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# COLOMA WATERVLIET AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SPRING NEWSLETTER 2017 P.O. BOX 418 142 BADT DRIVE COLOMA, MI 49038 WEB: WWW.COLOMA-WATERVLIET.ORG Email: info@coloma-watervliet.org Phone: 468-4430



The Coloma Watervliet Area Chamber of Commerce invites you to join us for...

Ribbon Cutting Where: North Berrien Historical Museum 300 Coloma Av. Coloma (Across from the high school) When: Saturday July 1st Time: 2:00 - 5:00 (Ribbon Cutting at 2:45)

# Stop by for a hot dog cookout, hear keynote speaker Sam Monte, and be one of the first to see the new collection!

The North Berrien Historical Museum is excited to unveil its newest permanent exhibit: the Southwest Michigan Crate, Basket, and Veneer Machinery Collection. The collection showcases 22 basket making machines that were made by two Twin City companies, St. Joe Ironworks and Saranac Machine Company, between 1890-1950 and used by Monte Packaging Company in



Riverside. The museum received ownership of the machinery from Monte Packaging Company back in 2014 and has been working diligently to move, clean, and prepare the collection for visitors to enjoy.

## New Maps

Thank you advertisers that made our new map possible. Maps were delivered maps to the advertisers that I was able to meet with so if you did not receive any let me know and you can stop in and pick up some in the entryway of the Chamber office or I would be happy to deliver. We had 10,000 printed and they will last two seasons. We appreciate the support and this winter we will be putting together our new community guide so watch for more information for this advertising opportunity.





Hello Everyone,

We have been busy since winter newsletter. our We look back on some activities from March thru May, and look forward to the days of summer. They will not be lazy days of summer but they will be filled with wonderful events, festivals, concerts and activities that make this season in SW Michigan such a great place to live and play. Make a point to experience some of the fun and watch a parade, listen to some great music and take time for a golf tournament or two.

We hope you enjoy all the activities in Coloma and Watervliet. Check out the schedule of events inside for the Watervliet Independence Weekend Celebration the Committee has worked hard to make this a memorable weekend.



**Newest Members** 

Crafty Sisters Gift Shop

Watervliet District Library

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WATERVLIET INDEPENDENE WEEKEND CELEBRATION SCHEDULE OF EVENTS JUNE 30-JULY 2nd. Friday ,	
June 30	
4:00 PM.	Watervliet Airport 40C Fly-In Camp-In (all weekend)
6:00 - 10:00 PM	Elkhart Garden Tractor Pull on Pleasant Street
6:00 PM	Decorated Golf Cart& Scooter parade begins at North School ending on Main Stage
7:30 PM	IPW Event (Independence Pro Wrestling) on Main Stage
Saturday, July 1	\$ /1 /*
6:45 AM	Gene Bednarowski Run Sign-Up at North School
7:00 AM-11:00 AM	Pancake Breakfast at Fire Department
7:00 AM	CHALK OUR BLOCK south of RRX
7:30 AM	Gene Bednarowski Children's Fun Run at North School
8:00 AM	Gene Bednarowski 5k Run/Walk at North School
10:00 AM	Kids Zone Play Area Library Park
	(games, face paint and inflatables)
9:00- 10:00 AM	K-9 Demonstration on Main Stage Q&A
9:00 AM-2:00 PM	Annual 4th of July Car Show Honoring Veterans Arclight Brewery
11:00 AM	2017 Little Miss & Mr. Firecracker on Main Stage
11:00-4:00 PM	Watervliet Airport Annual Steak Fry
1:00 PM	July 4th Grand Parade staging on old High School property
	Parade will run North on Main Street
2:00 PM	Parade Awards on Main stage
2:00-4:00 PM	Meet & Greet Miss & Mr. Blossomtime along with the
Miss	Watervliet & Court, Miss & Mr. Hartford & Court and Miss & Mr. Coloma & Court
2:00 -5:00 PM	Mid America Cowgirls Rodeo Drill Team Meet & Greet and demonstration in Flaherty Park
2:00 PM	IPW (Independence Pro Wrestling) Championship Event on Main Stage
3:00 PM	Power Wheels Mudd Run old PAPER MILL property
	OPEN REGISTRATION STOCK POWER WHEELS ONLY Preregister Tri-City Record
4:00	Cardio Drumming with Healthy to the Core on Main Stage
4:00 PM-10 PM	Corn Hole Tournament \$25.00 reg/per team across from Main Stage
	Pre-register at Tri-City Record \$25.00 per team prizes
4:30 PM	July 4x4 Quad Race Mudd Run old Papermill property pre-register Tri-City Record-Prizes
5:00-8:00 PM	Band Frizzle Fried on Main stage
6:30 PM	July 4x4 Mudd Run (old paper mill property)
	\$20.00 Pre-register at Tri-City Record registration-Cash PRIZES!
6:30 PM	Vintage Baseball Game House of David Echos vs. Hooterviller Hitters at Hays Park
8:30 PM	Band C&S DELIVERY on Main Stage
10:30 PM	FIREWORKS!! at Hays Park & Rec. Council Concession
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Sunday July 2nd	
7:00 AM-12:00 PM	Watervliet Airport Breakfast & Fly In
11:00 AM	Community Worship Gathering on Main Stage
1:00 PM	Ping Pong Ball Drop at Watervliet Airport
2:00 PM	Duck Race at Mill Creek in Flaherty Park



## LEGISLATIVE LUNCHEON

North Berrien Community Development (NBCD) held their annual Legislative Luncheon on May 12th at the Coloma Township Hall. Thank you to Rep. Kim LaSata and John Proos representative Adam Mensinger and Congressman Fred Upton who attended and gave interesting updates and answered questions that attendees had about local issues and what is happening in the State of Michigan and in Washington. Thank you to the Berrien County Sheriff's office representatives who gave updates on issues they face and answered questions. The NBCD each year invites municipal representatives from Coloma, Watervliet, Hagar and Bainbridge as well as Chamber Board members to attend this event.

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## Coloma St. Joseph/KOA Ribbon Cutting

Thank you to Mark and Karla Lemoine and the gang for hosting our most recent After Hours/Ribbon Cutting on May 4th. A large group of Chamber members along with legislative and municipal representatives celebrated the official grand opening of this beautiful KOA in Riverside.

Attendees sampled delicious Hunt Brothers pizza, popcorn, cookies and other treats as we celebrated the beginning of the first full season of this KOA under new ownership. We were able to tour one of the deluxe cabin and see the improvements and upgrades that have been made to the General Store and Café and other areas of the campground. With shaded lots and mature trees ,a pool, hot tub, Jumping Pillow, bike rentals, mini golf, cable TV ,free Wi-Fi and more such as planned activities and ice cream socials, you will not run out of things to do if you plan your camping experience at this relaxing KOA. Check out their website at stjosephkoa.com or call 269-849-3333.









# 2017 PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST NORTH BERRIEN THROUGH MY EYES

Co-sponsored by North Berrien Historical Museum, Coloma Watervliet Chamber of Commerce,

and Twin City Camera Club The North Berrien Historical Museum invites submissions of original photographs that capture the distinctive character of our area for future generations.

**DEADLINE:** August 25, 2017 @ 4:00 pm

PRIZE: \$25 cash + Local gift card + 1 year membership to the North Berrien Historical Museum

CONTEST RULES: Full contest rules and entry form can be picked up at the North Berrien Historical Museum, Located at 300 Coloma Ave (across from the high school) or requested by email.

QUESTIONS? 269-468-3330 / kristen@northberrienhistory.org

PHOTOGRAPHY 101 Thursday, June 22 at 7:00 pm North Berrien Historical Museum

Ted Post, Treasurer of the Twin City Camera Club, will share tips and techniques on how to take good photos and answer photography related questions. Bring your camera with you!

# 2017 Looking Ahead

**Next Chamber Meeting** June 13th Board of Trade at Noon

Watervliet Independence Weekend June 30th-July 2nd

North Berrien Historical Museum Ribbon Cutting and New Exhibit July 1st 2-5 p.m.. Ribbon Cut 2:45

50th Annual Glad Peach Festival August 4-6th

August 11th Community Golf Outing benefit the Chamber and North Berrien Community Development at the Paw Paw Lake Golf Club

Saturday September 16th Music in the Park Baker Park Downtown Coloma COLOMA WATERVLIET C OF C P.O. BOX 418 COLOMA, MI 49038



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