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Tyler Carr family may seek justice in the civil courts, attorney says

"The fruits of the investigation reveal that Tyler died as the result of a series of missteps and bad judgment on the part of many individuals, Tyler included."

By Annette Christie

News last week that the Berrien County Prosecutor was not going to seek criminal charges in the death of Tyler Carr may mean closure in the criminal courts but not in the civil courts. The Carr's attorney, Kevin Anderson, released information late last week that may lead to an appearance in the civil courts for the driver of the vehicle that ran Carr over or others they may see as in some way responsible.

Tyler James Carr, 21, was found Sunday morning, March 25, lying in a field in Pipestone Township. Carr had been at a party at the 2561 Fairview Road residence of Valerie Elliott the previous evening. Berrien County Prosecuting Attorney Arthur Cotter told the Carr family last Monday, September 10, that based on the evidence presented to him; he would not be seeking criminal charges against the driver or anyone else.

Cotter said that Tyler Carr was accidentally killed when he was run over by a vehicle driven by Tyler Schultz, 20, while Schultz was leaving the same party. Schultz was driving a 1999 Ford F250 diesel truck and was

pulling a large, enclosed 2004 Haulin trailer. Carr and Schultz were at a party along with 50-60 other individuals to celebrate the birthday of a mutual friend.

Anderson said in his press release, "The fruits of the investigation reveal that Tyler died as the result of a series of missteps and bad judgment on the part of many individuals, Tyler included."

He goes on to say that while the prosecution contends that Tyler Carr passed out after drinking too much, witness accounts placed him playing basketball, playfully wrestling and otherwise interacting with friends as late at 11:30 p.m., within 30 minutes of his death. "Given injuries that caused death, fiber and tissue evidence on the truck and trailer and the account of some friends that they had previously seen Tyler Carr drink until he passed out, the authorities surmised that he was laying unconscious in the field when Schultz ran him over," Anderson said.

Due to the amount of time that had passed between when Carr's death occurred and his body was found in the field, police hadn't identified the suspect vehicle nor spoke to Schultz, until later Sunday afternoon. Anderson said, "Authorities did not test Schultz for alcohol or any substance," adding that testing on Carr occurred during the autopsy and tested at 0.15. Tyler Carr, however, was 21 and was not driving that evening.

Under Michigan law, one is considered capable of driving a vehicle safely if they test less than 0.08 according to Anderson's release.

While the prosecution reports that Schultz told authorities he did not have alcohol the evening of the party, Anderson states that they have security imaging from a nearby party store which shows Schultz participating in the purchase of beer just hours prior to Carr's death. Anderson says that Schultz at one point had admitted to drinking a beer early in the afternoon. Cotter said Schultz told authorities that he was not drinking because he was on antibiotics.

"As suggested in the Prosecutor's press release, the family intends to gather further information and answers through available civil remedies. As it does so, it intends to keep the Berrien County Prosecutor fully informed of developments," Anderson said.

Jim skipped out on apple picking to elope with his girl; Betty bribed a Marine guard to sneak aboard the USS Saratoga to welcome her husband back home from the war

Living history... and making it!

By Mary Brost Reck

Jim and Betty Lull were still newlyweds when he served on the USS Saratoga in 1945, transporting troops home from World War II and bringing replacements back to the south Pacific. They hadn't seen each other in several months when she received a precious call.

"I called home and told her we would be (in the San Francisco area) for about six days," said Jim. But he didn't expect what came next.

"I wanted to see him," Betty explained. So she went to Chicago and flew to San Francisco. Once there, she found the ship was not in San Francisco, but across the Bay in Alameda.

Undeterred, Betty made the 11-mile walk for the chance to see her beloved. Once there, she found the ship guarded by the marines. Still unstoppable, she bribed a guard with a bottle of whiskey, and he allowed her to sneak on.

She remembers all the stares and having to climb up a 30-foot ladder in a dress.

He remembers something else. Once she was discovered, he was called to the Quarter Deck, always a scary proposition.

"To say I was surprised would be putting it mildly," Jim interjects. "As far as we know she was the first female civilian aboard the USS Saratoga, at least since the war."

While thrilled to see his wife, Jim also had another thought. "There she is. Now what do I do with her?"

But Betty had already solved that problem, as well. While Jim was able to get a two-day leave, Betty had arranged for housing.

She went to the clearing center that provides housing for military personnel and their spouses. "I grabbed a soldier and asked him: 'Would you pretend to be my husband so I can get a room?'"

Once again, her charms paid off, and they were able to visit until Jim shipped out again the next day.

Wanting to remain nearby until Jim made his return trips – there would be ten in all – Betty found a place to stay: at an all girls boarding house. This turned out well... until Jim's few days in port. The housemother had pity on them those days and would allow them to have their own "room" – a



JIM AND BETTY LULL... married 70 years, share the stories of their history – as a couple, and as witnesses of history.

North Berrien Fire Board offering Ruff chief position

By Annette Christie

The North Berrien Fire Rescue Board selected Bob Ruff as their top candidate for the position of Chief at a special meeting held Monday, September 17.

The choice, a majority vote, was selected following discussion by each board member on their individual top candidate. While all stated that all of the candidates were top notch, Marlene Davis and Bob Wooley had listed Dave Woodward as their first choice, Bill Selby and Steve Groendyk had selected Ruff as their top, and Rick Martin had listed Rory Bell as his. Board member Jeff Mitchell did not participate in the initial conversation because he was unable to attend the in-person interviews due to a conflict. The voting was done by secret ballot.

Groendyk will turn the negotiating of the position over to Attorney Scott Dienes. If the negotiations fail with Ruff, the board did give Groendyk the authority to move down the line according to vote.

The North Berrien Fire Chief is a full time position that pays in the range of \$45,000 - \$55,000 plus benefits. The requirements include residency in the area within five miles of the boundary of the fire department's service area, which includes Hagar Township, Coloma Township, Coloma City and the northwest quadrant of Bainbridge Township. In addition, the Fire Chief must have a Michigan driver's license, BBA/BS in fire science or a related field, Fire Officer 3 with NIMS management certifications, Firefighter 2 certification or the ability to secure it within 12 months of taking the position, and training and/or certification in hazardous materials, high angle, confined space, and water rescue recovery.

The board was also seeking someone with previous experience as a Fire

Chief of a small to moderate size fire department, computer and office equipment competency, and familiarity with the ISO grading system.

According to his application, Ruff began his career in fire service in 2001 as a volunteer firefighter at the Niles City Fire Department. In 2003, he accepted a full-time position as a fire officer at the Niles Township Fire Department where he currently remains. During his interview, Ruff said that if he were offered the job, it would be his intention to be here for the next 22 years.

At the request of an audience member, Bill Selby described the process that was used to whittle the candidates down from 18 to the three that were interviewed last week. Selby described the points system that he used. Lt. Doug Kraemer, who assisted in the process but did not have a vote, said that all of those involved used a similar points system in making their selections.

Following further discussion, Groendyk stated, "Everyone needs to get behind our Fire Chief, no matter who he is, and that includes the fire department, Fire Board, and the community," adding, "If your candidate wasn't chosen and you can't deal with it than you need to move on because if you don't it will fester and cause a cancer. We have a good thing going here and we need to keep it."

Groendyk said that he would contact the board first as soon as he knew anything about the acceptance of the position and the negotiations.



Bob Ruff



Historical Society bids farewell to Alex Gates; announces Tracy Gierada as Executive Director

By Christina Gelder

After just five years of living and working in Coloma, Alex Gates is leaving some big shoes to be filled in the community. Gates has resigned from his local duties as Executive Director of the North Berrien Historical Museum and from his spots on local boards, including the Coloma City Commission and will be relocating to Paris, France to furtherer his education.

At Gates' farewell party held last Friday Lee Scherwitz, of the Coloma Watervliet Chamber of Commerce led a toast. "What you have done for this town is irreplaceable," said Scherwitz. From the other side of the room came a good-natured quip "We will never forgive you for it".

North Berrien Historical Museum Board President Scott Young said, "In the five years he has been here we have grown in leaps and bounds. Alex has made us a very professional museum." While he is sorry to see Gates leave he is pleased to say that the board hired Tracy Gierada to fill his position as Executive Director at the museum.

Gierada has been the Education Director at NBHM for three and a half years and Young believes it will be a smooth transition. "Tracy will have big shoes to fill," said Young "but we are confident she can handle the job. Her experience and education and



Tracy Gierada

experience were instrumental in her receiving the position." As far as Gierada's current position goes they will be letting her settle into the new one before hiring someone else.

Like everyone else involved, Gierada says she also regrets Gates leaving and praises him for his excellent work during his time at the museum. She is also ready to tackle the job ahead of her and says, "I am thrilled to become the next Executive Director and Curator of the museum. There are exciting project opportunities on the horizon for the historical society and I look forward to getting started." Gierada is currently living in Hagar Township and she will also be taking Gates' spot on the Coloma Watervliet Chamber of Commerce.

Gates is also leaving the Coloma City

Commission after being elected as Commissioner last fall. He says he regrets leaving in the middle of the term but is excited about the opportunities he will be pursuing overseas. Gates was recently honored at the Glad-Peach Festival as the Honorary Citizen and at that time he spoke of getting to know those in the community. "Coloma is a nice community," says Gates "the more you learn about it the more you want it to do well."

Coloma Mayor Jim Polashak says it is with "much regret that we lose Alex. He has been an excellent addition to the commission." Gates' resignation from the City Commission was accepted at their last meeting and was effective September 11. The Commission has accepted the Mayor's recommendation that Jason Hicks be selected to fill the vacant seat and he will be sworn in ahead of the next meeting on Monday, September 24. Hicks also ran in the election last fall and tied with Kent Churchill. He lost the coin toss then but now has been asked to join where Gates is leaving off.

All in all, Gates will be missed and necessary changes are being made to fill the holes that come with his leaving the City. His last official day as museum curator is September 22, so be sure and wish him a "Bon Voyage" before then.



LISA TAVOLACCI... Benefit Dinner & Auction with live entertainment Saturday, September 29, from 4:00-8:00 p.m., at the Watervliet Middle School Gym/Cafe.

Lisa Stinton Tavolacci, formerly of Hartford, and now currently of Coloma, has been diagnosed with T-Cell Lymphoma and currently undergoing Chemotherapy at University of Chicago.

100% of the proceeds will be provided to Lisa and her family for medical expenses.

There is something for everyone! We have appliances: Jenn-Air Cooktop, Whirlpool Gold Double Wall Oven, KitchenAid Coffee Maker, Grinder, Bakeware, Cutlery and more. There will also be gift certificates from several local businesses, restaurants, hair salons, auto services and much, much, more!!

Come out and join us for dinner, enjoy live entertainment with Skyline Music and Exit 4.

Be ready to load up, and take your auction winnings when you leave. Have fun and support Lisa and her family!

Birth announcement

A baby girl was born to Alaynah and Gene Barker of St. Joseph, MI. The baby was born on Friday, September 7, 2012, at 7:16 a.m. She weighed 6 pounds, 12 ounces.

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“Night Out” at Hartford UMC Saturday, September 22

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There will be a dinner and a movie, “Courageous”. RSVP for FREE childcare.

Kick-off Carnival at Watervliet Free Methodist September 26

Come and join us on Wednesday, September 26, for our Christian Life Club Kick-off Carnival, from 6:30-8:00 p.m., at Watervliet Free Methodist Church, 7734 Paw Paw Ave, Watervliet.

There will be food, carnival games, popcorn, ice cream and a puppet show. So plan to come and bring your new school friends. This event is for ages 5 through 4th grade, and will continue every Wednesday, during the school year from 6:30-8:00 p.m. For more information call 463-8280.

Gold jewelry fundraiser at Community Hospital September 27

Lakeland Community Hospital Watervliet Auxiliary is sponsoring a real gold jewelry fundraiser, Thursday, September 27, from 7:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the Solarium (next to the cafeteria).

Start your Christmas shopping early with this beautiful array of fine jewelry.

Extra coat Collection

Have an extra coat in your closet? The Coloma UMC office manager is collecting clean, reusable coats for the annual “Coat Give Away”, which will be held at Riverside UMC on October 20, 2012.

There will be collection boxes located in the entryway of Riverside UMC, 4401 Fikes Rd., Benton Harbor.

For more information call 468-6062 or 269-849-1131 or visit www.onewarmcoat.org.

By Mary Brost Reck

The Watervliet School Board Goals Committee has been working the last several months to consider options for a Facilities Plan.

The committee considered input from the Community Forums held earlier this year, analyzed data, and reviewed current plans for upkeep and development of school buildings. As a result, the committee brought a recommendation to the board at their September 10 meeting.

“To answer some of these questions about what needs to be done with the facilities in our care,” said Superintendent Kevin Schooley, “it is time to consult with professionals.”

Schooley and the Goals Committee interviewed two architectural/engineering firms, ultimately recommending GMB Architectural and Engineering to complete a comprehensive facility study to plan for the long term care of Watervliet Public School buildings.

The initial study, according to board and goals committee member Andy Bodfish, will be the basis of a ten-year plan. “The community forums magnified the need for this type of intervention,” said Bodfish.

The board voted unanimously to commission the firm to complete a comprehensive facility study, at a cost not to exceed \$15,000.

“We have a capital project fund,” said Schooley, “so this is planned for and will pay good dividends.” The committee hopes the study will be completed before the end of this calendar year, with a proposal ready in the spring.

New teacher hired

The board voted to extend a five-year probationary contract to new high school math teacher Greg Grear.

Grear, who is a Watervliet alumnus himself, has worked the past 12 years in the private sector as a business owner. Prior to that, he was a math teacher in California and Grand Rapids.

Grear decided to return to teaching, and recently renewed his certification and credentials as a math instructor.

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He has also been a track coach at Watervliet for the past ten years.

All Watervliet Schools make AYP

Curriculum Director Carol Fetke provided the Annual Education Report Summary for 2011-2012 to the board. While the full 80 page report is available on the school website, Fetke provided a one page synopsis of the Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) data. With 100% of students tested, the district outperformed the state average in every category, from English/Language Arts, Reading, and Mathematics, to graduation and attendance rates. They recorded a 98% attendance status.

Fetke did note that the state recalculated the way school “report cards” are tabulated, leading to a disappointing reduction in many schools. North Elementary received a “B” grade, while all other schools in the district received an average “C.”

Schooley, however, pointed out that Watervliet High School received an “A” grade from the prestigious Mackinac Center Report. Watervliet was ranked 38 out of 585 Michigan schools analyzed for performance.

Seat time waiver OK’d

In other business, the board voted to approve a seat-time waiver to enable the continuation of the popular WAY program, which is now in its second year. The waiver gives formal permission for academic growth activities and opportunities to take place outside of the traditional schoolroom setting.

Approximately 60 students are now participating in the alternative option, and this year will see the first group of graduates.

Community hymn sing

Plymouth Congregational Church at 123 First Street in Watervliet (across from the Laundromat) will be hosting the next “Saturday Night Community Hymn Sing”, Saturday, September 29, at 6:00 p.m.

There will be ice cream and cookies served afterward in the church fellowship hall. All are welcome.

There will be special music by Jeremy and Justin Barber. Come and bring a friend.

“We do continue to have the full intention of ensuring all the students satisfy all Michigan Merit Curriculum requirements on their way to earning their high school diplomas,” added Schooley.

Year off to good start

Each building principal provided a report to the board on the start of the school year. Students are getting acclimated to the routine and new procedures. Despite schedule and teacher changes, things are going smoothly, reported the administrators.

All agreed that having the Back to School open houses at each building on the same evening proved successful, with attendance way up this year.

Gratitude to

50th anniversary class

Schooley thanked the Class of 1962 for their donation of an 8-foot by 12 foot American flag to the district. Schooley noted that they would make any accommodations necessary, be it on a new flagpole or the gymnasium wall, to showcase the treasure properly.

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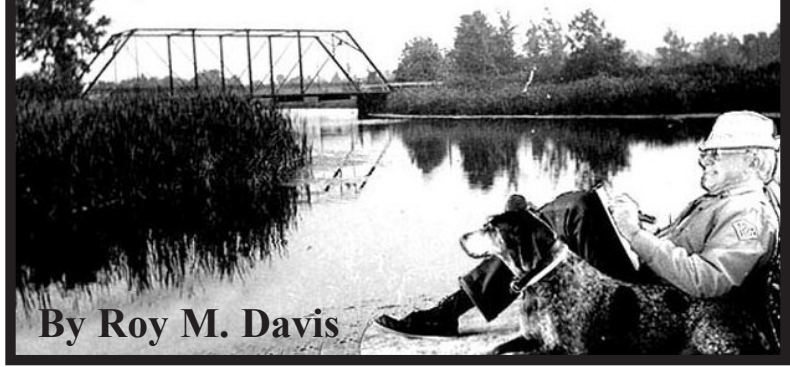
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The Paw Paw River Journal



By Roy M. Davis

Geezer medical jokes from the Internet

Repairing Hearts & Getting Older

A mechanic was removing a cylinder head from the motor of a Harley motorcycle when he spotted a well-known heart surgeon in his shop. The surgeon was there, waiting for the service manager to come and take a look at his bike. The mechanic shouted across the garage, "Hey, Doc, can I ask you a question?"

The surgeon, a bit surprised, walked over to the mechanic working on the motorcycle. The mechanic straightened up, wiped his hands on a rag and asked, "So, Doc, look at this engine. I open its heart, take the valves out, fix 'em, put 'em back in, and when I finish it works just like new. So how come I get such a small salary and you get the really big bucks, when you and I are doing basically the same work?"

The surgeon paused, smiled and leaned over, and whispered to the mechanic... "Try doing it with the engine running."

Getting Older

A distraught senior citizen phoned her doctor's office. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor told her.

There was a moment of silence before the senior lady replied, "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition, because this prescription is marked, "NO REFILLS."

Making Sure

An older gentleman was on the operating table awaiting surgery; and he insisted that his son, a renowned surgeon, perform the operation. As he was about to get the anesthesia, he asked to speak to his son. "Yes, Dad, what is it?"

"Don't be nervous, son; do your best, and just remember, if it doesn't go well, if something happens to me, your mother is going to come and live with you and your wife..."

Aging

The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me! I want people to know why I look this way. I've traveled a long way and some of the roads weren't paved.

When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to youth, think of Algebra!

You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

Ah, being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable. First you forget names, then you forget faces. Then you forget to pull up your zipper... it's worse when you forget to pull it down.

Two guys, one old, one young, are pushing their carts around Wal-Mart when they collide. The old guy says to the young guy, "Sorry about that. I'm looking for my wife, and I guess I wasn't paying attention to where I was going."

The young guy says, "That's OK; it's a coincidence. I'm looking for my wife, too... I can't find her and I'm getting a little desperate!"

The old guy says, "Well, maybe I can help you find her... what does she look

like?"

The young guy says, "Well, she is 27 yrs. old, tall, with red hair, blue eyes, is buxom... wearing no bra, long legs, and is wearing short shorts. What does your wife look like?"

To which the old guy says, "Doesn't matter - let's look for yours!"

Golden Years

Now, if you feel this doesn't apply to you... stick around awhile... it will! The golden years are coming sooner or later. Fortunately, I remain one of the world's greatest drivers. I can't remember the last near miss I had... one more advantage of the Golden Years!

"My goodness," my neighbor said with excitement! "You appear quite elderly to still be driving!"

"Well, yes, I am!" I replied proudly. "I'll be 86 in a month and I am now old enough that I don't even need a license anymore! The last time I went to my Doctor, he examined me and asked if I had a driving license. I told him 'yes' and handed it to him. He took his scissors out of his drawer, cut the license into pieces and threw them in the wastebasket and said, "You won't be needing that anymore!"

"So I thanked him and left!"

Watervliet District Library news

Sign up for Story Hour...

The Story Hour signup sheet is at the desk now for the October session. Ages 3-5 will be able to do crafts, show and tell, story reading, and snacks will be available.

Digitizing Tri-City Record newspapers

We are working on digitizing all our Tri-City Record newspapers. In a few months, it will be easier to do your genealogy or whatever project you have going.

Coloma Library news

Story Hour

Story Hour is on Wednesday's, at 10:30 a.m. Join Ms. Amy for a story, a craft and lots of fun! Story hour is for children ages 3 and up. It is asked that all children be accompanied and supervised by an adult. There is no sign-up or fee required to attend. Call 468-3431 with any questions.

Hartford Public Library news

"Geek the Library" Month

Join us in promoting October as "Geek the Library" month at the Hartford Public Library. On Friday, September 28, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., there will be a celebration at Ely Park with 'Outta Tha Box Event Design', photo booth and popcorn. Sign our board and tell us, "What you Geek?" "Geek", a verb meaning to love, to enjoy, to celebrate or to have intense passion for or to express interest in and to promote. There will be a free drawing for a laptop computer and winner must be present.

"Geek the Library" is a community based public awareness campaign designed to highlight the vital role of public libraries in today's challenging environment. The public libraries role in building strong communities is more important than ever, especially in a tough economy. Millions of Americans enjoy public library resources, and understand the transformational role libraries play for individuals and communities.

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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 - 1912

Honors were given to the Michigan fruit belt at the International Apple Buyers convention held in Chicago. Friday Bros. showed twenty varieties of apples and was awarded the blue ribbon for best display of apples. About 200 growers from Canada and many states attended and this honor is a big advertisement to the fruit belt, for Michigan has not been considered one of the leading apple states. George Friday states that they also displayed peaches, grapes and plums.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Injured in a hayride accident is Marlene Segal, 16. She was hospitalized at Watervliet with a fractured left shoulder.

Pfc. Edward G. Baes graduated from the European Command Medical Training Center at Dergendorf, Germany. His wife lives on Coloma Route 2.

Mrs. Jacob Friday is improving following an accident when she walked into a car driven by Lois Eckoff on the Friday road. It was raining and the visibility was poor.

Last rites were held for Joseph Forgia, who died as a result of a stock

NEWS FROM THE HARTFORD DAY SPRING

90 YEARS AGO - 1922

Four hundred U.S. soldiers, with over 500 horses and mules, wagons and artillery equipment, passed through Hartford last Thursday morning, after having camped the night before in the village park at Lawrence. The troops were the 3rd Field Artillery and the 14th U.S. Cavalry, enroute from Camp Custer training center to winter quarters at Fort Sheridan, Ill. The troopers were more than an hour stringing through Hartford and attracted much attention.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Mrs. Allen Prouty entertained the Child Care club Tuesday at her home. The program for the coming year was set up and the meetings changed to Tuesday evenings. On Tuesday, October 7, Mrs. Douglas Anderson will entertain the group.

Mrs. Marion Anderson will entertain the Art Study class at a cooperative luncheon at 1p.m. at her Sister Lakes cottage. Mrs. Alice Bennett will give the lesson on "Art in Textiles".

NEWS FROM THE WATERVLIET RECORD

90 YEARS AGO - 1922

C.N. Stevens, who recently purchased the McArdle farm on East St. Joseph Street, has had improvements under way since he took possession September 1, 1922. He has raised the house and built new porches, built new concrete floor in the basement. E.C. Johns is stalling an automatic water system and a heating plant.

Richard Burr has sold his farm of 67 acres east of Watervliet to William W. Preston. The new owner announces that he will make extensive improvements to the property including a new house and barn and that he will set from 15 to 20 acres of grapes.

60 YEARS AGO - 1952

Mr. and Mrs. William A. Woodworth are the proud parents of a baby boy, Burton William, born September 17, 1952, at 7:55 a.m. and weighed 6 lbs. and 12 ounces.

S/Sgt. Gordon L. Brant, U.S. Air Force, arrived in Watervliet on September 23, 1952, after spending 17 months in Japan. He flew from Tokyo, Japan, to Chicago and was met at Michigan City by his wife and small son, David Charles, whom he had never seen, his mother, Mrs. Myrl Brant and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pratt and son Mort.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Matrau are the proud parents of a baby girl, Betty Sue, born Sept 18, 1952, at 12:02 a.m., and weighed 6 pounds and 15 ounces.

30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Comet Baseball Coach Dave Stowers has been named Coach of the Year for Region V. The Comets won 16 games and lost 7.

"Image of the Beast" will be shown at Central Assembly of God Church, Coloma Twp. Hall, reports Rev. Daniel D. Roehl.

The Coloma Order of Eastern Star No. 307 will host the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Michigan at the Coloma School Gymnasium.

Happy 21st birthday to PFC. Wyatt Vondran Jr., stationed in Okinawa. We Love You and Miss You - Mom, Dad, JayVee

Marine Sgt. Eric R. Nelson has been meritoriously promoted to his present rank while serving with the 1st Tank Battalion, Camp Pendleton, CA.

Submitted by volunteer Sandi Munchow at Coloma Public Library, from the Coloma Courier newspapers donated by the Tri-City Record. Hours: Monday & Friday, 10:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, 10:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Phone: 468-3431.

40 YEARS AGO - 1972

Krenek's Western Tire & Auto store has been notified by the 20th Century studio that children of Leo J. Latus, Maurice Miller, Victor Kaucher, Lewis Ton and Hy Thornbury are eligible to enter a national photo contest which the studio conducts. The youngsters were photographed at the local store several months ago.

Michael Latus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo J. Latus has been named a National Merit scholarship semi-finalist and thus eligible to compete for a Merit scholarship to be awarded in the spring. Latus is a Hartford high school senior. He is a member of the National Honor Society and the Van Buren Folk Dancers and has played in the high school band for three years. Submitted by Librarian Stephanie Daniels at Hartford Public Library from microfilm copies of the Hartford Day Spring. Hours: Monday & Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Thursday & Friday, 10:00-5:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Phone: 621-3408

30 YEARS AGO - 1982

Samuel Gravitt informed the board members individually on September 23, 1982, that he will be retiring as superintendent of the Watervliet public school system within the next couple months to take over as administrator for Berrien Fifth District Court.

Todd Kienzle, 1975 WHS graduate, has been awarded a \$6,000 McKee graduate fellowship at Western Michigan University to receive his master's degree in Manufacturing Administration. He is a 1980 graduate of Michigan Tech with a B.S. degree in business. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Kienzle of Watervliet.

The Watervliet Boston Store, which was founded in 1894, is going out of business. Mrs. Thelma Moody, owner and operator of the store for the last 22 years, states it is because of the competition with the malls and shopping centers. Mrs. Moody said her sister-in-law, Mrs. John Geisler, owned the business from 1938-1960, and prior to 1938 it was owned by John Geisler.

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CORRECTION

A photo on the front page of last week's Tri-City Record had the wrong caption under it.

The correct caption is...

MARK SAVAGE... Spokesperson for the Palisades Nuclear Plant, stands by the monitors in the media room of the Emergency Operations Facility located on Main Street in Benton Harbor. During a crisis, officials will have the most up to date information at their fingertips to relay to the media in the room in front of them.

Keep the National Guard at home

Dear Editor,

This past weekend, the Kalamazoo National Guard Company returned home from Afghanistan... wait a minute. The National Guard was established to defend their states from invasion.

Why were our local guards sent to the Middle East? There are tens of thousands of Army, Marine Corps and Navy troops to send to troubled areas. Let's get out of the Middle East! (I am a Marine Corp Vietnam Veteran!)

Larry Larsen

Don't steal election signs


Dear Editor,

Within my September 7th edition of the local newspaper, I received a campaign brochure from Kathleen Brickley. The brochure's front page contains a proclamation from Brickley, which indicates that she is "Guided every day by my responsibility to this community." I would ask that Brickley demonstrate that responsibility by admonishing her surrogates not to steal.

Recently, my wife and children participated in an event in South Haven supporting Matt Cooper for Van Buren County Circuit Court Judge. My wife drove her car, which had two of Matt Cooper's magnetic campaign

Spiritual Compass Points

By Pastor David C. Helms
Plymouth Congregational Church



Root cause Christian faith

Roots of Christian faith go way back past Jesus Christ. Jesus Himself pointed back past the time of Moses as clearly demonstrating the validity of His mission. Salvation has always been through properly placed faith. (See Acts 4:12)

It was the afternoon of the day of His resurrection. In a conversation with two discouraged followers walking the road connecting Jerusalem with Emmaus, we find Jesus making this amazing and powerful statement, "And He said to them, 'O foolish men and slow of heart to believe in all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and to enter into His glory?'"

Then beginning with Moses and with all the prophets, He explained to them the things concerning Himself in all the Scriptures." (Luke 24:25-27, NASB) Later in that passage He also specifically includes the Psalms.

The Bible surprisingly describes the story of our redemption as beginning before the world was made! Ephesians 1:3-6 states, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ, just as He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world, that we would be holy and blameless before Him. In love He predestined us to adoption as sons through Jesus Christ to Himself, according to the kind intention of His will, to the praise of the glory of His grace, which He freely bestowed on us in the Beloved." (NASB)

With thankfulness towards God, and with confidence in His wonderful grace ("unmerited favor"), we grow in our love for Him Who has provided for our eternal salvation, rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ, His Son — the One Who is ever timely!

signs affixed to it, to the event. While my wife and children participated in the event, Mr. Cooper's signs were stolen off of my wife's car.

I may well have dismissed the theft as the work of mischievous juveniles who have nothing to do with the Brickley campaign, and not attributed the larceny to Brickley's supporters; however, the thief left a calling card. In place of the two stolen signs, my wife found Brickley campaign brochures on her car.

Brickley's supporters, in their exuberance to advance her candidacy, do her more harm than good by resorting to theft.

Mike McCaw

Thank You from the McKinney Family

Dear Editor,

What a beautiful Saturday we had for the Trent McKinney Memorial Scholarship/ Watervliet Wrestling Golf Outing! As I am sitting here trying to think of the words, all I can think to myself is, "how do you put this into words?" So I simply say, THANK YOU!

September 15, at Pipestone Creek, we held a golf outing to raise money for not only our scholarship, but the Watervliet Wrestling program as well, what a great success!

I will start by saying thank you to all the businesses and individuals that sponsored or donated merchandise or gift certificates, without your generosity we would not have had the success we had. This year, we were able to also include a silent auction, which helped us raise an extra \$300. We are so blessed to have businesses in our community that are more than willing to give to this great cause. As a result of that, we are able to pay it forward by awarding another scholarship and giving back to a program that meant so much to Trent.

Of course, we would like to say thank you to the golfers, friends and family that came for dinner, and those who just stopped by to help out. I hope each and every one of you had as much fun Saturday as we did. It always touches my heart to hear the stories and see the pictures that help us keep Trent close to our hearts. By attending this event, you not only honored his memory, but also are helping us keep this scholarship going. It truly speaks volumes to the kind of person Trent was to have so many wonderful friends and family. He would be humbled and so grateful to all of you, as are Travis and I. We look forward to next time!

Coach Morris, wrestler's and parents, thank you. When I approached you all about this, you were up for it from the get go and willing to do what ever you could to make this happen. You were not only supportive for this program, but for the scholarship as well. We are proud to be involved with this program.

Tonya, Ann, Dana, Sherry, Trina, and Theresa, I can't say thanks enough. I appreciate each and every one of you and all that was done to help me prepare for this. I certainly could not have done it alone.

Brock, Jake, Tyler, Weston, Pat, and Marcus, thank you! You sold raffle tickets, 50/50 tickets, pop and water, Mulligan's... your hard work paid off! We look forward to cheering you on this year!

Pipestone Creek, once again we know why we love coming out to spend a Saturday with you. Dave, you and your staff were so accommodating and helpful. You helped us have a great event, and everyone had a great time. We look forward to planning our next outing with you, and can't say thank you enough.

We do not want to leave out those who made private donations to the scholarship fund. Without this ongoing support, we would not be able to continue to award our scholarship each year. We are so blessed, and proud to live in such a loving community. As long as we are able to honor the type of athlete and student Trent was, by giving this award, we will continue to do so.

Again, it is hard to put in to words just how much Saturday meant to us. So I will end by simply, once again by saying, THANK YOU!

Thank each and every one of you for helping us remember someone who meant so much to so many, and letting us give back to something that meant so much to him.

Travis and Nicole McKinney and family

Consumer Bureau is off to strong start

By Sen. Carl Levin

When Congress passed the Dodd-Frank Act to reform Wall Street in the aftermath of the financial crisis, one of our most important steps was an attempt to help level the playing field for consumers in the complicated markets for mortgages, credit cards, consumer loans and other financial products by establishing the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau.

Just as federal agencies protect consumers from harmful food products or pharmaceuticals, the CFPB is designed to help protect consumers from abuses in financial markets. The agency is required twice a year to report to Congress on its activities, and in early September, CFPB Director Rob Cordray gave us a promising report card.

As my Senate Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations has shown, shoddy mortgage lending practices were one of the major causes of the financial crisis. Too often, lenders sought short-term profits by giving loans to consumers who couldn't pay, or deceiving borrowers about the cost of loans, leading to the housing collapse that hurt nearly every American family. Director Cordray explained how CFPB has begun writing rules that will simplify mortgage disclosure forms, so that consumers can clearly understand the terms and costs of a loan.

Our subcommittee has also documented abusive practices by credit card companies, such as unfair billing practices and unjustified interest rate hikes. One of consumers' best weapons against those abuses is information, and to help, the CFPB has established a database of consumer credit card complaints at consumerfinance.gov/complaintdatabase.

The CFPB isn't just gathering data; it's taking action. In addition to credit card complaints, the bureau investigates complaints about mortgages, payday loans, bank accounts, and other financial products. It works with consumers and financial companies to try to resolve those complaints. Since December of last year, nearly 5,000 consumers have received monetary relief from financial companies thanks to the CFPB complaint process.

Another important area of CFPB activity is its assistance to military families. These families are especially vulnerable to financial fraud and abuse: they are often young, making major financial commitments like a mortgage or car loan for the first time; they face the strain and separation of overseas deployments that can last a year or more; and they must regularly move from one base to another as they are transferred to a new unit.

CFPB's Office of Servicemember Affairs is headed up by Holly Petraeus, the wife of Gen. David Petraeus, our former top commander in Iraq and Afghanistan now serving as CIA director. Holly Petraeus has crossed the country visiting military installations to help educate military families on financial issues, and to inform them about CFPB's available services.

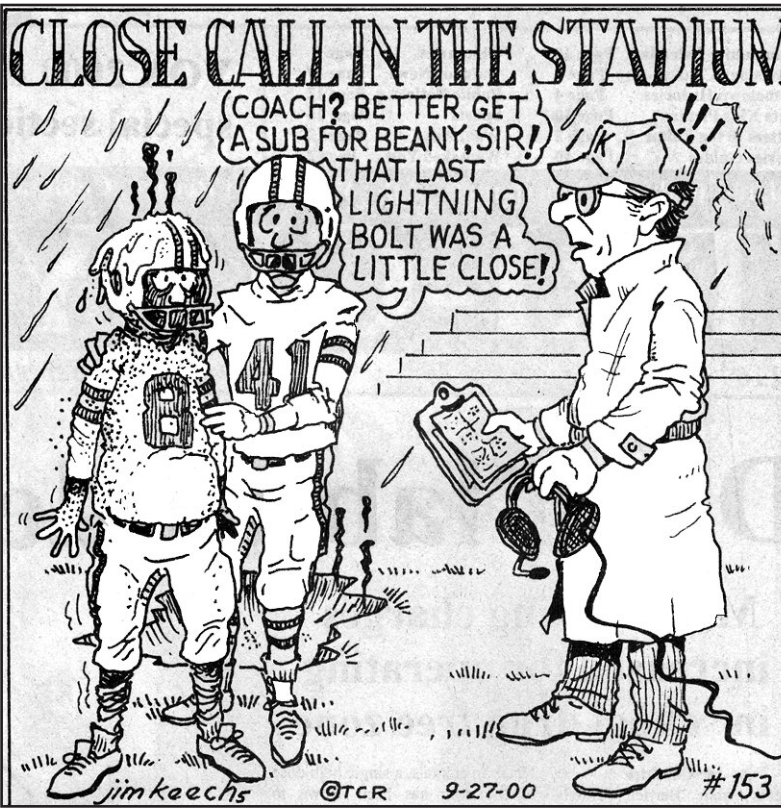
Student loans are another area of major concern for American families; as college costs have grown, so has the debt that students and families take on to pay for education. The CFPB is testing an online tool to help families compare the cost of various financial aid options. And it is working with the Department of Education to finalize requirements for a consumer "shopping sheet" that lenders will provide to every borrower, clearly outlining the terms of a loan.

CFPB is also putting some teeth into consumer protection rules by putting a priority on enforcement. For example, in July, the bureau ordered credit card company Capital One to refund nearly \$140 million to consumers after engaging in hard-sell tactics and then refusing to cancel add-on products such as credit monitoring services. This action sent a strong signal to financial companies that they must obey the law or face the consequences.

The message for consumers is that they have a powerful agency on their side in the financial world. I hope you'll visit the consumer bureau's website at consumerfinance.gov and take full advantage of the tools it offers to protect you and your family from unfair financial practices.

Carl Levin is the senior U.S. senator from Michigan.

Deja vu all over again... another classic Jim Keech cartoon



Karl's Kolumn

By Karl Bayer, Editor and Publisher



CARR CASE CLOSED... read the headline in last's week's Record.

Like most headlines, there is always more to the story. Regarding the tragic death of Tyler Carr, the case will never be closed. Certainly not closed for his parents and family, friends, community, and for all who now will never be touched by his life.

The continuing tragedy is that not enough of us will have learned anything from his death. In the inexplicable twist of fate that killed him there is no redeeming quality if but one other gets killed or maimed in the same manner. Keep Tyler's family and all those involved in your prayers and kind thoughts, as they will always need them and you.

HAPPY AUTUMNAL EQUINOX... Saturday is the first day of fall.

How appropriate if should fall on a Saturday to get the entire fall cleanup and winter prep chores started... raking leaves, planting spring bulbs, getting the snow shovels out from the back of the shed. Stop, that's enough. Isn't it bad enough that Friday is the last day of summer?

If there is any silver lining, it is that there are 12 hours of daylight and 12 hours of night; Sunday begins the slide into winter with each "day" getting shorter. Cheer up, before you know it there will be the countdown to the Vernal Equinox; another 24 hours equally split into 12 hours of light and dark, and then the days grow longer and we are heading into spring. Time really flies when you're writing about it!

NEWS YOU SHOULD KNOW... I get story ideas (and stories) messages in a variety of ways, most come via email, others the good old-fashioned way. Most are interesting, but for a variety of reasons might not make it as a story in the Record but are certainly news worthy for the Tri-City connection. Here's a couple that have been languishing on my desk for a couple weeks...

WHS GRAD ABOARD HONOR FLIGHT... From "Whisperenwinds": "Thought you might like to know — Denis (Whiff) Weiffenbach a 1964 graduate of Watervliet High School and a 1973 Graduate of Ferris State University will be an escort — called a "Guardian" — on a flight (WW II Honor Flight - Mississippi Veterans) to Washington D.C. on September 25, 2012. The flight set up by a non-profit organization in Mississippi, takes World War II veterans for a day visit to the WWII Memorial and most of the other major Memorials in the Washington D.C. area. Mr. Weiffenbach, a Viet Nam Era Veteran, is very honored to escort and care for a WWII veteran for the day. Denis, a Certified Marine Chemist, currently resides in New Orleans, employed at Huntington Ingalls Shipbuilding in both New Orleans, Louisiana and Pascagoula, Mississippi, and works to help build ships for the US Navy, US Coast Guard, and US Marines."

OLYMPIC SAILORS TRAINED ON PAW PAW LAKE... Norm Wilhelmsen, a lifetime Paw Paw Lake resident recently dropped off this interesting note. "Although American Sailors did not make a good showing at this summer's Olympics competition, those who have honed their skills racing Stars on Paw Paw Lake demonstrated their skills during this year's Chicago to Mackinaw Race.

This year Gene and Glenn McCarthy won their division and after the awards ceremony in front of the Grand Hotel (on Mackinac Island) celebrated Gene's 84th birthday.

Gene and Glenn each race Stars, Olympic class 22' keel boats on Paw Paw Lake and are long time members of the Paw Paw Lake Yacht Club as well as the Chicago Yacht Club.

The Stars Class has provided good training for numerous Americas Cup helmsmen including Buddy Melgas who has raced Stars on PPL. Father and son Tom and Joe Landrigan have traveled from Springfield, IL to race Stars and this year in their big J Boat were division and the overall Chicago/Mac Cup winners.

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Tri-City Area Obituaries

ELIZABETH EVETT HAFER CLEMENTS

Elizabeth Evett Hafer Clements, 56, of Coloma, passed away peacefully at her residence, Saturday, September 15.

A service celebrating her life was held at 11:00 a.m. Wednesday, September 19 at Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home in Coloma, where

visitation was held on Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Cremation took place following the service. Donations in memory of Elizabeth may be made to the Lawrence High School Scholarship Fund % of the funeral home. Those wishing to leave an online message of comfort for the family may do so at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Elizabeth was born February 19, 1956, in Watervliet, to Lorn Franklin and Mary Sue (Owens) Clements. She was a schoolteacher for Lawrence Public Schools for 20 years, teaching 5th and 6th grade social studies. She was also active at the school in Girls on the Run, Modern Mothers Club, and created Adopt a Pilot program.

Survivors include her daughter Lori (Evett) of Coloma, her son Michael (Morgan) Evett of Indianapolis, three brothers Robert (Tammy) Clements of Auburn, IN David (Debbie) Clements of Jacksonville, OR, and Paul (Dorla) Clements of Waterloo, IN. Also surviving are five grandchildren, Joshua, Destiny, and Morgan Motry, Madison and Makenzie Evett, special nieces and nephews, and her special friends at Lawrence Public Schools.

She was preceded in death by her parents.



ETHEL ARDELLA RERIS-TRAXLER

Ethel Ardella Reris-Traxler, 91, died Thursday, September 6, 2012, at Heartland of Holland Nursing Home. Ardella was born on July 17, 1921, in Marion, Indiana, to Orlando and Florence Williams. She graduated from St. Joseph High School and resided in the St. Joseph, Michigan, area for most of her life.

Her first husband, Frank L. Reris, preceded her in death in 1991. Her second husband, Arthur Traxler, preceded her in death in 1997. Ardella was a nursing assistant at St. Joseph Memorial Hospital. She attended St. Joseph First Baptist Church. Ardella loved tending to her plants, attending bible studies, and reading. She was a strong, compassionate woman who had high values. Everyone enjoyed her sense of humor. Ardella was a devoted mother who loved being with her family.

She is survived by: her daughters - Rosanne (Larry) Bittner of Coloma, MI, Linda Henke of Holland and Patricia (Tom) Brower of Zeeland, MI; 10 grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren. Besides her husbands, she was also preceded in death by a daughter, Sharon Rothrock, in 1998.

Family services celebrating her life will be held at a later date at Coloma Cemetery, Coloma, MI. Cremation has taken place. Arrangements are by the Davidson Chapel of Florin Funeral Service in Coloma. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Heartland in Grand Rapids, MI. Please leave messages, memories or photos at www.florin.net.



HARRY R. ZEMMER, M.D.

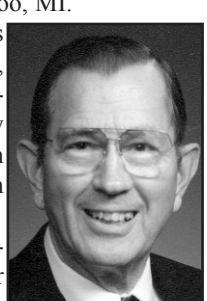
Harry R. Zemmer, M.D., age 91, of Mattawan, formerly of Lapeer, died on Thursday evening, September 13, 2012, in Kalamazoo, MI.

Dr. Zemmer was born in Tanzania, Africa to missionary parents Henry and Edith Zemmer on August 27, 1921. Dr. Zemmer graduated from Lapeer High School in 1931; Moody Bible Institute in 1945, Western Michigan University in 1949, University of Michigan Medical School in 1953, Internal Guthrie Clinic of Pennsylvania in 1954, Tropical Medical Course in Belgium 1955; and together with his wife and family was a missionary in Zaire, Africa until 1960 when they fled for their lives.

Returning to Lapeer, MI, he did his residency for General Surgery at McLaren Hospital 1961-64, and opened his private practice in 1965 retiring in 1989. A member of the Fellow American College of Surgeons, Dr. Zemmer was also a member of the Lapeer County Medical Association, Lapeer Chapter of American Cancer Society, Lapeer County Representative of the American Lung Association, Medical advisor for Lapeer County Diabetes Association, American College of Surgeons and former Chief of Staff for the Lapeer County General Hospital, and Lapeer County Board of Health.

Harry enjoyed serving the Lord and served on the official board of the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Flint. He had been a Bible Teacher throughout his lifetime and was a former member of First Baptist Church of Lapeer. He served on the Advisory Council for Baptist Mid-Missions of Cleveland, Ohio and the Advisory Board for Cornerstone University of Grand Rapids, MI.

After retiring he traveled to multiple missionary hospitals in Africa and Bangladesh. In his free time, Harry enjoyed hunting, tennis and working outdoors.



Harry was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Hazel Vasbinder. Surviving are his loving wife of 67 years, Adelaide A. Zemmer; four children and their spouses, Luan (Dr. Thomas) Jackson of Lapeer, MI, David (Patty) Zemmer of Brazil, Susan (Mark) Pierson of Griffith, IN, and Deborah (Kenneth) Mroczech of Mattawan, MI; twelve grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation was held Sunday, September 16, 2012, from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. at Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Westside Chapel, 3926 South 9th Street. Funeral services were held at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, September 17, at Berean Baptist Church, 7813 South 12th Street. Graveside services were held at 12:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Lapeer.

Memorial contributions should be directed to: Baptist Mid-Missions, P.O. Box 308011, Cleveland OH 44130-8011; Bibles International, 609 36th St., Grand Rapids, MI 49053; or Gideons International, P.O. Box 2192, Kalamazoo MI 49003. Please visit www.langelands.com or 269-343-1508.

Death Notices

Matthew Kyle Braamse, 15, of Benton Harbor, died Saturday, September 15, 2012, at his home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph.

Marion ("Bill") Cobb, 70, of Hartford, died Wednesday, September 5, 2012, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, MI. Day-Florin Chapel, Florin Funeral Service, St. Joseph.

Kevin G. Daniel, 50, of Coloma, died Tuesday, September 11, 2012, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph, MI. Hoven Funeral Home, Buchanan, MI.

Virginia A. Divis, 90, of Benton Harbor, died Thursday, September 13, 2012, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel, St. Joseph.

Etta Eleanor Martin Roderick, 89, of Covert, died Thursday, September 13, 2012, at New Orchard Grove Continuing Care Center. Hutchins Funeral Home, Watervliet, MI.

Dorothy "Polly" Zordel, 85, of South Haven, died Thursday, September 13, 2012. Filbrandt Family Funeral Home, South Haven.

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Police/ Fire Reports

By Annette Christie

Man charged with intent to murder in Coloma stabbing

A Benton Harbor man has been charged with assault with the intent to murder in the stabbing of a Coloma man last Tuesday night, outside of The Herbie Tavern.

Joshua Gallegos, 28, was arraigned in the Berrien County Trial Court Wednesday, on the felony charge listed above in addition to resisting and obstructing a police officer and assaulting a police officer. His bond was set at \$100,000.

Township Police Chief Randel Pompey reported that Gallegos attacked his victim, David Osborne, 38 with a seven (7) inch knife during a fight. Witnesses at the scene told officers that the suspect had been asked to leave the tavern when the staff discovered he had brought alcohol into the establishment with him. Gallegos, who appeared to be intoxicated, began to insult other customers as a staff member escorted him from the premises. According to witnesses, the suspect started insulting Osborne outside the bar near the front entrance. It was the insults that lead to a fight between the two.

Osborne required treatment at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph, receiving stitches to the six-inch cut in the jaw and throat area. Lt. Jason Roe needed to use the taser because Gallegos fought with officers before being subdued and arrested. He was transported to Lakeland Community Hospital in Watervliet where he was treated for minor cuts and abrasions. Roe was also treated at Lakeland Community Hospital in Watervliet for minor contusions and released. Gallegos remains in custody at the Berrien County Jail.

Chief reminds residents to keep doors and cars locked

A review of police activity in Coloma Township in August served as an opportunity for Chief Randel Pompey to remind residents to keep their doors locked on their vehicles. Subjects committing larcenies are targeting unlocked vehicles with valuables. "If you leave your car unlocked, someone will get into it and take something," Pompey said. In the month of August, there were seven larcenies investigated.

For the month there were 232 complaints investigated in the service area. The department made 28 arrests, of which three were a felony. Officers in the department made 70 traffic stops and issued 38 citations.

Boat Trailer stolen

Van Buren County Sheriff deputies were dispatched to The Lakes Marine in the 64th block of 94th Ave. in Keeler Township on September 14, for a reported larceny of a boat trailer and other items.

Deputies made contact with the business owner who advised that on that day, he needed to pick up a boat for a customer and found that the 2010 Boatmate trailer was missing. Deputies were advised that the owner had already contacted other marinas to make sure that it was not removed by mistake.

The owner also advised authorities that several gas tanks were cut from boats (gas lines cut) and six Interstate batteries were also missing. The trailer stolen in this incident is blue in color and is made for a Moomba speedboat. Sheriff Dale Gribler asks

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that anyone with information regarding the complaint please contact the Van Buren County Sheriff's Department.

The department had another stolen item reported the day before in Almena Township. A 2004 Yamaha YZ85 motorcycle was taken from the back of a pickup truck that was by the roadway for sale. The motorcycle was chained up in the bed of the truck. The chain was cut and the motorcycle was stolen sometime overnight from September 12 – September 13 when police were called.

Fire Reports

Watervliet Fire Department Chief Dan Jones

On September 16, the Watervliet Fire Department received a report of an uncontrolled grass fire in the 300 block of E. St. Joseph, in the City of Watervliet. Chief Dan Jones reports that the occupant at the location had been transported to Lakeland in Watervliet by a family member and was suffering from burns associated with the grass/yard waste fire. Upon arrival firefighters extinguished the unattended blaze. Further inquiry found that the burned occupant was assessed at Watervliet and later transferred to the Borgess Burn Unit in Kalamazoo.

The total runs for the year for the department are 151.

Chief Jones would like to remind residents that October 7-13 is National Fire Prevention Week. Public fire safety is everyone's business and encompasses more than conducting school visits and department tours for school aged children.

More than 3,500 people die in home fires each year in the United States; most of whom are in homes without a working smoke alarm. To prevent these deaths, the Watervliet Fire Department in conjunction with the U.S. Fire Administration (USFA) is encouraging citizens to install and maintain smoke alarms and sprinklers, practice fire escape plans, and perform a home safety walk through.

The USFA recommends installing smoke alarms both inside and outside of sleeping areas and on every level of a home, testing them monthly, changing alkaline batteries once a year, and installing ionization and photoelectric smoke alarms or dual sensor smoke alarms.

For more information, call the Watervliet Fire Department at 269-463-4233 or visit www.usfa.dhs.gov/smokealarms.

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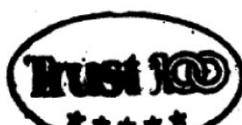
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HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL "STUDENTS OF THE WEEK"... are (from the left): Matthew Simpson (9th), son of Brian and Shelly Simpson; Marisol Quiroz (10th), daughter of Isidro and Silvia Quiroz; Holly Summerhill (11th), daughter of Tim and Lisa Summerhill; Joshua Najacht (12th), son of William and Robin Najacht. Congratulations to these students and keep up the good work!

Watervliet Public Schools Calendar of Events

Thursday, September 20
FIRST DAY OF PRESCHOOL; South School Assembly, 1:10 -1:40 p.m.; High School Picture Day; JV Football, Home vs. Hartford, 6:00 p.m.; JV Volleyball at Hartford, 5:00 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball at Hartford, 6:15 p.m.

Friday, September 21
Varsity Football at Hartford, 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 22
Cross Country at Bangor, 9:00 a.m.

Monday, September 24
7th Grade Volleyball at Decatur, 5:00 p.m.; 8th Grade Volleyball at Decatur, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 25
South School Picture Day; JV Volleyball at Decatur, 5:00 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball at Decatur, 6:15 p.m.

Wednesday, September 26
7th Grade Football at Lawton, 5:00 p.m.; 8th Grade Football at Lawton, 6:15 p.m.; 7th Grade Volleyball at Marcellus, 5:00 p.m.; 8th Grade Volleyball at Marcellus, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 27
North School Picture Day; Playgroup in gym, 10:00-11:00 a.m.; JV Volleyball, Home vs. Marcellus, 5:00 p.m.; Varsity Volleyball Home vs. Marcellus, 6:15 p.m.; JV Football at Marcellus, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, September 28
HOMECOMING - Varsity Football vs Marcellus, 7:00 p.m.; Vocal Workshop at WMU, 8:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Saturday, September 29
Cross Country at St. Joseph, 9:00 a.m.

32nd Tri-City CROP Walk Sunday, Sept. 30

Join us at Jollay Orchards on Friday Road, Coloma, for the 32nd Tri-City CROP Walk on Sunday, September 30. Registration starts at 1:30 p.m.; Walk begins at 2:00 p.m.

If you are a member of a local group that would like to participate and raise money for CROP, please contact Barb Ramsey-Smith at bjramsey@rocketmail.com to get more information and pledge envelopes.

Please join us by walking or running or rocking (if you can't walk, you can rock in a rocking chair).

You must have a pledge envelope with at least one pledge to get a wristband for entry. The money raised goes to support the local North Berrien Food Pantry and the Hartford area Co-operating Ministries, as well as national and world hunger programs through Church World Service.

This year only! An anonymous donor will donate \$20 for each additional walker over last year's total walkers. In 2011, there was a total of 96 total walkers.

If you haven't walked before, this is a good year to start and help us earn those \$20 bills! (Any number over 96 earns \$20 each.)

"All-you-can-eat" Pancake Supper September 18 at Coloma McDonald's

There will be an "all-you-can-eat" Pancake Supper at Coloma McDonald's on Tuesday, September 18, 5:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. (Drinks are included; sausage is extra.) Tickets are \$3 and available from participating churches or at the door; \$2 from each ticket goes to the Tri-City CROP Walk!

Please pledge your time and/or money to one of our walkers or online donations in a walker's name can be made at:

www.cropwalkonline.org/hartfordmi. CROP Hunger Walks help children and families worldwide - and right here in the U.S. - to have food for today, while building for a better

tomorrow. Our local efforts are making a huge difference... and you can be part of it!

Miss Teen Coloma Pageant meeting

By Annette Christie
Anyone interested in running for the title of 2013 Miss Teen Coloma will need to attend the meeting being held on Sunday, September 30, at the North Berrien Senior Center, 6648 Ryno Rd. in Coloma at 3:00 p.m.

Contestants must be female, between the ages of 13 and 15 by the date of the pageant, a resident of Coloma, and currently enrolled in school or being home schooled.

A \$10 deposit to cover the cost of the t-shirt is required at the meeting as well, a parent or guardian must be present also.

The pageant will be held on Sunday, November 3, at Coloma High School, 300 W. Street, Coloma. Anyone with questions should contact Rayleen Hart-Wilson at 269-252-8699 or email msraysblazer2@gmail.com.

College Night hosted by Lake Michigan College

Lake Michigan College is hosting its annual College Night event on Monday, September 24. This free event is for college-bound high school students and their parents, as well as for current LMC students who want to transfer to a four-year school. It will be held in the Mendel Center's Grand Upton Hall on LMC's Napier Avenue Campus from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Those planning to attend can pre-register at www.lakemichigancollege.edu/collegenight.

This year, more than 60 colleges and universities will be represented including Michigan State University, the University of Michigan, Grand Valley State University, Ferris State University, Lake Michigan College, Siena Heights University, Central Michigan University, Western Michigan University, Michigan Technological University, Indiana University South Bend, Saint Mary's College, Andrews University, and more.

A financial aid workshop conducted by LMC financial aid director, Anne Tews, will be held at 7 p.m.

An Early College workshop will be offered at 7:30 p.m. for high school juniors and their parents. Raquel Ramirez, LMC's Early College director, will present information about the opportunities available to students to earn college credit during their junior and senior years of high school.

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Trouble with the Curve...

An ailing baseball scout in his twilight years takes his daughter along for one last recruiting trip

End of Watch...

Two young officers are marked for death after confiscating a small cache of money and firearms from the members of a notorious cartel, during a routine traffic stop.

Resident Evil: Retribution...

Alice fights alongside a resistance movement in the continuing battle against the Umbrella Corporation and the undead.

Finding Nemo...

After his son is captured in the Great Barrier Reef and taken to Sydney, a timid clownfish sets out on a journey to bring him home.

The Words...

A writer at the peak of his literary success discovers the steep price he must pay for stealing another man's work.

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****Dredd 3D (R)**
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****Trouble with the Curve (PG13)** 1:00, 3:50, 6:35, 8:25, 9:25

****End of Watch (R)**
1:50, 4:35, 7:10, 8:45, 9:45

****The House at the End of Street (PG13)** 1:30, 4:00, 6:45, 9:15

****Finding Nemo 2D (G)**
12:00

****Finding Nemo 3D (G)**
2:25, 4:50, 7:15, 9:40

****Last Ounce of Courage (PG)**
1:30, 3:50, 6:15

****Resident Evil: Retribution 3D (R)** 12:20, 2:45, 5:10, 7:35, 10:00

****The Words (PG13)**
2:15, 4:40, 7:05, 9:25

The Cold Light of Day (PG13)
8:55

Lawless (R)
1:45, 4:20, 6:55, 9:30

2016:Obama's America (PG)
12:00, 2:15, 4:30, 6:45

The Possession (PG13)
2:00, 4:15, 6:30, 8:45

The Odd Life of Timothy Green (PG)
12:35, 3:05, 5:35

The Campaign (R)
1:00, 6:35

The Dark Knight Rises (PG13)
3:10, 8:40

Flick Family Film Mirror Mirror(PG)
12:30, 3:05, 5:50

Queen Live from Budapest 1986
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"Kute Kids"...

THESE "KUTE KIDS" ARE... Riley K. Hess (left), 7, and Olivia Stroba, 7, who have been named the North Berrien Fire Rescue 2012 Prince and Princess. Riley is the son of Michelle L. Bailey and Eric and Amy Hess. His grandparents are Linda McKamey and Mike Bailey and Tom and Darlene Hess. Olivia is the daughter of Tiffany Crider and George Stroba. Her grandparents are Stuart and Barbie Thurlow. Riley is a 2nd grader at Watervliet South and Olivia is a 2nd grader at Stuart Elementary in Stevensville.

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 "original" 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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Second and Fourth Monday of each month, 3-6 p.m. "FOOD BANK". At Central Assembly of God, 6801 Ryno Rd., Coloma. 468-8422.

Second Thursday of each month, "COMMODITIES PICKUP AT WATERVLIET FREE METHODIST CHURCH" at 7734 Paw Paw Avenue in Watervliet. Call 463-8280 for more information.

Thursday, September 20, 6:00-7:00 p.m. "FREE STRESS MANAGEMENT CLASS". At Lakeland Community Health Resource Library, Center for Outpatient Services, 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph. For more information or to register call 269-556-2808 or 866-260-7544.

Monday, September 24, 6:30-8:00 p.m. "COLLEGE NIGHT". Free event at LMC, Napier Avenue Campus. Pre-register at www.lakemichigan-college.edu/collegenight.

Tuesday, September 25, 7:00 p.m. "FALL SPEECH CONTEST". For Twin City Toastmasters 1410, at Lincoln Township Library, Stevensville, MI-49127. <http://twincity.toastmastersclubs.org>

Wednesday, September 26, 12:00-1:00 p.m. "NUTRITION MATTERS IN CANCER TREATMENT". Free nutrition class offered by Lakeland HealthCare to cancer patients undergoing treatments and their families. Location in the Houseworth Conference Room at the Marie Yeager Cancer Center, Lakeland Health Park, 3900 Hollywood Rd. St. Joseph. To register call 269-556-2808 or 866-260-7544.

Saturday, September 29, 4-8 p.m. "BENEFIT DINNER AND AUCTION". At Watervliet Middle School Gym/Cafe. 100% proceeds will go to Lisa Stinton Tavolacci, of Coloma, diagnosed with T-Cell Lymphoma, for medical expenses at University of Chicago.

Saturday, September 29, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. "HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION". At New Buffalo City Fire Department. View a list of accepted items at www.berriencounty.org/recycle; click "Household Hazardous Waste Collections". View the County Recycling Guide online or call Jill Adams at 983-7111 ext. 8234.

Saturday, September 29, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. "QUILT SHOW". Sponsored by VBC Historical Society. The show will be held at Lawrence Lions Club, 411 N. Paw Paw St., Lawrence. Admission \$5 for adults, \$1 for children 12 and under. Refreshments available for a fee. Proceeds will help support the County Poor Farm Museum.

Sunday, September 30, 1:30 p.m. "CROP WALK". At Jollay Orchards on Friday Road, in Coloma. To participate and raise money for CROP, must have at least one pledge to get a wristband for entry. All money raised will support the local North Berrien Food Pantry and the Hartford area Co-operating Ministries, and national and world hunger programs through Church World Services. For pledge envelopes or information contact Barb Ramsey-Smith at bjramsey@rocketmail.com. This year only - an anonymous donor will donate \$20 for each additional walker over the 96 total walkers from last year.

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City of Watervliet Public Notice

The City of Watervliet Public Works Department will be flushing hydrants on September 26, 27 & 28. September 26 & 27 on the south side of tracks, September 28 on the north side of the tracks.

Public Works Director
(9-20-12 TCR)

WATERVLIET CHARTER TOWNSHIP REGULAR MEETING SYNOPSIS

September 10, 2012

Present: Bambrick, Hutchins, Kinzler, Matthews, Scheid, Stepich, Wallace.

Board Reports: Minutes; bills.

Other Reports: Fire board.

Old Business: Industrial Park sign, Expenditures, Beechwood Circle Drainage project, Pokagon Heights public hearing, Roads.

New Business: Fire Department

(9-20-12 TCR)

request, Shadyside Subdivision alley, Resolutions: Adopt Millage Rates, Treatment Plant.

Approved: Minutes; payment of bills; Expenditures-painting; Beechwood Circle and Verlynda & Sutherland road projects; Fire Department request; Resolutions: Adopt Millage Rates, Treatment Plant.

Announcements: Meeting dates.

Guest Comments: H Bomke, C Jackson, R Quinn, D Curtis.

Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Bambrick, Clerk
(9-20-12 TCR)

PUBLIC NOTICE

Coloma Cemetery is requesting that all artificial flowers and decorations be removed on or before October 1, 2012. Any items removed will be discarded.

(9-20-12 TCR)

NOTICE OF SALE

On Tuesday, September 25, 2012, at 9:30 a.m. Kraklau's Repair & Towing 233 M-140, Watervliet, will hold a auction on a 1997 Ford Taurus VIN # 1FALP52U2VA191403

(9-20-12 TCR)

HAGAR TOWNSHIP BERRIEN COUNTY, MICHIGAN NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

At its regular meeting of September 10, 2012, the Hagar Township Board of Trustees adopted ordinances to amend the Compilation of Ordinances to i) add a new Part 95 to regulate the Keeping of Animals; ii) repeal Parts 71, 93 and 115; and iii) add new Parts 94 and 13 to regulate the Keeping of Dangerous and Exotic Animals and Sexually Oriented Businesses, respectively.

These amendments shall each take effect thirty (30) days following this publication, and you may inspect or obtain a copy of the Compilation of Ordinances at the Hagar Township Hall located at 3900 Riverside Road, Riverside, Michigan 49084.

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Hunting & Fishing Reports

By Angie Stair
621-4329 angie@cybersol.com



Fishing

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) weekly fishing tip was how to catch Crappies in the fall. Although plentiful and easy to fish for in the summer, Crappie can be difficult to target as the weather cools off.

They recommend anglers should target higher oxygen areas in the lake, like where streams dump into the lake, or where the wind and waves are strongest.

Try a variety of baits, and remember when it's very sunny out, Crappie will stick close to the bottom. But when it's cloudy, they're likely to be within a few feet of the surface.

The DNR said the fishery for adult Chinook Salmon on Lake Michigan is starting to wind down, however Steelhead and younger salmon can still be found in deep water. Trout and Salmon fishing in the river systems is difficult due to the low water levels, but inland lakes are producing Bass, Pike, Crappie, Perch and Bluegills across the state.

Pyle's Porthole in South Haven said some nice Bluegill and Crappie catches in the area have been taken from Lake 14, Lake 11, and Bear Lake.

Anglers are catching their limits of Perch south of the South Haven piers in 40 to 50 feet of water. Salmon and Steelhead can be found down deep in 100 feet of water on Lake Michigan straight out and to the north of the piers.

Steelheads are hanging around the piers and South Haven anglers are catching some nice ones. Coho and King Salmon are being taken on the Black River along with some nice Pike.

Fishin' Hole #2 by Coloma reports a few Coho and King Salmon are being caught in the Paw Paw River with spoons, spinners and hot-n-tots. They are also catching some at the St.

Joseph pier also. Some nice Catfish are coming out of the St. Joseph River. Monday morning the St. Joe Fishin' Hole had a nice big Flathead Catfish come in to be weighed and it was approximately 40 inches long and weighed in at 40 pounds.

Big Paw Paw Lake is still producing some nice Pike in 15 to 20 feet of water using crank baits and Pike shiners. They also were catching some Walleye while trolling with inline spinners. Very nice catches of Crappie were reported out of Van Auken Lake and Maple Lake had some good Bluegill catches.

A new state record for a Black Buffalo fish has been set by Bryan DeGoede in Allegan County. The record Black Buffalo, a member of the sucker family, was caught by DeGoede on the Kalamazoo River on September 5. The fish weighed in at 37.4 pounds and measured 39.3 inches long.

State records are recognized by weight only and the fish must exceed the current listed state-record weight and identification must be verified by a DNR fisheries biologist.

DeGoede who is from Kalamazoo was bowfishing when he landed the record fish. The previous state-record was caught by Brad Nietering of Nunica in Ottawa County on May 19, 2004. For more information about record-breaking fish caught in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/masterangler.

Because of the low Lake Michigan water levels, portions of Betsie River and Betsie Bay will be closed to fishing from October 10, 2012 until further notice to protect the fall Salmon run in the river.

The DNR is urging anglers to avoid walking on the exposed sand flats, as they are unintentionally spooking fish, causing them to beach themselves and die before they can enter the river to

reproduce. This Salmon run is made up mostly of wild, naturally reproduced fish and the DNR does not stock the river. That is why it is important to allow these fish to proceed upstream to spawn.

Hunting

The DNR said Michigan offers plentiful game opportunities for hunters this season. Giving an outlook for the big game animals, the DNR said this deer season an estimated 650,000 hunters will take to Michigan's fields and forests.

Last year hunters took an estimated 422,000 whitetails statewide and roughly half of the deer harvest in recent years has come from the southern Lower Peninsula. The deer population in the northern regions of the state is expected to be higher than last year as deer numbers in most areas of the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula continue to rebound on the heels of three mild winters in a row since the harsh winters of 2007 and 2008.

Southern Michigan has experienced multiple outbreaks of epizootic hemorrhagic disease (EHD) this year, as have many states across the country. It cannot be transmitted to humans or pets even if hunters unknowingly consume deer that have been infected. For more information on EHD, visit www.michigan.gov/wildlifedisease.

Watervliet Rod and Gun Club

The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club will hold their Fall Ladies Day Firearm Safety Class September 22. It is designed for beginners who want to learn about pistols, rifles, and shotguns. Cost for the class is \$30.00 and will include a lunch and use of firearms and ammunitions. They will get to try out shooting on three ranges during the class. For more information, call 269-470-9191.

The next CPL or CCW class is set for September 27 and 29 with registration on Tuesday, September 25 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the clubhouse. The cost is \$100 and a lawyer presents Michigan law. If interested, call 269-470-9191 or 269-468-3837.

Nature Notebook

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



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

Consider the chicory, still in its periwinkle blue blooming glory. In America we consider this common roadside plant a weed. The people in Europe, its native homeland, consider it a desirable plant.

They use the young leaves as salad greens. Farmers value its long growing season as a hay crop. This use is probably how the plant arrived in North America and made it Thomas Jefferson's favorite plant.

Europeans especially relish the roots. They are roasted, ground and flavored with burnt sugar. The mixture is used to make a coffee-like drink. Readers from the World War II generation may remember the widespread use of chicory coffee when regular coffee was in short supply.

I just like to look at them. I have to find them in the morning because by the afternoon the blossoms have closed. As they age the petals' color changes to pink then white.

Goldfinches also enjoy chicory. What could be a cheerier sight than a bright yellow goldfinch pecking on a bright blue chicory?!

Sarett's Junior Naturalist Club begins on Saturday, September 29 at 10:00 a.m. Children ages 7-12 who are especially interested in nature will meet monthly for different activities. The fee is \$45 per student. Club size is limited. Please call (269) 927-4832 to register.

Enjoy an "armchair" visit to the Lake Superior Parklands on Sunday, September 30 at 3:00 p.m. Admission is \$3.00 for adults.

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Bainbridge Township has a new Tax Assessor

By Angela Stair

The Bainbridge Township Board held a special meeting on September 6 to interview the candidates to fill the position of Township Assessor that will be left vacant when Lyn Wittmann leaves September 15.

There were four people that stepped forward to apply for the position: Nancy Williams, Sharon Jollay, Bill Rousseau, and Scott Anderson.

At the regular meeting on September 10, Township Supervisor Jerry Jollay said the Board selected Scott Anderson as the new Assessor. Anderson is a level two assessor and could start working immediately, keep the office hours they have in place, and did not want to change the way the assessing was being done. Jollay said two candidates wanted to change things, and he said the Board did not want that, that they were happy the way things are.

Anderson is spending this week working with Wittmann to let her show him how the work is done. Supervisor Jollay said his first official day as Assessor, will be September 17. He has been hired for a 90-day trial period and Jollay said they are very excited to have him on board.

Small Claims Court, hall repairs, Township maps

The Board passed a resolution to authorize Clerk Patty Molter to act on behalf of the Bainbridge Township Board to file in Small Claims Court actions to collect for the cost of emergency services provided to residents of the Township.

Supervisor Jollay explained to the public that this is so the Clerk can collect money that has not been paid at all or in part. Giving the example of a resident owing for an \$800 fire call, but only paying \$600 of that. The resolution would allow Hiler-Molter to go to Court to collect the remaining \$200.

With this the Clerk will be able to proceed as needed on the past due accounts.

The Board looked at a new list of seven repairs that needed to be done to the Township Hall. The first three items; clean the clogged gutter on the back of the building, repair a light fixture and replace some lights will be done by Supervisor Jollay. The two male members of the Board jokingly volunteered him.

Item four will be done by Treasurer Nancy Weber and she will shop for a small cabinet to keep supplies in by the coffee area. Item five is the replacement of window glass on the back of the building and because of the size of the panes of glass, they will find someone to take care of it.

Item six were the two front entrance doors on the old building. Supervisor Jollay said they are as good as can be.

They were the wrong type of doors, were put in backwards, there is heat loss from the gaping cracks around the doors, and the surrounding frame is starting to rot. It was decided by the Board to get an estimate from Keith Rogien to replace them.

Item seven was the replacement of the double doors on the inside of the hall. At this time they had been removed with the other work that was done. They placed this item on hold until they could see what the change would be with new outer doors. They may be able to leave it much better without the doors. Supervisor Jollay said the old doors were in the basement if the cold came in too bad, they could put them up as a temporary fix.

At the special September 6 meeting, the Board approved the contract with the Southwest Michigan Planners for a set of digital Township maps. These maps would show the topography, zoning, etc and could be easily accessed, whereas the assessments they have now are not, and one set cannot even

be opened. The quoted price was \$984.00 and was approved up to that amount, but the Board decided to remove two maps the final price should be somewhat less.

Other business

The insurance representative did not show up at the meeting so the Board tabled the Insurance Report and the Insurance Withholding Program.

Bills were approved for payment in the amount of \$16,513.66 and payroll in the amount of \$9,176.05 for a total of \$25,689.71.

Deputy Josh Sutherland of the Berrien County Sheriff's Department presented the report of Bainbridge Township Activities for the month of July. There were 39 complaints worked in the Township with eight tickets issued and three arrests made.

Hartford City gets "Clean" audit; \$1,011,228 fund balance provides city with 12 months operations surplus cash

By Angela Stair

The Hartford City Commission heard at their September 17 workshop meeting from Bob Gerbel of Gerbel & Company auditing firm that the audit of the City for 2011/2012 was "clean" opinion. He explained that was the best that can be given a client and is the same the City has received for the last several years.

Gerbel went on to say that the City is run very efficiently and very, very conservatively and taxpayers should be very happy with the people they have running the City. Taxpayers are getting their moneys worth. The General Fund Balance of \$1,011,228 means that if the City had a crisis and had no money coming in; they could still run the City for 12.12 months, which is up from last years 11.72 months.

A Commissioner asked what the normal recommended reserve for months of running a city was. Gerbel said they recommend a three-month reserve, but many do not even have that. In these hard times, he said it was a reflection of their attention to the budget of the City that has made the difference.

Gerbel said he had done the state required fraud check and found no indication of fraud. He said the staff



BERRIEN COUNTY 4-H STRAIGHT SHOOTERS... attended the State Shoot in Calhoun County on August 4, 2012. There were nine kids that were able to go.

Pictured front row (from the left): Julie Holtsclaw, County Coordinator and Archery Leader; Sarah Holtsclaw, Target Archery Senior; and Dani Warman, Target Archery Senior. Back row (from the left): Ben Helwig, Trap Senior; Bill LeBeau, Trap, Rifle Leader; John Andrasi, Trap, Rifle Leader; Clayton Helwig, Trap Senior; and Matt Andrasi, 3-D Archery Senior. Not pictured: Rose Safranel, Target Archery Junior; Liliha Rosier, 22 Field Rifle Senior; and Andrea French, 3-D Archery Senior.

The kids had a great day. Scores will be finalized at a later date. Great Job kids you represented our Club and county with pride and great respect and you all did your personal best. I am proud of each and every one of you. For any kids ages 9 to 19 interested in coming out and seeing what we are about, we meet the 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month from 2-4 p.m. We meet at the Watervliet Rod and Gun Club on Hennessy Road in Watervliet.

(Contributed photo)

was very helpful and organized and provided what ever they asked for during the audit quickly.

City Manager Yemi Akinwale told the Commission that with the personal property tax being taken away by the state, they said they would find a replacement for what was being taken, but it looks like they will not.

City Treasurer Linda Gray said the City's decision to invest some of the extra money a few years ago was a wise decision. They have \$934,475.00 (which is most of the reserve they were speaking of) and it brought income into the City last year of \$16,920.00 of interest.

City Mayor Ted Johnson commended the staff: Treasurer Linda Gray, Clerk RoxAnn Rodney-Isbrecht, and Manager Akinwale for a job well done.

Local Revenue Sharing Board, project updates, other business

Four Winds Hartford has been in operation for one year now. The Local Revenue Sharing Board has been formed and will distribute the first Tribal payment this October. Manager Akinwale serves as representative for the City of Hartford and as Vice Chairman of the Board.

Akinwale told the Commission that

the first distribution of the revenue from the Casino will be given September 28 or October 1, and the Revenue Sharing Board will distribute it according to the formula agreed to in the compact. The first step was for any entity that is directly impacted by the Casino should file a claim for the cost of that impact. These were due August 1, 2012.

He said they had only received four and so the Board extended the deadline to August 29 to give others a chance to file. At a special meeting held September 12, they still had only the four claims. These were reviewed by the Board and approved for payment. Van Buren County filed two, one for 911 Dispatcher and one for the jail. The Township of Hartford filed one for legal fees and the City of Hartford filed one for the sewer/water pipes and the lift station for the Casino, along with the cost of manpower to sustain them.

Chris Cowgill of Wightman Jones reported that the restoration was completed in the park and the only thing left will be to pay the final \$750.00 that was held until it was completed.

The Center Street project is generally done, but M-DOT has not done their official walk through yet. The Mayor asked if this was okay to go past the September 15 deadline of the job.

Cowgill said it is okay to go past a deadline with the punch list, and the M-DOT walk through is part of it. At that time they will check the questioned depth of the water caps in the asphalt.

Mayor Johnson said there is an opening on the Planning Commission, and three people are interested in it. They are Matt Sanborn, Rebecca Dill, and Jeffery Fuller who was added at the meeting. Mayor Johnson extended an invitation to all three to come to the September 24 City Commission meeting where they can express their wish to be on the Planning Commission Board and give any pertinent information about themselves. If they cannot make it, they can express themselves with something written and delivered before the meeting.

Hartford Fire Department is gearing up for the Fire Prevention Week activities from October 7 through October 13. The communication Manager Akinwale received said the Department would start the week off with a Pancake Breakfast on October 7 from 7:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. They will hold a Jamboree on October 13, starting with a parade at 1:00 p.m. The other Jamboree festivities will be held behind the Middle School.

The annual report for the Van Buren County Senior Services was given by Treasurer Linda Gray who serves as Hartford representative, is on their Board of Directors and is also their Treasurer.

The expansion of services started late spring of 2011, and they are still expanding. The program works hard to bring more fulfillment to the seniors of the area and help them to get the help they need. This year they built 28 ramps for handicapped seniors to increase their mobility.

They have helped to conduct 18 energy audits, and prepared over 600 tax returns for seniors bring over \$250,000 back to them. They have programs ranging from American Style Flutes to an AARP Driver Safety Program. They serve dinners at various locations, they have dinner trips to a special restaurant, they will help a senior get meals on wheels if it is needed, and have Fresh coupons for fresh fruit and vegetables.

They also sponsor outdoor activities and exercise for seniors such as Kayaking trips, the Fishing Club for senior anglers, Pickleball, and Wii Bowling.

There is something for everyone, Gray noted.

Grant money will be used to update Hagar Fire Station sign

By Janet Rhoton

Present at the regular Hagar Township board meeting on Monday, September 10, 2012, was Matt Quinn, who handles the grants for the North Berrien Fire Rescue. Quinn requested permission from Hagar Township to use NBFR grant money in the amount of \$29,000.00, allocated for advertisement.

Quinn expressed that the deadline for the grant to expire would be the end of September 2012. He said in these situations if you do not use the grant, you lose it, and wanted to use it on something that would last. Quinn proposed that Hagar Township modify its current sign at the Public Safety Building, which houses Fire Trucks, equipment, etc. for the NBFR and offices for the State Police, or replace it with a new sign. This building is on Coloma Road, just south and west of the Town Hall. The modification would consist of adding LED lights to current sign for advertising and alerts. The motion carried to modify and add LED lights to the existing sign at the Hagar Station. Quinn reminded everyone, "This would be a 12-week build and delivery time, so do not expect it next week."

Supervisor Report

Supervisor Izzy DiMaggio announced that the Township had five road projects planned and they were all completed. Seal coat was applied to Schmul Rd., Bessemer Rd. and Kerlikowski Rd. Hot mix was applied to West Bundy Rd., and Greenwood. DiMaggio continued that he was informed for a need of a tube replacement on Bundy Rd. south of Riverside. DiMaggio said that he had received an estimate from the General Superintendent in the amount of \$4,500.00, which he thought was a little too steep, because the road is only estimatedly about 50 feet wide, so a minor patch job would be look into at this time. This is what will be tried first; DiMaggio said, "He would not authorize this large amount of money to be spent without first asking the

Board."

DiMaggio also said that he would be meeting with John Olson again from Merit Engineering, to go over financial figures to present to the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) concerning the serious flooding on Hampton Road that has occurred in years past. The plan is to add another culvert to the existing culvert for more drainage, which should alleviate the flooding in the Hampton neighborhood. DiMaggio further assured everyone that there would not be a special assessment for this project. He believes that this fix could be completed with the funds on hand from the DDA.

Last month, DiMaggio said that there were some ordinances that needed to be looked into for improvement of language for clarity as well as additions for to better serve the community, basically to update ordinances. These ordinances consisted of: 1. Sexually Oriented Business District. Language was added under the definition and regulatory structure stating that it is meant to function in conjunction as a special exemption use permitted only in I-1 Industrial District. DiMaggio said that the Township cannot prohibit it, but it can be governed and regulated. 2. Keeping of Animals. 3. Dangerous and Exotic Animals. These two will be kept as separate ordinances. 4. Peddlers/Temporary Solicitation. For example: This ordinance will regulate and govern an individual coming to a resident's door trying to sell encyclopedias. This type of business needs a permit. A roadside fruit/vegetable stand does not need a permit. Girl Scouts trying to sell cookies does not need a permit. A profit business does need a permit.

The motion carried to approve the language for general ordinances listed above of 1, 2, and 3. Tabled until next month is #4 Peddlers/Temporary Solicitation Ordinance, in order to set up a fee schedule.

DiMaggio reported in new business that the Financial Statements and

Independent Auditor's Report was completed for the Fiscal Year of 2011-2012, saying it was a good report, and "Hagar Township is in excellent shape... and we owe sincere appreciation and thanks to the previous boards... to make sure that this Township remains fiscally conservative and fiscally responsible, so because of that we are in good shape." DiMaggio continued saying that the Township "took in \$877,000 and spent \$763,000 in expenses and added \$114,000 to the Hagar Township fund balance, and also did some projects and will continue to do projects but the Township is also attempting to maintain the integrity and the fiscal responsibility of the previous boards."

The motion carried to accept the Audit Report.

Clerks Report

Clerk Debbie Kelley reminded everyone that the deadline for registering for the November 6 election is October 9.

Kelley also gave a PrideCare ambulance service report for the month of July, which consisted of 27 runs, with an average response time of 8.57 minutes, with the longest run being 13 minutes. Kelley said that Hagar Township was getting good response times from them now, due to relocation of some of the ambulances.

Treasurer Report

In the Treasure's Report from Marlene Davis, invoices for the month of August were \$38,026.42. The motion carried to pay bills.

Parks and Recreation Report

A Parks and Recreation Report was submitted by Trustee Deb Kavanaugh in her absence, stating that the walkway for Hagar Park will be replaced this fall by Chandler Construction. This report also gave updates of all activities that have occurred as well as other repairs and bids that will be addressed at October's meeting for Hagar Park, Roadside Park, the Athletic Field and the Children's Park.

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My view from the Press Box

By Mike Leith, Sportswriter



HARTFORD'S JIMMY MULLINS (#80)... gets ready to juke a Bangor defender enroute to the first of two receiving touchdowns that he had for the night in Hartford's 49-13 win last Friday night. The Indians will now prepare to host Watervliet this Friday night, in a battle of unbeatens. (Mike Leith photo)

Wins by Indians and Panthers set up showdown in Hartford this Friday

Well, we have seen this before. Both Hartford and Watervliet will come into this weeks matchup undefeated at 4-0 overall, with the winner enhancing their chances of winning the SAC South conference.

The loser could still win it, as right now there are five teams in the SAC South with 4-0 record. Lawrence is the only team not 4-0 at 1-3. Hartford, Watervliet, Lawton, Decatur, and Marcellus are all 4-0 at this point, which is pretty impressive. It also points out that the SAC North is weaker than the South this season for sure.

However, since conference play starts this Friday in earnest, things will start separating as these undefeated teams start facing each other.

And the Marque matchup of those this weekend has to be Watervliet at Hartford. It will be the hottest ticket in town.

The second-best game, at least for the SSAC South, should be the Lawton-Decatur game.

Watervliet dismantles Martin 73-0 for easy win

The Watervliet varsity football team notched their fourth win of the season against no losses with a 73-0 win over Martin last Friday night.

The Panthers turned in a dominating performance as they scored 41 points in the first quarter alone enroute to piling up 441 total yards of offense including 295 on the ground and 146 through the air.

What was a really strange statistic is the fact that Watervliet ran just 22 offensive plays for the whole night, as most of their touchdown drives lasted just one or two plays except for one long scoring drive of three plays.

Javauntae Thomas scored the first touchdown of the night on a 19-yard run to make it a 7-0 game. Then they scored on a 6-yard run by quarterback Jake Cowser to make it a 14-0 game.

The third score of the night came on a 52-yard pass from Cowser to Travis Bolin to make it a 21-0 score. Bolin then caught a 35-yard pass from Cowser to make it a 28-0 game. Thomas then scored his second touchdown of the night on a 37-yard run to make it a 35-0 score. The Panthers then scored their final score of the first quarter on a 37-yard run by Bolin for his third touchdown of the night to make it a 41-0 game.

The Panthers then substituted in the second quarter with the same result as Brian Alden scored his first touchdown of the season on a 25-yard run to make it a 47-0 game. Cowser then threw a 30-yard pass to Deven Schultz for a touchdown to make it a 54-0 game. Cowser then scored the third touchdown of the second quarter on a 10-yard run to make it a 60-0 game. The final touchdown of the first half for the Panthers came on Alden's second score of the night on a 36-yard run. That made it a 67-0 game at the half.

A running clock was instituted in the

second half with the quarters reduced to eight minutes as well. As a result, time went very quickly in that second half with no scoring taking place in the third quarter.

The Panthers got one final score in the fourth quarter on a 41-yard interception return for a touchdown by Tyler Schwerdt to make the final score 73-0.

The Panthers 441 yards of offense saw Brian Alden compile 136 yards and two touchdowns on seven carries; Thomas had two carries for 56 yards with both carries going for touchdowns; Bolin had that rushing touchdown for 37 yards; Tyler Schwerdt had three carries for 36 yards. Cowser went 5-5 through the air for those 146 yards and two touchdowns along with his two rushing touchdowns. Bolin had two catches for 87 yards with both catches going for touchdowns; Deven Schultz had two catches for 38 yards and a touchdown, while Bailey Blocker added one catch for 26 yards.

On defense, the Panthers had Ernie Kellogg with six tackles, while R. J. Rudel had five tackles. The Panthers also had three interceptions with Schwerdt taking his back 41-yards for a touchdown, while Marcus Rodriguez and Michael Strunk each had an interception.

Now that the Panthers have this game out of the way they can now concentrate on their big matchup with Hartford this Friday night at Hartford. The winner of this game will definitely have a leg up early in the conference race.

Indians have slow first half before putting Vikings away in second half

The Hartford Indians punched their ticket to this weeks undefeated showdown with Watervliet by downing Bangor by a 49-12 score last week at their home field.

The Indians started slow for the third week in a row as they scored just one touchdown in the first quarter on a 16-yard pass from quarterback Luke Traver to Jimmy Mullins to make it a 7-0 game.

The second quarter saw Mullins catch his second touchdown pass of the night that covered 67 yards to make it a 14-0 game. Gareth MacMillan then scored the Indians second and final touchdown of the half on a 9-yard run to make it a 21-0 game at that point.

The Vikings then put a score on the board on a 33-yard run to make it a 21-6 game at the half.

The second half was a different story once again, as the Indians went on down the field to score first capped by a 2-yard run by Traver to make it a 28-6 score.

Bangor fought back and scored their second touchdown of the game to make it a 28-12 game.

Hartford then answered again with a 2-yard run by Gareth MacMillan for his second score of the night to make it a 35-12 game after three quarters.

The fourth quarter was all Hartford with Sergio Perez scoring a pair of touchdowns for the Indians to make the final score 49-12. Perez's first

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Armchair Quarterbacks pick this weekend's football game winners



Tom Gear
Tri-County Computer Services
32-5
Watervliet, Coloma, Decatur, Notre Dame, Michigan State, Western Mich, Iowa, Florida State, Ravens, Titans, Bears
Total Pts. 46



Tim Hildebrand
Hartford Hardings
31-6
Watervliet, Dowagiac, Decatur, Notre Dame, Mich. State, Connecticut, Iowa, Florida State, Ravens, Lions, Bears
Total Pts. 45



Jim Edwards
Nancy's Furniture
31-6
Watervliet, Dowagiac, Decatur, Michigan, Mich. State, Western Mich, Iowa, Florida State, Ravens, Titans, Bears
Total Pts. 42



Mark Bolin
Watervliet Public works
30-7
Watervliet, Dowagiac, Decatur, Michigan, Mich. State, Western Mich, Iowa, Florida State, Ravens, Titans, Bears
Total Pts. 44



Pam Hartman
John's Glass
30-7
Watervliet, Dowagiac, Decatur, Notre Dame, Mich. State, Western Mich, Iowa, Florida State, Ravens, Titans, Bears
Total Pts. 51



Chris Leach
Guy's Marine
24-13
Watervliet, Coloma, Lawton, Notre Dame, Mich. State, Western Mich, Iowa, Florida State, Ravens, Lions, Bears
Total Pts. 45

Last week's AQB results... lead switches again

This week we have another new leader for the fourth week in a row, as the race is still as tight as ever. After all was said and done over the weekend, most of the favored picks won with our competitors picking them as well to keep things close.

Tom Gear went 9-1 to tie for the best weekly record with three other competitors. However, the only game that Tom missed was the Jets-Steelers so he vaults right past our former leader to take first place by a full game. That meant Tom didn't have to depend on the tiebreaker, as he was the only participant to pick the Irish over the Spartans.

New member Tim Hildebrand went 8-2 and fell to second place as Tom past him by. Tim missed the Michigan State and Jets games, wins the tiebreaker to snag second place. Tim will learn quick if he hasn't already

that the tiebreaker comes into play quite often in a tight contest like this one is at this point.

Jim Edwards hangs on to third place as he also tied for the best record of the week at 9-1. Michigan State was his only loss but he did help himself with the tiebreaker to stay in third place, just one game behind the leader. Mark Bolin moves up to fourth place this week with a 9-1 record to tie for the weeks best. He is just two games behind the leader and had the help of the tiebreaker to vault him up from fifth place to fourth. Mark is right in the thick of things with plenty of time to go so it is a good spot.

Fifth place goes to Pam Hartman even though she posts a 9-1 record to tie for the best weekly record with the 3 competitors above her. Michigan State was her only loss so she could easily move up this week. I bet all of our competitors will pay a little more

attention to that tiebreaker as it has had a major bearing on position changes so far.

Chris Leach stays in sixth place although she went a respectable 8-2 for the week. She stays close enough to catch up with this week's solid performance and can focus on making up ground again this week.

This week we have a full slate of games on the schedule including the Michigan-Notre Dame matchup while at the high school level the Panthers will travel to the Indians for their clash.

This weeks games:
Watervliet at Hartford
Dowagiac at Coloma
Lawton at Decatur
Michigan at Notre Dame
Eastern Mich. at MSU
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score came on a 2-yard run while his second score came on a 7-yard run.

Hartford finished the night with 419 total yards for the night with 316 of that coming on the ground and 100 through the air. Sergio Perez rushed for 125 yards and two touchdowns on nine carries; Gareth MacMillan had 89 yards and two touchdowns on 14 carries; David Mireles had 62 yards on 10 carries, while Casper Aviles added 27 yards on six carries. Luke Traver went 4-4 through the air for that 100 yards and two touchdowns; while Jimmy Mullins had two catches for 82 yards and two touchdowns; while Nick Goodman added one catch for 20 yards. Gilbert Lopez went 7-7 in PAT kicks as well.

On defense, the Indians had Tony Kucharski with 11 tackles; Dominic Ledesma had nine tackles; Gareth MacMillan and Jimmy Mullins each had eight tackles, while Jacinto Arreola added five tackles. Brad Martin had a punt block and resulting fumble recovery.

So now you have two solid football teams with 4-0 records on a collision course that will culminate this Friday night. Get there early for a good seat.

Comets show life but fall to Three Rivers

The Coloma Varsity football team traveled to Three Rivers last Friday night and came away with a 41-20 loss.

The Comets found themselves in a 20-0 hole before they knew it in the first quarter. They then settled down and put together a score of their own that culminated in a 40-yard pass from quarterback Andrew Steinhoff to Jorge Hernandez. That made it a 20-6 game after the first quarter.

Three Rivers took back the momentum in the second quarter as they scored another 21 unanswered points to take a 41-6 lead into the half.

There was no scoring in the third quarter but the Comets did manage to put a pair of fourth quarter touchdowns on the board to make the final

41-20.

The Comets did manage to move the ball on Three Rivers as they ended the night with 337 yards of total offense with 186 of that coming through the air and 151 on the ground.

Andrew Steinhoff completed 15 of 27 passes for that 151 yards and one touchdown. Jorge Hernandez had five catches for 100 yards including his 40-yard touchdown; Rickey Payne had three catches for 29 yards, while Matt Greco added three catches for 20 yards. Dakota Selby was the leading Comet rusher with 33 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries.

Coloma coach Mark Eddy said that there was no room for mistakes as they scored every time the Comets made one.

On defense, Shane Wright recovered a fumble for the Comets.

This week Coloma will host Dowagiac.

Lady Panthers take second in own volleyball tournament

Watervliet hosted an Invitational volleyball tournament last Saturday and fell in the championship match to New Buffalo 25-20 and 25-22 to take second in the tournament.

The Lady Panthers were solid all day as they went 6-0 in pool play before downing Bridgman and Decatur in bracket play to get to the finals.

The Lady Panthers and the Lady Bison were pretty much evenly matched as Watervliet defeated New Buffalo earlier in the day in pool play. For the day, Watervliet stats had Kayli Dabicci with seven kills, two blocks, 11 digs, 129 assists, one ace, and 26 points; Madison Marvin with one kill, one block, seven digs, three aces, and 17 points; Lauren Richardson with 55 kills, eight blocks, 26 digs, five aces, and 22 points; Nicole Winter with 24 kills, 36 digs, seven aces, and 41 points; Casey Clark with 33 kills, five blocks, 18 digs, two aces, and 17 points; Britnie Harris with five kills, nine digs, five assists, 16 aces, and 36 points; while Alissa Simmons added 25 digs.

Coloma girls win Battle Creek Invitational

The Coloma girls varsity volleyball team fought their way through pool play and went on to win the Battle Creek Invitational volleyball tournament last Saturday over Kalamazoo Hackett by scores of 25-11, 23-25, and 15-12.

Coloma got to the championship match by defeating Battle Creek Central 25-11 and 25-20 in the quarterfinal match before downing Hastings in the semifinals by scores of 21-25, 30-28, and 15-12.

Coloma stats had Jenna Faultersack with 55 kills, four assists, four aces, 33 digs, and eight blocks; Erin Churchill had 28 kills, two assists, six aces, 31 digs, and six blocks; Megan Garrod had 18 kills, 96 assists, three aces, 18 digs, and four blocks; Mercedes Angelo had three kills, nine aces, and 18 digs; Gabby Leonard had 13 kills, three assists, four aces, two digs, and one block; Madison Cullitan had two aces and nine digs; Breanne Melrose had four kills; Michelle Graffenius had 12 kills, one assist, and three blocks; while Lexee Summers added 13 kills, one assist, one ace, five digs, and three blocks.

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Watervliet stats had Kayli Dabicci with two kills, five digs, 35 assists, one ace, and 17 points; Alex Howley had two digs and five points; Alexa Parker had one assist; Alexis Kieft had one kill, one dig, one ace, and one point; Madison Marvin had four kills, one dig, and four points; Lauren



“PACK A BACKPACK”... The Watervliet girls volleyball teams hosted a “Pack a Backpack” fundraiser during their home match against Lawrence on September 13. The objective was to collect backpacks and school supplies for students in need within the Watervliet school district. Anyone that brought an item that could be used in a backpack was admitted to the game free on this night. The Lady Panthers collected a total of 19 backpacks and five totes of school supplies to fill each backpack.

(Mike Leith photo)

Richardson had 26 kills, seven blocks, nine digs, two aces, and seven points; Nicole Winter had eight kills, 17 digs, two aces, and six points; Casey Clark had 11 kills one block, 10 digs, and 15 points; Britnie Harris had one kill and two assists; while Alissa Simmons added 11 digs and one assist.

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The community and fans were able to get into the game free with any donation to this great cause.

The volleyball players filled the backpacks and will be delivering them to our elementary and middle school principals to distribute to needy students.

The program also taught the volleyball players about the importance of public service and volunteering to help others that are less fortunate.

Coach Terry Adams wanted to issue a special thanks to all of the Panther fans that supported this fundraiser. Coach Adams would also like to issue a special “Thank You” to these local businesses who gave monetary donations to help purchase backpacks which include: Professional Hearing Services, Superior Scientific Glass, Joe Fletcher-Attorney at Law, and Dr. Dan Illiff.

AYSO Soccer Week of Sept. 10

By Kim Isbrecht

U6

The Mustangs played against the Sharks with Aaron Burgess, Alissa Cardenas, Jason Hicks, Lylah Hyska, Ella Isbrecht, and Jacob Querfurth playing for the Mustangs and Ava Cartwright, Isaac Ebrecht, Savannah Follman, Jose Hernandez, Riley Preston, and Quinten Sharpe playing for the Sharks.

The Lions battled the Cardinals. Ethan Whitney, Esme James, Karter Everhart, Sienna Bulat, Ellie Galvan, and Garrett Wolfe played for the Lions and Amelia Poole, Grant Ecker, Sianelli Rodriguez, Mackenzie Hosbein, and Luis Rodriguez played for the Cardinals.

The Panthers took on the Tigers. Playing for the Panthers were Luke Isbrecht, Eli Alsop, Emma West, Riley Munson, Molley Haase and Roman Rodarte. Cole Brown, Carson Underwood, Galilea Hernandez, Chelsea Lange, Arianna Mireles-Mesia, and Alejandra Ramos played for the Tigers.

U8

The Defenders won over the Passers with a score of 6-5. Andres Cardoso and Tyler Moore scored for the Defenders and Lauren Mortimore, Aaliyah Hinch, Natalie Hart, and Ernesto Rodarte scored for the Passers.

The Kickers faced the Shooters, winning 2-0. Scoring for the Kickers were Grace Chisek and Brenden Bornas.

The Strikers battled the Netters with a final score of 1-0. Brodie McQuillan scored the lone goal for the Strikers.

The Midfielders took on the Freekicks, winning 5-2. Scoring for the Midfielders were Luis Hernandez and Alexander Mejia. Able Villareal and Jorge Mendez scored for the Freekicks.

U10

The Hurricanes played two games this week. The first was against Lakeshore where the Hurricanes won 8-2 with goals scored by Nathan Isbrecht, German Casiano and Tyler Russell. The second game they lost 2-4 against South Haven with German Casiano scoring both goals for the Hurricanes. Also playing for the Hurricanes were Zachary Burgess, Mark Gonser, Cole Kirby, Kevin Morales, Benjamin Reynolds, and Austin Wilmoth.

The Thunder played against Lakeshore, losing 5-3. Scoring for the Thunder were Elijah Cowgill and Sergio Canseco.

The Lightning played Lakeshore, winning 6-3. Cody Palgen, Jackson Webber and Leonardo Hernandez scored for the Lightning.

The Avalanche played the Earthquakes, winning 9-1. Scoring for the Avalanche were Ava Genovese, Madison McQuillan, Cali Grenon, Kristen Gardiner, Mercedes Requesnes, Meghan Klann, and Samantha Whittker. Playing for the Earthquakes were Madison Hagood-Saunders, Eadie Needham, Celeste Herrera, Sydney Barte, Leah Brucal, Abby Roberts, Emma Isbrecht, Mary Pultz, Hannah Hart, Gracie Williams and Danyel Munson, who scored the lone goal for the Earthquakes. The Earthquakes also played against South Haven, losing 10-1 with Mary Pultz scoring.

U12

The Knights played against Dowagiac, tying 2-2. Joel Soto scores both goals for the Knights.

The Dragons played two games. The first game was against Bridgman where the Dragons won 4-0. Scoring for the Dragons were Elijah Ledesma, Isaac Wilmoth, and Erik Jarvis. The second game against St. Joseph the Dragons lost 0-4.

The Sapphires played against Lakeshore, winning 4-2. Playing for the Sapphires were Alexis Montiel, Jessica Cardoso, Ashlee Herrerra, Jessana VanLente, Hannah Guntz, Mackenzie Grant, Grace Gagliardo, Lillian Arnold, Sydney Ellison, Audrey Meader, and Paige Burgess with goals scored by Monserrat Requesnes, Alyssa Krenek, and Grace Wertenan.

U14/16

The Fire played three games this week. The first game the Fire won 8-

1 over Paw Paw with Casie Gohr, Noel Soto, Olivia Ziemer, Cameron Bourlier, and Michel Calderon scoring goals. The second game was against Bridgman and the Fire won 4-3 with goals by Noel Soto and Michel Calderon. The final game of the week was against Mattawan where the Fire won 9-1 with Casie Gohr, Noel Soto, Cameron Bourlier, and Michel Calderon scoring. Also playing for the Fire were Thaddieuss Arnold, Alyssa Bahr, Clayton Burgess, Ryan Foster, Heather Frank, Gabian Gonzales, Olivia Kling, Jessica Lucero, Jada Taylor, Jacob Wilmoth, Kendall Ziemer, Martha Casiano, and Rose Safranek.

Calvin Taylor in concert at Hartford Seventh Day Adventist Church September 20

On Thursday, September 20, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., Calvin Taylor, pianist and recording artist, will appear in a live concert of sacred music at the Seventh Day Adventist Church, located at 57825 65 ½ Street, Hartford.

Dr. Taylor has toured throughout the world, performing in North and South America, Europe, Ukraine, and the Far East. Holding degrees in music from Oberlin Conservatory, The University of Michigan, and the University of Kentucky, Calvin has authored several music books, including *Spirituals for Piano*, *The Patriotic Piano*, *Spiritual Suite for Organ*, *Piano, Spirituals for Worship*, *Sacred Classics*, and *Five Spirituals for Organ*.

With over ten solo recordings to his credit, Calvin Taylor records for Master Disc Records. Movements from his *Sunrise Symphony* have been performed by several orchestras including Nashville, Shreveport, South Arkansas, Salt Lake City, and Detroit Symphony Orchestras.

There is no charge for admission. A freewill offering will be received. Please call 615-295-5795 for further information.

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