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Caledonia Planning Chair Dunn retires

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia Township Planning Commission Chairman Dick Dunn announced at the Jan. 8 meeting that he was leaving the commission after about 15 years of service.

His resignation letter mentioned schedule conflicts as the main reason for leaving.

In his letter Dunn added, "It has been my privilege to be a part of township work in Caledonia since the mid-seventies. I have served as a member of the Library Board, the Planning Commission, and the Zoning Board of Appeals. During this time I have appreciated the support of four supervisors, four planners, several outstanding commissioners, township board members and Mr. James Brown, our township attorney."

Dunn's background is in education, and his career is as a middle school principal in the Kentwood Public Schools.

Township Supervisor Bill Johnston commented, "I really appreciate what he has done. It's great that we have people in the community who are willing and able to contribute so much. Dick Dunn was one of those people. His work load was heavy, and with his career, he had little free time. He is a person who would rather not continue unless he could do things well. It's a loss for the community."

One of Dunn's comments may explain further his action.

"Updating a general development plan is an important task for the commission. Since 1989 the situation has changed dramatically. The plan needs to be brought up to date. The scope of township government has become more complex. The pace of the work has picked up, and it is important to be faithful to the process."

Township Planner Tim Dolehanty said of Dunn, "He has shown exemplary leadership, and served as a model for anyone who follows. He was always fair and consistent with everyone and very thorough in his review."

Dunn has seen a lot of changes in Caledonia

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Window for recall passes halfway mark

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The time period allotted for the effort to recall four Caledonia Township officials is a little more than half over.

The group calling itself the Concerned Citizens for Responsible Government (CCRG) had 180 days from the date of approval of the petition language in late September in which to gather the signatures.

Signatures must be signed by registered and qualified electors equal to 25 percent of the number of votes cast in Caledonia Township for governor in the 1994 election. Charlene Corrigan of the Kent County Elections office said this meant 678 or more verified signatures would be needed to put the question on a special election ballot. The signatures must be gathered within a 90-day period from the filing of the petitions, which has not yet occurred.

Group members have not said how many signatures they have gathered.

Once filed, there are seven days to review the petitions, and they must be certified within 35 days. If enough valid signatures have been obtained, a special election will be called, to be held within 60 days.

The four Caledonia Township officials mentioned in the recall effort are Supervisor William Johnston and Trustees Patricia Cress, John Potter and Bonnie Keller.

By the end of the 1999 summer, the two-story section of the former Thornapple Kellogg Middle School will no longer stand along Main Street.

Old TK Middle School to be razed, board says

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Members of the Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education decided the best choice for the old middle school building is to tear down the oldest parts of the 60 plus year old structure.

Since the successful millage campaign for a new middle school in 1996, the fate of the middle school building has been discussed, researched and agonized over. Two local groups have tried to meet the requirements of the Board of Education to save the building.

The board has always planned to retain the new gym and attach it to McFall Elementary with a connecting hallway. The free standing "science" wing also will remain.

Members of the two community groups have vibrant memories of going to school in the building and graduating from it. Many identified themselves on the night of the meeting by the year they graduated.

Chuck Baughman asked the board to give the groups "a chance" to be successful in fund-raising and running the building before razing the structure.

He presented a brief overview of the plans presented by the Affiliates for Community Advancement and the Thornapple Kellogg Alumni Association Community Center group. His initial reaction was both groups "had a very slim chance" of success.

He reminded the board that from the combined perspective of the groups that the cost of delay would be little. If a Community Center was successful, a portion of the $300,000 budgeted for demolition would be saved.

Baughman drew on the support the community has given the schools. Resident Mike Bremer pointed out the pledge of Bradford White of $25,000 in matching funds for five years. The groups also proposed going out for a levy to support the community center.

There was also support from the Middleville Lions Club and other local businesses and organizations.

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Chuck Baughman asked the board to give the Community Center proponents a "chance" to save the building. Seated (from left) are David Smith, Nancy Goodin, Board President Dan Parker and Superintendent Jay Cason. Board members Kim Selleck, Marty Wenger, Jean Ray and Gary Van Elst joined their pictured colleagues in voting to raze the building. Don Williamson (far right) assisted with the presentation.

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Old school, from front page

The new gym will be joined to McFall Elementary with a connecting passageway once the new middle school opens

Neither organization had very much money in the bank since fund-raisers both groups had heard, "let us know when you have the building."

Baughman and some of the other speakers touched on what a community center could do for Middleville. There could be services like a woodworking shop, a place for students to play chess after school, a day care center for children, a place for senior citizens to meet and other services.

Superintendent Jay Cason told the more than 50 residents in the audience that he sympathized with their effort, but his job was to recommend the best course for the district to the board.

Baughman had begun his presentation saying "this isn't the business plan" desired by the board. The two groups had a "vision," which included the memories of the school and imagination of the future.

Board President Dan Parker said he was concerned that "there is nothing in writing." Baughman said there was a sense of being in a "Catch 22" and that perhaps no one could have met all 16 points of the board's request.

There is a deadline for making a decision since the board wants to seek bids in February. This has proved a good strategy in the past, when contractors are "hungry" for work.

The board was scheduled to vote on the bid package at the special meeting Jan. 18.

Cason detailed some of the areas where the statement by the community groups did not meet the conditions set by the board to be met.

Among these there was no provision for an elevator or meeting the other handicapped accessible needs of the building, no real attempt to meet the true infra-structure needs of the building, no estimate of revenue, and no proof that the groups could administer the building.

Cason stressed that infrastructure problems with the building are real. All the district's maintenance personnel believe the building will cost a great deal more to renovate than the committees realize. Some steam pipes were removed over the winter break and they look like "swiss cheese," he said.

Gary VanElst, buildings and grounds and construction team leader for the board, said he was concerned that the board would put in $60,000 for the separation wall and then the building would have to be demolished anyway.

Kim Selleck said he worried that the groups would not be able to afford the utility costs of about $50,000 a year to heat and light the building.

He said, "we cannot afford to continue to maintain the building."

Agreeing with some in the audience, board member Marty Wenger said, "We will need more classrooms in the future to meet the growth in the community but we can't afford to keep the building until then."

Parker stressed, "The goal of the school district is not to fund a community center. We need to make the decision which is best for the district and none of us have taken any of this lightly.

The science wing will remain following the demolition of the two-story section of the Middle School.

ACA member Rod Kenyon told the board that there were other ways to provide heat to the building. John Loftus told the board that the committees "were shooting in the dark" and that the board held the key to the puzzle.

After the vote, several members of the board encouraged the committees to perhaps work toward building a community center in a new building and that the board would help as much as it could in the effort.

Demolition of the two-story portion of the middle school will take place in late July or early August. Those items going to the new middle school should be removed by mid-July.

Retirement, from front page

township over the period of time he has served on the commission.

"When I began in the mid-80s, the township had a part-time planner. Now I can't imagine how the township and the planning commission could function without a planner.

"There has always been a steady pressure for growth over the years, but the recent pressure for development to occur in Caledonia is unique, with the construction of the Southbelt Expressway and enlargement of the airport."

At one time, the township didn't see a need to join the Metro Council, Dunn explained, but it seems now to be very important to have representation at their meetings. Decisions in other townships, like Cascade, affect Caledonia, he said.

Dunn mentioned the change of the township from agricultural to residential and commercial.

"There needs to be an Agricultural Preservation Zone. There is a need to protect the integrity of agricultural areas, and to respect that and not to push development in those areas."

He said it was important for developers to make an effort to work with and come to compromises with township planners and to avoid litigation.

He mentioned Foremost Insurance Corporation as an example of a company that had gone to great lengths to preserve the natural features while creating quality development.

Dunn said since 1989 one of the changes has been the wear and tear on the roads. He said the Michigan Department of Transportation understands the incredible increase of those needs, and is poised to bring some relief.

Another area of change has occurred in sand mining operations, which used to leave scars on the face of the landscape. The commission has worked hard to have regulations that contribute to future development by working with those operations to reclaim the land and to restore it to a more natural state. There is now cooperation between that industry and the township planners to achieve those end uses.

Dunn said he believes the challenge for the Planning Commission in the future would be to balance growth with land uses that will best meet the needs of the whole population of the township. The commission's goal would be to lead the quality of that growth.

"In summary, I think it is important for commissioners to have a good clear vision of what the future of the township should look like, so they can plan toward a quality community for its residents," Dunn said.

Dunn said the people on the commission were a "competent group of people."

His letter also stated, "It has been exciting and challenging to be a part of rapid change in our township. The challenges that lie ahead will require careful consideration and a clear vision for the future. I am completely confident that the commission is capable of meeting these challenges and making sound planning and zoning decisions."

Roger Keating who has also served for many years, will now act as chair of the Planning Commission. Dunn's successor will be appointed by the Township Board.

Area couple seeks killer of dog

A Shaw Lake Road couple who kept their dogs in a pen during firearm deer season discovered one missing on New Year's Day in Yankee Springs Township, only to later find it dead from a gunshot wound, according to a report by the Barry County Sheriff's Department.

The couple were unable to look for the dog due to heavy, falling snow New Year's Day evening, but found the dog's body the next morning in the woods behind a neighbor's home, police said.

They told police a dead tree branch had been pulled over the dog in an apparent attempt to conceal its body.

Police have no suspects and the incident remains under investigation.

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MEAP report shows continued improvement

Schools to be known as 'TK,' not 'Middleville'

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Board of Education last week Monday decided that the school district should be known as Thornapple Kellogg rather than Middleville.

The board a resolution that henceforth the designation for teams, stationery and district identification will be "Thornapple Kellogg," instead of Middleville.

Board member Gary Van Elst began his discussion by saying there is a need for a consistent identity for the schools. He asked that any new uniforms, stationery or signs reflect only the Thornapple Kellogg identity.

He asked that the "M" in the football stadium be removed and replaced with the cement "TK" to be installed by Boy Scout Ben McDuffee.

Head varsity football coach Tim Penfield, however, reminded the board that the local teams are identified in the media by both the school name "Thornapple Kellogg" and location "Middleville."

There is also symbolism and tradition attached to being from Middleville, as well as Thornapple Kellogg, he said.

Nonetheless, the board approved the change.

In another matter, Assistant Superintendent Midge Pippel presented the Board of Education last week with graphs showing continued improvement at the high school level in the proficiency test, part of the Michigan Education Assessment Program.

Pippel said there have been changes in the test, but "it is a good tool that makes us all more accountable."

Among the changes are a reduction in the length of the test from 100 to 75 minutes and a change to testing in April from January for the eleventh grade.

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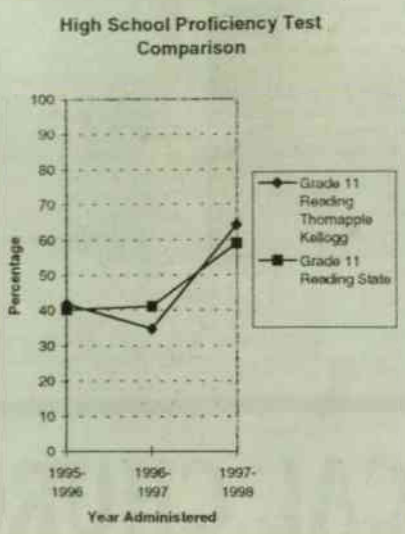
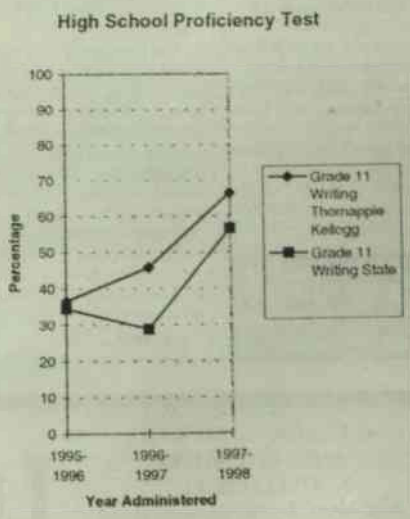
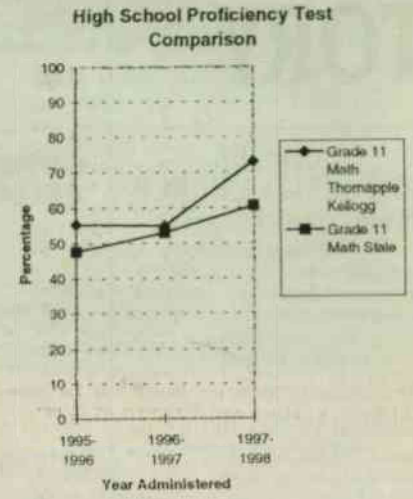


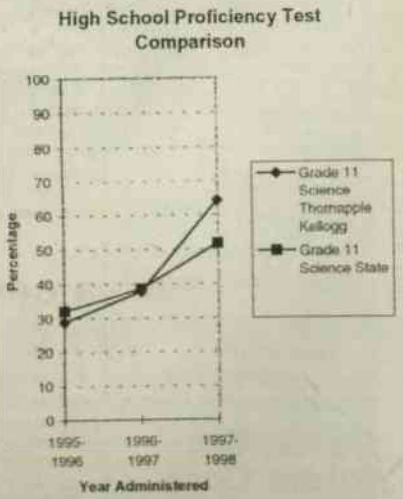




The high school is now eighth in writing in the Kent Intermediate School District. While 151 students took the test last year, Pippel reminded the board that the results being compared are not for the same students.

In other business, the board:

- Changed the date of an upcoming special meeting to Jan. 18 from Jan. 25.
- Approved paying bills in the amount of $1,404,085.16 and construction costs of $934,928.12.
- Received a report from the Thornapple Kellogg PTO that the 1998 fund-raiser made about $41,000. The PTO has distributed $13,000 to each elementary school.
- Was told that the middle school fund-raiser begins on Feb. 5. The PTO has begun planning for the 1999 fund-raisers and is interested in hearing from parents before the vote in April.



Caledonia Library transfer OK'd by Village Council

The Caledonia Village Council Jan. 8 approved presenting a proposal or offer to transfer the village's interest in the library to Caledonia Township.

The council defined one stipulation in the proposal, that if the township sells the building, it will be obligated to provide another library building for area residents within a two-year period following the sale. Otherwise, the agreement would revert back to a stated compensation to the village for its interest in the building.

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Caledonia seniors announce two upcoming fund-raisers

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia High School seniors plan to have fund-raisers for class activities during the next two Saturdays.

The seniors will sponsor a steak fry from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, at the American Legion Hall No. 305, located on M-37 in Caledonia.

People coming for the event will be served a rib-eye steak, a baked potato, salad, roll, dessert and beverage. The meal will cost $10 and a raffle will be held. The drawing from raffle tickets will put 50% into the senior class coffers and 50% into a pot that will go to the winner.

It will be possible to order take out, and raffle ticket holders can win without being present.

Caledonia patrons at three local filling stations also will be served by Caledonia senior class members Saturday, Jan. 30. Customers will have gas pumped and windshields washed for them at the Crystal Flash, Amoco and Marathon stations from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m. Though the service is free, seniors hope to raise money through donations.

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While deployed, Eggleston's ship participated in the multinational exercises Matador Livex '98, Fancy and Dynamic Mix '98 and supported operations Deliberate Force and Imminent Anvil. During the deployment, Eggleston's ship had the opportunity to visit Bahrain, Crete, Greece, Israel, Italy, Sicily, Spain, Turkey, and the United Arab Emirates where crew members participated in community relations projects in th host countries.

USS Supply's main mission was to support the fleet through underway replenishment. The ship transports bulk petroleum products from shore depots directly to other auxiliary ships or combat forces underway. Eggleston's ship is capable of carrying more than 150,000 barrels of fuel, 625 tons of ordnance, 360 tons of dry provisions, and 60 tons of refrigerated foods. USS Supply gave battle group commanders the capability, flexibility and mobility to sustain deployed forces under way for long periods.

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Hillman-Peetz exchange vows

On Nov. 14, 1998 Nathan Hillman married Alexandra Peetz, a native of Munich, Germany. Nathan's father, who is pastor of Redeemer Covenant Church in Dutton, performed the ceremony with vows being spoken in both English and German.

Nathan's sisters, Rachel and Sara Hillman, were bridesmaids, and Daniela Kos from Italy, friend of the bride, served as maid of honor. Groomsmen included Bret Sherfinksi, Mark Stone, and Mark Gentry, all of Madison, Wisconsin. Ushers were Brian Adam and Don Filcek.

Alexandra is a nurse who has served in the past with Mother Teresa's Sisters of Charity in India, and has also worked as a nanny in both Ireland and Scotland, prior to her nursing job in Cambridge.

Nathan is awaiting final acceptance into a Ph.d. program in Germanic Studies and historical linguistics at the University of Wisconsin. The couple is currently residing in Madison, Wisconsin.

'Village Players' dinner theater set for next month

The Middleville Village Players will have their annual dinner theater production on two consecutive Friday and Saturday evenings, Feb. 19 and 20 and 26 and 27 at the Middle Villa Inn.

They will perform the melodrama "Curse You, Otis Crummy," written by Tim Kelly.

Scheduled to perform are Doug Brinks as Diabolical Bill, Brent Dietiker as Big Slim, Patty Higley as Tangerine Souffle, Mike Bremer as title character Otis Crummy, Claudia Coffman as Effie Frump, Dick Reyff as Banker Goofus Birdsong, Helen Wingeier as Old Mother Hubbard, Julie Coon as Cheerful Goodykoontz, Kevin Wiltrout as Sheriff Claud, Suzanne McIntyre as Miz Kitchencupboard, Marc Moma as Lawyer Mugglesworth and Carolyn Newman as Mrs. Muchmoney.

This year's production is being co-directed by Cheryl Cravero and Darlene Schellinger.

The events will start at 6:30 each evening with a social hour.

Cost for each dinner and show is $20. Call the Middle Villa at 795-3640 for reservations.

Caledonia Library plans 'Cook-A-Book' January 21

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia Public Library will be host for a combination of books and food with "Cook-A-Book" at 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 21.

Sponsored by the Kent District Library, the program has been cooked up to satisfy the literary taste buds of anyone ages 7 and up.

Book related recipes will be made and sprinkled with a pinch of delicious tales. Great stories, "pizza" poems and songs about food will be featured. Recipes also will be shared for tasty treats that may include snowbound hot chocolate, moose muffins, ants on a log, or rainbow fish Jell-O.

Those who attend will make their very own chef hat to take home and wear when preparing their own gourmet feasts.

Registration is required for this food and book program. For more information and to sign up, call 891-1502.

Meanwhile, the "Let it Snow" adult winter reading club is in full swing. Join the club and read 10 books by March 31 to receive a commemorative mug. The mugs have become collectibles with different designs each year.

This is the eighth year for the club. Last year's club had a record 3,074 participants.

Readers will be eligible for a drawing for some prizes by taking the "reading challenge" and reading five additional books.

The 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.

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

TK grad earns master's degree

Nathan Hillman, a 1991 graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School, recently received a master's degree in Anglo-Saxon,, Celtic and Old Norse from Cambridge University in England. He graduated in December 1995 from the University of Wisconsin with a double major in german and Scandinavian Studies, having spent his junior year in Freiburg, Germany. When Nathan returned home from England in October 1998, he brought his fiance with him.

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Caledonia missionary asking for soccer gear donations

Elizabeth Rogers, a former Caledonia graduate doing missionary work in Ghana, West Africa, is helping set up soccer teams for children there.

She says there is a desperate need for soccer uniforms and equipment. Most of the children don't even own a pair of shoes.

She and friends in Caledonia are trying to help fill this need, and are asking community residents to make donations of clothing, soccer uniforms, equipment, shoes and shin guards. AYSO uniforms would be great, she said.

All contributions will be appreciated and put to good use. There are drop boxes available at each of the schools, and at the administration office at Caledonia High School.

An alternative drop location is at the Alaska Baptist Church. Items will be collected through the end of January.

For more information, call Cindy Pell at 868-6700, extension 302.

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A fall of 1999 wedding date has been set.

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Gun Lake getting ready for Winterfest Jan. 29-31

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Gun Lake Winterfest is set for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 29, 30 and 31, with a special potluck wiener roast and bonfire at noon on Jan 31.

Organizers say it promises to be lot more fun than continuing the cabin fever.

Winterfest Chairwoman Bea Beaulieu is inviting area individuals and businesses to turn in their auction items by Wednesday, Jan. 27. The auction is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 30, at 4 p.m. and it will feature fun items and gift certificates. Beaulieu said she hopes the auction will be a reflection of the entire Gun Lake community.

There will be lots of free parking at the Winterfest site next to the Amber Inn on Chief Noonday Road.

Highlights Saturday include the Chili Cookoff, which takes place at O'Neil's Restaurant on Chief Noonday Road and the Polar Bear Dip, scheduled for the Allegan County Park on Patterson Road.

Beaulieu would also like to hear from any individual or group who will be able to volunteer during the Winterfest celebration. Volunteers are coming from local scout troops, the Chamber of Commerce and the Gun Lake Women's club, but more are needed.

Final plans for the raffle are in place and the grand prize of a trip to Las Vegas has begun to attract ticket buyers. Also being raffled are a television and a bicycle.

Some of the activities in this year's Winterfest require pre-registration. Teams interested in playing in the broomball tournament must call Alex at 672-5886.

Winterfest organizer Bea Beaulieu and Gun Lake Chamber of Commerce Treasurer Barb Holoweiko are deep in plans for this fun, family event on Jan. 29-31. They need more items for the auction. Individuals and businesses can drop off donations at the Amber Inn on Chief Noonday or at the Chamber offices at ERA Dynamic Real Estate on Patterson. Call 792-0864 for more information.

The cost is $50 per team. Boomball is an exciting and fast-paced game with 15-person teams, brooms and a ball.

There is a $5 registration fee for the Little Prince and Princess contest, with a $25 savings bond as a prize. Call Beaulieu at 792-0864 for details.

"I hope that some of those who love their snowmobiles will want to show them off," Beaulieu says. "Unless at least 20 people pre-register for the snowmobile parade at 7 p.m. we will have to cancel this event."

The teen dance on Friday night (Jan. 29) at 7 p.m. is only $1.50 per person. Pizza by the slice will be for sale. The adult dance on Saturday costs $5 a couple and will feature surprise entertainment.

From 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday the new site at the Amber Inn will be rocking with clowns, children's activities, a Gun Lake Women's Club Bake Sale, the bathing suit fashion show at 2:30 p.m., the Tug of War finals at 3:15 p.m. and the auction at 4 p.m.

At the Allegan County Park at 3 p.m. brave souls will show their goosebumps following the Polar Bear Dip.

Broomball competition starts at 8 a.m. and will continue until one team is left standing as the winner.

The chili contest at O'Neil's benefits the Barry County Commission on Aging. Cooking starts in the morning with tasting beginning at about 3 p.m.

Tasters buy tickets at 50 cents each. Last year the Chili Cookoff raised $1100 for the COA.

For information about this year's Winterfest, call Bea at 792-0864, or the Gun Lake Chamber of Commerce at 792-2219. For the Chili Cookoff, call O'Neil's at 795-3600.

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Recent bad weather forces TK schools to close

Thornapple Kellogg schools were closed on Wednesday and Thursday, Jan. 13 and 14, due to roads drifted shut, very low wind chills and concerns for safety.

Snow began to fall late Tuesday night, which left more than five additional inches on top of the more than two feet of snow already on the ground from the storms at the beginning of the year. Much of this snow drifted had across rural roads, some of which were not cleared until late Wednesday or early Thursday.

Assistant Superintendent Midge Pippel said, "We are really concerned about the safety of the children waiting for the bus each morning. There have been days when a traffic accident across the road may delay the bus to bus stops. It is just too cold for children to wait outside."

Monday, Jan. 18, originally was scheduled as "Records Day" for teachers with no school for students. It was changed to half a day to provide time for exams. Teachers then had half the day to finish turning in grades.

The new semester began Jan. 19.

Up to this point the snow days have not lengthened the school year, but some adjustments will have to made to the exam schedule for the high school.

Evening events also were canceled last week due to the school closings. Additional weather related closings will cause the end of school date to be adjusted.

Pippel reminds parents to watch the television news programs or listen to the radio for closings. Calling the schools or bus garage only causes confusion and the information is often not available.

Area School Lunch Menus

Thornapple Kellogg School Lunch Menu
Wednesday, Jan. 20
Tacos/soft shells, lettuce, cheese, refried beans, pears, graham crackers.

Thursday, Jan. 21
Chicken gravy on mashed potatoes, carrots, w.w. bread, jello, fruit.

Friday, Jan. 22
Pizza, peas, fruit juice, bars.

Monday, Jan. 25
Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, broccoli, w.w. bread, peaches.

Tuesday, Jan. 26
Spaghetti, meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic toast, peaches.

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. 20
Bagel with cream cheese and jelly, juice, milk.

Thursday, Jan. 21
Breakfast pizza, juice, milk.

Friday, Jan. 22
Pancake sausage on a stick, juice, milk.

Monday, Jan. 25
Waffle sticks, ham slice, juice, milk.

Tuesday, Jan. 26
Cold cereal, fruit crescent, 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.

Child Care Providers talk about 'cabin fever'

Middleville Area Child Care Providers received their January newsletter recently.

They tackled the topic of cabin fever. Even children suffer from this effect of a lack of sunshine and fresh air. Some ways to help fight this offer for the next few months, are to keep a few lights on during the day, adding brightness to the house and to open windows once in a while to allow fresh air into the house. In many cases, people begin to breathe recycled air by the beginning of February, causing a lack of oxygen in the body, making us more tired.

Child Care Providers also plan a special large meeting in April with lots of craft ideas to keep child care children busy throughout the summer months ahead.

Licensed child care providers who want to be on the mailing list and want to update openings may call Vickie Rick at 795-9461. The group offers this referral service to parents in the community as a free service.

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Motorists encounter house blocking road

A modular home delivery to Green Lake Road went astray Thursday as the driver of the delivery truck was unable to negotiate a turn from southbound Shaw Lake Road north onto M-37 at about 4:42 p.m. blocking the roadway for about 45 minutes. The driver said he missed his road in Middleville and realized it as he traveled south on M-37 south of Middleville. As he tried to turn around to head toward Middleville, the load was too wide to make the turn, he said, and his cab became buried in a roadside snow pile. Michigan State Police rerouted M-37 traffic around the rig via Shaw Lake Road, though some southbound semis were forced to wait until Rudd's No Preference wrecker was able to pull the heavy rig out of the jam.

Fund is established to help victims of recent fire

This home at 207 Emory St. in Middleville is a compete loss following a fire on Jan. 5. The First Baptist Church has established a fund to help the Richardson family cope with their loss.

The First Baptist Church of Middleville has established a fund for area residents interested in helping the Richardson family.

The Richardsons lost their home to fire in Middleville Tuesday, Jan. 5. The family is staying with relatives and immediate needs have been met.

Family members are storing items salvaged from the fire in the undamaged building next to their home. The fire damaged home will be removed down to the foundation and a new home will be built on the site this spring.

Donations can be sent to the Richardson Fund, First Baptist Church, 6215 N. M-37 Highway, Middleville 49333.

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Caledonia Village Council looks at business license fees

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Discussion last week by the Caledonia Village Council over business license fee charges led to no final decisions, but indicated a longer, more informed discussion later would be a good idea.

Trustee Chuck Audy made several points, including:

• If there is an ordinance governing business licences, it is important to be able to enforce it uniformly and across the board.

• If an ordinance can't be enforced, it is better not to have it.

• If there were reasons to have the ordinance, he wanted others to explain them.

Audy said that basically he is opposed to government controlling private businesses.

Village President Daryl Penfold asked how the village would enforce a business license ordinance equally, and observed that only the people who volunteered to pay the fees already were paying it. He said the administration costs more than the $1 fee collected, and it should be raised if it was to be continued.

Trustee Janice Soules said enforcement of other issues could be achieved by granting the license based on conformity to various standards.

Trustee Dan Erskine said licenses to trash haulers had helped the village have some input into the way they did their work.

Chemical dumping in the sewer was another area easier to monitor when there was a business license.

Audy said this already was covered in the sewer ordinance, and later added that zoning ordinances also covered types and uses of businesses. He commented that public comment would be useful. He said if enforcement was labor intensive, it might not be cost effective to charge the fees.

Penfold said he thought the sewer ordinance would cover enforcement of sewer matters, and trash haulers could be governed in other ways, zoning rules could control the types of businesses allowed and the Health Department would see that healthy practices were followed in restaurants.

Treasurer Shirley Wabeke explained there could be some monitoring of the types of businesses in the village limits if this became known through the application for a business licence, and though zoning governed types of businesses and certain industrial uses, this practice would make each business more apparent.

She added that the license fees could be entered into the computer for periodic billing.

No date was set for continued discussion of the issue.

Freshmen Scots keep on winning

Nick Slot scored 13 points, Steve Yanesik 11 and Russ Kietzman 10 in a 53-32 Caledonia High School freshman basketball contest against Godwin Jan. 12.

The victory makes the Fighting Scot cagers 6-1 overall and 3-1 in the OK-Gold.

Caledonia jumped off to a great start, out-scoring Godwin 14-2 in the first quarter.

The Scots led 23-16 at the half and 37-24 after three quarters.

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Caledonia coping with rugged winter of '99

The Caledonia road truck, driven by Roger Loring, has been operating with only a belly blade and no front plow.

The Caledonia Public Library has been heavily patronized in spite of the piles of snow surrounding it.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Intermittent snows and chilling winds have conspired to bury area residents an inch or two at a time since Jan. 1.

Schools have been closed two or more days in each of the first two weeks so far this year.

While Caledonia village streets were being kept open last week, snow has been piling up on sidewalks, often resulting from no shoveling at all and or thoughtless clearing of driveways.

When schools have not been closed, village children were often forced to walk in view impaired roads, sharing the slippery streets with busy motorists, a dangerous situation at best.

Village Trustee Dan Erskine commented at the last council meeting that people need to make an effort to clear their sidewalks, a citizen's responsibility.

Roger Loring, a driver for Caledonia's Department of Public Works, has been keeping village streets open with a truck that has only a belly blade. The plow from the old truck was once believed to be adaptable, but cannot be made to fit. Smaller DPW trucks with front plows have been filling in.

Village officials on Jan. 8 approved gathering bids for a front plow for the new truck. They will request the loan of a county plow, something they have been able to work out in the past, though both options do not offer much hope because of area-wide demand with recent heavy snowfall.

Snow accumulations began to eliminate places to push any more snow at the end of the first week. Loaders had come in to clear the snow banks from village streets at least twice by Jan. 15.

Public road crews and private plow contractors have been working long shifts, some almost around the clock.

Meanwhile, numerous cautions to homeowners were issued from different agencies and experts:

- Keep the sidewalks clear (from the village).
- Keep fire hydrants shoveled out in case of fire (from the township).
- Keep those house number signs near the road clearly visible. (from the fire department).
- Keep a path open to mail boxes so carriers can deliver the mail. (from the post office).
- Keep garbage containers nearer to the road. (from trash removal companies).
- Keep garbage containers away from road edges. (from the road crews).
- Keep a path open to the fuel tank (from fuel delivery companies).
- Keep the roofs clear of heavy accumulations with a roof rake (from the hardware).
- Stay stocked up with supplies in case of being snowed in. Supplies may include food, beverages, candles, batteries, alternate heat source and fuel, extra gasoline and more.
- Keep heat tape on pipes exposed to low temperatures.

During the work week, people experienced a grueling routine. They burrowed out of their homes and driveways in darkness, returning after hours in heavy, slow moving traffic. Some residents arrived home in darkness to find a barricade of snow across their drives, and mail boxes marooned several feet away from a new road boundary.

Rural mail carriers valiantly tried to charge through the chunky snow to deliver their appointed bundles. Occasionally mail boxes were knocked over by a road truck whose driver was trying to make it easier for mail carriers.

Garbage haulers waded through the snow to white humps where the cans used to be. In other places they found garbage containers overturned and strewn by the plows.

It's really hard for a homeowner to keep up. Many Caledonia homes are a long way off the road, requiring hiring a plowing contractor, or for owners to have their own snow removal equipment.

Another task for rural residents is to gouge a passage to their fuel tank, which runs low quickly in the low temperatures. Roofs need clearing, too, to avoid the danger of collapse. A roof rake can help remove snow safely, without actually getting on the roof.

Winter has been hard on many, but not much harder than on the Kang family whose Blue Dragon restaurant had a ceiling collapse after equipment failure from the cold.

Many people couldn't get their snow blowers to start in the cold. Many tried to shovel to beat the darkness, lifting too much weight and twisting in stressful ways. Metro Health Doctor Ann Breitweiser says back complaints have increased recently.

Traffic accidents were mostly minor collisions, or slips off the road, due to slow movement of traffic. TV stations cautioned drivers to take various precautions on slick roads in icy temperatures:

- Keep wheel wells of cars cleared to avoid brake failures.
- Drive a more slowly.
- Keep plenty of distance between cars.
- Add weight to the back of the vehicle.
- Carry extras in the car, including warm clothing, boots, gloves, hat, scarf, a shovel, a bag of sand or kitty litter, a car phone, a blanket, a candle and container, matches, an emergency cone, a light, a flashlight, batteries and enough food to last until the next thaw.

(That just about added up to the extra weight needed in the back of the car.)

People followed that advice and have been stocking up, if you ask local businesses. Midway into the first week of January, many stores had sold out of snow shovels and salt and windshield scrapers.

Caledonia Rent-All owner Tom Purdy said his business had a lot of requests "to rent Bob Cat equipment or anything that will remove snow," he laughed.

Caledonia Hardware owner Bob Bodary said they had four shipments of snow shovels and roof rakes. They had sold several pallets of salt and sand. They have also run out of snow blowers more than once. He said now the suppliers are even running short of supplies.

He said, "If I had known about this in advance, I'd have started stocking up on shovels last summer."

Country Turf has also run out of snow blowers a couple of times.

Auto repair shops say low batteries often go dead in weather this cold, and there has been a run on batteries. Amadeus Motor has had an unusual number of customers needing batteries, snow tires and tune-ups. But they say they never run out of supplies.

In the remote possibility that anyone has any time to enjoy the snow, perhaps cross-country skiing, or snowmobiling is an option for staying near home. Sub-zero wind chill factors created the hazard of frostbite in the first two weeks of the big snow.

The trackless ice on many lakes testified to the reluc-

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Caledonia Twp. Planning Commission elects officers

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

After the resignation of Chairman Dick Dunn, the Caledonia Township Planning Commission elected Roger Keating as his successor, Deb Steketee as vice chair and Ric Parent secretary at its Jan. 8 meeting.

Other committee assignments were not made.

In regular meeting business, following discussion of a request by Paul E. Emerson for rezoning 2.29 acres from agricultural to C-2, general business, Emerson pressed for a decision rather than tabling and the commission voted to deny his request.

Reasons given were that the rezoning would be inconsistent with the master plan, that the kinds of uses in a C-2 area need to have utilities that were not shown to be available there, and the same conditions exist presently as when the applicant purchased the property.

Emerson wanted the commission to commit to a date for a decision, something he had asked for last year, in July, but was also was refused at that time.

The property is located on 68th Street, about three-fourths of a mile east of M-37. Emerson included a plan to build office space, though no specific project was being proposed. Emerson believed using a septic system would be adequate for the uses the building would require.

In July, plans to rezone the general area according to a realistic evaluation of the needs and resources there prompted commissioners to postpone the request so that the entire area could be dealt with as a consistently planned area rather than trying to handle each request as a separate zoning issue.

The 1989 master plan presently in effect for the area would allow for low density residential use, though it is zoned agricultural. The best guess at that time would have been that high density residential use with the infrastructure to support it would have been the next step. Commissioners usually like to see a gradual transition from residential to commercial areas.

However, Foremost, just north of the parcel, and other property, just feet away from the applicant's, are zoned for commercial uses. No one is assuming that the new master plan will necessarily be either residential or commercial, until all the information is available for making wise decisions.

Steketee expressed an opinion that as long as future airport north-south runway use was still indefinite, a decision about the zoning could not be made.

The new chairman, Keating, said that with all the pressure from businesses wanting to develop commercial property along M-37 and along other major roads, some decisions would have to be made based on information that was available, perhaps before the airport's final plans were known.

Keating said some commercial uses require public sewer. Current guidelines for rezoning generally would not allow an exception. Commissioners seemed to agree the definition for C-2 zoning must be applied consistently and not be based on an exception for one parcel.

Commissioner Patti Cress commented that she would have preferred a moratorium on the issue until more details could be discussed, and the new master plan was completed, but was willing to honor the applicant's wishes.

A discussion of the importance of finalizing plans for that area of the township resulted in renewed commitment to follow the time line set up on Planner Tim Dolehanty's work plan for creating the master plan. An assessment of their progress will be revisited at the next meeting.

Dolehanty mentioned it might be time to schedule time for public participation, by town meeting or use of surveys.

The commission approved a new request by Thomas Tasker to rezone from rural residential to general business, C-2.

Tasker plans to put in an auto sales business, with an emphasis on leasing. He expects to have no more than 15 to 20 vehicles on the site at any time, and most would be stored from between three and 10 days.

The property, located on M-37 near Kraft, includes one lot of eight-tenths of an acre and another lot that now has a house at the south, with a sewer connection.

Jim Steketee of Steketee Development Co. said since Tasker owns parcels to the east, west and south, and the sewer district was very close, the chances of connecting to the sewer system were good. It was not yet known if enough sewer units were available, however.

Joining the lots would mean the size of the whole would fall within present zoning. The small lot has a septic system, but working out the details to fall into compliance would be undertaken at each step of the process of building.

Dunn, still sitting on the commission, said he would like to see the owner sit down with the planning commissioners to work out a high quality plan that observed setbacks and other concerns.

Planner Dolehanty gave several reasons why approval of the request could be given. He said:

1. It was consistent with the General Development Plan.

2. Rezoning was consistent with the development trends in the area.

3. Significant conditions and changes in the area were already under way.

4. Construction of the South Beltline and Broadmoor were taking place.

5. The subject parcel was in the right location for the uses proposed.

6. The site plan would be linked to landscaping requirements for a positive impact on the community.

Approval was given based on the reasons in Dolehanty's statement.

Before adjournment, Deb Steketee mentioned a new approach to conservation development with a different kind of reward system offered to developers for incorporating certain features into their planning and developments. - Saginaw County has some areas of public sewer, with about 80% in agricultural use. She said there were other examples of creative solutions in various conservation development projects that the commission might want to look at.

A speaker to cover some of these topics might be scheduled for sometime in March.

Middleville man makes dean's list

Shane Michael Doorn

Shane Michael Doorn of Middleville was named to the dean's list for the most recent term at Northwestern College in Lima, Ohio.

Students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale in order to be eligible for the academic honor.

Doorn, the son of Ted and Nancy Doorn of Middleville, earned a 3.67 gpa. He is enrolled in the auto diesel program at Northwestern.

Area students get UM degrees

Three area students were candidates for degrees this winter at the University of Michigan.

The students, their home towns, school attended at the U of M and type of expected degree were:

• Kendra Erin Weatherhead of Middleville, College of Literature, Science and the Arts, bachelor of arts.

• Steven E. Douglas of Caledonia, College of Architecture and Urban Planning, master's in architecture.

• Benjamin Charles Schafer of Caledonia, College of Engineering, bachelor of science in computer engineering.

Varsity volleyball squad making great strides

The varsity volleyball team for Middleville continues to make great strides as evidence by its play the last two weekends.

Coach Cindy Middlebush's Lady Trojans followed a pool play championship performance two weeks ago at Byron Center with a second place pool play effort last Saturday at the Grand Rapids Baptist Tournament.

"The girls really did a nice job," Middlebush explained. "We've improved in the passing game and now we need to work a little more on our attacking."

Middleville lost to West Catholic 15-6, 15-9 in championship play Saturday, but played solidly throughout the tourney.

Hillary Stone led the Lady Trojans with 18 kills and Payshence Erb also came up big in the hitting department with 15 spikes.

Teri Schondelmayer was sharp in the serving category with 7 aces and a 97 percent success clip.

At Byron Center, Jeannette Scheerhorn had 16 kills and Laura McKinley passed for 32 assists.

The varsity spikers will be back on the court Thursday for a league, home match versus Coopersville.

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Village may ask to continue Caledonia Twp. billing service

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia Township assistance in billing some village residents in Glen Valley Estates for sewer service has worked so well that village officials may ask the township to continue the service in the future.

The help was offered because of the short handed village staff and inadequate records and materials needed for the billing. There is no village manager or village clerk at present, and the backlogged information to be recorded in the general ledger is being entered with work progressing well.

Glen Valley residents usually would have received two bills, but instead only had to deal with one combined bill, which Village Trustee Tim Noordhoek said most residents appreciated.

Trustee Janice Soules said that in the emergency situation, accepting help was understandable, but she insisted the village should handle its own billings in the future. Trustee Dan Erskine agreed.

Trustee Chuck Audy asked, "Anytime there is an opportunity for units of government to combine functions to save time, effort and costs, why wouldn't you want to do it?"

He said this would leave time to take care of other responsibilities.

Village President Daryl Penfold asked if the option of hiring a private company or outside contractor to handle the billing and payroll would be possible if it turned out to be less expensive and more efficient. He asked how that would be different than hiring the township to do the billing.

"If it is more efficient, could we consider that idea?"

Treasurer Shirley Wabeke said there was a control issue underlying the question.

"If you still get the money due to the village anyway, you aren't giving up control by giving up billing."

Penfold mentioned that the tax bills might be another area that would be efficiently handled by the township. He said both were going through an identical process and both doing the same job. Residents could pay one combined bill with one check for both.

Soules said she was against such an idea, and asked why a village should exist if the township was going to do everything.

Penfold said he was tired of hearing the insinuation that working with the township was an effort to dissolve the village.

"The village decided four years ago and didn't want it then."

"Dissolution is difficult. (Michigan) House Bill 54-37 is 150 pages of how to do all the things required to end all the things legally in place and in operation. That is more trouble than I care to tackle," he said.

Wabeke said consideration of this option "is an attempt to streamline operations and use taxpayer dollars more efficiently."

She also said the village must decide soon if they would ask the township to handle the tax bills too.

Penfold said the township would handle the sewer bills between now and June 30 to cover the period of the changed fiscal year. The village and township would need to work together to decide how to handle this if it was to continue into the next fiscal year.

He said if the responsibility was handled by the township, all costs associated with the process would be tabulated and billed by the township. An adjustment would be made to the treasurer's salary at around $8,000 to reimburse the township. Interest accrued would be counted and transferred to the village. If there was no overall reduction in cost there would be no reason to do it, he said.

Another overlapping of responsibility is between the schools and the village with water and sewer, for which the village has been billing the schools.

Village officials approved having Penfold working with township officials in the process of handling land splits within the village so that the transaction meets all state and local level requirements on size, zoning, setbacks, etc. Costs and fees are charged to the applicant.

Another matter the council clarified was a confused definition of two sewer committees. The Sewer Committee includes people from both the township and the village who deal with utility matters related to the sewer treatment plant. The Storm and Sanitary Sewer Line Replacement Committee is one village committee.

There are not separate Storm and Sanitary Sewer Committees.

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Thornapple Township raises question about LDFA

The Thornapple Township board last Monday night (Jan. 11) discussed the Local Development Finance Authority proposed by the Village of Middleville.

Members of the Township Board tabled the issue about whether to be a part of it or opt out until their Jan. 25 meeting. They said they have questions about how the LDFA will affect the fire levy. In the LDFA, some taxes on industrial property can be captured and used for specific infrastructure improvements.

These "captured" taxes are on increases in valuation. For example, if a business makes improvements which increase the taxable value of the business from $100,000 to $120,000, the LDFA would "capture" the taxes on the $20,000. The are no new taxes levied on homeowners, only on those companies within the industrial zoned property within the village.

Among the projects that might be done through the LDFA are a second bridge over the Thornapple River or road improvements to upgrade Main Street and Grand Rapids Street to better handle increased truck traffic.

Questions about how this "capturing" process would affect the township were raised at the township meeting Jan. 11. Middleville Village Manager David Arking and Council Member David Newman attended the meeting to answer questions.

The township has until Feb. 8 to make a decision whether to opt out of the LDFA.

Snow canceled the quarterly meeting originally scheduled for Jan. 4. The board has rescheduled the meeting for Jan. 25 at 1 p.m. in one of the meeting rooms at the Middle Villa Inn.

The vote on the LDFA will be one of the items on the agenda. Arking hopes to attend the meeting to answer any questions the board may still have about the LDFA before the vote.

In other business the board approved the sale of the old fire truck to high bidder Bob Wenger for $2,450.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Middleville Village Council will hold a special public hearing to hear public comments on the proposed FY 1999 village budget at 6:30 p.m. on January 26, 1999 in Council chambers at 100 E. Main St., Middleville, MI 49333. The proposed budget will be available for public inspection at the village offices located at the same address beginning January 21, 1999. Questions or comments may also be directed to the Village Manager at 616-795-3385.

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Middleville Council ok's changes in Misty Ridge plans

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Middleville Village Council last Tuesday night approved changes to the proposed Misty Ridge residential development.

Developer Tom Burgess presented council members with an overview of the changes. He said the plan returns to the asphalt curbs originally proposed, but does include cement curbing at the entrance boulevard and islands.

The new plan has an additional 500 feet of roads and some other changes. There was also a discussion of landscaping and trees in this planned unit development (PUD).

The first phase of 28 homes in the development was approved.

Council also approved a special use permit request by Jim Robertson for a garden service center at 114 River St. (the former Babylon Hair Salon). Outdoor storage will be limited to 200 square feet behind an opaque fence.

In other Village Council business last week:

• David Newman told fellow council members that the Thornapple Trail Association has made a request to the village to sponsor a proposal for a Michigan Department of Transportation grant. The grant would be used for paving the village portion of the trail and an additional $50,000 suggested by Arking would be used for a bathroom, storage and picnic area.

After some discussion it was agreed that Thornapple Trail Association President Michael Gormley, Arking and members of the Parks and Recreation Committee would refine the request and bring it to council at the Jan. 26 meeting.

The deadline for applying for the grant is Feb. 1. The trail association and village must be partners in this request.

• In other trail news, it was reported that the final lawsuit has been resolved, so the entire trail now can be opened.

• David Storms from the Barry County YMCA presented a proposed contract for recreational programs. Storms noted that baseball and softball, the summer playground program and open gyms were included in the plans. He added that the recreation programs reached about 250 children and adults living in the village.

The council discussed the contract for mowing the grass at the Crane Road Recreation area and decided that volunteers under the supervision of Mike Bremer can do the mowing. The YMCA has had the lawn mower serviced and the bullet holes repaired. As soon as the weather breaks, Bremer can pick up the mower and have it ready for the first game this spring.

The board approved the $2,575 payment for the recreation programs.

• Village Manager David Arking reminded residents to keep their sidewalks shoveled and to keep their vehicles off the streets so that the snow plows can keep the roads clear.

• Council President Lon Myers praised the Department of Public Works employees for valiant efforts during the prolonged snow and cold spell.

• Police Chief Louis Shoemaker reported on activity in the department. There has been a steady decline in the number of reported crimes from 2004 in 1996 to 1812 in 1998.

Drunk driving arrests are also down, which the chief attributes to the attitude of his officers. Middleville is known as the place where the police have the attitude "will write tickets for speeding and drunk driving."

He also reported that the part-time officer will be ready to accept the "awesome responsibility" of patrolling on his own in late February or March.

The chief thanked the council for not raising the speed limit since he can find someone speeding anytime and anywhere.

• Resident Dorothy Corson asked the council to be aware that there are snowmobilers congregating on Johnson Road and not following the trail.

Myers told her that there will always be violators whenever there is snow. The chief said the police department would have the area included in patrols.

The next meeting of the Middleville Council is on Tuesday, Jan. 26. It will begin with a budget hearing at 6:30 p.m. with the regular meeting beginning at 7.

Fourteen local students make dean's list at Hope

Fourteen area students have been named to the dean's list for the first semester of the 1998-99 school year at Hope College.

To be named to the list, students were required to earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The students, grouped by hometowns and class levels, were:

• Alto — Seniors Kelly L. Smith and Adam D. Paarlberg and sophomore Jennifer L. VanDyke.

• Caledonia — Seniors Annalise L. VanWyngarden, Jill S. Leatherman, David J. Uyl, Kevin T. DeKam and Patrick N. Stegeman; juniors Kirsten E. Slotten and Tara J. Blacquiere and freshmen Susan R. DeKam and Charles M. Kroll.

• Middleville — Senior Curtis E. Brinks and freshman Michael D. Pott.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA PLANNING COMMISSION
1999 SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND WORKSHOP SESSIONS

The Charter Township of Caledonia Planning Commission will meet in regular session on the first Monday of each month except for July and September when the meeting is scheduled for the second Monday. The Commission will also meet for workshop sessions on the third Monday of each month. Unless otherwise noted in advance, all Planning Commission meetings will be held at the Caledonia Village/Township office building, 250 Maple St., Caledonia, Michigan beginning at 7:30 p.m. Scheduled meeting dates for regular meetings and workshop sessions are as noted below:

Regular Meetings		*Workshop Sessions*	
February 1, 1999	August 21, 1999	February 15, 1999	August 16, 1999
March 1, 1999	September 13, 1999*	March 15, 1999	September 20, 1999
April 5, 1999	October 4, 1999	April 19, 1999	October 18, 1999
May 3, 1999	November 1, 1999	May 17, 1999	November 15, 1999
June 7, 1999	December 6, 1999	June 21, 1999	December 20, 1999
July 12, 1999*	January 3, 2000	July 19, 1999	January 17, 2000

Special meetings of the Planning Commission may be called and will be preceded by a posted notice of at least 18 hours in advance of the meeting. Scheduled meetings may be canceled or rescheduled due to lack of quorum or other circumstance. Individuals with disabilities may request auxiliary aids and services for the meeting by contacting the Township Clerk at (616) 891-0070.

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Synopsis of regular meeting
VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE

Synopsis of Minutes
Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE COUNCIL OF MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN
December 22, 1998

The regular meeting of the Council of Middleville, Michigan was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Lon Myers in the Council Chamber of the Village Hall.

Members present: Mr. William Nesbitt, Mr. Floyd Bray, Mr. Lon Myers, Mr. David Newman, Mrs. Marilyn VandenBerg. Mr. Michael Lytle and Mr. William Kenyon. None absent.

Minutes of the December 8, 1998 meeting were approved as read as were the minutes of the Special Meeting held December 17, 1998. The agenda for this meeting was approved as well.

Mr. Gregg Anderson of Earth Tech presented his monthly report on the operation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. He reported that high discharges of nickel had been read from Bradford White and efforts were underway to correct the problem.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Mr. Lytle made a motion to pay the invoices dated December 22, 1998 in the amount of $56,743.96. Mrs. VandenBerg supported the motion. Motion carried.

2. Mr. Newman made a motion to adopt a "Pre-Budget Spending Continuance Resolution" to spend amounts not to exceed 4% of the budget until the 1999 budget is adopted. Mrs. VandenBerg supported the motion. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes. Motion carried.

3. Tabled the suggestion to take bids on an old gasoline pump for its sale.

4. Approved a bid of $72,650.00 for the purchase of a 1999 Ford Sterling Truck from the Dutton dealership which can provide the truck in three weeks. The motion was made by Mr. Bray with support from Mr. Nesbitt. The motion carried.

5. Placed the annexation of the new Middle School Property on the agenda for consideration at the January 12, 1999 meeting.

6. Adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m. at the motion made by Mr. Bray with support from Mr. Newman and a unanimous vote of the Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Roselle Havens, Village Clerk

The complete text of the Minutes of the December 22, 1998 meeting may be read at the Village Offices during weekdays between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M.

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TOWNSHIP OF YANKEE SPRINGS
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO: 01-99
ADOPTED: 1-14-99
EFFECTIVE 1-27-99

TO: THE RESIDENCE AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF YANKEE SPRINGS, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON 1-14-99, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE AND ZONING MAP OF YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP BY THE REZONING THE WESTERN 4.37 ACRES OF LAND IN SECTION 17 ON THE WEST SIDE OF BRIGGS ROAD AND SOUTH OF BOWENS MILL RD. FROM THE "AGRICULTURE" TO THE "RURAL RESIDENTIAL" ZONING DISTRICT, AND TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH, AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE EFFECTIVE DATE OF THE CHANGE.

THE TOWNSHIP OF YANKEE SPRINGS ORDAINS:

SECTION I

THE WESTERN 4.37 ACRES OF PARCEL ID. NO. 017-005-30, LOCATED ON THE WEST SIDE OF SOUTH BRIGGS ROAD AND SOUTH OF BOWENS MILL ROAD, IS HEREBY REZONED FROM THE "AGRICULTURE" TO THE "RURAL RESIDENTIAL" ZONING DISTRICT.

SECTION II

REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES AND EFFECTIVE DATE

ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH ARE HEREBY REPEALED. THIS ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT EIGHT DAYS FOLLOWING PROPER PUBLICATION OF ITS ADOPTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO MICHIGAN PUBLIC ACT 297 OF 1996.

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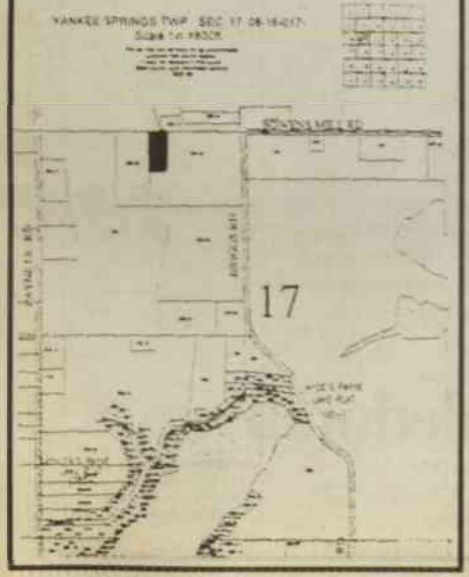

THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP
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THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP
Special Meeting
January 5, 1999

Meeting convened at 1:10 p.m.

Board members present - 5. Absent - 5. Road Commission members present - 4.

Road Commission will be getting a 6 wheel drive road grader.

The earliest major work will be done on Whitneyville Rd. in the year 2001-2002. This year they will work on Garbow Road west of M-37 and probably Cherry Valley Road.

Condition of Parmalee bridge was discussed. The bride is structurally sound.

Centerline paint list was provided to the Township.

Dust laying will again be done on gravel roads.

Some discussion was held on availability of asphalt.

Meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

Submitted by,
Donna Stagray, Clerk
Attested to by,
Donald E. Boysen, Supervisor

(A complete text of township minutes is available during regular office hours at the township offices.)

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Summary of Minutes
VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

Summary of Minutes of the
Regular Meeting of the
VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA
January 11, 1999

The regular meeting of the Caledonia Village Council was called to order by President Penfold at 7:07 p.m.

Present: Noordhoek, Wabeke, Kusmierz, Audy, Penfold, Oaks, and Erskine.

Correction in 12-21-98 Sewer Comm. Meeting Minutes, Kusmierz was also present.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Motion carried.

Labor Committee 6:00 p.m. and Budget Workshop 7:00 p.m. Monday, January 18, 1999.

Business License Fees: Sent back to committee for further study.

Health Insurance: Moved to renew the insurance for our DPW employees. Motion carried.

Library: Moved to sign and return the agreement to the Township, with one addition. If the Township sells the present Library building and land, the Township may retain the proceeds of such sale provided that previously, or within a period of 2 years after the date of such sale, they shall have purchased, constructed, or otherwise acquired a replacement Library building. Motion carried.

Sewer Committee: Moved to have the Joint Sewer Committee with the Township to remain the same. Storm, Sanitary, and Replacement to have one combined committee. Motion carried.

Land Split: Motion to authorize President Penfold to check into this and to do whatever is necessary to have this taken care of. Motion carried.

Regular Council Meeting Schedule for 1999: Moved to have these meeting dates remain the same. Motion carried.

Legal Advertising Rates: Table this for further study.

Sewer Billing: Moved to have the Township continue to mail out billings for the residents of Glen Valley through our fiscal year which is June 30. 6 yes. 1 nay. Motion carried.

Sidewalk Snow Removal: Notices should be sent out, as our children are having to use the roads to walk to school.

Front Blade for Village Snow Plow: Roger is to check into availability and price and report to the Council as soon as possible.

Adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Thornapple Twp.
BOARD MEETING

Synopsis of Minutes
THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP
Board Meeting
January 11, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by supervisor.

Board members present - 7. Others present - 8.

Agenda approved as printed.

Minutes of December 14th meeting approved.

Printed bills for $19,986.66 approved by roll call vote.

Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

Discussion on Local Development Finance Authority. Motion carried to table decision.

Quarterly meeting to be held Monday, January 25th at Middle Villa at 1:00 p.m.

Clerk opened four bids for 1971 Ford fire truck. Motion carried, by roll call vote, to accept highest bid of $2,452.00.

Motion carried to remove $10,732.34 from Ambulance Accounts Receivable.

Zoning Administrator's report accepted as presented.

Emergency Services Administrator's report showed 17 fire calls, 41 ambulance calls, 2 combinations. Two emergency services personnel have resigned.

Cemetery report accepted as presented.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 p.m.

Submitted by,
Donna Stagray, Clerk
Attested to by,
Donald E. Boysen, Supervisor

(A complete text of township minutes is available during regular office hours at the township offices.)

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YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO THE RESIDENTS OF YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Yankee Springs Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, January 21, 1999, commencing at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall located at 284 N. Briggs Rd., to conduct the following business:

1. ZOC 99-01-01. A request by the Township Planning Commission to amend the Township Zoning Ordinance to allow cellular towers in the "Agriculture" Zoning District by Special Exception Use Permit. Article II would be amended to include definitions of a "Wireless Communication Facility" and a "Wireless Communication Support Structure". Article III Section 15.3.2 would be amended to include "Wireless Cellular Communication Facilities" as a Special Exception Use in the "Agriculture" Zoning District. Article IV would be amended to include the requirements of a "Wireless Cellular Communication Facility" including:
   - A. The required size, in square footage, and road frontage of the proposed parcel for the supporting structure and its equipment.
   - B. The type and height of the supporting structure.
   - C. The type of lighting to protect the supporting structure.
   - D. The size of accessory building to house the equipment in conjunction with the supporting structure.
   - E. The removal of the supporting structure when it is no longer in use.

   Copies of the proposed text will be available at the Township Hall during regular business hours, after January 6, 1999.

2. ZOC 99-01-02. A request by the Township Planning Commission to amend Article XVIII, "Zoning Board of Appeals", of the Township Zoning Ordinance as follows:
   - Sec. 1 - Establishes the Zoning Board of Appeals.
   - Sec. 2 - Defines membership requirements for the members of the ZBA, including an alternate member.
   - Sec. 3 - Defines the conditions under which the alternate member may temporarily replace a member of the ZBA.
   - Sec. 4 - Restricts the member from the Township Board and the Planning Commission from also being an officer of the ZBA.
   - Sec. 5 - Defines the terms of office of each member of the ZBA.
   - Sec. 6 - Defines the method of filling vacancies on the ZBA.
   - Sec. 7 - Defines "Conflicts of Interest" involving the ZBA member.
   - Sec. 8 - Defines the authority of the ZBA to act on requests for variances.
   - Sec. 9 - Defines the limits of the ZBA's authority to act on variances.
   - Sec. 10 - Describes the method of making a request for a variance.

   Copies of the proposed text will be available at the Township Hall during regular business hours, after January 6, 1999.

3. Such other business as may properly come before the Planning Commission.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Zoning Ordinance will be available for inspection at the office of the Township Clerk, 284 N. Briggs Rd., during regular business hours and will also be available at the time of the public hearing. Written letters of comment will be accepted until the start of the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Planning Commission reserves the right at or after the public hearing, to make changes in the proposed amendments to the ordinance.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township will provide to individuals with disabilities, necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services may as may be required, upon 5 days notice to the Township Clerk of the need for the same.

All persons are invited to be present at the aforesaid time and place to participate in the discussion of the above proposal(s).

Al Schwennesen, Secretary
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LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE
Funny single white female, 18, 4'5", 110lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, music, travel and sports, seeks a single white male, 19-25. Ad# 7877

MUST BE NICE
You have to meet this tend-hearted single black female 35, 5'3", 130lbs., if you're a caring, sensitive male, 40-45, who enjoys swimming, running, the outdoors and keeping active. She's waiting for your call. Ad# 9838

PARTY ZONE
An outgoing, friendly single white female, 18, 5'3", brownish-blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys rollerblading, horror movies, spending time with friends, seeks single male, 18-21. Ad# 7755

WATCHING SUNSETS
Call this caring, sensitive single white female, 28, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who likes horseshoes, canoeing and snowmobiling. She seeks an emotionally stable single white male, 35-45, 6', with similar interests. Ad# 8737

MOVE FAST
Sincere, caring widowed white mom of two, 29, 5'3", 130lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, music, old movies and reading, seeks a dependable, open-minded single male, 28-50, who will accept her children. Ad# 9837

A MAN WITH A PLAN?
This sweet, dependable single white female, 34, 5'3", 115lbs., with blonde hair, blue eyes, is looking for a friendly single white male, 30-42, to share activities, coffee and conversation. She also enjoys gardening, bowling, rollers, cooking and movies. Ad# 7151

COUNTRY LIVING
This attractive, kind-hearted, easygoing single white female, 69, 5'3", with brown hair and hazel eyes, non-smoker, enjoys music, cooking, crocheting and more. She is seeking a caring, honest, kind single white male 68-73, with similar interests. Ad# 8240

WHY NOT TAKE A CHANCE
Sweet and sincere divorced white female, 60, 4'10", 120lbs., is a broken-hearted brunette, loves flea markets, fishing and cooking. She is looking to meet a kind, compassionate single white male, 55-70, for companionship. Ad# 1709

WAITING FOR YOU
Attractive, professional single white female, 34, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys country music, golf, billiards, crosscountry skiing and fishing, seeks a quality single white male, 45-57. Sun Lake area. Ad# 7318

WATCH THE SUNSET
Outgoing single white mom, 36, 5'7", with blonde hair and green eyes, who loves going to the beach, bowling, dancing, movies and meeting new people, is in search of a single white male, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 9902

DEFINITE POSSIBILITY
Outgoing, nice single black female, 29, 5'5", full-figured, who enjoys bowling, movies and sports, would like to meet a caring single male, 25-38. Ad# 9936

COMMON GROUND
Bubbly single black female, 33, who loves listening to music and reading, is looking to meet a humorous, independent single black male. Ad# 9678

WHAT A FIND
Single Native American female, 35, 5'3", 170lbs., with dark hair and green eyes, who enjoys spectator sports, bowling, fishing, roller skating and dancing, would like to meet a single, romantic male, over 48, for friendship. Ad# 9750

OPEN-MINDED
Athletic single white female, 20, 5'6", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, sports and music, wants to meet an honest single male, 18-26, for friendship. Ad# 7847

ROMANTIC MOMENTS
Considerate, loving and devoted are ways to describe this single white female, 31, 5'6", 210lbs., who likes dancing, movies and taking walks. She is looking for a kind-hearted and loving single white male, 22-36, to share mutual interests. Ad# 9771

LET'S MINGLE
Camping, fishing, dining out and movies are mentioned in this single white female, 48, 5'9", full-figured, with brown hairdress. She's looking for a single white male, 40-60, with similar interests. Ad# 8040

IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO CALL
Fun, romantic, widowed white female, widowed Native American female, 50, 5'3", 117lbs., with dark hair and green eyes, who loves dancing, shooting pool and going to the pow wows, seeks a single black/Hispanic male, 48-65, for friendship. Ad# 8921

IRRESISTIBLE
Divorced mom, 36, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys cooking, bowling, dancing and sports, is looking for a single white male, under 45, who enjoys children. Ad# 7578

SO SENSITIVE
Humorous single white mom, 32, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys children, movies and sports, is looking for a single white male, 25-40, who wants a serious relationship. Ad# 8049

MARVELOUS
Here is a funny, yet serious single white female, 18, 5'1", with dark hair and hazel eyes, who likes sports, working out and writing poetry. She is seeking a sweet and kind single white male, 18-26. Ad# 8061

ON IMPULSE
A love for all aspects of life is possessed by this single white female, 30, whose interests are camping, fishing, hunting, boating and going to the movies. She is searching for a single white male, 25-40, who is caring, honest and compassionate. Ad# 8470

STILL HOPEFUL
Sincere, humorous single white female, 30, who enjoys sports, listening to music and dining out, is seeking an honest, trustworthy single white male. Ad# 9983

LET'S MINGLE
Professional single white mom of two, 52, 5'4", who enjoys cooking, baking, sewing and reading, is seeking a humorous single white male, over 45, to share time with. Ad# 7963

BE FAITHFUL TO ME
This divorced white mom, 38, 5'6", with brown hair and green eyes, enjoys music, camping and seeks a family-oriented single white male, 29-37. Dads are more than welcome. Ad# 8046

A WISH FOR YOU
This bubbly and outgoing single white female, 31, 5'7", full-figured, with shoulder-length hair, is seeking a single white male, under 40, to enjoy wood working, art, nature walks, dancing and more with her. Ad# 8021

AWAITING YOU...
is this thoughtful divorced Asian mom, 27, 5', 102lbs., with black hair and eyes, who enjoys movies, cooking and dancing. She is looking for an honest, thoughtful and caring single white male, 37-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8802

THE PERFECT TIME
Easygoing single white mom of two, 36, 5'4", with hazel eyes, who enjoys fishing, bowling and riding motorcycles, would like to share life with a sincere single male, over 36. Ad# 8082

SUNNY DAYS
Single white female, 20, 5'3", 130lbs., a brown-eyed brunette, who enjoys sports, dancing, hunting and the outdoors, seeks a friendly, fun single white male, 25 or under. Ad# 9389

COUNTRY LIVING
Sincere, outgoing single white female, 44, 5'9", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys the country, horses, antiques, movies, bicycling and more, seeks a caring, loyal single white male, 38-50. Ad# 8618

STEP INTO HER LIFE
Love and warmth come your way if you meet this single Hispanic female, 21, 5'6", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who likes spectator and watching movies. A romantic single Hispanic male, under 35, to share some quiet times is her desire. Ad# 8042

EVERLASTING LOVE
Short and sassy, she's a divorced white female, 56, 5'2", with dark hair and eyes, social drinker, who enjoys fishing, antiques, writing and poetry, seeking an honest, sincere single white male, 50-70, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 8122

ROMANTIC TYPE
Widowed white female, 56, 4'11", dark hair/eyes, who enjoys dining by candlelight, traveling, quilting and going to the casino, wishes to meet a balanced, single white male, 50-69, who is a gentleman. Ad# 8979

DELIGHTFUL DATE
If you are an intelligent, outgoing, fun-loving single white Christian male, then call me. I am a caring single white female, 26, who likes dining out, walks along the lake, roller skating. Ad# 9091

THE QUEEN NEEDS HER KING
Excited to be alive, this articulate divorced white female, 48, 5'8", with a full figure, brown hair and eyes, enjoys interesting, living crafts, reading and stock car races. She wants to meet a romantic single white male, 40-58, for companionship. Ad# 7041

SWEET AS PIE
Single white female, 46, with red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys home life, music and movies, seeks a kind, intelligent, romantic single black male, under 51, non-smoker/drinker, who is easygoing, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 9951

GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY
Realize love this time around with this divorced white mom of three, 32, 5'7", 150lbs., with auburn hair and brown eyes, who enjoys music, movies, quiet times with friends, nature, simple life. She desires a gentleman, 33-39, to start with dating and go from there. Ad# 9317

GREAT QUALITIES
Single white female, mom of one, 40, 5'6", 180lbs., who enjoys spending time with family and friends, dining out and meeting new people, is seeking an honest single white male, 37-50, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 7310

CAN WE MEET?
Laughter can bring a smile to the face of this single white female, 29, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who loves bowling, camping, dancing and candlelit dinners. She hopes to get in touch with a caring and sensitive single white male, 28-38. Ad# 9084

LET ME GET TO KNOW YOU
You'll feel romance in the air when meeting this single white mom of one, 25, 5'5", 107lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys ice skating, sports, movies, dancing, classical and pop music. She seeks a sportsmanous single male, 18-55. Ad# 7222

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Single white female, 22, 5'5", full-figured, with long blonde hair and hazel eyes, is seeking an open-minded male, 18-35. Ad# 9447

HOW DO YOU FEEL?
A woman who will give her heart and soul to make a relationship work is this single white female, 23, 5'8", with brown hair and eyes, who would like to meet a very loving single black male, over 22. She is also into walking, camping, long walks and family time. Ad# 9910

SHARE IN HER DREAMS
You'll find more than attraction in this sweet and happy single black female, 50, 5'9", 130lbs., who likes children, music, cooking, going to the beach and romantic times. She wishes to meet a very respectful single black male, 49-52. Ad# 8021

PRETTY BROWN EYES
Understanding single black female, 36, 5'7", likes reading, horseback riding and walking in the rain. She seeks single male, 33-48, to share fun times and conversation. Ad# 7347

ARE YOU FOR HER?
If you need a little fun in life, then meet this kind-hearted single white female, 40, 5'3", full-figured, with blonde hair and blue eyes, who searches to find a generous single gentleman, 34-60. She likes sports, bowling, camping, music and dining out. Ad# 9291

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Single white mom, 35, 5'7", 125lbs., with strawberry-blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys going to church and spending time with her children, seeks a single white male, 30-40. Ad# 7208

YOU NEVER KNOW
Vibrant single white professional female, 36, 5'6", 127lbs., who enjoys the great outdoors, exotic and exciting, outgoing single white male, 32-50, with a positive outlook on life. Ad# 9131

ARE YOU THAT SPECIAL MAN
Then call this fun and loving single white female, 43, 5'3", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys reading, biking, swimming and nature walks. She searches for a sweet, honest and big-hearted single white male, 44-60. Ad# 8144

ANY TRUE GENTLEMAN LEFT?
May all your wishes come true by meeting this single white female, 27, with black hair and brown eyes, who searches for a single black male, 27-35, to share quality time together. She enjoys cooking, medical shows, children and dancing. Ad# 7911

ONE HAPPY LADY
Friendly and sincere, with good morals, is this single white female, 62, 5'5", with salt and pepper hair and brown eyes, who searches for a non-smoking, pleasant single white male, under 68. She is into movies, dining out, golfing and bowling. Ad# 7184

IN STORE FOR A FUN TIME
You're headed toward happiness when you meet this single white female, 38, 5'3", with reddish-brown hair and blue eyes, who looks forward to meeting a true gentleman, 32-34. She is into creative writing, biking, going to the lake and billiards. Ad# 7453

ON THE LEVEL
Single white mom of two, 24, 5'4", 190lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single male, 24-28. Her interests include taking long walks and all types of music, movies and more. Ad# 8932

WHERE ARE YOU?
She is a sentimental single white female, 42, 5'5", 140lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who likes concerts, dancing, movies, her cats and candlelit dinners. She hopes to meet an employed, outgoing, active single white male, 28-40. Ad# 9960

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WARM AND SENSITIVE
Caring single white female, 45, 5'2", 145lbs., enjoys golf, football, bowling and dancing. She seeks an honest, caring single white male, 45-56, who'll like doing things together with her. Ad# 9176

JUST YOU AND ME!
Happy single white female, 18, 5'8", 175lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys music, baseball and basketball, seeks an honest, faithful single male, 19-28. Ad# 8199

FOR COMPANIONSHIP
An attractive, slender, friendly single white female, 60, who likes travelling, the outdoors, sports, easy listening music and country living, is seeking a professional, physically fit, sincere single white male, 50-65. Ad# 7982

YOU TELL ME
Widowed white female, 60, 5'2", 135lbs., with long dark hair and blue eyes, enjoys singing, sewing, sports and more. She is seeking a single white male, 58-66. Ad# 7588

NEW TO THE AREA
Single white female, 28, 5'7", 150lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys autumn walks, sports, bowling, fishing, camping, movies, karaoke and more, is seeking a single white male, 25-40, who has similar interests. Ad# 8002

SOLID VALUES
Hardworking single white female, 48, 5', with long hair and brown eyes, who enjoys motorcycles, camping, travel, hockey and reading, is looking for a fun, sensitive, physically fit male, 36-50, with similar interests. Ad# 7604

EMERALD EYES
Professional single white mom of one, 40, 5'6", 130lbs., with auburn hair and green eyes, enjoys quiet times, dining out and traveling to the Caribbean, is seeking an educated, professional single/divorced black male, 35-55. Ad# 7590

ON THE LEVEL
Single black female, 34, 167lbs., with long hair, who enjoys reading movies, music, walking and basketball, is seeking a fun-loving single male, 32-50. Ad# 8084

IN SEARCH OF YOU
Single white mom of one, 36, 5'3", 230lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys the beach and picnics in the park, is seeking an honest single white male, 30-40. Ad# 9672

MOTIVATED
This fun single white female, 24, 5'4", full-figured, with brown hair and eyes, loves the outdoors, painting and going to the beach. She is seeking an honest and intelligent single male, 24-38, for friendship. Ad# 8622

SOMEONE LIKE YOU
Single white mom, 22, 5'5", with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys dancing, movies, bowling, dancing and going to the movies, is seeking a single black male, 22-25, to spend time with. Ad# 9196

RESPECTING EACH OTHER
Get to know this single white female, 18, 5'8", 160lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who loves her car and music. She would like to meet a respectful single Hispanic male, 18-27. Ad# 8006

GOAL-ORIENTED
Single white female, 20, 5'8", with brown hair and hazel brown eyes, I'm independent and a student, who enjoys sports, travel, amusement parks, dancing and bowling. I'm seeking an employed, athletic single white male, 18-28, with good sense of humor. Ad# 7295

SHARE HER DREAMS
Single white mother of one, 26, 5'5", 160lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys the beach, camping, country fairs, dancing and horseback riding, seeks a single white male, 26-32. Ad# 9547

THE BEST OF THE BEST
This single white female, 31, 5'10", 170lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white female, 39-50, 5'2"-5'6" under 125lbs., to enjoy biking, canoeing and more with him. Ad# 9005

GREAT QUALITIES
If you're an open-minded single white female, 32-46, give this witty single white male, 40, 5'10", 180lbs., a chance. He won't be disappointed! His interests include riding dirt bikes, billiards, guitars, dancing and anything to do with you! Ad# 9796

DREAMS COME TRUE
Employed single white male, 38, 6'3", 195lbs., with strawberry blond hair, blue eyes and a great personality is SEO, an honest, grandhearted single white female, 35-42. Some of his interests include muscle cars, the beach and amusement parks. Ad# 8074

MAKE A WISH FOR ME
Professional, honest single white male, 30, 5'8", 145lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys sports, is seeking a romantic, honest single white female, 25-35, for companionship. Ad# 8768

BE THE FIRST TO CALL
Nice, smart and hardworking describe this single white male, 31, 5'10", 170lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He likes going to the movies and having a good time. He's looking to meet a single white female, 24-35, with similar qualities. Ad# 8266

GIVE ME A CALL
Professional single white male, 29, 6'2", 165lbs., who enjoys bowling, horseback riding, walking and cuddling, seeks a brunette-haired, single white female, 21-35, children welcome. Ad# 7866

LOVES KIDS
Family-oriented, caring single white dad, 29, 6'2", with hazel eyes, hopes to settle down with a faithful, kind single white female, 19-40. His hobbies include bowling, horseback riding, canoeing, movies, dining out and more. Ad# 9617

DEVOTED
Kind, outgoing single white male, 31, 6', with hazel eyes, a non-smoker, enjoys horseback riding, camping, holding hands and cuddling. He seeks a long-term relationship with a faithful, lovable single female, 18-36. Ad# 7162

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Spend some quality time with this physically fit, energetic single white male, 38, 5'11", with strawberry blond hair, who enjoys hunting, fishing and sports. He's looking for an outgoing single female, under 40, with a positive outlook for the future. Ad# 8003

ONE ON ONE
Outgoing, kind single white dad, 29, 6'2", with light brown hair, who enjoys the outdoors and more, is seeking a single white female, to spend time with. Ad# 7608

LET ME COOK YOU DINNER
He's an outgoing and honest single white male, 36, 5'11", 170lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys fishing, camping and sitting by a warm fire. He wants to meet a single white female, 26-42, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8665

TAKE IT AS IT COMES
Laid-back single white male, 46, who enjoys woodworking, the outdoors, horseback riding and scuba diving, is seeking a warm-hearted, honest single white female. Ad# 8231

ONE OF A KIND
Easygoing single white male, 44, 5'11", 155lbs., whose interests include the outdoors, watching videos, oil painting and playing cards, is seeking a caring single white female. Ad# 9151

SHOW ME THE WAY
Friendly single black male, 29, 5'2", 195lbs., seeks a single white female, 18-46, who loves living life to the fullest and meeting new people. Ad# 8944

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DISCOVER ME
He's a professional single white dad, 39, 6', 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, a slim build, who enjoys art, the beach, spending time with his kids, boating and more. He's looking for a petite, humorous, single white female, 25-45. Ad# 8361

GET READY FOR FUN
Leave a message for this pleasant single white male, 24. He's looking for happiness with an outgoing, sincere and friendly single white female, under 28, who would enjoy sharing friendship and fun. Ad# 9044

CHECK THIS OUT
Professional single white male, 35, 5'11", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, playing golf and hockey, would love to meet an attractive, single white female, 25-40, to share time, interests and activities. Ad# 8352

FOLLOW YOUR HEART...
And it may lead to this honest and open single white dad, 28, 5'7", 150lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys family time, movies, dancing and beach walks. He seeks an attractive and petite single white female, 25-35, who can make him laugh. Ad# 7890

YOU CAN'T GO WRONG
Single white dad, 28, 5'11", 230lbs., with dark hair and green eyes, who is a native single white female, 28-35, who enjoys rollerblading and the outdoors. Ad# 9410

TO THE POINT
Get together with this outgoing, self-employed single white dad, 29, 5'11", 190lbs., with dark brown hair, who enjoys sports and time with his kids. He's looking for a single white female, 25-40. Ad# 7918

MUTUAL DEDICATION
Just show him some love and he'll go out of his way to make you happy. This big-hearted single white father, 32, 5'9", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, fishing, camping and family times, he seeks a caring single white female, 25-37. Ad# 9129

NICE GUYS DO EXIST!
Sensitive, single white male, 25, 5', 170lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is searching for a single white female, 21-33, who enjoys working on cars, movies and listening to music. Ad# 7480

ABLE TO COMMIT!
Outgoing, easygoing single white male, 40, who enjoys walking for dogs, outdoor activities and sports, is looking to meet a nice, honest, sincere single white female. Ad# 7682

YOUNG-AT-HEART
A talkative, retired single white male, 53, 5'8", who likes the outdoors, motorcycles, camping and sports, is seeking a kind, compassionate, unemployed single white female, with similar interests. Ad# 8730

A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS
Romantic, easygoing single male, 34, with blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys quiet evenings, dancing and movies. He is looking for a sincere, slender and easygoing single white female, 18-35, who enjoys a night at the beach and more. Ad# 8638

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Friendly single black male, 29, 5'7", 190lbs., with short black hair and brown eyes, enjoys out and movies, seeks a single white female, 18-40. Ad# 8892

IN SEARCH OF YOU
Professional single white male, 34, 5'9", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys socializing and reading, is looking for a honest single white female, under 25. Ask for 9011

NEW BEGINNINGS
Professional divorced white dad, 40, 6'4", 190lbs., with sandy blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, hunting, fishing and camping, NASCAR, sports, tennis, golf and more, is looking for a single white female, 30-40, for friendship first. Ad# 7196

SHY AT FIRST...
But once he comes out of his shell, he is loads of fun. This single white male, 24, 5'9", with blue eyes and long blond hair, likes horseback riding, four-wheeling and going to the movies. He is seeking a single female, 19-35. Ad# 7581

YOUR WISH & MINE?
I am a pleasant European widowed white male, 35, 6', 200lbs., who enjoys classical music, travel, dancing and cooking. I would like to meet an attractive, affectionate, educated, independent, single white female, 55+. Ad# 7367

SICK OF BEING SINGLE?
Shy, at first, this single white male, 24, 5'9", 150lbs., with long blond hair and blue eyes, warms up fast. He enjoys dining out, bowling, bull riding, movies, spending time with friends and seeks a serious relationship with a single female, 18-30. Ad# 9831

IT COULD HAPPEN
Fit, unique single white male, 27, who enjoys traveling, flying hot air balloons, sports and spending time with friends, is looking to meet a trustworthy, honest single white female. Ad# 9023

HONESTY COUNTS
Single white male, 27, who enjoys dancing, bowling, movies and candlelit dinners, is looking for a happy-go-lucky, caring single white female. Ad# 9764

LONELY TOO LONG
He longs for the good, honest life. This fit single black male, 48, 6'2", likes going to church, walking, billiards and nature. He seeks an educated, caring single white female, 36-48. Ad# 7672

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Fun-loving single black male, 29, 6'2", 195lbs., who enjoys movies, dining out, sports and music, is looking a friendly, single white female, 18-46, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 7947

WANT TO GO OUT WITH ME?
Single white male, 24, 5', 150lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, a good conversationalist, who likes walking, rollerblading, bull riding, fishing and hunting. He is looking for an honest single female, 18-30, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 7432

TAKE THE PLUNGE
Fun-loving, employed single white male, 34, 6'3", 200lbs., with blond hair and green eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, music, dining, socializing and dining out, is hoping to meet a sweet, romantic single white female. Ad# 7030

NEW HORIZONS
Outgoing and kind-hearted, single white male, 43, 5'9", 198lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, camping, NASCAR, gardening and seeks a single white female, 35-45. Ad# 9915

SOMEONE LIKE ME?
Self-employed single white male, 54, 5'7", 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who is outgoing and fun-loving, is looking to meet a single white female, 37-50, who enjoys the beach, dancing, dining out, tennis, sailing and travel. Ad# 8851

MUST BE HONEST
Check out this single white male, 30, single Hispanic male, 33, 5'10", 175lbs., with black hair and brown eyes. He's a sensitive, humorous guy who treats others as he'd want to be treated. He wants to meet a single female, 21-46. Ad# 7561

GET IN TOUCH
He'll be good to you, so make sure you call this single white male, 31, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He likes hunting, fishing, dancing and wants to meet a single Hispanic female, 40-70. Ad# 7060

ONE WOMAN MAN
I promise you all my love and devotion. I'm a open-minded widowed white dad, 34, with brown hair and blue eyes, who loves fishing. I would like to meet an honest, caring single female, for a wonderful relationship. Ad# 8856

THE JOYS OF LIFE
Fun-loving, sincere single white man here! He's a single white male, 50, 5'10", with brown hair and eyes, who likes restoring classic cars. His hope is to meet a good-natured single white female under 50 for dating. Chances in spur of the moment activities. Ad# 9546

MAKE IT POSSIBLE
Confident single white male, 41, 5'9", 151lbs., with sandy brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking an educated, happy single white female, under 44. He enjoys nature, water skiing and traveling. Ad# 9813

ALMOST SMILING
To make this single white male, 25, 5'11", 198lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, a happy man, you have to be an outgoing single white female, 23-36, with a sense of humor and good conversations and be ready to call him. Ad# 9544

BE HONEST
Single white dad, 37, 5'11", 165lbs., with blond/brown hair and blue eyes, hopes to hear from a goal-oriented single white female, 21-34, who likes building model cars, motorcycles, painting and staying home. Ad# 8674

FEEL AT EASE
With this spontaneous, outgoing single white male, 38, who likes dining out, billiards, dancing, long walks and candlelit dinners, relationships, easygoing single white female. Ad# 7936

HAVE YOU SEEN THE LIGHT?
I am an educated, sincere, kind, but shy single white male, 41, 5'9", with brown hair and eyes, who likes long walks, camping, biking, the arts and museums. My hope is to find a slender single white female, under 40, who is kind-hearted and sincere. Ad# 8082

SPEND TIME WITH ME
He's an outgoing, friendly single white male, 44, who is fun to be with. He likes the art of painting, cooking, playing cards and wants to meet a very loving, single white female. Ad# 8830

HOW ABOUT YOU?
Single white dad of two, 42, 6'2", 180lbs., who enjoys hunting, fishing, biking and camping, wants to meet an honest, petite single white female, 36-40, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 8736

OUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE
A new start on life is offered to you by this single white male, 38, 5'10", 200lbs., who loves deer hunting, fishing and anything outdoors. He hopes to meet a very honest and sincere single white female, 25-31, with good family values. Ad# 9509

NEVER KNOW
You should appreciate when you meet this bold, 32, 5'7", 180lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, who likes fishing, sports and picnics. He wants to find a caring, SF, over 25, to share times, talks and good times with. Ad# 7994

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Hardworking, outgoing, witty single white dad, 36, 5'10", 180lbs., with black hair and hazel eyes, enjoys line dancing, hunting, fishing and spending time with kids. He seeks a single white female, 18-31, preferably with children. Ad# 9858

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Outgoing single white male, 28, 6', with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys listening to music, bringing and movies, is looking an outgoing, living single white female. Ad# 8892

QUIET TIMES
Outgoing, giving single black male, 36, who enjoys jogging, the outdoors, boating and cooking, would like to meet a kind, affectionate single black female. Ad# 7589

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Vanderslik development causes Yankee Springs board concern

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Dave Vanderslik reviewed his proposed seven-lot development for members of the Yankee Springs Township Board of Trustees at its Jan. 14 meeting.

This property has been in litigation for several years and copies of a court judgment were received for review by the trustees at 5 p.m. on the day of the meeting.

Vanderslik tried to ease concerns expressed by trustees about wetland preservation, access to the lake and use of common areas of these properties. The lots are located on Bruce Drive, which has been relocated and renamed Bayview.

Vanderslik also has applied to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality for a permit to finished the 2,000-foot boardwalk, of which only 632 feet has been completed to date.

Vanderslik will return to the next Township Board meeting, which will allow trustees time to review the mound of paperwork included in the court decision.

In another matter, the Township Board turned down a request by the Barry County YMCA for payment for recreation services provided to township residents. The YMCA was asking for $432, which is an increase over the $200 the township paid last year.

Trustees said they were concerned that few residents took advantage of the programs offered by the Y, that many of the programs charged a participation fee already and that the Y received funds from the United Way.

Dave Storms from the YMCA said he hopes to talk about Y programs with trustees at a later date.

In other Yankee Springs Township business last Thursday night:

• Roads were a hot topic during the meeting. The trustees approved a special assessment for Lighthouse Court, where six of the seven homeowners signed petitions for paving.

Board members also reviewed the report of the Barry County Road Commission for recommendations for road repair in the township. The board approved work for Lakeside Drive, Oakwood Drive, Island Drive, Oakleigh and Cobb Lake. This is estimated to cost slightly less than $62,000. This is for work in the 1999-2000 budget.

Bob Herold also suggested completing the work on Cobb Lake Road with funds from the 1998 budget. Completion of this would make the township No. 1 in paved roads of all the townships in the county.

• Wingspread Inc of Augusta was awarded the bid for the sewer system improvement on the Patterson Road extension. This is being paid for by a block grant for Middleville Tool and Die.

OMM Engineering did a reference check of Wingspread and recommended that its low bid of $154,886 be approved.

• Frank Fiala and Bruce Cook were appointed to the Planning Commission. They replace Jim Spykerman and Rennie Brokob.

Fiala had served on the Zoning Board of Appeals and now the Township Board is accepting applications for the open position on the ZBA.

• Trustees approved paying bills in the amount of $34,260.31 This includes $1,020 to McKenna and Associates for work done in November and $246 for work done for the township in December.

• Board members discussed the possible need for a new roof and the need to clear away icicles which have formed. If a new roof is installed, more insulation will be added.

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Caledonia streets were cleared and snow hauled out twice in the past two weeks.

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tance of ice fishermen to hang out on the ice for very long in those temperatures, at least until the past weekend.

Many found a way to enjoy staying indoors by joining the "Let it Snow Book Club" and library employee Jim DeWald says it seems like a great many more books than usual are being checked out this year.

Neighborliness is another cold weather option, should anyone be bored by cabin fever.

Township Supervisor Bill Johnston suggested that if people know of neighbors with health problems or who are aged, this would be an opportunity to help clear their drive, sidewalk, fire hydrant, mailbox, fuel tank, or some other errand which would help out.

In cases where the cold hit the hardest, people are often the most helpful. The ceiling collapse inside the Blue Dragon Restaurant the first week in January proved such an example. Many acquaintances showed up the same day to secure the electricity and broken plumbing and help clean up the building after cold winds and snow caused an equipment failure resulting in the collapse of a ceiling inside the restaurant.

Mison Kang, daughter of Blue Dragon owner Midoo Kang, said they are rebuilding. Repairs are in progress, with drywall, ceilings and plumbing being worked on last week, and electrical repairs scheduled for the week of Jan.18.

People are helping the wildlife in their yards and woods and have been buying wild bird and animal foods. Karen Coleman of the Pet Place said different mixes of seeds and feeds are made up for different birds and animals. It's best to know which birds you will be feeding.

She said small animals and even deer will appreciate lots of different fruits and vegetables, such as corn, apples and carrots. These things will help them survive the cold and difficulty for finding food in the heavy snow.

A cheerful outlook about the snow might result in knowing it could have been much worse. There have not been more fire emergencies or EMS calls than usual because of the weather. One call by a shoveler on Jan. 13 turned out not to be a major problem., according to Erskine, who works with the fire department.

If local snowfalls are compared to the current snow measurements in Buffalo at over 50 inches, local levels aren't too bad. Though the snow has made things difficult, at least so far there have been no major power outages in the freezing temperatures.

The area was promised a raise in temperatures over the weekend, which gave many people time to get prepared for another onslaught, which hopefully will never come.

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Athletes of the Week

Rebecca Beckett
Caledonia High School

Beckett finished eighth in the slalom and tied for eighth in the giant slalom at the Jan. 12 varsity meet at Cannonsburg to top the Scots' skiing efforts.

Ben Lucas
Thornapple-Kellogg High School (Middleville)

Lucas scored 11 points, including eight in the fourth quarter and in overtime, during the Trojans varsity basketball game Jan. 12 versus Hastings.

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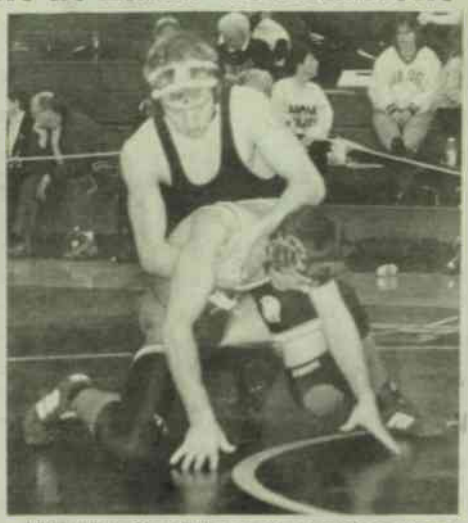
Area wrestling teams show improvement at Lamb Tournament



Middleville's Chad Reil took home first place honors at the Lamb with a 3-0 mark in the 140-pound weight class.

Trojan Brett Wiersma was the weight class champion at 119, beating opponents from Lowell, Charlotte and Harper Creek at the Lamb.

Wrestlers from Lakewood, Middleville, Hastings and Delton made the Jan. 9 L.H. Lamb Invitational Tournament at Hastings High School a real awarding event.

The Hastings High School varsity wrestlers won three weight classes and gained eight medals at the L.H. Lamb Invitational Tournament Saturday at Hastings High School.

The medals won helped the blue and gold to nail down fourth place in the team standings at the always tough event.

First-year Hastings coach Mike Goggins, who wrestled and officiated previously at the Lamb, now has fond memories of the tournament as a mentor.

"This is probably the best we have wrestled all year," Goggins said. "(Mike) Lipstraw wrestled his best. (Luke) Noteboom had a good day and (Mike Nystrom did well. It was good to see."

Goggins said the improvement shown by his squad is nothing small.

"As a team, I believe that we have turned a corner," Goggins said. "We finished fourth, but we were close to second. I'm very pleased."

Charlotte's team won the overall championship with 150 1/2 points, Grand Ledge was second with 135 1/2, Lowell third with 132 and Hastings collected 123 1/2 points for fourth place.

The Saxons won three weight classes, finished second in two others, collected one third and finished fourth in two.

Hastings' champions were Greg Seeber at 103, Luke Noteboom at 160 and Bill Blair at 171.

"To come out of here with these champions; I am extremely pleased," Goggins said. "This was our best wrestling."

In championship matches, Seeber pinned Lowell's John McKay in 3:13 for his triumph, Noteboom took an 8-4 decision over Delton-Kellogg's Nick Hannar and Blair won a 5-3 overtime championship thriller versus Ionia's Josh Bocks.

Blair was named the Randy Lydy Memorial award winner, an honor given to the tournament's top matman. It was an honor that Goggins felt was very deserving.

"He was well deserving," Goggins said of Blair's final victory on Saturday. "It was a great match that came down to an overtime in the finals."

Blair pinned his first two Lamb opponents (Delton's Travis Loofboro in 1:40 and Lakewood's Jarrod LaRoche in 1:02). He is currently ranked No. 2 at 171 in the Michigan Wrestling Association Jan. 10 State poll.

Other Barry County champions were Middleville's Brett Wiersma at 119 and Chad Reil at 140. Wiersma took his title with a 10-5 decision against Lowell's Denny Snuffer, while Reil claimed his No. 1 with a 9-2 victory over Lowell's Tom Oesch.

"Both (wrestlers) are really coming on and wrestled well," Middleville Coach Tom Lehman said of Wiersma's and Reil's efforts at the Lamb. "They made major improvements; they knew that it would be tough."

The Middleville team, defending Lamb champions, wound up fifth with 96 1/2 points. It was not the team score that Lehman, or his Trojan wrestlers, were looking for.

"We lost four or five, one-point matches in the final round," Lehman explained. "We lost a lot of close matches that we usually don't lose."

Fellow Barry County teams Lakewood was sixth with 89 1/2 points and Delton was seventh with 78. Ionia ended up eighth with 32 and Harper Creek was ninth with 20 1/2.

"This tournament is always competitive," Goggins said. "Most people don't know the amount of work that goes into it."

Work was something that many Barry County wrestlers did a lot of last Saturday. In total, the four county teams earned two dozen medals.

At heavyweight, Delton's Billy Ferris placed second, while Hastings' Gabe McCarty was fourth.

Lakewood's Phil Plowman managed a second place performance at 112 and his Viking teammate, Nathan Boucher, took a third at 119.

Middleville's Evan Space also achieved a third at 125, while his Trojan partner Brian McKeown was fourth at 130.

Barry County was well represented at 130 with McKeown finishing fourth, Hastings' Sam Stafford securing a third and Lakewood's Caleb Terpstra taking a second.

"I thought Caleb (Terpstra) did real good," Lakewood Coach Bob Veitch said.

Nystrom not only did well at 135, but earned a runners-up medal for his efforts.

With Reil winning at 140, Lakewood's Ponch Wildman made it two-for-two in the finals and consolation finals for Barry County with a pin in 3:14 against Charlotte's Josh Kramer.

Two of the four wrestlers in the finals and consolation finals at 145 also came from the area. Middleville's Is Rosales placed second and Delton's Ryan Summers wound up third.

Lipstraw gave the Saxons second place points at 152 and Delton's Dana Earl was fourth in the same weight class.

Third places were gained by Lakewood's Ron Wierckz at 160 and LaRoche at 171. Veitch was mostly pleased with the solid efforts turned in by a number of his Viking grapplers.

"171 was a barn-burner. Jarrod lost in the semis, but still had a good day. (Nathan) Boucher... this is about the best he's performed and Plowman also did well. As a team, we didn't wrestle too bad."

Hastings' Mike Pursell collected the team's eighth medal with a fourth place finish at 189. Pursell edged Middleville's Jeremy Vandefifer 3-2 to qualify for the medal round.

Delton's Jon Haneckow tallied Barry County's 24th medal with a second place effort at 215. Haneckow won a double overtime thriller against Middleville's Miso Glavan to reach the championship against Lowell's Bill Stouffer.

Other weight class champions included Charlotte's Troy Gilding at heavyweight, Lowell's John Mendez at 112, Charlotte's Toby Dickson at 125, Charlotte's Scott Kinney at 130, Grand Ledge's Bryan Beach at 135, Grand Ledge's Tyler Hubert at 145, Grand Ledge's Brian Paff at 152, Charlotte's Josh Brzycki at 189 and Lowell's Stouffer at 215.

Post Lydy Winners: Blair is the fourth Saxon to win the Randy Lydy Memorial Award. The other three were Ross Brown in 1977, Jack Woltjer in 1979 and Chad Murphy in 1989. Delton's wrestlers have taken the award three times: Tim Miller in 1982, Rodd Morris in 1985 and Craig Havens in 1988. Lakewood athletes have received two Lydys: Kyle Durkee in 1991 and Jerry Jordan in 1993. Middleville's mat men have also taken two: Joel Appel in 1995 and Spencer Romph (along with Coloma's Lonny Meschino) in 1998.

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Trojans come up short versus Saxons in overtime

Hastings outscored Middleville 13-6 in an overtime session that began with an 11-0 Saxon run to claim a 60-53 non-conference, Barry County varsity basketball victory Tuesday at home.

The Saxon triumph was a celebration, of sorts, for head coach Don Schils who was observing his 38th birthday Tuesday.

But the birthday present didn't come easy as the Trojans gave the Saxons a real tussle.

Both teams came in at 4-1 and both were looking for some momentum to improve their league hopes.

The close tilt finished in Hastings' favor... not a big surprise to its coach.

"This team has been in a lot of close games," Schils said. "If they're disappointed, then I want them to be disappointed more often."

At the start, it was Middleville that had all of the momentum.

With a three-pointer from Ken VanRyn, a jumper by Dan Finkbeiner, off a pass from VanRyn, and a second triple by VanRyn, Coach Kurt Holzhueter's cagers led 8-0 at the 4:20 mark of the first quarter. That lead extended to 10-0 when Andrew Hillman tallied a turnaround jumper with 3:20 to play in the opening frame.

A couple of trifectas from Tony Bowne and Luke Warner put Hastings within five (11-6) at 2:40, but Middleville managed the quarter's final four markers to lead 15-6 heading into the second quarter. Hillman and VanRyn led the Trojan first quarter charge with 6 points apiece.

"It's a good rivalry and we played about as well as we could in the first quarter," Holzhueter said.

The Trojan advantage grew to 11 points (19-8) with 6:25 left in the first half, but the Saxons came storming back.

First, Bowne drilled a triple to make it 19-11 at 6:03. Then Warner scored a hoop, off an assist from Bowne, to cut the deficit 19:13 at 4:44.

VanRyn answered with his third trey of the first half (22-13 at 3:20), but Adam Whitney connected for a triple (22-16 at 1:07). Jim Storms scored a scoop inside (22-18 at 15.5) and Storms hit two free throws (22-20 with 1.7) to put the Saxons back in contention heading into the break.

Hastings got within one point (24-23) at 6:25 of the third quarter when Bowne made a gilding score and added the three-point charity toss.

Later, Bowne tied the score at 27-27 with a slam dunk that came off a sweet dish from Steve Storrs. The Saxons' first lead came at 3:20 when Whitney nailed a jumper to put his team up 31-29. Hillman re-gained the advantage for the Trojans with a triple (32-31) and Finkbeiner made it a three-point cushion (34-31) with a driving scoop on the next Middleville possession.

The quarter, however, ended with Whitney hitting a jump shot (34-33) with 1:10 to go and Whitney connecting on two free throw attempts (35-35) with 14 seconds left.

"We attacked their press consistently," was how Schils explained the game's second half momentum change.

VanRyn opened the fourth frame with a score for the Trojans (37-35), but Bowne then took over. The 6-4 junior first made a four-point play (39-37) at 6:47 and then nailed two free throws (41-37) to up the Saxon advantage even more. Hastings' lead remained at four or two points for roughly four minutes before

Middleville's Ben Lucas made some noise. Lucas first connected on a basket inside the lane to make it 47-45 with 1:57 to play in regulation. Lucas, on the next possession, went over Tyson Walther to tie things up at 47-47 with 1:28 remaining.

Neither team could muster a point in the final 1:28, so the outcome would be decided in overtime. For Hastings, the overtime would be a joyous occasion.

"I thought that we tried a little bit too much, (but) I was pretty happy to get into the overtime," Holzhueter explained.

An 11-0 Saxon run was how the extra four minutes began. Whitney, who scored seven of the team's 13 points in the extra session, opened with a three-pointer. A block by Jim Storms led to a fast break layup by Luke Warner (52-47) and from there the overtime surge continued.

"It was a weird game," Schils explained. "It was ugly at times, there were some good breaks, some sloppy turnovers and a few four or five minute stretches of good basketball."

Schils realizes that his Saxons are struggling a bit on the offensive side of the floor.

"Right now, offensively we're in a little bit of a funk," Schils said. "We need to start running our offense; when you reverse the ball, good things happen."

Middleville's starting guard tandem of VanRyn (18) and Finkbeiner (14) accounted for 32 of the team's 53 points, 61 percent.

"He (VanRyn) and Dan (Finkbeiner) are so much fun to watch," Holzhueter said of his starting guards.

For Hastings, Bowne scored a game-high 21 points and Whitney added 16 markers. Thirteen of Whitney's 16 came after the first half.

The win over Middleville was a needed one for Hastings following last Friday's 50-43 defeat to Zeeland. Bowne and Whitney also led the team offensively in that game with a couple of 12-point efforts.

The junior varsity contest came out in favor of the visiting Trojans, 52-43.

Hastings 60, Middleville 53 (OT)
Hastings 6-14-15-12-13=60
Middleville 15-7-13-12-6=53

Hastings: Luke Warner 4 (1) 1-2 10, Tony Bowne 7 (3) 4-4 21, Adam Whitney 4 (2) 6-6 16, Steve Storrs 1 1-4 3, Jim Storms 2 2-2 6, Tyson Walther 2 0-2 4.

Totals: FG 20 (6) FT 14-20=60

Middleville: Dan Finkbeiner 6 2-2 14, Ken VanRyn 6 (4) 2-3 18, Andrew Hillman 4 (1) 1-2 10, Ben Lucas 4 3-4 11.

Totals: FG 20 (5) FT 8-11=53

Trojan Andrew Hillman (40) glides in for a finger roll as Saxons' Jim Storms (30) and Andy Keller (44) attempt to make a stop on defense. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Middleville's Bryan Jahnke (34) prepares for a bank shot between two Saxon defenders, Jim Storms (30) and Luke Warner (10), in last Tuesday's varsity basketball game. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Yankee Springs, from pg. 14

• Barry County Sheriff's Deputy Jeffrey Nieuwenhuis introduced himself as the new liaison to the township. He said he is looking forward to having a good working relationship with the township. He is also the liaison to the Yankee Springs Trailer Park.

• The board will schedule a special meeting at the end of the month to discuss possible changes in insurance coverage. Vanderslik will be invited to that meeting.

The next regular meeting of the Yankee Springs board will be on Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7:30 p.m.

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Trojans go to 3-1 in league, beat Spring Lake

Dan Finkbeiner really stepped it up as Middleville's varsity basketball team beat league foe Spring Lake 68-57 last Friday in prep action at home.

Finkbeiner, a senior guard, scored a team-high 22 points, pulled down 6 rebounds and made 3 steals for Coach Kurt Holzhueter's Trojans who improved to 5-2 overall and 3-1 in the O-K Blue.

Middleville plays three games this week. The Trojans will host Barry County rival Lakewood Tuesday (Jan. 19) and travel to Byron Center Friday (Jan. 22).

Spring Lake held a 31-28 lead on Middleville Friday in the third quarter before a Finkbeiner triple knotted the score at 31-31.

The Trojans went on to score 25 points in the third and held a 53-45 advantage on the Lakers entering the fourth frame.

Middleville was up 15-11 after one quarter and led 28-23 at the intermission.

Finkbeiner's big game that included included two trifectas was not the only major contributions given by the Trojan cagers.

Andrew Hillman not only played some great defense, but also tossed in 19 markers.

Ben Lucas was a force on the glass with 9 rebounds. Middleville out-rebounded Spring Lake 30-24.

And Ken VanRyn dished out 12 assists and made 5 steals.

"We received contributions from a lot of guys," Holzhueter said.

Scot skiers improve at Cannonsburg

The second varsity ski meet took place Jan. 12 at Cannonsburg and the Fighting Scots turned in some solid showings.

Rebecca Beckett finished eighth in the slalom and also tied for eighth in the giant slalom.

Lauren Ondersma was 27th in the slalom and Jamie Cox tied for 61st.

Ondersma also placed 21st in the giant slalom, Cox was 42nd and Emilee Zandbergen was 43rd.

Matt Dodge led Caledonia's boys efforts in the giant slalom with a 19th place showing.

Brett Beckett was 26th in the giant slalom, Steve Mursch 34th, Mark Osgerby 36th, Bill Wilson 52nd and Kyle Oatley was 56th.

Oatley was tops on the Caledonia boys team in the slalom, finishing 20th.

Beckett was 25th in the slalom, John Sherman 41st, Mursch 42nd, Brian Davis tied for 61st and Dodge also tied for 61st.

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Scot wrestlers gain ten medals at Rogers Invite

The Caledonia wrestling team continues to work on its potential for success, something they had a bit of at the Jan. 9 Rogers Invitational.

Coach Jim Maxim's Scots took first place honors with some outstanding individual efforts.

Nick Draft took home a medal as did Ryan James, who knocked off a No. 1 and No. 2 to achieve his hardware.

Ryan Haywood was a weight class champion at 135, beating a talented foe in Kent City's Jerry Allen during the championship round.

Todd Maines also drew high praise from Maxim as did Zach Hollinshead and Michael Tomanek at 112.

Josh Baltrusaitis managed a second place at 140, Seth Temple ended up with a third place medal, Rory Root placed fourth and Nick Draft also wound up fourth at 152.

In total, the Scots had 10 medalists.

"I'm very proud of the performance; they've really stuck together," Maxim said.

Maxim knows that the potential for success is there. Now, all the Scots must do is keep their focus on their top priorities.

"There's that potential for success, but disruptions haven't allowed us to," Maxim said.

Lady Trojans open league, face Broncos

The varsity spikers of Middleville won their pool at the Jan. 9 Byron Center Invitational.

The Lady Trojans defeated Belding 15-13, 16-14 and also ousted Unity Christian 15-8, 15-6 in pool play.

In post-pool matches, Coach Cindy Middlebush's spikers lost to Lowell 15-6, 17-15 and to Wyoming Rogers 15-8, 15-9.

Laura McKinley led the black and orange offense at the tournament with 16 kills.

Laura McKinley had nine service aces, while Ashley Gentry added six.

In its league opener Jan. 14 versus Godwin Heights, Middleville lost in two games, 15-8, 15-3.

Hillary Stone and Teri Schondelmayer each collected 3 kills, while McKinley managed 10 assists.

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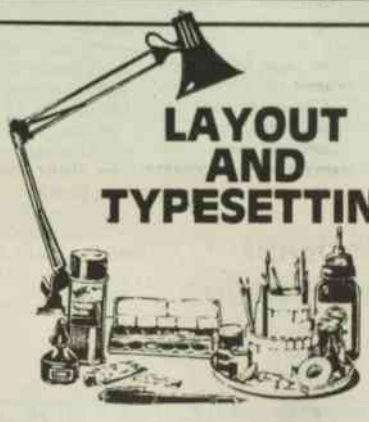

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Obituaries

John R. Kermeen

MIDDLEVILLE - John R. Kermeen, age 73, of Middleville, passed away Sunday January 10, 1999 at Pennock Hospital, Hastings.

John was born on October 15, 1925 in Hastings, the son of Shirley and Osa Kermeen.

He was raised in Middleville, attended Country School and the Thornapple Kellogg School graduating in 1944.

John was in the United States Army from 1944 to 1946.

John enjoyed sports and driving the Sports teams to there events. He was employed by Middleville Manufacturing for 16 years until they moved out of state. He farmed with his father until 1968. He started driving school bus for Thornapple Kellogg Schools and retired after 28 years of service.

Mr. Kermeen is survived by his son, Lynn R. (Renee) Kermeen of Middleville; many cousins, nieces, nephews, sisters and brothers-in-law.

Funeral and Committal Services for Mr. Kermeen were held Wednesday, January 13, 1999 at the Beeler Funeral Chapel, Middleville. Reverend Carl Litchfield officiated.

Interment was in Parmelee Cemetery, Middleville.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or TK School Athletic Boosters.

Alvin J. (Al) Buning

MIDDLEVILLE - Mr. Alvin J. (Al) Buning, age 67, of Garbow Road, Middleville, passed away Sunday, January 10, 1999 in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Buning was born on November 2, 1931 in Prosper, Michigan, the son of Lewis and Lottie (Medendorp) Buning, and attended Prosper Schools.

He married Joyce Hoort on October 14, 1955 in Grand Rapids.

Al was a self employed roofer, operating Buning Roofing with his son, Ron. He loved farming and rural life, and enjoyed traveling and hunting. He served in the Korean war, spending one year in Germany.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Millie Skeels and his parents, Lewis and Lottie Buning.

Mr. Buning is survived by his wife of 43 years, Joyce; his daughters, Lori (Wayne) Kidder of Hastings, and Jean (Dan) VanHorn of Alto; sons, Tom (Karen) Buning and Ron (Kris) Buning both of Middleville; son-in-law, Greg Skeels of Kentwood; ten special grandchildren; father and mother-in-law, August and Jeanette Hoort of Cascade; brothers, Jerald (Barb) Buning, Clinton (Jean) Buning; sister, Janice (John) Triezenberg; sisters and brothers-in-law, Mary (Bob) DeKoekKoek, Jim (Carole) Hoort, Phyllis Hoort, Janice DenBesten, and Eileen (Henry) Hofstra; many nieces and nephews and a host of very good friends.

Services for Mr. Buning were held Thursday, January 14, 1999 at Beeler Funeral Home, Middleville. Pastor Chuck Doornbos officiated.

Interment took place in Mt. Hope Cemetery in Middleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barry County Habitat for Humanity.

Arrangements were made by Beeler Funeral Home, Middleville.

Caledonia FFA 14th at national forum

Caledonia FFA members Brooke Wierenga, Blake Trutsch, Mike Klapmust, James Sheely and Jason Workman went to the national level of the national forum contest for the second year with a topic of "Agricultural Careers." Pictured with them are Jim Armbruster, teacher services specialist (left), and advisor Alan Steeby (right) at the FFA National Convention in Kansas City, Mo., in November.

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