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ARSON is suspected in a fire that occurred shortly after midnight Monday, May 8, at the Dollar General in Hartford.

WWMT reports that the fire began in a pile of cardboard boxes behind the building according to Fire Chief Rob Harting. Harting told WWMT that while no accelerant was detected at the scene, the fire spread too fast to be accidental. Harting also said that the damage was extensive and included smoke and water damage to the product inside.

Hartford Police are investigating the incident. A notice taped to a window on the front of the building offers a \$5,000 arson reward (photo insert).

(TCR photo by Lacey Krohn)
See the Police and Fire Reports on Page 10 for news of another suspected arson of the restrooms at the flowing well on M-140 south of Watervliet.

Coloma and Watervliet voters approve schools' millage

By Annette Christie

Tri-City voters approved all ballot proposals put before them in the May 8 election. Coloma School District voters approved a sinking fund while Watervliet and Dowagiac school districts approved renewals of their operating millage.

Coloma School District looks to maintain facilities with sinking fund

Voters approved a sinking fund millage request for 1.25 mill for up to 10 years in the district that is looking to provide repair and maintaining of their aged facilities.

The unofficial count of ballots was 621 in favor and 567 against.

Approved by voters, the district will have a set number of years that they know will bring in a steady funding source used for facility updates and improvements. With a sinking fund the district will not have to pay any interest and will spend the funding only as it comes in.

Current facility needs include a new high school and gym roof (last installed in 1986 & 1992); upgrade building security with cameras, doors, locks, and lighting; resurface parking lots; upgrade the playground at the Intermediate School; make improvements at the Alwood Gym to the bleachers, entry, bathrooms, etc.; and replace the aging heating systems that were installed in the 60s and 70s.

Nine out of 13 public K-12 school districts in Berrien County have a sinking fund. With a sinking fund, every dollar put in goes right into the district as an investment with no interest costs. As described in the proposal verbiage, the sinking fund can only be used for specific things.

Following the results Superintendent Pete Bush said, "We are very happy with the voter turnout and support of our community for our sinking fund initiative. This is a positive outcome for our district that will greatly benefit the learning environment for our students over the next 10 years. Now our board can begin planning for our top priorities and we can begin our first projects in the summer of 2019."

School Board President Heidi Ishmael added on social media, "Thank you Coloma voters! We appreciate your support."

The 1.25 mill approved should raise about \$482,000 annually and will continue until 2027. It will be first collected in the winter of this year.

Voters in the Watervliet and Dowagiac school districts approve millage renewals

Both Watervliet and Dowagiac school districts asked voters to approve levying the statutory rate of 18 mill for non-homestead property. This allows the school district to levy the statutory rate of not to exceed 18 mill for non-homestead property. With the approval, the districts will be able to receive their entire pupil allowance as provided under the state's funding formula.

The Watervliet School District voters approved an increase by 1 mill (\$1.00 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of six years, 2018 to 2023 inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the school district will collect in 2018 is approximately \$5,200 (this millage is to restore millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and will be levied only to the extent necessary to restore that reduction).

The unofficial count of the ballots was 240 yes and 195 no.

More Dowagiac School District voters said yes than no to authorizing a renewal at 17.8992 mill (\$17.8992 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of five years, 2019 to 2023 inclusive, and also be increased by .1008 mill (\$0.1008 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of five years, 2019 to 2023 inclusive, to provide funds for operating purposes; this is a renewal of millage that will expire with the 2018 levy and a restoration of millage lost as a result of the reduction required by the Michigan Constitution of 1963.

The unofficial count of the ballots was 605 yes and 262 no.



Hartford wins Blossomtime Sweepstakes Trophy again!
SWEEPSTAKES AWARD... While the Hartford float was unit #69 in the lineup of the Blossomtime Parade, it claimed the #1 spot for the awards given. The community of Hartford won the Sweepstakes Award again with their "Rollin' Out the Red Carpet for a Fair to Remember" as they are home to the Van Buren County Fair. The float featured Miss Hartford Angela Saldana and other Hartford royalty including: Second Runner-up Kaylynn Owens, Miss Congeniality Arianna Dolge, First Runner-up and Mr. Nice Guy to Mr. Hartford Adam Wheeler, Second Runner-up to Mr. Hartford Bobby Johnson, Miss Teen Carson Rice, First Runner-up to Miss Teen Kayla Hoy, Miss Junior Teen Brooke Birmele, First Runner-up to Miss Junior Teen Gracianne Kinchen, Little Miss Hartford Morgan Birmele, Little Mr. Hartford Linken Birkhead, First Runner-up to Little Miss Brianna Fredrich, and First Runner-up to Little Mr. Jacob Antes.

(TCR photo by Annette Christie)
See Page 7 for more photos of Coloma, Hartford, and Watervliet parade entries.

Grand day for the Grand Floral Parade; Hartford wins Sweepstakes Award again

By Annette Christie

The 2018 Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade was treated extra special by Mother Nature on Saturday as the sun was out to shine on the parade. The parade route between St. Joseph and Benton Harbor was loaded with thousands of people that came out to enjoy the annual event.

The community of Hartford was the big winner by receiving the Sweep-

stakes Award for the fourth year in a row. The award is given for the most outstanding float concept and artistic merit of theme, color, animation, beauty, and floral display. The theme of the float was Rolling Out the Red Carpet for a Fair to Remember, highlighting the Van Buren County Youth Fair.

This year marked the 112th year for the annual event which draws thou-

sands of people from all over Southwest Michigan and beyond. It is the crown jewel of the Blossomtime Festival, the area's oldest and largest multi-community festival in the State of Michigan. The parade contained over 100 units and included communities all over Southwest Michigan.

Rep. LaSata to host office hours on Friday

State Rep. Kim LaSata announced plans to meet with residents of Southwest Michigan during her scheduled office hours.

Office hours will take place on Friday, May 11 at Biggby Coffee, 111 Main St. in St. Joseph from 9 to 10 a.m.

"Receiving feedback from my community is a crucial aspect of being an effective representative," LaSata said. "I look forward to hearing what is on people's minds and am grateful for those who take the time to share what is most important to them."

No appointment is necessary. Those unable to attend are invited to contact her Lansing office by phone at 517-373-1403 or email KimLaSata@house.mi.gov.

Rep. Griffin hosts district office hours on Monday

State Rep. Beth Griffin announced plans to meet with residents of Southwest Michigan during regularly scheduled local office hours this May.

"I believe accessibility is key to open and honest government," Griffin said. "I welcome anyone with ideas or questions about state government to attend my local office hours."

The office hours take place at the following times and locations on Monday, May 14: Biggby Coffee at 400 S. Kalamazoo St. in Paw Paw from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.; South Haven Memorial Library at 314 Broadway St. in South Haven from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.; Decatur Village Hall at 114 N. Phelps St. in Decatur from 1 to 2 p.m.; and Cooper Township Hall at 1590 West D Ave. in Kalamazoo from 3 to 4 p.m.

No appointments are necessary. Those unable to attend may contact Rep. Griffin by calling 517-373-0839 or by email to BethGriffin@house.mi.gov.

Watervliet City Clerk leaving

By Annette Christie

In the job postings of the Tri-City Record this week, the Watervliet City Clerk position will be posted as management tries to fill the position. Clerk Dena Yow confirmed that she has given notice to the City Manager. She would not comment on the reason for leaving.

City Manager Michael Uskiewicz told the Record that he was surprised by Yow's resignation, saying he had recently given her an outstanding rating

on her performance evaluation.

Yow first came to the City in January of 2014. Her contract was not renewed in January of 2016; however, she was rehired again in August of 2016.

This comes about a month after Uskiewicz announced he would be retiring. He is expected to remain in the position through the end of June.

See the job posting in the Public Notices on Page 10



A HAIR RAISING HIT... Hartford's Monserrat Requeses and Coloma's Samantha Trousedale work around each other to take the shot Wednesday as the Indians hosted the Comets. Coloma proved victorious with the 3-0 shutout.

(TCR photo by Kristy Noack)

See the Press Box on Pages 12-14 for more local sports action photos and game reports

Investing in Your Future

By Denise Barowicz & Brian Smith
Financial Advisors

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Mother's Day financial gifts for your adult children

Mother's Day is almost here. If you're a mother with grown children, you might receive flowers, candy, dinner invitations or some other type of pleasant recognition. However, you might find that you can get more enjoyment from the holiday by giving, rather than receiving. The longest-lasting gifts may be financial ones – so here are a few moves to consider:

Contribute to your child's IRA. If your children have earned income, they are eligible to contribute to an IRA, which offers tax benefits and an almost unlimited array of investment options. You can't contribute directly to another person's IRA, but you can write your child a check for that purpose. This could be a valuable gift, as many people can't afford to contribute the maximum yearly amount, which, in 2018, is \$5,500 or \$6,500 for those 50 or older.

Give gifts of stock. You know your children pretty well, so you should be familiar with the products they buy. Why not give them some shares of stock in the companies that make these products? Your children will probably enjoy being "owners" of these companies, and if they weren't that familiar with how the financial markets work, having these shares in their possession may greatly expand their knowledge and lead to an even greater interest in investing.

Donate to a charity in your child's name. You might want to donate to a

charitable organization that your child supports. In years past, such a donation might have earned you a tax deduction, but the new tax laws, which include a much higher standard deduction, may keep many people from itemizing. Still, it's possible for a charitable gift to provide you with a tax benefit, depending on your age. If you're 70-1/2 or older, you must start taking withdrawals from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored plan, but by moving the withdrawal directly to a qualified charitable group, the money won't count as part of your adjusted gross income, so, in effect, you can get a tax break from your generosity.

Review your estate strategy. Like virtually all parents, you'd probably like to be able to leave some type of legacy to your children, and possibly your grandchildren, too. So, if you haven't already started working on your estate strategy, consider using Mother's Day as a launching point. At the very least, you'll want to write your will, but you may need much more than that such as, a living trust, a durable power of attorney and other documents. And don't forget to change the beneficiary designations on your life insurance and retirement accounts if you've experienced a major life change, such as divorce or remarriage. These designations are powerful and can even supersede whatever instructions you might have left in your will. As you can guess, estate planning can be complex, so you almost certainly will want to work with a legal professional to get your arrangements in order. Mother's Day is a good opportunity for your children to show their love for you, and you can do the same for them by helping bolster their long-term security through financial gifts and legacy planning.

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My news and views from the Michigan State House



By Representative Kim LaSata

Improving safety for students and patients

The House recently rolled out a new plan to improve school safety across the state. The plan would establish a School Safety Commission to review safety procedures in Michigan schools and provide more resources for security improvements in school buildings. The commission would evolve from a gubernatorial task force charged with making school safety recommendations and developing a system to audit safety procedures. Grants to improve security would be distributed with priority going to schools with the greatest need.

The plan also calls for increased exposure of Michigan's OK2SAY program, which allows confidential reporting of tips on potentially harmful or criminal activity directed at students, school employees or school buildings. The system helps distribute important information to law enforcement, mental health service programs and others. It's making a difference in schools, and creating an environment free from bullies, safety threats or issues that could result in self-harm.

Local schools, law enforcement and other groups helped immensely in developing school safety legislation. We will continue to work with them and all the other groups committed to improving school safety as this plan continues to advance.

Additionally, a bipartisan reform plan introduced in the House was developed in light of the heinous behavior by former Michigan State University doctor, Larry Nassar. Engaging in sexual misconduct under the guise of medical treatment or examination is despicable, and Michigan Legislators are sending a strong message that such behavior is not only morally wrong, but also criminal.

The plan modernizes existing state law to protect both male and female patients who are violated, and strengthens the penalties for the crime. A violator can now be sentenced to up to 25 years in prison in addition to permanent revocation of their medical license.

My view from the Capital



by Fred Upton
Congressman

New effort to drive economic development in Southwest Michigan

Last week, it was announced that the unemployment rate has hit a 17-year low at 3.9 percent. This report shows an expanding economy – which was our goal when we passed pro-growth, pro-American tax reform.

The good economic news continues as the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) approved Michigan's application for Opportunity Zones. Michigan is one

of only 18 states to be approved and the first set of cities and townships throughout Michigan has 24 designations here in Southwest Michigan alone.

Opportunity Zones were included in the landmark tax legislation that was signed into law late last year. The idea of this program is to identify areas that are lagging behind in business and job growth and offer targeted tax benefits for reinvestment into economic projects – like local startups or affordable housing. The tax benefits hinge on the length of the investment to ensure long-term, sustained, and local development.

We've already seen huge benefits from tax reform. Folks are seeing higher paychecks, lower utility bills, and job growth. Now, with Opportunity Zones we have a chance to help our small businesses even more and create local jobs.

To learn more about this and other important legislative issues, please visit my website: upton.house.gov or call my offices in Kalamazoo (269-385-0039), St. Joseph/ Benton Harbor (269-982-1986), or Washington, D.C. (202-225-3761).

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Friend of Public Health 2018

The Berrien County Board of Health, staff from the Berrien County Health Department, Berrien County Commissioners, other elected officials, and dozens of community partners honored law enforcement agencies serving Berrien County as the recipient of the 2018 Friend of Public Health Award.

The Berrien County Health Department has a long-standing tradition of honoring worthy recipients, either an individual or organization, for their outstanding contributions to the health of the community while reflecting the spirit of the Berrien County Health Department's mission and its population based approach to health status enhancement.

Margaret Kohring, Berrien County Board of Health Chair, said, "It was the unanimous feeling and vote of the entire Board of Health that no other

entity in the Berrien County community more deserved to receive this year's Friend of Public Health Award."

Law enforcement agencies serving Berrien County have been long-standing partners of public health, but in recent years have taken more actions to display their commitment toward advancing community health and wellness through their policing approach. They have focused on proactive efforts to protect the safety of the community, coordinated with organizations across the community for a larger impact, and started to look upstream at root causes of public safety issues in order to approach problems from a new angle.

Nicki Britten, Berrien County Health Department Health Officer said, "Both law enforcement agencies and public health are concerned about the well-being of the community. With shared values and goals, there is a strong foundation for productive partnerships in preventing disease, protecting health, and promoting an optimal quality of life for all."

News from Lansing



By Sen. John Proos

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Honoring our fallen police officers

Law enforcement officers put their lives on the line every day to keep our communities safe and respond in times of crisis. Sadly, last year 129 of these brave men and women never returned home.

In 1962, to salute the dedication and sacrifice of police officers and their families, Congress established May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the week on which it falls as National Police Week.

Next week, May 13-19, communities across Southwest Michigan and the nation will unite to remember officers who were killed in the line of duty, as well as the family, friends and fellow officers they left behind.

The names of 360 officers will be added to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., including 129 officers killed in 2017 and an additional 231 officers who died in previous years.

The newly engraved names will be read during a poignant candlelight vigil on Sunday, May 13 at 8 p.m. Residents can watch a live webcast of the vigil at www.UnitedByLight.org.

In Berrien County, the annual memorial service in St. Joseph's Lake Bluff Park on May 15 at noon will honor the officers who lost their lives serving our community.

Remembering our fallen officers is a great reminder of how blessed we are to have such amazing, selfless officers in Michigan.

I encourage residents to thank our outstanding law enforcement officers for all they do to make our state and communities safe. God bless them and keep them safe.

As always, I look forward to hearing your comments and feedback on the important issues facing Michigan. You can contact me at 517-373-6960.



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Flower sale Friday & Saturday by Friends of the Hartford Library

The Friends of the Library is holding its annual Mother's Day Flower Sale on Friday, May 11 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Hartford Public Library. They will be offering colorful floral baskets, some annuals and perennials. Also available are beautiful roses in a lovely vase with a bow at \$3.00 each. All proceeds from the flower sale support the Hartford Library Children's Summer Programs.

Southern Gospel and Bluegrass Concert, 5K race at Grace Christian School on Saturday

Grace Christian School is hosting foot stompin' bluegrass and southern gospel music, delicious BBQ, 5K race, carnival games, raffle items and more! It's the first ever AmazinGrace Off Road 5K Race with BBQ competition and a concert. It will take place Saturday, May 12 with registration beginning at 3:30 p.m. at Grace Christian School located at 325 N. M-140 in Watervliet.

The 5K race, Southern Gospel and Bluegrass Concert, and Delicious BBQ Competition all begin at 4 p.m. Pre-register for the 5K at www.swmiracers.org. For more information on the event, please visit www.gcspatriots.org or visit Watervliet Grace Christian on Facebook.

North Berrien Historical Society presents the German POW Experience in Michigan, May 15

Join the North Berrien Historical Museum as they look into the German POW Experience in Michigan on Tuesday, May 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Between 1942 and 1945, nearly 400,000 German Prisoners of War were placed in camps throughout the United States. There were 32 camps here in Michigan, including ones in Coloma, Benton Harbor, and Hartford. Dr. Howard Poole will shed light on the experiences of these captured men including how they were transported from Europe and back after the war, stories of individual POWs while in the U.S., as well as stories of POWs who returned to the U.S. after the war.

Dr. Poole grew up in Indianapolis, Indiana with a farming background. He attended Purdue University first majoring in agriculture (B.S. and M.S. degrees in Animal Science) and then shifting to Educational Research and Science Education for a doctorate degree in 1972. He joined Western Michigan University's faculty in 1972 where he worked until he retired in 2004.

No RSVP is required for this free program. Contact the museum at (269) 468-3330 or info@northberrienhistory.org for more information.

Lakeland to offer free babysitting class in Watervliet

To help adolescents learn how to be safe sitters, Lakeland Health will host a free "Babysitting with Confidence" class on Saturday, May 19, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in Classrooms A & B at Lakeland Hospital, Watervliet, located at 400 Medical Park Drive.

Created specifically for adolescents, this course covers a variety of topics intended to give participants the confidence and knowledge for caring for small children, including: Questions to ask before taking a job; Expectations of a baby sitter; Telephoning in an emergency; Home and fire safety; Infant and toddler care; First aid and choking; Discipline; Food preparation.

Participants must be in the fifth grade or be age 11 or older to register. Preregistration is required and class size is limited. For more information or to register for this free class, call (269) 556-2872.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES serving Berrien County were honored by being chosen to receive the Friend of Public Health Award for 2018 at a recent ceremony. Pictured (from the left) are: Lt. Melinda Logan (Michigan State Police), Peg Kohring (Berrien County Board of Health Chair), Sheriff Paul Bailey (Berrien County Sheriff's Department), Chief Dan Unruh (Berrien County Police Services Council), First Lt. Michael Dawson (Michigan State Police), Nicki Britten (Berrien County Health Department Health Officer). See the Health Department column "For your health & safety" on Page 2 for more information on this event.

Keeler Township discusses ballot placement for police, fire and road millage renewals

By Annette Christie

Keeler Township officials discussed the timing of some upcoming ballot proposals at their Tuesday, May 1 meeting. The board had previously approved placing the police, fire, and road millage renewals on the August ballot. All three millage will expire in 2019. Supervisor Bill Kays led discussion by noting that they don't need to do it right now and with the number of ballot issues coming up in August and November they might want to reconsider the timing. Clerk Carl Davis noted that there will not be any elections in the off year.

There seemed to be some concern that putting it with other ballot issues could perhaps hinder their success at passing. Treasurer Barb Fisher commented that she would like to see them just do this right now adding that if they do it in August and it does fail they could still put it on the November ballot. The board concurred and the millage renewals will be on the August ballot.

All three millage are for 2019-2022. The board will be asking for the Fire Services Millage to be renewed at 1.00

mill; the Police Millage to be renewed at .75 mill; and the Road Millage to be renewed at 1.00 mill.

Scheduled road work

The Keeler Township Board has approved their 2018 Road Improvement Program which includes the following seal coating projects: 80th Avenue from CR687 West to County Line Road, 2.91 miles estimated at \$49,470; 77th Avenue from CR687 East to CR681, 3.01 miles estimated at \$51,170; 66th Street from the corner of M-152 to 90th Avenue, .5 miles estimated at \$9,250.

Including the gravel, hot mix, mowing, dust control, and miscellaneous ditching, all of the township's projects total \$172,000.

Keeler Fire Department fund-raiser

The Keeler Township Fire Department will host a Pancake Breakfast on May 12 for a Keeler Township resident who is struggling with some medical issues. The hours will be from 8 a.m. to noon. Chief Don Bogart said of local busi-

ness owner Jeff Halliburton, "He has been very supportive of us and we just want to return the favor." The funds raised will go to help him and his family with medical bills and associated expenses.

The Keeler Twp. Fire had a busy month for April. They responded to 22 calls, 16 medical and 6 fire calls. None of the fires were in Keeler Twp. They were assists to Decatur, Hartford, and North Berrien. Bogart noted that the conditions are very dry and FEMA has put out a high fire warning.

Van Buren County Sheriff coverage

Van Buren County Deputy Ray Hochsprung reported, during the month of April he worked 16 days in the township. He worked on 27 complaints of which 11 were criminal. Hochsprung did make one felony arrest for a sex offender registration violation. The subject is a suspect in numerous other crimes both in Cass and Van Buren counties. He is currently lodged in the Van Buren County Jail and the investigation continues.



SUCCESSFUL COIN COLLECTION... Coloma Junior High students participated in a Pennies for Patients fund-raiser sponsored by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Both 6th and 8th grade students exceeded their goals!

Eighth grade students, pictured here, more than quadrupled their goal of \$225.00! Aiden Dryer, Cole Miller, Caleb Ishmael, Riley Davis, and Luke Phillips were instrumental in motivating their classmates to excel in this campaign. Strategies included placing paper currency in other grade level containers that would be deducted from those grade level totals, and collecting impressive coin donations. Only coins counted toward grade level totals. The 8th graders were driven to raise funds for such a worthy cause.

Sarah Hibbard visited Coloma Junior High as a representative of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to receive the proceeds from the fundraiser.

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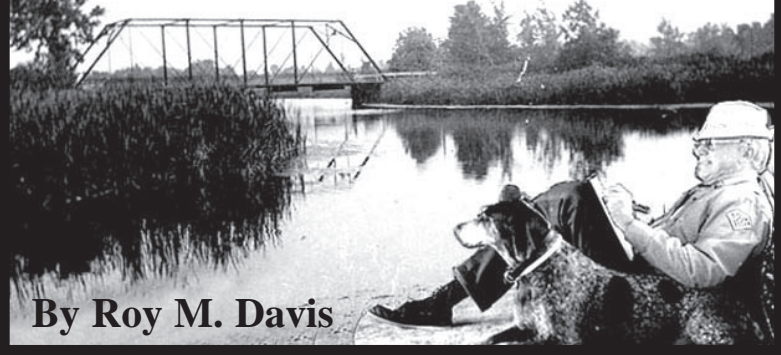
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The Paw Paw River Journal



By Roy M. Davis

EDITOR'S NOTE: This entry in the Paw Paw River Journal was previously published in the Tri-City Record and repeated in recognition of Mother's Day, May 13, 2018.

Somebody's Mother

Back in the day when I was working for the government (not entirely by choice), we used to march incessantly in Basic Training. Miles and miles... and a directive came out that all of us in Air Force training should sing as we marched. So we did, and had an amazing repertoire of songs.

One came to mind because Mother's Day is approaching. The song went like this: "Be kind to your web-footed friends... for that duck may be somebody's muuuuuuuuuther (long & drawn out)... she lives all alone in the swamp, where the weather is cold and damp (damp)..."

Now this may seem a rather light and irreverent approach to Mother's Day, but I do not mean it as such. I was thinking about mothers, and that song just popped in there. And I do want to talk about them.

Everyone in this world has a mother and a father. Unfortunately, it is a fact of life that many kids now do not have both present in their lives. Once in a while it is an absent mother... but usually it is a scarce dad.

Years ago, when we were moving into our home, it caused a small neighborhood sensation. Trucks in the driveway, people coming and going... carrying stuff into the house. A group of small neighborhood urchins gathered around to watch. My Chief Accountant (who has always liked kids) stopped to talk to them.

One little boy was hanging back on the edge of the group. Another... obviously trying to find some subject of interest to this big person, pointed at the kid on the fringe and said, "He ain't got no Dad!"

My partner in life squatted down and said to them earnestly, "Now, kids, I want to tell you something... everyone in this world has a Mom and a Dad. Some of them are just in other

places!"

The poor little urchin beamed at her... she had made a friend there.

And there is a germ of truth in that. It takes two parents to bring a child into the world. What happens after that is one of the great tragedies of our society.

I have known a lot of people who made it with only one parent... but that person was strong and could do the work of both. It may not take a whole village to rear a child (although it would help), but the best solution is to have both a mother and father present and working at it.

I guess Marion and I were both lucky to have two parents who took their job seriously. My mom was there to bind up our childhood wounds, and my dad was ever present to instruct me on how not to have that happen again!

My mom gave me a colorful "Indian" blanket to take in my Radio Flyer coaster wagon to go camping. With a couple of friends, I pulled the wagon up to the corner where we made our tent and had a meal of white crackers (with graham crackers for dessert!). I'm sure she must have watched us from the window to see that we did not go beyond our property.

Marion remembers living on the farm with her family, and they all pitched in to help. Their mom gave Marion and sister Dolores a big dish and said, "Why don't you pick some blackberries and take them to Mrs. Taylor (an older widow who lived just down the road). She likes to make jam."

Marion says now she realizes her mom was teaching them to help others, especially older people.

And how we chafed and squirmed under the strictures of parental control. That is natural... fences are made to be tested. But somewhere along in there something happened. Perhaps it was parents of our generation... having gone through a Depression as children, then World War II... they said, "My kids are not going to have to go through what we went through!" And they lost sight of the fact that it is the

fire that tempers steel.

Now those children of permissive post-war parents have grown up and have children. And those children have grown up and have children. Have we gotten back to any sane footing in the parenting world? I don't think our society has improved any. In the name of freedom of expression, entertainment has gone way past what I believe to be suitable.

I know this sounds like doom and gloom... a recently retired teacher I know very well has said that there are new parents who realize what is wrong... and we have better kids on the horizon. I hope so. Recent video displays of teen-agers beating on each other do not inspire confidence.

What can we do? Is the genie out of the bottle? Has the toothpaste been squeezed out of the tube... and cannot be put back in? I know what I think would help... better parenting. Better two parenting! And respect for others. It's almost too much to ask that young people delay gratification of the senses. Some time ago, people had to earn adulthood. Not anymore. Kids take on the trappings of adulthood at an ever earlier age.

If any younger people are reading this, please take time this Mother's Day to honor the woman who gave you life. I do not mean to say that my generation was perfect. We were not.

Just recently one night I dreamed about my mom. I walked up to her and she was young and attractive... probably looking much like she did when I was a wee lad.

In my dream, I put my arms around her and said, "I love you."

She smiled at me and said, "It's easier to say that now you are older, isn't it..." How true!

Coloma Library

News

Story Hour

Story Hour meets on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Toddlers and preschoolers are invited to hear a story, make a craft and sing a song with Miss Amy. There is no sign-up or fee required. It is asked that all children be supervised by an adult during Story Hour.

Book Club

The Coloma Library Book Club is meeting on Thursdays, May 17 at 5:30 p.m. The title to read before the discussion is "The Zookeeper's Wife" by Diane Ackerman. Generally, depending on demand there are titles available for check-out at the front desk. The book club regularly meets every other Thursday and is always looking for new members.

Memorial Day closings

The library will be closed Saturday, May 26, Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28 to celebrate Memorial Day.

Call 468-3431 with questions on any Coloma library activity.

Watervliet District

Library News

In Stitches Knitting Group May 11, 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. Second Friday of every month, bring your needles and join the fun! Limited supplies available; beginners are welcome.

Third Monday Book Club May 21, 7 - 8 p.m. Great books, fabulous conversations! Ask for a copy at the desk. This month's adventure is "Stitches" by David Small.

Teen Table Projects - May: "X, a Novel" by Ilyasah Shabazz. Take home your own copy, read it and share your inspiration in art - your choice of format - and take home a fedora in classic zoot-suit style!

Special Stuff for Kids - May: Check out this year's Michigan Ready-To-Read book, "I got the Rhythm" and take home a rhythm instrument craft!

Library Garden Park - Purchase a Legacy Walk brick and celebrate a memory! Bricks are \$75; 13 characters, 2 lines. Pick up a form at the library.

Yoga: Monday, 9 - 10 a.m.; Wednesday, 7 - 8 p.m.; Chair Yoga, Wednesday, 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Call 463-6382 for questions on any Watervliet library activity.

Glimpses From The Past

Hewitt building; built 1891, demolished 1995



North Berrien Historical Museum is always interested in photos, stories or information sharing. The museum can be contacted at 269-468-3330 or by email to info@northberrienhistory.org.

From the photo collection at the North Berrien Historical Museum
300 Coloma Avenue, Coloma

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 - 1918

A great patriotic address is planned at the Methodist church. The Home Guards will attend, in a body, with a special section reserved for them. Every member and all citizens should attend to hear this powerful speaker.

May Day, the first day of prohibition in Michigan, was observed by the local W.C.T.U. A jubilee rally was held at the Congregational church.

The North Berrien County Rod & Gun Club has made arrangements with the state hatcheries to raise ring-necked pheasant eggs.

60 years ago - 1958

The Chamber of Commerce is asking the commissioners to take steps to improve parking conditions in the downtown area. They are recommending a two-hour parking limit on Paw Paw Street.

The annual Arion award was given to three seniors of the high school band. Aubrey Arndt, Nancy Krieger and John Faraone were recipients.

The Coloma Town & Country Club will be host to the Michigan TB X-ray unit. The mobile unit workers will include Mrs. John King, Mrs. Jack Willmeng, Mrs. Louis Kerlikowske, Mrs. James Barricklow, Mrs. Carroll

NEWS FROM THE HARTFORD DAY SPRING

100 years ago - 1918

A war drama entitled "Somewhere in France" will be presented at the opera house Friday evening for the benefit of the surgical dressing department of the Hartford Red Cross unit. The play is to be presented by Bangor talent assisted by Hartford talent and the Hartford Boy Scouts and Camp Fire girls.

Wm. M. Traver recently purchased the Goodenough farm of 560 acres south of town. Much of the land will be devoted to crops for the Traver canning factory.

75 years ago - 1943

Mrs. Margaret Cummings, a former resident of Hartford, but now residing in Sister Lakes received her orders today to report for duty with the WAAC's on Sunday, May 9. Mrs. Cummings will report to Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. Several parties have been given by her friends and neighbors in her honor the last few weeks. She has been presented with a traveling bag and a fountain pen.

Margaret Galbreath of Hartford was the alternate representative for Western Michigan College in their annual prose reading contest of the Michigan intercollegiate speech league which was held at Michigan

NEWS FROM THE WATERVLIET RECORD

90 years ago - 1928

Deidee Myrick, Watervliet, won second place and a prize of \$10 in gold and a silver pin in the second annual extempore speaking contest held at Western State Teachers' College.

On May 29, 1928, Mrs. Alma E. Hunt a National Economist and Cooking Expert gave a demonstration of the modern method of home cooking on an electric cookery. It is a modern, convenient, labor-saving and time-saving method of preparing meals.

The third grade is very proud of the results of the recent intelligence tests. In the arithmetic test the standard is 10.6 out of 34 problems. The average for the room was 12, above average. In spelling the average was a high 86.7. In the reading tests a quotient of 100 is normal and the third graders scored 107.

60 years ago - 1958

Miss Janet Krickhahn, 1958 graduate of WHS, has been accepted at Mercy Hospital, Benton Harbor, for their regular Nursing Course for the fall. Janet was awarded a three-year scholarship in nursing by the Berrien County Farm Bureau Women.

Peter Kobe and John Rogers were presented with scholarships to the Music Camp of Western Michigan University. Peter received a full two

Kniebes, Mrs. Boyd Umphrey, Mrs. Ted Blahnik and Mrs. Paul Zielke Jr.

30 years ago - 1988

City Commission reluctantly accepted a motion to purchase a new fire truck. "What we're concerned about is a regular maintenance program..." Commissioner Bob Wohler explained.

Bryan Tarantino, 8, son of Gary and Eula Tarantino, became the youngest second degree black belt in the country. He has been studying taekwondo for three years.

The CROP Hunger Walk will lead off with 'celebrity walker' Cinnamon Bower. Training for the event includes daily walks with Ann and brushings from Scott. Ralph and Mary Ann Bower have been busy securing pledges for this Collie-German Shepherd mix. The Bower family feels good, making a difference in the lives of the hungry.

Submitted by volunteer Sandi Musick Munchow at Coloma Public Library from the Coloma Courier newspapers donated by the Tri-City Record.

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State College May 7. She won second place in the contest held on the campus.

50 years ago - 1968

People will be working at the fairgrounds tonight, May 8, tomorrow and Friday night preparing the float for the Blossom parade. Interested persons are welcome.

The Progressive Mothers Club in cooperation with Tri-County Health Department is sponsoring a sight and hearing clinic for children 3-1/2 to 4-1/2 years old on May 22 and 23 at the Methodist church. Appointment for children may be made with Mrs. John VanLierop.

Mothers will be honored Saturday at the Seventh Adventist church, with special recognition for the oldest and youngest mothers. Dr. Ruth Rittenhouse, honor alumna of Andrews University will be the principal speaker. William Hamberger and Mrs. James Stagg will sing.

Submitted by Librarian Stephanie Daniels at Hartford Public Library from microfilm copies of the Hartford Day Spring.

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weeks scholarship. John received a half-scholarship.

Marine Sgt. Bill E. Matthews, Watervliet, took part in the 1st Marine Division's "Operation Drybeach," a full-scale air-ground exercise held at Camp Pendleton, California.

30 years ago - 1988

The 7th grade students from Mr. Bradley's classes at Watervliet Junior High became inventors. The students participated in a countywide 'Invention Convention' held at the Berrien County Intermediate School District. Over 40 students worked on their inventions which included things like modified rakes, a toilet seat closer, a hot curling iron holder, a banana slicer and a better mousetrap.

The Watervliet Downtown Development Authority hired an engineering firm to begin project plans to clean up the Mill Creek area as it passes through the downtown district. One of the first things to be done was to establish ownership and access to the creek.

Submitted by Sally Q. Gonzalez from files at Watervliet District Library of the Watervliet Record newspapers donated by the Tri-City Record.

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**Hartford float
a winner**

Dear Editor,
When Judy Loomis posted pictures of Hartford's Blossomtime float entry on Facebook, our Tri-Cities were so excited we all shouted that it should be a 1st Place winner.
Congratulations Hartford! What a beauty, winner of the "Sweepstakes Award" Saturday, and paying tribute to our local pride, the Hartford Fair. It made us all proud!
(P.S. Hope it will also be at the Glad-Peach Parade!)

Les and Becky Burford

**What kind of person
steals from the dead?**

Dear Editor,
To the person who stole the cement vase from the grave of my mother, Agnes Crowell Arnett, I know you might have thought that she was not loved or did not have family to care. But we did.
After so many family deaths I could not face the cemetery last year. You see, she couldn't be sent back to the family grave site because she had given her place to her first grandchild who died young.

Faye Rouse

**Pickleball program at
St. Joseph's Catholic
Church ends**

Dear Editor,
Regrettably, the Watervliet Pickleball Program hosted by St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Watervliet has come to an end. We are grateful to many for its success.
First, our thanks to Father John Peter, our Pastor at the time, and the Parish Council; they saw the value of using a perfect venue, an empty gym, to benefit the community. Father John was all about service to the community, and he loved to play Pickleball!
Second, our thanks to Jim Hoag, Mr. Pickleball; he set us up with equipment, laid out the courts, added us to the PB website, and as a qualified coach has taught America's fastest growing sport to many eager beginning athletes.
Our thanks also to the Watervliet Hardware and Bryan Conrad who donated Wiffle balls as we broke

**Spiritual
Compass
Points**

By
David Helms
(former pastor)



**Opinions don't really
matter**

The conversation was filled with statements like, "In my mind it means..." and, "The way I see it..." There was no focus on what the Bible passage actually meant, but rather on making it mean whatever was convenient and comfortable for individuals' perspectives. Bible studies that go that way are at best worthless. They give no valid insight to those present. That's what happens when the truth of God's Word, written in the Bible, and living in His Son Jesus Christ is confused with human philosophy and wishful, fuzzy thinking. We find ourselves not discerning between the wisdom of God and the foolishness of man.
Does God's Word need defense? No not in the final analysis. Part of the final analysis, by the way, is found in Revelation 20:11-15, the "Great White Throne" judgment - "...if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire." (v.15)
Someone might object, "I don't like that passage," or "I can't believe in a god that would do that." But opinions are irrelevant to the reality of the Lake of Fire and do nothing to help those headed there. Those who deny the truth (and thereby justify ignoring it) become victims of themselves.
Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man comes to the Father but by me." He didn't ask for our opinion about that, or how it makes us feel. In kindness He let us know that there is a way to God, and that it's through Him alone. What we feel about it is not as important as what we do about it.
We must remember that we need redemption, but that we can't redeem ourselves by our own spiritual "bootstraps." We must accept God's redemption or not be redeemed at all... opinions notwithstanding.

them.
Thank you to our paper, the Tri-City Record, and the H-P for publicizing this activity. Many players told us they saw "it" in the paper.
Finally, thank you to over 100 of you, who have come through our doors, for your participation and the incredible camaraderie over the past three years. For those of you who intended to stop in and "get in shape" by playing this great game you can still play at Coloma High School on Monday and Wednesday evenings until the summer recess and the South Haven First Baptist Church every morning and Thursday evenings.
Mary and Chuck Adams, Coloma

**Coloma Post Office
asks community this
Saturday to
Stamp Out Hunger**

Support the nation's largest
single-day food drive

On Saturday, May 12, the National Association of Letter Carriers, United States Postal Service and other partners are asking the community of Coloma to Stamp Out Hunger. This is the 26th anniversary of the food drive, which has grown into a national effort that provides assistance to the millions of Americans struggling to put food on the table.
The Stamp Out Hunger food drive, held on the second Saturday in May, has become the nation's largest single-day food drive. In 2017, generous Americans donated more than 71 million pounds of food, feeding millions of people. This was the 14th consecutive year of at least 70 million pounds collected by letter carriers, bringing the grand total to more than 1.5 billion pounds of food collected, since the Food Drive began in 1993.
"We're proud to continue this community tradition as we prepare for the 26th annual food drive," said Postmaster Marilyn Wassell. "We're asking residents for their support to help make this another successful

year. It's easy to make a donation: simply leave a bag of nonperishable food items by the mailbox to help your neighbors in need."
The need for food assistance exists in every community in America. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, 50 million Americans are food insecure, meaning they live at risk of hunger. Perhaps most alarming is the fact that nearly 16 million children in America are struggling with hunger. Additionally, close to 5 million seniors face choices between paying rent, utilities, and having nutritious food.
To participate in the annual Stamp Out Hunger food drive residents are encouraged to leave a sturdy bag containing nonperishable food items such as canned soup, canned vegetables, peanut butter, pasta, rice or cereal next to their mailbox prior to the time of regular mail delivery on Saturday, May 12. Letter carriers will collect these food donations as they deliver the mail and take them to local food banks.
For more news about the Stamp Out Hunger food drive, visit www.nalco.org/community-service/food-drive.
The Postal Service receives no tax dollars for operating expenses and relies on the sale of postage, products and services to fund its operations.

Stomp Out Trafficking

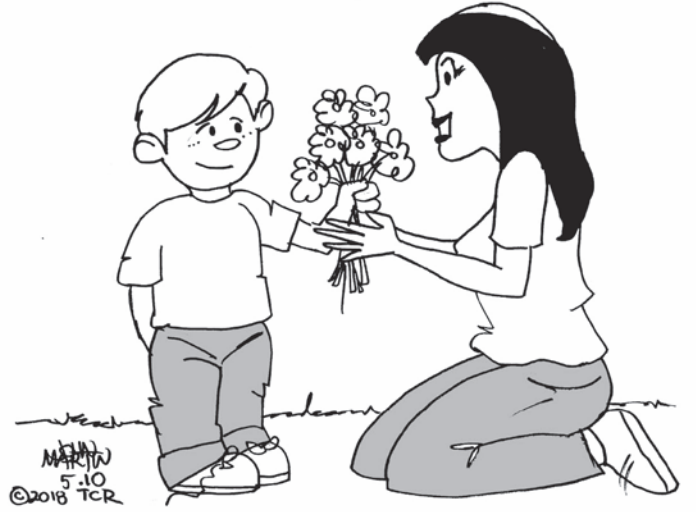
On Friday, May 4, students from the Van Buren Technology Center (VBTC), Early Childhood Careers and Education (ECCE) program presented a check for \$1,400 to Cathy Knauf, founder of the Southwest Michigan Human Trafficking Task Force. Students, Anahi Vargas and Jennifer Fabian have spent the last eight months working on their Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) community service project and their goals were met.
Anahi and Jennifer's goal was to raise awareness of human trafficking as much as possible. They facilitated a number of fund-raisers to be able to rent two billboards for awareness and prevention. More importantly, they

met their ultimate goal of raising enough money for the billboards. The billboards were created by Anahi and Jenny, and selected by the Task Force from a number of other choices. The billboards can be seen at the I-94 and I-196 interchange going toward Benton Harbor, and the I-196 and M43 interchange going toward South Haven.
Anahi and Jenny will be attending the FCCLA National Conference to present "Stomp Out Trafficking" at the end of June. During the last eight

months, they have had the support of Jeff Mills, VBISD Superintendent, Robert Smith VBTC Director, Gwen Doneruse, ECCE Para, and Susan Yerrick, ECCE Instructor.

**Best Mom
nominee letters
are on Page 6**

**REMEMBER MOM
ON MOTHER'S DAY
MAY 13, 2018**



**HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY
FROM THE TRI-CITY
RECORD**

**Karl's
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By Karl Bayer, Editor and Publisher



REMEMBER YOUR BEST MOM THIS MOTHER'S DAY... Sunday is Mother's Day, make sure to tell your mother you love her and appreciate all that she does.

That goes for all the great moms you know as well. It could be your daughter(s), daughters-in-law, sisters, cousins, neighbors, and friends; all those women you know that personify the best of motherhood and touch all with their kindness and love.
If you are blessed to have your mom with you, make sure you let her know how you feel. Many of us, from sad experience, no longer can go visit mom or call her on the phone.
My own mom, the greatest of all time, with 13 children, with a 100 grandchildren and a dozen great-grandchildren, left this world happy and content with a life well-lived and loved. Even so, I still am saddened that I wasn't with her when she took her final journey. Happily I had spoken with her on the phone just a few days earlier and had planned a visit and had said goodbye with my usual "I love you Mom."
If you want to add a gift this Mother's Day there's a gift guide on Page 8 with some great ideas for the Mom(s) in your life.
If you are inclined (and I hope you are), there's still time to nominate your mother, mother-in-law, grandmother, etc., as this year's Best Mom. The rules to the free contest are also on Page 8.

SETTLING IN... I said to our new neighbor Dan Knapp, "I don't know when we'll get all this stuff unpacked."
Dan chuckled and said, "We've been here 2-1/2 years and still have some boxes unpacked." The Knapps stopped over one evening to say welcome to the neighborhood and dropped off a delicious peach-crème pie.
The unpacking may never be done. There are still some boxes in the garage and in the barn to be opened and the contents allocated.
One box has some treasures that I don't want to lose track of. There's a pewter mug with my name and rank from my mates when I left RAF Alconbury. There's an oak mug with my name from my dad with his hometown in Germany, Bad Mergentheim. He ordered one for each of his six sons when his eldest daughter presented him with the same for Father's Day. There's a school bell, presented to Anne and me by the Watervliet School Board back in the late 1980s, as a campaign to recognize local businesses for their support of school activities. There's an oversize cribbage board shaped as a map of the Upper Peninsula with "Mountain Ash Resort" carved on it. There are 30 years of great memories embedded in that board, with many of my pals now gone to the great fishing camp in the sky.
I was saving unpacking that box till last so it wouldn't get lost in the moving pandemonium. Now, I've run out of special places of honor for my treasures. If I find another box of treasures, I may be in big trouble.

MORE THANKS... No doubt there were many folks that helped make our move-in possible, including family and friends that pitched in on moving day. Without a couple of key people, the whole experience would not have happened. Many thanks to Mikki Swisher of American Home Real Estate in Coloma. I had made a few inquiries as to the whole house for sale process. When I saw the multitude of forms, surveys and inspections, I knew I was in way over my head. This was nothing like the simple agreement and handshake that had served us well at our first homes.
Several of my long-time friends in the real estate business had retired; one was willing to recommend Mikki Swisher. Mikki immediately made Anne and me feel at ease and set to guiding us through the mind-boggling process.
Local bank mortgage officers willingly offered their services, but honestly all left me with the impression that I (we) was on my own. One mortgage department head promised, "I will work night and day for you." When I called two weeks later because I had heard nothing, the department head said I should go to the branch office and talk to someone there.
Instead, I called Martin Teresko, a mortgage broker in Hartford. Martin asked for the information needed and began the loan financing process that would allow us to sell our home and buy the new one.
Honestly there was still a blizzard of documents, but most were via emails and were easily transmitted and updated. No doubt home financing is a complex business, but Martin stayed on the project and completed the mission just a few days beyond his estimated closing.
Thanks to both these local folks that successfully guided Anne and me through what could have been a daunting process.

Social Security & you

By Vonda VanTil, Social Security
Public Affairs Specialist
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**Sharing security with
Mom on Mother's Day**

Spring is upon us, and it marks two very popular annual events: Mother's Day and the release of Social Security's baby name list! There's no better time to share some security with the people you love.
While spending time with your mom on Sunday, May 13, you can help her quickly and easily sign up for a free, online *my Social Security* account. You can do it from home, which means more time doing the things you want to do together.
Signing up for a *my Social Security* account will give Mom the tools she needs to stay on top of her Social Security benefits. When she signs up at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount, she can do a number of things.
If she does not receive benefits, she can request a replacement Social Security card if she meets certain requirements or check the status of her application or appeal. In addition, get her Social Security Statement to review: Estimates of her future retirement, disability, and survivors benefits; her earnings once a year to verify the amounts that we posted are correct; and the estimated Social Security and Medicare taxes she's paid.
If she does receive benefits she can

request a replacement Social Security card if she meets certain requirements; report her wages if she works and receives Disability Insurance benefits; get her benefit verification letter; check her benefit and payment information and her earnings record; change her address and phone number; start or change direct deposit of her benefit payment; request a replacement Medicare card; and get a replacement SSA-1099 or SSA-1042S for tax season.
Is Mom not yet receiving Social Security benefits and still planning her retirement? Does she need a little help calculating how her benefit amount fits in with her other income sources in retirement? It's easy to get instant, personalized benefit estimates, too. Our Retirement Estimator is the only source that provides Mom with Social Security estimates based on her own earnings record. This allows her to receive the most accurate estimate of her future retirement benefits. Visit the Retirement Estimator at www.socialsecurity.gov/estimator.
Sharing information about Social Security and helping Mom sign up for a *my Social Security* account at www.socialsecurity.gov/myaccount is a meaningful gift that shows you really care.

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Mother's Day is Sunday MOTHER'S DAY GIFT GUIDE

Last chance to enter "Best Mom" contest

For the 32nd year, the Tri-City Record is sponsoring its "Best Mom" contest for Mother's Day, May 13, 2018.

On that day, a mother, grandmother, stepmother or best friend will receive a dozen red roses and many gifts from area merchants as the "Best Mom" of 2018.

Selection of "Best Mom" is made by the staff of the Tri-City Record, based on the contents of a nominating letter submitted on behalf of the candidate.

To enter that special lady in your life in the "Best Mom" competition, simply write a letter to the Editor of the Record. In 200 words or less, tell why she deserves to win the "Best Mom" title. Sign the letter and give your address and telephone number (don't forget Mom's name). Letter writers nor nominees have to be a subscriber.

Send your letter to: Tri-City Record, P.O. Box 7, Watervliet, MI 49098 or by email to record@tricityrecord.com. Deadline for the letter entry is

Friday, May 11, at 12 noon.

The "Best Mom" letter writer will be notified that day and the "Best Mom" will receive her red roses on Sunday, Mother's Day. Her picture and the nominating letter will appear in the May 17, 2018 edition of the Record.

All letters submitted for consideration will appear in the Record, as space allows, up to and after Mother's Day. Previous letter writers may enter new letters!

Best Mom letters

"Best Mom" nominee is a blessing from God

Dear Editor,
I'd like to nominate Carol Kibler as the "Best Mom."
Carol is the most selfless, caring, gracious and loving mother, grandmother, wife, sister, aunt and friend. She will drop any and everything to come to your rescue. Anyone who knows her knows they can count on her.
Her children and grandchildren are so grateful to have her in their lives. She has the biggest heart of gold and the warmest smile. Her love for her family is backed by her strong faith and she shares that love with us every single day.
GOD has truly blessed us with an amazing woman. Happy Mother's Day, Mama/Nana!

We love you,
Tina, Joe, Macaela, Bella & Max
Mike, Karrie, Alex, Larsen & Kayl

"Best Mom" nominee is backbone of family

Dear Editor,
The "Best Mom" I'd like to nominate is my grandmother, Sharon Elston. She is the most absolutely amazing woman I've ever known. After raising her own three kids she took in my brothers and me and raised us at a time when she and my grandpa should have been enjoying themselves.

Every year she made sure the four of us had school clothes, school supplies, lunch money and whatever we needed even when she had to struggle to do so. Even now she always makes sure her grandkids and great-grandkids have everything they may need.

Even though she has her health problems she still goes to work every day as an in-home caregiver because she loves helping others any way she can.

My grandmother constantly puts everyone above herself so I feel she deserves this to show her how much we all love her and appreciate everything she does. She is the backbone of our family and I look up to her in every way.

Erica Shafer, Hartford

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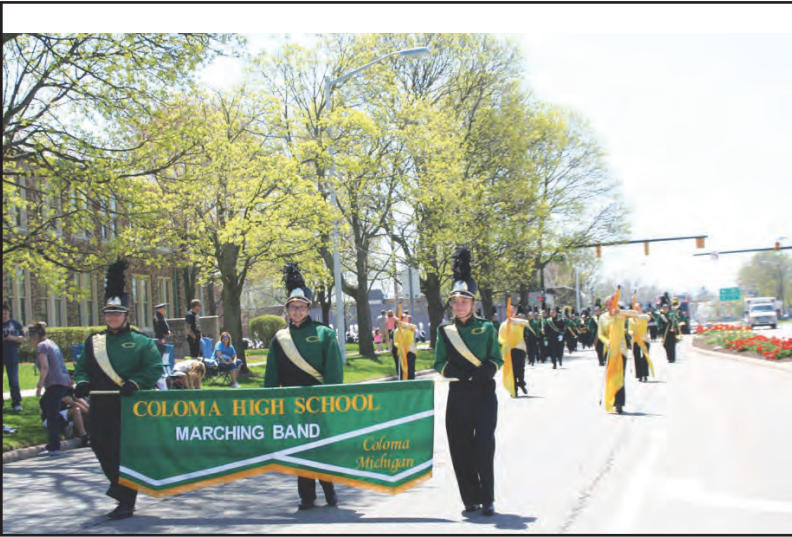
PANTHER BANNER CARRIERS Mattie Henagan (left) and Elena Alvarado (right) lead the Watervliet High School Marching Band as they begin down Main Street in St. Joseph. The band is directed by Jennifer Hollandsworth.

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MISS WATERVLIET AND HER COURT were the stars of the ball field on the Watervliet community float entitled "Rolling out the Red Carpet for Hays Park." Featured on the float were Miss Watervliet Ellie Troyer, First Runner-up Livia Boughner, Second Runner-up Zoe Smith, Miss Congeniality Courtney Little, Miss Firecracker 2017 Amiah Apreza, and Mr. Firecracker 2017 Jackson Halamka.

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COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL BAND took their place on the parade route just before the community float. Leading the band are (from the left) Katie Swisher, Morgan Gruss and Emma Young. The band is directed by Cheryl Thomas.

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COMMUNITY OF COLOMA FLOAT "Rolling out the Red Carpet Glad-Peach Style" showed parade goes about this long-time festival hosted in Coloma on the first weekend in August. The float featured the following royalty: Mr. Coloma Derek Plitt and his court, First Runner-up Robbie Schroeder, Second Runner-up Ryley Watson, and Mr. Nice Guy Adam Hearn; the court of Miss Coloma including First Runner-up Samantha Fischer, Second Runner-up Macayla Rodgers, and Miss Congeniality Mallory Spaulding; Future Mr. and Miss Coloma royalty included Miss Teen Chloe Williams and her First Runner-up Lilly Trapp, Teen Sweetie Allie Pleyer, and Glad Princess Lainie White. The Glad Prince, John Dalquist, was not available for the parade.

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FIRST FLOAT OF THE GRAND FLORAL PARADE is always the one that carries the Blossomtime Court of Honor and the Tri-Cities were well represented. Those riding the float included: Mr. Blossomtime Garrett Brandt of Hartford, Miss Blossomtime Riley Ellis of Stevensville, First Runner-up to Mr. Blossomtime D'Myron Guidry of Benton Harbor, First Runner-up to Miss Blossomtime Jamie Tidey of Eau Claire/Sodus, Second Runner-up to Mr. Blossomtime Daniel Okonski of St. Joseph, Second Runner-up to Miss Blossomtime Micah Saxe of Coloma, Mr. Nice Guy Benjamin O'Donnell of New Buffalo, and Miss Congeniality (and Miss Spirit) Olivia Ziemer of Hartford.

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EMERALD VANGUARD COLOR GUARD MEMBERS Mackenzie Summerhill (left) and Daisy Morales (right) lead off the Hartford High School Band as they begin the Blossomtime Parade route on Saturday, May 5. The band is directed by Derek Clements.

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Tri-City Area Obituaries

LIAM RICHARD WARNER

On May 1, 2018 a perfect baby boy, Liam Richard Warner, was born to Quentin Warner and Allison Beck in St. Joseph, Michigan. During his short life here on Earth Liam touched many lives and was loved deeply by family and friends.



Liam has a large loving family to cherish his memory including his parents Quentin Warner and Allison Beck; grandparents John Warner, Jamie Galvan, Tanya Beach, and Andrew Beck; great-grandparents Rick and Barb Warner, Richard and Michelle Jarvis, Connie and Jim Jewell; great-great-grandfather Charles Jarvis; four aunts and uncles Joshua Beck, Amanda Beck, Dominic Warner, and Mia Galvan.

Liam died Monday, May 7, at DeVos Children's Hospital in the loving arms of his parents. He is preceded in death by great-grandparents Patricia Polus and Donald Saffell and great-great-grandparents Paul and Helen Letke.

Liam's family will celebrate his life Friday, May 11, at 1:00 p.m. with visitation prior starting at 12:00 noon at Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet. You are invited to leave a message of comfort for Liam's family at hutchinsfuneral.com.



WILLIAM "BILL" MACK

Bill's life began July 24, 1925 in Maywood, Illinois. He grew up in Watervliet where he attended school in Watervliet and raised a loving family.



Bill proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II and was involved in the D-Day Allied Invasion of Normandy. After serving his country Bill returned to Watervliet and ran Mack Cement Work, taking over the business from his father.

After a short time Bill met Bettie Wilson, they married March 24, 1947 and raised their two daughters together. Bill was a loving husband and father. Outside of his family his great love was Paw Paw Lake, you could find him swimming across it as a young man, feeding the ducks, or driving around it to collect treasures. Bill also loved to travel, with his favorite place being Mackinac Island, the childhood home of his wife Bettie.

Bill leaves behind a loving family to cherish his memory which includes: a daughter Nancy (Henry) Zausner of Kalamazoo, four grandchildren Bill (Melissa) Cartwright, Joseph (Jennifer) Rudell, Lynn (Scott) Summers, and Jack (Keilah) Zausner, 13 great-grandchildren, one great-great-grandchild, a son-in-law Greg Rudell, and many nieces and nephews.

Bill died Saturday, May 5, at Pine

Ridge Nursing Home in Stevensville. He is preceded in death by three wives Betty (Wilson) Mack, Hazel (Greenleaf) Mack, and Bonnie (Haynes) Mack, a daughter Jennifer Rudell, a sister Dorothy Frazier, and a brother Bud Mack.

Bill will travel one last time to Mackinac Island to be laid to rest next to his wife Bettie in St. Ann's Cemetery with a private family service. Memorials may be made in Bill's memory to Hanson Hospice Center. You are invited to share a message of comfort with Bill's family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

RICHARD A. MORLOCK

Richard August Morlock, age 84, passed away in Willis, TX on April 15, 2018.

He was born in Watervliet, Michigan on March 29, 1934. He is preceded in death by his father, Ward Morlock and

mother, Dorothy Fern Piersall Morlock, and infant son, Steven Morlock. He is also preceded in death by his brothers, Donald Morlock and Robert Morlock and sister, Norma Grace Morlock Hutchins.



He is survived by his daughters, Denise Morlock McClung and significant other, Larry, Michele Morlock Forbes and husband, Scott, Tracey Morlock Brodeur and husband, Mark and Lisa Morlock Stokes and husband, Jerry. Richard is also survived by eight grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Richard especially loved his hometown of Watervliet, Michigan and all his nieces and nephews. Richard was known for his athleticism at Watervliet High School where he was awarded the 1953 Herald-Palladium Athlete of the Year and was called a "great competitor." He earned 10 of 12 sports letters offered by Watervliet High School and played football, basketball and baseball. In the spring of 2018 he was inducted into the Watervliet High School Athletics Hall of Fame.

Richard was married to Marlene Franzel Morlock Davis for 21 years and continued to stay in touch.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 5 at Cashner Funeral Home in Conroe, TX at 12:30 p.m. A memorial service will also be held in Watervliet, Michigan at Hutchins Funeral Home on Saturday, May 19 at 11:00 a.m. with graveside services to follow.

ELIZABETH ANN (PETERS) LULL

Elizabeth Ann (Peters) Lull went to heaven on May 8, 2018, to sing alto in the angel choir. She lived a long and productive life lasting 94 years. She was born on September 1, 1923, in the family home near Twelve Corners.



Betty was always a "forward moving" woman who worked outside the home, retiring from I&M Electric after 32 years. She was very active in 4-H Leadership, Women of Survival for Agriculture in Michigan, and the American Legion Auxiliary. She also served as the assistant treasurer for Bainbridge Township for a period of time.

Betty helped others by being on the church prayer chain and was a woman of strong faith. She proudly sang in the St. Paul's UCC choir for over 55 years with her two daughters by her

side for over 25 of them. Betty wanted to be remembered for her kindness, which she spread everywhere over the decades.

She liked to drive the PT Cruiser and began her driving endeavors at the age of 14 by driving to Mexico without an adult. She was proud of being a Benton Harbor graduate at the age of 16 where she had been a cheerleader, member of the choirs, played clarinet in the band, and was a member of the drama club. Betty attended Stephens College in Columbia, Missouri where she was given reinforcement on the importance of gaining knowledge maintaining a commitment to living a life of generosity, and speaking out for herself and others. She never lost her independence and maintained a positive attitude even in adversity.

Betty enjoyed singing and playing music, dancing with her husband Jim at Crystal Palace, swimming in the lake, and most of all spending precious time with her family and friends. She celebrated 75 years of marriage to her husband Jim last summer. The two of them had many adventures together, traveling and attending all the sporting and music events for their girls, grandsons, and great-grandchildren, and participating in many reunions for her husband's WWII Navy shipmates from the USS Saratoga CV3.

Betty is survived by daughters Mary Cooper and Jamie Walter, grandchildren Jason (Jeanne) Conkin, Daniel (Angelene) Conkin, and David Walter, as well as great-grandchildren Elizabeth (Nick) Israel, Lucas Walter, Ben Conkin, Jay Conkin, and Clare Conkin, a brother Donald (Rheta) Peters, and a half-brother Lloyd (Janie) Reese.

Her loving husband Jim Lull preceded her in death earlier this year.

Visitation will be held Saturday, May 12, from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. with funeral services celebrated at 11:30 a.m. at St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Watervliet, Michigan. Burial will take place privately at Crystal Springs Cemetery in Benton Harbor. Memorials may be made in Betty's memory to St. Paul's United Church of Christ or Hospice at Home. Arrangements have been entrusted to Hutchins Funeral Home in Watervliet and you are invited to share a message of comfort with Betty's family at hutchinsfuneral.com.

Death Notices

Catherine J. Trudell, 77, of Gobles died May 1, 2018 at Borgess Medical Center, Kalamazoo. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma

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William Jesse Slayton, 68, of Coloma died Apr. 16, 2018. Fairplain Chapel - Florin Funeral Service, Benton Harbor

Leroy Clinton Johnson Jr., of Hartford died Apr. 30, 2018 at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Purely Cremations - Starks Family Funeral Homes, Benton Harbor

Eugene A. Tillman, 84, of Coloma died May 1, 2018 at home. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph

Marilyn J. Dollar, 79, of St. Joseph died May 5, 2018 at home. Mater-Ralston Funeral Home, Marcellus

Adam Lee Hess, 23, of Hartford died May 2, 2018 at Lakeland Hospital, Watervliet. Calvin Funeral Home, Hartford

Jack Gnewuch, 81, of Coloma died Apr. 26, 2018 in Lakeland FL. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma

Alice Martin Davis, 87, formerly of St. Joseph died May 5, 2018 at Woodland Terrace of Bridgman. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph

Dale M. Kuhn, 71, of Coloma died May 7, 2018 at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma

Lory's Place Run, Walk, and Rock happening May 19

Runners, walkers, and other supporters are invited to register for the 14th Annual Run, Walk, and Rock for Lory's Place, the grief healing and education center of Caring Circle, a Lakeland Health Affiliate. The event will take place in St. Joseph on Saturday, May 19, and is presented by The McLoughlin Family Foundation.

Last year, Lory's Place provided bereavement services to over 3,400 children and adults, including bereavement programs in over 50 area schools. Donations and participation in the Run, Walk, and Rock make it possible for Lory's Place to keep offering this unique variety of programs and services to all who are grieving, regardless of their financial circumstances.

Under the direction of event chairperson Christine Borah, the Lory's Place 14th Annual Run, Walk, and Rock will begin at 8:30 a.m. The timed 5K run/walk course will take runners and walkers through St. Joseph's Edgewater area, along Ridgeway, and into Tiscornia Park. Chip timing will be used for fast and easy race results. All events begin and end at Lory's Place in St. Joseph. Comfortable rocking chairs will be available for spectators throughout the morning along the edge of the course. Individuals or groups may choose to sponsor a rocker with a suggested donation of \$150. Registration for Run, Walk, and Rock is \$30 through Thursday, May 17. Participants may also register for \$35 on May 18 and 19 (7:00 to 8:15 a.m. on race day), but race t-shirts are not guaranteed. For more information and to register, visit www.lorysplace.org/rwr or call (269) 983-2707.

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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 would 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 or email it with your information to record@tricityrecord.com. Pick up your photo after it appears in the paper or include a stamped, self-addressed envelope and we will mail it back to you.

Where are your “Kute Kids”?

Ladies Monday Night Happy Hour Golf League

Monday, May 7 golf report from the Paw Paw Lake Golf Club: Weekly Event winner - Penny Hanks; Low Gross: Colleen McKeown with 59; Low Net: Charlene Durfee with 44; Pars: Colleen McKeown on #18; Chip in: Ursela Bansen on #11. Lady golfers are welcome to join this league which meets at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays. Please call Charlene Durfee at 468-8111 if you are interested in joining.

Grace Christian School 8th Annual Golf Scramble June 2

On Saturday, June 2 enjoy a day of fun! Grace Christian School in Watervliet is holding their annual golf scramble at Indian Lake Hills Golf Course. The course is located at 55321 Brush Lake Road in Eau Claire.

Check in is 7:45-8:25 a.m. with shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Pre-register online at gcpatriots.org, follow the fundraisers tab.

Golfer fee is \$75 which includes coffee & donuts, green fee and cart, hamburger cookout, chance at door prizes, a guest pass green fee and prize holes opportunities.

Prize holes include: Longest Drive, Closest to Pin, Longest Putt, etc.

The Grace Christian School Annual Golf Scramble is an annual fund-raiser in which all proceeds benefit the Grace Christian School Financial Aid Fund. These funds, combined with other gifts throughout the year, enable the school to help families keep their students at Grace Christian School.

LMC Commencement Ceremony awarded degrees and certificates to local graduates

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Thursday, May 10
MS Student Council Trip; JV Baseball & Softball at Bangor, 4:30 p.m.; MS Track at SAC Divisional Meet in Saugatuck, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 11
Muffins for Mom at South School, 7:00 a.m.; Varsity Baseball & Softball, Home vs. Coloma, 4:30 p.m.; JV Baseball & Softball at Coloma, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity Soccer at Hartford, 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 12
HS Prom; Varsity Baseball at Eaton Park (LMC Tourney), 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 p.m.; JV Softball at River Valley Tournament, 10:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

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Avengers: Infinity War...
The Avengers and their allies must be willing to sacrifice all in an attempt to defeat the powerful Thanos before his blitz of devastation and ruin puts an end to the universe.

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A harmless game of Truth or Dare among friends turns deadly when someone -- or something -- begins to punish those who tell a lie or refuse the dare.

Blockers...
Three parents try to stop their daughters from having sex on Prom night.

Watervliet Public Schools Calendar of Events

Sunday, May 13 – Thursday, May 18
MS Honor Club 2018 Trip
8:30 p.m.; Varsity Soccer at Fennville, 4:00 p.m.; JV Baseball, Home vs. Hartford, 4:00 p.m.; Senior Awards Night, WHS Auditorium, 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 14
AP Biology Exam; JV Softball at South Haven, 4:00 p.m.; SAC Divisional Varsity Track Final, Home, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity Soccer at Coloma, 6:00 p.m.; Board of Education Meeting, HS Media Center, 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15
6th grade NWEA Testing; AP Calculus Exam; MS Track at Saugatuck, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16
2-HOUR EARLY RELEASE
6th Grade NWEA Testing; Red Cross Blood Drive at South School, 2:30-

Thursday, May 17
JV Baseball, Home vs. Fennville, 4:30 p.m.; Varsity Baseball & Softball at Fennville, 4:30 p.m.; High School Area Art Show at Kalamazoo Institute of Art, 5:30 p.m.; Varsity Soccer at Comstock, 6:00 p.m.

Friday, May 18
Varsity Track Regional Meet at Comstock, 1:00 p.m.; 8th Grade Formal Dance, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, May 19
Varsity Softball at River Valley Tournament, 10:00 a.m.

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May 10-12, 9:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. “CHURCH RUMMAGE” at Twelve Corners Community Church, Hick & Benton Center roads. Lunch served 11 a.m.-2 p.m.; Bake Sale; all proceeds go to the building fund.

Friday, May 11, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. “FARM HISTORY DAY” at Michigan Flywheelers Museum, 06285 68th St., South Haven. Free event for schools, home-schoolers & public. Call 639-2010, email michiganflywheelers@yahoo.com or visit www.michiganflywheelers.org

Friday, May 11, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. & Saturday, May 12, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. “MOTHER’S DAY FLOWER SALE” at Hartford Public Library. Proceeds support the children’s summer programs.

Saturday, May 12, 4-7 p.m. “5K, BLUEGRASS & GOSPEL CONCERT, BBQ COMPETITION” at Grace Christian School, 325 N. M-140, Watervliet. Visit www.gcpatriots.org for more information.

Sunday, May 13, 12:30-5:30 a.m. “WHS POST PROM EVENT” for Watervliet High School juniors and seniors at Airway Lanes in Kalamazoo. Contact Karla Liles at 269-506-3692, Tara Matthews at 269-930-0201 or Nikki Priebe at 269-208-6875 for more information.

Sunday, May 13, 5:00-7:30 p.m. “MOTHER’S DAY DINNER” at American Legion Post 362, 351 E. St. Joseph St., Coloma. Menu includes baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, carrots, salad, dessert, and coffee. Advance tickets \$10 each, \$12 at door; tickets available at Coloma Legion after 3 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15, 7 p.m. “GERMAN POW EXPERIENCE IN MICHIGAN” at North Berrien Historical Museum, 300 Coloma Ave., Coloma. Free program; no RSVP required. Call 468-3330 for more information.

Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m. “2-PLAYER SCRAMBLE GOLF CLASSIC” fund-raiser for Hartford Indian Emerald Vanguard at Lake Cora Hills Golf Club in Paw Paw. Contact Derek Clements at clements@hpsmi.org for registration information.

Saturday, May 19, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. “4-H SPRING ACHIEVEMENT” at Berrien County Youth Fair to showcase youth projects. Free event open to the public. For more information contact Berrien County MSU Extension Office at 927-5674.

Friday, June 1, 6:30 p.m. “WATERVLIET HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION”

Friday, June 1, 7 p.m. “HARTFORD HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION”

Friday, June 1, 7 p.m. “COLOMA HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION”

Saturday, June 2, 8:30 a.m. “GRACE CHRISTIAN ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE” at Indian Lake Hills Golf Course, 55321 Brush Lake Rd., Eau Claire. Pre-register at gcpatriots.org; \$75 fee. Proceeds benefit GCS Financial Aid Fund.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Decedent's Estate

File No. 2018-0262- DE-B
STATE OF MICHIGAN
COUNTY OF BERRIEN

Estate of Frederick A. Beyer, Deceased

Date of birth: 11/7/1956

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: The decedent, Frederick A. Beyer died 2/8/2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Morgan Barry, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the named personal representative within 4 months after the date of publication of this notice.

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Police and Fire Reports

By Annette Christie

Suspected arson at roadside park

On May 4, 2018 at approximately 10:00 p.m., a passerby noticed that the bathrooms, located at the Flowing Wells Roadside Park were fully engulfed in fire. This passerby contacted 9-1-1 to report it.

The Berrien County Sheriff's Office, Michigan State Police Fire Marshall's Division and the fire departments of Watervliet, Sister Lakes, and Benton Township responded to the scene.

The roadside park and structures are owned by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

An investigation by the Berrien County Sheriff's Office and the Michigan State Police Fire Marshall's Division determined that the fire was intentionally set, and thus it is considered arson.

Anyone with information in regards to this incident is asked to contact the Berrien County Sheriff's Office Detective Bureau at (269) 983-7141, ext. 7224, Crime Stoppers at 1-800-342-7867, or the Michigan State Police Arson Tip Line at 1-800-442-7766.

**Single car accident claims
Hartford man**

At approximately 7:00 p.m. on May 2, 2018, multiple emergency services agencies responded to CR-362 east of 70th Street in Keeler Township for a one vehicle rollover crash with ejection.

Van Buren County Sheriff Daniel E. Abbott reports that deputies were dispatched to the accident site. Through witness interviews and initial investigations of the scene, it appears that the vehicle was traveling eastbound on CR-362. The vehicle lost control and ran off the south side of the road, overturning several times. The driver was ejected and sustained multiple severe injuries.

Despite the life-saving efforts of numerous fire and medical first responders on scene, the driver, a 23-year-old Hartford man, succumbed to his injuries after being transported to Lakeland Watervliet Hospital.

The accident is being actively investigated at this time. At the time of the press release it was unknown if alcohol or drugs played a factor in the crash. Authorities did say that it appeared as though speed may have been a factor. It does not appear that the driver was wearing his safety belt. Investigating deputies include Deputy

Ray Hochsprung, Keeler Township Contract Deputy; Deputy Phil Sculetta, Hartford Township Contract Deputy; and Sergeant Greg Pentland, Uniform Response Division.

Assisting agencies include Pokagon Tribal Police, Hartford Police Department, Pride Care EMS, Hartford Township Fire Department and Quick Response, and the Van Buren County Road Commission.

Michigan State Police conducting crack down on distracted drivers

Motorists can expect to see more Michigan State Police Troopers patrolling I-94 this spring and summer, from the Indiana border to Wayne County. Interstate 94 is the major thoroughfare between Detroit and Chicago and is used by many area residents for their daily commutes. Traffic increases in the summer as motorists use the route to get to Michigan's vacation destination spots.

With traffic crashes increasing again in 2017, troopers will be actively addressing the driving behaviors most associated with traffic crashes. These behaviors include distracted and aggressive driving, following too closely, improper lane use, and excessive speed.

"Motorists can expect troopers to take a zero-tolerance approach to these dangerous driving behaviors," said Col. Kriste Kibbey Etue, director of the Michigan State Police. "Most crashes are preventable, and the dangerous behaviors we see on I-94 need to change. Now is the time to send the message that these dangerous driving behaviors will not be tolerated. Hopefully we can make I-94 much safer this summer."

Crashes on I-94 increased by seven percent in 2017, from 6,010 crashes in 2016 to 6,453 crashes. Commercial vehicle involved crashes on I-94 also increased.

Statewide, traffic crashes rose by one percent from 312,171 crashes in 2016 to 314,921 crashes in 2017.

Van Buren County celebrates National Drug Court Month

This marks the 10-year anniversary of the Van Buren County Drug Treatment Court.

There are more than 3,000 treatment courts in the United States annually serving 150,000 people. Since 1989, treatment courts have saved more than 1.5 million lives and billions of tax dollars. Van Buren County Drug Treatment Court was founded in 2008 and to date has served 478 individuals. "Van Buren County currently has several treatment courts, each of which is made possible through the efforts of various dedicated stakeholders. I speak on behalf of all of the judges when I state that presiding over a treatment court program is one of the most rewarding and fulfilling experiences a judge can have. The participants come to us shattered and often defeated. Witnessing the transformation as they engage in recovery, become employed, and begin parenting their children is inspiring to say the least. The program requirements are demanding for the participants, but the payoff is well worth it. And the payoff to the community is that these programs significantly reduce drug use and crime and do so with substantial cost savings" said Chief Judge Kathleen Brickley.

"Treatment courts are a proven budget solution that stops the revolving door of arrest and incarceration for people with substance use and mental health disorders. They prove that justice is sometimes best served by connecting people to treatment and resources to help them turn their lives around," said National Association of Drug Court Professionals CEO Carson Fox. Research continues to show that treatment courts work better than jail or prison, better than probation and better than treatment alone. More resources on national treatment court research can be found at AllRise.org.

North Berrien Fire Rescue Department

The North Berrien Fire Rescue Department responded to 20 calls in the month of April with seven Hagar Township, nine in Coloma Charter Township, and two calls in the City of Coloma. There was one call on the highways and one mutual aid.

Of the calls, there were two structure fires, one burning complaint, two motor vehicle accidents, two lift assists, one mutual aid, three incidents regarding power lines, one CO alarm, five fire alarms, and three re-kindles.

Household chemicals and electronics recycling, document shredding event, May 19

Berrien County residents can recycle household chemicals, home medical waste, electronics, and get their personal documents shredded on Saturday, May 19, 8 a.m. to 12 noon. The community recycling event takes place at the Southeast Berrien County Landfill Recycling Center, 3200 Chamberlain Road, Buchanan.

Items that are not accepted are latex paint (can be dried out and placed in regular curbside trash with the lid off the paint can), gas grill propane tanks, fireworks, and ammunition. Visit www.berriencounty.org, click Recycling Services to learn how to recycle and properly dispose of these materials, or call 269-983-7111 x8234.

Green Earth Electronics Recycling will be on-site to collect household electronic waste including computers, televisions, printers, large and small appliances and anything else with a cord or that is battery operated. There is a fee of \$10 per computer monitor and \$20 per television. Cash or check is accepted. All other electronics are accepted at no cost. Call Green Earth Electronics Recycling for more information, 269-326-1232.

County residents can also bring personal documents for on-site shredding. Participants must remove 3-ring binders, large binder clips, and heavy plastics and metals before bringing documents. The Southeast Berrien County Landfill Authority is sponsoring the on-site shredding truck, providing this service free to residents.

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Hunting & Fishing Reports

By Angie Stair
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Fishing

Fishing is finally picking up across the state the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reports. The warm rain should really help to get things going. Anglers should find trout in the rivers, however the trout opener to the north was slow because of colder air and water temperatures. Bluegills and Crappie are being caught in the inland lakes. Walleye, bass and pike fishing continue to get better as it warms up.

The DNR gave a few fishing tips for targeting the Northern Pike now that the season is open. Northern Pike like to spend their time in the weedy shallows of both the Great Lakes and inland waters. In rivers they can be found around log jams or fallen timber. They are often taken with live bait (such as large minnows) or different kinds of artificial lures.

When fishing for Northern Pike, many

anglers like to use a six to eight-inch wire or steel leader directly in front of hook or lure. Pike have large, deep mouths with extremely sharp teeth. They are known to engulf the entire bait or lure and sever the fishing line with their teeth when it is attached directly to the hook or lure. This leaves the angler watching as the fish swims away with their offering.

Captain Kenny Bard of Rampage Fishing Charters out of South Haven reports that boat anglers on Lake Michigan are catching a lot of Lake Trout, with plenty of limits, they are hot right now. They have also caught a few King Salmon down about 49 feet in 60 feet of water. The trout are being found on the bottom.

No word of Perch being taken by South Haven, but they have been catching Perch by Grand Haven. South Haven pier fishing has been slow. Inland lakes in the area have been producing Crappie limits and Bluegill is closer to shore. On the Kalamazoo River at the Allegan Dam anglers are still getting Steelhead and now some anglers are catching Walleye.

The Ellinee Bait & Tackle Shop on Paw Paw Lake by Coloma reports some great pan fishing on all the local lakes. They recommend you pick your favorite lake and get fishing! Crappie limits are being taken out of Paw Paw Lake and Little Paw Paw Lake. Bluegill bite is picking up and bass are biting too. The Paw Paw River has been quiet the past week.

On the St. Joseph River they had good numbers of Steelhead going through the Berrien Springs fish ladder. At Grand Haven anglers trolling the shoreline are catching a few Brown Trout on small orange spoons. Boats going offshore looking for Coho reported slow fishing. The best action was 60 to 140 feet down in 160 to 230

feet with orange and green spoons. Yellow Perch were caught in 60 to 80 feet south of the channel. Pier anglers caught a few Brown Trout on spawn.

Hunting

Hunt 234, the statewide spring turkey hunt is May 7-31. A statewide hunting license valid for public and private lands, except for public lands in unit ZZ (southern Lower Peninsula), the Hunt 234 license is also valid to hunt Fort Custer military lands with permission.

Hunt 234 licenses will be sold throughout the entire spring turkey season. Hunters are limited to one turkey license for the spring season. For more information contact the DNR Wildlife Division at 517-284-9463 and check out the 2018 Spring Turkey Digest.

Fur harvesting update: The 2018 kill tags for bobcat, otter, fisher and marten will NOT be available on May 1, 2018. Due to potential regulation changes to some fur-harvesting bag limits, these free kill tags will not be available until after regulations have been finalized. The fur-harvesting regulations are up for action at the June 14 Natural Resources Commission meeting. Learn more about proposed regulation changes, meeting locations and agendas at www.michigan.gov/nrc.

The 2018 fur harvester license became available for purchase May 1. The 2018 base license is required to purchase a fur harvester license. All who hunt and trap furbearing animals must have a valid base license and fur harvester license. The licenses are valid May 1, 2018 – April 20, 2019.

New in 2018 – a Fur Harvester Digest – with 2018 fur-harvesting regulations for hunting and trapping furbearing species will be available after the regulations for 2018 are finalized.

As spring finally approaches, Michigan's native frogs and toads are beginning to call and mate in ponds, lake, flooded river beds and woodlands throughout the state. It's a good time for the DNR to remind the public about state regulations regarding the collection and possession of frogs, toads and salamanders.

In order to protect breeding colonies,

these animals (including tadpoles) may only be collected and possessed by the public from the last Saturday in May (May 26 this year) through November 15. Outside of this possession season, the public is encouraged to take walks and observe them in their natural habitat but not interfere with or directly handle the animals.

Coloma Rod & Gun Club

The Coloma Rod & Gun Club will hold their monthly CCW Class on Saturday, May 12, 2018. The class is taught by a certified NRA and RSO instructor and the cost of the class is \$100. For more information or to be put on the list, please call (269) 621-3370.

Watervliet Rod & Gun Club

The Watervliet Rod and Gun Club will hold their monthly CCW classes on May 10 and May 12, 2018. They will have a lawyer explaining the law pertaining to concealed carry during class. Please call (269) 468-3837 or (269) 470-9191 for more information.

Proos supports area Natural Resources Trust Fund projects

Sen. John Proos on May 3 supported approval of Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund (NRTF) projects for 2018, including two projects in Berrien County.

The trust fund is supported by interest earned on funds generated from the de-

velopment of state-owned mineral rights.

"Michigan's Natural Resources Trust Fund was created to invest constitutionally restricted funds into vibrant parks and recreational resources that make our state a better place to live, work and raise a family," said Proos. "I was proud to support funding these tremendous area projects that will give Michigan residents and out-of-state tourists more and better access to our great outdoors."

As approved by the Senate, Senate Bill 883 would authorize the trust fund to use \$49.9 million in restricted funds to support 34 acquisition projects and 97 development projects. Matching funds of \$45 million would bring the total investment to more than \$94.9 million.

In Berrien County, the bill would use \$56,000 from the trust fund to acquire 12 acres contiguous to Love Creek County Park and \$278,100 for a development in Oronoko Township featuring the addition of two football/soccer fields, a concession and restroom building, a parking lot, a trailhead, accessible pathways and a section of regional trail.

The bill also includes \$300,000 for the development of the Riverside Kayak Park in Hagar Township. The project at the 112-acre trailhead recreation area features paved parking, restrooms, a pavilion, accessible picnic tables and grills, and accessible road, boardwalk and kayak launch to connect users to the Paw Paw River and its water trail network.

SB 883 now heads to the House of Representatives for consideration.

Nature Notebook

By Eileen Carlson, Naturalist
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The large number of tiny white flowers that cover the branches of the leatherleaf plant in our demonstration bog indicates that the plant had a good amount of snow cover this past winter. If the delicate buds are exposed to winter's cold winds, they will not open the following spring.

One might assume that the small size of the flower dictates that a small insect should be the chief pollinator. However, bumblebees (easily twice as big as the flower) seem to be the species that is getting the job done. The seeds that are produced seem to fall out of the fruit case and germinate on the sphagnum moss mat that is the leatherleaf's preferred growing medium.

Although it produces seeds, leather-

leaf's main mode of spread is via adventitious roots and epicormic branching. The first method involves roots that can "sprout" directly from the stem. The second occurs when dormant buds low on the stem "wake up" to produce branches and roots. These vegetative growth methods, coupled with leatherleaf's affinity for the acid conditions produced by sphagnum moss, make it one of the dominant plants in North American bogs.

Join us at the Livery in Benton Harbor on Thursday, May 17 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. and support Sarett at Community Pint Night. One dollar from each beer will be donated to Sarett. Food and non-alcoholic drinks are also available.

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Tri-City Area Sports

My view from the Press Box

By Kristy Noack

Please share your sports news, views, and photos with me at tcypressbox@gmail.com



Track athletes find success at BH/SJ Rotary meet

Sixteen teams converged on St. Joseph High School for the 61st annual Benton Harbor/St. Joe Rotary meet Friday, May 4. Coloma and Watervliet participated as part of four teams in Division 3.

In the men's division, Coloma's Derek Plitt turned in a third-place performance in the 100 meters; he finished with a time of 11.65 seconds.

Coloma's Josh Young sailed to first place in the 200 meters. He led all competitors with a 23.17 second performance and set a new personal record.

Watervliet's Lamarrus Smith finished third in the event with a time of 23.42 seconds and matched his best finish this season.

Young also set a new PR and earned first place in the 400 meters with a time of 50.19 seconds. Teammate Sincere Taylor was fourth overall with a time of 53.62 seconds; Taylor's effort yielded a new personal record.

Watervliet's Austin Roberts finished eighth in the 400 meters with a time of 55.43 seconds, a season record.

Coloma's Caleb Ellis finished fourth in the 800 meters; he completed the race in 2:05.35 and set a new personal record.

Watervliet's Isaac Bultema took eighth in the 110 meter hurdles; he finished with a time of 18.39 seconds. In the 300 meter hurdles, Watervliet's Jermaine Granados legged it out for a sixth place finish; he set a new PR with his time of 45.51 seconds.

Coloma's 4x200 meter relay team of Ellis, Taylor, Young, and Plitt continues to be unbeatable. They took first with a time of 1:31.49. The foursome

also won the top spot in the 4x400 meter relay; the squad flew around the track and finished with a time of 3:27.25.

Coloma's Jonah Jones set a new personal record in the shot put. His throw of 44' 0.25" resulted in a third place finish for the senior. Fellow Comet James Clay took sixth with his 40' 11" toss.

Comet athletes earned first through third places in the discus. Jones paired his bronze with gold; he finished first after launching a 133' 8" throw. Clay finished second with a throw of 125' 6". Cole Alsup rounded out the top three with a 124' 0" toss. Jones matched a season record, while Clay and Alsup set new personal records.

In the high jump, Watervliet's Smith set the bar – well – high as he finished second overall with a 6' 2" leap.

Watervliet's Klayton Marshall soared to third place in the pole vault after clearing 10'; that effort matched his season best.

Watervliet's Smith also earned first place honors in the long jump. He leapt 20' 9.5".

Watervliet's Grace Stockdale matched her season best in the 3200 meters; she finished seventh overall with a time of 14:09.17.

Watervliet's Vicky Smith took third in the 100 meter hurdles with a time of 18.21 seconds.

Fellow Panther Emma Yazel turned in a 57.94 second time in the 300 meter hurdles, good for sixth place.

Watervliet's Kyah Sexton, a freshman, led the field in the shot put. Her toss of 31' 11" set a new PR and landed her in first place.

Sexton also set a new PR and placed first in the discus; her throw traveled

90' 2".

Coloma's Samantha Scott tied for second place in the high jump with 4' 7", which matched her season best. Teammate Cassidy Dryer took sixth with a jump of 4' 4".

Indian track teams take seventh at Bangor

The Hartford Indians boys' and girls' varsity track teams rolled into Bangor Friday, May 4 with high hopes for a good finish. Although both squads took seventh place at the seven-team meet, there were quite a few bright spots for the Indians.

Xavier Salinas finished third overall in the 200 meters with a time of 24.68 seconds.

Ulises Bacilio ran to a sixth place finish in the 1600 meters; he recorded a time of 5:09.17.

Bacilio also took sixth in the 3200 meter with a time of 11:19.22.

The Indians 4x100 meter relay team, comprised of Robert Ledesma, Aaron Sinclair, Salinas, and Riley Traver, scooted to a fast fourth-place finish with a time of 48 seconds.

Carter Gendron, Blake Snyder, Aldo Acevedo, and Herik Garcia combined for a 4:04.04 finish in the 4x400 meter relay, good for seventh place.

Also taking seventh place was the 4x800 meter relay team of Jared Foerster, Cesar Santiago, Jacob Morales, and Danny Gutierrez; they recorded a time of 10:05.14.

Bob Johnson finished seventh in the shot put with a throw of 37'.

Traver cleared 6' to win the high jump competition. Gendron sailed over the bar at 9' to finish sixth in the pole vault.

Salinas leapt 17' 6" in the long jump to finish sixth.

For the ladies, the 4x100 meter relay team of Mackenzie Brinsfield, Isabelle Heminger, Brittney VanLandingham, and Katherine Sanchez had the best finish of the day. The squad took fourth with a time of 58.13 seconds.

Brinsfield, Heminger, VanLandingham, and Jamie Smith joined forces to finish fifth in the 4x200 meter relay with a time of 2:05.29.

Nautica Covington launched the shot put 31' 1" to win fifth place, while teammate Abigail Garcia's 29' 3" throw earned her a seventh place finish.

Garcia took sixth in the discus with a throw of 77' 7".

VanLandingham's time of 1:11.57



THREE FOR TEN... Watervliet's Mikalah Clay checks with the umpire after sliding safely into third base Monday night in the Panthers' game against Kalamazoo Christian. Clay hit a single and two doubles and had two RBIs in the 4-3 Panther victory.

(TCR photo by Kristy Noack)

was good for sixth place in the 400 meters.

Adrianna Morseau finished sixth in the 1600 meters with a time of 6:18.60.

Katherine Sanchez soared 13' 4" in the long jump for seventh place.

Panther softball celebrates Senior Night with split

Senior Watervliet softball players were honored Monday, May 7 during their doubleheader against Kalamazoo Christian.

In the opening contest, Watervliet lost 6-2 after Kalamazoo opened to a 2-0 lead after the first inning.

Watervliet's first runs came in the fourth inning. The Lady Panthers had five hits, which accounted for two runs, and one error. Taylor Shafer led Watervliet with a double and RBI. Liles scored one run and hit a single. Celina Klimkiewicz smacked a double.

Watervliet's Kara Liles took the loss.

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The Panthers responded to the game one loss with an improved outing in game two. Watervliet jump started the game in the opening round by scoring one run. But, it was a strong fourth inning that gave Watervliet a 4-1 lead.

Kalamazoo mounted a late-game rally but it fell short. The Panthers celebrated the 4-3 nightcap victory.

Ariana Rowe was the winning pitcher.

Mikalah Clay led Watervliet from the plate. She scored two runs and hit a single and two triples.

Brenna Langston and Sabrina Klimkiewicz both notched doubles. Celina Klimkiewicz and Taylor Shafer both scored one run and hit a single.

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Coloma soccer shuts down Saugatuck

Way to go, Coloma! The girls' varsity soccer team scored a 2-0 shutout over conference rival Saugatuck Monday, May 7.

Emma Vandermolen and Mackenzie Ecker did the heavy lifting for the Comets. Both young ladies scored one goal. Ecker was credited with an assist.

Coloma had 16 shots on goal, compared to Saugatuck's four.

Emma Watson recorded the shutout for Coloma as keeper.

Coloma improved to 7-2-1 overall and holds a 3-1-1 Southwestern Athletic Conference record.

Watervliet loses tough Lakeshore tourney

Watervliet faced the best of the best Saturday, May 5 in the Lakeshore Softball Invitational.

The Lady Panthers crossed paths with South Bend St. Joseph in their first game of the season. Ariana Rowe took the loss for Watervliet, as the Panthers fell 3-0.

Rowe struck out four batters and walked one while giving up three runs on nine hits in seven innings of work.

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NO HURT HURDLE... Hartford's Danny Gutierrez sails cleanly over the hurdle Thursday, while his Bloomingdale opponent didn't fare as well. Gutierrez, a freshman, took first in the second heat with a time of 49.32 seconds.

(TCR photo by Kristy Noack)

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South Bend led 1-0 following the first inning of play, and they added runs in the third and sixth innings.

Watervliet tallied five hits thanks, in part, to Taylor Shafer. She was two for three at the plate with two singles.

Wat	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0	5	6
SB	1 0 1	0 0 0	x	3	9	0

In the noon game, Watervliet tangled with Grand Haven. The Lady Panthers struggled on defense, giving up two costly errors which led the way to their 4-3 loss.

Kara Liles pitched three innings for Watervliet. Celina Klimkiewicz completed the final four innings.

Sabrina Klimkiewicz scored a run after hitting a triple. Rowe hit a single and had one RBI. Alexis Worley sliced a double.

Wat	0 0 3	0 0 0	0	3	5	2
GH	2 1 0	0 0 0	1	4	6	1

In the final game of the tourney, Watervliet took on Buchanan and lost 12-0. The Panthers tallied seven hits, with Mikalah Clay leading the way with three doubles. Worley hit two singles.

Rowe took the loss for Watervliet.

Wat	0 0 0	0 0 0	0	0	7	4
Buc	0 2 6	0 0 1	3	12	17	0

Comets cruise to 3-0 win over Hartford

Coloma recorded a 3-0 shutout over home team Hartford Wednesday, May 2.

All three Comet goals came in the first half. Emma Vandermolen kicked two goals. She was assisted by Mackenzie Ecker and Elisa Austin-Rowe.

Ecker also booted a goal with an assist from Katelyn Johnson.

In goal for the Coloma was Emma Watson. She recorded five saves.

Coloma had seven shots on goal, while Hartford had five.

Panthers post 6-0 loss to Delton Kellogg

Watervliet traveled to Delton Kellogg for girls' varsity soccer action Wednesday, May 2. The Lady Panthers were hampered at every turn and ended the game with a 6-0 loss.

Delton Kellogg scored two goals in



HARTFORD HANDOFF... Hartford's Katherine Sanchez (right) hands off the baton to teammate Emma Weber to start the final leg of the 4x100 meter relay. Hartford hosted teams from Bloomingdale and Decatur Thursday.

(TCR photo by Kristy Noack)

the first half and four in the second half.

Alex Hays was in as keeper for Watervliet.

Hartford on a high after 7-0 knockout of New Buffalo

Hartford handed New Buffalo a 7-0 on the soccer field Monday, May 7. The Indians scored two first-half goals and added five in the second half.

Jessica Cortes and Monserrat Reques combined for the clean sheet for Hartford.

Abigail Lopez and Mercedes Reques scored three goals each for the Indians. Michelle Parra added one goal for Hartford. Reques contributed one assist in the victory.

Comet softball continues to shine

Coloma softball doesn't know the meaning of the word quit. The squad continues to shine both from the mound and the plate. Strong pitching battles batters back, and seamless hitting throughout the lineup often proves too much for opponents to handle.

Thursday, May 3, Coloma faced Saugatuck in doubleheader action. In the first contest, Coloma shut out their rival 15-0 in three innings.

Skylar Crisenbery nabbed her seventh win this season (7-1). She did not allow a hit in the game.

On offense, Megan Neubecker sent a home run sailing, hit a single, and scored two runs. Crisenbery had a single, double, and two RBIs. Kayla Yore chipped in two singles and three runs.

Sau	0 0 0	0 0 3
Col	1 8 6	15 15 0

In the nightcap, Coloma earned the 15-2 victory. Megan Koenigshof won



NOTHING BUT NET... Coloma's Alexa Estrada-Keymoole prepares to return a volley Tuesday, May 1 against Galesburg Augusta. Estrada-Keymoole won four games. (TCR photo by Kristy Noack)



Harvick hammers down #1 spot after fourth win

He might need to change his name to Magic Man. Kevin Harvick won his fourth race of the 2018 Monster Energy NASCAR Cup Series Sunday in the AAA 400 Drive for Autism at Dover International Speedway.

That makes four trophies for Harvick in only 11 races! He's having a quite a run. So much so, that he leads the driver standings and has the most wins for 2018.

Harvick picked up his 41st career win after starting in the second spot. He led 201 of the race's 400 laps, the most of the outing.

Clint Bowyer finished in the runner-spot after leading 40 laps. Bowyer has one win this season.

Daniel Suarez notched his highest finish of the season and matched his best finish of his career on the NASCAR circuit; he took third place. With the finish, he also earned his third top 10 placing.

Last year's NASCAR Cup champion Martin Truex Jr. finished in fourth place. He earned his sixth top five finish this year.

Kurt Busch rounded out the competition in fifth place.

William Byron, the race's highest finishing rookie, ended the day in 14th place.

Drivers who also led laps but did not finish in the top five included: Brad Keselowski (108), Joey Logano (1), Ricky Stenhouse Jr. (24), and Alex Bowman (26).

The race featured 17 lead changes and eight caution periods covering 48 laps. Thirteen drivers ended the race on the lead lap. Additionally, a 40-minute delay due to rain put a damper on the event, but not for long. Racing commenced and the checkered flag dropped.

Next up is the Kansas 400 at Kansas Speedway. Truex Jr. won both outings at Kansas last year. Can he get back on track with a win Saturday night? Find out next week!

her second game of the season, as the Comets improved to 17-1 overall and 6-0 in the Southwestern Athletic Conference.

Crisenbery hit a double and had two RBIs. Koenigshof smacked two singles to score two runs. Morgan Wagner hit three singles.

Sau	0 0 0	2 3 2
Col	4 5 3	3 x 15 9 0

Indian softball drops two to Decatur

Hartford softball suffered a double-header defeat Monday, April 30. The squad lost 6-2 and 6-4 to host Decatur. In the early game, the Indians trailed 4-0 after the first inning and failed to make an offensive run at the Raiders. Lainey Goodson pitched for Hartford. She allowed six runs on eight hits and struck out two.

Har	0 0 0	1 1 0	0	2	6	3
Dec	0 4 0	0 0 2	x	6	8	0

The late contest brought about a late rally attempt by the Indians to overtake the 6-0 leading Raiders, but Hartford's effort fell short.

Hartford began to turn the tide with a three-run sixth inning and added another run in the seventh before losing the game.

Goodson started from the mound for Hartford; she struck out two. Megan Nelson finished out the game. She had three strikes.

Regan Sinclair, Goodson, Mikenzie Chambers, and Jaelyne Galvan scored one run each.

Har	0 0 0	0 0 3	1	4	10	1
Dec	3 1 0	2 0 0	x	6	10	0

Kalamazoo clips Watervliet in 8-0 soccer shutout

Kalamazoo Christian hosted Watervliet and earned an 8-0 shutout on the soccer field.

Kalamazoo scored three first-half goals. The squad added another five goals in the second half.

Alex Hays, in goal for Watervliet, recorded 21 saves.

Coloma hosts round robin, streaks past Hartford but loses to Schoolcraft

Schoolcraft won the Coloma round robin tournament Saturday, May 5. The Eagles beat Hartford 14-1 and Coloma 9-7. Coloma downed Hartford 11-1.

Against Hartford, the Comets sent Tyler Streu to the mound. Streu earned his third win of the season (3-2). He gave up one run on two hits. Streu struck out two and walked two.

Coloma led 6-1 after the first inning and rode that score into the fourth inning.

Robbie Schroeder hit two singles and scored four runs. Nathan Wilder had three singles. Kevin Hearn hit two singles and had two RBIs. Kenyon

Boyd belted a double and scored two runs.

Against Schoolcraft, Coloma battled for the lead but fell short of the rally.

Hunter Crist opened the game for Coloma from the rubber. He pitched two innings and allowed three runs on four hits. He walked two and struck out one.

Nick Eastman came on for the Comets for two innings. He allowed six runs on six hits and walked one. Eastman took the loss for Coloma.

Ethan Price finished the final three innings for Coloma. He gave up just one hit and struck out four.

Sch	3 0 2	4 0 0	0	9	11	1
Col	0 5 0	0 0 2	0	7	3	7

Panthers split pair with Dowagiac

Watervliet walloped Dowagiac for nine runs in the first inning of the first of two games between the pair. The Panthers needed a few more runs but did win the game 16-13.

Three Panthers took to the mound for the win: Ryan Chisek, Nick Polaskey, and Tommy Swanson. Chisek recorded the win.

Bryant Kieft hit two doubles and two triples in the contest. Chisek chipped in a triple and two singles. Ben Myas belted a double and two singles. Jakob Aldrich had a single and double.

Wat	9 2 3	0 2 0	0	16	16	5
Dow	2 5 1	1 0 2	2	13	6	5

The first game must have primed Dowagiac's pump, because the Chieftains charged back in game two for the 8-5 win. That win gave

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COLOMA VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM... Pictured (from the left): Front row - Phoebe Browne, Morgan Wagner, Megan Koenigshof; Second row - Megan Neubecker, Mia Cole, Mya Potter, Julia Sternaman, Hannah Mathis, Mika Andersen; Third row - Mgr. Taylor Brown, Jaidyn Hutsell, Kayla Yore, Skylar Crisenbery, Samantha Stewart, Mgr. Chole Mathis; Back row - Asst. Coach Rebecca Allen, Asst. Coach Dave Ehlers, Head Coach Wendy Goodline. (Photo by Shawn Mead Photography)

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hosted Decatur and Bloomingdale Wednesday, May 2. The Indians topped Decatur 84-34 but fell to Bloomingdale 79-48.

According to Hartford coach Brad Manning, "A total of 17 personal records [were] set by the Indians."

Kraklau goal saves Watervliet shutout by Lawton

Watervliet's Emma Kraklau scored the lone Panther goal in the Monday, April 30 game at home. Kraklau's goal was the first scored in the game, but, unfortunately for the Panthers, it wouldn't be the last.

Rival Lawton scored two of their own goals in the first half. They added six goals in the second half to win the game 8-1.

Blackhawks beat Hartford 2-0

Hartford suffered heartbreak after being shutout 2-0 by host Fennville Thursday, May 3.

Fennville scored one goal in each half of the game.

Mary Pultz worked overtime in the net for Hartford. She recorded 20 saves.

Comet soccer knots up with Fennville

Coloma's girls' varsity soccer squad played to a 2-2 tie against Fennville Monday, April 30.

Emma Vandermolen and Grace Gagliardo scored Coloma's goals. Katelyn Johnson and Vandermolen were credited with one assist each.

Coloma had seven shots on goal, while Fennville had six.

It was a physically aggressive game with both teams giving their all. Coloma was whistled for 10 fouls. Fennville, meanwhile, had six fouls with one yellow card waved.

In goal for the Comets was Emma Watson.

The Comets are 4-2-1 overall and sport a 2-1-1 Southwestern Athletic Conference record.

Hartford softball scored 26 runs, whips White Pigeon

Hartford softball scored two decisive victories over the home team Friday, May 4.

In the early contest, Hartford shut out White Pigeon 13-0. Lainey Goodson recorded the win for Hartford. She pitched the complete game for the Indians, sprinkling five hits across five innings.

Har 120 46	13	19	1
WP 000 00	0	5	0

In the late game, Hartford scored four runs in the first inning to take the lead. The Indians built on their lead to take the 13-3 victory.

Megan Nelson struck out four batters and walked one.

Regan Sinclair and Lexi Griffith led Hartford at the plate with multiple hits.

Har 440 32	13	6	0
WP 021 00	3	5	0

Panther track pounces to second place

With strong performances by Lamarrius Smith, Trent Boone, and Jermaine Granados, the Panthers track team was propelled into second place in a SAC meet against Saugatuck and Kalamazoo Christian.

Smith won two first places - one in high jump, one in long jump. Smith also earned gold in the 400 meters, with a time of 56.5 seconds, and 200 meters (22.8 seconds).

Boone earned first place in discus with a throw of 99' 5". Granados took the top spot in the 300 meter hurdles; he completed the feat in 44.5 seconds.

Klayton Marshall soared to second place in the pole vault, while Isaac Bultema took second in the 110 hurdles.

Lady Panthers split with Constantine

Watervliet hosted Constantine Monday, April 30 for doubleheader action on the softball field. Watervliet suffered a 12-0 shutout in game one but bounced back for a 12-2 win in the latter card.

The first contest found Kara Liles taking the loss from the rubber. Watervliet was limited in their output at the plate; the team had three hits. Ariana Rowe was the lone Panther with an extra base hit; she blasted a double.

Wat 000 000 0	0	3	5
Con 002 046 x	12	11	1

The Lady Panther pride awoke in game two and roared back for the 12-2 win. The Panther bats returned to their typical form, as Watervliet scattered 14 hits.

Emalie Gitersonke led Watervliet with a single, double, and four RBIs.

Ariana Rowe hit two singles and scored two runs. Sabrina Klimkiewicz had three hits, including a double, and scored a run. Kara Liles hit a single and double and had one RBI.

Rowe earned the win for Watervliet.

The Lady Panthers improved to 8-4 overall and remain undefeated in the Southwestern Athletic Conference - Lakeshore Division with a 6-0 record.

Wat 203 52	12	14	2
Con 100 10	2	5	3

Coloma baseball carves out one win against G-A in doubleheader

Coloma faced Galesburg-Augusta Monday, April 30. The Comets won game one 8-3.

Nick Eastman took the mound for Coloma. He pitched three and two-thirds innings. He allowed three runs on six hits; he struck out two and walked two.

Calvin Starnes came in to pitch the second half of the game. He allowed one hit and struck out seven batters. Starnes walked one.

Galesburg-Augusta led after two in-

nings, but Coloma raced back to tie the game after three innings. The Comets then shut down the Galesburg-Augusta offense for the remainder of the game.

Starnes hit a double for Coloma. Hunter Crist had two singles.

GA 210 000 0	3	7	2
Col 012 131 x	8	7	1

In the late game, Coloma lost 6-4. The Comets jumped out to an early 1-0 lead, but a four-run third inning by Galesburg sent Coloma staggering.

Ethan Price recorded his third loss of the season. He pitched two and one-third innings for the Comets. He allowed four runs on two hits. He struck out three and walked four.

Robbie Schroeder pitched for two and two-thirds innings. He allowed two runs on three hits; he walked one.

Starnes hit a single and scored three runs. Price hit three singles.

Coloma is now 8-10 overall and remains undefeated in the SAC - Lakeshore Division with a 4-0 record.

GA 004 20	6	6	0
Col 102 01	4	7	1

Panthers pummel Constantine

Watervliet won two big games against Constantine Monday, April 30.

A combination of Panthers' pitching plus a walk-off run provided plenty of action for Watervliet fans.

Garrett Matthews started the game for Watervliet on the rubber. He pitched three innings and struck out five.

Bryant Kieft followed, handling pitching duties for three innings. Then, it was Tate Halamka for an out and Benny Myas for two outs before the game was done. The Panthers prevented an upset as Constantine belted five runs across the plate in the seventh inning.

Myas recorded the win and also hit the game-winning, bottom of the eighth shot.

Matthews and Kieft teamed up for two singles each, while Tommy Swanson hit a single and double.

Con 000 120 5	8	9	5
Wat 420 101 1	9	10	2

The nightcap proved a bit calmer, as Watervliet led 4-0 after the first inning and 11-0 after the fourth inning.

Jakob Aldrich started the game for the Panthers. He struck out seven. Myas and Nick Polaskey came on in relief.

Kieft led Watervliet at the plate with two singles. Matthews stroked a double.

With the two wins, Watervliet improved to 12-0 on the season overall. The pride holds a 6-0 record in the Southwestern Athletic Conference - Lakeshore Division. The Panthers lead the SAC.

Con 000 03	3	5	2
Wat 400 7x	11	9	2

Decatur demolishes Hartford

Monday, April 30 proved to be a difficult night on the diamond for the Hartford Indians. The squad lost 20-3 in game one and 11-1 in game two.

Har 113	3
Dec 118	1

Har 100 00	1
Dec 240 05	11

Coloma soccer shuts out Brandywine 8-0

Coloma soccer had an impressive outing Friday, May 4 against Brandywine. The Comets topped the Bobcats 8-0.

Katelyn Johnson, Emma Vandermolen, and Grace Gagliardo scored two goals apiece. Mackenzie Ecker and Kimberly Spaulding both scored one goal.

Ecker was credited with two assists. Vandermolen and Gagliardo both had an assist.

The Comets had 12 shots on goal and virtually throttled Brandywine's attempts at controlling the ball. Emma Watson continues to do a stellar job in goal for the Comets.

Coloma is now 6-2-1 overall and 2-1-1 in the SAC.

Watervliet doubles down on Dowagiac

Watervliet's varsity softball team returned to their tried and true roots Tuesday, May 1 with two wins over Dowagiac. The Panther bats were popping and the pitching was near perfection.

In the opener, Watervliet tallied the 17-0 victory with Kara Liles on the mound.

Mikalay Clay led Watervliet at the plate. She scored four runs and hit two singles and a double. Ariana Rowe hit three singles and scored two runs.

Liles blasted a home run and hit a single; she recorded three RBIs. Celina Klimkiewicz and Taylor Shafer both hit a single and scored two runs.

Wat 1200 5	17	15	0
Dow 000 0	0	2	3

In the late game, Watervliet held on for the 3-1 win. Rowe got the win for Watervliet as she pitched five innings; she struck out 12 batters.

Sabrina Klimkiewicz hit a single and scored two runs. Clay hit a single and double with one RBI.

Watervliet improved to 10-4 overall and is undefeated in the SAC - Lakeshore Division with a 6-0 record.

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Wat 020 30	5	7	2
Dow 422 0x	8	9	3

Starnes goes the distance in 5-0 win over Saugatuck; Comets lose second game

Coloma faced Saugatuck Thursday, May 3 and split the doubleheader. In the first contest, Coloma pitcher Calvin Starnes pitched a complete game for the Comets. He gave up three hits, struck out 13 in a masterful performance, and walked one batter. Starnes is now 4-1 on the season after Coloma got the 5-0 shutout.

Not only did Starnes shine from the rubber, but he also led Coloma at the plate. He blasted a home run and scored two runs. Robbie Schroeder hit a single and double and scored three runs. Kenyon Boyd hit a single and double.

Sau 000 000 0	0	3	1
Col 102 020 x	5	7	0

In game two, Saugatuck opened the contest with an early 1-0 lead. Coloma rallied to tie the game at five in the second inning. The Comets picked up another run in the third, before Saugatuck closed the gap in the fourth. The Comet fofee took the lead for good in the fifth inning.

Hunter Crist pitched one and two-thirds innings for Coloma. He allowed four runs on two hits. He struck out one and walked three.

Starnes pitched one and one-third inning. He gave up one run on two hits and struck out two, while walking one.

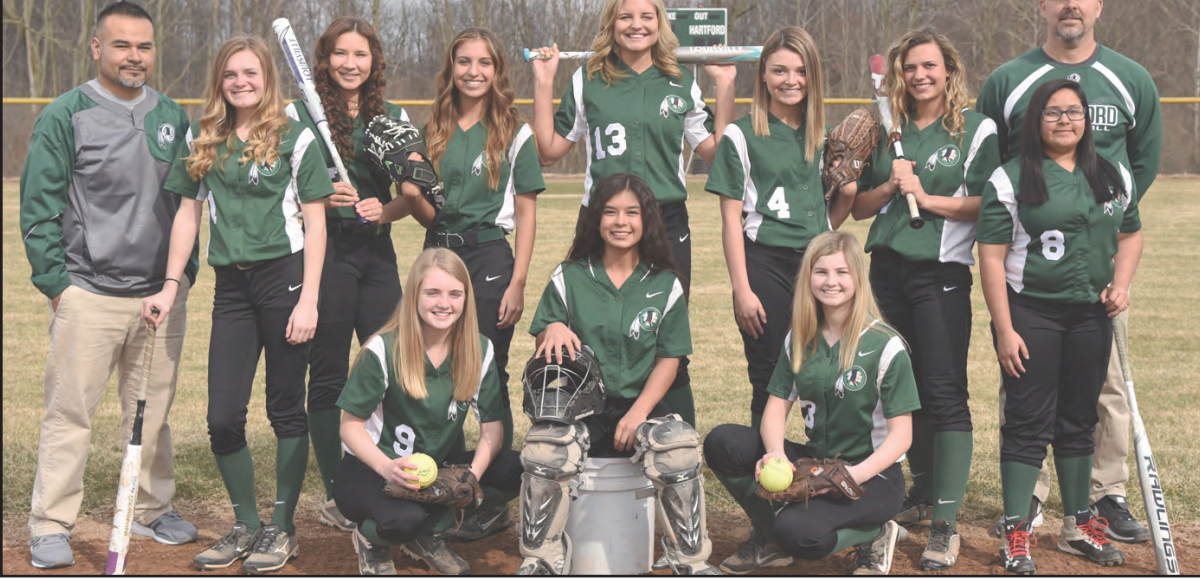
Nick Eastman took the loss for Coloma. His three innings of work resulted in two runs on five hits and one walk.

Ethan Price and Nathan Wilder hit doubles for the Comets. Wilder scored two runs. Boyd hit a single and had two RBIs.

Sau 140 110	7	9	0
Col 051 000	6	5	1

Hartford track tops Decatur, blinded by Bloomingdale

The Hartford boys' varsity track team



HARTFORD VARSITY SOFTBALL TEAM... pictured (from the left) are: Front row - Ariah Jordan, Jaelyne Galvan and Lainey Goodson; Back row - Head Coach Steve Galvan, Megan Nelson, Cora Wesaw, Alexis Griffith, Mikenzie Chambers, Regan Sinclair, Briana Johnson, Abby Rodriguez and Assistant Coach Shannon Sinclair. (Not pictured is Angela Saldana. (Photo by A&A Sports Photography)

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