24th annual Glad-Peach Run marked with rain and confusion

By Christina Glass

pants began a Saturday morning run entrance. and just a few minutes later the rain The Boosters would also like to men- 7:00 p.m. really started to come down. It poured and, as a result, confusion was a major would like to help with "the game" on The parade lives on, participation and problem for many of the runners.

spot in the course. Many runners ran help. the wrong direction, which caused Tickets for "the game" are now on You may reach her at rich-pamquing tempers to flare both on the track and as they came to the finish line.

In a press release issued after the run, Martin Quigley, Coloma Glad-Peach Run & Walk Director, offered an apology to all those inconvenienced by the turn of events by saying, "... On behalf of the Coloma Glad-Peach Festival, I would like to apologize for the misdirectional mishap that occurred on the run route for several of the total 320 participants. This was a human error, in addition to signs blown down due to weather condi-

He went on to thank the many volun- WINNERS...Mike Wilmeng (left) teers who work hard at keeping this and Dennis Weatherman, both of event going and points out that every- Coloma, were the winners of the one is, in fact, a volunteer. "Organi- annual Bean Bag Tournament zers will review and make the neces- held at the Easy Street Inn Beer sary corrections to avoid any such Tent this year. The event, which is mishaps for the future years," Quigley part of the Glad-Peach Festival in Football practice for students in sev-

to refund money to runners who were upset over the lack of direction and confusing situations, organizers are seeking to make it as right as possible Awards were given to overall male and female winners as well as the first-, second- and third-place winners in each event's age group from the results posted.

In addition, if runners took the incorrect direction, their average run time was used to compare to posted results and they were also awarded a medal if they placed first, second, or third according to their age group.

The 5K Run Overall Female winner was Haley Palmore from Cincinnati, Ohio. She is 14 years old and her time was 23:31.60. Anthony Baker is the Overall Male

5K Run winner. He is a 14-year-old from Benton Harbor who was on the wrong route, corrected it, and still won. Anthony came in with a time of 21:57.73. Kristen Miller of Orland Park, Illi-

nois, was the Overall Female 10K Run winner with a time of 42:39.20. The Overall Male 10K winner was

Anthony Sterzick of Alto, Michigan.

with a time of 32:16.72.

In the 5K Walk, the Overall Female winner was Julie Koch of St. Joseph, Michigan; and the Overall Male 5K Walk winner was Doug Anderson of Bridgman, Michigan.

The Watervliet Athletic Boosters Watervliet High School, weekdays, time spent on this. would like to thank those who pur-

again, in spite of the light rain on other games as well that many remem- Even with poor weather during two of happen to decide late to attend the You will need to bring your own inber but they were not mentioned; but I the three days, the Boosters doubled game, do not worry that you will not strument, with spats being optional. do believe that this captures the its sales compared with the sales durget a ticket. Even if the initial 10,000 This may be one of the only times that Let's hope it continues for many more The largest portion of these sales were a normal run-of-the-mill ticket.

from items associated with "the The most popular item, however, black, there is Watervliet maroon and the parade. If you are unable to walk were tickets for "the game" set for Friday, August 28. In fact, over 350 This ticket is larger than the normal- be allowed to ride in or on a vehicle. tickets were sold, alleviating 350 peo- size ticket and was designed as a Participating in the parade accomple a long wait in the "I need a ticket" keepsake.

big game will be allowed to enter Amidst dreary weather, 320 partici- Panther Stadium through a separate ceed into the stadium. Gates open at Friday.

tion that anyone and everyone who PARADE/ALUMNI BAND

game day should contact them at Wa weather permitting. A great big It would seem that several signs blew tervlietAthleticBoosters@gmail.com. "thank-you" goes out to Watervliet down and visibility was at a minimum Boosters members would put you to graduate Pam (Hill) Quinn. Pam has when the runners approached a vital good use and would appreciate your stepped up to be in charge of the

read this information here. sale. Tickets are available at the Tri-@sbcglobal.net or at (269) 463-6700. The parade will run through downoccur Tuesday, August 25. town Watervliet. Originally the idea was to begin in Coloma, parade down Red Arrow, proceed down a side street, then go through Watervliet and contact Kim Atherton at (269) 463up to the school. Logistically, this will just not be feasible.

While this is a short notice for a call out to participate in the parade and Watervliet alumni band, let us be grateful. Neither of these would have

Football practice for grades 7 & 8 in Coloma begins August 24

Coloma every August, took five enth and eighth grades in Coloma While the run is nonprofit and unable hours to complete this year as 44 Community Schools begins Monday. teams signed up to compete. With August 24, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 a total of 88 participants, attena total of 88 participants, attenthrough Friday, August 28.

dance was down from last year... Interested players should meet at the probably due to the storm that football field in a T-shirt and shorts. blew its way through town right with their cleats, and bring a completed physical form with them at that



JOKINGLY CALLED THE "RUNNING AWAY BRIDE" ... by her mother, Barbara Bentley really was a running bride. On the morning of their wedding, Barbara Bentley and Dr. Peter Hamlington, both runners, decided to run in the Glad-Peach 5K Run with a group from their bridal party. All sporting T-shirts with their positions in the wedding written on the front, the happy group enjoyed the run and had fun even amidst confusion and heavy rain. Pictured are: (from the left) Man of Honor Jeff Lydecker from California; Best Man Ben Hamlington from Colorado; Groom Peter Hamlington; Bride Barbara Bentley of St. Joseph, Michigan; Groomsman Nick Hamblet from Virginia; and Father of the Groom Gary Hamlington of Colorado. The bride and groom love to run together; and since most of their bridal party runs, it was a good wedding day activity.

(Christina Glass photo)



BEAN BAG TOURNAMENT

ahead of the tournament.

ATTHOUGH THE PEACH PIT SPIT HAD TO BE PUSHED BACK ... because of the storm, it was still a fun activity for those who were able to participate. Pictured are winners: (in back, from the left) Mark Stowers, third place in the men's division with a shot of 19'; Devin Davis, second-place man with a 19' 5"; Billy "Big Wind" Davis, first place for the men with a shot of 19' 11"; Anita Hauch, first place for the women with 19' 9"; Sarah Williams of Rockford won second place with a shot of 14' 7"; and Jodi Steinhoff, third place in women with a 14' 2" shot. Standing in front are the winners in the children's category. They are (from the left) Noah Siglow, third place at 3'9"; Bailey Siglow, second place with 4'; and Allysa Kreston of Chicago, Illinois, with an 8' shot. (Christina Glass photo)

Parade and alumni band plans under way for August 28 centennial football game between Coloma Comets and Watervliet Panthers; "the game" tickets are now on sale

hours. Tickets are also available at forward. Let us all thank Pam for her Any profits from this event will be

were printed in anticipation of the with Pam to let her know your interlarge crowd for "the game." If you est. are sold, you will be able to purchase as a band alumni you will have the

The multi-colored commemorative Any former Coloma or Watervliet ticket consists of five colors. Besides football players are welcome to be in white and Coloma green and gold. the length of the parade route, you will

Upon entering the gate, tickets will at the school well ahead of the major not be torn; nor will they be taken. traffic expected that evening. Just show them at the gate and pro- The parade will begin at 4:00 p.m. on 5:15 p.m., with kickoff scheduled for

details in next week's issue of the Tri-This downtown activity is being sponsored the Watervliet Downtown

Development Association. GOLF UPDATE

The winning storefronts will be

For a list of participating merchants,

Prizes will be awarded, with those

announced at "the game."

opportunity to march in a parade.

plishes the fact that you will wind up

WATERVLIET

DOWNTOWN

Spots are still open for the "golf The carts will then take you to the scramble" on Saturday, August 29, but Coloma or Watervliet side of the field, time will run out shortly to secure one of those remaining spots. The dead-also take you back from your seat line to register with Bruce Owen at after the game. (269) 921-4023 will be Tuesday.

City Record during normal business happened at all if Pam had not stepped August 18, at 9:00 p.m.

9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Ticket cost is \$5 Any former Watervliet alumni band Watervliet football members who would like to partici- Support your school by signing up for Ten thousand commemorative tickets pate in the parade should get in touch this event!

BANNERS

Please notice how nice the banners are that are currently hanging in downtown Coloma and Watervliet. In Coloma, remember to thank the Coloma Lioness Club for its financial contribution for the banner there. In Watervliet, thank the Watervliet DDA for its financial contribution for the

After "the game," Watervliet's banner will be hanging in the High School gymnasium; with Coloma's banner finding its way to the North Berrien Historical Museum.

Thank-vou to both of these fine groups for helping us, the "100th Year Committee," promote "the game."

ARRIVE EARLY

DECORATING CONTEST The seating at Panther Stadium holds Originally set to be a window-deco- between 2,500 and 2,900, depending rating contest for downtown Water- on which report you read. With this in vliet businesses, this has now turned mind, it would pay you to arrive early into a storefront-decorating contest. to ensure you have a seat in the stands. Decorating may begin as soon as you Those not arriving early will not have a seat in the stands, which means Storefronts will need to be completed you could be standing. So it would by Monday, August 24. Judging will be wise to bring a blanket so you can enjoy the game from the hillside.

SPECIAL PARKING

More details will be presented in the Tri-City Record next week, but spe-3903 or Rebecca Yazel at (269) 849cial parking areas are being scoped

These special areas will be set aside for vehicles with proper handicapped identification or for those folks who are elderly and have a difficult time walking great distances. Some golf carts to ride in will be present for anyone who fits into these categories.

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Tri-City Area Outdoor News

Paw Paw Lake Almanac

By Delavan Sipes

Finally! A much-needed rain on Fri- which is a stunning Brugmansia, or day night. This was the first real rain Angel's Trumpet, with huge, yellow, since June. There was just a bit over 1/2 bell-shaped flowers and a delightful inch of rain in all of July. It was also dawn perfume. the coldest July since record keeping The little known Woodland Nature

began in 1867. Early in the dusk of Conservancy lies on the south side of evening, the beginning of ever-so- the road. The primary entrance for light rainfall stippled the lake in dots pedestrians is located just past the end that claimed the shhhh of silence. A bit of the pavement on Woodland Avenue. later the tatter of heavier drops said There are walking trails throughout "splat" against tree leaves and then the conservancy. The land was once a settled into a serious rain. peach orchard owned by Clarence Just before cresting the hill on Wood- Schwarting.

land Avenue in Watervliet, there is a The large picture of Paw Paw Lake on delightful fishpond with cascading the wall at the (Paw Paw Lake) Board water gurgling into a lower pond. At of Trade near the entrance shows the various times there is a frog keeping orderly rows of trees. watch over the waters and the fish.
The Conservancy grows a variety of

Beyond that is a beautiful flower gar- native plants that produce berries for den capturing an entire yard. It is the birds and other wildlife. The trails loaded with variety and color; a bur- are void of noxious plants, but there is gundy smoke tree; a gingko with its poison ivy in the land adjacent to the fan shaped leaves - a remnant of vege- trails. Walkers should be cautious. tation millions of years old. Several There are several bluebird houses types of hosta with many shades of near the trails. There are occasional green leaves are past flowering and benches where one may relax and obare now forming seeds. Purple and serve nature. The custodians of the white butterfly bushes attract - guess Conservancy keep the paths mowed, what? - butterflies. The last of the gor- plant trees, clean up deadfalls that geous lilies are blooming. Red berg- block paths and in general maintain amot are in full bloom along with pink the Conservancy in a natural state yet Japanese anemone. The deep orange accommodating walking traffic. No of marigolds catch the eye.

Fennel, parsley, basil, and rosemary grow beside the pathways; several Next Week: More about stuff... mints grow in many parts of the gar- Natural High: Taking a ride through den. Three dogwood trees with their a pretty roadside. unique leaves provide cooling shade. Black-eyed susans bow their heads in the gentlest of breezes. Blue-violet bellflowers steal the show with the delicate shading of the flowers. Pachysandra provide a lush, green ground cover between the hosta and the grass path. Impatiens and amaranth nestle among other plants.

SALES During summer months, many of this FARM COMMERCIAL gardener's greenhouse plants enjoy 429-7611 Stevensville the "outside" weather, not the least of

vehicles are allowed.

BUILDING

Arbor Day Foundation honors each new member with 10 trees planted in a national forest destroyed by fire

Every American has an opportunity to help plant trees in our nation's forests by joining the Arbor Day Foundation during the month of August.

The Arbor Day Foundation will honor each new member who joins the Foundation through the Replanting Our National Forests campaign by planting 10 trees in our national orests that have been destroyed by insects, disease, and devastating fires. Membership costs \$10.

The Arbor Day Foundation's Replanting Our National Forests campaign will plant trees in America's forests for future generations to enjoy. The need to replant our national orests is greater than ever. Wildfire season started early this year, and the previous three years brought unprecedented wildfires throughout the coun-

The Arbor Day Foundation will work with the U.S. Forest Service, as it has wildfires in recent years.

Delavan1122@comcast.ne impact throughout America by plant- To find out if you've won, go to the benefit of generations to come."

DAVE WILLIAMS

Hunting & Fishing Reports By Bill Scott

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Fishing

Lake Michigan...Talked with my friends at the Fishin' Hole and they tell me that Perch are being caught in 32 to 40 feet of water, with minnows just off the bottom. They went on to let me know that the Chinook and Coho are hitting in waters just to the north, about 85 to 105 feet deep. St. Joseph and Paw Paw rivers...

Most of the Skamania are in the rivers now. Fishermen are catching them with crank baits and spoons; red and/or green are the colors that are

Area lakes...My friends at the Fishin' Hole in Coloma tell me that most of the area lakes like Huzzy. Dewey, Round and Lake of the Woods." They also told me, "The Crappie are hitting in Paw Paw, Rush and Van Auken lakes."

Hunting

for more than 20 years, to determine Hunting Permit information... As a which forests will receive the trees cost-saving measure, the DNR will no pased on the greatest need. The U.S. longer send out cards to let you know Forest Service has identified a one- if you have won the opportunity to million-acre backlog that needs re- purchase a special hunting license like planting mainly because of record spring or fall turkey, doe or bear. You must check the drawing results online "Future members can make a positive at its Website.

ing much-needed trees in our national DNR Website: www.michigan.gov forests," said John Rosenow, Chief /dnr/. Then click on the "Hunting" Executive of the Arbor Day Foun- link on the left side, click on the dation. "Planting new trees will help "Application results" link, and put restore these national treasures for the the required information from your application receipt. If you run into trouble, you can call

To join the Arbor Day Foundation and them for help at (517) 373-1263. help plant trees in our national forests, Pure Michigan Hunt...A new huntsend a \$10 membership contribution ing lottery sponsored by the Michigan to: Replanting Our National Forests, DNR is called Pure Michigan Hunt Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor The cost is \$4 and the three lucky win-Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410; or go ners may purchase permits for the following hunts: one any elk, one bear

one spring turkey, one fall turkey, and one antlerless deer (doe permit). All the permits are for 2010.

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In addition, the winners may pick a first selection at a managed waterfowl area during a reserved hunt period. Hunters must be at least 12 years, completed a Hunter Safety course and not be under court-ordered license revocation. This contest is open to residents and non-residents; only residents will be able to purchase an Elk

Entering this drawing does not prevent hunters from entering other hunt-

Other restrictions and rules can be found in the DNR booklet that can be found where you purchase your license, at a retailer, or online at the DNR's Website; just click on the "E

Anterless Deer...For all of us procrastinators, now is the time to put in for your doe permit. August 15 is the cut-off to apply

Watervliet Rod and Gun Club...On Monday, August 17, at 6:30 pm., Watervliet Rod & Gun Club is having a trap shoot. What's different about this one is that it is open to the public. So take the opportunity to shoot some clay pigeons, check out the facilities, and maybe join the club.

On August 20 at 6:00 p.m., there is a silhouette shoot scheduled.

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