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Police continue use of the Coloma Rod & Gun Club, President doesn't believe club is in violation of ruling that prohibits outdoor weapons training in Township

By Christina Gelder

The Coloma Rod & Gun Club is an organization that has offered various services to the community for over 60 years. What started out in someone's basement has become a landmark, of sorts, in Coloma Charter Township. Located right along I-94 on Angling Road, the club moved to its current location in 1958.

Last Friday it was the scene of tactical weapons training by various local and state police officers.

According to Club President Herb Lyn, over the years, as the Rod & Gun

Club has sought to serve the community, the members have allowed different local police departments to use their facilities. The training the officers receive during these drills is crucial to being prepared to protect the public, and the fee collected by the club simply helps manage the grounds.

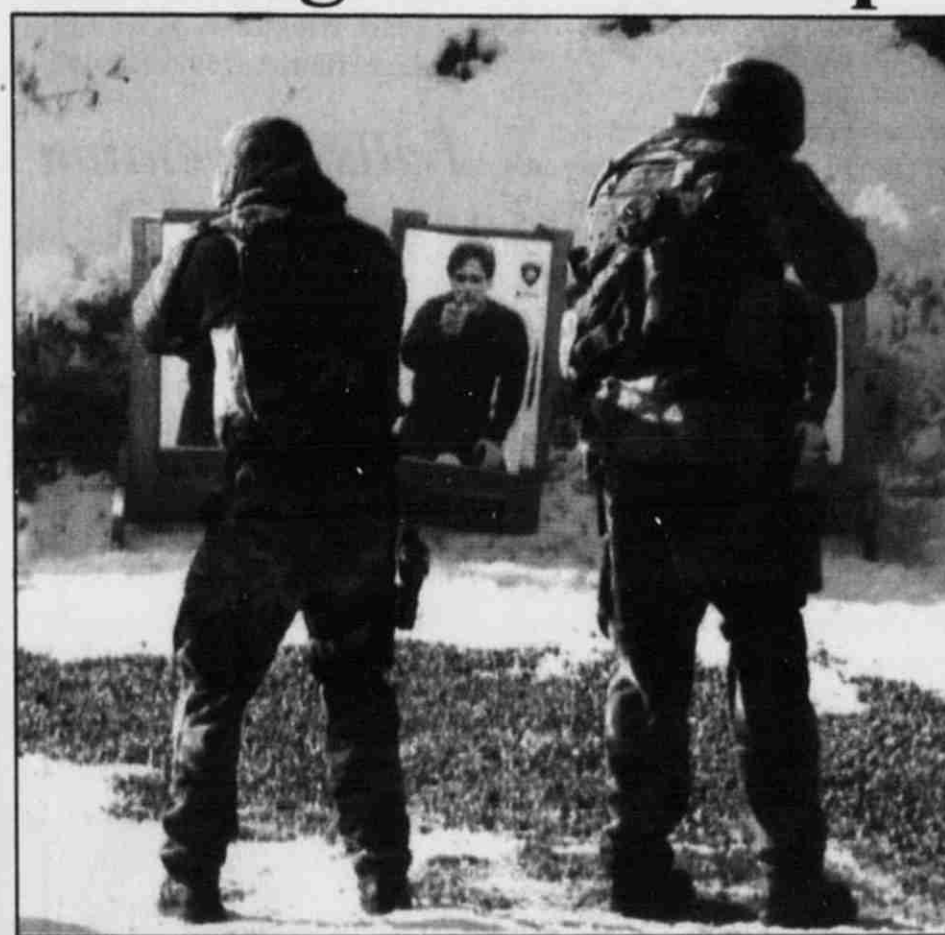
This arrangement is also helpful, as officers must meet the demands of the Michigan Commission of Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES).

The state police officers have been using the facility for approximately

nine years, and the Berrien County Sheriff's Department has also rented the Rod & Gun Club for various days throughout the year since 2008.

The Berrien County Sheriff's Department's use is currently being questioned, however, by Coloma Charter Township as a violation of noise ordinances and zoning laws. Legal counsel for the Township has rendered an opinion that, while the club itself is protected by the Sport Shooting Ranges Act, that does not apply to police use of the ranges.

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IT IS COMMON FOR POLICE DEPARTMENTS...to use private gun clubs for practice exercises and certification purposes. Here, some members of the Berrien County Tactical Response Unit are taking part in an annual training day last Friday at the Coloma Rod & Gun Club.

(Christina Gelder photo)



2010 TRI-CITY AREA ROYALTY VYING FOR BLOSSOMTIME TITLES...are: (from the left) Watervliet representatives Blake Baiers, Eric Kibler, and Miss Watervliet Alyson Wendzel; Hartford representatives Miss Hartford Kali Drake and Andrew Alvarez; and Coloma representatives Miss Coloma Jacquie Akre, Dan Vollrath, and Jacob Southard. Not available for the photo was Hartford representative Austin Wenger. The Mr. Blossomtime Contest and Showcase of Queens will be held Sunday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. The Miss Blossomtime Pageant will be held Monday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m. Both will be held at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center in Benton Township.

(Annette Christie photo)

See Page 12 for a special salute to the Tri-City Area queens.

Watervliet man convicted on two counts in connection with wife's death

After deliberating for two days, jurors in the Scott White trial convicted him of negligent homicide and operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

White, 46, was charged in the death of his wife, Deborah Lynn White. She was killed when she was struck by the vehicle that Scott White was driving in the early morning hours of August 2, 2009. The incident occurred on Forest Beach Road near Paw Paw Avenue in Watervliet Charter Township.

Jurors were to consider the charges of operating under the influence of alcohol causing death, operating a vehicle while intoxicated, involuntary manslaughter, and negligent homicide.

Testimony showed that the injuries that caused Deborah White's death were consistent with being run over by a vehicle.

White told officers who arrived at the scene that he and his wife had been driving around and drinking beers when they got into an argument and she jumped out of the vehicle.

White, who had the smell of alcohol on his breath, told the officer he had drunk 10 beers.

According to testimony, his blood alcohol level was 0.12, which is above the legal limit of 0.08.

During the course of the trial, evidence was presented showing that Deborah White's BAL was 0.33.

The jury of five males and seven females began deliberating the case around 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, and continued until nearly 8:00 p.m. They reconvened on Wednesday morning, continuing all day until approximately 6:00 p.m.

Negligent homicide carries a two-year maximum sentence, while operating a vehicle while intoxicated could bring a 93-day jail sentence.

White's sentencing is scheduled for March 29.



Scott White

Police & Fire Reports

Compiled by Annette Christie

Woman wanted in Wisconsin arrested in Watervliet

Watervliet City Police Officer Ken Gustafson located and arrested Rashanda Hartle, 31, on March 5. Hartle was wanted for outstanding warrants in Wisconsin. She was also charged with resisting and obstructing an arrest, and she was lodged at the Berrien County Jail.

Stolen vehicle recovered in Hartford

Lt. Tressa Beltran with the Hartford Police Department recovered a stolen vehicle on March 1. The van, belonging to Kalamazoo Public Safety, was left abandoned near Hartford Public Library. The Kalamazoo Department of Public Safety does not have a suspect in the case.

Domestic violence ends in an arrest

Officer Thomas Simpson responded to a domestic situation on Vanderlyn Way on March 7. Upon his arrival, he spoke with a male subject who stated that he had been assaulted by his girlfriend.

Subsequent investigation revealed that the girlfriend, Lita Conner, 44, of Hartford, had assaulted the victim.

She was arrested and lodged at the Van Buren County Jail.

Local royalty seeks Blossomtime crowns

By Annette Christie

The 2010 Mr. Blossomtime and Miss Blossomtime will be crowned Sunday and Monday, March 14 and 15, at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center in Benton Township.

As the annual spring event kicks off, the Mr. Blossomtime and Showcase of Queens events will occur on Sunday, starting at 6:30 p.m. By the end of the evening, a new Mr. Blossomtime will be crowned and three community queens will receive awards in photographic, modeling, and commercials.

The Miss Blossomtime Pageant will be Monday, starting at 7:00 p.m.

To inquire about ticket availability, call the Blossomtime Office at (269) 926-7397.

Miss Coloma

Miss Coloma Jacquie Akre is the daughter of Roger and Kelley Akre. Jacquie attends Coloma High School, where she is involved in band, soccer, drama and the jazz band. She performs community service at the Boys and Girls Club.

The green-eyed blonde plans to attend Western Michigan University in pursuit of her career as a band director.

Miss Hartford

Kali Gayle Drake, 17, will represent her community as Miss Hartford. The daughter of Russell and Jenna Drake and Deborah Sexton, she was a dual title winner by also being named Miss Congeniality by her fellow contestants in her community contest.

Kali stands 5'3" tall, with brown hair and green eyes. She attends Hartford High School and is involved in sideline cheering, competitive cheer, volleyball, Prom Committee, and has served as Secretary of her class. She volunteers for blood drives, food drives, and Toys for Tots. She is also a member of the Lake Michigan Admirals Dancers.

Her future plans are to attend Western Michigan University to major in marketing.

Miss Watervliet

Miss Watervliet Alyson Wendzel is a junior attending Watervliet High School. She is the daughter of Brad and Joyce Wendzel and stands 5'7" tall, with brown hair and brown eyes. In school, Alyson is involved in the

National Honor Society, Watervliet Youth Outreach, 4-H, Student Senate, and serves as Vice President of her class. She is the drum major for the marching band, is in jazz band, concert choir, jazz choir, and participates in cross-country. She was selected for the Regional Honors Choir, State Honors Choir, and was also chosen for the All-State Honors Choir.

Alyson has volunteered with her church youth group at the Soup Kitchen, the Special Needs Prom, served as a camp counselor, and is a Juvenile Diabetes Team Captain.

Following high school, Wendzel plans to attend a university and study pediatric endocrinology.

Coloma king candidates

Dan Vollrath, 17, is Mr. Coloma. The son of Dave and Janis Vollrath, Dan is a senior attending Coloma High School. He is involved in football, basketball, and track. He has received the Principal's Award, Comet Award, and was named to the All-Conference football team. Dan is also an Honor Roll student.

Following high school, Vollrath plans to attend Kalamazoo Valley Community College to eventually obtain a degree in communications.

Receiving the dual crowns of First Runner-Up and Mr. Nice Guy was Jacob Southard. He is the son of Gary and Deborah Southard. He will also be representing Coloma in the Mr. Blossomtime Contest.

The 17-year-old is a senior attending Coloma High School. He is involved in Student Council, Robotics Club, Spanish Club, and is on the bowling and tennis teams.

Southard received MITEs fourth-place state honors for mechanical drawing, MITEs state honorable mention for 3-D graphic design, was named the most improved player for tennis, and earned the season-high baker game for bowling.

Following high school, he will attend college to obtain a master's degree in aerospace engineering.

Hartford king candidates

Andrew Alvarez, 18, is one of two Hartford young men representing their community for the Mr. Blossomtime competition. He is the son of Martin

and Cynthia Alvarez and is a senior at Hartford High School.

He has been involved in HHS football, baseball, basketball, and track. He is also involved in the His Place Cathedral of Faith Church Youth Group.

After graduation, Andrew plans to attend Southwestern Michigan College and Hope College to study education.

Austin Wegner, 17, is also representing Hartford. Also a senior at Hartford High School, he is the son of Ken and Lori Wenger.

He has been involved in football, baseball, basketball, and track although he is currently not in any sports. He has performed community service at Deer Forest and Innovative Woodworking.

After he graduates, Austin plans to attend Motorcycle Mechanics Institute in Orlando, Florida.

Watervliet king candidates

Eric Matthew Kibler, 17, is the reigning Mr. Watervliet. He is the son of Bruce and Laurie Kibler and is a Watervliet High School senior.

Eric stands 5'7" tall, with brown hair and hazel eyes. He is involved in National Honor Society as Treasurer, marching band as drum-line section leader, jazz band, cross-country and golf teams, and is Quiz Bowl Co-Captain. He serves as Treasurer of his class.

He volunteers at the North Berrien Senior Center, Watervliet Free Methodist Church Food Pantry, and for blood drives and Drama Club set building.

Selected as First Runner-Up and also representing Watervliet at the Mr. Blossomtime Contest is Blake Alexander Baiers. Blake is a 17-year-old senior who attends Watervliet High School. The son of Dave and Nancy Baiers, he stands 5'6" and has brown hair and blue eyes.

Blake is Student Council President, National Honor Society President, Quiz Bowl Co-Captain, and participates on the golf team and Science Olympiad team.

After high school, he plans on attending Loyola University in Chicago to study pre-med and political science.

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Letters and Commentary

For friendly service, shop locally

Dear editor,
Why can't the City of Hartford work with the Huffmans?
You couldn't ask for nicer people. I have purchased items from both places. Of course, they can't compete with prices at Wal-Mart or huge discount chains; even Kmart couldn't. If you want friendly service, you shop locally.

Sincerely,
Carolyn Norton
Coloma

Course is FREE!

NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program begins March 24

NAMI Southwestern Michigan will sponsor the *NAMI Family-to-Family Education Program* specifically for families of adult persons diagnosed with serious mental illness. The 12-week series of classes will start in **Hartford, MI, on Wednesday, March 24, from 7:00 to 9:30 p.m., at Hartford Seventh-day Adventist Church.**

The course will cover information about schizophrenia, the mood disorders (bipolar disorder and major depression), panic disorder and obsessive compulsive disorder; coping skills such as handling crisis and relapse; basic information about medications; listening and communication

techniques; problem-solving skills; recovery and rehabilitation; and self-care around worry and stress.

The curriculum has been written by an experienced family member mental health professional and the course will be taught by NAMI Southwestern Michigan family member volunteers who have taken intensive training as course instructors. The co-teachers for the Hartford area will be Ethel Wise and Margaret Prillwitz.

"This course is a wonderful experience!" says instructor Ethel Wise, "It balances basic psychoeducation and skill-training with emotional support, self-care, and empowerment. We hope families with relatives who have a serious mental illness will take advantage of this unique opportunity."

The course is designed specifically for parents, siblings, spouses, adult children, and significant others of persons with severe and persistent mental illness.

The course is not appropriate for individuals who themselves suffer from one of the major mental illnesses.

The NAMI Family-to-Family Education course is free.

For more information or to register, call Ethel Wise, (269) 463-7061; or Margaret Prillwitz, (269) 944-5449.

Falls prevention program March 25

Coloma United Methodist Church will host a *falls prevention program* from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 25.

This free one-hour class is designed to help you:

- * Reduce accidental falls.
- * Identify ways to make your home safe.

The Back Fence

By Anne Bayer, Co-publisher



March is the big month for birthdays in this family, and last week we added another one to the list.

At 8:25 a.m. on Wednesday, March 3, our cousin Craig and wife Lara gave birth to a first in this family. They are now the proud parents of Mom's first Trotter great-grandson. Sure, we have a lot of really great boys in this family but this is the first one to carry on my dad's last name.

Mom and I got the call around 12:00 noon, and it brought tears to her eyes. It seemed to me that she felt a job had been completed.

The baby's name is Nathaniel Colt. I am not sure of his spelling. I hope I am right... but he is so welcome.

Years ago, I can remember Karl's father worrying about the fact that his name would no longer survive; for at the time he had not one Bayer great-grandson with his last name. Out of that many grandkids and great-grandkids, that was amazing. Since then, there have been a few born to the family.

Now I am sure that both men from their high perch can relax and enjoy heaven.

As far as names go, most of the families have tried to carry on the names but there is nothing that can be done about the last name; it is what it is and is not to be changed... so welcome, little Nathaniel. I cannot wait to meet you. Also, congrats to brother Stephen and sister Karen. This is so nice for all of you.

I like the fact that most of the children in these families carry on their names. This gives us all a link to the past and at the same time links them to the future.

So many times brother Richard and I have lamented the fact that none of us took the bull by the horns and named one of our sons Norbert.

After living for this many years, I now could learn to love the name... for I so loved the man. Of course, another interesting fact, and one I found out about from brother Mark, is that our father's first name was Joseph and then it was Eli and then Norbert. Why they picked Norbert to call him, I will never know.

Also upon checking Mother's records, her middle name was not Bernadette; it was Marjorie... and so it goes.

Even Karl's Mom was not Margaret. It was Mary; then Margaret.

The one thing that I have wondered about is how did my parents end up with Anne. Is it just plain ol' Anne... or

is it something else? I guess I had better check.

I did notice on my birth certificate that it is spelled Annarose so maybe that is what I am... and not just plain ol' Anne.

Karl's Kolumn

By Karl Bayer, Editor and Publisher



I have just completed my first full month as Mayor of Watervliet. Tuesday night, I conducted my second Commission meeting. The week prior, I read a "Mission Statement" at the City Commission workshop meeting. The statement was addressed to Commission members, City employees, and citizens of Watervliet.

Following the meeting, and since then, it has been suggested I print the statement. My first reaction was not to, but then I realized the issues facing Watervliet are not unlike those facing any other community. With just a couple of paragraphs deleted, by way of introduction, this is my "Mission Statement" as Mayor of Watervliet.

"There are many challenges ahead for the City Commission and for the citizens of Watervliet.

"Diminishing revenues and increased costs have put pressure on the City budget for several years. The best efforts at planning and reorganization have fallen short as budget constraints keep City Hall in a reactive mode instead of a proactive mode.

"While previous commissions have done a good job at containing costs and making ends meet, negative inroads have been made to the City fund balances. "A fund balance is a rainy-day fund, not unlike our own home and business budgets; it is money set aside to replace equipment, to respond to emergencies, and as collateral for loans.

"Those fund balances have gradually eroded to a point that without drastic measures could be gone in three to four years. To be clear, without tough budg-

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"Expenditures must be kept in line with revenues. That is the challenge for the Commission, to make the hard decisions to keep the City from bankruptcy and at the same time maintain police, fire and public works services to protect and serve the public. Under the leadership of the City Manager, the Commission needs to immediately address issues to reduce the budget imbalances of this year and to prepare a budget for the coming fiscal year that answers the needs of the City and its financial future.

"The burden of keeping the City fiscally solvent is not just the job of the Commission and its committees; it is also a shared responsibility of Watervliet citizens.

"Most notably, the infiltration of ground water into the sewer system is a major drain on City operational funds. Water from storm drains, sump pumps, downspouts, and basements is getting into the sanitary sewer system to significantly add to the City's sewer treatment bill. A recent monthly bill of \$17,000 could be reduced significantly with the elimination of ground water going through treatment plant meters.

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"We citizens need to self-inspect our homes and businesses for infiltration problems and report those occurrences to City Hall. This spring, Public Works employees will begin an aggressive home and business inspection campaign to find unreported infiltration problems and immediately cut them from the sanitary sewer system.

"The unwelcome, inevitable alternative is increased sewer rates to cover the cost of treating ground water unnecessarily.

"We citizens need to observe City ordinances intended to protect our property and that of our neighbors. This not only keeps home and business property values up, it adds to the health and the welfare of our entire community.

"Our Commission committees need to meet regularly and fruitfully to brainstorm projects that will add value to our community, such as: to repair and improve housing stock; to work with landlords to keep property in good repair; and to maintain and attract investment in our community through a focused economic development effort.

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service, lunch will be provided.

Then everyone is invited to stay and listen or participate in our special singing and musical service.

For more information, you can visit the church's Website at www.gotothe-sanctuary.org or contact the church at 468-6399.

Wine makers of North Berrien North Berrien Historical Museum to host local wine speakers on March 16

Local wine makers Joe Herman and Tony Peterson will discuss the development of the wine industry in Coloma at the North Berrien Historical Museum on Tuesday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.

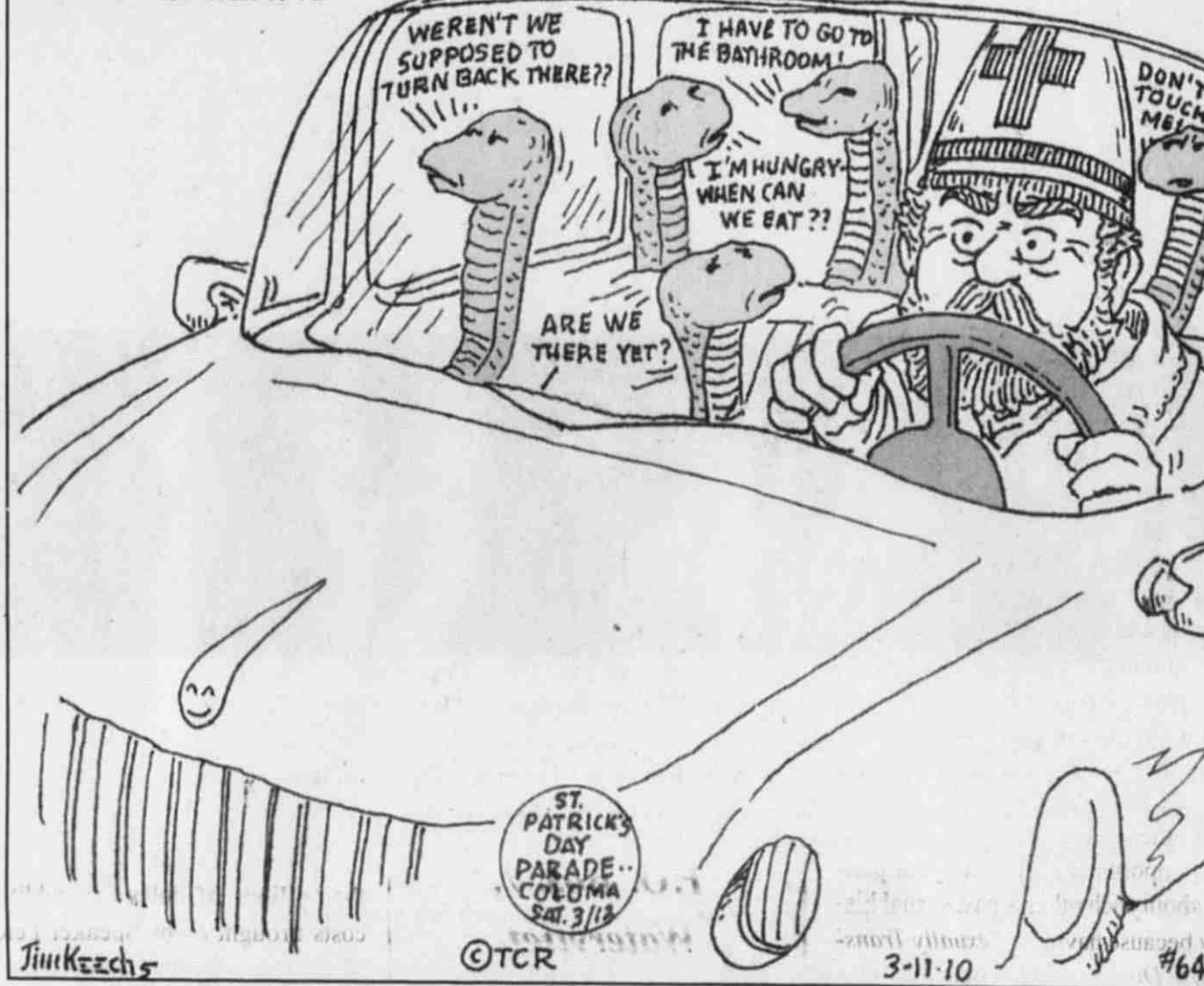
As wine continues to be a growing sector of the Michigan economy, learn about the impact it is having on local agriculture and tourism.

Herman and Peterson will discuss their family's agricultural roots and their transition to pioneer wine makers in North Berrien County.

This event is free and open to the public, and refreshments will be served. For more information contact Alexander Gates, Director/Curator, at (269) 468-3330.

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Social Security & you

By Vonda VanTil, Social Security Public Affairs Specialist
1-800-772-1213



Retirement and spouses benefits - must be full retirement age to pick one

Question: I would like to apply for spouse's benefits at 62 and switch over to my retirement benefit at 66 but Social Security said that I couldn't do that. I thought that I read somewhere that you could file for one and switch to the other one later.

Answer: The determining factor is how old you are when you apply. If you have reached your full retirement age, and are eligible for a spouse's benefit and your own retirement benefit, you may choose to receive only spouse's benefits. If you do that, you can delay receiving your own retire-

ment benefit until a later date to take advantage of delayed retirement credits.

However, if you are not yet full retirement age, we will pay you your own retirement benefit first. If you also qualify for a higher amount as a spouse, you'll get a combination of benefits that equals that higher amount.

If your spouse is already receiving benefits when you apply, we will check your eligibility for benefits as a spouse.

Privacy rules prohibit us from giving you a Social Security Statement on another record, so you can't request your spouse's record but we can tell you what benefits you may be entitled to.

For your health & safety

Submitted by the Berrien County Health Department
269 926-7121

HIV

By BCHD staff

HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. This virus attacks your immune system, making your body weak against infections and other viruses.

AIDS stands for Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome. AIDS is a disease that HIV can turn into.

When a person has AIDS, he or she can get other illnesses that are called *Opportunistic Infections*.

Unfortunately, there is no cure for HIV/AIDS; however, there are great medicines to help treat it; so someone with HIV can live a very long time.

A person can become infected with HIV through contact with blood, sexual fluids, breastmilk, and mother-to-baby exposure during the birthing process and cerebral spinal fluid. The number-one way to prevent HIV is to practice *abstinence*.

If you are sexually active, you want to be in a *monogamous* relationship; and the best way to protect yourself (and others) is to use condoms.

It is important to talk with your partner about each other's past sexual history because having a *Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD)* puts you at a

greater risk for contracting HIV.

Another good way to prevent HIV is to not share anything with another person that may have come in contact with blood. Some items to avoid sharing would be toothbrushes, razors, nail clippers, and needles.

Most people do not experience any signs or symptoms for HIV; the only way to know for sure is to be tested. It only takes up to six months for HIV to register on a test.

To schedule a test, call Melissa at the Berrien County Health Department at 927-5259.

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: P.O. Box 7, Watervliet, Michigan 49098; or e-mail record@i2k.com

News from Lansing



By Rep. John Proos

Pere Marquette funding secured

The Michigan Department of Transportation recently announced a proposal to close the Pere Marquette rail service between Grand Rapids and Chicago.

Closing this line is a short-sighted government "solution" that would be a costly mistake for the state's economic development and tourism interests. This line has a proven track record of success in Southwest Michigan, and closing it down would hinder economic growth in our state.

I worked diligently to preserve funding for the line and was recently successful with the House Appropriations Committee. Under legislation that passed the committee on March 3, the line will remain operational at least through September.

The line has helped with the business and population growth in Southwest Michigan in recent years. Michigan stops for the Pere Marquette line include New Buffalo, St. Joseph, Bangor, and Holland.

The rail service is a valuable link to Chicago residents who travel north into Michigan for recreation and vacation opportunities. According to MDOT's own Website, from "2002 to 2008, Amtrak ridership in Michigan has grown by 60 percent" and "Pere Marquette service has grown every year since 2001."

There is no question that there are limited funds to go around this year; and by investing wisely, we can turn our state around. State government's top priority has to be job creation.

This is a minor investment for a major return that encourages economic investment and tourism in Southwest Michigan.

My view from the Capitol

by Fred Upton
Congressman



A constitutional answer for prodigious spending and historical debt

Our nation's fiscal house is in complete disarray. Deficit spending continues with reckless abandon and debt has hit historical levels. Our \$14.3 trillion debt limit equates to \$46,319 for every man, woman, and child.

Serious problems call for serious solutions. I strongly support the Spending Limit Amendment to the Constitution of the United States (H.J. Res. 79) to limit spending to one-fifth of the economy - the historical average since World War II. The limit could only be waived if a declaration of war was in effect or by a two-thirds vote of Congress.

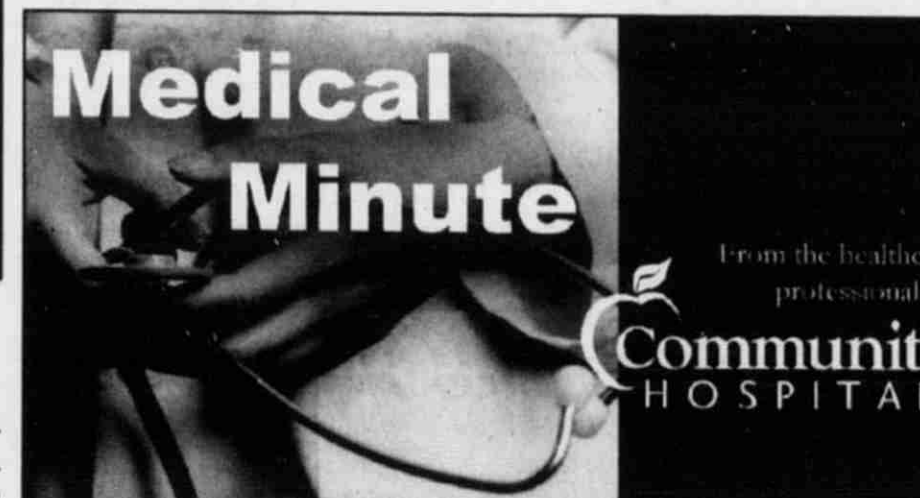
Why do we need a constitutional amendment? All one needs to do is take a look at the numbers. Last week the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office (CBO) released a disturbing report finding deficits will amount to nearly \$9.8 trillion over the next decade - \$1.2 trillion higher than the President's initial estimates.

CBO also estimates that despite alarming deficits and debt, government spending will average 24.1 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) over the next decade. The budget drives debt to an alarming 90 percent of the economy by 2020, widens the deficit to a new record of \$1.5 trillion this year alone, and raises taxes by \$1.8 trillion through 2020.

Those figures only scratch the surface. The President's budget pushes the debt to \$9.2 trillion this year, 63.2 percent of GDP - the largest debt in history and the largest share of the U.S. economy in 59 years. Interest payments on the debt account for an alarming portion of the spending forecasts - expected to more than quadruple in the next 10 years, rising from \$209 billion this year to \$916 billion in 2020.

And while the devil is in the details, the CBO report does not even address the trillions of dollars in additional costs brought on by Speaker Pelosi's job-killing cap-and-tax scheme and government takeover of health care.

It is well past time for serious solutions. The Spending Limit Amendment will put our nation back on the path to restoring our fiscal integrity.



Good treatments available for chronic skin conditions

Do you have patches of skin that are red, rough or itchy? Do these patches never disappear? Or do they go away for awhile, only to resurface? You may have a chronic skin condition, such as eczema or psoriasis.

"These two conditions are often confused, and it usually takes a visit to the doctor to get a proper diagnosis," says Dr. David Wang, a family practitioner with Stagg Medical Center in Hartford. "Although there is no cure for either condition, good treatments can help you manage your symptoms and improve your skin's appearance."

Eczema, which usually occurs in infants and children, affects the skin on the hands, feet, behind the knees and on the ankles, wrists, face, neck or upper chest. Its symptoms include:

- Red or brown patches on the skin
- Itching
- Raised bumps that ooze if scratched
- Thickened, cracked or scaly skin

Psoriasis, on the other hand, usually occurs in adults. This condition affects the skin on the elbows, scalp, lower back and face, as well as the palms of the hands and soles of the feet. Symptoms of psoriasis include:

- Red patches of skin that are covered with silvery scales
- Dry, cracked skin that may bleed
- Itching, burning or pain
- Thickened, pitted or ridged nails
- Swelling of joints beneath affected skin

If you're diagnosed with either of these conditions, your doctor will give you self-care measures that can ease symptoms. These include taking warm baths to soothe skin; using cool compresses on affected skin areas; and applying prescription creams and ointments.

"Psoriasis and eczema are aggravating conditions, but they can be managed with good, medical care," says Dr. Wang. "Talk to your doctor if your skin problem seems chronic. You'll be surprised at the options available to help you stay on top of your symptoms."

For the diagnosis and treatment of your skin condition, make an appointment with Dr. Wang at Stagg Medical Center by calling (269) 463-2459.

Beyond the sunset

For those who trust in Jesus Christ as their Savior, there is peace, joy and hope for now and for eternity. It is beautifully expressed in the song "Beyond the Sunset."

Surprisingly, it was the insight of a blind person that inspired "Beyond the Sunset." Sometimes those that have no sight in their physical eyes have great spiritual perception.

The song, written by Virgil Brock, found its origin at Winona Lake, Indiana, as amidst threatening storm clouds the sun set over that peaceful lake.

Two couples walked together on the bank, discussing the beautiful evening. They were Virgil and Blanche Brock and Virgil's cousin and his wife, Horace and Grace Burr. Horace was blind, yet he said that he had never seen such a beautiful sunset.

As Kenneth Osbeck's book "101 More Hymn Stories" reports, Virgil's conversation with his blind cousin, Horace, continued: "People are always amazed when you talk about seeing," I told him. Horace replied, "I see through other people's eyes, and I think I often see more; I see beyond the sunset."

Spiritual Compass Points



By Pastor David C. Helms
Plymouth Congregational Church

Those words were the inspiration for the song, and its four verses were completed before the evening was over. Here are the first two stanzas.

"Beyond the sunset, O blissful morning, when with our Savior heaven is begun; Earth's toiling ended, O glorious morning - Beyond the sunset, when day is done."

"Beyond the sunset no clouds will gather, no storms will threaten, no fears annoy; O day of gladness, O day unending - Beyond the sunset, eternal joy!"

The last stanza is very encouraging: "Beyond the sunset, O glad reunion with our dear loved ones who've gone before; in that fair homeland we'll know no parting - Beyond the sunset forever more!"

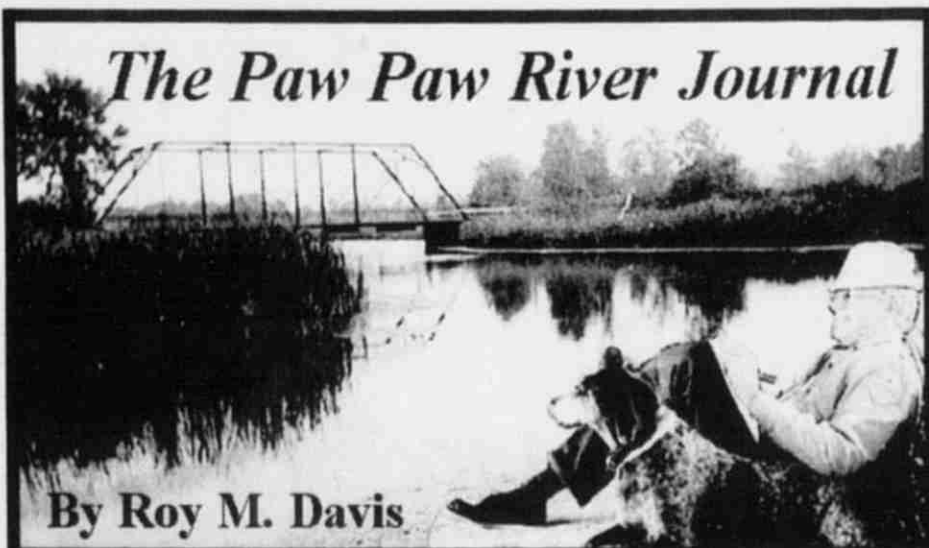
We can rest in God's kindness, both now and beyond the sunset.

Cooking outside the box

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THESE FOLKS ARE TAKING THEIR ANNUAL BATH...in Paw Paw Lake back in 1914. If you have any information about this photo, please contact Alex Gates, Curator/Director of North Berrien Historical Museum, 300 Coloma Avenue, Coloma; 468-3330.



Before the world fell apart

The watershed in our lives has to be World War II. Of course, I'm thinking of those of us who were alive at that time. The days before and the days after that are clearly divided! And I would not trade that knowledge for a million dollars. What the heck, let's say for a billion dollars (a million is just not the staggering figure it used to be)! That made us what we are...and what the world is today. For good or bad!

We were just kids, doing the millions of things kids always did. We went to school in the big old brick building in Hartford right where Red Arrow Elementary stands today. In cold weather, the big windows were drafty; and in hot weather we sweated. And we learned. And we worried about grades, and bullies, and whether the other kids liked us or not.

We wore regular shoes, or real tennis shoes. My Dad always wondered how I could wear out the tops of my shoes before the soles. Well, we were pretty active. And in cold weather a lot of us guys wore high-top boots. Often on the side of them was a little pocket for a jackknife. And we all had jackknives too...no thought of them as weapons either.

When we were not in school, we worked at part-time jobs (if we had to) or played imaginary games...cowboys, pirates, airplane jockeys, or we built imaginary spaceships.

I had the best place in the world for our neighborhood kids to play. My Dad owned and operated the Hartford greenhouses. Next door he planned to build two more of them, but the Depression knocked that out of the ballpark. Half completed, the place was a whole field full of boards, bricks, and cement blocks to construct our play areas.

One platform stood about 15 feet high. Built for working on the high parts of the new greenhouses, it was now useless. We turned it into a fort. Protected on all sides by boxes, we were holed up there with only eagles for company (we pretended) and buckets of water to repel invaders, and rubber-band zip guns. We were never attacked...but we were ready, just in case.

That was then. On Sunday, December 7, 1941, I was now old enough to

be a drugstore cowboy. And a bunch of us were playing the pinball machine in Clark's Drug Store when news came over the radio that Pearl Harbor had been bombed by the Japanese. Right there...then...that was the watershed moment. But we never realized it...went right on with our pinball games.

For a while we coasted on as civilians. Then the war began to become very real with no car tires, gas rationing, food rationing, and a nationwide speed limit of 35 mph. Yes, you heard me right. America had gone to war. And the older kids were gradually disappearing into the armed forces. Life was never to be the same again.

Finally, it came to my time...all of my friends and I were off to war and a hurry-up maturing into whatever we were going to be. Never to be the same again, most of us got through those perilous times and came home to start our families...and get back to civilian life mostly as we had imagined it would be.

And that watershed moment when the Japanese took away our innocence and brought us crashing into the modern world is still reverberating in our lives...because we made some mistakes. We all know that in abstract it is fire that tempers steel. But we had suffered through some horrible times. And too many people vowed that their children would never go through what we had to go through.

That was not the best course of action. Look what happened when that post-war generation grew up. They fought another war that was in the wrong time and place. Some vowed they would never fight in it and went to Canada. Those times are now mostly past us...except in the minds and hearts of those who had to serve. And the skipper-outers...later, some admitted that that it was not so much a high-minded philosophy as the fear of having their butts shot off! But we're past that. Except some friends of ours are still suffering from the lingering effects of Agent Orange and post-war stress.

Now guess what! That post-war generation is now running our country! How well, I leave to your political orientation. One thing for sure...there is an awakening of people who now realize that the fat is in the fire...the baby was thrown out with the bath water...and our country is in deep

do-o-doo. Will we survive? I believe we will...as surely as I can see evidence that people still have a bedrock honesty. Situational ethics will not get us out of this one. Oh, no...it's back to the fire and tempering the steel that is surely in a lot of our upcoming generation.

A young lady of our acquaintance says she has thought about this a lot. She says that Americans are 10th-frame bowlers. We will awaken and bring honesty and clarity to government.

God willing that it will be thus in our storybook towns along the Paw Paw River and all across this huge land of ours!

News from Watervliet District Library

Thanks to all of the participants who helped make a great Adult Reading Program at Watervliet District Library this year.

The winners include Arline Wegenka, Maryanne Melvin, Robert Baker, Kristina Peck, Marilyn Pleyer, and Daniel Wegenka.

Our grand-prize winner was Maryanne Melvin. There was a total of 108 books read. The winners of our Conversation Hearts Guessing Game went to Jacob Atherton who guessed 1,400; Destine Mitchell who guessed 1,605; and Howard Coldwell who guessed 1,500.

The correct number of hearts was 1,562. Way to go to all of our lucky winners!

NEWS FROM THE WATERVLIET RECORD

90 YEARS AGO - 1920

A rather lively interest finally manifested itself in the contest for village offices on election day and a total of 317 votes were cast, a fair proportion by women voters. The results are as follows: President - E.N. Matrau, clerk - W.C. Spreen, treasurer - Winifred Sterner, assessor - George Ray. A new Hudson car in transit went into the ditch between here and Hartford last Sunday night, wrecking one of the rear wheels. During the night one of the tires was stolen from the car.

60 YEARS AGO - 1950

The Watervliet Panthers basketball team met a quick defeat in the Friday night District Tournament game held at the Benton Harbor Naval Reserve Armory when Bangor scored the first point in the second overtime period and taking the game 43 to 41. Mr. and Mrs. Victor Yancich, east Watervliet, are the parents of a baby boy, Thomas Victor, weighing seven pounds and eight ounces, born in Community hospital March 7th, at 11:50 a.m. Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Curtis are the

Rolling Back The Years

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

NEWS FROM THE COLOMA COURIER

100 YEARS AGO - 1910

Mrs. Orrin Woodward was pleasantly surprised on the occasion of her fiftieth birthday, Friday afternoon. The ladies presented Mrs. Woodward with a beautiful cut glass dish. Leo Hosbein who is attending the veterinary college at Grand Rapids is home over Sunday. Carl Hingst has sold his farm in North Coloma to his son, Otto Hingst. The deal was completed Wednesday.

60 YEARS AGO - 1950

Winners in the district basketball tournament at Benton Harbor, the Coloma Comets tonight will take the floor in Kalamazoo against the fast St. Phillip's team at Battle Creek. Eleven students from Coloma have enrolled for the second semester at Western Michigan College. Coloma students enrolled are Charles White-lock, Elaine Geik, Betty Swigart, Dorcas Kuhlman, Donald Krause, John DeField, Arlene Schick, Mary

30 YEARS AGO - 1980

Miss Marie Furman was hostess for the first meeting of the Clover Leaf Club. Nine members and two guests attended the luncheon meeting. Elizabeth Stephenson was co-hostess. Coloma's Girls Volleyball team takes first - Coloma girls team ended its season in first place with a 11-3 record.

Peggy Salmon and Cindy Graffenius have been named to the 1980 All-Blossomland Conference. Jodi Ferry and Chris Steinhoff are honorable mention selections. 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 & Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Phone: 468-3431

NEWS FROM THE HARTFORD DAY SPRING

90 YEARS AGO - 1919

The Hartford Woman's club opened with the Southwest and West End clubs as guests. Subject under discussion, "Home Problems." The program was as follows: Roll call, "Short cuts in Housekeeping"; music, Violin solo and encore by Mr. Yoder, accompanied by Myrtle Nordstrom; paper, "The Village Home, Advantages and Limitations," Mrs. Mayme Hubbard; paper, "The Farm Home, What It Shall Stand For," Mrs. Geisler; music, The Second Grade accompanied by Miss Webber; duet, Theone Tyrrell and Richard Schopbach. Miss Weber gave a paper on the "Aim of the Art and Music in the Public Schools."

Blazing gasoline ignited when an electric light bulb was exploded, threatening the destruction of the East End Garage on Haver Street Saturday evening. The entire interior of the building was a mass of flame for a moment, but the blaze was extinguished with slight damage. The blaze started when a new Chevrolet car in transit entered the garage to have its gasoline tank repaired. Earl Keeler, proprietor of the garage, crawled under the car with an electric light bulb on an extension cord in his hand. In disconnecting the gasoline tank a piece of the connections fell, striking the electric bulb and exploding it. There was a flash and the dripping gasoline was instantly ablaze. Mr. Keeler averted a more serious fire by placing his hand over the outlet of

60 YEARS AGO - 1950

The Hartford Woman's club entertained at a 1 p.m. luncheon Tuesday at the home of Mrs. Howard Walter. Thirty persons attended. Following the luncheon, "Scouting in Hartford" was discussed. The Rev. J.A. Rogers, local cubmaster, spoke of the work of his pack. Donald MacKenzie, sixth-grade pupil, gave an outline of the activities of the Boy Scouts. Ruth Keillor, sixth-grade pupil, spoke of projects undertaken by the Girl Scouts.

40 YEARS AGO - 1970

Miss Cheryl Vint, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Vint, was chosen Miss Hartford of 1970 from among 22 other contestants Saturday night. Runners-up are Miss Marilyn Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Miller; and Miss Karen DeMorrow, daughter of Jack DeMorrow. The new queen is 17 and a senior at Hartford High school. She was crowned by Miss Hartford of 1969, Miss Regina Moore.

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NEWS FROM THE WATERVLIET RECORD

parents of a nine-pound baby girl, Deborah Jane, born March 5th, at 4:45 a.m. in Community hospital.

Paul Philstrand was named on the high scholarship list of Western Michigan College for the first semester. He made an all 'A' record.

30 YEARS AGO - 1980

In the District Tournament, the Panther basketball team defeated Mattawan 69-50 in the first game. They lost a good fight to Bangor in the second game with a final score of 65-64. A girl weighing 7 pounds, 3 ounces was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ashton at 8:29 p.m. March 3 in Berrien General Hospital. A boy weighing 8 pounds, 15 ounces

was born to Mr. and Mrs. John D. Gunn at 4:30 p.m. March 4 in Memorial hospital. The Watervliet Junior High School Band received a division II rating at the annual District VI concert festival held March 1st at Niles High School.

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North Berrien Historical Society to seek millage renewal; asks Coloma Commission to put on ballot

By Christina Gelder

Bennet Leedy came to the Monday, March 8, Coloma City Commission meeting to represent the North Berrien Historical Society and ask for a millage concerning the group to be placed on the ballot of the August 2010 primary election.

Leedy passed out several brochures outlining the need for this millage and pointed out the growth at North Berrien Historical Museum that has occurred since the millage originally passed in 2006.

The numbers were quite impressive, as the small Museum went from being completely volunteer operated and open only part of the year to supporting 2.5 full-time employees on a year-round basis.

The booklet also mapped out a plan for the future.

Visions Construction is awarded the bid

Commissioner Julia Smith recommended on behalf of the Heritage Committee that Bob Burkett of Visions Construction be awarded the bid for the bathroom remodel being planned for City Hall. She said that the Heritage Committee had met and reviewed all of the bids extensively, weighing the pros and cons of each contract.

The motion was made and accepted that the Commission take the recommendation of the committee and hire Burkett.

City's ambulance service has merged with another company

Cassie Sikes from Coloma Emergency Medical Service (CEMS) came to

the meeting to personally inform the Commission of a recent merger of that company and Pride Care Ambulance Service out of Kalamazoo. She said that CEMS is the parent company and assured the Commission that it is a good fit as far as ethics and values are concerned and it will save both companies a lot of money in the long run. Big changes are ahead for the ambulance company that was founded in Coloma. With the merger, it has grown from 100 employees to 215 employees, allowing the company to better serve the area.

It is also changing the name to Pride Care, as it is more generic and allows the company to better serve other communities.

As she wrapped up her comments, she did praise the area's police officers for all of their assistance on calls, stating, "They are such a help to us."

Bragg as voting members of the Joint Water Agreement Authority. Commissioner Mike Muenchow will serve as an alternate on that board.

Mayor Polashak says that the job of the Authority will be to keep track of water rates, etc., and report back to the City Commission.

Commissioner Bill Smith reminded everyone that the City's "water expert" is going to be on hand at the next Commission meeting on Monday, March 22. He is encouraging attendance, to bring out all the questions about the new water plan. The new agreement, which has been in the works for months, is set to take effect on April 1.

Other news

In other news, a contract with Joy's Johns was approved for portable toilets at Randall Park this summer. The quote was the same as last year and includes delivery, pickup, and weekly service at a cost of \$140 monthly. A cold patch bid was accepted for \$646 from Arnt Asphalt.

Four high school students were approved to be the summer help for the Department of Public Works. Kyle Sayer, Brian Gilbert, Stephen Pena, and Dave Tavolacci will begin work when school lets out for the season.

Commissioner Linda Freitag discussed a letter that had been sent to the City asking for permission to erect a business sign. The sign was not to be at the location of the business, however, so the Commission decided not to grant the request.

In other news, Chana Kniebes told the Commission that she believed the St. Patrick's Day Committee is very prepared to have a wonderful celebration on Saturday, March 13.



MATTHEW PRADON...is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Schmidt and Mr. Jeff Wilson. Matt enlisted in the Navy in 2007 and is currently stationed at Whidbey Island, Washington, as a member of Patrol Squadron Four Six as a radar operator. In November of 2009, he was made junior sailor of the quarter. In May of 2010, Matt will be deployed to an undisclosed destination. He is a 2002 graduate of Hartford High School.

"All-you-can-eat" Fish Fry March 12

The Coloma American Legion bowling teams will be serving an "all-you-can-eat" Fish Fry on Friday, March 12, at Post 362, located on the corner of St. Joseph Avenue and Sassafras Street in Coloma.

They will serve from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. Adults are \$7, children 3-10 are \$3; and children under 3 are free. Also offered will be a Chicken Strip Dinner for \$6. This event is open to the public.

Watervliet High School Variety Show tickets on sale

By Annette Christie

Watervliet High School is excited to announce its 32nd Variety Show, planned for Friday and Saturday, March 26 and 27.

The theme for Variety Show 2010 is "American Legends, Heroes, and Icons." Nearly 100 students and staff will participate in the celebration through song, dance, and comedy skits.

The students have been working very hard to prepare a spectacular show for all ages. The show will be held both nights at 7:00 in the Watervliet High School Auditorium. Presale tickets for the show may be purchased in the lobby of the Auditorium on March 13 and March 20 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They will also be available during the lunch period in the WSH cafeteria during show week. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$8 for adults.

Noack Scholarship applications available

Applications are now being accepted for the \$500 Noack Scholarship, which will be awarded to a graduating Coloma High School senior. Applications can be picked up in the CHS Office. The \$500 scholarship will be awarded during Senior Awards Night at CHS. Applicants must be a senior at CHS, in good standing, and must be enrolled in a two- or four-year college degree program or trade school program for the 2010 fall semester. All students meeting the criteria are encouraged to apply. The deadline to apply is March 31, 2910.

Coloma Public Library news

WOOLEY DONATION

Throughout the winter, Coloma Public Library has been sorting through a generous donation by Mrs. Frances Wooley. The library would like to thank Mrs. Wooley for her donation to the Genealogy collection in the library. Some of the new additions include various issues of "Ohio Genealogy Quarterly," "The Genealogical Magazine of New Jersey," "The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record," and a few others.

Also donated by Wooley were various books about doing genealogical research in Michigan and the United States and history of the nation's wars. The library is grateful to Mrs. Wooley for her donation.

DISPLAY BY CREATIVE ARTISTS GUILD

The library is pleased to be displaying the "Creative Artists Guild of Southwestern Michigan's" artwork. There are many new pieces to be enjoyed. The work will be on display for the next couple of months, so stop in and see the creativity and talents of those in our community.

Genealogical Society meeting March 17

The Berrien County Genealogical Society will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 17. Guest speaker will be Paul Fletcher, who will give a presentation on "Navigating Through the BCGS Members Only Website and Blog." Also scheduled to be discussed will be using facebook, Twitter, mailing lists, and message Boards.

The meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (the same building as the Family History Center) at 3653 Niles Road (east of the I-94 exit onto Niles Road) in St. Joseph, MI. The public is always invited.

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Tri-City Area Obituaries

JERRY M. DAVIS

Jerry M. Davis, 51, of Caledonia, Michigan, passed away Sunday, February 28, 2010, at Gilead Elder Care Harvest Home in Berrien Springs, MI.



Funeral services celebrating his life were held at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 8, at Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 249 E. Center Street, in Coloma, MI, with Pastor Billy Long officiating. Burial was private at Coloma Cemetery.

Visitation was held from noon until the time of the service on Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the family or to Apostolic Tabernacle Church in Benton Harbor, MI.

Jerry was born September 12, 1958, in Benton Harbor. One of three children born to Phillip and Shirley Davis. Jerry was enthusiastic about life. He enjoyed "cruzin' the plaza," playing his guitar, and making people laugh. He loved to study his Bible and was proud of being "Born again." He was loved and will be missed by his family.

Jerry is survived by: his brother, Jack (Karen) Davis of Watervliet; his sister, Judith (Cliff) Sink of Sarasota, Florida; his father, Phillip (Carolyn) Davis of Griffin, GA; half brothers Michael (Lela) Davis of Gallatin, Tennessee, and Duane (Brianna) Davis of Griffin, GA; one half sister, Traci Davis of North Carolina; nieces and nephews - Tellie (Brian) Closson of Sarasota, Florida, Brian Sink of Sarasota, Jackie (Eddie) Ellis of Stevensville, MI, and Angel (Clevy) Roberts of Watervliet; 12 great-nieces and great-nephews; and by a host of close friends.

Jerry was preceded in death by: his mother, Shirley Castanon; one sister, Vickie Davis; and his grandparents, William Aaron and Vivian Johnson.

ISLA L. DOORNBOS

Isla L. Doornbos, 94, of Riverside, Michigan, died Thursday, March 4, 2010, at her home.



Services celebrating her life were held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, March 11, at the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma, MI, with Rev. John Sternaman and Rev. Stephen Small officiating. Coloma Order of the Eastern Star #307 will conduct its rites at the service. Cremation will follow the service. The family will receive friends and relatives from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday at Davidson Chapel. Memorials may be made to Riverside United Methodist Church or Hospice at Home.

Isla was born on December 18, 1915, in Jamestown Township, MI, to Richard and Mary Brummel. She married Ray Doornbos on November 25, 1939, in Jamestown and he preceded her in death on June 16, 1999. Together, they celebrated close to 60 years of marriage.

She was a member and active on many boards at Riverside United Methodist Church in Riverside, MI. She was also a life member of the Coloma Order of the Eastern Star #307. Isla was a homemaker and a seamstress and enjoyed gardening and flowers. She always had a smile on her face but could be stubborn when she was true to her Dutch heritage.

She is survived by: her children - Robert Doornbos of Coloma, Marilyn (James) Nord of Watervliet, MI, Elaine Cullinan of Chicago, IL, and Mary (Gary) Richmond of Hartford, MI; her son-in-law, Leonard Seymour of Watervliet, 12 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by: two daughters, Kathleen Seymour in 1993 and Marcia Cook in 2007; a brother, Raymond Brummel, in 1982; and a grandson, Allen Disbrow, in 1985.

Lottridge of Watervliet; his three daughters - Terri Lyon of Irons, MI, Pam (Neill) Kirkwood of Nappanee, IN, and Monica (Karl) Werelius of Hau'ula, HI; six grandchildren - Kate Lyon, Wesley Kirkwood, Hannah Kirkwood, William Kirkwood, Lillian Werelius, and Isabel Werelius; one sister, Judy (Herb) Kehlstrom of Racine, WI; one brother, Harold "Bud" (Jeanette) Lottridge of Watervliet; and a host of favorite cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, John Joseph Lottridge.

Those wishing to share a memory or sign the memory book online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Death Notices

Ronald V. Ecton Jr., 76, of Chicago, Illinois, formerly of Covert, Michigan, died Monday, February 22, 2010, at home. Cremation Society of Illinois, Chicago.

Robert F. Skul, 76, of Coloma, Michigan, died Wednesday, February 24, 2010, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma.

Carol Sue Helbling, 67, of Coloma, Michigan, died Saturday, March 6, 2010. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, Michigan.

Veryl Davis, 93, of Watervliet, Michigan, died Sunday, March 7, 2010, at Caretel Inns, St. Joseph, MI. Starks & Mensinger Family Funeral Home, St. Joseph.

Lucille Zubke, 94, of Coloma, Michigan, formerly of Davison, MI, died Sunday, March 7, 2010. Hill Funeral Home, Grand Blanc, MI.

Vera J. Roose, 84, of Coloma, Michigan, died Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma.

GUN CLUB

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President Lyn does not believe the club is in violation of that act and is concerned about the possibility of the police losing use of the ranges. He says that they are allowing for the police to have somewhere safe to practice so that they are prepared if tragedy should strike; and that, by not helping, they may be facilitating a problem if the local law enforcement officers are not comfortable and profi-

cient with their weapons. All in all, the use of the club by law enforcement is not a daily occurrence. Lyn says that throughout the year the Sheriff's Department uses the club about 60 days. Most of those are in the summer, with rarely any use in the winter. They use the ranges to complete drills, exercises, and get certification with their weapons. The days they are there are scheduled ahead of time and the club has worked to make room for the needs of the officers.

Other local police agencies also use the club as they need to, for specific training, certifications, etc. Over the years, the members-only club has managed to keep its costs down and can boast of one of the lowest membership fees in the area. At \$40 a year to become a member, the club depends on special events to maintain the gun ranges and clubhouse.

The Coloma club has a full calendar, offering everything from hunter safety classes to sport-shooting events. Through their many events, they not only cater to sport shooters but also to hunters and those who need permits for concealed weapons.

Open from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m., or dawn until dusk, whichever comes first, they try to be considerate of their neighbors. That policy has proved successful, as they have not encountered many complaints over the years. With 200-300 members, it is no wonder that the ranges are in use quite a bit as many members utilize the facilities on a regular basis. Most of the members are local residents but the club does have members from as far away as Indiana and Chicago, Illinois, come regularly.

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POLICE REPORTS

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Traffic warrant ends in arrest

Officer William Strong arrested Nicholas Trevino, 23, of Hartford, on March 1 due to a misdemeanor traffic warrant.

He was lodged at the Van Buren County Jail.

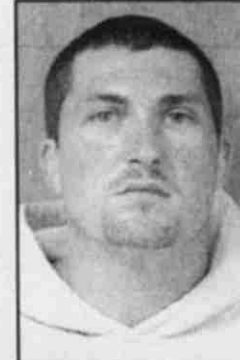
Wanted by the police

Photos and information about people from the area who are wanted on outstanding warrants for various alleged felonies are listed below. This information was provided by the Berrien County Sheriff's Department and Crime Stoppers.

Damon Lee Murphy is wanted on a felony warrant for fraud. His last known address is in Benton Harbor.



Cory Christopher Davis is wanted on a felony warrant for aggravated assault. His last known address is in Niles.



Jerome Randall Bird is wanted on a felony warrant for delivery of cocaine. His last known address is in Benton Harbor.



Andrew Lee Atterberry is wanted on a felony warrant for assault. His last known address is in Benton Harbor.



Crime Stoppers will pay \$1,000 for information that leads to the arrest of any of these people. Callers don't need to leave a name but will be assigned a code number. To give information, call 1-800-342-STOP or 288-STOP.

This information comes from Crime Stoppers and the Berrien County Sheriff's Department. All warrants must be reconfirmed before an arrest. To comment on the accuracy of this information, call (269) 983-7141, extension 7222.

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THANK YOU...Retiring Watervliet City Treasurer Barb Schofield (left) gave her final report at the City Commission meeting Tuesday. City Clerk Jan Kelly, on behalf of the City, presented Barb with a handbag and a handpainted "piggy" bank as thank-you gifts. Mayor Karl Bayer noted Barb's long history of service to the community. (Annette Christie photo)

Watervliet City Commission adopts Parks & Rec. Plan

By Annette Christie

Following a public hearing on the subject, the Watervliet City Commission adopted the North Berrien County Communities Parks and Recreation Plan at its Tuesday, March 9, meeting.

The City joined in the effort with the other North Berrien communities of Watervliet Charter Township, Coloma Charter Township, the City of Coloma, and Hagar Township. The communities, by joining resources, created the plan that is a prerequisite for any local, state or federal grant programs.

Cindy LaGrow of LaGrow Consulting presented the plan to the Commission and the public present during the public hearing. LaGrow said there are 19 municipally-owned parks among all the communities involved.

The City of Watervliet has Hays Park, Memorial Park, Flaherty Park, Sterner Park, Veterans Park, and Library Park. LaGrow's presentation also included a summary of the public input that was received throughout the planning process. The overwhelming response or request was to link the parks that the community has by creating walking and biking trails.

Other proposed actions for the City's parks include cleaning up the river, cleanup of the scrub trees to improve the view of Flaherty Park from Main Street, installing additional playground equipment at Hays Park, creating a dog park with fencing at Memorial Park, a fish cleaning station at Sterner Park, and a public art display at Veterans Park.

LaGrow said that, while the City will certainly not be able to get everything it desires in the way of park improvements, it is important to include everything a community might want to have considered for grant funding. If a project is not in the plan, it cannot be considered unless the plan is amended to include it.

It is expected that Watervliet and Coloma townships will also approve the plan at their upcoming meetings. The Commission also passed a resolution which will place a millage for the North Berrien Historical Museum on the August ballot. If passed, the millage would be in effect for four



WELCOME, LOUIS...Louis Raymond Martindale was born at 5:38 a.m. on Sunday, January 24, 2010, to Mitch and Jolyn Martindale of Stevensville, Michigan. He weighed 6 pounds, 8 ounces. Louis' mom is formerly of Coloma, MI. (Contributed photo)

The whole parish should be present for this family celebration.

Triple celebration planned for St. Joseph Parish

By Mary Brost Reck

Three special events are coming together to make one big celebration at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Watervliet.

In honor of St. Joseph, patron of the parish, the event will be held the evening of March 18, vigil of the Feast of St. Joseph.

The Mass will begin at 6:30 p.m., preceded by a 6:00 blessing of food presented at the traditional St. Joseph Table.

A potluck will follow the Mass.

"The feast of the church is the feast of the parish family," said pastor Fr. John Peter Ambrose. "It is like celebrating a family birthday; the whole family should be present."

Installation of new Pastor

Additionally, the Most Rev. Paul Bradley, Bishop of the Diocese of Kalamazoo, will be present to officially install Fr. John as the new Pastor of St. Joseph Parish.

Fr. John was born June 1, 1971, in Tamil Nadu in southern India - the area originally evangelized by St. Thomas the Apostle.

"The area has a long tradition of a Catholic presence," Fr. John noted.

The youngest of five children, his father died when John was just 3 months old. His mother, however, is still alive and thriving in their home country.

Fr. John's call to the priesthood came early. Though only 2% of India is Catholic, in that highly populous country that means there are 16 or 17 million Catholics.

"In India, there are a lot of Catholic schools," explained Fr. John. "Priests come regularly to encourage students to consider vocations."

"By the age of 13, I knew I had an interest. After 10th grade, I could no longer refuse the call."

Eventually, Fr. John joined the Religious Society of Missionaries of St. Francis DeSales. Following almost 11 years of priestly formation, he was ordained May 4, 1998.

Fr. John spent his first three years as a priest traveling around India to promote vocations - repaying the service that had been done for him. He was also a seminary teacher. He reports with gratitude that 55 of his recruits have entered the seminary, and nine will be ordained this year.

Following further priestly ministry in the Caribbean, Fr. John came to the Diocese of Kalamazoo in September 2005.

Most recently, he has served as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in Bangor.

Celebrating Priesthood

Pope Benedict XVI has declared this the Year of the Priest, and that theme will also be factored into the event. Priests of the Diocese and several religious order priests have been invited to participate in a special way in this celebration of the gift of vocation. Through their presence they will provide a witness and inspiration to the significance of the Year of the Priest. The event will also provide an international flair, according to Fr. John, as there will be local priests as well as priests from India and Columbia representing the Universal Church.

St. Joseph's Table

Another aspect of the celebration will be the traditional St. Joseph's Table. Originally an Italian tradition, the custom has been embraced by the local community as well.

The tradition of the St. Joseph's Table can be traced back to medieval times, according to Mary Adams, a member of the organizing committee. It began as a way to fulfill a promise made to St. Joseph that if he would intercede in a time of family or personal crisis, a feast would be served for the poor on his Feast Day.

The custom revived especially during World War II when the promise was made if a family's son came home safely. Adams notes that one parish couple, now married 60 years, met at a St. Joseph Table feast given in such a thanksgiving.

"We are still keeping this tradition," said Adams, "though it has been adjusted to suit our times." Those attending the feast are now asked to bring food to share, and donations are collected for the food pantry.

The Table itself incorporates many symbolic features. It has three levels, signifying the Trinity. It is a meatless meal reminiscent of times of scarcity. It includes bread shaped to represent prayers requested or received. There is pasta; fresh vegetables and fruits such as oranges, which symbolize sweetness; and other traditional dishes.

The language of love

Fr. John emphasized that his ministry is one of facilitating community.

"My whole focus is to build up community in love and service. I feel God has called me in that way. Every Catholic community, every baptized person, is called to build community."

"Christianity is not just about myself and God but has to include neighbor. We all have to grow that way together."

"This is not just the priest alone," Fr. John emphasizes. "It is everyone working together in unity. Please, tell me your interests and talents. Don't wait for me to come to you."

Referring to the number of cultures he has served - in India, African Caribbean, and now Southwest Michigan - Fr. John notes: "One language is

louder than all the rest. Love is a universal language. The whole community needs to feel they are always welcome, no matter what religion or race. We all need to speak the language of love."

Coloma Middle School "Student of the Month"

Shyann Haner Mazigan, a seventh-grader, has been selected as Coloma Middle School's "Student of the Month." Shyann is the 14-year-old daughter of Roger and Shelley Mazigan of Coloma.



She has three siblings: Rhonda (age 22), Bud (age 21), and Hunter (age 12). Also living with Shyann is a cat named Milky.

Shyann was nominated for this honor by Mrs. Sieber. In her nomination, Mrs. Sieber said, "I would like to nominate Shyann Haner on behalf of the seventh-grade teachers. Shyann is a terrific young lady with a great work ethic. She always does her work and turns it in on time. She is kind and generous with her peers, helping if they need help, and demonstrates a positive attitude in all her classes. In addition, she has played two sports and works equally as hard in her athletic endeavors. Her determination projects a positive role model for her peers! She is definitely deserving of Student of the Month."

Hobbies for Shyann include wrestling with her brother and playing basketball, softball and volleyball. Her favorite subject is math with Mrs. Radom and her favorite book is "Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants" by Ann Brashares.

Throughout Middle School, Shyann has been on C.A.R.E.

When Shyann grows up, she wants to be a veterinarian.



OPEN HOUSE...Watervliet's newest downtown business, K-9 Learning Center, hosted a grand opening Saturday. On hand for the ribbon cutting on Main Street were: (from the left) Coloma Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce President Lee Scherwitz, K-9 Learning Center owner Nan Edwards, and Watervliet Mayor Karl Bayer. The well-behaved ribbon holders are students of K-9 Learning Center. (Chana Kniebes photo)

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JOHN W. LOTTRIDGE
John W. Lottridge, 74, of St. Joseph, Michigan, passed away on Tuesday, January 26, 2010, at his home.



A funeral service celebrating his life was held at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, January 29, at Riverview Park Christian Church, 2929 Niles Road, St. Joseph. A visitation was held for one hour prior to the 11:00 a.m. service and a luncheon immediately followed the service.

The arrangements were with Starks and Menchinger Family Funeral Home, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the Veterans Hospital of Ann Arbor.

John was born on October 30, 1935, in Watervliet, MI, to Jack and Gladys (Hill) Lottridge. He married his high-school sweetheart, Patricia Ann Forsythe, on September 19, 1959. He was an Army veteran and had retired from St. Joseph Charter Township as its Assessor and Building Inspector.

John enjoyed fishing, golfing, and spending time with his girls and grandchildren. He enjoyed traveling with his wife after retirement and even returned to working part time for the Berrien County Treasurer's Office. He was a member of the former Peace Temple United Methodist Church. Survivors include: his wife, Patricia of St. Joseph; his mother, Gladys

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Movie Guides & Community Calendar

Watervliet
Public Schools
Calendar of
Events

Thursday, March 11
MIDDLE SCHOOL - Band Festival at Lake Michigan College. HIGH SCHOOL - MME Testing - All Juniors.

Friday, March 12
NORTH SCHOOL - Spirit Day (Wear School Colors). HIGH SCHOOL - Band Festival at Lake Michigan College; Boys District Basketball Championship Game, 7:00 p.m., at Brandywine.

Sunday, March 14
Daylight Savings Time Begins.
Monday, March 15
HIGH SCHOOL - Class D Regional Basketball at Watervliet, 6:00 & 8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 17
HIGH SCHOOL - Class D Regional Basketball at Watervliet, 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 18
HIGH SCHOOL - Southwestern Michigan Vocal Festival at WMU, All Day; Free Concert at Miller Auditorium in Kalamazoo, 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 19
SOUTH SCHOOL - Playgroup in Gym For Children Ages 0-5 Years Old, 9:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 20
NORTH & SOUTH SCHOOLS - PTO Family Skate Night at Ramona Skating Rink, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Monday, March 22
SOUTH SCHOOL - Y's, Kindergarten & First-Graders Field Trip to Mendel Center at Lake Michigan College.

Tuesday, March 23
HIGH SCHOOL - MME Make-Ups; Vo-Tech Open House, 5:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m., at Van Buren Vo-Tech Center in Lawrence.

Wednesday, March 24
MIDDLE SCHOOL - Honor Band at Andrews University. HIGH SCHOOL - National Honor Society Blood Drive in High School Gymnasium; MME Make-Ups.

Thursday, March 25
SOUTH SCHOOL - Kindergarten Round-Up, 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m. HIGH SCHOOL - MME Make-Ups.
Friday, March 26
END OF THIRD MARKING PERIOD. SOUTH SCHOOL - Kindergarten Round-Up, 8:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. HIGH SCHOOL - Variety Show, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 27
HIGH SCHOOL - State Solo and Ensemble Festival; Variety Show, 7:00 p.m.

Coloma
Middle School
"Student of
the Month"

March 1, 2010

Coloma Community Schools and the Middle School team are proud to present Jenna Walter, a fifth-grader, as "Student of the Month." The 11-year-old daughter of John and Melissa Walter of Coloma, Jenna has two siblings: Jami (age 13) and Kayla (age 7). Also living with Jenna is a cat named Chewy and a goldfish.

Mrs. Ball and Mrs. Hammerschmidt nominated Jenna for this honor. In their nomination, they said, "Jenna is a responsible classmate who shows respect for others, is a pleasure to be around, and is a hard worker. Her homework is always done on time and her work is of high quality. Jenna is a great asset to Coloma Middle School. We are proud to have her in our classes."

Hobbies for Jenna include softball, basketball, volleyball, playing board games, making jewelry, hunting with her dad, and reading. In her spare time, she enjoys reading her favorite book, "James and the Giant Peach" by Roald Dahl; playing her favorite video game, "Jetmoto"; and listening to Daughtry. Her favorite subject is spelling with Mrs. Hammerschmidt. While at the Middle School, Jenna has been on the Honor Roll and C.A.R.E.

When Jenna grows up, she wants to be a photographer.

The following local merchants join

the staff at CMS in congratulating Jenna as "Student of the Month" for her hard work and dedication: Coloma Pizza Hut (free large pizza), Coloma Lanes (free bowling pass and shoe rental), WESCO (\$3 gift card), Coloma Athletic Department (free student pass), Coloma McDonald's (free quarter pounder coupon), Easy Street (hamburger basket), Subway (free sandwich coupon), The Friendly (free kids meal coupon), LOMA (free movie card), Grandpa's Cider Mill (free 1/2 dozen donuts), Randy's BP (free medium pop and popcorn), Chartwell's School Dining Services at CMS (snack gift certificate), Coloma Speedway (free fountain pop), Saylor's Pizza (free one large pizza), Burger King (free sandwich coupon), and Walmart (\$5 gift card).

Watervliet
Middle School
"Student of
the Week"

Watervliet Public Schools and the eighth-grade team are proud to present Cheyenne Gargano as this week's "Student of the Week." Cheyenne has attended Watervliet schools her entire life. She lives with her mom, Linda, and her dad, Tom. Cheyenne is a member of the Honor Club, Student Council, and is on the volleyball team.

Her favorite subject is art because she is very creative and she likes to draw.

Mrs. Zoet says, "Cheyenne is such a joy to have in class. In addition to being creative, she is a very hard worker, always doing her best work. She has a good sense of humor and is always smiling."

After high school, Cheyenne plans to go to college to become a homicide detective. She plans to start her career in Tennessee.

Her dreams in life are to go to college and travel around the USA. Cheyenne's favorite quote is "When life gives you 100 reasons to cry, smile. You have 1,000 reasons to smile."

When asked to name one place in the entire world she would like to visit, Cheyenne said she would like to visit Colorado or Alaska because she loves nature and the outdoors.

Three adjectives that describe Cheyenne are hardworking, trustworthy, and honest.

She is very proud of being able to keep all A's throughout school. Cheyenne also started a toy drive at Christmas for the local families in Berrien County. She was able to organize the drive and collect enough toys to help over 270 families! Congratulations, Cheyenne!

The following local merchants join the staff at WMS in congratulating Cheyenne as "Student of the Week" for her hard work and dedication: Waffle House of America (Free Appetizer Coupon), Coloma Pizza Hut (Free Medium 1-Topping Pizza), McDonald's (Free Sandwich Coupon), Saylor's Pizza (One Free Large Pizza), Burger King (Free Selected Item), Movie Library (Free Movie Rental), Kim's Asian Grocery (Coupon), Watervliet Public Schools Food Service (Free Lunch or Entrée), The wHAIRhouse (Free Haircut), and WPS Athletic Office (Free 1-Event Student Pass).

"Hot Cake"
fundraiser
April 14 at
Coloma
McDonald's

Salem Lutheran Church of Coloma will be hosting a "Hot Cake" fundraiser event on Wednesday, April 14, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. only, at McDonald's restaurant on Ryno Road in Coloma.

All-you-can-eat hot cakes and a small drink will be only \$3 per person.

Sausage will be available at an additional cost.

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Alice in Wonderland...

19-year-old Alice (Wasikowska) returns to the magical world from her childhood adventure, where she reunites with her old friends and learns of her true destiny: to end the Red Queen's reign of terror.

Brooklyn's Finest...

In Brooklyn, New York, three veteran cops (Gere, Hawke, and Cheadle) struggling with their own personal and professional dilemmas are dispatched to a notorious housing project, where they will each collide with destiny.

Cop Out...

A comedy about a veteran NYPD cop (Willis) whose rare baseball card is stolen. Since it's his only hope to pay for his daughter's upcoming wedding, he recruits his partner (Morgan) to track down the thief, a memorabilia-obsessed gangster.

Shutter Island...

When a psychotic killer (Mortimer) disappears from a mental institution on Shutter Island, a pair of U.S. marshals (Ruffalo and DiCaprio) race against the clock in order to track her down.

Percy Jackson & the
Olympians: The
Lightning Thief...

Life changes in an instant for troubled 12-year-old Percy Jackson (Lerman) when he learns his birth father is the god Poseidon and he's looped in on a cross-country mission to settle a feud between his dad, Zeus, and Hades.

The Wolfman...

Nobleman Lawrence Talbot (Del Toro) returns to his ancestral homeland, where his brother has gone missing and villagers are being killed by a nightmarish beast. The search reunites him with his estranged father (Hopkins) and draws him near to his brother's fiancée (Blunt), however, Talbot's larger concern is the discovery of a side to himself which he never could have imagined existed.

Valentine's Day...

Intertwining couples and singles in Los Angeles break up and make up based on the pressures and expectations of Valentine's Day.

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*She's Out of My League (R) 1:10, 3:55, 6:40, 9:25
*Green Zone (R) 12:45, 3:30, 6:50, 9:45
*Remember Me (PG13) 1:30, 4:05, 6:35, 9:10
*Planet 51 (35mm) (PG13) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10
*Brooklyn's Finest (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:05, 9:45
**Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) (Premium 3D Prices Apply) 12:45, 3:25, 6:45, 9:25
**Alice in Wonderland 2D (PG) 11:45, 1:45, 2:25, 5:05, 5:35, 7:45, 8:25
*Cop Out (R) 12:50, 3:40, 6:30, 9:05
*The Crazies (R) 12:35, 3:00, 5:20, 7:45, 10:05
Shutter Island (R) 2:00, 5:15, 8:15
Valentine's Day (PG13) 7:20, 10:05
Percy Jackson: Lightning Thief (PG) 1:30, 4:15, 7:00, 9:45
Tooth Fairy (PG) 1:30, 4:00, 6:30
Alvin & the Chipmunks 2 (PG) 11:40 a.m.
**Avatar 3D (PG13) (Premium 3D Prices Apply) 11:40

"Kute Kids"...

"KUTE KIDS"...These "cuties" are 2½-year-old Oscar and 8-month-old Robert. Their parents are Niels and Helene Mulder of Sassenheim, Netherlands. Their "Uncle Mike" manages the USA business for Dad and Grandpa Ron.

Share a photo of your "Kute Kids" with your friends, neighbors, and relatives who read the Tri-City Record. Make sure you write your kids' names on the back of the picture and include any other information about it you'd like to see in the paper, including mom and dad, grandma and grandpa, and so on. Send the photo to the Tri-City Record, P.O. Box 7, Watervliet, MI 49098. Pick up the photo after it appears in the paper or include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and we'll mail it back to you.

Where are your "Kute Kids"?

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Community Calendar

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or E-mail to record@tjc.com
Listings must be renewed weekly; the listings deadline
for next week's newspaper is 12:00 noon on Monday.

Now, "COLLECTING FOR HAITIACHILE RELIEF" CAN BE HELD AT UCC Pastor Miryam Hammond, 468-5379; or First Congregational UCC Pastor Kevin McLemore, 468-6261, for details.

Friday, March 12, 5:00-7:00 p.m., "ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT FISH FRY," hosted by Coloma American Legion bowling teams at Post 362, corner of St. Joseph Avenue & Sassafras Street, Coloma. &7/adult, children 3-10 are \$3, and under 3 are free. Chicken strip dinner is \$6. Open to the public.

Fridays, March 12-19-26, "FISH DINNERS SERVED" for eat in or take out, at St. Joseph Catholic, Fr. Thelen Hall, Watervliet. Meals are by donation, with proceeds going to the school's Tuition Assistance Fund. Stations of the Cross will be held at the church, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

Friday (8:00 p.m.) & Sunday (2:00 p.m.), March 12 & 14, "IT'S NOT JUST ANOTHER HIGH SCHOOL PLAY" by the Coloma High School Drama Club, in the Auditorium. \$7 for adults; \$3 for students & senior citizens. \$1 off admission price with a nonperishable food item donation.

Saturday, March 13 & 20, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., "WHS VARIETY SHOW TICKET SALES," \$5 for students & \$8 for adults. Lobby of Auditorium. Show is March 26 & 27.

Saturday, March 13, 4:30-7:00 p.m., "SPAGHETTI DINNER BENEFIT FOR KARRIE MELVIN" at Hartford United Methodist Church, across from the Fire Station. Dinner is by donation; take-out also available.

Saturday, March 13, 7:30 p.m. (around sunset), "LIGHTED ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE" through downtown Coloma. You may still enter the parade. For more information, call Chana at (269) 757-2457.

Saturday, March 13, "SPRING AUCTION" at Grace Christian School gymnasium, 325 N. M-140, four miles south of I-94 at Watervliet Exit 41. Doors open at 3:30 p.m.; silent auction begins at 4:00; live auction at 6:30. Call the school office, (269) 464-5545 if you have any questions.

Sunday, March 14, 11:00 a.m., "SPRING FORWARD LUNCH AND SINGING" at The Sanctuary Church, 247 E. St. Joseph Street (Red Arrow Highway), Coloma. Lunch will be provided after the worship service. Go to www.gotofhessanctuary.org or call 468-6399 for information.

Three Mondays, March 15-22, 5:30-9:30 p.m., "FREE RAD CLASS" for all females 14 & older, all three sessions must be attended, at the Berrien County Sheriff's Dept., 919 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI. To register, call Karen Klug at (269) 983-7141, extension 7221.

Tuesday, March 16, 7:00 p.m., "JOE HERMAN & TONY PETERSON WILL DISCUSS DEVELOPMENT OF WINE INDUSTRY IN COLOMA" at North Berrien Historical Museum, Coloma. Event is free; refreshments will be served. Call Alex at 468-3330 for more information.

Wednesday, March 17, 7:00 p.m., "BERRIEN COUNTY GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY MEETING" at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 3653 Niles Road, St. Joseph. The public is welcome.

Wednesdays, March 17 & 24, services start at 6:00 p.m. with a light supper at 6:30. "Lenten Services at SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH," 275 Marvin Street, Coloma. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call the church office at 468-6567.

Wednesdays, March 17 & 24, 6:15 p.m., "SOUP SUPPERS & MEDITATION" at St. Joseph Catholic, Fr. Thelen Hall, Lucinda Lane, Watervliet.

Wednesday, March 17, 8:45 a.m.-2:55 p.m., "READING TEA" at Coloma Middle School. Students will show off their book projects to their invited guests (parents, grandparents, aunts & uncles); refreshments will be served.

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Tri-City Area Sports News

My view
from the
Press Box

By Mike Leith, Sportswriter

Watervliet girls down
Bridgman before
bowling to Bobcats

The Watervliet girls varsity basketball team defeated Bridgman by a 28-22 score in Class "C" District action last week before falling to eventual champion Brandywine in its semifinal game by a 57-30 score to end the Lady Panthers' season.

In their win over the Bees, the Lady Panthers had to overcome a slowdown strategy that Bridgman put into effect and was still doing in the third quarter. Watervliet actually trailed 7-6 after one quarter and then came back to take a 12-10 lead at the half. The third quarter saw Bridgman hit just one bucket as the Lady Bees were outscored 7-2 during that span to give Watervliet a 19-12 lead going into the final quarter.

In that fourth quarter, the Lady Bees made it close as they scored the first five points of the quarter to make it a

19-17 game. They then had several chances to either tie the game or go ahead but just could not do it, allowing the Lady Panthers to hold on for the win.

Watervliet had Nicole Winter with nine points, four rebounds, three assists, and three steals; Kirsten Sill had six points and four rebounds; Andrea Hiller had six points and three rebounds; Brooke Kling had five points; while Alex Spaulding added two points and six rebounds.

Then, in their district semifinal game against second-ranked Brandywine, the Lady Panthers saw just why the Lady Bobcats are rated so high, after their 57-30 loss to them. The Bobcats used their press to pressure Watervliet into several turnovers, resulting in Brandywine baskets, as it was a 17-4 game in their favor after the first quarter. It was a 33-15 game at the half, before the Lady Bobcats went on to post a 24-15 second half edge for the win.

Watervliet coach Jim Winter said that the Bobcats are just so deep, which allows them to pressure teams relentlessly. As a result, it usually pays off and this time was no different.

Watervliet had Nicole Winter with 11 points, four rebounds, and four assists; Alex Spaulding had eight points and seven rebounds; while Andrea Hiller added five points and six rebounds. The Lady Panthers end their season with a 15-6 overall record.

Coloma girls fall
to Comstock in a
close game

The Coloma girls varsity basketball team ended its season last Wednesday, March 3, with a 41-38 loss to Comstock in a Class "B" District semifinal game at Otsego.

The Coloma girls actually took a 15-8 first-quarter lead and held a 23-21 halftime advantage. The third quarter really hurt the Lady Comets as they only scored five points to fall behind 29-28 going into the final quarter. In that final quarter, the Lady Comets held their own but just could not overcome that deficit as they were outscored 12-10 during that time to end their season.

The Lady Comets had Julie Timm with 16 points, Shatoria Dancer had nine points, Olivia Zvonar had eight points, while Erin Cross added five points.

Comstock then fell to Paw Paw in the district championship game by a 60-31 score.

The Lady Comets end their season with a 12-9 record, which the best season that they have had in several years.

Hartford girls end
season with loss
to Lawrence

The Hartford girls varsity basketball team fell to Lawrence for the third time this season in Class "C" District action last week by a 47-35 score.

The Lady Indians dug themselves a first-quarter hole from which they could never recover, as they trailed 17-8 at that point. It was a 29-21 game at the half, while the Lady Indians closed the gap to 39-34 after three quarters. However, the fourth quarter was much like the first with the Lady Tigers going on an 8-1 run to saddle the Lady Indians with the loss.

Hartford had Brooke Edmonds with 14 points, Kaitelyn Smith with 10 points, and Kara Weberg with six points.

The Lady Indians end their season with a 3-18 record.

Coloma boys down
Brandywine to finish
the regular season

The Coloma boys ended their regular season on a good note as they defeated Brandywine by a 54-41 score last week.

It didn't start out looking that way, though, as the Comets went down 11-7 after one quarter before coming back to take a 19-17 lead at the half. Coloma held a 14-11 edge in the third quarter to make it a 33-28 game at that point, before going on a 21-13 fourth-quarter run to secure the win. Cortez Childs led Coloma with 17 points, Sam Swihart had 12 points, T.J. Scott had nine points, Deidrick Swanigan

had six points, while Dan Vollrath added five points.

Earlier in the week, the Comets fell to Buchanan by a 59-40 score. In this game, the Comets trailed by just two points at 16-14 after one quarter but were then outscored 17-6 in the second quarter to trail 33-20 at the half. Coloma narrowed the gap to 41-29 after three quarters before the Bucks went on an 18-11 fourth-quarter run to pin the Comets with the loss.

Coloma had T.J. Scott with 19 points, Dan Vollrath with eight points, Cortez Childs with six points, while Deidrick Swanigan added four points.

The Comets end their regular season at 8-12 and will now play in a Class "B" District that they are hosting this week. They will take on Otsego in the first round of the tournament. South Haven will take on Paw Paw in the other first-round game. Both Plainwell and Comstock have first-round byes and will play the winners of the two first-round games.

Watervliet boys fall
to Martin in
SAC crossover game

The Watervliet boys varsity basketball team played its final game of the regular season last week and fell to Martin by a 59-45 score in an SAC crossover game.

The Panthers dug themselves a hole right out of the gate as they fell behind 15-6 after one quarter, yet trailed by just four points at 27-23 at the half. But the second half went Martin's way as Martin outscored the Panthers 32-24 during that span to saddle the Panthers with the loss.

Watervliet had Cory Quinn with 16 points, Brad Rose with 12 points, Marco Montejano with eight points, and Jake Teunissen with four points. The Panthers end their regular season at 5-15 and will play in this week's Class "C" District at Brandywine. Watervliet will take on River Valley on Wednesday, March 10, with the winner advancing to the district championship game on Friday, the 12th, at 7:00 p.m. Bridgman will take on New Buffalo in the other semifinal game.

Hartford boys drop
a pair to the
North Division

The Hartford varsity basketball team had a tough time against SAC North teams last week as the Indians dropped a pair of them, with a 79-40 loss to Saugatuck and then a 73-68 loss to Bloomingdale in their SAC crossover game.

In their game against Saugatuck, the Indians fell behind 19-6 after one quarter and trailed 34-18 at the half. The second half was no different, as the Saugatuck Indians outscored the Hartford Indians 45-22 to win easily. Hartford had Brandon Chernugel and Cameron Collins each with nine points, Zach Williams had six points, both Matt Najacht and Tyler Ledesma had five points, while Manny Ortega added four points.

Then, in their crossover game against Bloomingdale, the Indians took a 13-11 first-quarter lead before trailing 35-32 at the half. It was a 52-48 game in the Cardinals' favor after three quarters before they were able to hold on and saddle the Indians with the loss.

Brandon Chernugel led the Indians with 16 points, Jacob Flowers had 11 points, Zach Williams and Manny Ortega each had 10 points, Cameron Collins had nine points, while Matt Najacht added eight points.

The Indians will now take on Decatur in the first round of the Class "C" District at Hartford this week. If the Indians were successful, they were to take on Fennville in a Wednesday, March 10, semifinal game. The district championship is scheduled for Friday, the 12th, at 7:00 p.m. Gobles and Bangor will face off in the other semifinal game.

Tri-City Area wrestlers
compete at state

Several Tri-City Area wrestlers competed in the state individual tournament last week at The Palace in Auburn Hills.

The highest finisher was Luke Fauldersack from Coloma at 130 pounds. Coloma's John Tanner took a sixth at 145 lbs., while Reuben Navarro took a seventh at 140 lbs. Coloma competed in Division 3.

Watervliet had a fifth-place finisher in Joe Isbrecht at 171 pounds. He competed in Division 4.

Coloma girls
bowling team
is the Division 3
state champion!

Submitted by Bonnie Henry
Coloma girls bowling team coach
The Coloma girls bowling team has accomplished what is believed to be Coloma's first state title in any sport.

After four hours of qualifying, consisting of eight baker games and two regular team games, Coloma finished third and advanced to the top-eight quarterfinal round with a score of 3225.

The top eight teams advanced to match play from a field of 18 teams, where they bowled four baker games and one regular team game each round.

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 ft. walls. Concrete floor & septic. 16
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 (3-11, 3-18-10-TCR)

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CERTIFIED NURSES AID...Call
 269-463-0042 for available times.
 (3-11-10-TCR)

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent, Settlor of a Trust
 RE: Marjorie Westerhoven Trust
 dates December 26, 1978
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Your interest in the estate may be
 barred or affected by the following:
 The decedent, Marjorie Wester-
 hoven, whose last known address

was 2030 S. Bainbridge Center,
 Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022,
 died on February 21, 2010.
 The decedent was the Grantor of the
 Marjorie Westerhoven Trust dated
 December 26, 1978 ("Trust").
 Creditors of the decedent are notified
 that all claims against the Trust will
 be forever barred unless presented to
 the current acting trustee (whose
 name and address appears below) of
 the Trust within four (4) months of
 the date of publication of this notice.
 The current acting trustee is: Janet
 Lindsten, Trustee of the Marjorie
 Westerhoven Trust Dated December
 26, 1978, 9520 Stowaway Cove, Fort
 Wayne, IN 46835.

Notice is further given that the Trust
 will be thereafter assigned and dis-
 tributed to the persons entitled to it.
 Dated: March 2, 2010

Attorney for Trustee:
 Kathleen Kinney Bowman (P34254)
 Sperry & Bowman, PLC
 317 Center Street, PO Box 465
 South Haven, MI 49090
 (269) 637-1151
 (03-11-10-TCR)

City of Coloma Board of Review

The City of Coloma, Board of
 Review, will meet at city Hall, 119 N.
 Paw Paw St., on the following dates
 and times.

Organization Meeting
 Tuesday, March 2nd
 7:00 p.m.
 (No Appeals)
 Appeals Sessions
 Wednesday, March 17
 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 Thursday, March 18
 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 Saturday, March 20
 9 a.m. to NOON
 (2-25, 3-4, 3-11-10-TCR)

Bainbridge Township Regular Board Meeting

MARCH 8, 2010 SYNOPSIS

1. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Jollay. Present - Jollay, Epple, Baiers, Yetzke, Grieser. Absent: None.
2. Approved February 8, 2010, minutes as written.
3. Approved payment of bills/payroll totaling \$14,707.81
4. Approved payment of mid-month bills totaling \$4,127.42
5. Received reports from Supervisor, Building Department, Coloma Emergency Ambulance Service, North Berrien Historical Society, and the Sheriff's Department.
6. Reviewed 2010-11 budget.
7. Approved agreement with Coloma Emergency Ambulance Service.
8. Approved motion to discontinue rental of safety deposit box.
9. Approved motion to place the millage renewal request from the North Berrien Historical Society on the Aug. 3, 2010, Primary ballot.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.
 Respectfully submitted,
 Debra A. Grieser
 Bainbridge Township Clerk
 (03-11-10-TCR)

City of Watervliet Board of Review

The March Board of Review meet-
 ings will be held at Watervliet City
 Hall, 158 W. Pleasant St., Watervliet,
 Michigan, on the following dates.

Thursday, March 18th
 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
 Friday, March 19th
 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Letters of Protest from Residents
 must be received by Thursday, March
 18th, at 5:00 p.m.

Nancy Williams, Assessor
 City of Watervliet
 (2-25, 3-4, 3-11-10-TCR)

Coloma Charter Township 2010 Board of Review

The Coloma Charter Township
 Board of Review will hold meetings
 for assessment appeals at the Coloma
 Charter Township Hall, 4919 Paw
 Paw Lake Road, Coloma, Michigan.
 Meeting days and times:

Monday, March 22
 9:00-12:00 Noon and 2:00-5:00 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 23
 1:00-4:00 p.m. and 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 Thursday, March 25
 9:00-12:00 Noon and 2:00-5:00 p.m.
 A letter of appeal may be sent to the
 Board of Review, 4919 Paw Paw
 Lake Road, Coloma, MI 49038, if
 unable to attend on the above dates.
 The letter must be received as of 5:00
 p.m., Thursday, March 25, 2010.
 The tentative ratios and the estimated
 multipliers for each class of real
 property and personal property for
 2010 are as follows:

Agricultural	47.49%	1.0529
Commercial	52.26%	.9568
Industrial	53.59%	.9330
Residential	52.69%	.9489
Personal Property	49.97%	1.0006

Kevin Kutscher
 (3-11, 3-18-10-TCR)

Benton Charter Township Synopsis

SYNOPSIS OF THE REGULAR
 MEETING OF THE BENTON
 CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD
 OF TRUSTEES HELD ON
 TUESDAY, MARCH 2, 2010,
 AT 5:30 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisor
 Piontek, Clerk Phillips, Treasurer
 Boothby, Trustees Fowler, Harvey,
 Hudson & Jefferson
 MEMBERS ABSENT: None
 ALSO PRESENT: Comptroller Kelli
 Smith
 Approved the minutes of the regular
 meeting held February 16, 2010.
 Adopted resolution approving South-
 west Michigan Regional Airport avi-
 gation easement agreements for two
 (2) Township owned properties on

Tower Drive for the sum of
 \$5,350.00 per property.
 Approved payment of bill listing
 totaling \$148,546.23.
 Authorized Merritt Engineering to
 seek bids for the Willow Creek
 Sanitary Sewer replacement project.
 Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.
 Carolyn Phillips,
 Township Clerk
 (03-11-10-TCR)

SENTENCES

The following sentences were issued in the Berrien County Courts

(Compiled by Annette Christie)

Melvin Dwayne Polk, Benton Har-
 bor, 180 days in jail with credit for 67
 days served and \$128 fines and costs
 for carrying a concealed weapon on
 December 4 in Benton Township.

Arthur Tabor Jackson, Covert, 36-
 180 months in prison to be served
 consecutively with another sentence
 and \$3,087 fines and costs for break-
 ing and entering into a building with
 the intent to commit larceny on
 August 20 in Watervliet Township.

David Enrique Reyna, Hartford, 210
 days in jail with credit for 99 days
 served, three years probation, and
 \$34,832.03 restitution, fines and costs
 for assault with a dangerous
 weapon and aggravated assault on
 November 1 in Watervliet Township.

Maurice Tyrone Merritt, Benton
 Harbor, 28-48 months in prison to be
 served consecutively with another
 sentence and \$1,628 fines and costs
 for assault with a dangerous weapon
 on January 7 in the City of Benton
 Harbor.

Robin Lynette Adams, Watervliet,
 23-60 months in prison to be served
 consecutively with another sentence
 and \$1,628 fines and costs for retail
 fraud, 1st degree, on January 11 in
 Benton Township.

Kevin James Nowicki, Niles, 330
 days in jail with credit for one day
 served and \$2,530.10 fines and costs
 for attempted criminal sexual con-
 duct, 3rd degree, with a victim be-
 tween the ages of 13-15 in November
 2009 in Niles Township.

Larry Charles Pierce, Niles, 180
 days in jail with credit for 53 days
 served and \$428 fines and costs for
 sex offender failure to comply by not
 verifying his address as required on
 January 18 in Niles Township.

Cedric Immanuel Cloy, Benton Har-
 bor, 120 days in jail with credit for 85
 days served and \$1,292.54 fines and
 costs for attempted uttering and pub-
 lishing on May 9 in the City of Niles.

Marcos Cesar Campos-Manzilla, re-
 sidence unknown, 143 days in jail
 with credit for 143 days served and
 \$2,655 restitution, fines and costs for
 uttering and publishing on September
 30, 2007, in the City of Niles.

Daniel Thomas Pierson, Niles, nine-
 50 years in prison with credit for 155
 days served and \$41,705.27 restitu-
 tion, fines and costs for assault with
 the intent to rob while being armed
 with a dangerous weapon on March
 24, 2007, in Niles Township.

Kevin Thomas Shuler, Buchanan,
 270 days in jail with credit for 75
 days served for domestic violence,
 3rd offense, on November 10 in Niles
 Township.

Tyler James Uebler, Laporte, Indi-
 ana, 90 days in jail with credit for one
 day served and \$1,528 fines and
 costs for attempted sex offender fail-
 ure to register in December 2003 in
 New Buffalo Township.

Cindi Jeanette Starkey, Elkhart, Indi-
 ana, 85 days in jail with credit for 85
 days served, five years probation,
 and fines and costs for failure to pay
 child support as ordered by the court
 in September 2004.

Makeia Jeneane Chappell, Benton
 Harbor, three days in jail with credit
 for three days served and \$2,062.40
 restitution, fines and costs for
 attempted welfare fraud of \$500 or
 more in 2007 in the City of Benton
 Harbor.

Alfred Demetrius Parnell, Benton
 Harbor, 18-90 months in prison with
 credit for 32 days served and \$128
 fines and costs for attempted home
 invasion, 2nd degree, on January 22,
 2010, in the City of Benton Harbor.

Ronald Cornell Crafton, Benton
 Harbor, 28-180 months in prison and
 \$2,028 fines and costs for breaking
 and entering into a building with the
 intent to commit larceny on Decem-
 ber 9 in the City of Benton Harbor.

Juquan Conklin Wooden, Benton
 Harbor, 90 days in jail with credit for
 40 days served and \$128 fines and
 costs for resisting and obstructing a
 police officer on December 18 in
 Benton Township. He received a con-
 current sentence and \$565.60 fines
 and costs for fleeing a police officer,
 4th degree, on the same date.

Lavell D. Williams, Benton Harbor,
 191 days in jail with credit for 191
 days served and \$1,600 fines and
 costs for probation violation on July
 10, 2008, in the City of Benton Har-
 bor.

Robert Charles Carter, Benton Har-
 bor, 24-48 months in prison with
 credit for 111 days served and \$128
 fines and costs for assault with a dan-
 gerous weapon on October 20 in the
 City of Benton Harbor.

Maurice John Ouma, Holland, 365
 days in jail with credit for 83 days
 served for assault with a dangerous
 weapon and fleeing a police officer,
 3rd degree, on November 22 in Ben-
 ton Township.

Kiontai Rashaad Moore, Benton
 Harbor, 124 days in jail with credit
 for 124 days served; 18 months proba-
 tion, and \$808 fines and costs for at-
 tempted carrying a concealed weap-
 on on October 12 in the City of Ben-
 ton Harbor.

Dwain Contrell Carter, Benton Har-
 bor, received the following consecu-
 tive sentences: 120-270 months in
 prison for home invasion, 2nd
 degree; 38-60 months for interfering
 with an electronic communication
 device; 16-24 months for unlawful
 drive away of a motor vehicle. All
 occurred in June 2009 in Benton
 Township.

Charles Robert Fletcher, St. Joseph,
 75 days with credit for 21 days
 served for stalking on November 19
 in the Village of Stevensville.

Tri-City Area Outdoor News

Hunting & Fishing Reports

By Angie Stair
 621-4329 angie@cybersol.com

FISHING

Inland lake ice is holding its own, but
 anglers are reminded to still use cau-
 tion and watch where there are known
 currents or run-off from melting snow.
 Shoreline ice will deteriorate quickly
 with the temperatures up near 40
 degrees.

River fishing is picking up and should
 improve with the snowmelt and run-
 off. Steelhead catch rates are up with
 bites on floating spawn or wax worms
 on jigs. Suckers and Catfish are still
 being taken, and a few Brown Trout.

The Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery Visitor
 Center reopened March 6 for the
 spring 2010 season. Hours of opera-
 tion for March-May are Tuesdays
 through Saturdays, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00
 p.m.; Sundays, 12:00 noon to 4:00
 p.m.; and closed on Mondays.

Tours of the hatchery are available on
 Saturday at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.,
 1:00 p.m., 2:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.
 On Sunday, tours are only available in
 the afternoon.

Groups of 10 or more need to reserve
 a tour slot or call for weekday tour
 availability. Tours last approximately
 30 minutes and are appropriate for all
 ages.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/dnr/visitorscenters.

Wolf Lake Fish Hatchery and Visitor
 Center is located in Mattawan at
 Hatchery Road and M-43, six miles
 west of U.S.-131.

HUNTING

Hunters, remember you will not be
 notified if you got a turkey license in
 the drawing; they are now posted at
www.michigan.gov/dnr/drawings.

Licenses remaining after the drawing
 may be purchased by unsuccessful
 applicants online or from any license
 agent on a first-come, first-served
 basis for a one-week period that
 began March 8.

Any limited-quota hunt licenses that

remain as of March 15 at 10:00 a.m.
 EDT may be purchased by any hunter,
 including those who did not apply for
 a spring turkey license. These licens-
 es will be sold until the quota is met.

There are several 2010 Spring Turkey
 workshops that will be held. The
 DNR, Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters
 Association (MWTHA), National
 Wild Turkey Federation (NWTFF), and
 other groups are cooperating to offer
 wild turkey hunter orientation classes.
 A fee may be charged and space may
 be limited.

For details, contact DeVos Place,
 Grand Rapids, Ultimate Sports Show,
 Grand Valley Chapter, NWTFF, Joe
 Macomber, (616) 538-2862; this will
 be held March 20.

Or contact D & R Sports, Kalamazoo,
 SW MI Longbeards Chapter, NWTFF,
 Gary VanDyke, (269) 649-0384; this
 will be held March 27.

For more classes and dates, look in
 the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunting
 Guide, 2010 Spring Season.

The Department of Natural Resources
 and Environment (DNRE) is inviting
 the public to participate in the deer
 management planning process.

Of the four meetings, one will be
 closer to us than the others. In our area
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 ing will be held at the Quality Inn at
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BERRIEN COUNTY SPORTSMAN'S CLUB

The Berrien County Sportsman's
 Club will be holding a *Fly Tying*
Class, conducted by Frank Halik on
 March 13 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Halik said all materials and tools will
 be supplied.

The cost is \$25 per person, and there
 will be 15 stations. There will also be
 three divisions: beginner, intermedi-
 ate, and expert.

Halik said there will be two teachers,
 one who has tied flies professionally
 and one who is probably the best in
 the entire Midwest.

For more information and to sign up
 (six stations gone as of Tuesday), call
 the club at (269) 429-3792.

COLOMA ROD & GUN CLUB

The Coloma Rod & Gun Club will
 host a *CCW class* on Saturday, March
 20, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Sign up for the class will be held
 Sunday, March 14, from 10:00 a.m. to
 12:00 noon.

There is a non-refundable deposit of
 \$25 required at signup, with a total
 cost of \$100.

Contact Dan Everts at (269) 621-
 3370; or the club at (269) 468-6745.

WATERVLIET ROD & GUN CLUB

The Watervliet Rod & Gun Club will
 be holding a *CCW class* on Thursday
 and Saturday, March 18 and 20, and
 both classes must be attended to be
 certified.

Registration is on Tuesday, March
 16, at 6:00 p.m.

The March 18 class is from 6:00 p.m.
 to 10:00 p.m. and the March 20 class
 is from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
 Contact Dick Moeckel at (269) 468-
 3837 or the Watervliet Rod & Gun
 Club at (269) 463-8785.

Trap shooting is open to the public
 and will be held on Sunday, March 21,
 starting at 2:30 p.m.; and on
 Mondays, March 15 and March 29, at
 6:30 p.m.

Nature Notebook

By Eileen Carlson
 Sarett Nature Center Naturalist
 927-4832 eileen@sarett.com



Sarett Nature Center is located
 at 2300 Benton Center Road
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 Red Arrow Highway and I-196

Blue skies, melting snow, emerging insects... spring is on the way! And so the
 Sandhill Cranes begin the return to breeding areas in local wetlands.
 Families, consisting of immature cranes and their parents, flew together from
 the Gulf states; a few families opted to overwinter here. The "teenagers" will
 leave their families and form new flocks as their parents prepare for the next
 generation.

The elaborate mating dance of these three- to four-foot-tall birds is quite a
 sight for anyone walking through a marsh or farm field early in the morning.
 The marshes at Sarett and Brown Sanctuaries host a number of nesting cranes
 where they will also forage for insects for their young and themselves. As fall
 arrives, the birds gather by the thousands in migration staging areas, such as
 the Jasper-Pulaski Game Preserve in northern Indiana, before heading south.

Pancake Brunch March 13

Sarett Nature Center's spring maple syrup season will continue with a
Pancake Brunch on Saturday, March 13, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 Guests will visit tapped trees and see how the pioneers cooked their sap; then
 enjoy a meal of pancakes and French toast topped with real maple syrup.
 Demonstrations are at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.
 The price is \$7 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under.
 Please call (269) 927-4832 to register.

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March 20 benefit for local cancer patient and long-time friend

By Chrissy Meek

Chief's Bar in Millburg is putting on a benefit for local resident Kris Kramer on Saturday, March 20, beginning at 4:00 p.m. Kris Kramer, only 37 years old, was diagnosed on January 29, 2010, with leukemia.

Kramer has been going through numerous tests and treatments, including chemotherapy, at the University of Michigan Medical Center in Ann Arbor. She generously gave a few minutes of her time to tell the Tri-City Record what her experience has been like.

"I have been a healthy person all of my life," Kramer said. She continued, "Finding out I have leukemia took me

by surprise."

On Tuesday, January 26, Kramer had gone in for blood work because she had not been feeling well. Wednesday morning, she received a call from her doctor telling her the results were back and he needed to see her.

Upon going to her appointment, the doctor told her she needed to go in for further testing immediately. Kramer was sent to Ann Arbor right away to proceed with everything.

After only a few observations, the results came back and she was told that it was, in fact, cancer.

"I was always one to think I can conquer the world. It's really hard when all of a sudden you have to rely on so many other people," Kramer said.

Fortunately, Kramer has loving family, friends and clients all around her. "My family and friends have been so supportive. I want to thank everybody for their kindness," she said.

Kramer continued, "The doctors seem very positive at this point too."

She went on, "Prayer is truly helping me get through this." She said to anyone else going through this to just stay positive and let your family and friends be there when they are needed.

Kramer said the University of Michigan has been "awesome." They have helped her so much. Unfortunately, the bills keep piling up.

Kramer is co-owner of a local hair salon, Studio 690, in Sister Lakes. At this time, she has family and employees taking charge while she is gone.

"I really appreciate the help; however, as a self-employed person, though, when you're not working you're not making money," she said.

Kramer has been very considerate of her staff. Long-time best friend Sarah Saffell says that Kramer is such a generous person.

Saffell said, "Kris has always looked out for her staff and clients before herself." Kramer has made sure her workers have insurance benefits but has not had enough money to cover herself on an insurance policy.

Kramer sighed, "I don't even want to see what the bills look like. I am not prepared for that."

Friends and family have stepped in to show their care and support for her financially as well. Sarah Saffell, Deanna Shafer, and Tara Matthews are heading up the benefit. Many others, including sister Sharon Kramer and co-owner of Studio 690 Rachel Rice, are also playing a big part.

Deanna Shafer said, "I personally know that medical bills can be outrageous, but with no insurance it's horrific."

Saffell, Shafer, and Matthews have decided on many different ways to raise money at the benefit to help Kramer with her medical bills.

There will be a dinner at Chief's starting at 4:00 p.m. for the March 20 benefit. The cost is \$7 per person.

"Anyone can come and we are accepting food donations for the dinner. Take-out will also be available.

It would be greatly appreciated to all who can help," Shafer said.

After the dinner, a silent auction will be held at 6:00. "We are also accepting items for the auction," she continued.

The 50/50 raffles will be going on throughout the evening and they will also be selling T-shirts.

Shafer went on to say, "We are even trying to get the Lake Michigan Admirals to come out and dance for the event."

The evening will close out with a fun-filled night of karaoke hosted by Spotlight Entertainment.

"Come out for a good time and a good cause," Shafer continued.

Those unable to attend the benefit will still have ample opportunity to donate. Shafer said, "We are taking donations of any kind at this time."

For further information or to donate, Deanna Shafer can be reached at (269) 208-9654 or Tara Matthews at (269) 463-8397.

Tim Taylor of Taylor Heath Hair Salon will also be opening his salon the following Monday, March 22, for a "Cut-A-Thon." All haircut proceeds will be donated toward the funds already raised.

Kramer is a simple woman and long-time resident of Coloma. Co-owner of a beauty salon and single parent to 12-year-old son Lincoln, Kramer is ready to go home and get back to her life.

She realizes there will be challenges physically and financially but she is hopeful.

"I need home," Kramer said. Her doctor hopes for a release date within a week or less.

Watervliet Middle School "Student of the Week"

Rachel Gonzalez's teachers have selected her as Watervliet Middle School's "Outstanding Sixth-Grader."

She is the daughter of Frank and Jane Gonzalez.

All teachers agree that Rachel deserves this honor because she is "a very polite, hard-working, young lady who has a positive attitude and concern for quality work."

Meagan Metelko, a friend of hers, says Rachel should be "Student of the Week" because "she is nice and accepts people for who they are and not what they look like. Rachel is very nice and considerate. She is also responsible, turns her work in on time, and gets A's and B's. Last year when I didn't understand how to do some work, she told me what I was doing wrong. Rachel has always been my BFF."

When asked what she likes best about Watervliet Middle School, Rachel responded, "I like being able to see all my friends."

Her favorite subject in school is math, and the topic she enjoys is fractions.

In science, Rachel enjoyed writing the rock story, which involved both creativity and factual information. Her favorite enrichment class is choir.

Someday, she would like to visit Hawaii.

Rachel considers scary books fun to read.

In her spare time, she plays with her brother and practices sports.

While attending Watervliet Middle School, Rachel hopes to learn new material and earn good grades.

After high school, she expects to attend college so she can get a good job. The following local merchants join the staff at WMS in congratulating Rachel as "Student of the Week" for her hard work and dedication: Waffle House of America (Free Appetizer Coupon), Coloma Pizza Hut (Free Medium 1-Topping Pizza), McDonald's (Free Sandwich Coupon), Saylor's Pizza (One Free Large Pizza), Burger King (Free Selected Item), Movie Library (Free Movie Rental), Kim's Asian Grocery (Coupon), Watervliet Public Schools Food Service (Free Lunch or Entrée), The wHAIRhouse (Free Haircut), and WPS Athletic Office (Free 1-Event Student Pass).



KRIS KRAMER...with her son, Lincoln, visiting the Smokey Mountains. (Contributed photo)

For Haiti and Chile relief

Local churches seek donations

Imagine that your home and community has been destroyed by earthquake, tornado, or other disaster. Where would you find items to help you meet day-to-day hygiene needs or clothing for you infant child?

Church World Service is a nonprofit organization which helps meet such needs through the generosity of people around the world. They collect specific items that are needed at such times and make them available to people in need.

As a "hands-on" way of helping people in present-day disaster areas of Haiti and Chile, several local churches are assembling hygiene and baby kits, which will be distributed. At the present time, all available kits have been sent on to areas of need. Churches across Michigan (and throughout the U.S.) are preparing kits to be sent by truck to the CWS warehouse at the end of April.

This effort is being coordinated in this area by St. Paul's United Church of Christ (UCC) in Banbridge Township and First Congregational UCC in Coloma. Additional donations have been received from United Methodist churches in the area.

In addition to items for the kits, monetary donations will cover costs associated with shipping these kits.

Each hygiene kit consists of: 1 hand towel (app. 18"x28", no bath or finger-tip sizes); 1 washcloth; 1 wide-tooth comb; 1 nail clipper (no nail file or emery boards); 1 bar of soap (bath size in wrapper); 1 toothbrush (in original packaging); 6 standard-size

Band-Aids. (No toothpaste; toothpaste with an extended expiration date is added just prior to shipment.)

Each baby kit contains: 6 cloth diapers; 2 T-shirts or undershirts (no onesies); 2 washcloths; 2 gowns or sleepers; 2 diaper pins; 1 sweater or sweatshirt; 2 receiving blankets. The sweater and/or one of the blankets may be hand-knit or crocheted. Items must be new and under 12 months in size.

For further information and to make donations, please contact Pastor Miryam Hammond at St. Paul's (468-5379) or Pastor Kevin McLemore at First Congregational UCC (468-6261).

Birth

announcements

A baby girl was born at 6:38 p.m. on Friday, February 26, 2010, to Elizabeth and Gregory Harper of Watervliet, Michigan. She weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

A baby boy was born at 8:19 p.m. on Friday, March 5, 2010, to Teresa and Hartley Collins of Hartford, Michigan. He weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces.

A baby boy was born at 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, March 7, 2010, to Dana and Dustin Hess of Coloma, Michigan. He weighed 7 pounds, 8 ounces.

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Sub Platter	\$19.99	

Also available - Baskets, appetizers and salads

Bainbridge Township vote continues agreement with CEMS; ambulance and fire coverage questioned by audience members

By Lois Jordan

All Bainbridge Township residents will be served by CEMS (Pride Care) ambulance. The decision of Township officials on Monday night, March 8, to renew their agreement with CEMS terminates the dual coverage that had been offered to part of the Township.

Supervisor Jerry Jollay said the Township must comply with a ruling of the Berrien County Medical Control Board, which allows only one primary ambulance service in a given area.

"They made the ruling, not the state of Michigan," said Jollay. "They, in effect, caused this change."

The Township had been using CEMS for all of Bainbridge Township but also used the Sister Lakes Fire and Ambulance service to cover an approximate one-quarter of the Township in the Territorial and Meadowbrook area.

Officials voted at the Dec. 14, 2009, meeting to terminate the Sister Lakes ambulance service as of April 1, 2010.

Letter issues

Several citizens questioned a letter that had been sent to area residents about the change. Roger Molter said it contained a scare-tactic statement that he felt needed to be corrected. The letter, posted on the Sister Lakes Fire Department Website, indicated a change in ambulance service could affect the Sister Lakes response time to Bainbridge Township residents. It read in part (with bold print and all caps of some words):

"The actions of the Township Board along with the laws of the State of Michigan will force us to watch helplessly when life-threatening emergencies occur. Additionally, since our paramedic crews are **ALSO** **FIREFIGHTERS**, responses to the fire emergencies may also be delayed."

Although the letter urged people to attend the meeting and to "not just sit back and think there is nothing you can do," Jollay said neither he nor the Township received a copy of the letter. He said after reading the contents of someone else's letter, he had serious concerns about the statement, too.

"I interpret that statement as 'Well, you know, since we don't have the ambulance service, you aren't going to get as good a fire protection anymore,'" said Jollay. "Well, if that's the case, then maybe we ought to start looking at Watervliet and Benton Township for fire protection for that area."

He reminded the audience that because of several disputes last year, the northwest corner of the Township is now being serviced by Watervliet and Benton Township rather than the Coloma fire services.

Response time

Many of the Sister Lakes firefighters, paramedics, and EMTs attending the meeting responded.

Jim Scholtz said if they lost the ambulance contract they could not afford to have a cross-trained crew at the station. If a call comes in, there would be a wait time until people could gather.

"If we lose the ambulance service, we lose the guarantee that we will have one or two firefighters in that station," he said.

He cited several times that he had been on calls in the Township when CEMS hasn't showed up or comes 10 minutes later than the Sister Lakes

ambulance. Several others gave similar examples.

Treasurer Mark Epple told them there was no way to compare the response time of the two companies since they only have that information from one of them.

"I can't address your question. I don't know your response time because you don't provide us with that information," he said.

Clerk Debra Grieser said the last information she had was from a 2008 annual report. When she had requested that information in the past, she was told that "they were working with Medic 1."

"As far as we know, there hasn't been a call in the Sister Lakes coverage area since 2008 because there has been no report supplied to us," said Epple. "To say your response time is three times better than Coloma, I can't do that."

Newly elected Fire Chief Anthony Lozada said he wasn't sure why the Township was not getting the reports and response times but that the Township will start receiving them.

Lozada clarified the statement in the letter, saying that without an ambulance coming there will be a delay in requesting mutual aid but no delay in

fire truck response time.

Epple asked him if that meant that the service Sister Lakes will provide will be equal to what the surrounding areas provide.

Lozada said, "Absolutely, absolutely!"

Epple then asked him if area residents needed to be worried about their fire service.

"Absolutely not," Lozada said.

Coverage

There was also concern from residents about the ability of CEMS to cover the area.

Victoria Eberhard asked how many ambulances would be dedicated to the area, not including those making transportation runs.

Jollay said they had contracted with CEMS for the last 10 years, and the last report listed 12 ambulances.

"They never leave the area uncovered for emergencies," he said.

He said CEMS covers the territory from north of Watervliet to Dowagiac, with ambulances stationed at various points.

"The average response time is about eight minutes. They have response times from a minute and a half to nine minutes," he said. "If you would like to see those reports, I would be happy to share them with you."

Decisions

In response to questions from the audience, officials also explained why the ambulance decision was not put to the voters.

Grieser said the fire and ambulance service is paid for from the general fund. There is no millage for these services.

Jollay added that the general fund is made up of tax revenue that is given back to the Township by the state of Michigan.

Another issue was the legality of the Medical Control Board ruling. The letter states that allowing only one primary service provider for a given coverage area is a state law.

Sister Lakes EMS Director Frank Kuiken disputed Jollay's claim that

the ruling was a local decision by the Berrien County Medical Control Board.

Jollay responded that someone needed to tell the rest of the state about it then because officials in other counties told him their residents had a choice in ambulance services. He said he was told the one ambulance per area ruling comes from Lakeland Hospital.

Sheriff Paul Bailey volunteered that Lakeland has oversight over all the medical services in the County. He said they have monthly meetings open to the general public if people wanted to go.

Grieser said a Township has to make a decision about who is going to be the primary provider.

"My understanding is that if you so choose to call someone else, another ambulance service, you can personally call them and you can use them; but they can't respond. I'm not real sure the Medical Control Board can legally do that, is my understanding," she said.

Jollay said that Medical Control boards in other counties have not limited how many ambulances an area is allowed. If those residents call 9-1-1, the contracted company will be dispatched. If they call a seven-digit emergency number, they can have the ambulance service they request.

"If I wanted to call another ambulance, I should have that right," said Jollay. In Berrien County, you can't do that.

After much discussion from all sides, Molter told the Board that its decision would affect the people of the community and that they were elected to make that decision for the people.

"You have the facts. We do not. We just hope that you make the decision that's best for us, based on the information you have," he said.

Jollay said a lot of time and effort went into the decision-making process and the fire and ambulance decision was not made easily.

"We felt that we looked at all sides of the issue and you are right; that is what our charge is," Jollay said.



SURROUNDING LEPECHAUN RORY BELL ARE...other members of the St. Patrick's Day Committee in Coloma. Pictured are: (from the left) Kandy Hays, Sandy Kraemer, Chana Kniebes, Lynette Bittner, Rory Bell, Sue Moser, Ross Streu, Sherri Polashak, and Marsha Hammond. They have been working hard and hope to see a large crowd at the annual Lighted St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 13, at 7:30 p.m. in downtown Coloma. (Christina Gelder photo)

Lighted St. Patrick's Parade is Saturday in downtown Coloma

By Christina Gelder

As the sun begins to warm up and thaw out Southwest Michigan, the folks in Coloma are getting ready to celebrate St. Patrick's Day. Amidst many green lights, a good time will be had by all who make it out to see Coloma's annual lighted parade.

This year's parade is being held on Saturday, March 13, a few days before the actual holiday. It is a lighted parade and will start as the sun is setting at about 7:30 p.m.

A variety of entries will make their way through the downtown area, following the traditional green stripe on the road that starts just before the BP gas station on Center Street and follows Paw Paw Avenue for several blocks.

Immediately following the parade will be an awards ceremony and afterglow at Guy's Marine. During that time, judges will announce the winners and pass out many different prizes, including pots of gold to the first-place winners in each of the parade categories.

Anyone interested in taking part in the festivities can sign up for the parade up until it begins on Saturday. The four categories for entering are: Float, Marching Unit, Costumed Individual, and Decorated Vehicle.

For more information, call Chana Kniebes at (269) 757-2457.

So break out your green clothes and plan to be in Coloma on Saturday night.

While in town, those enjoying the fun should also be sure to check out all of the decorated business windows and cool green lights on the lamp posts.

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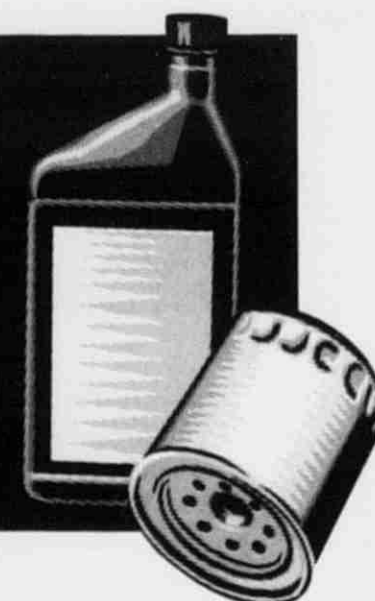
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Household Hazardous Waste Collections



Open to Berrien County residents only, NO businesses* or institutions*

ACCEPTED ITEMS

Home, Garden, & Garage chemicals such as used motor oil & filters, gasoline, antifreeze, oil-based paint, stain, varnish, pesticides, household batteries, car batteries, cleaners, outdated medicine, medical sharps, mercury items, compact fluorescent light bulbs & more.

ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED

Propane tanks, ammo, fireworks, tires, appliances, electronics, & latex paint (latex paint can be dried out and placed next to your regular trash with lid off can - drying tips at www.berriencounty.org/recycle)

COLLECTION FEES

Car Batteries: 3 & above = \$1/battery (1st 2 FREE)
Liquids: 11 gallons & above = \$0.50/gal/item (1st 10 gal/item are FREE).

MERCURY FEVER THERMOMETER EXCHANGE

Trade in a mercury fever thermometer at these collections & receive a digital one free (one/family) while supplies last. Double bag your mercury thermometer in zip-lockable plastic bags for safe transport.

2010 COLLECTIONS

March 24, Wednesday, 3-7pm

LAKE MICHIGAN COLLEGE PARKING LOT, 2755 East Napier Ave., Benton Harbor (part of the LMC Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Event, see back of flyer for details)

May 22, Saturday, 8am-12 Noon

S.E. BERRIEN COUNTY LANDFILL, 3200 Chamberlain Rd., same entrance as Recycling Station, Buchanan (Bertrand Twp.)

June 16, Wednesday, 3-7pm

LAKESHORE HIGH SCHOOL, corner of Cleveland & John Beers Rd., Stevensville

June 26, Saturday, 9am-1pm

FOREST LAWN LANDFILL, corner of Basswood & Forest Lawn Rd., 1 mile south of Route 12 on Basswood Rd., Three Oaks Twp.

July 17, Saturday, 9am-1pm

WATERVLIET HIGH SCHOOL, 450 E. Red Arrow Hwy.

August 25, Wednesday, 3-7pm

APPLE VALLEY MARKET, 9067 US-31, across from the Youth Fair Grounds, next to Andrews University, Berrien Springs

September 18, Saturday, 9am-1pm

COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DEPT, 2106 M-139, corner of M-139 and Starlite Dr., Benton Twp.

September 25, Saturday, 9am-1pm

NEW BUFFALO CITY FIRE DEPT on North Harrison Street

October 16, Saturday, 8am-12 Noon

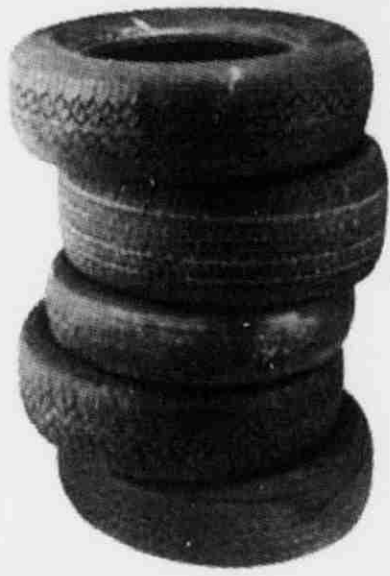
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***QUESTIONS:** call 983-7111 ext. 8234 or email jadams@berriencounty.org

www.berriencounty.org/recycle

Tire Recycling Collections

Open to Berrien County Residents Only - No Businesses Allowed



SPRING: May 6, Thur., 3-7pm & May 7, Fri., 7:30am - 11am - Benton Township Road Commission, corner of Napier Ave. & Yore Ave. Enter at the southern most gate on Yore Ave (3rd gate). From Highway 31, take Exit #24, turn West. From I-94, take Exit #30, turn East.

FALL: September 9, Thur., 3-7pm & September 10, Fri., 7:30am-11am - Three Oaks Twp Road Commission, East of downtown Three Oaks at 625 East Ash/Route 12 on the north side of the road.

RECYCLING FEE: \$1/Passenger Tire; \$2/Passenger Tire on Rim; \$5/Semi Truck Tire; \$10/Oversize & Loader Tire. Payment by Cash or Check (written to 'County of Berrien') due at collection.

Other local tire recycling options are available at www.berriencounty.org/recycle, click "Tires".

Electronics Recycling

For Berrien County Residents, Businesses, and Institutions

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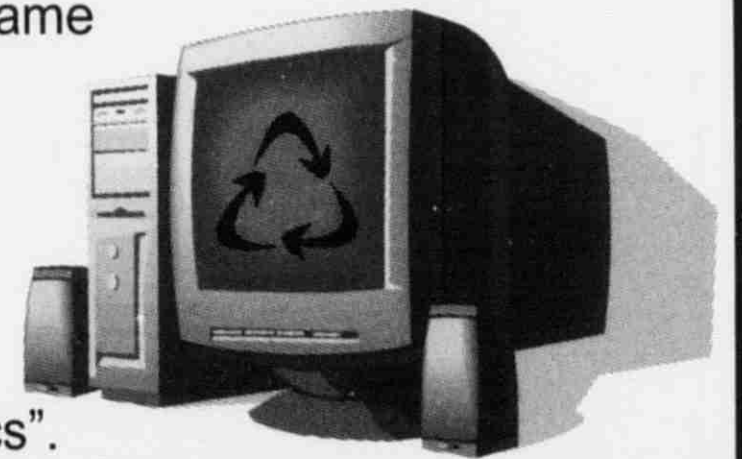
April 14, Wednesday, 3-7pm: ANDREWS UNIVERSITY TRANSPORTATION BUILDING, Berrien Springs. From Business US-31, enter campus at Main Entrance & follow signs to collection on back side of campus.

October 2, Saturday, 9am-1pm: BERTRAND TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPT, Route 12 just west of the Route 12 & Bakertown Rd. intersection, south of Buchanan.

ACCEPTED ITEMS: Consumer Electronics such as computer monitors, CPUs, keyboards, mice, cords, desktop printers & fax machines, scanners, radios, stereos, speakers, cell phones, VCRs, DVD players, video game players, telephones, cameras, microwave ovens, & televisions.

COLLECTION FEE: Computer Monitors = \$3/monitor.; Televisions = \$3/TV - 27" & smaller and \$8/TV - larger than 27" & console TVs. Other large items are subject to a fee.

Other local e-cycling options are available at www.berriencounty.org/recycle, click "Electronics".



Check This
Out!

LMC Reduce, Reuse, Recycle Event

Wednesday, March 24, 3-7pm

Lake MI College Parking Lot, 2755 East Napier Ave., Benton Harbor

Accepted Items

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| Electronics (accepted item list above, fees apply) | Magazines, Catalogs, & Books (soft & hard cover) |
| Freon/refrigerant containing appliances (fee \$10 per item) | Eye Glasses |
| Document Shredding Service (on-site) | Bicycles |
| Household Hazardous Waste (see accepted item list on front of flyer, fees apply) | |

Partnership between Lake Michigan College and Berrien County.

Drive thru service - volunteers will be on hand to unload items from vehicles.