12/30/99 F
HASTINGS PUBLIC LIBRARY
121 N CHURCH ST
HASTINGS MI 49058

BULK RATE
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
Hastings, MI 49058
Permit No. 7

The Banner and News

Your Hometown Newspaper Serving Middleville and Caledonia Areas

No. 2/January 12, 1999 | Middleville, Michigan 49333 | 128th year

Fire destroys Middleville home, declared a total loss

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The intense cold Tuesday, Jan. 5, made fighting a fire at 207 Emory St. in Middleville difficult for firefighters.

Thornapple Township Emergency Services firefighters responded to the call and battled the blaze for more than five hours. They were assisted by Hastings, Caledonia and Freeport firefighters.

The home is owned by John Richardson, a longtime Bradford White employee. The family escaped with only the clothes on their backs.

Chief Robert J. Woodard said, "We called in the additional companies to help relieve those fighting the blaze."

The call came in at 2:47 p.m., but the fire was not completely out until about 8 p.m. Also making fighting the fire difficult was that the nearest fire hydrants were buried by snow. It took several minutes to dig out the hydrants.

The fire fighters never ran out of water but had to leave the water running through the hoses to keep it from freezing. The running water made the road very slippery.

Emory was blocked to traffic at both ends while the fire was being fought.

According to Woodard, the home is a total loss. The cause is still under investigation, but preliminary reports suggest it may due to a chimney for a wood stove.

Extensive renovations and additions had been made to the home over the years, which allowed the fire to spread easily. This also made it complicated to fight.

Woodard encourages homeowners to dig out any fire hydrants near their homes.

These firefighters from Caledonia along with firefighters from Hastings and Freeport assisted the Thornapple Township Emergency Services fire fighters. The intense cold on Jan. 5 made fighting the fire difficult.

Roger Loring is working long hours to keep the streets free of persistent snow.

Blizzard hits area

Downtown Caledonia streets are relatively clear compared to some other areas in the community.

Familiar landmark Victorian home on Kinsey Street, built early in this century by Manuel Wilson resembles a holiday greeting card.

Blizzard of '99 dumps two feet of snow on Middleville

The blizzard of '99 dumped nearly 20 inches of snow in Barry County during the weekend of Jan. 2 and 3, closing schools and virtually shutting down many activities.

Additional inches of fell through the week with some areas of Middleville, Thornapple, Irving and Yankee Springs Township getting more than two feet of snow.

Compared to other big winter storms from the past, the numbers are impressive.

The storm of Jan. 25-26, 1978 managed 16 inches in 24 hours, while the blizzard of Jan. 26-27, 1967, brought Barry County 23 inches of white stuff.

With the additional inches that fell additionally in the area last Monday and Wednesday, the '99 blast could be categorized as one of the biggest ever weathered here.

Dave McIntyre, WBCH news director and official weather observer for the National Weather Service in Hastings, said the projections of this storm have been right on the nose.

"The National Weather Service has been right on target with this thing," McIntyre said.

Suggestions that McIntyre gives to others to help weather this storm is for motorists to use extreme caution, to not take chances, to take your time and take frequent breaks when shoveling snow and to consume plenty of liquids.

More blowing, drifting snow is expected to fall on Barry County. Temperatures should remain in the 20s and 30s for highs and teens and lower for the lows.

Charlie Nystrom, director of the Barry County Central Dispatch 911 Center, said in serious times like this, local officials step forward to help others in need.

"I'm thoroughly impressed with our public officials who got out and answered the calls," Nystrom said.

Nystrom said that they have received plenty of phone calls, but most have not been that unusual.

"Cars in ditches, but nothing really out of the ordinary," Nystrom said. "People should be impressed with the work of the road commission, the MDOT and the department of public works.

"They got the plows out and cleared the way," Nystrom said. "In crisis situations, you realize how fortunate we are. It's been total cooperation."

Nystrom said the biggest problem they've had to face is "getting our people into work," a problem that most businesses and other places are having to deal with. Industries such as Bradford White in Middleville and Hastings Manufacturing and Viking Tyden in Hastings have had to curtail their operations because of the storm.

Matt Thompson, director of public affairs at Pennock Hospital, said there has been no major health related problems their staff has had to deal with during the last couple of days. He said Pennock is "fully staffed to ensure quality care" for area residents. Thompson said the biggest problem found at Pennock is "keeping the snow off the parking lots."

In a three-day span from Jan. 1-3, the Barry County Dispatch had 173 police calls, 54 emergency medical services calls and 13 fire calls. The average calls per hour was roughly 12, with a total of 864 calls being outboard, according to Nystrom.

Not only has business been affected, but the storm also caused many area

See Blizzard, pg. 2

In This Issue...

- Public records are public information
- Snowstorm prompts safety reminders
- Emmons Lake Elementary result of 'group process'
- Misty Ridge submits new design to planning panel

Caledonia tries to uncover itself after big storm hits

The Village/- Township Hall. Several evening meetings were cancelled and postponed during the first week of the year.

Woodlands in rural areas sprouted foliage in winter white. (near the Thornapple River)

The Caledonia Public Library managed to keep open except for Saturday Jan. 2, and Wednesday the 6th when it closed early.

The Schools were closed Monday and Tuesday, and students went home early on Wednesday. People who live off the main roads must have their own plows in order to get out.

Gun Lake Women will meet Jan. 21

GFWC-Gun Lake area Women's Club will hear an update on Paws with a Cause at the regular meeting Wednesday, Jan. 13, at the Bay Pointe Restaurant, Gun Lake.

Becky Canale and her service dog Jake will do a short demonstration. Canale also will discuss what Paws with a Cause is and how the training of service dogs has helped those who need them.

The regular meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. The speaker begins at about 10:30 and an optional lunch begins at 11:30 a.m.

Members of the Gun Lake Area Women's Club will be volunteering during Winterfest. News about other activities of the club will be announced at the meeting.

If the Thornapple Kellogg schools are closed because of inclement weather on Jan. 13, the meeting will be canceled.

For information about the GFWC- Gun Lake area, call Fran Leonard at 795-8731.

Blizzard, from front page

churches to close Sunday and schools to be closed Monday and Tuesday.

Brad Lamberg, engineering manager of the Barry County Road Commission, said the extra work has added a lot of hours to the efforts of individuals there.

"Basically, they've been working a minimum of 12 hours a day... from five 'til dark, plowing all day long," Lamberg said. "We've had a lot of calls, the biggest problem is living up to everyones' expectations. That's what we are here for, (but) we need our rest, too."

Lamberg said employees of the road commission have put in many 14-16 hour days Friday, Saturday Sunday and Monday (Jan. 1-4). Residents call and wonder why their road has not been plowed. Lamberg, though, said that certain roads, such as the main paved roads, take precedence over the small, dirt gravel roads.

No deaths or major accidents have been reported in the area to the Michigan State Police either, according to Lt. Gary Newell, the post commander for the Hastings' post.

"People heard the forecast and took it seriously. Actually, we've been kind of blessed there's been less accidents than normal" Newell said. "The best advice is to not go out unless you have to."

Newell said that one thing that motorists can do to ensure safety is drive with their headlights on, even during the day.

No major electrical problems have been experienced in Barry County either, according to Consumers Energy spokesman John Hall. Only two interruptions affecting six people have been reported since Saturday, Hall said, and power lines have not been affected by the heavy snow or the wind.

To date, no requests for services have been made to the area Red Cross chapter.

"There's been nothing at this point," Alison Eslami, director of communications for the American Red Cross of West Central Michigan, said.

Thanks for allowing Mullers Paint to serve all of your painting & decorating needs this past year.

Once again, please join us and register for our exciting how-to classes.

Beginning January 19, 1999.
Tuesday Night 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

~ Faux Finish ~ Sponging ~ Rag Rolling

Featuring The Latest Techniques and Tools for all Your Special Finish Needs.

~ Sign Up Soon ~ Classes Are FREE ~

Other upcoming classes...
February 16 - Furniture Refinishing
March 16... Papering Made Easy

Mullers Paint N Paper
Full Service Paint & Wallpaper Shop
Sales • Rental • Custom Tinting
Service • Service • Service
227 E. Main St., Caledonia, MI 49316
616-891-9171

Check Out Our Eyewear!
Richard J. Choryan, O.D.
Doctor of Optometry
Caledonia Vision Center
9809 Cherry Valley (M-37)
(616) 891-2020

DOLLAR CRAZE

Due To Bad snow Hair Days
Everything Still 75% Off
(except Candy & Coke Products)
Last Chance to Save!
137 E. Main Street, OLD Downtown Caledonia
616-891-1118

Blue Dragon Restaurant damaged by cold and wind

Midoo Kang with his daughter Mison Kang in the dining area which was least affected by the damage.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Many people were too busy last week digging out to be bored at home. Some were unable to get out at all, while others made it to work to discover a whole new set of difficulties.

So it was for Blue Dragon Restaurant owners Midoo and Sonja Kang. Sunday morning they left home to prepare food at their new business for the afternoon hours, only to find two inches of water on the floor and the ceiling caved in. One part of the dining area and all of the kitchen was strewn with water soaked debris, wires, ceiling panels and insulation.

The Blue Dragon had newly opened its doors around the first of December and this catastrophe occurred just about a month later. The Kangs had come to the U.S. about 15 years ago. They opened their first Blue Dragon Restaurant about ten years ago on 44th Street and Kalamazoo in Grand Rapids, before moving the restaurant to Caledonia.

More kitchen devastation shown here.

Surveying the damage and not sure what to do, the Kangs called a long time friend, Tom Kim.

Kim contacted the owner of the Caledonia Crossings Plaza, Patrick Montgomery, and Jerry Baker, builder of the Glen Valley Development, who then called plumbers and electrical crew workers.

Later it was learned the cold and wind had caused an equipment failure which led to the flooding and spraying of water inside the restaurant, which caused the ceiling to collapse.

What seemed remarkable to the Kangs was how quickly everyone came out to help. Many came right after church. Even the insurance agent came right away.

"Patrick Montgomery helped us with the mess. He got right in and helped us clean a lot of it out," Midoo Kang said. "He is a really good man!"

Perhaps it was the support of the community that bolstered the courage of the Kangs, for which they are clearly appreciative, but the setback does not appear to have discouraged this family. They are digging in and getting ready to start over with hearty enthusiasm.

After securing the plumbing and the electrical system, the partial cleanup began, but it is still not finished.

The ceilings, and some of the lighting will have to be replaced. Some pictures and wall furnishings were ruined. Menus and other items were damaged as well. Perhaps the carpeting can be cleaned, but it may also have to be removed. Before the work can begin, the insurance assessment must be made to give the o.k. to begin.

The Kangs hope they will be back in operation in two or at most three weeks. Often such a crisis is devastating not only because of furnishings, but also because of the time lost.

Blue Dragon kitchen strewn with debris and insulation after the ceiling caved in after a roof equipment failure.

HASTINGS 4
Free Drink Refills
.25¢ Corn Refills
Downtown Hastings on State St.
1-800-835-7203 • 945-2243
ONLY $3.50 Matinees before 6 p.m.
Kids, Seniors, & Everyone all day Tuesday
No passes or Tuesday discounts
Stadium Seating Gives YOU An Unobstructed View
MOVIE GUIDE
STEPMOM
YOU'VE GOT MAIL
MIGHTY JOE YOUNG
PATCH ADAMS
COUPON • With This Ad!! Receive a... FREE 46 oz. POPCORN
Titles subject to change.
Call theater for show times. 945-2242.
Visit our website at www.gsh.com

MILLER MEANS...
Middleville Office
317 Arlington, M-37
(616) 795-3305
Kay Stolsonburg, CRS, ASSOC. BROKER & SALES MANAGER 795-7272
Debbie Erway 795-9207
Cathy Williamson, CRS, GRI 795-9090
Karen Brown ..... Pager 480-2448
Craig Stolsonburg ..... Pager 201-5133
Miller REAL ESTATE
Larry Allerding, CRS, ASSOC. BROKER & GEN. MGR. 945-9103
...SOLD!
Hastings Office
149 West State St.
(616) 945-5182
Dianne Feldpausch, CRS, GRI, SALES MGR. 948-9913
Carol Lee 795-9482
Dave Belson 948-9482
Mark Hewitt 948-2984
Ron Lewis 945-5103
Cindy "Scotti" Scott 948-4228
Jody Hubbert 945-2955
Audrey Burdick, CRS, ASSOC. BROKER 945-2451
Bill Slagstad 948-9842
Jean Chase, CRS, GRI 945-0235
MLS

1. NEW LISTING, MIDDLEVILLE! Excellent home on 1 acre with 2 barns, 3 bedrooms, formal dining room and fireplace. Call Kay ..... $104,900.

2. MIDDLEVILLE. This immaculate, remodeled farmhouse features 4 bedrooms, 2-1/2 baths, large pole barn and storage shed, all on 6-1/2 acres. Call Karen ..... $149,900.

3. MIDDLEVILLE. This 3 bedroom home, located in the Yankee Springs area, has an added feature of a guest house for personal use or rental income, a 3 season porch and a 3 car garage, all on 1 acre. Call Kay ..... $109,900.

4. MIDDLEVILLE SCHOOLS. This location is great, just 15 minutes to Grand Rapids. This home features 3 bedrooms with a potential for a 4th or den, a spacious living room with an open floor plan, great hardwood flooring, and a new drain field to be installed before closing. 1-1/2 acres plus a 32x40 pole barn. Call Jean ..... $115,000.

5. MIDDLEVILLE SCHOOLS. See this great building site on over 1/2 an acre. Hard to find wooded lot with walk-out possibilities. Call Cathy ..... $22,000.

6. MIDDLEVILLE ACREAGE. Beautiful 8 acre building site close to town. Perked. Man made pond. In area of newer homes. Call Kay or Craig ..... $54,900.

FOR MORE MIDDLEVILLE, GUN LAKE AND CALEDONIA AREA PROPERTIES PLEASE SEE OUR ADS ON PAGE 2 OF THE REMINDER, IN THE GRAND RAPIDS PRESS AND IN THE HOMES DIGEST OF GRAND RAPIDS MAGAZINE.

Emmons school enrollment forms still sought

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Enrollment forms sent out in December for the new Emmons Lake Elementary School are slow in returning, according to Principal Gordy Nickels.

Eighty forms have come in, but ideally around 200 are needed in order for planning to be completed by school officials.

Nickels plans to arrange two opportunities for parents to see the Emmons Lake building and ask questions in person on Thursday, Jan. 21, and Thursday, Feb. 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. If these dates will not work, Nickels also may work out another alternative, if desired, by calling him.

For those who do not know, the Emmons Lake curriculum will cover all the normal material taught in other elementaries in the school district. The school of choice concept for Emmons Lake Elementary has to do with the way the subjects and material will be delivered, such as classroom-teacher configuration and including the alternative schedule.

Basically, the alternative schedule is set for the 1999-2000 school year. Beginning Aug. 9, the first session will end Oct. 7. The first break will be Oct. 8-17. The winter break will be Dec. 18-Jan. 2. Midwinter break is Feb 12- 20. Spring Break is March 31 to April 16. Summer break begins June 23.

Because of the holidays and the recent heavy snow interruptions, people may be delayed in returning the forms, so the final date of enrollment has been extended to Feb. 12. If the forms have been misplaced, new ones can be obtained or questions may be answered by calling Nickels at 891-8649, extension 112.

HOT BEDS
Tan Now
(41 Bulb Beds)
Contempo Salon
Caledonia Plaza – **891-1093**

Mulberry Bush Gift and Specialty Shop
1 block north of 100th in Caledonia Plaza • 891-7593
New Arrival
Balkan Lace from Bosnia
for... Table Cloths, Scarfs & more "A Must See"
Stop in and see our new arrivals

LOCAL CHURCH DIRECTORY

GRACE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
Proclaiming the Whole Counsel of God
Services at 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Worshipping at our new building at
9255 84th Street
Alto, MI 49302
One mile east of Whitneyville Rd

Brightside...
COMMUNITY CHURCH
a place to belong...a place to become
(non-traditional, informal)
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.
Youth Group Sunday Evenings ..... 7:00 p.m.
Meeting at the Caledonia Middle School, 9350 Kraft Ave.
Michael Stowell, Pastor
Chrissy Dykstra, Worship Leader
Church Office 616-891-0287
Visit our web site www.brightside.org

ALASKA BAPTIST CHURCH
A Living Church – Serving a Living Lord
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 10:45 a.m.
Evening Praise ..... 6:00 p.m.
WEDNESDAY ..... Family Night 6:30 p.m.
7240 68th Street, SE – Caledonia
2 miles east of M-37
Pastor, Rev. Brian F. Harrison
George M. Coon, Youth Pastor

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF MIDDLEVILLE
M-37, north of Middleville • 795-9726
Bruce N. Stewart, Senior Pastor
Alan D. Moody, Asst. Pastor
Douglas G. Beason, Visitation
Ted W. Stewart, Music
Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship Service ..... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Mid-Week Prayer ..... 6:45 p.m.
Word of Life Clubs ..... 6:45 p.m.

LAKESIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH
CHRISTIAN REFORMED
6201 Whitneyville Avenue
Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages ..... 10:45 a.m.
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Pastor Roger Bultman
Office: 868-0391

CRYSTAL SPRINGS ALLIANCE CHURCH
(of the Christian and Missionary Alliance)
Meeting at South Christian High School
(68th St. Southwest between Division & US-131)
Sunday Worship Service at 10:30 AM
"joyfully committed to serving Christ, honoring Christ's church, and carrying out Christ's commission."
Church Office Telephone 281-3402
Church Office Fax 281-7686

CALEDONIA HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH
Kraft Avenue at Johnson Street
Rev. Dave LeBlanc, Pastor
Phone 891-9259
Saturday Evening Mass ..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday Mass ..... 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Redeemer Covenant Church
A Member of the Evangelical Covenant Churches of America
Pastor Paul M. Hillman
6951 Hanna Lake, Dutton
616-698-8001
9:30 AM Worship, 11:00 AM Chr. Ed., 6:00 PM Wed. Family Night
"We are changed by God's love!"

Leighton United Methodist
Located in Leighton Township
Corner of 2nd Street and 142nd Avenue
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.
Sunday School for All Ages ..... 9:45 a.m.
Contemporary Style of Worship
Sunday Evening Service ..... 6:30 p.m.
Pioneer Club
(K thru 6 Grade) - Wednesday ..... 6:30 p.m.
Prayer Meeting - Wednesday ..... 7:00 p.m.
Youth Fellowship - Sunday ..... 7:00 p.m.
[illegible]
891-8029

The Reorganized
CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST of Latter Day Saints
8146 68th St., near Whitneyville Ave.
Church School, Sunday ..... 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Wed. Fellowship ..... 7:30 p.m.
Pastor Douglas Gregory 937-5372

SS. CYRIL and METHODIUS CATHOLIC CHURCH
150 131st Ave., Wayland, MI 49348
3/4 mile west of Patterson Rd.
(northwest of Gun Lake)
Sunday Morning Mass: 9:30 a.m.
792-2889

MIDDLEVILLE CHRISTIAN REFORMED
708 W. Main Street
Morning Worship Service ..... 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School ..... 11:15 a.m.
Evening Worship Service ..... 6:00 p.m.
YOU ARE INVITED
Rev. Roger Timmerman, Pastor 795-3667

St. Paul Lutheran
Kraft Ave. & 84th St., Caledonia, MI
(Missouri Synod)
"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love." Rom. 12:10
8:00 a.m. ..... Worship Service
9:15 a.m. ..... Educational Hour
10:30 a.m. ..... Worship Service
(All Services have a Nursery available)
Rev. Robert Gerke • Office 891-8888 • Church 891-9078

CALEDONIA CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
"A Church with a caring heart for our community and the world"
Sunday Worship ..... 9:30 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Sunday School ..... 10:45-11:50 a.m.
(Child & Adult) (During the School Year)
Rev. R. Scott Greenway, Pastor
Lynelle Speik, Youth Leader
Al Tiemeyer, Community Calling
Church Office: (616) 891-1512
M-37 at 108th St.

Green Lake Calvary Church
608 - 145th Avenue (at Green Lake)
Caledonia, MI 49316 • 891-8764
Sunday Worship 10:30 AM
Dr. Dan Farnol, Pastor
Mark Lillie, Associate
Letting the Light of Christ shine in our lives!

The Old Time Methodist Church
5590 Whitneyville Ave. S.E.
Alto, Michigan 49302
Sunday School ..... 10:00 a.m.
Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting/
Children's Classes ..... 7:00 p.m.
Ronald Bullard, Pastor
– 868-6432 –

UNITED METHODIST CHURCHES
Freeport–Middleville–Parmalee
Freeport Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.
Freeport Sunday School ..... 11:00 a.m.
Parmalee Morning Worship ..... 9:30 a.m.
Middleville Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
Middleville Morning Worship ..... 11:00 a.m.
Rev. Lee Zachman
Rev. Paulette Cheyne 765-5316
Church Office Phone – 795-9266

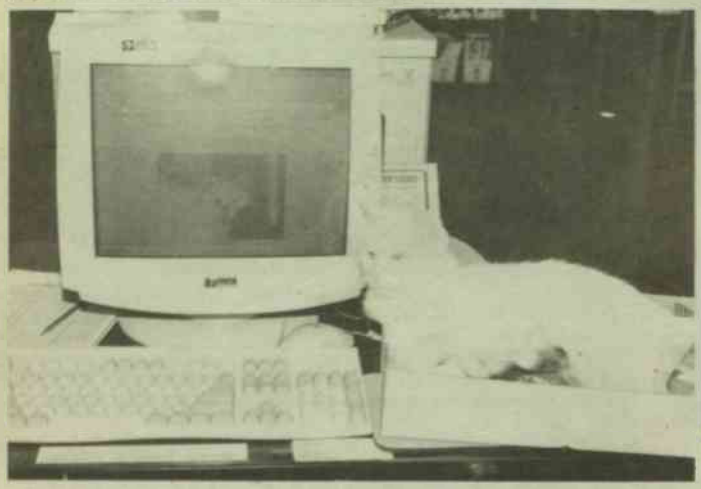
CALEDONIA UNITED METHODIST
Worship Service ..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
Rev. Norman Kohns – 616-891-8167
250 Vine Street
Church Office: 891-8669

GUN LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH
13200 Chief Noonday Road, (at Gun Lake)
Wayland, MI 49348 • 795-7002
Barrier Free
Programs for All Ages
Sunday Worship
8:45 am & 11:00 am
10:00 am Christian Education Hour
Class time for all ages
Wednesday "Family Night"
6:00 p.m.
Beginning Sunday, February 7th
GUN LAKE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Peace Reformed Church
Barrier Free
M-37 Between Caledonia & Middleville
Sunday Worship Services 8:30 or 11:00, 6:00
Sunday School 9:45
6:00 Caravan St.
(Children's Ministries Ages 4 to 5th Grade)
Classes for Children and Adults
Jr. & Sr. High School Youth Group
Cradle and Grade Adult Bible Studies

WHITNEYVILLE BIBLE CHURCH
8546 Whitneyville Ave. at 84th St. • 891-8661
"The Church where everybody is somebody... and Jesus is Lord"
Temporarily Meeting at Caledonia High School
Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship ..... 6:00 p.m.
Wed. Midweek Prayer & Bible Study ..... 7:00 p.m.
Rev. Thomas Sluis, Rev. Kal Bosnic, Assoc.
Pastor/Youth Ministries, Mr. Mike Ewert, Youth Pastor

Caledonia library cat now has his own web site



Deuce, Caledonia's Library Cat meditates next to his web page at the library.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Web surfing fans of Caledonia's library cat now can be entertained by visiting Deuce's web site and home page.

The site is already very popular, with 257 "hits" to date since it was put on line in late October or early November.

Deuce is up to date, too, and his mail box lets him know that he has mail. If anyone wants to visit his site, his address is http://www.angelfire.com/mi/Library Cat/top 21.html. Deuce even found a way to get his site and home page for free.

Among selections on the site, listed under the "Catapults" section are "Deuce's Magic 8 Ball," "How I Became Nationally Famous," "Why I Decided to Live in the Library" and much more.

Deuce's Magic 8 Ball allows the web surfer to ask questions like, "Are there mice in heaven?" The answer: "It is certain."

Deuce has 21 reasons why he lives in the library, among them:

- "Sleeping amid books makes me feel like an intellectual."
- "They have CATalogs here."
- "I do it for catnip."
- "They don't allow dogs in here."

Deuce has been employed for years as official greeter of library patrons, and now he has an additional duty of sending greetings appropriate to many holidays over the Internet. He observed Thanksgiving, and in December, he offered "Season's Greetings from Deuce."

The feline likes to appear as disinterested as possible, but you can see he has an ear turned toward the computer as he "meditates." He will tell you cats often are actually in a trance when they appear to be sleeping. While he is away on his metaphysical journeys, he has a ghost writer who 'helps' him with his site from afar.

The library functions in part because of people who offer various volunteer services, adding up sometimes to hours per week. One such volunteer is Roberta Meeker, who works in the CATacombs, making the basement bargain book area neat and organized. Deuce wants other patrons to notice how easy she has made it for him to locate the cat and mouse sections in the basement.

There are hundreds of donated books there, which can be purchased by the canvass bag full at a minimal cost, and which also helps the library.

Deuce has a list of books available at the library that are about cats, including more than a dozen titles of picture books, books that would appeal to the junior reader and five folklore titles. Not on that list are a collection of mysteries about cats for adult readers who join a book club at the library. Deuce soon may add a list of cat centered books to his web site for truly intelligent cats.

Meanwhile, the "Let it Snow" winter reading club is in full swing. Those who join the adult reading club, and read 10 books by March 31 will receive a commemorative mug. The mugs have become collectible with different designs each year. This is the eighth year for the club and people are still signing up. Last year's club

See Library, page 7

Library volunteer Roberta Meeker sorts donated books into CATegories.

Bulletin board featuring Deuce and his many feline friends.

Shear Pleasure HAIR DESIGNERS
OPEN 6 DAYS a Week
Evenings Always Available
Let us keep you stylish in the new year!
122 E. Main St., Middleville *(Next to Phil's Pizza)*
Call **795-7719** *For Your Appointment!*

Quality health care in your own backyard...

You don't have to leave Caledonia to get quality health care. Our office is located off M-37 (Broadmoor), just 3/4 mile south of 84th Street at 9090 South Rodgers Court, so it's practically right around the corner from you.

Yolanda Fong, MD

can care for your entire family, from parents-to-be to infants to great grandparents.

Office hours:
Monday 8:30 a.m. - 7:45 p.m.,
Tuesday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 4:45 p.m.

For an appointment call:

528-3000

ADVANTAGE HEALTH PHYSICIANS
Affiliated with Mercy Health Services and Saint Mary's Health Services

Caledonia Carpet & Interiors
Sutton Mill Berbers
...as low as **$8.95** yard
Stop in and see our large selection of...
- Ceramic Tile
- Hardwood
- Laminates and Full Line of Cabinetry

90 DAYS SAME AS CASH for approved credit

Located in D&W Plaza
891-2360

TK High School staff welcomes new year in new quarters

Sue Rounds (left) and Deb Smith are settling in to their new work area in the high school office.

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

When the 1998-99 school started in August, TK High School teachers, staff and students had to negotiate around telephone lines, closed offices and find the way from one class to another.

Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library patrons could not enter from the front of the building. Some teachers had to keep all their supplies on a cart and move from room to room. The high school offices were located down a hallway and the counseling offices were in the new science wing.

Construction continued throughout the year and just before the Christmas break, secretaries boxed up all their supplies, ready to move into their new offices as a result of completion of certain school renovations.

While not everything has found a place, the secretaries at the high school have new work stations and the entrance lobby is bright and welcoming. Entry to the high school office is from the hall, not from the lobby. Attendance questions can be answered at the attendance window without entering the office at all.

Best of all, the entry to the lobby now has one of those buttons so that library patrons or students with mobility difficulties can open the door more easily.

High School Principal Ellen Zack said, "The new offices are great. Once all the construction is completed we will hold an open house for the public."

The high school has gummed labels listing the new high school telephone numbers. Parents are encouraged to use the attendance office number, 795-5431. The counseling office number is 795-5428; the athletic office number is 795-5432; and the library is 795-5434.

The main office number is 795-3394.

Administrative employees also were in temporary quarters throughout the beginning of the school year as the administration building received an expansion and a facelift.

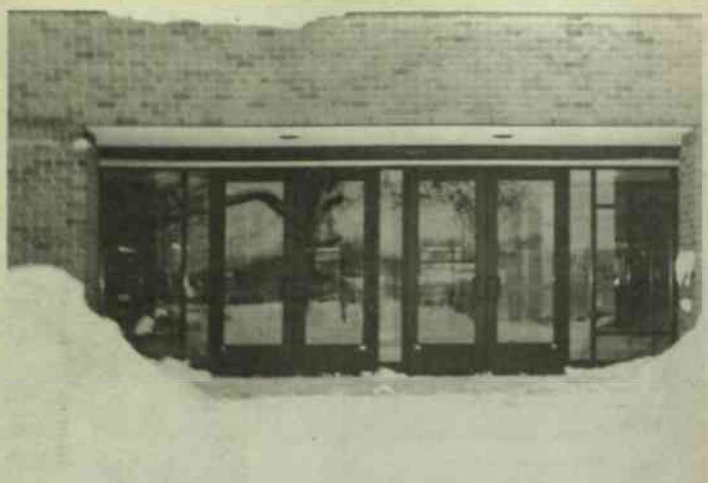
While all the furniture has not arrived and all the boxes have not yet been put away, everyone has left the temporary quarters.

Assistant Superintendent Midge Pippel welcomes the new windows in her office. The built in storage, new carpets and other amenities will allow employees room to work.

Still under construction are the high school auditorium, pool and middle school. The pool is almost set to open.

Superintendent Jay Cason said the delay at the pool was necessary to repair infrastructure hidden beneath the pool.

Once the auditorium and student art gallery are complete, the only other major area of construction is the middle school. The school should open with the next school year in August.



The main entrance to Thornapple Kellogg High School is now open. The light and airy lobby and handicapped accessible doorways are not the only changes to the building.

These temporary administrative offices served their purpose, but employees are happy to move back into the expanded administration building. (They won't have to put on their coats to go to the bathroom any more.)

Assistant Superintendent Midge Pippel shows some of the expanded storage in her new office. She especially likes her new windows

Counselor Phillip Jahnke talks with student Stacey Meyering about her career and school choices in his newly renovated office.

Snowstorm delays 'Over the Rainbow' performances

Because of the recent snowstorm, the "Over the Rainbow" performances originally scheduled for this weekend (Jan. 9 and 10) have been rescheduled for Jan. 16 and 17.

The actors could not make their way to rehearsals during the storm and church services were canceled on Sunday, Jan. 3.

This retelling of the classic "Wizard of Oz" story made famous by a movie of the same name will be performed by the Caraway Street Ministry of the Peace Reformed Church on M-37 between Middleville and Caledonia.

Performances are at 7 p.m Saturday, Jan. 16, and 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 17. Tickets are free, but those who would like to attend should call the church office at 891-8119 to reserve a ticket

Looking for a
PRINTER?
Call...
945-9554

HOME HEALTH

Pennock Hospital has an opening for a part-time LPN or a Home Health Aide.

The successful candidate must have previous experience in a long term care nursing home, hospital or homecare agency, possess strong communication skills and be able to work independently. A Michigan License or State certification is required.

Pennock Hospital offers a complete compensation package which includes weekend and shift differentials; an innovative flexible benefits package (pro-rated for part-time); Paid Time Off system; tuition reimbursement for continuing education; personal tax-deferred savings plan to which Pennock Hospital will contribute as much as 5% of your salary; and much more.

Please submit resume/application to:

Pennock Hospital
Attn: Human Resources
1009 West Green Street
Hastings, Michigan 49058
(616) 948-3112 or Fax (616) 945-4130
E.O.E.

Pennock
Healthcare Services

Caledonia Cabaret concert planned at MS auditorium

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

One hundred ten middle school choir students are practicing during lunch hours to prepare for the Cabaret Concert at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 18, at the Caledonia Middle School Auditorium.

In one of those noontime rehearsals recently, several young ladies floated and twirled naturally in a free form modern dance interpretation of a solo by another student.

This annual concert has become so popular in the last four years that the performance had to be moved to the middle school auditorium due to 280 advance reservations, far more than the cafeteria could accommodate. The cafe part of the program will have to come later in the evening, when the audience can go to the cafeteria for the "treats."

Admission is $1, but it is the lively enthusiasm of the performances that has drawn so many fans to the event. The minimal admission is to help cover the cost of the beverages and the expense of the music.

Due to winter snows, the original date had to be postponed, which gave the kids more time to perfect their acts, perhaps to the relief of both the performers and their teacher, Nancy TenElshof.

The original concept of the Cabaret concert was to produce the atmosphere of a cafe, where beverages would be served, and guests would be entertained with various kinds of performances.

This year the plan is to bring a French flavor to the event, with stage scenery, even an Eiffel Tower, to assist the imagination. Country Town Floral is bringing in some trees.

The kids taking part are excited about this unique opportunity. They have some choices about what they will sing, and the expression is much more individual in this arena. Those who wish will perform solo, in groups or ensembles, singing music from famous musicals and from Broadway.

When asked why she liked it so much, Amanda Beaumont said, "Because I'm coming in costume."

Several others agreed that they liked dressing in costume.

Angela Kline said, "It's fun. I like to do things with my friends, and you get to have a choice about what you do. You get to dance and move around instead of standing in a group."

Student teacher Kimberly King said she likes to see the variety of talent showcased in the evening's selections. King portrayed Marie in "The Sound of Music" when she was in high school, so she has had some personal experience with musicals.

TenElshof,choir director, said the concert gives the kids a chance to perform in public. Over the years it has proven to build both self esteem and confidence in the students who have taken part.

Some selections that will be offered will be sixth-graders performing "Consider Yourself" from Oliver, "Memory" from Cats, sung by seventh-graders, eighth grade boys singing "Nothing Like a Dame," and eighth grade girls singing "Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair," both from South Pacific.

To reserve a ticket to the show, call the middle school office at 891-8649 or TenElshof at extension 224.

Caledonia Middle School eighth-graders practice for the Cabaret Concert.

Library, continued from page 5

had a record 3,074 participants.

Readers will be eligible for a drawing for prizes by taking the "reading challenge" and reading five additional books. Some exceptional readers have already read more than the first ten and the additional challenge. Roberta Meeker has read 18 books so far.

Caledonia library can offer several popular selections in many different categories, to meet individual reading preferences. Books on tape count the same as books read, on lists compiled by club members over the winter.

Book Club Participants are also invited to attend the "Let It Snow" celebration at the Gerald R Ford Museum Thursday, April 22, at 7 p.m., featuring best selling romance writer Debbie Macomber.

Coming soon, the Caledonia Public Library will be host to a combination of books and food with a "Cook-A-Book" program at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21. The library is located at 240 Emmons St. in Caledonia.

TK Senior Parents' raffle tickets on sale

Thornapple Kellogg Senior Parents' raffle tickets for a 1999 Grand Am are still on sale for $30 each at all home basketball games and some home wrestling meets.

Tickets will be on sale before and after the financial aid program which begins at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Thornapple Kellogg High School cafeteria.

"We hope to reach as many parents as we can," Bonnie Slayton said. "There are only 1000 tickets available and the deadline is coming."

The winning ticket will be selected at the final home basketball game Feb. 26.

Money raised will be used to fund a surprise night for graduating seniors this spring. The Senior Parents continue to meet to work on fund-raising and plans for this night.

The next meeting of the group is at 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, in the high school cafeteria. For more information about Senior Parents' activities call Wanda Vandefifer at 792-6717.

Call for Classifieds
Phone 945-9554 or
1-800-870-7085

Looking for a
PRINTER?
Call...
945-9554

Service For A Beautiful, Healthy Smile That Lasts A Lifetime

WAYNE H. BELD, D.D.S.
9958 Cherry Valley Ave., SE, Ste. 1,
Caledonia, MI 49316
Call now For Appointment
891-0004

GET UP & GO IN THE SNOW!

97 CHEV SILVERADO EXT CAB 4X4
350 V-8, auto., air, Z71, long box
$20,995

95 CHEVROLET BLAZER LT 4X4
4 door, leather, CD, only 47K miles, loaded!

98 Chevy S-10 LS Ext Cab 4x4, V-6, auto., air, loaded.
98 Dodge Ram Pickup Sport Ext Cab 4x4 V-8, auto., air, snowplow.
98 Chev Blazer LT 4 door, 4x4, leather, sunroof, pewter.
98 Chev Silverado Ext Cab 4x4 350 V-8, auto., air, 3 door, white
97 GMC Yukon GT 2 door, leather, factory sunroof, CD, black beauty!
97 GMC Jimmy SLE 4 door, 4x4, V-6, auto., air, dark teal green
97 Chevrolet HD 3/4 Ton Silverado Ext Cab 4x4 350 V-8, auto., air, long box . . . $22,995
97 Chevrolet Silverado Ext Cab 4x4 350 V-8, auto., higher miles, only $18,995
97 Chevrolet Tahoe LT 4 door, 4x4, leather, CD, white & blue
97 Chevrolet Silverado Ext Cab 4x4 Long box, 350 V-8, auto., air, Z71
96 Chevrolet Tahoe LT 4x4 4 door, black with gray leather seats, only 22,000 miles
96 Chev Blazer LT 4 door, 4x4
95 Chev Silverado Ext Cab 4x4 350 V-8, auto., air
95 GMC SLE Ext Cab 4x4 350 V-8, auto., air, black
93 Chevrolet K5 Blazer Silverado (Full size) 2 door, 350 V-8, auto., air
91 Astro All-Wheel-Drive Van V-6, auto., air $5,995
86 Chevrolet S-10 Blazer V-6, auto., air, one owner, new Blazer trade-in. *Make Offer!*

GAVIN • Chevrolet • Buick • Pontiac
M-37 North of Middleville, Across from Middleville
SALE HOURS: Mon. & Wed. 8 to 8; Tues., Thurs. & Fri. 8 to 6; Sat. 8 to 1 SERVICE HOURS: Mon. 8 to 8; Tues. - Fri. 8 to 5; Sat. 8 to 12
795-3318
891-8151

Local wildlife struggles under heavy snow

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The recent heavy snowfall is hard on everyone, and often it is so difficult that folks forget until later where the wild things go to find food in these conditions.

But even in areas as populated as Caledonia Township, there is a surprising number of wildlife species still living in the midst of all the housing.

Perhaps hard times brings out a species that normally hides in the shrubbery of encroaching thickets. In heavy snow, they reveal themselves in people's back yards, hoping to find a bird feeder or a generous handout.

This year, even the Thornapple River, which does not usually freeze uniformly, is more ice covered than usual. Waterfowl often must locate open water in a different area to sustain themselves as the streams, lakes and ponds freeze over. All kinds of animals move in search of food.

Biologist Patricia Pennell, who lives on the banks of the Thornapple, has observed unusual visitors below her in the river because of these local migrations.

The river rarely freezes completely, she says.

"Winter has brought a wildlife wonderland" she said.

One day a flock of turkeys flew over her house to the wooded area around her home. One of the turkeys hit the house and wandered in the yard, dazed from the blow, but eventually recovered and joined the others. An accomplished photographer, she recorded the event.

A wild turkey flew into the side of Patricia Pennell's home. Stunned, it staggered around the yard for a few minutes before rejoining its flock, which was presumably searching for new feeding areas because of the snow. Photo by Patricia Pennell.

Swans flew in to feed where the water is still open on the Thornapple River. Deer are frequently seen in the wooded area on the south side of the river Photo by Patricia Pennell.

Pennell has been recording many of the unusual birds sighted nearby. So far she has seen, in addition to the turkeys, a bald eagle, eight or more common mergansers, two hooded mergansers, lots of Canada geese, mallards and more. Blue herons, swans, geese, mallards and wood ducks are more common near her home.

The bald eagle, which normally eats fish and prefers larger areas of water, such as the area south of the dam, may have come searching for open water, as the river freezes over in some areas. She once saw an osprey on the river.

Deer frequently come to drink at the edge of the woods across the water.

"One day last fall I watched a hunter wait all day in the woods. Finally he left, and a few minutes later, a herd of deer came down to drink," she smiled.

Pennell does feed the birds.

"It is important to keep it up until the end of winter once you start," she said.

Feeding the birds and animals may help more of them make it through the winter. It may be prudent to be sure to feed them what they need. Pennell doesn't feed the small birds at her feeder with the regular seed mixes as she once did.

"I watched what they ate, and started buying just those kinds of seeds. The other seeds just got cast aside and made a big mess in the spring," she said.

The birds at her feeder seem to prefer sunflower seeds, the oily black sunflower seeds, and the finches especially like thistle seeds.

She doesn't object to squirrels and mice who visit, too. She said she just enjoys watching them. She described how deer mice eat in small frenzies, stopping intermittently to warm their tails in the cold weather.

Pennell is director of education of the Thornapple River Watershed Group. She may be contacted at 891-8817 or email: thornappleriver@hotmail.com.

From the 100th Street bridge, the Thornapple is frozen over in both directions.

Just south of Pennell's home the river is in the process of freezing over in the sub zero temperatures.

Reporting History for the Future in 6 Barry County Area Newspapers

• Reminder • Weekender • Lakewood News
• Maple Valley News • Middleville-Caledonia Sun & News
• Banner

j-ad Graphics

Over 64,000 Papers Distributed Every Week!

1952 N. Broadway • P.O. Box 188
Hastings, Michigan 49058
Ph. 616 / 945-9554 • Fax 616 / 945-5192

Obituaries

Warren Schiefla

CALEDONIA - Warren Schiefla, age 76, of Caledonia, went to be with his Lord, Sunday, January 3, 1999.

Mr. Warren Schiefla was born February 17, 1922 in Grand Rapids, the son of Anson and Myrtle (Vreeland) Schiefla.

He was raised in Caledonia and attended Caledonia High School, graduating in 1941.

He was married to Lois Reed on October 14, 1950 at Leighton United Methodist Church and spent 47 years with her raising two sons and living and farming the land where he was born and raised. Warren also worked for twenty years at Caledonia Farmers Elevator.

He was a member of Leighton United Methodist Church where he served faithfully on many different groups and committees.

Warren loved to travel and did lots of it after he retired, bus trips were his favorite. He loved his family and also loved being with his three grandchildren and being involved with all their activities. One of his favorite things to do was go to Whitecaps games with his sons and grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois Schiefla.

Warren is survived by his two sons, Mark Schiefla of Caledonia, and Dale (Lee) Schiefla of Alto; three grandchildren, Bethany, Jacob, and Joseph; one sister, Wanda (William) Leith of Grosse Pointe, Michigan; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral and Committal Services for Warren were held Wednesday, January 6, 1999 at the Leighton United Methodist Church. Reverend Ray Townsend officiated.

Interment took place in Lakeside Cemetery, Caledonia.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leighton United Methodist Church Building Fund.

Arrangements were made by Beeler Funeral Home, Middleville.

Call for Classifieds
Phone 945-9554
or
1-800-870-7085

Luella M. (Lou) Miller, age 90, born in Durand, Wisconsin on February 17, 1908, passed away on Monday, January 4, 1999.

Luella was the loving wife of D. Kingsley Miller whom she married in The Little Church Around The Corner in New York on June 30, 1937.

Luella and Kingsley lived in Caledonia until 1989, when failing health necessitated a move to Sentinel Pointe and then Porter Hills. Kingsley passed away in September 1997.

Luella was a very devoted teacher beginning her career in Ypsilanti and Plymouth, then spending most of her teaching years in Caledonia and East Grand Rapids (Wealthy, Lakeside, Woodcliff). Luella received numerous awards and recognitions during her teaching years, but she was most honored with the Conservationist of the Year award.

She was a member of the Caledonia United Methodist Church and Life Member of the Caledonia Chapter #97 Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Miller is survived by her daughters, Kaye Banovich of Santa Rosa, California and Judy (Mike) Reed of Grand Rapids; four grandchildren, David (Lori) Reed of Grand Rapids, Stacey Reed of North Carolina, Jody & Grace Banovich of California.

Memorial contributions in her memory would be appreciated to the Miller Memorial Fund at Caledonia United Methodist Church (250 Vine Street) or Caledonia High School Library (9757 Duncan Lake).

In keeping with Luella's wishes, private burial has taken place with plans for a joint memorial service for Luella & Kingsley at a later date.

Caledonia rider wins top MQHA award

A Caledonia rider has won several major championships this year in competition through the Michigan Quarter Horse Association.

Amanda Kay Werkema has won the High-Point All-Around Youth in the 12- to-13-year-old age category riding her 12-year-old mare, Duke Creek Darlin.

Werkema, daughter of Tom and Kathy Werkema of Caledonia, competed with 327 other youth riders under the age of 19, in a series of 19 horse shows held throughout Michigan from April through October.

On her way to the all-around youth championship, she collected 843 points in nine different events including an individual championship in hunt seat equitation, as well as reserve championships in showmanship, western pleasure, western horsemanship and reining. She also earned top ten honors in senior halter mares, hunter under saddle, trail and western riding.

"Amanda did an outstanding job this season and has become a very accomplished rider," said Christa Baldwin, youth director for the Michigan Quarter Horse Association. "These young people develop a good sense of responsibility taking care of their horses. They also learn how to handle success when they win and disappointment when they don't."

Winning is becoming a family tradition with Amanda, now 13 years old. In addition to her all-around championship, her 17-year-old sister, Heather (riding Bright Seeker Bars), was the reserve all-around champion in the 16- to 18-year-old category and her grandfather, Harry Werkema (riding Played the Aces), was the 1998 state Amateur Reining Champion. Amanda and "Duke," as she calls her mare, are trained by Tricia Walters of Ovid, Mich.

Year-end awards will be given out at the annual Michigan Quarter Horse Association convention in Lansing Jan. 15, 16 and 17.

For more information, call Christa Baldwin at (517) 831-4887 or the Michigan Quarter Horse Association at (517) 641-4841.

Winterfest needs items for auction

The Winterfest White Elephant Auction needs items. Volunteers also are urgently needed for this fun, three-day event.

The Gun Lake Chamber of Commerce can store any White Elephant items donated before the Jan. 28-30 event.

The chamber would like any local business interested in sponsoring any Winterfest event to call. There are lots of possibilities, limited only by time and imagination.

For information call the chamber at 792-4396.

Volunteers can call Bea Beaulieu at the Amber Inn at 792-0864.

ANNUAL WINTER BOOSTER BASH!!

Date: ***This Weekend...***

Saturday, January 16th • *Time:* 7:00 p.m.

Place: **Holy Family Catholic Church in the "Great Room"**

Agenda: ***Food, Dancing & Fun!***

Attendees: All community members are encouraged to join us...
Call your friends & make a night of it!!

BONUS! Ask us about the... GREAT BOOSTER GETAWAY!

Cost: **$5.00 a person for food & entertainment**
The fun is free!

Hosted by the Caledonia Athletic Boosters

Public records are public information

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

With all the conflicting claims and counter charges in the news, it is often hard to know what the facts are.

The ordinary citizen may wish to look at original documentation from public agencies for himself or herself in order to come to a conclusion.

Information related to the operations of a public agency supported by money from taxes is a matter of public record. Records of such transactions are legally available by asking for them under the Freedom of Information Act. (FOIA)

"The Freedom of Information Act: A User's Guide," produced by the Freedom of Information Clearinghouse, (P.O. Box 19367, Washington D.C. 20036) explains how to file a FOIA request. Another source of advice may be found in the October 1996 "Quill," a periodical.

One article from Quill advises that information which is technically private may also be obtainable from the right sources if any part of the situation is a public matter or was paid for by public funds.

There are certain steps to follow, as outlined from the FOIA User's Guide: First, your request must reasonably describe the records you seek. This means describing a subject in detail, including dates, names, places, times, what type of document etc. Your request must also go to the agency which actually has the requested information.

Each request should:

•Be in writing, handed to someone in the agency. It might also be delivered by certified or registered mail, requiring a date and signature.

•State that you are making the request pursuant to the FOIA (5 U.S.C. 1552).

•Write "Freedom of Information Request" on both the envelope and the letter.

The next phase of the process may require you to:

•Follow up your request with a phone call.

•Be politely firm. Don't threaten, unless you intend to back it up.

•Deception is unethical, but on the other hand, it is not required that you explain what you need the information for. It may be better if you don't. You may explain in your letter who you represent, and are gathering information for use by a group, such as an ecological organization, a news agency or for commercial use, such as land speculation or gathering demographic data.

•Be prepared to hear "no." Get it on tape. Do not give up, and insist on a written refusal with written reasons for the denial. Do ask for the reasons. Be prepared to discuss the exact wording of the exemption claim and to be fully aware of your rights under the law.

Under the FOIA, an agency may deny your request only if the documents are specifically covered by one of the act's nine exemptions.

The nine exemptions are:

•National Security: Classified pursuant to a presidential executive order.

•Internal agency rules: Internal personnel rules.

•Information exempted by another federal statute, such as those written in the tax code for federal tax returns.

•Trade secrets: The agency must prove the financial or commercial information is confidential and that disclosure would cause competitive injury.

•Internal memorandums: This protects the decision-making process, but not the factual contents of documents concerning how the decision was made.

•Personal privacy: An agency must balance the public's interest in disclosure against the degree of invasion of privacy of an individual citizen that would result from disclosure.

•Investigatory records: Law enforcement records that could interfere with enforcement proceedings, identify a confidential source, disclose techniques and procedures or invade privacy are included. Minors committing crimes are exempted.

•Financial institution records: This deals with records prepared as part of the regulation or supervision of financial institutions.

•Oil well information: A legacy of the Johnson administration, this exemption is almost never used.

Agencies may release records even though they are covered by an exemption.

The law gives the agency 10 working days to respond to a FOIA request, but some agencies have backlogs on requests. If an agency does not meet the time deadline, you may consider the request denied and appeal or sue, although another contact may be all that is needed.

If you do not receive a response, a contact may explain the delay. Try to pin down a date when your request will be fulfilled.

If the agency says your request does not adequately identify the material you have asked for, you may need to rewrite or revise your letter and be more specific.

Look for the information at another agency. Some information is stored in more than one place. One agency may refuse, but another may release the identical document.

Neil C. Hopp of the Northwest Herald gives workshops on finding information, from which part of this information was drawn. He advises,"Public officials are there to serve the public. A lot of times officials don't know the law, or else they know it too well."

"If they refuse to give the requested information that you have a right to under a FOIA, and you must take it to court to get it, the public agency or official must pay your court costs."

However, that is only if the judge agrees, according to "The Freedom of Information Act: A User's Guide."

You can ask an attorney help you. The attorney may refute the agency exemption claims. A letter from a lawyer may notify the agency of your serious intentions.

Contact and or join an FOIA group that works to preserve access to government. They can be very helpful with advice and even offer the support of group influence.

Call legislators in your area. They may be receptive to your problems, and even help with information or involvement.

If you file a lawsuit, be sure you are right and the cause is worthy. It could be expensive and time consuming. There is a six-year (or less in some states) statute of limitations from the time of your initial request.

> Information related to the operations of a public agency supported by money from taxes is a matter of public record. Records of such transactions are legally available by asking for them under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

La Leche League to meet Thursday

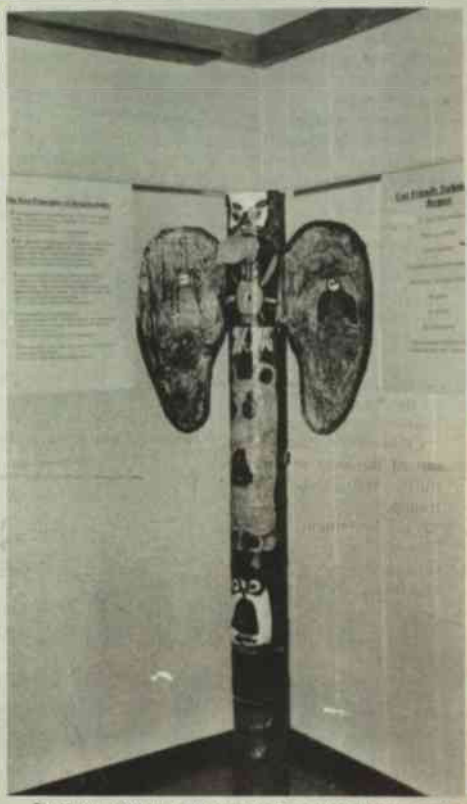
This month's meeting of the La Leche League meeting will be Thursday, Jan. 14, at 10 a.m., at 1546 Payne Lake Road.

For directions, call 795-7021. For information on breastfeeding call Kathy Othmer at (517) 726-1264.

La Leche League offers support, information, and encouragement for breastfeeding mothers. It has a lending library with books on childbirth, breastfeeding, child development, and nutrition. Those who are breastfeeding or pregnant and thinking of breastfeeding are welcome to come to the informal meetings.

This month's topic will be "The Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties."

Student artwork displayed at Page Elementary



Student artwork, like this class-created totem pole at Page, fills the schools.

For MEN Only
Contempo Salon
"The Game Room"
Clipper Cuts-Razor Cuts-Beard Trims
Color or Highlights
Sr. Men Discount, and Boys 12 and under $10.00
Caledonia Plaza – 891-1093

Christopher J. Hier, D.D.S.
616-891-1240
General Dentistry for Children & Adults
~ NEW PATIENTS WELCOME ~
Early Morning & Evening Appointments Available
Conveniently located on M-37 n Caledonia (Right on the way to or from work.)
Quality dental care in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Your Smile – The First Thing People See!

HOMEOWNERS
INSURANCE THAT WORKS FOR YOU
When you analyze various homeowners insurance policies, you'll see that a Pioneer State Mutual Homeowners Insurance Policy works for you in many ways by providing:
- *comprehensive coverage (with many extra options)*
- *senior citizens, fire alarm credit, etc.*
- *rents/condo owners coverage*
- *fair prices*
- *efficient and equitable claims service*

Protect your home and personal belongings with an insurance policy from Pioneer State Mutual. Ask for it by name.
Stauffer & Wiggers
INSURANCE AGENCY
9365 Cherry Valley Ave. (M-37)
Caledonia Village Centre
891-9294
Call us for a quote for all of your insurance needs:
• Auto • Life
• Health • Home
• Business
• Investment
PIONEER STATE MUTUAL

Snow storm prompts safety reminders

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

There is more snow and cold on the way for the area and local officials have some helpful hints for surviving the weather.

Middleville Village manager David Arking reminds residents to follow the no parking regulations for 2 to 6 a.m.. The fewer cars there are on the village streets, the easier it is to plow.

Residents with fire hydrants in their front yards should dig them out. Also house numbers should be uncovered from snow mounds as soon as possible.

The large mounds of snow are attractive to youthful adventurers. Care should be taken when playing on snow mounds. Snow plows and drivers cannot see children behind the snow mound.

Some stop signs may also be obstructed temporarily by heavy or blowing snow or by snow plows. Drivers should use caution when approaching intersections.

The Thornapple Kellogg School District's Transportation Department reminds parents that children should dress warmly when waiting for the bus. Children also should keep their mittens and hats on while on the bus. Lost items can be found at the bus garage.

Children also should stand out of the way of turning traffic. Matt Funk from the transportation department says, "Inclement weather can affect pick-up and drop-off times. We need to have children ready to get on the bus when it arrives, not in the house."

Bus drivers do take the road conditions seriously, and drop off times may be affected. Children will not be charged as tardy in the morning if they come in on a late bus.

Superintendent Jay Cason reminds parents that the decision to close early is never taken lightly. "We seldom close school early because we don't want children, especially the younger ones to have to wait outside in the cold until parents return home."

We will always notify radio and television stations at least one hour before school is closed if the decision to close early is made.

When weather conditions make travel unsafe, school closings are announced on radio and television stations, including WBCH and WOOD and channels 3, 8, 13 and 41. Parents should not call the schools for information.

Snowmobile riders and cross country skiers have been waiting for the snow to come. The Yankee Springs Recreation Area has some reminders for outdoor sports enthusiasts.

Motor vehicle permits are required for those using the resources of the park. Rangers at the Long Lake Outdoor Center have the permits. The cost is $20 for a yearly sticker or $4 per day.

> "The ice on the lakes did not have a chance to freeze really hard before the current deep snowfall. The snow acts as an insulating blanket and may not allow the ice to freeze as much as snowmobile riders or ice fishermen expect."
>
> - George London

The Warming Hut at the Long Lake center is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The cross country ski trails, sledding hill and snowmobile trail can be accessed from the hut.

Few roads are plowed in the recreation area. There is access for fishermen at the Gun Lake area. Snowmobiles should use caution in the park.

Yankee Springs Supervisor George London asks residents to be sure to dig out their mailboxes and house numbers from the snow banks.

"Drivers should also be aware that children may be playing near the streets and take extra caution." London is also concerned that snowmobile drivers may be driving too fast, not staying on the trails and riding on unsafe ice.

London reminds residents, "The ice on the lakes did not really have a chance to freeze really hard before the current deep snowfall. The snow acts as an insulating blanket and may not allow the ice to freeze as much as snowmobile riders or ice fishermen expect.

Outdoor enthusiasts should also be sure to leave a note listing where they are going to ride, ski or fish with an expected time to return home. This is especially important if they go out by themselves. This will make it easier for search and rescue teams to know where to start looking.

Snowmobile repair comes to downtown

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The former Babylon Hair Salon at 114 River St. in Middleville will become a lawn and garden service center that will do snowmobile repair in the winter.

Jim Robertson last week received from the Planning Commission a special land use permit for the property. Joe Masak, who will run the business with his wife and Robertson assured the commission that they will maintain a nice appearance to the property and that no automobile repair will take place on the property.

Masak said, "we intend to service what we sell." He will meet all OSHA requirements for oil disposal and recycling. "We want to do this right."

Commission member Gary Warner asked whether storage would be inside or outside. Robertson believes that there is more than enough inside storage to begin with and that any outside storage would be temporary.

Dorothy Corson had questions about parking. Since the property is within the downtown commercial district, the on-street parking rules apply.

Chairperson Eldon Newmyer tried to see if there was a way to control the horsepower of the equipment being repaired but since snowmobiles can have 150-180 horsepower, this restriction was dropped.

Cathy Williamson wanted to make sure that any outside storage would be within a limited area. Following a discussion, it was agreed that outside storage will be limited to 200 square feet.

The commission also approved Patricia Thiery's request for rezoning of property at 420 Arlington from R-3, multi-family residential, to C-2, commercial, not within the downtown district.

The commission had tabled the request in December because Thiery had not been able to attend the meeting.

Thiery said she does not know exactly what commercial business will go into the building. It could be a craft store or offices.

She will comply with all zoning requirements and Department of Environmental Quality provisions if she should expand into the back of the property that abuts the river.

In other business the Commission discussed the impact of the new census on Middleville. Commission members will be attending classes on various zoning issues.

Community ed plans Noel, 'Fiddler' trips

The Thornapple Kellogg Community Education Department has several trips planned for senior citizens in the next few months.

On Feb. 12, a trip via school bus will go to Jamestown, Michigan for a meal at the Noel restaurant. This restaurant is always decorated to match its name.

The $11 price includes the meal, beverage, gratuity and transportation. The bus will leave Lincoln Meadows at 11 a.m. and the Villa at 11:10.

On March 17, seniors will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with dinner at the Old Country Buffet and a performance of Fiddler on the Roof at the Civic Theater.

The cost for this trip is $27. The bus will leave Lincoln Meadows at 5 p.m. and the Middle Villa parking lot at 5:10.

For reservations call 795-3397. Tickets are limited.

Banking for Generations

Larry, Austin, Ben and Nathan Stauffer

97 years ago, The State Bank of Caledonia opened its doors to serve the needs of your grandparents. Today, many banks are being consolidated, but the State Bank of Caledonia is here to stay, serving new generations with friendly faces you know and trust. Helping you with everything from personal checking to commercial checking, small business loans to home mortgages, your child's first savings account to money market accounts. All the latest banking technology along with the personal service you're accustomed to. The State Bank of Caledonia- Service you deserve from people you trust-since 1901.

Member Federal Reserve & FDIC

Service you deserve from people you trust

State Bank of Caledonia

Main Office
627 E. Main St., P.O Box 260
Caledonia, MI 49316
(616) 891-8113

Dutton Office
3205 68th St. S.E.
Dutton, MI 49316
(616) 698-6337

Middleville Office
303 Arlington
Middleville, MI 49333
(616) 795-3361

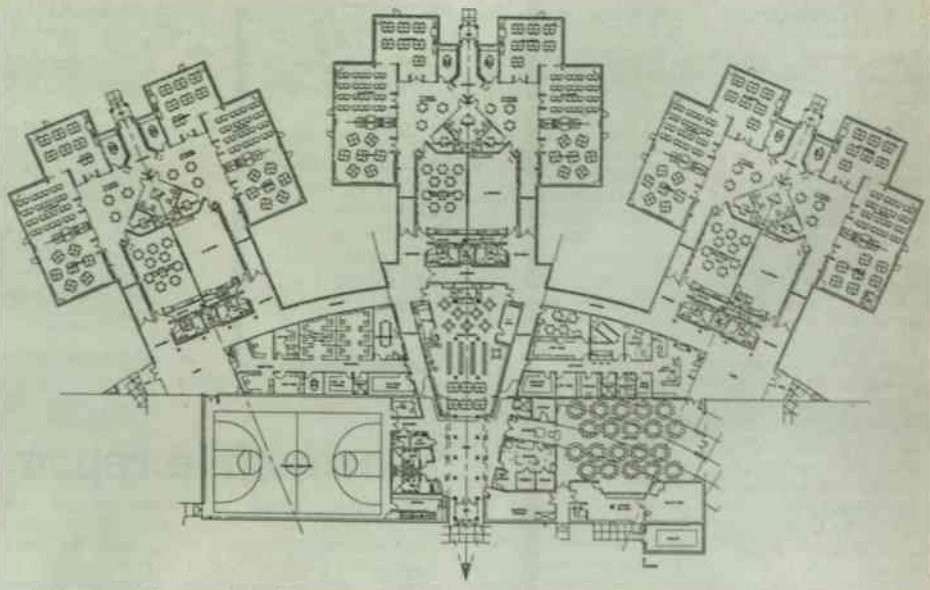
Kalamazoo Office
123 S. Westnedge
Kalamazoo, MI • 49007
(616) 381-7960

Emmons Lake Elementary result of 'group process'

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The final configuration of the new Emmons Lake Elementary School is the result of group decision making, with input from the grassroots up, rather than from the top down.

The school is an example of how group process can ideally work. Not only are there hundreds of features incorporated in the school's design which came from these many ideas, but the school also represents significant savings.



A diagram of Emmons Lake Elementary School in Caledonia. The building will feature three pods, which will contain six classroom areas in each.

Principal Gordy Nickels, who coordinated the planning with the team approach over several years, says what has resulted from that process is a child-centered school. The team included around 20 teachers, parents, administrators and more than one architect.

They visited other schools to get ideas, they brainstormed to mention features they would put on their wish list, and they met for seven or eight months on a weekly basis in different classrooms, both with the parents and when kids were in school, to get a perspective through the eyes of the kids. They tried to build in the capability to change uses in the future, if and when they may be needed.

Nickels said, "What really saved money though, the contractors said, was that there were very few change orders once the work began."

East entry to the school. There will be several parking areas for the convenience of children, teachers and parents entering the school.

Revising plans after workers have begun, because of poor planning, is one of the largest causes of cost overruns and added expense. Planning for Emmons Lake was very thorough, and often less known brands were chosen that

Continued next page

OFFICIAL NOTICE of THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

SPECIAL LANE USE PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, January 18, 1999, at 7:00 P.M., at the Thornapple Township Hall, 200 E. Main Street, Middleville, Michigan, the Thornapple Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments regarding a Special Land Use Permit Application in Thornapple Township, as indicated below:

SU-51 Gary Sundberg has applied for a Private Road Permit to serve proposed Site-Condominium located on the property of Larry Secord located at 9425 Adams Road, Middleville, MI 49333.

Legal Description of Parcel:

P.P. #08-014-034-012-00 and P.O. #8-014-034-012-00, approximately 66 acres. Lengthy descriptions available in Township Office.

The above special use application may be inspected at the Thornapple Township Hall daily, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., except Friday, 9:00 A.M. to noon. Written comments regarding this application may be addressed to:

Secretary, Thornapple Township Planning Commission
200 E. Main Street
Middleville, MI 49333

Wesley VanRhee, Secretary
Thornapple Township Planning Commission

NOTICE: Thornapple Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, meeting, or election, upon seven days notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk by writing or calling.

Thornapple Township Clerk
200 E. Main Street
Middleville, MI 49333
Telephone 795-7202

310

OFFICIAL NOTICE of THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT RZ#14

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, January 18, 1999, at 7:00 P.M., at the Thornapple Township Hall, 200 E. Main Street, Middleville, Michigan, the Thornapple Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments regarding a changing of the Zoning Map of the Thornapple Township Zoning Ordinance.

RZ# 14 An application has been received from Dick Suwyn, 4546 Patterson Road, Caledonia, to rezone approximately 8.2 acres of Section 6 from an A-R district to a C-2 district (Community Business District). This property is located on the east side of Patterson Road approximately 1/2 mile south of 108th St.

Lengthy Legal Description of this area, 8.2 acres to be rezoned, is on file in the Township offices.

The above rezoning application and map may be inspected at the Thornapple Township Hall daily, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., except Friday, 9:00 A.M. to noon. Written comments regarding this application may be addressed to:

Secretary, Thornapple Township Planning Commission
200 E. Main Street
Middleville, MI 49333

Wesley VanRhee, Secretary.
Thornapple Township Planning Commission.

NOTICE: Thornapple Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed material being considered at the hearing, meeting, or election, upon seven days notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk by writing or calling:

Thornapple Township Clerk
200 E. Main Street
Middleville, MI 49333
Telephone 795-7202

304

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE MOLINE COOPERATIVE MILLING COMPANY HEREBY CALLS FOR THE RETIREMENT OF THE SUM OF UP TO $25,000.00 IN PATRONAGE ALLOCATIONS WHICH WERE HELD IN RESERVE FOR THE 1976-1977 FISCAL YEAR.

IF YOU HAVE A PORTION OF THE 1976-1977 CAPITAL AND WISH TO REDEEM IT, PLEASE NOTIFY THE OFFICE OF THE MOLINE CO-OPERATIVE MILLING COMPANY OF YOUR CLAIM. UPON VERIFICATION, A CHECK WILL BE ISSUED PRIOR TO JUNE 30, 1999 OR, IF YOU HAVE A RECEIVABLE BALANCE, WILL BE CREDITED TO YOUR ACCOUNT. CLAIMS MADE WHICH EXCEED THE $25,000.00 WILL BE RECORDED FOR REDEMPTION AT A LATER DATE.

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING of THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date and time of Public Hearing: **Tuesday, January 19, 1999, at 7:00 P.M.**

Place of Hearing: **Thornapple Township Hall, 200 E. Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333.**

Application No. V-#27: Gary Sundberg and Steven Secord
9345 Adams Road
Middleville, MI 49333

Description of Variance Requested: Applicant is seeking a variance from the Zoning Ordinance requirements: Section 7.4.20(c)(5) Land Division Regulations. Applicant is requesting variance to access his property across another land parcel.

Legal Description: P.O. #08-014-034-004-00. Lengthy description available in the township office.

This variance application may be inspected at the Thornapple Township Hall daily 9 A.M. to 12 noon, and 1 to 4 P.M., except Friday, 9 to noon.

Written comments regarding this application may be addressed to: Secretary, Thornapple Township Zoning Board of Appeals, P.O. Box 459, Middleville, MI 49333.

Lee Patterson, Secretary, Zoning Board of Appeals

NOTICE: Thornapple Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired, and audio tapes for the visually impaired, of printed materials being considered at the hearing, upon seven day's notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk by writing or calling: Thornapple Township Clerk, P.O. Box 459, 200 E. Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333. Telephone (616) 795-7202.

309

Far left:

A triangular extended area joins each set of three adjoining classrooms. Three classrooms can be opened to each other and the extended area is visually open to each of the classrooms. Water fountains are located there.

Left:

The gym features birch flooring, delivered by accident, and resulting in saving $4,000 over the cost of traditional maple, but is of equal quality. There is some space on one side for spectators.

From previous page

were of equal quality and of less expense.

In looking at the floor plan, which was to have three wings or pods, the pod at the left, (east) generally will be for older children and the pod at the right will be for the younger ones. Special education functions will be mainstreamed as much as possible, with these teachers coming to the child space as much as possible. Special ed teachers will have their offices in this new building.

Planners found they could shorten hallways and optimize exterior building surface by curving the arrangement of the wings. This alone saved in building materials over a conventional rectangular configuration.

In each of the pods, hall space was incorporated into extended (triangular) classroom areas rather than creating traditional hallways. The interior extended classrooms are higher, with windows that let in light. Windows did not need to be openable because of the closed air system. This basic fixed window also saved money.

Each pod includes six regular classrooms clustered in groups of three, with interior folding doors between classrooms so they may be opened to each other, and with interior windows so the extended classroom areas can be seen from inside the classroom by the teacher. The teachers who have seen it are very enthusiastic.

Water fountains are located in the extended classrooms for use by several classes. Student and teacher bathrooms were placed in close proximity to reduce plumbing costs.

Teacher planning areas group teachers together, (off the extended classrooms) and include the specialist teachers so they can easily network during everyday contacts.

Office spaces and teacher planning areas are drywalled, both for savings in materials and for the option of walls, which could be moved later if desired.

Continued next page

One of the ceilings of the interior curved hallways is getting a paint job. Halls will be treated with ceiling baffles rather than enclosed ceilings to save money. Most halls have windows at child height, and lockers for storage of student clothing.

THORNAPPLE BOARD
THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Boardmember Eaton, supported by Boardmember Getty moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 98-3

A Zoning Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances regulating the development and use of land has been adopted by the township board of the township of Thornapple. Notice published on December 29, 1998 was in error. This notice is formal and official notice of Ordinance adopted as follows:

Article IV. Definitions, add:

Section 7.4.24. The Planning Commission may allow an adjustment to the schedule of District Regulations (except allowable densities which may be decreased but not increased unless a bonus density is specifically granted as part of a special land use permit or planned unit development in order to further meet an objective of the township land use plan) requirements where in its sole judgment such an adjustment better meets a declared purpose of the zoning ordinance as specified in Section 7.2.1 or the purposes specified in Section 7.18.5(f) regardless of ordinance provisions to the contrary. Any change to the Schedule of District Regulations shall require the issuance of a special use permit or development according to the Planned Unit Development regulations of this Zoning Ordinance.

Article XV. Special Land Uses, Change to read:

Section 7.15.1.V. Planned Unit Developments AR, RR, R, C.

Article XVIII. Site Plan Review, Change to read:

Section 7.18.4(b). The Planning Commission shall study the site plan and either approve or disapprove the proposed site plan. If the site plan is disapproved, the reasons for disapproval shall be stated.

Add Section 7.18.5 (f). That the site plan promotes the preservation of wetlands, woodlands, inundated lands (lakes, streams, ponds, drains), lands within a floodplain, aquifer recharge areas, wildlife habitat areas, historic sites, prime farmland, and/or scenic views from public rights-of-way and minimized risk to public safety.

A detailed copy of the amendments is available during regular business hours at the Township Hall.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective seven (7) days after this publication.

YEAS: Boysen, Getty, Eaton, Kelley, Eavey.

NAYS: Schad, Stagray.

ABSENT: None.

Ordinance No. 98-3 declared adopted.

Donald E. Boysen, Township Supervisor
Donna Stagray, Township Clerk

Adopted: December 14, 1998
Published: January 12, 1999
Effective Date: January 9, 1999

305

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING of THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Date and time of Public Hearing: **Tuesday, January 19, 1999, at 7:00 P.M.**

Place of Hearing: **Thornapple Township Hall, 200 E. Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333.**

Application No. V-#28: Gary Sundberg and Steven Secord
9345 Adams Road
Middleville, MI 49333

Description of Variance Requested: Applicant is seeking a variance from the Zoning Ordinance requirements: Section 7.4.20(c)(5) Land Division Regulations. Applicant is requesting variance to access his property across another land parcel.

Legal Description: P.O. #08-014-054-004-40. Lengthy description available in the township office.

This variance application may be inspected at the Thornapple Township Hall daily 9 A.M. to 12 noon, and 1 to 4 P.M., except Friday, 9 to noon.

Written comments regarding this application may be addressed to: Secretary, Thornapple Township Zoning Board of Appeals, P.O. Box 459, Middleville, MI 49333.

Lee Patterson, Secretary, Zoning Board of Appeals

NOTICE: Thornapple Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired, and audio tapes for the visually impaired, of printed materials being considered at the hearing, upon seven day's notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk by writing or calling: Thornapple Township Clerk, P.O. Box 459, 200 E. Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333, Telephone (616) 795-7202.

308

VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

COUNTY OF KENT, MICHIGAN

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 2, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., the Planning Commission of the Village of Caledonia will hold a public hearing at the Caledonia Township and Village Hall, 250 South Maple Street, Caledonia, Michigan, concerning amendments in the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Caledonia.

The proposed amendments affect Sections 5.6, 6.6, 7.6 and 8.7 of the Zoning Ordinance, pertaining to the minimum usable floor area requirements for dwellings in the AG, R-1, R-2 and R-3 Zoning Districts, and concern the minimum usable floor area required to be located on the first floor. The proposed ordinance would also amend Section 12.4 of the PUD Planned Unit Development District regulations to add provisions for minimum floor area for dwellings in the PUD District.

A copy of the amending ordinance may be examined at the Village Office during regular business hours. All interested persons may attend the public hearing and be heard concerning the proposed amendments. Written comments may be submitted to the Village Office, 250 South Maple Street, Caledonia, Michigan, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: January 12, 1999

PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

306

Still under construction are adjoining classrooms, which can be separated by the folding doors.

From previous page

Small rooms for groups of children have separate temperature controls for utility savings.

Hallways and classrooms are made of painted cement blocks, providing a durable surface that can easily be freshened up after the knocks children sometimes give them. Many areas of the building are floored with sealed ncrete rather than carpeting or tile, which resulted in a great savings.

Classrooms do not have conventional teachers' desks, though writing surfaces and file drawers are part of the built-in furniture so teaching materials are close at hand where they are used with the students. By being part of the built-ins, money was saved.

All of these features were designed to create a more open area for the kids to use and to move in, and to provide greater visibility by teachers. Space in corners was optimized. Ceilings in classes are eight feet high, which allowed those portions of the building to be lower, which represented another saving in materials.

Four specialist classrooms are located in the interior area of each pod, as near to the "home" learning space as possible. Specialist classrooms are for music, art, computer lab and science lab. The specialist classrooms have slightly higher ceilings for flexibility of uses in the future.

In the east pod, a life skills resource room is in one of these specialist spaces, and has a complete kitchen. This room will accommodate special interests during the schedule breaks, and will provide space for groups like scouts or senior citizens or PTO groups, with use of the kitchen facilities. Public and community use will be encouraged.

There is less corridor space than in many other schools. Hallways themselves were used for child use by placing student lockers on interior walls and designing windows at the height of the children using those halls. Coat rooms that would have cut into classroom open space were avoided.

Hallways use baffles in the ceilings with the overhead plumbing painted in a dark color. This saved over conventional ceiling treatments.

Each section of the building can be closed off from the others. If there should be a fire, it would take two hours for it to spread to another area, giving firefighters a chance to contain it in that time.

The gymnasium (left bottom on plan) features a birch floor instead of maple, an acceptable contractor accident that saved $4,000, with no sacrifice of quality.

The cafeteria will double as an auditorium space, and is named the cafeterium (right bottom on plan).

Outside the school is a wetlands, which Nickels says is hoped to become an outdoor science classroom.

The building is a collection of concepts put into reality, including the capacity for change. The facility represents collective vision and appears to be ready to function for education and for the community for years into the future.

Yankee Springs Township has two vacancies on the Planning Commission. If interested, please contact our office - telephone 795-9091.

George London
Township Supervisor

307

FROM OUR READERS

Local Citizens Speak Out on Issues

Township misled residents on gypsy moth spraying

Dear editor:

In regards to the gypsy moth program in Caledonia Township, I own property in the township and was one of the parcels sprayed.

The first I knew of the spraying occurred when the plane flew over my home at 6 a.m. one morning in May. Shortly thereafter, a bill arrived by mail informing me that I was to pay for the spraying of my acreage. In that initial letter, there was no indication that the pay was voluntary.

I then contacted the township and was given Trustee Patti Cress' name for more information. After numerous attempts to contact her, I re-contacted the township to speak with Supervisor William Johnston, who was also not available to speak with me.

Frustrated by this point, I began calling daily until one evening Cress called me at home. After explaining that I did not request the spraying and was not notified of the spray dates, she informed me that notices were put in the Grand Rapids Press and proper notification was given, therefore I was obligated to pay.

Dissatisfied with this answer, I contacted my congressman and other sources, only to discover that I was not obligated to pay. In fact, the township could only recommend that pay be voluntary or by donation.

The next word I heard was that the township is looking to put liens on those properties for owners who did not pay their bills. How illegal and outrageous to threaten the citizens that the township is supposed to represent!

At this point, I have figured out that the township is misleading its citizens in attempts to get them to pay these bills or the township will be liable for the cost of the program. I did not pay the bill, but how many others paid after hearing the misinformation from the township?

Finally, correct information was brought out by concerned citizens and the township's intentions were exposed. At this time, a second letter arrived in my mailbox in August from Caledonia Township, letting me know that I have not paid my bill and that my obligation to pay is none other than voluntary, as I have known all along.

Had the township been on the up and up all along, they would have included in the first billing that small detail about the pay being voluntary. This direct omission only leads me to believe that something other than the truth was directed at the citizens.

I do not support being lied to by the board of Caledonia Township, nor will I support its members who participated in the attempts to fool its community.

Janette Van Wormer,
Caledonia

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Thornapple Kellogg School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, carrots, fresh fruit, cookie.

Thursday, Jan. 14

Break/lunch, french toast stix, sausage, potatoes, orange juice.

Friday, Jan. 15

Pizza, cole slaw, apple crisp.

Monday, Jan. 18

Records Day.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Hamburger/bun, potatoes, lettuce/tom, pickles, blueberry cobbler.

Note: Cold cereal is available each day. There will be some breakfast changes in those buildings where breakfast is eaten in the classroom. We always have at least two alternate choices for lunch each day. At this time we will offer the following choices: Monday, Hot Dog on Bun; Tuesday, Ham and Cheese on a Bun; Wednesday, Salad; Thursday, Hamburger on Bun; Friday, Fishwich; Every Day, Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwich. Lowfat chocolate and white milk available with each meal.

Thornapple Kellogg Breakfast Menu

Wednesday, Jan. 13

Scrambled eggs with ham, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 14

French toast sticks, syrup, juice, milk.

Friday, Jan. 15

Breakfast pocket, juice, milk.

Monday, Jan. 18

No school.

Tuesday, Jan. 19

Sausage, egg on English muffin, juice, milk.

NOTE - A variety of cold cereal with a muffin or graham crackers available each day. Some items may not be offered in buildings where breakfast is served in classrooms.

Thornapple Manor

3-11 RN SUPERVISOR

We currently have one full time opening on our 2nd shift for an RN Supervisor. Candidates should have LTC and supervisory experience. Interested candidates should submit a completed application with attached resume to the Director of Nursing.

Thornapple Manor

2700 Nashville Road, Hastings, MI 49058

EOE

Plastics - Process Technicians and Set Up People

Wamar is searching for experienced process technicians and set up people. Associates of Wamar continue to experience a growing environment that offers promotional opportunities as we grow. If you enjoy a challenging, fast paced atmosphere, see what we have to offer! In addition to a newly improved pay scale, we offer a complete benefit package including:

- Health Insurance
- Life Insurance
- Disability Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Profit Sharing
- 401(k)
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Paid Holidays
- Paid Vacations

Candidates must be team-oriented and want to achieve success. Please send your resume or complete an application at: Wamar Products, Inc., 5041 68th Street, SE, Caledonia, MI 49316 Fax 616-698-8677.

Bills Piling Up? Need a Job?

WE CAN HELP!

Peoplemark has a variety of industrial, office and customer service positions available now.

- **Assembly**
- **Plastic Injection**
- **Stock Pick/Pack**
- **Hi-lo/Material Handling**
- **Machine Operating**
- **Customer Service-Order Entry**
- **Service/Phone Sales**
- **Receptionists**
- **General Office**

Work sites are near the Kent County Airport and on south end of the Grand Rapids area.

PEOPLEMARK
America's Contemporary Work Force

507 - 36th St. SE
Grand Rapids
Between Eastern & Division
(616) 245-6161
Equal Opportunity Employer

Misty Ridge submits new design to plan panel

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Tom Burgess presented an "innovative and exciting" change in the design of the proposed Misty Ridge planned unit development to the Middleville Village Planning Commission Jan. 5.

The Planning Commission had approved the original design in November, but the Middleville Village Council changed the curbs from asphalt to concrete. Burgess explained to the Planning Commission that this change would cost about $2,000 additional per home.

The goal of Misty Ridge is to provide "affordable" housing and this additional fee might be better spent, the developers decided.

"We went back to the drawing board to see what we could do if we went back to asphalt curbs, but also improved the aesthetics of the design, Burgess said.

The design now includes cement curbs at the entrance, and around the islands. An additional 500 feet of roadway will be paved and the greenscape is now connected.

There was some discussion of this new design, but Nikki Miller raised concerns that if the Planning Commission approves this design with the asphalt,t the Middleville council will continue to insist on cement.

Middleville Village Manager David Arking told the members of the commission that the developer was aware that this plan would have to go to the council.

Steve Williams told the commission that he had reviewed the plans and that the changes are an "equivalent value" to the cement curbs and that there is an improvement of aesthetics.

This is a planned unit development (PUD), which allows some creativity on the part of the village and the developer.

There also was discussion about which sort of curbs lasted longer, with the pros and cons of each listed. The type of soil has an impact on the life of asphalt, but cement also can be chipped and spald.

Burgess said that if the Middleville Village Council approves this new design, "they are about ready to start."

The design was approved with the stipulations that after the 75th of the 200 homes planned for Misty Ridge is built, a second entrance will be added. A second stipulation is the addition of a sidewalk along the M-37 boundary and along the entrance way.

Middleville still studying natural river district

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

What and where is the "natural river district" in the Village of Middleville? What is the best way to preserve it?

These and other questions continue to be the focus of attention of members of the Middleville Planning Commission.

Village Manager David Arking said he would like Eldon Newmyer, chairman of the Planning Commission, and Village Council President Lon Myers to meet with him to review the ordinance forming the district and the zoning maps.

Arking has found confusion and when rezoning requests come in, the impact of the natural river zoning come into play.

This was brought up at the Jan. 5 meeting of the Planning Commission, involving two properties, one at 114 River St. and the other at 420 Arlington. The map only shows 100 feet of the Arlington Street property within the natural river district. There are several other properties along the river not listed on the map as within the district.

Newmyer interprets the natural river ordinance as putting all property on both sides of the river to a depth of 100 feet from the water's edge within the district.

Members of the commission want to make sure that the ordinance protects the river. There was some discussion of debris along the river as well.

Arking told the commission that the natural river district was a geographic designation. As such property could be zoned and also within the district.

Arking will work with the council and commission to see if the confusion could be eliminated.

Scots grapplers stopped by Huskies on mats

Caledonia managed wins in seven of the 14 weight classes, but lost a tough 37-32 decision Jan. 7 to Forest Hills Northern in O-K Gold mat action at Caledonia High School.

The Scots won three times on pins.

Mike Tomanek pinned Dan Gonzales in 3:50 at 112, Ryan Haywood pinned Noah Lafager in 1:21 at 135 and Casey Kinney pinned Steve Thornell in 10 seconds at heavyweight.

The other four Caledonia victories came by decisions.

Joe Kelly won 19-7 over Brian Pugh at 130, Josh Baltrusaitis won 11-2 against Chad Falk at 140, Todd Maines won 9-6 over Mike Costigan at 145 and Nick Draft won 6-3 against Adam Trompen at 152.

Caledonia Coach Jim Maxim said that disruptions hurt his team's chances of winning.

"We had kids who didn't make their weights," Maxim said. "Some kids wrestled above our expectations, but the disruptions are hard on the team. We're waiting for something to happen."

TK Financial Aid Night rescheduled

Because of last week's inclement weather, the guidance department at Thornapple Kellogg High School has rescheduled its Financial Aid Night for 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, in the high school cafeteria.

All interested parents of seniors planning to attend colleges or universities are welcome. Mary Ellen Novakoski, director of financial aid at Aquinas College, will present information and answer questions about available financial aid, including loans and the completion of financial aid forms.

All parents/guardians and/or seniors with questions or concerns are strongly urged to attend.

Woman avoids serious injury in car accident

A 20-year-old Middleville woman whose car slid clockwise, ran off the road, continued down an embankment and rolled over four times in Thornapple Township, was treated at Pennock Hospital and released Dec. 29, according to the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police.

Keri Ann Jeurink was wearing a seat belt when the accident occurred on Cherry Valley Road near Gackler Road at about 8:10 a.m., police said.

Jeurink was apparently northbound on Cherry Valley when she lost control and crossed the centerline just prior to the crash, according to troopers.

The car came to final rest on its wheels, facing southeast.

Jeurink was issued a citation for driving too fast for conditions. Alcohol was not believed to have been a factor, police reported.

Snowmobilers survive fall through Gun Lake ice

Two Weberville brothers who attempted to ride a snowmobile on one-half-inch thick ice on Gun Lake Dec. 31 were rescued by firefighters, according to a report by the Barry County Sheriff's Department.

An officer said "common sense" would have prevented the incident, in which Mark Edward Genei, 28 and Andrew Thomas Genei, 18, lost their 1998 Polaris XC 700 snowmobile and nearly lost their lives at about 5 p.m. near Hastings Point.

Police said the machine went through the ice about 60 yards off shore into 15 feet of water and that nearby resident Charles Halbroth who witnessed the accident called 911.

Firemen from Middleville, Yankee Springs and Orangeville responded and rescued the men just as the Sheriff's Department's Dive Team arrived on the scene.

"Without the fast work of the fire departments, both subjects would have drowned," reported Sgt. Bill Johnson Thursday. "Ice thickness at Gun Lake ranges from one-half inch to 1 1/2-inches and should not be considered safe for foot or machine traffic."

The brothers were taken to Pennock Hospital in Hastings where they were treated for hypothermia and released.

Thornapple Manor

RN'S/LPN'S

We currently have full and part time openings. Prefer candidates with LTC experience. If interested, submit a completed application with attached resume to the Director of Nursing.

Thornapple Manor
2700 Nashville Road, Hastings, MI 49058
EOE

Thornapple Manor

CLINICAL DIETARY MANAGER

Registered Dietitian to manage the clinical aspects of a 138 bed County owned Skilled Nursing Facility. Will function as co-department head along with Dietary Production Manager. Must have at least 2 years experience in long-term care dealing with assessments, MDS's and care plans, therapeutic diets, menu planning, etc. Will consider 4 year degree in dietetics.

Excellent wages, fringes and working conditions. Please send resume along with salary history to:

Lynn Sommerfield, Administrator,
Thornapple Manor, 2700 Nashville Road, Hastings, MI 49058
EOE

Thornapple Manor

INFORMATION SERVICES ASSISTANT (MEDICAL)

This position will provide computer hardware/software support by assisting the Information Services Director, provide clerical support by performing word processing functions, and serve as back-up for the receptionist and billing clerk.

Previous billing experience in the medical field a plus.

Thornapple Manor offers excellent wages and benefits. If interested, please send resume with salary history to:

Human Resources
Thornapple Manor
2700 Nashville Road, Hastings, MI 49058
EOE

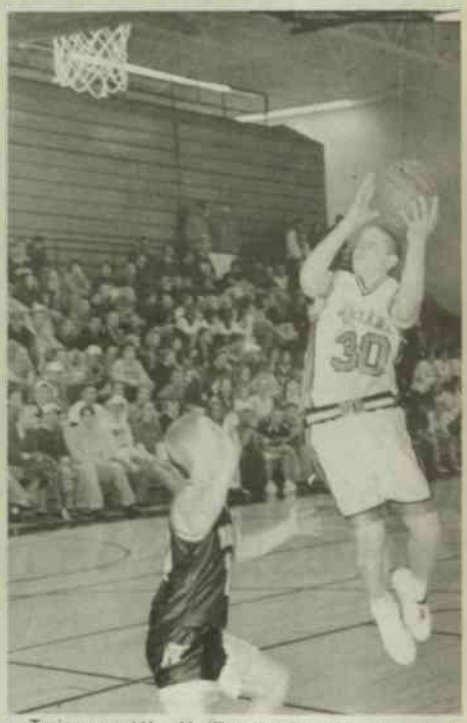
Subscribe TODAY!
RECEIVE all the news for the Barry County area in the Hastings Banner
Call... 945-9554
The Hastings Banner

BRUCE'S FRAME & ALIGNMENT
• Complete Frame Repair • Professional Color Matching
• Loaner Cars • Front End Alignment
• Collision Repair • Glass Repair
Call (616) 795-9596
Owned and Operated by...
Bruce Bender
All Makes and Models
All Insurances Welcome
415 2nd Street - Middleville

Trojans use big 3rd quarter surge to beat Hawks

Middleville's Ben Lucas (52) pulls up for an eight foot jumper in the paint during last Thursday's basketball contest against Wyoming Rogers. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Zac Truer (44) launches a turn-around jumper that he scored from the low post. (Photo by Perry Hardin)



Trojan guard Ken VanRyn (30) floats past a Golden Hawk defender for an easy layup was tallied off the glass. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Middleville outscored Wyoming Rogers 20-6 in the third quarter, in an eight-minute span that included a 13-0 run, to coast to a 69-54 O-K Blue hoop triumph last Friday at home.

The Trojans had four players who scored in double figures and nine players who tallied points in total.

Dan Finkbeiner was tops in the black and orange score book with 18 markers. Ken VanRyn had 16. Ben Lucas 13 and Andrew Hillman managed 10 points.

The second half started at 29-29, but the Trojans busted it open with some solid defense and a very opportunistic offense.

Middleville led 17-13 after the opening eight minutes. In Holzhueter's words, his team played "pretty well in the first half," but "not on defense."

Intensity was a concern of the Trojan mentor for most of the game, but the third quarter spurt helped to open things up a little bit.

Middleville controlled the boards, 35-18, with Drew Chamberlin pulling down 7 caroms. Finkbeiner collecting 7 and Lucas also coming up big on the glass with 6 rebounds.

Finkbeiner's solid all-around game also included a team-high 7 assists.

Holzhueter recognized the excellent efforts given by both his starting guards.

"Finkbeiner just had an outstanding game and VanRyn also got aggressive offensively," Holzhueter explained.

Middleville (4-1 overall and 2-1 in the O-K Blue) travels to Hastings (4-1) tonight and entertains Spring Lake (0-5, 0-3) Friday.

Wild game dinner planned for January 21

After the initial success of a wild game dinner, sponsored by the First Baptist Church of Middleville, planners are looking forward to Thursday, Jan. 21, for the second annual event.

A variety of wild game, including venison, moose, rabbit, Canadian goose etc. will be prepared by several members of the church. A new addition to the menu will be Alaskan King salmon and Mountain Goat burger, donated and delivered by Jim and Jennifer Sprague of Middleville who are spending their first year of retirement in Homer, Alaska.

The meal is free, with punchbowl at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7.

For more information, call the church office at 795-9726.

Looking for a PRINTER?

Call Barry County's
MOST COMPLETE PRINTING COMPANY — *We have it ALL!*

FULL SERVICE FROM START TO FINISH

j-ad Graphics PRINT SHOP

- Full Color
- Copying
- Addressing
- Complete Binding
- Signs
- Laminating
- ...and MORE!

(616) 945-5078 / FAX: (616) 945-5192

Or Call 945-9554 Ask for one of our printing specialists

Cutlers Car Care

9664 Cherry Valley • Phone 891-2352
Full Vehicle Repair Service

- Brakes
- Struts & Shocks
- Engine Repair
- Exhaust
- Tires
- Oil Change
- Alignment
- A. C. Repair & Maintenance
- Computerized Engine Repair

Kelly Tires · Firestone · Kendall Motor Oil "Power in the Protection"

CLIP & SAVE

$10.00 OFF
$100.00 OR MORE
(EXCLUDING TIRES)
With this coupon only.
Expires 2/10/99
CUTLER'S CAR CARE

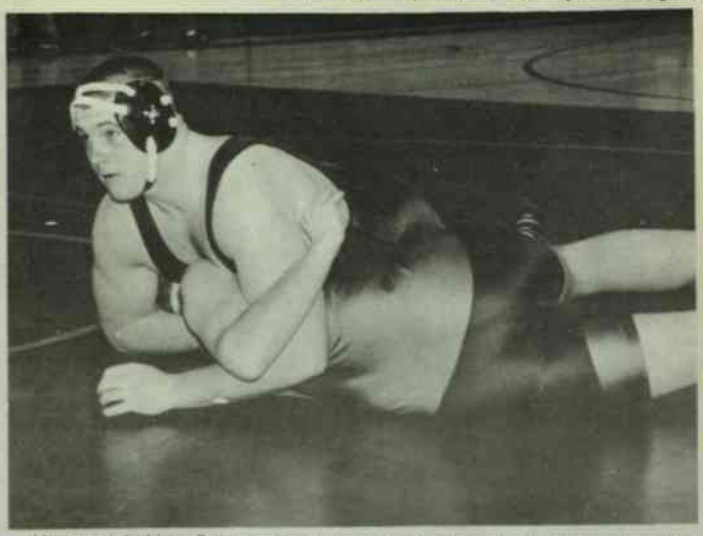
CLIP & SAVE

WINTER SAFETY INSPECTION
$19.95
Check belts, hoses, tires, brakes & coolant.
Expires 2/10/99
CUTLER'S CAR CARE

Trojans triumphant on mats versus Broncos

Trojan grappler Is Rosales wasted little time in disposing of his Bronco opponent, taking him down in less than a minute.

Middleville's Evan Space puts this Coopersville foe in an awkward position in O K Blue mat action last Thursday.



Heavyweight Marc Carter looks for the call as he pins Ken Eppick to the mat in last Thursday's dual at TK High.

The Trojan wrestling team bucked their Bronco counterparts Jan. 7 in an O-K Blue meet at TK High School.

Middleville beat Coopersville 51-18 in a meet that included pins by four of its mats men.

Brett Wiersma pinned Phil Dietrich in 1:01 at 125, Evan Space pinned Blair Klosterhouse in 4:47 at 130, Is Rosales pinned Ryan Romans in 32 seconds at 145 and Marc Carter pinned Ken Eppick in 51 seconds at heavyweight.

Other Trojan triumphs came from Jason Austin (void at 112), Adam Nieland (void at 152), Tim Stevens (decision at 171) and Jeremy Vandefifer 189 (void at 189).

Records for the season include a 15-5 for Space, a 15-2 for Vandefifer, a 14-2 for Glavan, a 15-4 for Stevens and a 13-4 for Carter.

Middleville (8-2) travels to Hamilton Thursday and will host the T-K Duals Saturday. The dual tournament includes Lakewood, Ionia, Hudsonville, Cedar Springs and Portland.

BENDER
AUTO BODY
Since 1967
Quality Collision Repairs
112 Water Street
616-795-9438

Athletes of the Week

Ryan Haywood
Caledonia High School

Haywood went 5-0 at the TK Dual Tournament Dec. 30 and won with a pin in the Scots' league wrestling match versus Forest Hills Northern Jan. 7. Haywood's work ethic and ability to wrestle well at 135 or 145 have been a great asset, according to Caledonia Coach Jim Maxim.

Jeremy Vandefifer
Thornapple-Kellogg High School (Middleville)

Vandefifer has compiled a 13-2 overall record for the Trojan mat team this year. His win Jan. 7 helped T.K.to up-end Coopersville.

Athletes of the Week Presented by:

JB HARRISON Insurance Agency, Inc. & Hastings Mutual Insurance Company
6090 Alden Nash SE • Alto • 868-0050 or 800-217-0712

If you become a wreck, due to a blizzard, slide on into Ed's Body Shop.

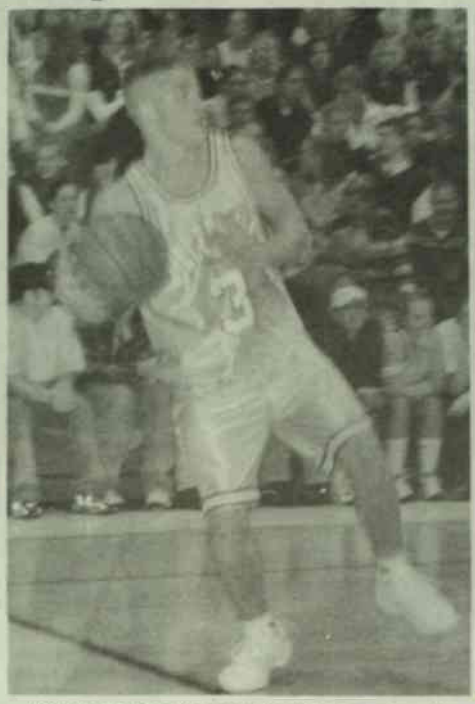
Glass Replacement You Break it - We'll Fix It!

- *Loaners available while repairs are being made
- Personal "small town" service and "big town" know-how.
- Latest paint technology.
- Only the BEST products used in parts and materials.
- 100% Guaranteed on repairs for as long as you own your vehicle.
- Certified collision repair machanics.
- Authorized insurance repair facility.
- Our professional experience since 1969.

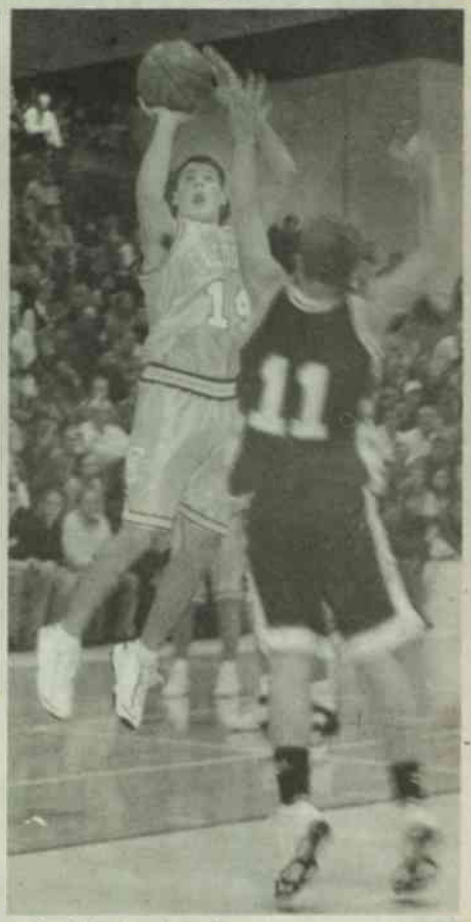
ED'S BODY SHOP
110 Johnson Street at Kinsley, one block off Main St. in Downtown Caledonia
(616) 891-0150 • Fax (616) 891-0446
Office Open Mon. - Fri. 8 to 5;
Other Hours By Appt
We want to be your "PRO" shop - working with the PROS since 1969.
Ed Pawlosk, Owner
*Stipulations apply

South Christian stops Scots in Gold hoop clash

Billy Jones (20) drives past Randall Hesselink (32) as the fans behind them watch the two hoop rivals battle it out on the hard court.



Caledonia's Dan Bloemers (3) makes an attempt to keep the ball in bounds during last Friday's league matchup versus South Christian.



Scot shooter Jesse Flegel (14) arches a jumper over South's Adam DeBruyn (11) in first quarter basketball action at Caledonia High School.

Caledonia opened the game by scoring the first four points and were tied with South Christian 10-10 with just 1:30 remaining in the first quarter.

But, then the wind went out of its sails... mostly from too many turnovers, too many bad decisions and too much intensity given by a very hungry Sailor squad.

The result a 73-40 loss by the Fighting Scots in front of a near packed house of 2,200.

South entered the second quarter up 14-10 after tallying the final four points of the opening frame.

The Sailors dominated the rest of the contest with a 20-8 second quarter, a 22-10 third quarter and a 17-12 fourth frame.

Caledonia's 26 turnovers didn't help matters any, according to Coach Kevin Wolma.

"Twenty six turnovers is un-called for; we just threw the ball away," Wolma said. "That's 26 opportunities that we wasted. That's tough to overcome."

The victory makes South 5-1 overall and a perfect 3-0 in the O-K Gold Conference. Caledonia drops to 2-4 and 2-2. Tonight (Tuesday, Jan. 12), the Scots play host to Godwin.

Nick Jenema led Caledonia in scoring with 10 points and Matt Born was second in the team's score book with 8 markers.

South received 22 points from Brad Gebens, 9 from Tony Westhouse, 8 from John Boersma and 8 from Tom DeMaagd.

Even more important for South than its offensive efforts, were the defensive contributions that they received from a number of eager cagers.

"They (the Sailors) can afford to get up in your face," Wolma explained. "They play very good defense... that's the bottom line."

The defeat to a rival was a tough one for Wolma, and his Scots, to swallow but they know that there is still plenty of ball to be played.

""I'm disappointed, but it's a long season," Wolma said.

Caledonia JV cagers are 5-1 after 2-0 week

With weekly wins over Sparta and South Christian, Caledonia's junior varsity basketball team upped its record to 5-1.

A balanced scoring attack helped the Fighting Scots easily cruise to a 71-57 triumph over Sparta.

Leading the team in scoring was Dan Kietzman with 12 points, Doug Jousma with 11 and Mark Breen with 11 points. Kyle Kleersnyder chipped in with 8 markers. Everybody scored for the purple and gold team.

Controlling the boards were Kleersnyder with 8 rebounds, Kietzman with 5 and Josh Swartz with 5 caroms.

The biggest emotional victory of the season came last Friday as Caledonia easily beat rival South Christian 53-46.

The Scots built a big lead early on and led the Sailors 36-19 at the half.

Swartz led all scorers with 11 points. Jousma managed 10 and Kietzman added 9 points.

Kleersnyder had a solid all-around game with 8 points and 9 rebounds.

Swartz collected 5 caroms and Jousma had 4 rebounds.

Caledonia will host Godwin tonight (Tuesday, Jan. 12) and are then idle until Jan. 19 when they face Wyoming Park.

Call on...
J-Ad Graphics
for QUALITY
PRINTING!
945-9554

Scots start skiing season with plenty of snow

The Caledonia High School ski team had an awesome start to the new year with regards to snow and competed last week in its first meets.

The Scots placed eighth in both the girls and boys competitions. The girls managed a score of 243 as did their male counterparts.

Forest Hills Central won the boys meet with a team score of 59 and also took first in the girls event with a 29.

For Caledonia's boys, Brett Beckett was 24th in the slalom and 25th in the giant slalom.

Kyle Oatley wound up 19th in the slalom and 27th in the giant slalom.

And Brian Davis was 28th in the slalom and 38th in the giant slalom.

For the Lady Scots, Rebecca Beckett placed 10th in the giant slalom and 15th in the slalom.

Lauren Ondersma was 29th in the slalom and 31st in the giant slalom, while Emilee Zandbergen was 37th in the slalom and 39th in the giant slalom.

Caledonia Coach Bryce Beckett said he was very proud of his athletes' results and looks forward to even better efforts as the year continues.

"The athletes did very well considering that most were only on the skis for one day before the race," Coach Beckett said. "Physically, our athletes are in shape, (but) the racing skills are still a little weak."

YMCA news

Weather Line

Call the YMCA Weather Line, 945-2631, if you have questions as to weather a program has been cancelled due to weather or school closings. A pre-recorded message will inform you as to which programs have been cancelled. Weather cancellations are also given to WBCH Radio, 100.1 FM.

Indoor Soccer Instruction

Boys and Girls in grades --4 are welcome to attend the Saturday morning soccer instruction Steve Evans is the instructor. Page Elementary School Gym will be the site starting Jan. 9 and continuing through Feb. 13. Come dressed to play and shin guards are recommended. the cost is $3 per Saturday or $15 for a six-week program pass. Pre-registration is not required. 9-10 a.m., first grade; 10:15-11:15, second grade; 11:30-12:30, third and fourth grade.

Family Fun Nights

Family Fun Nights will be held at Hastings High School on Fridays, Jan. 22, Feb. 19, March 12. Doors open at 6:45 p.m. and close at 8:45. Activities include basketball, volleyball, crafts, movie, and roller skating (bring your own skates). Admission is $2 per person or $5 per family. Crafts will cost 25 cents.

Open Gym

Starting Thursday, Jan. 7, join us for basketball playing at Middleville Middle School Gym. Admission is $1 per player. Middle School age and under will play from 7-8 p.m. and high school age and up from 8-9 p.m.

K-2 Basketball

Basketball for K-2 grades will be instructed at Lee Elementary starting Feb. 20. The program will be led by Jennifer Wilkinson, JV girls coach. Watch this column for more details to come.

NEWS
Newspapers:
The medium of choice!
83% of community newspaper readers read every issue or almost every issue.
71% don't always read direct mail ads.
National Newspaper Association readership study,
Spotlight on the Reader
For more information, call 1 (800) 829-4NNA.

Youth basketball program important to future cagers

Coach Jon Meerman talks to the fifth and sixth grade players as the fellow high school coaches gather around. (Photo provided)

Girls take to the court... and have a good time in doing so

This winter, aspiring Lady Scots can hone their basketball skills and improve their overall games by taking part in Caledonia's Girls Recreation Youth Basketball program.

The program is for basketball players in the third through sixth grades. The fifth and sixth grade athletes play from 9 to 11 a.m. on Saturdays, while the third and fourth grade hoopsters take court from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The 10-week program is based on the game's fundamentals: passing, dribbling, one-hand shooting, pivoting and plenty more.

Actual games also are staged with fifth and sixth grade playing 45-minute games along with their hour of drill work and 15 minutes of fun type activities.

The cost of the program is $35, a fee that includes a purple and white basketball and a T-shirt.

Caledonia girls' basketball coaches, led by head coach Jon Meerman, run the program with the Lady Scot high school players assist them.

"The high school girls who assist in this program have been doing an excellent job working with the younger kids," Meerman exclaimed. "The girls really look up to the high school ladies."

Meerman says the youth program is a great benefit to the future of Caledonia High School girls' basketball.

"As a coaching staff, we feel having a strong youth program is a very important part of having a quality program," Meerman said. My coaching staff takes great pride in this program."

Ball handling skills are worked on here with sophomore Lady Scot cager Nessa Hofstra, on the left, and sophomore Courtney Hondorp, in the background. The two hoopsters are working with the fifth and sixth grade athletes. (Photo provided)

The response from the aspiring Lady Scot players has been overwhelming, with 105 girls signed up to play this season.

Call for Classifieds
Phone 945-9554
or
1-800-870-7085
24 Hours a Day - 7 Days a Week
For Sun & News Action-Ads!

Business Services

SEAMLESS GUTTERS: Custom made aluminum gutters, residential, business, builders, free estimates. Steve's Seamless Gutters. 616-795-7980.

TREES TRANSPLANTED: Your trees moved with 44" tree spade. $35 per tree plus $1.50 per mile. 891-1533

*********BLEAM******* ***EAVESTROUGHING***** Seamless Gutter. 32 Colors, Free Estimates. Since 1959, 616-945-0004

ATTENTION LAND CONTRACT HOLDERS! Are you receiving payments? Get cash for your **LAND CONTRACT.** Call toll free **1-888-332-3488.**

WILL BUILD STAIRCASES & trim work. 25 years experience. Veenstra Construction. 616-795-2580

GENERAL CONSTRUCTION & Remodeling. No job too small. Veenstra Construction. 616-795-2580

PAINTING, Need a room painted? Or how about the whole house? Call 795-7055, references available.

WOLF RD. CONSTRUCTION for all your construction needs. New or remodel. We also offer snow removal from roofs, and handyman services. No job too small. VISA/MC or Discover accepted. 517-852-2571.

HASTINGS BANNER subscriptions. Phone 945-9554.

Card Of Thanks

WE WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS OUR APPRECIATION to family & friends for the flowers, prayers, cards, visits & words of comfort given during the loss of our loved one. A special thanks to the Caledonia & Dutton Fire Departments for their part in the service. We will never forget the special things you did. We would like to also thank the ladies from the Gaines United Brethren Church for the wonderful luncheon and Pastor Beers for the lovely service. Our thanks also to Scott Taylor for his music. In Loving Memory, the Robert E. Higley Family.

Child Care

DAY CARE OPENINGS: Ages 2 and up. 795-7344

Farm

HAY FOR SALE 1st thru 4th cutting. Will deliver. 616-795-9797.

For Rent

CALEDONIA- 1 BEDROOM DUPLEX in farmhouse. Large livingroom, fireplace and rear deck. $475 per month. Call John 538-6337 ext#211 or 891-3582.

CALEDONIA AREA: SOUTH OF GRAND RAPIDS. Choice country spacious 1 bedroom apartment, newly decorated & carpeted, appliances include dishwasher, stove refrigerator, $395.00 per month + utilities, references, deposit, no pets, 616-554-9846.

For Sale

911 EMERGENCY HOME ADDRESS SIGNS made while you wait- $20.00 each- 2 or more $18.00 each. Great gifts. Action Signs 1011 E. State St., Hastings 948-8618 or toll free 888-577-7446.

12X22 BEAUTIFUL LIVING ROOM CARPETING (3 weeks old), cost $300.00, sacrifice $75.00, 1-517-694-0335

BEDROOM OUTFIT: 6 DRAWER DRESSER with mirror, matching headboard and queen Serta mattress set, "like new", must sell! $175.00, 1-517-337-3054.

GORGEOUS DAYBED, WHITE & GOLD trim with mattress still in plastic, like new! cost $450.00 new, sacrifice $175.00, 1-517-541-1100.

KING SIZE DELUXE PILLOW TOP mattress set & frame, "brand new"! cost $1100.00, sacrifice $350.00 or consider waterbed in trade. 1-517-541-1109.

GET EASY CASH with extra household goods and tools. Advertise with classifieds in The Reminder and Hastings Banner. Phone 945-9554.

Help Wanted

LOCAL BEVERAGE DELIVERY to $50K/yr. + benefits and Co. Vehicle. Need now! Will train! (616)-949-2424. Jobline Fee.

CABLE INSTALLER On job training. Up to $1,000/wk. Set own hours. (616)-949-2424. Jobline Fee.

BEER WAREHOUSE/ FORKLIFT. To $9.90/hr. + raises & benefits. Many! Permenant! Need ASAP! (616)-949-2424. Jobline Fee.

DENTAL HYGENIST: Full-time opportunity for advanced earnings in a growing practice. Fax resume to: 616-795-8881.

DO YOU ENJOY WORKING WITH CHILDREN & FEEL YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE? We have openings available in our Infant Room, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 12:30-6:00p.m. Toddlers, Tuesday, Thursday, 1:00-5:30p.m. & our 4 Year Old Room, Monday-Friday, 2:30-5:30/6:00p.m. We are also in need of substitute caregivers. We are looking for caring & reliable individuals. Must be at least 18 years of age. Sarting wage is $6.75 per hour with some benefits. If interested please call Sherrie or Ann Marie at Caledonia Community Ed Kid's Corner 616-891-0266

PAID WEEKLY: Due to a large increase in business, local company must expand operations and fill 10 full-time permanent positions to start at $400/wk. Company training provided for positions that require. Job descriptions, hours, pay scale, profit sharing discussed at interview. No 3rd shift. Call 616-948-2298 ext#5.

APPRENTICE/ELECTRICIAN. To $19.00/hr. benefits. Complete training. Frequent raises. (616)-949-2424. Jobline Fee.

JANITOR/MAINTENANCE. To $17/hr. + benefits. Fortune 500 Company? Many needed! (616)-949-2424. Jobline Fee.

DENTAL ASSISTANT: Position is available now for an experienced and motivated individual, southeast of Grand Rapids. A great opportunity in a growing practice. Fax resume to: 616-795-8881.

In Memoriam

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROBERT E. NEAR Who passed away suddenly on his 76th birthday two years ago, January 2, 1997. In our hearts you live on always there, and never gone. Though it maybe true that we're apart, you will live forever in our hearts. We will love you always. Your Family.

Mobile Homes

ABANDONED REPO: Bank needs someone to assume payments on huge 3 bedroom home. Will move if necessary. 1-800-672-9604.

FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS, We represent several banks, they are eager to sell homes they have repossessed. No application fee if you mention this ad. 1-800-672-9604.

REPO: MUST SELL will look at any offer, 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Will move if necessary. 1-800-672-9604.

Recreation

NEW TITAN DOUBLE SNOWMOBILE TRAILER. 8x10, tilt bed. $950 OBO. 795-7353

Wanted

WANTED TO BUY: Spruce, Pine, Maple or Christmas trees to dig with 44" tree spade. Call 891-1533.

68th street GRILL & Pizzaria
3565 68th Street
Dutton Village Mill Mall
Phone 698-7920
"The Place Where Friends and Family Meet to Eat."
Hours 6:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Mon. - Fri. Sat. 7:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Closed Sun.

FORTUNE CHEF RESTAURANT
Breakfast • Lunch • Dinner
American ~ Chinese ~ Steak
9353 Cherry Valley (M-37)
Caledonia, MI 49316
616-891-1388

Dining for all seasons at the Middle Villa Inn's GARDEN Restaurant
(M-37) • Ph. 795-3640
Where people meet and friendships grow
~ Clip & Save ~ Clip & Save ~
Monday - Thursday
Buy One Dinner Entree
Get Second Dinner...
1/2 OFF
(Equal or Lesser Value) Valid Thru 1-31-99

Coming Soon
copper kettle cafe'
expresso bar & gifts
Savory Edibles
9864 Cherry Valley
Caledonia, MI 49316
616-891-7973

L&N Carpet Cleaning

We're Out To Take Care Of All Your Carpet Needs!

$39.95
2 Rooms Cleaned By L&N
CALL 241-2343
Trip charges to some areas. Expires 1/30/99

$59.95
3 Rooms Cleaned By L&N
CALL 241-2343
Trip charges to some areas. Expires 1/30/99

$99.95
6 Rooms Cleaned By L&N
CALL 241-2343
Trip charges to some areas. Expires 1/30/99

WHO CAN YOU TRUST...TOM and JERRY

Patches & Restretches

...THREE TYPES OF CLEANING...

Steam
1999 '40,000 Butler Steam Cleaner

Dry
Dry in 30 Minutes

Chemical
Great for Commercial Jobs

No Cat And Mouse Games With Tom & Jerry

(616) 241-2343

In God We Trust

24 HOUR EMERGENCY FLOOD SERVICE

We're listed in Ameritech PagesPlus® Yellow Pages

Stain Master Certified

AUTHORIZED APPLICATION SERVICE FOR DU PONT APPROVED MASTERSERIES CARPET CARE SYSTEM

Any area larger then 14' x 20' equals two rooms.

Who Knows Your Carpet Better Than A Carpet Installer!
Carpet Installation With 27 Years Experience
Pad Replacement •Cars •Furniture

"CUSTOMERS BEWARE"
WITH NEW TECHNOLOGY IN CARPET PROTECTANT AND WARRANTIES, IT IS IMPORTANT FOR THE CONSUMER TO HAVE THEIR CARPET CLEANED WITH THE NEW ADVANCED CARPET CLEANING EQUIPMENT. L&N HAS 1-New 1999, plus 3-Newer 1998 CLEANING MACHINES. CALL L&N FOR A CLEAN PRICE
(616) 241-2343

PET URINE ODOR REMOVED

Owner:
Jerry Nystrom, Jr.
Operator:
Ned Verhil

Carpet matting can be caused by improper installation & cleaning. Call L&N for your carpet answers.