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Tri-city royalty vying for Blossomtime crowns this weekend

By Annette Christie

Eleven Tri-City Area young men and women will be representing their communities and vying for Blossomtime titles this weekend at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center. The Mr. Blossomtime and Showcase of Queens events will be Sunday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. The Miss Blossom-

time Contest will be held Monday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m.

Watervliet Contestants

Miss Watervliet Kelsey Rogers, 17, is a senior attending Watervliet High School. She is the daughter of Norman and Shannon Rogers.

Mr. Watervliet Cody Sposato, 17, is also a senior attending Watervliet

High School. He is the son of Mike and Lori Sposato and Ben and Tiffany Graves.

First Runner-up is Jimmy VanOrman. He is an 18-year-old junior attending Watervliet High School and the son of Jimmy and Kelly VanOrman.

Coloma Contestants

Miss Coloma Olivia Zvonar, 17, is a

senior attending Coloma High School. She is the daughter of Frank and Sue Zvonar.

Mr. Coloma Karsten Johnson, 17, is also a senior attending Coloma High School. He is the son of Chris and Natalie Johnson.

First Runner-up is Colin Saltzman, 18. The senior attending Coloma High School is the son of Paul and Michelle Saltzman.

Hartford Contestants

Miss Hartford Courtney Gayle Knight is a 17-year-old senior attending Hartford High School. She is the daughter of Fred and Gale Knight.

Mr. Hartford Joe Baumeister, 18, is the son of Rick and Bobbie Baumeister. He is a Hartford High School senior.

Also representing Hartford at Blossomtime are First Runner-up Ethan Benham, Second Runner-up Anthony Carpenter, and Mr. Nice Guy Jacob Isbrecht.

Benham, 19, is the son of Tracy and Shari Benham.

Carpenter, 17, is the son of Lance Carpenter and Kimberly Carpenter.

Isbrecht, 17, is the son of Ronald and Roxann Isbrecht.

Police & Fire Reports

Compiled by Annette Christie



Amy Henslee and Tonya Howarth were murdered January 24, 2011.

Beebe pleads not guilty to double homicide; June 14 trial set

Junior Beebe claims he killed girlfriend Tonya Howarth in self-defense after she shot and killed Amy Henslee.



The suspect of a double murder maintained his innocence at his Monday, March 7, Circuit Court arraignment.

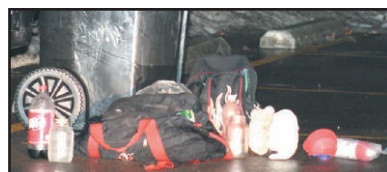
Van Buren County Circuit Court Judge Paul E. Hamre entered a written arraignment for Junior Lee Beebe Jr., 34. Beebe is currently being held at the Van Buren County Jail for the murders of Amy Henslee and Tonya Howarth. He is facing two counts of open murder and two counts of felony use of a firearm.

Beebe is accused of shooting both women on January 24 in Bangor Township and then burying their bodies. They were discovered a couple of days later after police were led to the scene by search dogs brought in by the Henslee family.

Amy Henslee was the wife of James Henslee, a cousin of Beebe's. Howarth was reported to be Beebe's long-time girlfriend.

It was revealed in testimony given at the preliminary hearing held February 25 that Beebe told investigators he had picked up Henslee from her Hartford Township home to be together at the trailer in Bangor Township. According to Beebe, Howarth found them together and was angry. Beebe claims that Howarth and Henslee scuffled and that it was Howarth who shot Henslee. Beebe told investigators that Howarth then pointed the gun at him, they fought for it, and the gun went off. Both women were shot twice.

A jury trial is scheduled for June 14 in front of Judge Hamre.



PORTABLE DRUG LAB... this backpack and duffel bag found in Watervliet contained materials to make methamphetamine.

Portable meth lab found behind Watervliet church

Parishioners at Plymouth Congregational Church in Watervliet made a shocking discovery Friday night, March 4, near a trash can behind the church. Watervliet City Police Officer Mike Prince was called to investigate a backpack and duffel bag left behind. Upon arrival, Prince soon discovered

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2011 TRI-CITY ROYALTY IS REPRESENTING OUR AREA...at the Mr. and Miss Blossomtime contests being held this weekend. Pictured are: (front row, from the left) Miss Watervliet Kelsey Rogers, Miss Coloma Olivia Zvonar, Miss Hartford Courtney Knight; (back row, from the left) Watervliet representatives Cody Sposato and Jimmy VanOrman, Coloma representatives Karsten Johnson and Colin Saltzman, and Hartford representatives Ethan Benham, Jacob Isbrecht, Joe Baumeister and Anthony Carpenter. The Mr. Blossomtime and Showcase of Queens events will be held Sunday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m.; followed by the Miss Blossomtime Contest on Monday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. Both contests will be held at the Lake Michigan College Mendel Center. (Annette Christie photo)

City of Watervliet receives clean audit; Commission hears M-140 work to begin in May; rental inspections to begin soon

By Annette Christie

Watervliet City Commission received an "unqualified" audit, otherwise known as a clean audit, at its Tuesday, March 8, meeting, according to auditors Abraham & Gaffney. The only note by the auditor was that the Sewer Fund needed to be made whole, a problem that is not uncommon to the City.

The auditors suggested that an independent rate study be done to see if the City is receiving adequate rates for the service being provided.

Mayor David Brinker commented after that, through some investigation on his part, he did discover that water/sewer billings to the Township were not up to date and has attributed to that fund problem.

Brinker said he has contacted the Township and officials there are aware and are expecting the billing for that. Brinker said it is estimated at \$8,000 for two-three quarters.

It was also determined that the City had not billed the Township for its crossing guard portion. The Township shares the cost of one-half of three crossing guards.

Brinker said a system was being put in place to prevent that in the future.

Shared services discussed with township officials; inspection fees could be reduced, Mayor says

As planned, City and Township officials met on March 3 to discuss the sharing of services. Dave Brinker, Terry Litaker, and Melanie Marvin represented the City; and Dan Hutchins, Patt Bambrick, and Joe Stephich represented the Township as part of the Vision Committee.

The subject of sharing building inspection, zoning administration, and rental ordinance inspections was discussed. Information was shared but no decisions were made at this point and a date has not been set for a future meeting.

Litaker said that the Township is going to look at what the City is charging for its rates for these services and it will go from there.

Brinker gave some indication of future plans when responding to an inquiry about the rental inspection and registration. He told the audience member that definite answers would not be available for about 40 days but that the City was going to begin implementing its Rental Ordinance and performing inspections. He did indicate that landlords could possibly see a decrease in the rates associated with the ordinance.

Brinker said that people who have already come in and paid the fees will see an adjustment if, in fact, the rates are changed.

Currently, the City charges \$150 to register a rental unit while the Township only charges \$45.

"You will see the rates come together with this joint venture," Brinker said. Meanwhile, City Building Inspector Keith Rogien is maintaining business as usual. Rogien informed the Commission at its earlier workshop meeting that one building permit was issued in February.

He is continuing his work with the Planning Commission to review the zoning map and the Zoning Ordinance language.

Rogien reminded the Commission that he needs to have a "Hearing Officer" appointed for the purposes of following the ordinance for unsafe buildings. After Rogien cites someone for an unsafe building, he or she has the right to be heard before a Hearing Officer.

Brinker told Rogien he would get on that.

Building inspector to being business licensing process

Rogien also told the Commission that he is working on an inspection form to be used for Business License Applications. He is also seeking to clarify the fee for this registration, as it is not specifically listed in the Master Fee Schedule that the City uses.

Rogien told the commissioners that businesses are supposed to apply for a license with the City annually, but that has not been happening. He will continue to work with Police Chief Don Divis and City Attorney Laurie Schmidt on this and other minor zon-

ing violations by business owners.

Compensation Committee will not convene. "We're happy with what we are getting," Commissioner says

Personnel Committee Chairman Pam Loyd brought it to the Commission's attention that a Compensation Committee is supposed to be formed every two years and that 2011 is the year.

Loyd, however, made a motion at Tuesday's meeting to hold this off another two years. She said the Compensation Committee is supposed to review the stipends that the Commission receives to make sure that it is adequate and appropriate but Loyd felt that wasn't necessary, given the economy being what it is.

"We are happy with what we are getting," Loyd said.

According to a recent story in the Tri-City Record, Watervliet commissioners are paid \$45 per meeting. Monthly, there is one regular Commission meeting plus two workshop meetings. Each Commissioner is on three committees that typically meet at least once per month. The Mayor is paid on the same fee schedule plus \$100 per month.

M-140 work starts in May, expected to run through all of summer

City Engineer Alan Smaka of Wightman & Associates informed the Commission that the M-140 restructuring project scheduled to begin in mid-May is on track. He told the Commission that a pre-construction meeting was held February 28 and Shippers Excavating was selected as the contractor. Work will begin on the west side of M-140 and then will proceed to the east side.

The City will be completing some water-main work at the same time and will be going out to bid for that within days.

The City will be investing \$41,950 as its estimated portion of the project. That amount was approved at the Tuesday night meeting.

The M-140 state highway reconstruction project will extend from Dan Smith Road to Airport Drive and will take most of the summer to be completed.

Smaka also presented a schedule of events to implement a Capital Improvement Plan that has been discussed with the Commission since last summer. Smaka would like to see a Capital Improvement Committee appointed to include a Commissioner and a staff person he can work with.

Input will be provided by staff, city departments and the public throughout the process that lays the groundwork for a Capital Improvement Plan for the City.

Fire Department budget reviewed: City to contribute \$56,000; Watervliet Twp. \$225,00; Bainbridge Township \$18,500

The City received the Watervliet Joint Fire Department's budget for review.

Brinker said that in a typical year the department has approximately \$30,000-\$40,000 remaining, which is then put in the Equipment Fund. The revenues anticipated are \$56,000 from the City millage; \$255,000 from the Township millage; and \$18,500 from the contract with Bainbridge Township.

The Commission also discussed the Cost Recovery Ordinance approved in the summer of 2009. The ordinance was a tool used by the Fire Department for billing purposes for individuals that used their services that were not taxpayers. It is a common occurrence for the department to have to be called to an accident on I-94 and rack up expenses that otherwise would not be recoverable.

Brinker said that the ordinance, however, was never published, which is required for it to go into affect.

The ordinance presented to the Commission Tuesday night is the exact same one that was approved in 2009 and is the same one that the Township uses.

The Commission then took action to move the ordinance forward.

Girl Scouts “International Bazaar” March 12 in Watervliet

Girl Scouts in the area are holding their annual “International Bazaar” on Saturday, March 12, at the St. Joseph Catholic School gymnasium in Watervliet. The time is from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

The public is invited to come and taste foods from around the world and see the crafts that the girls have made.

Spring Forward Service March 13 at The Sanctuary Church

The Sanctuary Church, 247 E. St. Joseph St. (Red Arrow Highway), in Coloma is having a *Spring Forward Service* this Sunday, March 13, at 11:00 a.m. Remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour and come out and worship with us, as Pastor Kevin Hester will begin a new series of messages out of the Old Testament regarding “Life Lessons for Today.” There will be special singing and a meal, provided by the church to follow. For more information, call 468-6399 or visit www.gotothesanctuary.org.

“HeartSong” in concert March 20 at Midway Baptist Church

“HeartSong,” from Cedarville University, will be featured in concert at Midway Baptist Church at 7517 Red Arrow Highway, Watervliet, on Sunday, March 20, at 11:00 a.m.

“HeartSong” is a talented group of Cedarville University students who present a fresh expression of their faith through music. Their ministry incorporates contemporary styles with traditional favorites that add up to a sound that is distinctively Cedarville.

The group has sung in churches, schools, and camps throughout the United States.

The public is cordially invited to enjoy this free program of Christian music. For more information, please contact Midway Baptist Church at 463-3195.

Birth announcement

A baby girl was born at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, to Melissa Morlock and Kyle Weber of Watervliet, Michigan. The baby weighed 9 pounds, 4½ ounces.



WHS SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM WITH ITS TROPHY...Pictured are: (front row, from the left) Rico Adams, Mahalia Stelter, Alma Ramirez, Kayla Wieser, Michael Zaluckyj, coach Beth Houseal; (back row, from the left) coach Phyllis Moore, Caitlyn Mandarino, Andres Ramirez, Michael Foote, Jordan Clark, Rachel Foote, Chris Flagel, Bud Lovell, and coach Leon Volk. Not available for the photo were Jordan Krieger, Jimmy VanOrman, and Stephanie Cluster. (Carol Coffin photo)

WHS Science Olympiad team earns third place at Regional

The Watervliet High School Science Olympiad Team finished in third place at the Regional Science Olympiad Tournament held at Lake Michigan College on Monday, February 26.

Earning bronze medals were: Mahalia Stelter and Rachel Foote in Experimental Design; Jordan Krieger and Kayla Wieser in Forensics; Michael Zaluckyj and Michael Foote in Helicopters; Jordan Krieger and Kayla Wieser in Write It/Do It.

The silver medalists were:

Chris Flagel and Alma Ramirez in Fossils;

Andres Ramirez and Michael Zaluckyj in Mousetrap Vehicle;

Michael Zaluckyj and Rico Adams in Optics;

Alma Ramirez and Kayla Wieser in Towers;

Jordan Clark and Stephanie Cluster in Wind Power.

The gold medal winners were:

Jordan Krieger and Alma Ramirez in Anatomy & Physiology;

Mahalia Stelter and Chris Flagel in Ecology;

Michael Zaluckyj, Andres Ramirez, and Michael Foote in Mission Possible.

The team members would like thank their parents for their support and late dinners.

Also, thank you to the following science mentors: Kevin Swart, Phyllis Moore, Nancy Wolfe, Beth Houseal, Kelley Houseal, Mary Thomas, and Leon Volk.

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ANDREW PETERSON PERFORMS BEFORE A PACKED HOUSE...at Community General Baptist Church in Watervliet on Saturday, March 5. Fans came from as far as Traverse City, plus one special fan, Matt Giraud, from season eight of “American Idol.” Pictured are the Andrew Peterson band members with Matt: (from the left) Ben Shive, Matt Giraud, Andrew Peterson, and Andy Gullhorn. (Karl Bayer photo)

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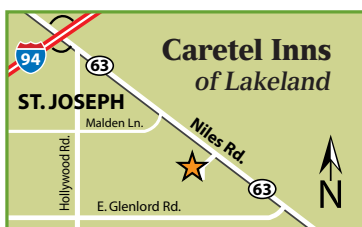
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Coloma After Prom needs your help

The Coloma After Prom Committee is currently planning this year's events for the "After Prom," which will be held at Coloma High School on Saturday, April 30.

If you are interested in donating to the "After Prom," you may send your donations to: Sue Zvonar (Chairman), 5633 Newton Avenue, Coloma, MI 49038.

Please make your check payable to Coloma After Prom.

If you have any questions, please call (269) 468-5750.

Thank you for your support to help make this a safe and fun event for the kids once again this year!

Coloma Band Boosters fundraiser dinner was a hit

Dear Editor,

On Saturday, March 5, the Coloma Band Boosters held the third annual *Fazoli's Spaghetti Dinner* in the Coloma High School Cafeteria and Auditorium. The dinner included music provided by the Coloma High School Jazz Band.

We would like to thank the many people who came to the dinner, our dedicated band parents who made desserts, the Coloma Community School District for its continued support of our band students, and the Coloma High School Jazz Band for playing at the event.

It was truly an evening of great music, food, and friends!

Sincerely,
Coloma Band Boosters
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Dianna Nadeau, President;
Tracy Arend, Vice President;
Brenda Yenchus, Secretary & Fazoli's Fundraiser Chairman;
Maria Tallman, Treasurer;
Vanessa Pentridge, Volunteer Coordinator;
Cheryl Thomas, Band Director;
Christopher Keech, Band Assistant

Kudos to Jim Keech

Dear Editor,

Kudos to Jim Keech for his cartoon in Wednesday's paper. As a fellow Keelerite, he has passed our trees on the corner of 77th and C.R. 687.

Jim, we used to call our place "5 Pine Hill" and now call it "Half Pine Ranch," thanks to the power company trimmers.

Ruth Ann Millhouse

March is "National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month"

Dear Editor,

March is designated as "National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" to recognize and celebrate people with developmental dis-

abilities. People with developmental disabilities make up nearly two percent of the population.

This year, our nation continues to address serious budget issues, seeking to provide security - in every sense of the word - for all Americans and ensure that each one of us has the opportunity to pursue our dreams and to contribute our own unique talents to the fabric of our communities.

The diversity that enriches our nation and the freedoms that all Americans cherish are embodied in the lives of people with developmental disabilities - those whose interests are often overlooked and whose needs are often unmet when budgets are tight.

People with developmental disabilities in Van Buren County share with the County's other residents the right to live life as they choose in their education, jobs, recreation, and homes. Recognizing the abilities and contributions of people with developmental disabilities can only serve to enrich our communities.

Van Buren Community Mental Health Board and staff members admire and appreciate the persons with developmental disabilities that we serve and their families who overcome barriers to contribute to our community through employment and volunteer work. Everyone wins when people with developmental disabilities receive the support and opportunities they need to be contributing members of our communities.

For more than 40 years, Van Buren Community Mental Health, together with many partners including the Van Buren Arc, Van Buren Intermediate School District, service providers and businesses, has assisted people with developmental disabilities to pursue their goals and live a life fully integrated in our communities.

Public attitudes are often the biggest barrier to full community inclusion, so we thank the citizens of Van Buren County for recognizing that all of us have talents and abilities that we can offer to make this a better place to live.

If you would like more information or know of employment or volunteer opportunities, please contact Mary Green at 269-655-3336.

Sincerely,
Debra Hess, CEO
Van Buren Community Mental Health

The Back Fence

By Anne Bayer, Co-publisher



This will be another busy week in this Tri-City Area. We have Coloma's St. Patrick's Day Lighted Parade this weekend. We also have the Blossomtime contests this coming weekend for the girls and boys representing the communities of Coloma, Hartford, and Watervliet. I hope that you will be able to support one of these events.

I can remember the St. Pat's Parade from years back and some of the experiences that our family had with this parade.

One year, my mom and dad came for a visit. This is when they still lived in Royal Oak, so they could get here easily. I remember that it was a cold day and I even remember that there was some snow. Our Amy was riding on the float for Watervliet and the girls were trying to wear good and warm

and cute clothing, which is not always easy when it is so cold outside. So we went to support our daughter.

While we were waiting for the parade, we decided to stop into that little French restaurant that was on Main Street. We thought we could see the parade and we could eat at the same time.

I remember that it took a long time to get our order but, once we did receive it, the meal was very tasty.

I also remember that the owner made her own desserts and she had a wonderful French pastry on the menu. It sounded so good that Karl and Mom decided to split the order and share a dessert.

Mom always wanted a dessert but she would only eat half of it. Her motto was to take all that is offered and then

parts with three slugs that exactly match the U.S. quarter. The slugs, with a small square hole in the center are the type the vending machine companies give out to their delivery and repair people to access the coin mechanisms without putting real money in them.

Speaking of real money, those stolen papers add up to about a loss of \$800 per year.

A local cop told me a few years ago, "It just burns my butt that people have so little respect for themselves that they have to steal a newspaper."

I agreed and added I was more concerned they had no respect for another's property; I already knew they had no respect for themselves.

Some years ago a local barfly would steal newspapers from a Tri-City Record paper machine and take them into the bar and resell them at "whole-sale."

How did I know? He called me on a couple occasions and told me.

He claimed he was boosting readership of the paper and one day he

Pscholka looking to curb college tuition costs

State Representative Al Pscholka recently announced a resolution amending Michigan's Constitution in order to limit the in-state tuition rate increases made by public universities.

"Lansing has talked a lot about the need to prioritize higher education, but there hasn't been serious action taken against tuition hikes," said Pscholka, R-Stevensville. "Rates are going up while families are struggling to meet basic needs. What good is a quality institution if no one can afford it?"

Pscholka's proposed amendment would stop universities from raising tuition rates in an upcoming academic year by more than the increase in the Detroit Consumer Price Index (CPI) from the preceding year. The CPI is used to measure average changes over time in the prices paid by urban con-

sumers across a variety of common living expenses, including food, retail items and health care.

Pscholka believes that higher education should be treated as similarly essential, with cost increases proportionately limited.

"If we are looking for a real, long-term fix; then tying tuition increases to the CPI is our best option," Pscholka said. "The cost of college shouldn't increase beyond the cost of living. If that happens, it's a clear indication that university operating costs are getting out of control and should be scaled back."

Pscholka's resolution was drafted one week prior to Gov. Snyder's State of the State address, which put significant emphasis on the need for a college-educated work force. Pscholka is gratified that the Governor shares his focus.

"The Governor recognizes that our higher education problem is economic," Pscholka said. "Getting more students in those seats isn't a question of

March 10, 2011 Tri-City Record 3 motivation, it's about access. Every time tuition increases, doors close that should stay open."

Local residents can call Pscholka's office at (517) 373-1403, or e-mail him at AlPscholka@house.mi.gov.

Pscholka's Lansing office is located at N-1098 House Office Building, 124 N. Capitol Avenue, Lansing.

Share your opinion with the editor... e-mail to record@tricityrecord.com or fax to 463-UFAX or mail to Tri-City Record P.O. box 7 Watervliet, MI 49098

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only eat a small portion. I am sure that is how she stayed so slim most of her life.

But when the dessert came, they handed the order to Mom and she proceeded to eat the pastry.

When she had cleaned up the entire plate, Karl leaned over to her and said, "So how was that pastry?"

Mom felt so foolish that she blushed, and that was the first time I had ever seen her do that.

After we all had a good laugh, we sat in the heat and listened to the sights and the sounds of the parade. I far as I can remember, this must have been one of the first times we were able to attend the parade. It was fun.

There is one thing that I have to say about the upcoming Mr. and Miss Blossomtime contests this weekend. Make sure, if you are lucky enough to attend, that you cheer for all of the girls and guys. They are all winners and they are all so special to their families.

I have to give them all my blessings for attempting to win this honor. I never in my life would even try to do

something like this. It takes a lot of bravery to put yourself out there for the world, as we know it, to judge you.

So cheer them all on, for they are all winners and they are all someone's princes and princesses. And I say be happy for them all and make all of them have the best experience ever.

Only one time was I ever on a stage in front of people and it was during the Lioness Club Fashion Show when they needed moms to model the clothes made for older women. I came out so sure of myself and glad that I could not really see anyone in the audience.

As I came forward for them to look at the outfit, one of my shoes came off... for they were too big... so I made this scraping sound with the heel as I walked.

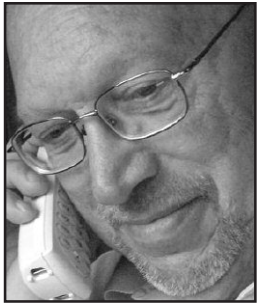
I felt silly, but the show must go on; but if there had been a next time, the show would have gone on without me. I do admire anyone who can put what you have out there in front of others. So make sure if you attend this year's contests to enjoy yourself and to make sure that all of the contestants also enjoy themselves.

usually balances out, so I figure he quit drinking or moved on to a bar farther away from the machine.

Maybe he found some self-respect and quit stealing altogether.

Karl's Kolumn

By Karl Bayer, Editor and Publisher



PETTY PAPER PILFERERS... Out of a group of about 750 special citizens throughout the Tri-City Area, most are honest.

The approximately 730 honest people are the numbers that purchase a Tri-City Record newspaper sold in news-stands and stores every week.

A handful steals nearly 20 newspapers each week. The thefts show up mostly in the "honor" racks; the rack has a coin box bolted to it. In the perfect world, the customer drops 75 cents in the box and takes a paper off the open shelf.

There are those who feel a half chewed toothpick, gum wrappers, and paper clips are suitable currency of the

realm as those items and anything else that might fit through the slot are left in exchange for a newspaper.

The other thieves steal extra papers from the coin-operated machines located on the sidewalks and in front of stores.

Those stealers have the opinion, I think, that by dropping the required three quarters in the slot to open the door means any number of papers can be taken. And they do, regularly.

There are certain machines that regularly come up short in the amount of money deposited versus the number of newspapers that have been removed. Then there is the "guy" who weekly

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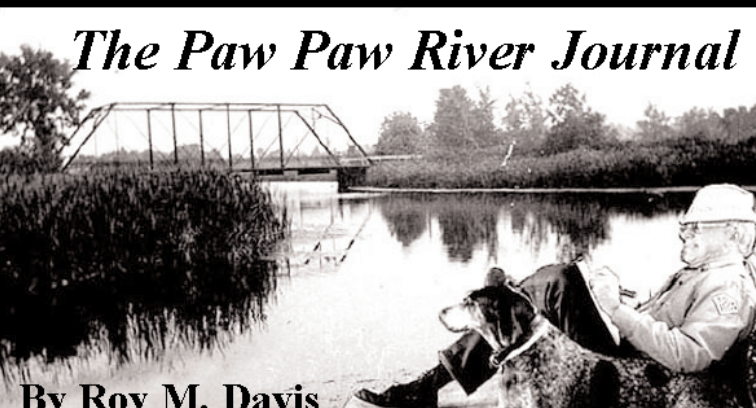
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The Paw Paw River Journal



By Roy M. Davis

Old War Bird!

This is for any and all of you who love flying. I ran it once before a few years ago, and now I found it in my files and upon rereading was powerfully moved. “Once you have tasted flight, you will forever walk the earth with your eyes turned skyward, for there you have been, and there you will always long to return.” The story comes originally for a Canadian who worked at an airport up there near Montreal. He said:

“It was noon on a Sunday as I recall, the day a Mustang P-51 was to take to the air. They said it had flown in during the night from some U.S. airport; the pilot had been tired. I marveled at the size of the plane dwarfing the Pipers and Canucks tied down by her. It was much larger than in the movies. She glistened in the sun like a bulwark of security from days gone by.

“The pilot arrived by cab, paid the driver, and then stepped into the flight lounge. He was an older man; his wavy hair was gray and tossed. Looked like it might have been combed, say, around the turn of the century.

“His flight jacket was checked, creased and worn - it smelled old and genuine. Old Glory was prominently sewn to its shoulders. He projected a quiet air of proficiency and pride devoid of arrogance. He filed a quick flight plan to Montreal (Expo-67, Air Show); then walked across the tarmac.

“After taking several minutes to perform his walk-around check, the pilot returned to the flight lounge to ask if anyone would be available to stand by with fire extinguishers while he ‘flashed the old bird up, just to be safe.’

“Though only 12 at the time I was allowed to stand by with an extinguisher after brief instruction on its use - ‘If you see a fire, point, then pull this lever! I later became a firefighter, but that’s another story.



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“The air around the exhaust manifolds shimmered like a mirror from fuel fumes as the huge prop started to rotate. One manifold, then another, and yet another barked - I stepped back with the others. In moments the Packard-built Merlin 20 engine came to life with a thunderous roar, blue flames knifed from her manifolds. I looked at the others’ faces; there was no concern. I lowered the bell of my extinguisher. One of the guys signaled to walk back to the lounge. We did.

“Several minutes later we could hear the pilot doing his pre flight run-up. He’d taxied to the end of runway 19, out of sight. All went quiet for several seconds; we raced from the lounge to the second story deck to see if we could catch a glimpse of the P-51 as she started down the runway. We could not.

“There we stood, eyes fixed to a spot halfway down 19. Then a roar ripped across the field, much louder than before, like a furious hell spawn set loose - something mighty this way was coming. ‘Listen to that thing!’ said the controller. In seconds the Mustang burst into our line of sight.

“Its tail was already off and it was moving faster than anything I’d ever seen by that point on 19. Two-thirds the way down 19, the Mustang was airborne with her gear going up. The prop tips were supersonic; we clasped our ears as the Mustang climbed hellish fast into the circuit to be eaten up by the dog-day haze.

“We stood for a few moments in stunned silence trying to digest what we’d just seen. The radio controller rushed by me to the radio. ‘Kingston tower calling Mustang.’ He looked back to us as he waited for an acknowledgment.

“The radio crackled, ‘Go ahead Kingston.’

““Roger, Mustang. Kingston tower would like to advise the circuit is clear for a low level pass.’ I stood in shock because the controller had, more or less, just asked the pilot to return for an impromptu air show!

“The controller looked at us. ‘What?’ He asked. ‘I can’t let that guy go without asking. I couldn’t forgive myself!’

“The radio crackled once again, ‘Kingston, do I have permission for a low level pass, east to west, across

the field?

““Roger, Mustang; the circuit is clear for an east to west pass.’

““Roger, Kingston. I’m coming out of 3000 feet; stand by.’

“We rushed back onto the second-story deck, eyes fixed toward the eastern haze. The sound was subtle at first, a high-pitched whine, a muffled screech, a distant scream. Moments later the P-51 burst through the haze. Her airframe straining against positive Gs and gravity, wing tips spilling contrails of condensed air, prop-tips again supersonic as the burnished bird blasted across the eastern margin of the field shredding and tearing the air.

“At about 240 mph and 150 yards from where we stood, she passed with the old American pilot saluting. Imagine. A salute! I felt like laughing, I felt like crying, she glistened, she screamed, the building shook, my heart pounded. Then the old pilot pulled her up and rolled, and rolled, and rolled out of sight into the broken clouds and indelibly into my memory.

“I’ve never wanted to be an American more than on that day. It was a time when many nations in the world looked to America as their big brother, a steady and even-handed beacon of security who navigated difficult political water with grace and style; not unlike the pilot who’d just flown into my memory.


“He was proud, not arrogant... humble, not a braggart... old and honest, projecting an aura of America at its best. That America will return one day; I know it will. Until that time, I’ll just send off this story; call it a reciprocal salute, to the old American pilot who wove a memory for a young Canadian that’s lasted a lifetime.”

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FREE BLUEGRASS CONCERT
The Williams Family Band, a Bluegrass & Folk group, will perform in a FREE PUBLIC CONCERT
Thurs, March 24 at 7 PM
at the
Van Buren Conference Center, 490 S. Paw Paw St., Lawrence.

This concert is sponsored by the Van Buren District Library Friends and the Friends of the Lawrence Library. There will be a bake sale fund raiser Call 674-3200 for more information

DO YOU REMEMBER?



Can you identify what year this Coloma High School football team is from? Pictured are: (front row, from the left) Bob Herseg, Truman Ryan, Roger Carter, Wes Arent, Sam Viscusso, Herman Heuermann, Bob Steinke, Pete Mannino; (middle row, from the left) coach S.L. McDaniels, Jerry Molter, George Quiriconi, Richard Brown, Noel Knutson, Ken Hosang, Bill Erickson; (back row, from the left) Bob Corbett, John Mattson, Dave Faulkner, Marvin Priebe, Paul Stainbrook, and Albert Erwin.

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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 - 1911

On Thursday evening, March 2, a jolly crowd of about thirty-five friends and neighbors drove to the home of Mrs. R. Hazen, in Northwest Coloma, and surprised her. Progressive pedro comprised the evening’s entertainment, six tables being filled and nine games played.

Miss Sadie Kremer was most agreeably surprised last Saturday morning when upon sitting down to breakfast she found placed beneath her plate a fine solid gold watch, presented to her by her father, Israel Kremer, in remembrance of her 21st birthday.

60 YEARS AGO - 1951

Two Coloma amateur dance teams tied for first place, in a semi-final contest at Niles. Violet and Barbara Crawford, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Crawford, and Susan and Paul Friday, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Friday. They will compete in grand finale in Grand Rapids in May.

Dr. and Mrs. E.V. Sergeant left last Friday evening on a four weeks’ va-

cation to Happy Land camp at Sarasota, Fla. Mrs. Sergeant’s mother, Mrs. Richard Corbett, is remaining with the children, Donald and Jacqueline.

In folk song and dance, more than 200 children of the Washington School performed three evening recently in a Music & Dance festival.

30 YEARS AGO - 1981

Mrs. Vernal Klitchman, Coloma, is closing her ceramic studio, which she has operated from her home since 1966. However, Mrs. Klitchman, who is 85, is just reverting her interest back to her “first love,” which is dolls. She will continue to make and dress reproduction antique dolls.

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NEWS FROM THE HARTFORD DAY SPRING

90 YEARS AGO - 1921

Weather conditions are curtailing the maple syrup season, say the farmers who are engaged in making the toothsome forest product. Even when freezing nights and warm days make conditions appear favorable, the flow of sap was light. A majority of trees are yielding only a fraction of the sap produced in a normal year. The syrup crop will be light, but it also appears to be of a very fine quality.

60 YEARS AGO - 1951

Art Study class will meet at 2:15 p.m. Monday at the home of Mrs. George Shepard. Mrs. Harry Burkholder will be in charge of the lesson.

The Hartford Women’s club heard Cornelius DeJong, who came from Hellegron, Holland, 4.5 years ago, speak on international relations, at the home of Mrs. Elnora Chamberlain. DeJong, a bulb grower and dealer, showed pictures from his native country. The club has planned a cooking school for Wednesday, March 21, at the high school gymnasium.

Mrs. Paul Day will speak on “Trees Give Us Flowers, Too” at a meeting of the Hartford Garden club at 2 p.m. Friday, March 16, at the home of Mrs. Eddie Ohmstede.

40 YEARS AGO - 1971

The Hartford Blossomtime organization will sponsor a style show called “The Look of You” on March 16 at Donovan Lake lodge, northeast of Hartford. The show will start at 7:30 p.m. Models for the event will include queen contestants, committee members and children. Jackie Fitzgerald of WKZO-TV will be the mistress of ceremonies. Fashions for the show will be provided by Mary’s Apparel, Tregers and Adent’s Bridal Salon.

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NEWS FROM THE WATERVLIET RECORD

90 YEARS AGO - 1921

W.W. Knapp has just purchased of Milton Scherer four head of registered Guernsey cattle. He now has a herd of eight head of purebreds of which five are milking cows.

In paper dated March 25, 1921: Owners of chickens within the village are hereby notified that the village ordinance prohibits their being allowed to run at large and that chickens must be kept shut up or prosecution will follow.

30 YEARS AGO - 1981


Watervliet Junior and Senior High School Bands both received Division I ratings at District VI Band Festivals held on March 14, 1951. The Senior Band will be attending the State Festival on April 25, in Grand Rapids.

A boy, 9 pounds, 4 ounces, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dale G. Walker on Friday, March 6, 1951.

Ronald L. Dahms, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Dahms of Watervliet, enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Upon successfully completing the 6 weeks of basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, TX, he will receive training in the mechanical career field.

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Social Security & you

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Social Security's "final four"

This time of year, basketball fans are gearing up for "March Madness" - a time when the Final Four teams in the NCAA fight for the title of national champion. While basketball fans are excited about March Madness, Social Security already has a winning "final four" of online services to cheer about; check them out.

The Retirement Estimator is an easy way to get an instant, personalized estimate of your future Social Security benefits. Just key in some basic information and the Estimator will use information on your Social Security record, along with what you input, to give you a benefit estimate on the spot. Check it out in English at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator or in Spanish at www.segurosocial.gov/calculador.

The Benefit Application is the most convenient way to apply for Social

Security retirement benefits. You can apply from the comfort of your home - it's fast, easy, and secure. There are no forms to sign and usually no documentation is required. Social Security will process your application and contact you if any further information is needed. Try it out when you're ready to retire at www.socialsecurity.gov/applyonline.

The online Extra Help application is an easy way to save about \$4,000 a year on your prescription drug costs. To qualify for the Extra Help, you must be on Medicare, have limited income and resources and live in one of the 50 states or the District of Columbia. Learn more about it at www.socialsecurity.gov/prescriptionhelp.

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Spiritual Compass Points



By Pastor David C. Helms
Plymouth Congregational Church

Enjoying eternal life

Are you looking forward to the "sweet by and by?" Why? What's wrong with the "sweet now and now?" Oh, you say it's more like the "sour now and now." Let's explore this idea of enjoying life before its eternal.

Considering three things can help transform negative experiences into positive opportunities, they are: don't lose perspective, don't forget the promises, and don't lose hope.

Let a quarter represent your life - your birth, growing up, relationships, finances, health, death, everything. Place that quarter on the floor in the middle of a basketball court. Gradually back away. That quarter gets smaller and smaller as your field of vision expands. When you're finally up in the bleachers, that quarter is almost invisible!

If that quarter represents your total present life, the entire basketball court represents your eternity. Actually, the basketball court is way too small! Scripture says: "For I consider the present sufferings to be nothing in comparison to the glories that are to follow." (Romans 8:18)

Remember promises you've been personally given that Jesus Christ is coming back for you (John 14:1-3). Remember also His promise to never leave you in the meantime (Matthew 28:20).

Promises are only as good as the promise giver; and the more we get to know God in the midst of our difficulties, the more we discover that He is truly good and that truly His loving kindness is everlasting.

Keeping perspective and remembering the promises will naturally result in not losing hope. It has been said that no one is hopeless whose hope is in God.

We may look back at our suffering with the smile of a peace we could not have learned without it. The peace and joy of experiencing and enjoying His loving presence is a true taste of eternal life.

Protecting Michigan small businesses from onerous new mandates

As we work to create jobs and put our economy back on track, the last thing we can afford to do is further burden Michigan's small businesses with costly new mandates.

To this end, the House last week passed legislation - the Small Business Paperwork Mandate Elimination Act (H.R. 4) - to repeal a harmful new tax reporting requirement that was buried in the recent healthcare overhaul.

Unless repealed, this new requirement will force every business - large and small - to file separate 1099 IRS reporting forms for every single business-to-business transaction that exceeds \$600 in a given year, beginning in 2012.

Compliance means such basic day-to-day business expenses as telecommunication services, utility repairs, and office supplies will now be subject to IRS disclosure.

Not only does this provision directly put an onerous tax-reporting burden on small business, it also has the added impact of changing the way companies conduct their business with outside vendors.

My view from the Capitol

by
Fred Upton
Congressman



Faced with the prospect of a mountain of IRS forms, many companies will find it more convenient to turn to large global suppliers rather than negotiate with a number of smaller, local companies.

How does this even begin to relate to jobs or healthcare for folks in Southwest Michigan? These businesses should be focused on creating jobs and leading the way for growth and innovation, not filling out needless bureaucratic paperwork.

Such new requirements under the healthcare law threaten the very livelihood of business owners in Southwest Michigan and across the country. The American people have spoken on the healthcare law's overreaching requirements: enough is enough.

With legislation to repeal this intrusive tax-reporting requirement having passed the House, I am hopeful that an agreement will soon be reached with the Senate. Time is of the essence and Michigan's working families and businesses deserve better.

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 others' 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 the Berrien County Health Department at (269) 926-7121.

Cooking outside the box



Traditional recipes recalled by Olive Grady
To share your recipes with Olive, dial 463-4030

Ham slices

(Farm Journal Cookbook 1959)

This is a good way to use leftovers from the large ham.

2 slices of ham, 1-inch thick.

Place one in a shallow baking pan and spread 1-1/2 cups prepared mincemeat over the slice.

Cover with the second slice.

Pour 1/2 cup pineapple juice over the meat.

Bake in moderate oven, 350 F, about 1 hour, basting frequently.

Remove to serving dish.

Thicken remaining liquid for gravy.

Lamb Kabobs

Cut leftover lamb into cubes.

Choose one or more of these: button mushrooms; pineapple chunks; 1" pieces of bacon; small, whole, cooked red potatoes.

Thread pieces onto metal skewers.

Broil 3 inches from heat for about 15 minutes.

Turn to broil evenly.

Marinate from 1 hour to overnight if you like marinade.

News from Lansing



By Sen. John Proos

Senate panel passes bills to help boost Michigan auto and boat sales

The Senate Finance Committee has passed legislation that would help spur vehicle and watercraft sales by reducing the cost of purchasing a new or used vehicle or boat in Michigan.

I strongly supported Senate bills 126 and 127 because they will help Southwest Michigan dealers compete with out-of-state sellers.

Michigan law currently puts our local, in-state businesses at a competitive disadvantage. When an individual today buys a new or used automobile or watercraft in Michigan, the state's six percent sales tax is applied to the full sales price, even if the sale included a trade-in.

None of our neighboring states do this. It is a clear example of tax policy hurting Michigan job providers and consumers.

Under the bills, the sales or use tax would be applied only to the difference between the price of a new car or boat and the value of a trade-in. This smart tax reform could result in savings for Michigan consumers of several hundred to thousands of dollars.

SBs 126 and 127, known as the "sales tax on the difference" bills, have been praised by dealers who sell cars, trucks and watercraft.

As a border community, this change is necessary to help boost sales and create jobs in Southwest Michigan. It is a first step toward bringing the state's tax structure in line with nearly 40 other states, including all of our neighbors.



Medical Minute



Lakeland HealthCare

Community Hospital, Watervliet

Winter "blues" may be caused by seasonal affective disorder

Winter can be a bleak time for anyone suffering from seasonal affective disorder.

This condition, also known as SAD, is a type of depression that sets in when the days begin to grow dark and cold in autumn. The depression lifts in the spring, when natural sunlight is more plentiful.

About 5 percent of American adults suffer from SAD. This condition affects women more than men. It is rarely found in children or young adults under age 20.

"SAD has a set pattern, and it tends to repeat itself about the same time each year," says Trevor Portenga, PA-C, a physician's assistant with Lakeland Community Hospital's Coloma Medical Center. "That's how doctors can distinguish it from other forms of depression."

Symptoms of SAD include:

- Depression
- Lack of energy
- Craving for sweet or starchy foods
- Weight gain
- Oversleeping
- Difficulty concentrating
- Irritability
- Anxiety
- Social Withdrawal

A small percentage of people experience summer-onset SAD, which means their symptoms will begin in the early spring or summer. Symptoms of summer-onset SAD include hyperactivity, insomnia, weight loss and highly elevated mood.

"It's not uncommon to have a few blue days in the dark, winter months," says Portenga. "But if you experience depression year after year, just as winter approaches, you should see your doctor for diagnosis and treatment."

Scientists believe SAD occurs when the brain doesn't get enough sunlight to create a key chemical called serotonin, which regulates mood. One of the best treatments for SAD is light therapy.

"If you're diagnosed with SAD, your doctor may recommend that you purchase a light box," says Portenga. "Sitting in artificial light for about 30 minutes a day can significantly ease SAD symptoms."

SAD may also be treated with anti-depressant medication, counseling, and lifestyle changes, such as getting more exercise, or simply learning to sit in a sunny spot on bright days.

"If you're troubled by winter depression, don't think you have to tough it out until spring," says Portenga. "Many good treatment options can relieve SAD symptoms. Every moment is precious, so talk to your doctor about how you can fight SAD and enjoy even the cold, dark days of our Michigan winters."

To find a Lakeland physician call 1 (800)303-8399.



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Family Medicine

Investing in Your Future

By Denise Barowicz
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"Making Sense of Investing"
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401(k) Review and Rollover Can Be Rewarding

Your 401(k) offers tax-deductible contributions, tax-deferred growth of earnings potential and a variety of investment options - so it's a great tool for building retirement savings. Yet like all tools, your 401(k) must be used properly to get the best results. That's why you should review your 401(k) at least annually and make whatever adjustments are needed. Depending on where you work, you may get some 401(k) review help from your plan provider. But if that assistance isn't available, you might want to consult with a financial professional to make sure you're getting the maximum benefit from your plan. As you begin to review your 401(k), your first question should probably be this:

"How much should I contribute?" At the very least, try to put in enough to receive your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered. If you don't earn this match, you are essentially walking away from "free money." Beyond this, though, the amount you put into your 401(k) might depend on what other retirement savings vehicles you have available. For instance, if you're eligible, you may also want to contribute to a Roth IRA, which offers tax-free growth potential, provided you've had your account for five years and don't start taking withdrawals until you're 59½.

Of course, it's not only how much you put into your 401(k) that determines its success - it's also how you choose

to allocate your investment dollars. (Keep in mind that asset allocation does not guarantee a profit or protect against loss.) Your 401(k) may have a dozen or more investment choices, such as stock funds, bond funds and money market funds. To choose the right investment mix, you'll need to consider a variety of factors, including these:

Your age - Generally speaking, the younger you are, the more aggressive you can afford to be with your 401(k) investments, because you'll have decades in which to potentially overcome the inevitable down periods of the market. As you get older, you may wish to invest somewhat more conservatively, but you'll still need some growth potential in your 401(k) portfolio.

Your goals - Everyone has different goals for retirement. You might want to retire early and travel the world, while your co-worker desires to work as long as possible and then, upon retirement, stay close to home and pursue hobbies. Because you each have different goals, with different income needs, you also may need to follow different investment strategies within your 401(k).

Your other retirement income sources - If you have a variety of retirement income sources - a pension from another job, an IRA, a spouse with generous retirement benefits - you may need to invest differently, perhaps less aggressively, than if you had fewer options for retirement income.

Apart from putting away as much as you can into your 401(k) and choosing the right investment mix, what else can you do to get the most out of your plan? Here's a suggestion: If you have worked at various jobs and acquired multiple 401(k)s, consider rolling them over into one account. You might save money on fees and reduce paperwork but, more importantly, you'll be able to concentrate your resources and pursue a unified investment approach, with your investment dollars working together toward your ultimate retirement goals.

Tri-City Area Obituaries

SHIRLEY LOIS BOUMA

Shirley Lois Bouma passed quietly on Saturday, March 5, 2011. She was born December 20, 1927, to Adolf and Gertrude Burmeister in Chicago, Illinois. Her family moved to Hartford, MI, in 1942.

She is survived by: her husband of 63 years, Willis Bouma; their three children - Richard (Millie) Bouma of Subiaco, Arkansas, Sandra (Terry) Clark of Cherokee Village, AR, and Lori Ann (James) Whorton of Blaine, AR; nine grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and her cousin, Lois (Leo) Latus of Hartford.

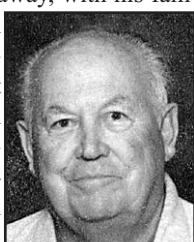
Friends visited with Shirley's family on Wednesday, March 9, from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m., with funeral services following the visitation at 11:00 a.m. at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet. Memorials may be made in Shirley's memory to the North Berrien Senior Center or VFW.



MARK H. GROSSE JR.

Mark H. Grosse Jr., 79, of Watervliet, Michigan, passed away, with his family by his side, on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, at South Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community, South Haven, MI.

A memorial service celebrating Mark's life was held on Monday, Feb. 21, at Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Sodus, MI, of which he was a member. Visitation was held Sunday, Feb. 20, from 4:00-6:00 p.m., followed by Military Rites at 6:00 p.m. at



Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma, MI. Burial of ashes will be at a later date in Hill Cemetery in Lawrence, MI. Memorial donations may be made to the church or to the Humane Society of Southwest Michigan. Those wishing to leave an online message of comfort for the family may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Mark was born December 10, 1931, in Benton Harbor, MI, to Mark H. and Lillian L. (McAllister) Grosse Sr. He graduated in 1950 from Benton Harbor High School and served in the Navy from 1951-55, taking a world tour aboard the USS Wren. He retired in 1995 from Mac Engineering after 25 years of service. Mark was a life member of VFW 1137 in Benton Harbor. He enjoyed living on Paw Paw Lake most of his life; however, he spent the past 15 winters at his home in Bradenton, FL. In his spare time, he enjoyed boating, woodworking, fishing, camping, going for long rides and spending time with his family.

Survivors include: his wife, Louise, whom he married June 30, 1962; three daughters - Della Jo Walker of Watervliet, Carol (Steve) Weatherford of Coloma; four grandchildren - Amanda and Daniel Gelder and David and Rachel Weatherford; and several granddogs.

Death Notices

Diane Carol Jackson, 65, of Covert, Michigan, died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, MI. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, MI.

William L. Smith Jr., 85, of Coloma, died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph, MI. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma.

Mary V. Howard, 89, of Coloma, Michigan, died Friday, March 4, 2011. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, MI.

Pauline ("Polly") Walther, 89, of Coloma, Michigan, died Saturday, March 5, 2011, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma.

Karl Burdette Schultz, 49, of Claypool, Indiana, formerly of Watervliet, MI, died Monday, March 7, 2011, at home. Redpath-Fruth Funeral Home, Warsaw, IN.

John D. Pasquill, 75, of Coloma, Michigan, died Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Lakeland Specialty Hospital, Berrien Center, MI. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma.

Ronald Young, 65, of Watervliet, Michigan, died Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Lakeland Continuing Care Center, St. Joseph, MI. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet.

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POLICE REPORTS

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the components of a portable meth lab inside.

Prince said, "One of the containers had finished product in it." The discovery could have been dangerous if not handled properly, as it is very combustible.

Officers from the Berrien County Sheriff's Department were called in to assist with the investigation and to make the necessary contacts for the cleanup.

Sheriff Paul Bailey reported that it could cost between \$1,200-\$1,600 for a typical meth lab cleanup.

Rookies broken into

Watervliet City Police Chief Don Divis reports that Rookies Bar was broken into sometime Saturday morning, March 5, between 3:00 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

The break-in was discovered when the manager came to work on Saturday around 10:00 a.m. Officers discovered that the subject(s) put the computer in the deep fryer and the camera surveillance equipment in the oven. Both items were on, with the items in them when the employee arrived at work.

The subject(s) took an undetermined amount of cash. The investigation continues.

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Hartford man arrested for destruction of property

Watervliet Police Chief Don Divis and Coloma Charter Township Police Officer Mike Prince responded to a disturbance at Lakeland Community Hospital in Watervliet on Tuesday, March 8, at approximately 11:00 a.m. A Hartford man was creating a disturbance and had allegedly destroyed a hospital monitor valued at \$10,000.

Mitchell Wheeler, 19, was arrested for investigation of disorderly person and felony malicious destruction of property. He was booked and lodged at the Berrien County Jail.

Coloma Charter

Township Police activity

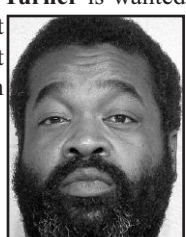
For the month of February, the Coloma Charter Township Police Department investigated 220 complaints, including 35 intimidation/stalking; 24 non-criminal assists; 18 suspicious situations; nine breaking and enterings; and 10 obstructing justice.

There were 29 arrests made, and 43 traffic citations were issued. Officers provided 477 business checks and 33 residential property checks.

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.

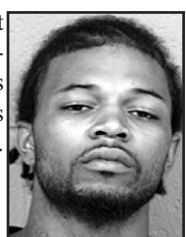
Timothy Edward Turner is wanted on a felony warrant for forgery. His last known address is in Benton Harbor.



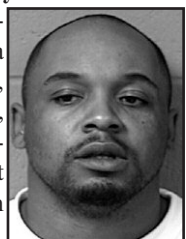
Daniel Joseph Fennessy is wanted on a felony warrant for larceny. His last known address is in Grand Rapids.



James Franklin Turner is wanted on a felony warrant for carrying a concealed weapon. His last known address is in Benton Harbor.



Marquisio Shantey Potts is wanted on three felony warrants for being a parole absconder, delivery of cocaine, and aggravated 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 6287.

New program for traffic violators gives pointers, takes away points

A new state program that allows some Michigan drivers to avoid points for minor traffic violations by taking an online Basic Driver Improvement Course is up and running. Secretary of State Ruth Johnson announced last week.

Under a state law that became effective Dec. 31, 2010, motorists ticketed for offenses such as speeding, improper passing or disobeying a stop sign may qualify to have points from the citation kept from going on their driving record by completing a course and paying court fines and costs.

Only those who meet several restrictions will receive notification of eligibility to participate in the program from the Department of State.

The first notices to eligible drivers were mailed last month, Johnson said, and they have the option of taking a course online or in a classroom. There

are currently 10 course providers approved by the state that offer the required defensive driving curriculum.

"This program offers a strong incentive to those who have received a traffic violation to improve their skills and become safer drivers," Johnson said. "It gives them the pointers they need and takes away the points they don't."

"These drivers are still being held accountable, but in a way that safeguards against future violations," Johnson added.

Eligible drivers have 60 days to arrange for and pass the course and may retake it as many times as necessary within that time. The provider electronically notifies the Secretary of State whether drivers pass or fail. If they ultimately do not pass, the points go on their record. If they pass, the Department of State will not add any points.

The fee for the course is determined by the provider, with the total not to exceed \$100. Drivers are still responsible for paying traffic and court costs involved in the traffic violation. The course may only be used once to avoid points.

A driver is not eligible if he or she:

- * is in the 60-day period of course eligibility for a previous ticket.

- * has already avoided points under the program.

- * has a restricted, suspended or revoked license or was not issued a Michigan license.

- * has three or more points on his or her record.

- * held a commercial driver license or was operating a commercial vehicle at the time of the ticket.

- * received a ticket that is not eligible for the program.

The law, sponsored by Sen. John Pappageorge (R-Troy), also requires an approved sponsor to conduct a study every five years measuring the effectiveness the successful completion of the course has in reducing collisions and moving violations. The Secretary of State must then report those findings to the Legislature.

For more information about the Basic Driver Improvement Course program, as well as branch office locations and services, visit the Secretary of State Web site (www.michigan.gov/sos) and sign up for official Secretary of State Twitter feeds (www.twitter.com/Michsos) and Facebook updates (www.facebook.com/Michigansos).

Customers also may call the Department of State Information Center to speak to a customer-service representative at (888) SOS-MICH (767-6424).

First class is March 25 Free training for Red Cross "Disaster Action" teams

The Berrien County Chapter of the American Red Cross will be offering free training for individuals who would like to volunteer for its "Disaster Action" teams.

The training includes how to set up and run a shelter, bulk distribution, client services, and serving people with disabilities during a disaster.

The first class, "Disaster Services Overview," will be held on Friday, March 25, from 5:30-9:30 p.m.

Please contact the Chapter for a full schedule of training dates and times and to register.

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Watervliet Public Schools Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 10

Girls Varsity Regional Basketball at WHS, 7:00 p.m.

After-School Tutoring, Middle School & High School, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Friday, March 11

Boys Varsity District Basketball Finals at Bridgman, 7:00 p.m.

Girl Power, Eighth Grade Only, Middle School, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 12

Elementary 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Hartford Community Center, 3:00-7:00 p.m., Sponsored by Watervliet Elementary Choirs.

Monday, March 14

Girls and Boys JV and Varsity Basketball Banquet, High School Cafeteria, 6:00 p.m.

PTO Meeting, South School, 5:30 p.m.

School Board Meeting, High School Library, 7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 15

After-School Tutoring, Middle School & High School, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Third Grade to Niles Museum and Berrien Courthouse, 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, March 17

After-School Tutoring, Middle School & High School, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Concert Choir at Southwest Michigan Vocal Festival, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo.

Friday, March 18

MSVMA State School Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Playgroup For Children 0-5 Years Old, South School, 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 19

MSVMA State School Solo and Ensemble Festival.

Watervliet Middle School “Student of the Week”

This week’s Watervliet Middle School “Student of the Week” is eighth-grader Morgan Nigro. Morgan

is involved choir, volleyball, cheerleading, and Honor Club. She says she is involved in so much because she loves Watervliet and has lived here her whole life.



Her favorite subjects in school are choir and science class. She loves choir because she loves to sing and likes science because the teacher makes it fun and she enjoys learning about scientific-related things.

Morgan’s goals for after she graduates are, hopefully, going to a good college and getting a good job. Hopefully, her job will enable her to follow her dreams, which include traveling. She wants to visit Italy and dive in the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. She also has dreams of singing professionally and traveling the world.

A few mottos that Morgan lives by are: “I believe in making the best of every day”; and “If you aren’t doing your best and keeping a positive attitude, then what is the point?”

Morgan lives with her dad, Jim; her sister, Sam; her brother, Nick; and her niece, Marley. She says she loves her family and does not know what she would do without them.

When asked how she best describes herself, Morgan says that she is “very considerate, fun-loving and energetic.”

One of her proudest moments has been getting good grades and other achievements in her academics.

Mr. Pockrandt, Morgan’s advisory and science teacher, says, “Morgan is a great student who never gets down. She is very helpful and is a great example to other students on how to act in a positive manner.”

Congratulations, Morgan!

The following local merchants join the staff at WMS in congratulating Morgan as “Student of the Week” for her hard work and dedication: Burger King (Free Item), Coloma Pizza Hut (Free Medium 1-Topping Pizza), Saylor’s Pizza (One Free Large Pizza), Loma Theater (Gift Card), Burger King (Free Selected Item), Watervliet Athletic Boosters (Free Drink, Popcorn and Hot Dog), Watervliet Public Schools Food Service (Free Lunch or Entrée), and WPS Athletic Office (Free 1-Event Student Pass).



THESE NORTH SCHOOL STUDENTS...were selected by their teachers as “Students of the Month” for February. Pictured are: (from the left) Ryan Chisek, fifth grade; Hannah Nye, fourth grade; and Chandler Young, third grade. These students have done an outstanding job on homework, tests and quizzes, and have shown exemplary behavior all year. Please congratulate them if you see them.

(Contributed photo)

North Berrien Historical Museum hosting Civil War speaker March 15

All are welcome to attend a free public program at the North Berrien Historical Museum to commemorate an historic occasion this spring - the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.

Dr. Chris Paine, professor of history at Lake Michigan College, will join us to present a talk titled “The Winter of Our Discontent: The Civil War Gets Started.”

Dr. Paine will discuss the secessions of Southern states from the Union in 1861 and President Lincoln’s response to the problem. What happened during that time changed our nation forever - but was it a coup? A revolution? Neither?

Dr. Paine’s teaching skills and expertise in 19th century American history make this a program not to be missed.

Refreshments will follow.

This event will be held Tuesday, March 15, at 7:00 p.m.

North Berrien Historical Museum is located on Red Arrow Highway across from Coloma High School.

For more information, call the Museum at (269) 468-3330.

News from Watervliet District Library

Adult Reading Program ends March 12

The Adult Reading Program at Watervliet District Library ends March 12. This year’s theme has been “Chapters & Chocolate.” Chocolate good prizes have been given out weekly, with the grand prize given out on the last day of the program.

Book sale continues

We have a wide variety of non-fiction books on gardening, cooking, mechanics, and much more.

Come in and check out our great prices.

New books

New books are out this week by the following authors: Alice Hoffman, Robert Crais, Taylor Stevens, J.A. Jance, and Jefferson Bass.

Library is on Facebook

Watervliet District Library is now on Facebook.

Food giveaway March 12 at Central Assembly of God

Central Assembly of God, 6801 Ryno Road, Coloma, is offering a FREE home-cooked meal on Saturday, March 12, at the church. Serving time will be 12:00 noon.

All families in attendance will receive a bag of FREE groceries to take home!

In order to know how many to plan for, please call 468-8422 to let the members know how many will be attending. Thank you.

Movie Guide NOW SHOWING Please check Celebration Cinema and LOMA ads on this page for ratings & showtimes

Battle: Los Angeles...

As a full-scale alien invasion threatens the Earth, in Los Angeles, a veteran Marine staff sergeant (Eckhart) leads his new platoon into battle with an un-common enemy.

Red Riding Hood...

Set in a medieval village that is haunted by a werewolf, a young girl (Seyfried) falls for an orphaned woodcutter (Haas), much to her family's displeasure.

Mars Needs Moms...

A young boy named Milo gains a deeper appreciation for his mom after Martians come to Earth to take her away.

Drive Angry...

A felon (Cage) breaks out of hell for one last chance at redemption: to prevent the cult who murdered his daughter from sacrificing her baby in three days’ time. He’s aided by a young waitress (Heard) and her ex-boyfriend’s muscle car, and together the duo will have to face down the leader of the cult, the police and a killer known as “The Accountant” (Fichtner) -- who wants to return him to the Devil.

Hall Pass...

Two married guys are given the freedom to engage in a week’s worth of extramarital affairs, although they get a little bent out of shape when their respective wives start having fun on their own, too.

“Kute Kids”...

THIS “KUTE KID”...is 15-month-old Luke Spoelma. He is the son of Dan and Kim Spoelma of Grand Rapids, MI; and grandson of Lee and Jeanne McMillan of Lapeer, MI. Luke has one sister, Grace. His great-uncle and great-aunt are Karl and Anne Bayer in Watervliet! (Luke is wearing a sweater knitted by his great-aunt, Anne.)



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.

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Community Calendar

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

Thursdays, 5:15-5:50 p.m. weigh-in & meeting begins at 6:00 p.m., “TOPS MEETINGS” at Riverside United Methodist Church, Fikes Road, Riverside. For more information, call 468-5580 or go to www.tops.org.

Second Thursday of each month, “COMMODITIES PICKUP AT WATERVLIET FREE METHODIST CHURCH,” 7734 Paw Paw Ave. in Watervliet. Call 463-8280 for info. This month’s pickup is March 10.

Thursday, March 10, 6:00-8:00 p.m., “LAST AUDITION FOR DINNER/THEATER PRODUCTION IN APRIL,” at The Waterfront restaurant, Coloma. Questions? Call Director Susan Plee, 463-5308.

Friday, March 11, 7:30 p.m., “TRINITY COLLEGE SYMPHONIC BAND CONCERT,” Sister Lakes Community Church, 67119 State Route 152, Dowagiac. Free admission; free-will offering taken. (269) 424-3182.

Saturday, March 12, 8:00 a.m., “SPRING BIRDCH BENGINS” at Sarett Nature Center, Benton Harbor. Call to register.

Saturday, March 12, 12:00 noon, “FREE LUNCH & GROCERIES” at Central Assembly of God, 6901 Ryno Road, Coloma. Call (269) 468-8422 ahead of time so church members can plan enough food for everyone. All are welcome!

Saturday, March 12, “WATERVLIET REC COUNCIL SOFTBALL DRAFTS” in the WHS gym. 8U, 9-10 a.m.; 10U, 10-11 a.m.; 12U, 11 a.m.-noon. Please come 15 minutes prior to start time to sign in.

Saturday, March 12, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., “GIRL SCOUTS INTERNATIONAL BAZAAR” at St. Joseph Catholic School gymnasium, Lucinda Lane, Watervliet. The public is invited to come and taste the foods from around the world and see the crafts the girls have made.

Saturday, March 12, 7:30 p.m., “COLOMA ST. PATRICK’S DAY LIGHTED PARADE.” Parade forms are available at Coloma City Hall, Edgewater Bank and Chemical Bank, all in downtown Coloma. Call Chana at 757-2457 if you have any questions.

Saturday & Sunday, March 12 & 13, 2:00 p.m., “MAPLE SUGAR MADNESS” at Sarett Nature Center, Benton Harbor. Fee is \$5/person; Sarett members are free. Maple-syrup-on-ice-cream treat will be available for \$2/person. Call to register.

Sunday and Monday, March 13 & 14, “MR. & MISS BLOSSOMTIME CONTESTS and SHOWCASE OF QUEENS.” See this week’s Tri-City Record for more details or call the Blossomtime Office.

Sunday, March 13, 11:00 a.m., “SPRING FORWARD SERVICE” at The Sanctuary Church, 247 E. St. Joseph Street (Red Arrow Hwy.), Coloma. For details, call 468-6399 or go to www.gotothesanctuary.org.

Monday, March 14, 5:30 p.m., “LOOK GOOD... FEEL BETTER 2-HOUR FREE SEMINAR” for women currently undergoing active chemo, at Lakeland Center for Outpatient Services, 3900 Hollywood Rd., St. Joseph, MI. Preregistration required; call (269) 556-2808.

Tuesday, March 15, 7:00 p.m., “CIVIL WAR SPEAKER” at North Berrien Historical Museum, across from Coloma High School.

Tuesday, March 15, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, March 16, 6:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m., “PURSE FUNDRAISER SALE” sponsored by Auxiliary of Lakeland Community Hospital, Watervliet; in the lobby of the hospital. Credit cards will be accepted.

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MORTGAGE SALE - Default has

occurred in a Mortgage made by James L. Washington and Michelle M. Washington to Country Heritage Credit Union dated February 15, 2008, and recorded on February 21, 2008, at Liber 2830, page 129, Berrien County Records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt, secured by the mortgage or any part thereof and the amount now claimed to be due on the debt is \$32,589.96.

The Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, on April 7, 2011, at 10:00 a.m., local time, at the North side, ground floor, of the Berrien County Courthouse, St. Joseph, MI. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the Mortgage, together with interest at 6% per annum, legal costs, attorney fees, and also any taxes or insurance or other advances and expenses due under mortgage or permitted under Michigan law.

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During the 6 months immediately following the sale the property may be redeemed, unless determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 (a), in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

County Heritage Credit Union
Dated March 7, 2011

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PUBLIC NOTICE "LAWYER POSTING"

The City of Coloma is seeking a qualified lawyer familiar with Municipal Law.

Please send Letter of Application to:
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Coloma, MI 49038

Letters of Application must be received by 3:00 p.m. on March 18, 2011.

(3-10-11-TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF HARTFORD BOARD OF REVIEW

The City of Hartford Board of Review for 2011 will be held at Hartford City Hall on the following dates:
Monday, March 21, 2011
9:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
Tuesday, March 22, 2011
2:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
Contact City Hall
for an appointment.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2011 assessments. A Nonresident may protest to the Board of Review by letter. Letter appeals are to be accompanied by a completed Board of Review petition form (form L-4035) and received prior to the last meeting date of the Board of Review.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real and personal property for 2011 are as follows:

Class	Ratio	Factor
Agriculture	N/C	
Commercial	51.19	0.97675
Industrial	50.48	0.99049
Residential	56.75	0.88105
Developmental	N/C	
Timber Cutover	N/C	
Personal Prop.	50.00	1.00000

The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon ten (10) day notice by contacting the City Clerk.

Board of Review: Gwen McCarthy, Charles Gress, Donna Pradon and Kathleen Jenks
Assessor: Dianna McGrew, (269) 445-2921.

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF COLOMA BOARD OF REVIEW

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

Organizational Meeting
Tuesday, March 8 7:00 p.m.
(No Appeals)
Appeals Sessions
Wednesday, March 23
from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Thursday, March 24
from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 26
from 9:00 a.m. to NOON
(2-24, 3-3, 3-10-TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE BAINBRIDGE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Bainbridge Township Board of Review will meet at the Township Hall, corner of Bainbridge Center and Territorial roads, on the following dates.

Monday, March 7:
9 A.M.

Board members review tax roll.
No appointment is necessary for:

Monday, March 14:
9 A.M. - 12 Noon &
1 P.M. - 4 P.M.

Tuesday, March 15:
1 P.M. - 4 P.M. &
6 P.M. - 9 P.M.

Tentative factors and ratios for equalization for all classes of property are 1.0000 and 50.00%

Jerry Jollay, Supervisor
(2/17, 3/3, 3/10/11-TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WATERVLIET BOARD OF REVIEW

TO: ALL RESIDENTS OF CITY OF WATERVLIET

CITY OF WATERVLIET BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEET AT THE WATERVLIET CITY HALL, 158 WEST PLEASANT STREET, WATERVLIET, MI 49098:

THURSDAY, MARCH 24
1:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

FRIDAY, MARCH 25
9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 NOON
1:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

LETTERS OF PROTEST WILL BE ACCEPTED IF RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. MARCH 23.

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MERRY BURKHOLDER
WATERVLIET CITY CLERK
(3-3, 3-10, 3-17-11-TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

MARCH 2011 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETINGS

Watervliet Charter Township will hold the March 2011 Board of Review Meetings at the Watervliet Township Hall, 4959 M-140 Hwy., Watervliet, MI. The dates are as follows:

Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. Organizational Meeting
Board of Review Meetings:
Monday, March 14, 2011
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15, 2011
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All classifications are at a 1.0 factor. Appointments can be made at the Watervliet Township Hall, 4959 M-140 Hwy., Watervliet, Michigan; or you may call (269) 463-5113. If you are unable to attend the Board of Review, you may make an application through the mail. All applications by mail must be received by the Watervliet Charter Township Office no later than 2:00 p.m. on March 15, 2011.

Patricia Bolle
Watervliet Charter
Township Assessor
(3-3, 3-10-11-TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE HAGAR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

TO: ALL RESIDENTS OF HAGAR TOWNSHIP

HAGAR TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW WILL MEET AT THE HAGAR TOWNSHIP HALL, 3900 RIVERSIDE ROAD, RIVERSIDE, MI 49084:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16th

1:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

6:00 P.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19th

9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.

1:30 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.

LETTERS OF PROTEST WILL BE ACCEPTED IF RECEIVED BY 5:00 P.M. ON MARCH 16, 2011.

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MARRIAGE LICENSES

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

(Compiled by Annette Christie)

John Wilford Mangold, Stevensville; and Bridget Kathrine Alsbro, East Lansing.

Kenneth Nicholas Whah and Danielle Marie Hafling, both of St. Joseph.

Lavonte Darvill Williams and Ashlee Arquez Thompson, both of Benton Harbor.

Shawn Jeffery Hughes, Berrien Springs; and Randi Lee-A Kohltfarber, Niles.

Adam Heath Trapp, Coloma; and Susan Mary Martin, South Haven.

Joshua Michael Fischer, Coloma; and Tiffani Leannetta Cutlip, Watervliet.

Rickie Lynn McClain Sr. and Crystal Gail Piner, both of Benton Harbor.

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Tri-City Area Sports & Outdoors

My view from the Press Box

By Mike Leith, Sportswriter



Watervliet wrestlers do well at state finals

The Watervliet wrestling team sent six wrestlers to the state wrestling meet last week at The Palace in Auburn Hills, with two wrestlers who placed.

Panther freshman Brock Thumm placed fifth and was Watervliet's highest finisher at the Division 4 state meet last week. Brock wrestles in the 103-pound bracket.

Junior Jaxon DeHaven placed sixth in the 285-lb. Heavyweight bracket. Jaxon finished the season at 46-12.

Other Panther state qualifiers who competed but did not place included Marcus Rodriguez (103 lbs.), Travis Martin (135 lbs.), Daniel Isbrecht (125 lbs.), and Brett Thumm (152 lbs.).

Great job, guys.

Coloma boys win seesaw affair with Bobcats

The Coloma boys varsity basketball team took a 50-48 decision over Lake-land Conference opponent Brandywine last week in an exciting back-and-forth affair that saw the outcome not determined until the very end of the game.

The contest started well for the Comets as they jumped out to a 12-5 first-quarter lead and held a 23-16 halftime advantage.

Then the Bobcats came out hot in the third quarter with a 20-11 run to take a 36-34 lead into the final quarter.

However, in that final quarter the Comets came back with a 16-12 edge to secure the win.

Coloma had Devin Williams with 16 points, D.J. Thomas had 14 points, Deontae Haynes had 10 points, while Cameron Nattee added seven points.

The Comets will be playing in the Class "B" District tournament at Paw Paw this week.

Panthers down Black River in makeup game

The Watervliet boys varsity basket-

ball team defeated Black River by a 62-52 score in nonconference action last week.

The Panthers actually fell behind 14-8 after the first quarter and Black River held a 32-25 edge at the half.

The second half belonged to the Panthers, though, as they went on a 19-14 third-quarter run to make it a 46-44 game in their opponents' favor at that point. Watervliet then completed the comeback with an 18-6 fourth-quarter run to win the game.

The Panthers had Todd Cornett with 15 points, Travis Bolin with 11 points, John McCarthy and Travis Taylor each with eight points, Jacob Cowser with five points, while both Brad Rose and Jake Teunissen had four points apiece.

Watervliet girls end season with district loss

The Watervliet girls varsity basketball team saw its season come to an end last Wednesday, March 2, with a 46-34 district semifinal loss to Brandywine.

Despite not playing with star forward Alex Spaulding, the Lady Panthers gave the Lady Bobcats a heck of a game but fell in the end to the defending district champ and state runner-up from last season. Spaulding hurt her knee in a game last week and is out for the season, which in this case ended up being the last two games of the season.

It looked like it was not going to be much of a game at the start as the Lady Bobcats built a 15-5 first-quarter lead and then held a 27-19 halftime advantage. It was actually a 22-19 game at one point in the second quarter before the Lady Bobcats went on to score the last five points of the half.

Then, in the third quarter, Brandywine held a slim 10-8 edge to lead 37-27 going into the final quarter where the Lady Bobcats also posted a 9-7 edge.

Watervliet had Nicole Winter with 11 points, five assists, and five steals; Kirsten Sill had six points and five rebounds; Kayti Dabicci had five points; Lauren Richardson had four points; Brooke Kling and Danielle Smith each had three points; while Casey Clark added two points and five rebounds.

Earlier in the week the Lady Panthers downed New Buffalo by a 42-39 score in their district opener to get to the semifinal game against Brandywine.

In this game, the Lady Panthers trailed 12-11 after one quarter and were down 19-15 at the half. Both teams scored 12 points apiece in the third quarter to make it a 31-27 game at that point. Then the fourth proved to be pivotal, with the Lady Panthers going on a 15-8 run to take the lead in the final minutes and hold on to notch the win.

Watervliet ends the season at 17-5 overall.

Hartford boys fall to Saugatuck

The Hartford boys varsity basketball team played a solid first half but it wasn't enough as the Indians fell to Saugatuck by a 64-55 score last week.

The Indians got off to a good start with a 16-12 first-quarter edge and held a slim 32-30 halftime advantage. The second half was a different story, though, as Saugatuck outscored Hartford 18-10 in the third quarter and 16-13 in the fourth the saddle the Indians with the loss.

Hartford had Cameron Collins with 30 points, including four treys; J.J. Wenger had 11 points; Tyler Ledesma had five points; while Konner Bulat added four points.

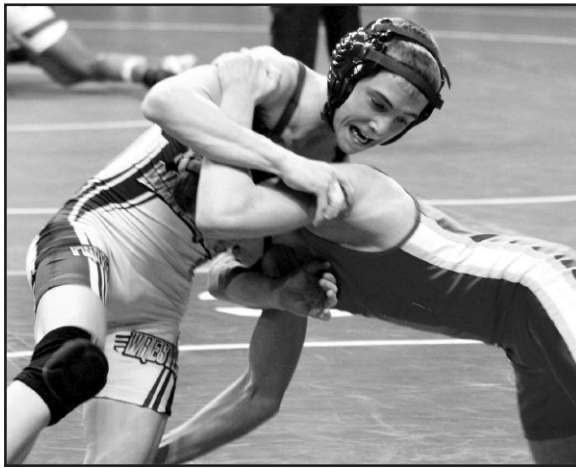
Coloma girls end season with district loss

Things started out pretty well for the Coloma girls at the Class "B" District at Paw Paw, against the hosts, as they took a slim 6-5 lead. But things changed after that as Paw Paw came back in the second quarter with a 22-10 run of its own to take a 27-16 halftime advantage.

It was more of the same in the second half as the Lady Comets were outscored 23-17 in that time period to end their season by a 50-33 score.

Coloma had Julie Timm with 16 points, Olivia Zvonar with six points,

Panthers grimace and grapple way to good showing at state finals



FRESHMAN BROCK THUMM...placed fifth and was Watervliet's highest placer. Brock wrestles in the 103-pound bracket. In this photo, he is wrestling Kenneth Dittenber from Carson City. Brock ended his season at 51-4. (Side note: Kenneth became the state champion.)

while Amanda Swihart and Rachel Tallman each added three points.

Coloma varsity bowling sends three to finals

The Coloma varsity bowling team sent three individual bowlers to the MHSAA Division III state final Saturday, March 5, at Airport Lanes in Jackson, Michigan. The format for the singles competition is six regular games, with total pins determining qualifying for the top 16 head-to-head bracket play.

In the boys division, Andrew Sipla finished 45th in the field of 60 bowlers with a six-game score of 1,042.

In the girls division, also a field of 60, Kylee Morlock qualified second with a six-game score of 1,177; while Megan Trainor qualified 15th with a score of 1,066.

The Coloma girls were then bracketed against each other in the head-to-head competition, due to their seeding positions. In the head-to-head competition, the winner of each match is determined by the total pin fall of two games.

In the first round, Kylee defeated Megan, 404-353. In the quarterfinal match, Kylee defeated Jenna Grandy of Burch Run, 400-333; and, in the semifinal match, Chelsey Purdum defeated Kylee Morlock, 399-382.

Coloma Wrestling Club results

The Coloma Wrestling Club wrestlers recently traveled to Parchment High School for a wrestling tournament on February 20.

Winning first-place medals were Ramsey Bousseau and Harrison Spaulding. Ray Woodall and Trevor Winkel received third-place medals. Trevor Pelton wrestled his way to a second-place medal earlier this month at the Niles Tournament.

Congratulations to all participating wrestlers!

American Legion baseball team to be formed

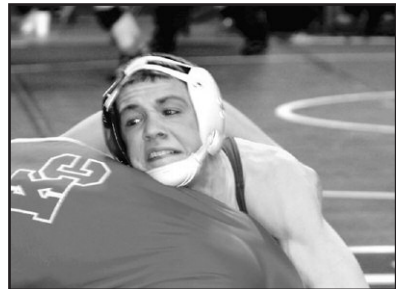
American Legion baseball is back in the Tri-City Area and American Legion Post 362 in Coloma is once again sponsoring the team.

American Legion baseball enjoys a reputation as one of the most successful and tradition-rich amateur athletic

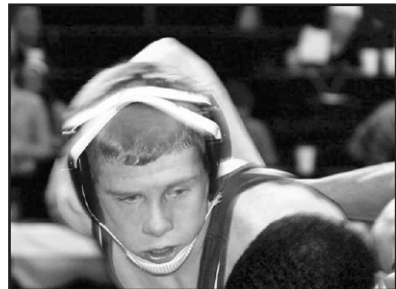


WHS JUNIOR JAXON DEHAVEN...placed sixth in the 285-lb. heavyweight bracket. He is wrestling Christian Davis from Blissfield. Jaxon finished the season at 46-12.

(Kristy Noack photos)



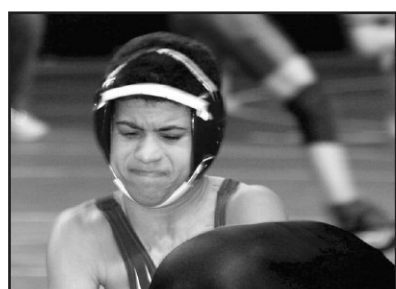
IN HIS SECOND MATCH, TRAVIS MARTIN...wrestled Jarrud Ellicott of Kent City in the 135-pound bracket. Travis, a junior, is a three-time state qualifier and ended the season at 23-4.



JUNIOR DANIEL ISBRECHT...works to stand up during his Friday morning match in the 125-pound weight class against Ray Foster of East Jackson High School. Daniel's record for the year was 39-11.



JUNIOR BRETT THUMM...closes out his wrestling season with a 43-7 record. Here, he attempts to break a hold during his second match of the state finals.



SOPHOMORE MARCUS RODRIGUEZ...grimaces as he and Matt Elliott of Fife Lake-Forest Area High School battle it out in the 103-pound weight class division. Marcus ended his season 28-17.

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NASCAR
Pit Stop
By Mike Leith

Edwards back-flips at Vegas after win

Carl Edwards didn't have to wait long this season to be able to do his trademark back-flip, as he won the Kobalt Tools 500 at Las Vegas last weekend to get into the win column this young season.

Edwards was able to take advantage of a Tony Stewart Crew mistake that cost Stewart the lead after he dragged an air wrench from his stop on lap 155. NASCAR gave Stewart a pit-road penalty that dropped him back to 24th.

Carl got just two tires on that stop himself, and it was just enough to hold Stewart and Juan Pablo Montoya off for the win.

Marcos Ambrose ran fourth, and Ryan Newman came in fifth. Martin Truex Jr., Denny Hamlin, Dale Earnhardt Jr., Kurt Busch, and Brian Vickers completed the top 10.

Stewart, who wasn't happy with just having the fastest car heading for the fourth race of the season, March 20 at Bristol, tied for the series points lead with Kurt Busch. He was frustrated that they had the fastest car and led the most laps, with victory within reach, at a track that he hasn't won at yet.

Pole setter Matt Kenseth and teammate Greg Biffle both had issues, were each a lap down at times, and never really contended.

They didn't have as much trouble as Kyle Busch, who entered the race as the series points leader. The engine in Busch's Toyota detonated on lap 108, spewing flames from beneath the car and resulting in a 38th-place finish and a fall to 14th in the standings.

They will have this week off before picking up again on March 20 at Bristol.

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Hunting & Fishing Reports

By Angie Stair
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FISHING

The weekly Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) report stated that ice fishing continues across the state; however, anglers still need to use caution when traveling across the ice. Avoid areas near pressure cracks and where creeks or streams flow into a lake. Anglers should also use caution along the shoreline, as the ice may not be safe.

Fishin' Hole #2 reports that anglers are still fishing in the Tri-City Area but reminds them to be very cautious on the ice. Crappie and Bluegill have been reported doing well on both Big Paw Paw Lake and Little Paw Paw Lake. Though uncomfortable recommending lakes as safe, they have had reports of Crappie and Bluegill at Lake of the Woods and Brush Lake by Dowagiac.

Steelhead are being taken in the Paw Paw River by the Watervliet dam. Steelhead fishing has also picked up on the St. Joseph River.

Pyle's Porthole in South Haven reports that Black River fishing has been good, with anglers taking Brown Trout, Steelhead and suckers. Anglers have been trolling the river. Reports of Bluegill, Crappie, and some Northern Pike have come in from private ponds and some inland lakes that still have seven to eight inches of ice.

There have been two reports of anglers who went into the water; both are fine. One was on Eagle Lake and the other was on Fish Lake.

HUNTING

The DNRE reminds hunters that leftover spring turkey licenses went on sale to the unsuccessful license applicants March 8.

Any hunter may purchase a license beginning March 15 at 10:00 a.m., including those who did not participate in the application process.

Hunters may look up their drawing results and view leftover license quantities at www.michigan.gov/hunt/drawings.

There are over 74,000 total leftover licenses for limited-quota hunts. In

2010, Michigan hunters harvested about 37,000 turkeys, making Michigan one of the top 10 turkey hunting states in the country.

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission (NRC) began a series of public discussions of the deer baiting and feeding ban in the state's Lower Peninsula at its regular monthly meeting on March 10.

NRC Chairman Tim Nichols said, "The result of these public discussions will be an NRC decision on whether to continue, lift or modify the deer baiting and feeding ban." The public discussion sessions will be held at a series of NRC meetings, with a decision by the NRC prior to the publication of the 2011 DNR Hunting Guide. Persons attending the public discussion meetings will have an opportunity to provide public comment and can register at the meeting location to do so. If unable to attend, you may submit written comment to the DNR on the deer baiting and feeding ban at deerbaiting@michigan.gov.

MIDWAY BAPTIST CHURCH "SPORTSMEN'S DINNER"

MARCH 26

Midway Baptist Church, located at 7517 Red Arrow Highway in Watervliet, will be hosting its 25th annual "Sportsmen's Dinner" on Saturday, March 26. Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. and dinner is at 5:00 p.m.

There will be displays of outdoor gear, wildlife mounts, archery, and taxidermy.

There will also be door prizes worth over \$700, including a Lake Michigan fishing trip.

Featured speaker is Charles Alsheimer, Editor of Deer and Deer Hunting magazine and television show host.

There will be a fish fry and venison egg rolls will be cooked on the site, with a great variety of food from tame to outdoor menus. Table service will be provided along with coffee and water. They also ask that you bring a dish to share.

There is no cost, but reservations

must be made by March 20 so they can plan for seating.

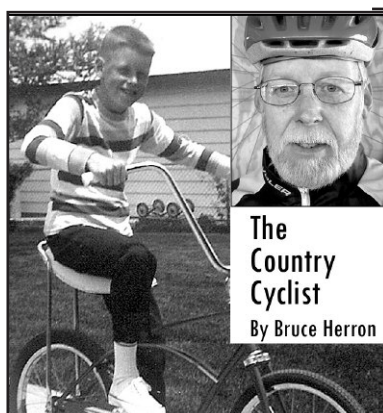
To make your reservation, please call Midway Baptist Church at (269) 463-3195.

WATERVLIET ROD & GUN CLUB

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club will be holding a CCW (Concealed Pistol Class) on March 17 and 20. You must register on March 15.

This class, "Personal Protection Inside the Home," is required before you can take the "Personal Protection Outside the Home" class that will be held the end of April.

For information and to be on the class list, call (269) 468-3837 or (269) 470-9191.



The Country Cyclist
By Bruce Herron

Bicycles are adjustable. People are different. You can see where I'm going with this. Your bicycle must be set up properly to both have fun and gain the health benefits you're aiming for. I don't want to get too technical here and now, so this will be a general overview.

First, the obvious... all moving parts must rotate smoothly, with no binding. Brakes must operate and with no rub (no problem if it is a simple coaster brake).

New chains are an inexpensive upgrade from that old rusty, stiff thing currently hanging from the bike. If you are going to put in the effort, of which a lot is required, to ride a bicycle, you don't want to be fighting an ill-rolling assembly of metal and rubber.

I have found that old weather-checked tires from relics past actually look like new on the inside and their likewise vintage tubes usually will hold air, although I must admit they rarely roll true due to having sat flat for so many years.

Sometimes older bikes need a bit of truing up of the wheels by tweaking the spoke tension. I have found that

Nature Notebook

By Eileen Carlson
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Sarett Nature Center is located at 2300 Benton Center Road near the intersection of Red Arrow Highway and I-196

I wish you an early *Happy Save-a-Spider Day*. The holiday, celebrated on March 14, focuses on a vastly misunderstood creature.

I stumbled across a fascinating Web site by Rod Crawford, Curator of

Arachnids at the University of Washington, (www.washington.edu/burke/museum/spidermyth/index.html), that debunks spider myths.

One of the most pervasive myths is about the frequency of spider bites. For the majority of these instances, no spider was seen inflicting the injury... it was just assumed a spider was the culprit.

Although spiders are capable of biting humans, they usually don't. It would be a waste of their venom, which is designed to incapacitate creatures a thousand times smaller than us.

Carl Payne concert March 19

Carl Payne will present a concert at Sarett on Saturday, March 19, at 7:00 p.m.

The popular local musician will be debuting new songs for his summer season, including Mountain Dulcimer tunes. Concertgoers will be treated to a variety of different selections from jazz to the gentle sounds of the Celtic harp.

Tickets are \$12 per person. Please call (269) 927-4832 to reserve a seat.

"A Paw Paw River Odyssey" March 20

Kevin Haight of Two Rivers Coalition will present "A Paw Paw River Odyssey" on Sunday, March 20, at 3:00 p.m.

The slideshow documents his recent paddle journey down the entire navigable portion of the Paw Paw River from the village of Paw Paw to Benton Harbor/St. Joseph.

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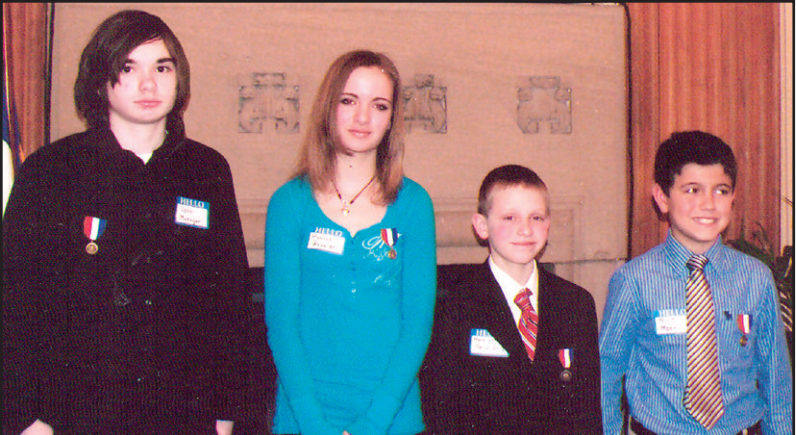
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DAR ESSAY CONTEST WINNERS...(from the left) **John Muenger** from Coloma Junior H.S., **Hannah Kessler** of Lake Mich Catholic H.S., **Harrison Spaulding** of Coloma Middle School, and **Nick Moen** of Lake Mich. Catholic Elementary School. (Contributed photo)

DAR American History Essay Contest winners

The Algonquin Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution has sponsored the American History Essay Contest for over 35 years.

Fifth-, sixth-, seventh- and eighth-grade students from all area schools are eligible to participate in the contest. The topic for the year was "Memories of Paul Revere." All essay students nationwide write on the same topic.

Essay Chairman Charlotte Groff reported that the DAR received 121 entries this year.

The essays were judged by a committee of the local DAR. The top essay in

each grade level is then sent to the Michigan State DAR Competition.

The 2011 first-place winner in each grade level presented his/her essay at a recent meeting at the Whitcomb Tower in St. Joseph.

As the students came forward to present their essays, they introduced the members of their family and school personnel accompanying them. There were about 100 people in attendance. The winners this year were:

Fifth grade - Nick Moen from Lake Michigan Catholic Elementary School in St. Joseph, son of Darwin and Maria Moen;

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Lakeland HealthCare will offer "Look Good... Feel Better," a free two-hour seminar for women who are currently undergoing active chemotherapy, at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 14, at the Lakeland Center for Outpatient Services, 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph.

Presented in cooperation with the American Cancer Society and the National Cosmetology Association, this program is designed to teach beauty techniques to female cancer patients to help restore their appearance and enhance their self-image

during radiation and chemotherapy treatments.

Licensed cosmetologists provide cosmetic advice, information on skin care and guidance on the use of wigs, turbans and scarves.

Each participant receives a free make-up kit valued at \$300 from the Personal Care Products Council for use during and after the seminar.

Future "Look Good... Feel Better" seminars will be held the second Monday of each month at the Lakeland Center for Outpatient Services. Class size is limited, and preregistra-

tion for this free program is required.

For more information or to register, please call (269) 556-2808 or (866) 260-7544; or visit www.lakelandhealth.org.

Looking for 1971 WHS classmates

Watervliet High School Class of 1971 will be having a 40th class reunion this summer.

Plans are being set; however, we are unable to locate some classmates. If anyone is related to or has kept in contact with any of the following people and you have a mailing address for them, please send the information to Janyce Polmanteer Hutchins via e-mail at janyce1953@hotmail.com.

They are: Boyd Brown, Carmen Frazier, Kathy Bell, Maurice Needham, Steve Braybrooks, Kathy Divis, Sara Evans, Linda Ethridge, Marcia Adey, Lucinda Hunt, Ken Oliver, Robin Loshbough, Barn Benson, Mike Hauch, Linda Hiler, Richard Frazier, Cynthia Norris, Shelly Schultz, Bob Eisen, Toni Carr, Renee Austin, Linda Halcomb, and Mark Howe.

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Don't forget St. Patrick's Day Parade this Saturday

By Christina Gelder

Everyone knows what happens if you forget to wear green on Thursday, March 17, but in Coloma that Irish holiday is going to be a little early this year.

On Saturday, March 12, the community is coming together for its annual *Lighted St. Patrick's Day Parade*. This celebration is unique and festive as crowds gather at dusk to watch the many units travel by, all decked out in massive amounts of green.

To watch this parade, folks will want to claim their spots on the main drag before 7:30 p.m. The show will follow the same route as in previous years by starting on South Paw Paw Street, continuing down North Paw Paw Street, and turning on Washington Street to end up at the Coloma Fire Station.

Immediately following the parade, there will be an awards ceremony inside the station for the winners in several categories.

If you would like to participate, there is still time for some last-minute sign-ups.

For more information, call Chana Kniebes directly at (269) 757-2457. Also part of the overall fun is the window display contest for local merchants. The windows will be judged on Friday, March 11, making for lots of exciting window gazing on Saturday.

As with every year, the local restaurants also take part - from selling shamrock shakes to corned beef and cabbage.



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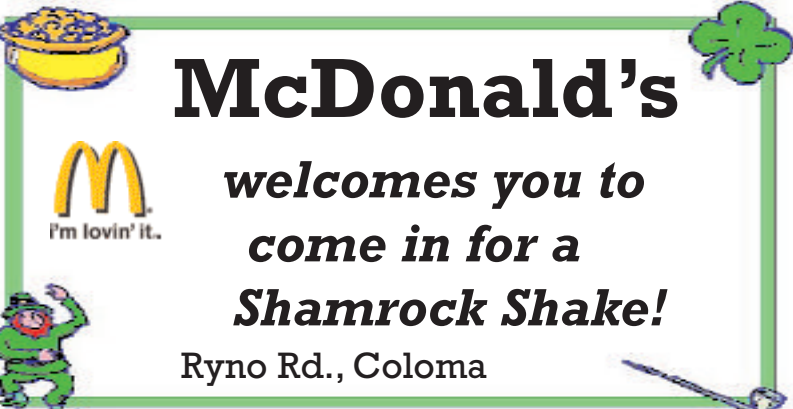
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