 2008 and/or Diana K. Morlock, individual, will be forever bared unless presented to Theodore R. Morlock, at 833 E. Baldwin, Watervliet, MI 4098. and/or Thomas D. Morlock at 610 Meadow Lane, Coloma, MI 4938. Successor Co-Trustee within 4 months after the date of publication

of this Trust will be thereafter assigned the distributed to the per sons entitle to the trust assets thereof October 27, 2009

Theodore R. Morlock 8363 E. Baldwin Ave. Watervliet, MI 49098 Thomas D. Morlock

F. Ronald Postelli P19029 170 N. Paw Paw Street P.O. Box 295 Coloma, MI 49038 (11-05-09-TCR)

MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued by Berried County Clerk M. Louise Stine

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and Vanessa Nicole Pudell, Svens-Brian Kenneth Johnson and landi

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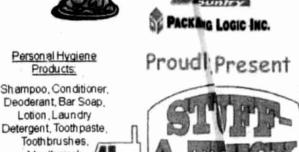
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Tri-City Area Sports News

Well, there were not many impressive performances by our prognosticators last week as there were several surprises at all levels of competition. Just when you thought that the Lions could not get any worse, they did. Michigan and Michigan State both came up short in games that many thought they should

Mark Bolin is still our leader as he went 9-5 for the best weekly record to stay in the lead by two full games. Mark's consistency again this week helped him ward off any threats from those below him and maintain his lofty status. But there is still someone just below him who is keeping him honest and will be there to take his place if he stumbles.

That someone is still Nancy Huffman who stays in second place this week with an 8-6 record. That keeps her just two games behind Mark to let him know that she is right there. One slip from him and that is all it would take for her to pounce on him and take the lead.

spots. She has to like her position at this point in the season, though. Tom Gear also went 8-6 and stays in fourth place this week. Tom moved out of his tie with John but is just one game removed from a tie with him at this point. His Irish have an easy week against Navy, so he should have a leg up on

John Demis stays in fifth place this week with a 7-7 record. John got beat up by the college and NFL teams, as did many of the others, but is just one game behind Tom so he could still easily make a move.

just two games behind John and three games behind Tom. And so far none of his upset picks have panned out for him, so here he sits until they do.

Mark Bolin

Watervliet PW

77-29

Watervliet,

St. Joseph,

Northern Illinois,

Michigan, Notre

Dame, Penn

State, Alabama,

Cardinals,

Seahawks,

Steelers

Total Pts. 44

This week's picks...

Constantine at Watervliet

Lakeshore at St. Joseph

Berrien Springs at

Wyoming-Kelloggsville

Eastern Mich. at Northern Illinois

Berrien Springs,

made it a 21-7 game. If Lawton fans thought that score

would change the momentum, they were sadly mistaken. The Panthers took their next possession and saw quarterback Kevin Eastman keep the ball on a read-option and weave his way down the field for a 49-yard ouchdown. The extra point was wide, making the score 27-7.

The Panthers went on to score two more touchdowns in the second quarter, with the first coming on a 13-yard taking the ball in for the 2-point conthird touchdown of the second quarter came on a pitch-and-catch pass from ourners after the catch. Montejano kicked the extra point to make it a 42-

As a result of the 35-point spread, there was a running clock to start the second half that lasted until Lawton about two minutes left in the game to make it a 49-15 score. That clock made the second half go fairly quickdownpour that started late in the sec-

Watervliet's final touchdown came early in the third quarter on another pass from Eastman to Dabicci that

Watervliet coach Jeremy Andrews les. Howley also had a sack. Max 15-25, and 25-22. was really happy about that as he said Goodrich had three tackles and a sack Coloma stats had Julie Timm with 23 they also got about 13 JV players into as well. the game as well, players who had been brought up for the playoffs.

COMPUTER

Nancy Huffman

Huffman's TV

75-31

Watervliet,

St. Joseph,

Berrien Springs,

Northern Illinois,

Michigan State,

Michigan, Notre

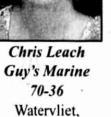
Dame, Penn

State, Alabama,

Bears, Seahawks.

Steelers

Total Pts. 47



69-37 Watervliet, St. Joseph, Lakeshore, Berrien Springs. Wyoming, No. Illinois, Michigan Northern Illinois, State, Purdue, Michigan State, Notre Dame, Michigan, Notre Dame, Penn Ohio State, State, LSU, Alabama, Cardinals, Cardinals, Seahawks, Seahawks, Steelers Broncos

Tom Gear

T-C Copmputer

Western Mich. at Michigan State Purdue at Michigan Navy at Notre Dame Ohio State at Penn State LSU at Alabama Arizona Cards at Chicago Bears

Total Pts. 52

Coach Andrews said that he was fensive back Tim Flagel on Lawton's with 56 assists and 15 digs; Courtney pleased with the team's overall effort top receiver all night and he covered Hauch with 17 kills and three aces; on both sides of the ball. The defense him like a blanket while being credit- and Lindsey Hauch with 33 kills, 21 performed as expected, while the ed with three tackles and also break- digs, and nine aces. offense was able to take advantage of ing up three passes, all of this despite The Lady Comets end their regular

Total Pts. 45

Defensive end Max Goodrich got Quinn and Jake Teunnisen as giving which they will host. banged up and left the game late in the solid performances as they combined The first round of the district will pit second quarter but Coach Andrews for five tackles and three pass break- Plainwell against Comstock and South

says he should be back for Friday ups. night's game, which will make the The Panthers will now host Constan- defeated Comstock and Paw Paw Panther faithful breathe a sigh of tine this Friday at 7:00 p.m., as I stat- defeated South Haven so the Lady relief. The Panthers also had a couple ed above. Art Frank and I went to the Comets will have faced Paw Paw on of other starters out with the flu, but Schoolcraft-Constantine game last Wednesday, November 4. The other they should be back as well. On offense, the Panthers ended up feeling that we can play with these Plainwell.

may have had his best all-around Watervliet fans, players, and coaches will meet for the championship on game of the season to date, rushing for who were there watching that game Friday, Nov. 6, at 7:00 p.m. 144 yards and three touchdowns on 12 feel the same way. There were quite a carries while completing six-of-six few Watervliet people there for passes for 139 yards and two touch- Saturday's game at Schoolcraft. downs. Tyler Scott carried the ball 19 Constantine is a tough defensive team The Watervliet girls varsity volleyball times for 79 yards, while Collin Buck that runs the ball 99 percent of the team ended its regular season with a had three carries for six yards and two time with that "guess who's got the tie for the SAC title last Saturday after touchdowns. Aaron Dabicci also had ball" offense where you don't know finishing fourth in the conference version to make it a 35-7 game. Their one rush for 50 yards and caught three who has it a lot of the time. They tournament. passes for 121 yards and two touch- aren't any bigger than the Panthers

yards as Dabicci turned on the after no for his offensive line, stating that send hard through the hole. It was to iors Max Goodrich and Chris Saurbier Get there early, as the weather looks along with juniors Cody Sposato and like it might finally be halfway decent Vic Fellner and sophomore Jaxon so they could have a pretty big crowd. DeHaven absolutely dominated the Coloma girls share

And then there was the defense. Lakeland volleyball title scored a meaningless touchdown with These guys have been stingy all sea- The Coloma girls varsity volleyball son and they just continue to play as a team went undefeated in its regular solid unit. They may bend at times but Lakeland Conference season and finseldom do they break. They are particished second last Saturday in the conly for the fans who got wet during the ularly tough in the "red zone" where ference, to Edwardsburg, which gave they seem to be able to rise to the Lady Comets a tie for the overall occasion and make a stop most of the conference title.

with nine tackles; Collin Buck and burg had to down Cassopolis and Bercovered 54 yards to make it 49-7 Chris Saurbier each had six; while rien Springs to get there. before the Panthers started substitut- Jake Elliot and D.J. Howley had solid Edwardsburg took that title match

its opportunities and put points on the playing with the flu.

with 419 total yards. Kevin Eastman guys. And I think that the rest of the The winners of Wednesday's matches

are, maybe even a bit smaller, and I Eastman to Dabicon that covered 63 Coach Andrews had plenty of praise didn't think that their backs ran very

Coloma had to defeat Buchanan to This week Joe Isbrecht led the team get to the title match, while Edwards-

nights, with both collecting three tack- four games by scores of 25-22, 25-20,

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kills and 17 digs; Carley Trainor with Coach Andrews said that he put defive aces and 40 digs; Kayti Veverka



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November 5, 2009 Tri-City Record 11 Armchair Quarterbacks pick this weekend's game winners!

John Demis

John's Glass



Jim Edwards Nancy's Furn. Watervliet, Lakeshore,

68-38 Watervliet, St. Joseph, Wyoming, Wyoming, Northern Illinois, Northern Illinois Michigan State, Michigan State, Michigan, Notre Michigan, Notre Dame, Penn Dame, Penn State, Alabama, State, Alabama Bears, Seahawks, Cardinals, Steelers Seahawks, Steelers Total Pts. 49

Total Pts. 41 Detroit Lions at Seattle Seahawks Pittsburgh Steelers at Denver The tiebreaker for positions will be

the total points of the Cards-Bears game.

season with a 33-13-3 record going Coach Andrews also singled out Cory into this week's Class "B" district

Haven against Paw Paw. Plainwell Saturday and came away with the semifinal match had Otsego against

Watervliet girls

share SAC title

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Jamie McMurray wins crash-marred Talladega

No one was surprised that there was a two-lap sprint to the finish last weekend at Talladega Super Speedway after another NASCAR Red Flag because of a big wreck. This time it was South Bend's Ryan Newman who flipped onto his roof and had to be cut out of his car, with five laps left to race, and forced the red flag by NASCAR for over 13 minutes while they cut him out of his car. He wasn't too happy about it after the race as he had voiced his concern to NASCAR along with many other drivers about the safety at the track.

halted when Mark Martin went flipping across the track in his own spectacular crash. In the end it was McMurray taking the checkered flag for the first time in 86 races that date back to his win at

After Newman's crash set up the two-

lap sprint to the finish, that was even

Daytona in July of 2007. Points leader Jimmie Johnson looked like he would finish well back in the pack until that big Newman wreck, as he was running back in the 20-some-

thing area at that point. However, crew chief Chad Knaus saw what he thought would be a long delay in getting Newman out of his car and told Johnson to pit to get gas. It paid off in the end as many of the contenders who stayed out on the track started running out of gas, which enabled Johnson to work his way up

to a sixth-place finish. With that finish, he all but sealed his fourth consecutive Sprint Cup Championship with three races to go. Second-place Mark Martin is now 184 points behind Johnson, while there is a third Hendrick driver in third place and 192 points back in Jeff Gordon. Juan Pablo Montoya is in fourth, 239 points back; while Tony Stewart is in fifth, 279 points behind the

This week they will head to the Dickies 500 at Texas Motor Speedway, where Carl Edwards is the defending champion.

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Armchair QB race could get tighter

have won. And, well, you get the picture.

Chris Leach stays in third place this week with an 8-6 record. She is now five games behind second-place Nancy and still one game ahead of her competitors behind her. She still is in good shape but one slip-up and she could fall a few

a solid performance to help himself out. But you do know what happened the last time Navy visited the Irish campus.

Jim Edwards stays in sixth place this week, as he also went 7-7. Jim is still

My view from the Press Box By Mike Leith, Sportswriter Devils' first score of the night. That

Watervliet uses quick start to down **Lawton 49-15**

The Watervliet varsity football team disposed of Lawton in quick order last Friday night, Oct. 31, in the first round of the Division 6 playoffs, pounding the Blue Devils by a 49-15 score to advance to this week's district final. The Panthers will now host Constantine this Friday night, November 6, at title. Constantine was a 7-3 winner over conference-rival Schoolcraft for the second time in two weeks in their District 6 semifinal game last Satur-

day afternoon at Schoolcraft. Meanwhile, Watervliet started the game quickly with a big play once again this week just as it had done last week at Lawton. This time it was a reverse to Aaron Dabicci that covered about 50 yards and gave the Panthers a first-and-goal from the 3-yard line. Ouarterback Kevin Eastman took it in from there to give the Panthers a 7-0 lead after Marco Montejano kicked

the first of his first-of-7 extra-point kicks on the night. And just like last week, the Panthers put it to the Blue Devils quickly for a second score, this time coming on Lawton's second play from scrimmage. They threw a flare pass to their right side and the intended receiver could not catch it. He also gave up on the ball but no whistle had blown, as it

was ruled a backward pass and was a The Panthers kept playing, though, and Michael Johnson covered the ball for the Panthers at about the Lawton 10-yard line. Two plays later, Collin

Buck took it in from three yards out to make it a 14-0 game. Lawton's next offensive possession resulted in probably its longest drive of the night, as the Blue Devils took the ball all the way down to the Panther 10-yard line where the vaunted defenders stopped them on downs

and took over. Watervliet then ate up time and successfully drove the ball 90 yards for its next score, on mostly running plays, with Collin Buck taking the pigskin the final three yards for his second score of the night. That made it

Lawton then got on the board when its star running back Cameron Johnson turned the corner on the right side and rambled 63 yards for the Blue



Watervliet stats had Brooke Kling with 18 digs, Kirsten Sill with eight kills, Lauren Richardson with seven with 12 kills and 16 digs, Ali Stelter day morning at 8:00. with 19 digs, Alex Spaulding with 24 Tickets will be sold Wednesday and banks.

Class "C" district this week, with Wa- es will be accepted. tervliet squaring off against New Gates will open at 6:00 p.m. Kickoff Buffalo on Monday night, Nov. 2. will be at 7:00 p.m. New Buffalo defeated host Watervliet Watervliet enters the game 9-1 and 25-20, 24-26, 27-25, 21-25, 15-12.

The Bison played Bridgman at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. Brandywine played River Valley on the 4th as well. The two winners will meet for the district title match on Thursday, Nov. 5, at 7:00 p.m.

Grace Christian volleyball takes titles

25-21, 25-17. The Patriots beat Eau finished 13th in 21:27.7. Claire in the finals by scores of 25-11, Overall, Coloma's girls team came in sandhill cranes, which fly in to spend 25-18.

Cornerstone Athletic Conference with Sophia Burke, 25:02.4. wins over Michigan Lutheran 25-19, Hartford's girls team finished 10th 25-8; and Heritage Christian 25-13, runners were: 24, Griselda Tule,

The Class "D" eighth-ranked Patriots 53, Alyssa Kent, 23:48.2; 61, Sara finished undefeated in both the Red Melton, 24:15.0; and 64, Miriam Arrow and Cornerstone Athletic con- Llamas, 24:21.7.

digs, and two aces. Natalija Galens 56, Olivia Thibeault, 23:54.9; 62, had 22 kills, three blocks, 48 digs, two Taylor Willming, 24:17.7; 78, Samanassists, and eight aces. Andrea Wol- tha Morris, 25:55.6; 80, Olivia Casaske collected two kills, 17 digs, 60 santo, 26:06.8; and 96, Avery Cook, assists, and 15 aces. Kristin Rumer 30:26.2. had one kill, four digs, 47 assists, and For the boys teams, Hartford finished one ace. Marga Galens scored 45 in eighth place with a score of 216 and kills, one block, 52 digs, 15 assists, Watervliet finished 13th with a score and 11 aces. Stacy Lewis had three of 357. kills. Liz Eddy collected 47 kills, 34 Hartford - 26, Jon Phillips, 18:29.6; tany Smith scored 28 kills, 56 digs, seph Baumeister, 19:16.7; 51, Ian kills, 23 digs, three assists, and two bold, 20:43.3. aces. Jennelle Miller scored one dig Watervliet - 55, Kirkland Love,

The Lady Patriots then competed in 70, Eric Phillips, 21:11.9; 83, Michael the Cornerstone Conference tourna- Zaluckyj, 22:07.3; and 85, Nathan ment and took home the title of that Wisdom, 22:12.4. conference as well.

Grace defeated Michigan Lutheran by scores of 25-19 and 25-19 before downing Howardsville Christian by scores of 25-6 and 25-8 and Heritage Christian by scores of 25-13 and 25-9. Grace stats had Jenny Johnson with six digs; Natalija Galens with seven kills, 14 digs, and five aces; Andria Wolske with 20 assists and six aces; Kristin Rumor with 24 assists; Marga Galens with 19 kills, 21 digs, eight assists, and five aces; Liz Eddy with 15 kills, 15 digs, and two aces; Brittany Smith with 16 kills and 18 digs; Becca Dallas with five digs; and Stacy Lewis with three kills.

The Lady Patriots will now host the Class "D" district for this area and will have played Michigan Lutheran on November 3. Lake Michigan Catholic will play against Covert on Thursday, the 5th; while the Grace-Michigan Lutheran winner will also

12 Tri-City Record November 5, 2009 play Nov. 5 in the second match of the night. The winners will then meet for the district championship on Saturday, the 7th, at 5:00 p.m.

Watervliet Athletic Department announces playoff game details

Watervliet will host the Division 6, Region 3, District 1 football final this

digs and 22 assists, Kayli Dabicci with Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. 10 digs, and Alyssa Hosbein with six and on Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 ways is already full of water (the satup.m. Tickets will also be available at rated sponge), the extra sits on top and The Lady Panthers are hosting the the game. All tickets are \$5. No pass- floods the area. Eventually gravity and

Constantine is 8-2.

Cross-country meet results

By Annette Christie Coloma's Monica Harris qualifies for state at the cross-country regional

On October 24, the Grace Christian Coloma High School cross-country volleyball team won the Red Arrow runner Monica Harris qualified indi- Join Sarett Nature Center naturalists Conference double elimination tour- vidually for state at the cross-country on Saturday, November 7, at 1:00 p.m. nament with wins over New Buffalo regional held Saturday, October 31, at for an excursion to Jasper Pulaski 25-15, 21-25, 15-14; and Eau Claire Portage West Middle School. Harris Wildlife Refuge. This refuge is well

seventh in Division 3 with a score of the night On October 27, in non-league play, 180. After Harris, Coloma's top-five Participants should bring a sack sup-Grace lost to Coloma 17-25, 19-25, runners were: 23, Allison Corbin, per (or use the fast-food stop). The fee 22:19.3; 25, Heidi Conrad, 22:26.0; of \$10 per person includes transporta-On October 31, the Patriots swept the 45, Becca Guntz, 23:31.6; and 74, tion.

25-19; Howardsville Christian 25-6, with a score of 242. Their top-five 22:20.5; 40, Janet Jonatzke, 23:13.0;

Watervliet finished 13th with a score Jenny Johnson scored one kill, nine of 372. Their top-five runners were:

digs, three assists, and five aces. Brit- 34, Ethan Benham, 18:59.0; 42, Joand five aces. Becca Dallas had five Haubold, 19:40.0; and 63, Teho Hau-

20:01.3: 64. Kevin Lynch, 20:47.2:

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> Because the land next to these waterevaporation will take care of the situation, but until then some of the trails

upper forest, look for the many bird in 2006. caterpillars will spend the winter in their cocoons before emerging as moths in the spring.

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November 7

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through the wetlands may be impassa- PROUD HUNTER...Being paralyzed from the chest down doesn't keep Neal Thomas from enjoying the hunt.

If you opt to walk through the drier Thomas, from Covert, broke his neck and back, falling from a tree stand

and squirrel nests that are now visible He tried hunting last year but wasn't strong enough to hold the gun up in the trees. The blobs in the trees that and steady. This year, thanks to a special deer blind built by his brotherlook like old spider webs are the in-law, Larry Blackburn, Thomas was able to join the hunt at Walhalla. recent nests for fall webworms. These He shot this 100-pound button buck on October 17.

(Rose Thomas photo) **LETTERS**

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Dance and raffle November 7 at VB Sportsmen's Club

Works for helping us get the park ready for 2009; Matthew Heating & The Van Buren Sportsmen's Club Air Conditioning; H&T Asphalt; presents a fall "Last blast before the Skidmore Bulldozer & Backhoe snow flies" dance, featuring "Elvis & Service; and Tavolacci Blueberries for Patsy" by Mike and Katie Martin, on the use of their equipment and labor; Saturday, November 7, from 7:00 until 11:00 p.m.

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Tri-City Area Outdoor News

Paw Paw Lake Almanac

By Delavan Sipes



Wind and rain have stripped most of whether those released have found the trees of their leaves, though the their way back and we're just trapoaks are holding tenaciously to their collection of brown. Brilliant color was here for such a short time. mystery, but they can wiggle through Bright, sunny days were lacking and a mighty small hole. those are the best days to show the beauty of autumn. A Japanese maple, protected from the wind, still displays Next Week: More about stuff... bright red leaves. Nearby, the bright

ly contrast. The Paw Paw River is riding high over its banks and the mighty St. Joseph is reaching into its flood plain. the boards of the piers. Swamplands are gorged with water. All in all, it's mighty wet out there.

yellow gingko leaves provide a love-

Trick or treaters had a tough time in the wild wind and rain in downtown Watervliet on Friday, but the hardy little ones hit the stores anyway. Costumes were bedraggled and drooping, but they continued their quests like mighty soldiers in battle... Onward! Onward!

Sunday, the first day of November, was a more pleasant day. The sun shone brightly in an almost cloudless sky. A comfortable 65 degrees prevailed by midmorning. The oak trees that looked so somber in brown the day before now took on a lively yellow cast that looked almost like gold. Zero wind left Paw Paw Lake as a huge reflecting mirror in which a pair down. of sedate swans paddled leisurely across the North Basin. Surprisingly, there were no other waterfowl to be

Our greenhouse has become a haven for lots of yellow-and-black striped chipmunks. Since early October, we have live-trapped 14 of the scurrying little devils and then released them way back in the Woodland Nature Conservancy. Having trapped so many, we can't help but wonder

ping the same critters once again. How they get in the greenhouse is a delavan1122@comcast.net



(Angela Stair photo)

Scott Mitchell's Tale of the Hunt; ing is also reported. Paw Paw Lake waters are lapping at second chance buck bagged next

chance, as Scott Mitchell found out. buck got away and his arrow went

His stand is in a huge pine with some ing near his stand from the day before lower bows helping to hide him. He saw a doe, and then a big buck with a "I was surprised to see the same deer mits.

He's not sure what happened, whether



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water of Lake Michigan too.

St. Joe and South Haven.

be closed from November 1-8.

although it reported anglers still catch-

ing Salmon and Steelhead by the Wa-

SCOTT MITCHELL...shows the beautiful 10-point rack that may make the record books for him.

Mitchell went out and spent the day in straight into the ground. his tree stand in South Haven Town-

ing her. He hoped the buck would yards," Mitchell said. come in close enough for a shot.

did make the big one move in closer; in fact, it came under the tree Mitchell



Sometime you do get a second arrow hit a branch as he shot, but the

The next day, he got his second chance. On October 28, he was hunt-

when he saw the same buck.

good rack came along and was watch- and got the shot I needed at about 75 Remember, baiting is not allowed If you would like more information The buck weighed 215 pounds, ap- sula (SLP)

All of a sudden, a scruffy little buck proximately 190 pounds field dressed. Deer bow season is nearing its end, ran-in and started chasing the doe. It The 10-point rack has an inside spread (November 14) and gun season is fast of 17" and outside of 191/2". The beau- approaching, November 15. tiful rack is thick and symmetrical High numbers of antlerless deer perwas in. The buck stood in one of the and, as close as he can figure, it looks mits were again this year available in Club on Saturday, November 7, at openings to the ground and Mitchell like it might score between 130 and the two counties that are in the Tri- 7:00 p.m. Live entertainment will be had to stand and aim his shot straight 140 by the Pope and Young standards. City Area. In Berrien County, there provided by "Echoes of Elvis and were 1,011 public land licenses and Patsy." He plans to have it scored. 2,011 private land licenses. In Van The public is invited.

> land licenses. COLOMA ROD & GUN CLUB The USPSA (U.S. Pistol Shooting As- fle drawing with prizes of \$350, \$250, sociation) Pistol Shoot that the Co- \$150, and \$50. Tickets are \$1 each or

Hunting & Fishing Reports By Angie Stair angie@cybersol.com

Salmon are still being found in some Club Secretary Tom Renner said this locations; however, it is getting harder was the Club's last activity for the to find fresh fish. The rivers are start- year and that they learned a lot that ing to fill up with Steelhead and will help them put on bigger and bet-Whitefish and are being caught in the ter activities next year.

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some good action. Whitefish are being Club of Buchanan for its invaluable caught in good numbers and Steelhead assistance in the Pistol Shoot event. are also being caught on the piers in Though other activities are finished for this year, the Club will continue to

hole, South Haven's Pyle's Porthole Weather permitting, the Club will reports, but only a few people are try- have two Trap houses to shoot from and a rifle range available from 50 to The friendly people at Pyle's Porthole 300 yards to zero in your rifles for the are taking a family vacation and will upcoming deer season.

You can contact Coloma Rod & Gun It's a little quiet on the inland lakes, Club at (269) 468-6745 or check it out Fishin' Hole #2 reports from Coloma, online at colomarodandgun club.com. BERRIEN COUNTY

SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

tervliet dam. Anglers are busy this The Berrien County Sportsman's time of year with hunting and bringing Club has finished up for the year, with in the fall crops when the weather per- just its members meeting and the Christmas party on December 12.

call (269) 429-3792. VAN BUREN

A Last Blast Before Snow Flies will

Buren County, there were 1,080 pub- There will be a \$5 cover charge for lic land licenses and 2,080 private food that will be provided and there

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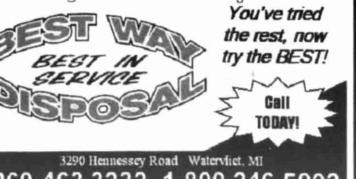
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A few Perch have been found this past have the Sunday breakfasts at the Club week in Lake Michigan in the 70' from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

throughout the Southern Lower Penin- on the Club, or on joining, you can

SPORTSMEN'S CLUB

be held at the Van Buren Sportsmen's

will also be a cash bar. The Club will also hold its annual raf-

loma Rod & Gun Club held on six for \$5 and are available now at the October 18 had 29 participants. The Club or through members. They will shoot was won by Sheila Hoekstra of also be on sale at the event on Nov-Kalamazoo in the OPEN Division. ember 7. You need not be present to She won for being the highest scorer win.

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Coloma City and Township come to a new water service agreement

By Christina Glass Gelder

of Coloma and Coloma Charter Township, a new agreement was reached and approved by both municipalities. November 2, at the community room in Coloma Public Library and was well represented by both the City Commission and the Township Board. Richard Wendt of Dickinson Wright dent of Utility Financial Solutions. Township for work on this agreement.

Family Fun Day fundraiser at Surfari Joe's November 8

You are invited to Family Fun Day fundraiser at Surfari Joe's Indoor Wilderness Water Park in Watervliet on Sunday, November 8, from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

You may bring your own food/beverage (no alcoholic beverages allowed). Passes can be purchased at the front desk upon arrival. Cost is \$20 per per-

Please tell your friends, family, and co-workers about this fun event. All are welcome!

Half of the proceeds will be donated to St. Joseph Catholic School in Watervliet.

Surfari Joe's at the Ramada is located at 8258 Arnt Boulevard, Watervliet. Call (269) 463-7946 for more information.

The Sounds of Freedom" concert & program Nov. 8

On Sunday, November 8, at 2:00 p.m., Lest We Forget SWMI will present "The Sounds of Freedom" patriotic concert and program. The program will take place at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center in Benton Township.

The concert will feature the South Shore Concert Band, and keynote speakers for the evening will be U.S. Representative Fred Upton and retired Air Foce pilot Gary Blied.

Tickets are \$10 at the Mendel Center; Apple Valley Market; Martin's supermarkets in St. Joseph, Stevensville and Niles.

There is no reserved seating, and doors will open at 1:30 p.m.

Proceeds from this event will help to fund the American Veterans Traveling Tribute event to be held on June 17-20, 2010.

ELECTIONS

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141; and challenger John Pleyer, 122. The Hartford Recreation Council

Proposal for .25 mill for five years tions to the City at the time of annual passed by a narrow margin with a slim budget review. vote of 106 "Yes" to 91 "No."

This is a new millage request that initial term of 30 years but it also has would generate approximately \$7,500 to be re-approved every five years. per year, earmarked to expand the Within 90 days before and 30 days Recreation Council's youth sports after each five-year anniversary, the program.

levy will not go into effect until voters tension to make sure that everything is in Hartford Township also approve the mutually agreeable. same proposal.

Fire Apparatus & Equipment Renewal for 1.58 mills for two years that would years as would be needed if any bonds generate \$48,283 per year. This pro- are sought for repair, expansion, etc. posal was approved more readily by a Next to speak was Mark Beauchamp 141 "Yes" to 58 "No" vote.

Hartford Township also must pass a of Water Treatment and Distribution similar measure for this levy to go into Cost Sharing Methodology." The effect, according to ballot language.

Coloma

Even though all candidates running for election in the City of Coloma were unopposed and there were no proposals on the ballot, 65 voters turned out at the polls on Tuesday to exercise their right to cast a ballot.

These are the candidates and their vote tally:

Clerk - Martha Darling, 62.

Treasurer - Cathy Megna, 59. City Commissioner - Harold Bragg, 45; Linda Freitag, 58; Marsha Ham-

City Commissioner (2-year term) -Michael Muenchow. 58.

At a joint special meeting of the City had also worked on the project but there were not enough funds for to town there is really no comparison. was unable to attend the meeting be- expenses down the line and was Toward the end of the two-hour meet- Mayor Polashak and Supervisor Parcause of personal reasons.

Coloma Mayor Jim Polashak and aside money. The meeting was held on Monday, Township Supervisor Ken Parrigin Beauchamp agreed that as of now the decision. have been hired by both the City and and come to a water agreement that fund the system properly. benefits everyone.

about the new plan and ask questions. rate raises".

highlighted several aspects of the other municipalities and because of be brought to individual meetings at a terms, stating that most of them were very standard. This term sheet is the basis for the water agreement and when approved it will replace the old one that was adopted in 1987.

The terms outlined many things, including the fact that the City will be the exclusive water supplier of the Township and therefore the City is responsible to provide water of the same quality and similar pressure to all of its water service area.

The sheet also outlines who is responsible for and owns what. The City owns the operating system and its own distribution system up to the two connection points and is responsible for that area all together.

The Township owns the distribution system beyond the connection points and is responsible for the operation, repair and maintenance in that area; but the City will be providing those services. The City will be responsible for installing taps and acquiring, installing and maintaining water meters in the Township service area. The City will also be responsible for determining water usage through meter reading and billing the Township customers.

Much of the rest of the term sheet deals with equality for City and Township customers, emergency procedures, and who has the authority over

Two unique terms that were noted are the formation of a water advisory board and the length of the contract. The terms call for the formation of a new water service advisory board to be formed as a communication tool between the municipalities.

This board is to be made up of two members from the City and Township each, with one alternate for each member appointed. The board members will have three-year terms with the first terms being staggered twoand three-year terms to establish a rotation pattern.

This board is required to set up regular, open meetings and will also meet periodically with the City. The board does not have authority over anything but is responsible for general overthree vote getters were incumbents sight of the operation and presenting Rick Hall, 145; Leo ("Bud") Latus, its findings to the City. The board is to also to keep a close eye on the financial side of things and make sugges-

The water service agreement has an City and Township must come togeth-According to ballot language, this er and consider the next five-year ex-

According to Wendt, this will force Likewise, voters also approved the changes and provisions every few years and also provide a rolling 30

with a presentation on the "Summary main objectives of his study were to determine how the municipalities could make the water system financially stable and prepare for the future. That included the recommendation of a new billing method as well as new water rates now and in the future, although no raises were approved at

After his presentation of recommended rates, much discussion ensued about whether or not the plan took into account inflation, set aside adequate funds for future expenses, covered costs, and was good for the customers.

City Commissioner Bill Smith

City/Township attorney Scott Dienes brought up his ongoing concern that the varied billing structures from town later date, but they are in the works. pleased with this plan to start setting ing, several in the audience still rigin expressed gratitude to all those

began the meeting by explaining the system is under-funded and, while he Supervisor Parrigin said that nothing need for the gathering and gave a little knows this plan will work long term, bit of background on the project. For he points out that it may take awhile to this agreement and the old agreement the past 16 months, a group made up get back on top of things. He also said did not adequately address new issues. Also in attendance were attorney of the Mayor, Township Supervisor, that adjustments can be made in the Mayor Polashak also affirmed that he commissioners Bill Smith and Marsha future as needed. He is going to con- believed this is the first step in getting PLLC; and Mark Beauchamp, Presi- Hammond, trustee Jim Fulton, and the tinue to work with the staff at City advising professionals have been Hall to implement this system and to be.

> efforts, a public hearing was being and methods, stating that the approved City. held to give the elected officials and method must now be applied to rate Following that decision a motion was

more could be accomplished without the water system to the point it needs

Both of them are professionals who meeting to come up with a term sheet come up with a rate that does indeed A motion was then made by City Commissioner Harold Bragg to adopt Wendt did point out that the two the new agreement, Bill Smith sec-Now, as a culmination of these municipalities were agreeing to terms onded it, and it was approved by the

> the public an opportunity to hear changes, "therefore de-politicizing made by Supervisor Parrigin, seconded by Trustee Fulton, and passed by The first presentation of the evening Maureen Saltzman of City Hall point- the Township as well. The new agreewas given by Attorney Wendt and was ed out that right now Coloma has a ment is effective immediately but no centered around the term sheet. He very low water rate in comparison to rate changes were approved; that will

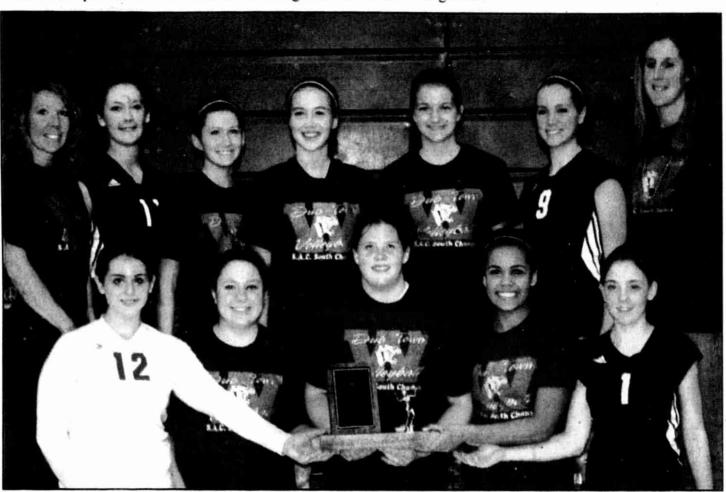
At the close of the meeting, both expressed the desire to wait on the in attendance for their work, interest, and attention to detail.

Veterans Day ceremony at Korean War Memorial in St. Joseph

Korean War Veterans of Southwest Michigan will hold its 15th annual Veterans Day ceremony at the Korean War Memorial on Lake Boulevard in

This event will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 11, across from the Boulevard Inn hotel.

This solemn ceremony will commemorate the Korean War veterans as well as veterans of all wars.



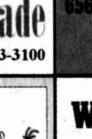
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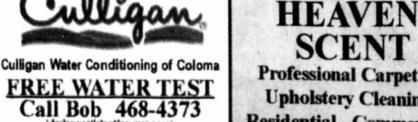
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