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Thornapple Twp. Planning Commission tables 2 issues

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

An audience of more than 30 people attended the Thornapple Township Planning Commission meeting last Monday (Jan. 18) because of two separate issues, but both were tabled before any public comment was received.

Planning Commission Chair Mark Sevald explained, "Once an item has been tabled, no comments can be received." He did poll the audience to see which issues they had come to talk about.

Dick Suwyn of 4546 Patterson Road asked to rezone 8.2 acres of his property zoned agriculture/residential to a C-2 (community business) district to accommodate self-storage units.

His attorney, Todd Hendricks, asked the Planning Commission to review and perhaps rewrite the ordinance governing storage units.

Also tabled was a request for a special land use application for a private road and site plan review. Gary Sundberg made the request because of his proposed development on Adams Road.

On Jan. 20, the Thornapple Township Board of Zoning Appeals took no action on requests by Sundberg to access his property across another land parcel. The ZBA said it did not have enough information to act on the request at that time.

The Sundberg development may come up at the Feb. 15 meeting. The ZBA has 60 days to act on the variance request.

The commission, however, did approve the site plan for Boulder Creek Estates, following a presentation by Neil Sharpe of Exxel Engineering.

This Dave Dykstra development off Finkbeiner Road had been tabled at the Dec. 21 Planning Commission meeting because there were some questions about frontage and a private road.

Sharpe maintained that in several of the locations of concern to the commission, there was enough frontage at the building line. Planning Commission member Jack Spencer said, "This is confusing and perhaps the ordinance needs to be tightened."

Dave Dykstra did apologize to the commission last month for paving the road before getting a private road permit.

"It just slipped my mind. It has been paved to Barry County standards and is a Class A road." He has applied for the permit and the homes which use the road will be responsible for maintaining it.

Planning Commission member Regina Stein praised the development, saying, "It looks like a good plan."

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Manager-Planner will leave Caledonia Twp. for new post

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia Township Manager-Planner Timothy Dolehanty has announced he will make a career move to a position as an assistant Wexford County administrator in Cadillac. His last day here will be Friday Jan 29.

"Public administration is a goal I have had for a while. There are few county administrator positions available. The opportunity came quicker than I thought and I chose to take it because of my own circumstances and the offer that was made. This is the direction I would like to go in my career."

When Dolehanty came to Caledonia a year and a half ago, he said then that he hoped to go back to school to pursue a career goal in public administration.

He said one of the projects he would soon be involved in at Cadillac would be the building of a new Wexford County jail.

Dolehanty mentioned feeling torn in not being able to be personally involved in the completion of the new master plan being created by the Planning Commission. He has offered many guidelines in the steps to finish that process, involving many resources for information and how best to draw public involvement into that the process, so plans for Caledonia's future development reflects a cross section of its citizens.

Tim Dolehanty

Dolehanty's permanent home is in the Grand Traverse region, where his wife teaches and his family resides. He has been commuting from there at least weekly since he began work on Sept. 22, 1987.

Before coming to Caledonia, Dolehanty worked in Traverse City for a year as a senior planner for Sundberg, Carlson and Associates, an organization that provided surveying, environmental cleanup, civil engineering and planning services. Prior to that he served as planning director for Leelanau County and worked in the planning department for 12 years.

Originally from Durand, between Flint and Lansing, Dolehanty graduated from Central Michigan University with majors in geography and earth science. That work included environmen-

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C-PAC forum panel explores career issues

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Master of Ceremonies Larry Neinhaus of WOOD-TV led eight area panelists in a forum on "Preparing for What Comes After High School," to interact with Caledonia parents.

The Caledonia Parents Advisory Council meets every other month with the goal of facilitating communication between parents and the community. C-PAC sponsors a panel forum annually, when parents may question experts in an area affecting the education of their children.

The eight panelists included:

•David Rodriguez, career advisor and outreach coordinator at the Kent County Career Technical Center.

•Gary Kuipers, rehabilitation counselor at the Michigan Jobs Commission.

•Diane Patrick, director of admissions at Grand Rapids Community College.

•Dave Wesorick, a CHS counselor.

•Dan Clark, a corporate manufacturing trainer at Johnson Controls, and president of Caledonia Community Schools Board of Education.

•Joellyn Potgeter, a parent of two college students, and resource coordinator for the "Community As School" program at CHS.

•Katie Hatrick, Grand Valley State University student who graduated from CHS last year.

•Vickie Unferth, representing the Office of Admissions and Scholarships at MSU.

The Community as School program, Potgeter said, developed because most high school students have no idea what career path to pursue. Wesorick agreed most kids still don't know what they want to do beyond high school. Often they do not even know what their own parents' jobs entail and have no concept of what is involved in a day at work.

Wesorick said CHS Student Services is the gateway for directing students to programs suited for them. He mentioned job shadowing, internships, summer jobs and volunteering, which help students determine where their abilities and interests might lead. Potgeter said Caledonia's program places students in experiences in the workplace for periods of time as short as half a day to several years and hours every day while still in school, so they can begin to identify personally suitable career directions.

Wesorick said the key is to have kids make use of the services available at Caledonia, which help them narrow down their career options and choices. Student Services offers testing, information financial aid and actual placement in real world situations where careers take place.

"We can direct them toward things they need at all stages," he said.

Potgeter said there were six pathways or career directions, identified as math, science, technology, social services, natural resources, or arts and communications.

Potgeter said their programs worked with business to learn how students can incorporate math, science and writing as it is actually used in the workplace. In-

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Forum panelists, (from left) David Rodriguez, Vickie Unferth, Dave Wesorick, Diane Patrick, Dan Clark, Katie Hatrick, Gary Kuipers, and Joellyn Potgeter.

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ternships have resulted in students obtaining long-term employment.

Many must get into the business world before they can go to college, as well as to justify the investment in college. She said when she had gone to Grand Valley, she had no idea of the role academics would have in the workplace at that time.

Potgeter said these days parents and kids want to know that what they are learning will be used where they will work, especially in the technology areas.

A parent commented that there was still parent pressure on kids to pursue an academic path, even without knowing what career lay at the end of that commitment.

Hatrick said when she was in high school it was assumed that everything was in preparation for college. The assumption guided what she did and learned. It was not perceived as pressure, but preparation.

It was agreed that the college path might not be appropriate for every student. If 65% of the work force is in the skilled trades, the "best education" may be instead in what they are good at, and in what will pay a good salary after a period of non-academic training. Both parents and teachers may need to shift their thinking to support students suited to careers other than academic.

Wesorick pointed out that options in skills areas were ruled out by these assumptions, and other options were passed over except for students who didn't do so well in academic areas.

A parent commented that some students might do well in a career as a machinist, and asked where was the support for that?

Larry Nienhaus, WOOD TV Anchor acted as Master of Ceremonies for the C-PAC forum discussion.

Wesorick said aptitude testing would identify students with such abilities.

Neinhaus asked if avenues for careers in manufacturing were opening now, then how do we go about changing the images of those careers?

Clark said there was still much pressure for kids to go to college. Parents need to be made aware of other alternatives. He said even college is not enough. In the work environment, changing conditions meant employees need an approach of continual learning and growth.

He said his company offered a multitude of training options. He said there were hundreds of thousands of dollars in training offers by different companies.

Some students will go directly into the workplace following high school, while others will enter it at various stages during additional education.

Dan Clark, representing the employer perspective said his firm wants to find qualified individuals, with an attitude of willingness to learn. He said an employee needs to be willing to be continually trainable, whether on the graduate level or post graduate level.

He said companies look for attitudes and attributes that would assure the continued growth of an employee. He said they look for a work ethic and a willingness to work with a team in the applicants he sees.

In talking about career options other than college, Rodriguez said the technical center serves public, parochial, and home schooled students. It serves 45 high schools in the area. Programs at the center usually span two years, and many students begin in their senior year in high school and finish the year after.

The Career Center works with the (Grand Rapids) community college, offering some programs that are transitional to college. He said about 40% of students enrolled go on to college, and earn college credit while still in high school.

In addition the center offers a summer camp to sixth- and seventh- graders and summer school after the eighth grade for career exploration, Rodriguez said. He said not all students go on to college, but still earn competitive salaries in the skill career categories. Sixty-five percent of all jobs are in the skilled categories, with 20% for professionals and 15% in unskilled.

Rodriguez said planning ahead is now important for students to be enrolled at the Career Center, just to have room, and have program development for the students who will attend there in the future.

Representing the options for college, Unferth said MSU, which started in agriculture and science, now offers many opportunity for choice, serving 43,000 students with 150 different majors. She said the large university offers internships to students to aid career preparation.

Unferth said MSU is also able to do this. She said most students change their majors, and officially they may not be enrolled in a major until the junior year.

Unferth said entry to MSU was based more on test scores and high school grade point average in predictor courses like math, science, social science, English, and foreign languages, which must be 2.8 and higher, on a 4.0 scale. Admissions looks at the difficulty of the curriculum, grade trends over four years, at ACT scores in the 20s, SAT scores above 900 as indicators of success for students in college.

Two years of foreign language is important to enter MSU.

Other discussion supported foreign language for preparation in a more global society. It helps enrich student studies abroad and opens opportunities for jobs where other languages are used.

Susie Hall, a parent, asked if taking prep classes to take tests like the ACT was helpful. Wesorick said kids can learn to improve their test taking, but the best preparation for academic tests is taking academic classes, by really learning the foundation material.

Unferth said it is also possible for students to repeat these tests over time. She said the highest score in each of the subject areas was retained and applied to the student's record, to apply the highest score possible for entry.

One parent was quite critical of the testing. "I can't believe we are still basing these important decisions for kids on one test taken on one day for a few hours. It seems archaic!"

Unferth said high school performance was a greater predictor of college success than test scores.

Apparently competition for enrollment makes some method of selection necessary. Unferth said 6,400 freshmen out of 20,000 applications will be able to come to MSU.

One parent asked how useful were the portfolios of experience the high school required students to develop over four years and whether a resume and good grades and test scores were more important, in the areas open to them following high school.

Unferth said the portfolio might be considered later on when a student committed to a particular field of study or applied for a scholarship in one area.

At the community college level, the portfolio may be helpful in student assessment. This might help placement of a student in the best classes. Resumes, portfolios and community involvement activities are considered there. Patrick said the task in the community college is to build on previous achievements.

Unferth agreed that transfers from community colleges to MSU were handled much differently. College grades were then considered, and scores and testing at entry were not required for these students, she said.

The community college provides a ladder for some students to eventually qualify to go on to a four-year program elsewhere.

One parent said his daughter was artistically talented, but did not have the best grades or test scores. He thought she might do well in advertising, but might be missed in the system that recognized scores and grades.

Patrick said Grand Rapids Community College offers two-year programs to both traditional and non-traditional students. She said many students who are not able to start out in a four-year college often become eligible for transfer later by application at the community colleges. Students at that stage are still undecided, and many career goals change. The community college is set up to accommodate these changes by the way the programs are planned.

Parent involvement is always important to the eventual success of the child. Patrick said studies show that successful students could trace their path back as far as seventh or eighth grade.

Once students reached the high school level, Potgeter said it was important for parents to stay involved, but their role must shift.

"Parents can guide, and help to translate information," she said. "Often students really do care but often pretend not to be because they don't know how to get started, how to ask questions or make the phone call about a particular career. Parents can guide, but should not do it for them."

Hatrick said the oral presentations as a part of her class assignments at CHS had been extremely helpful to her now in college.

"They helped me with communication skills, the ability to speak confidently in groups and with people older than myself."

Computer technology is also very important, said Rodriguez. Students going to college must be knowledgeable to use them, but students in the Career Center must learn computer programs as well. They need to work both with software and various other uses, including the Internet. He said the high schools are doing an excellent job in this area.

When people encounter limiting circumstances diagnosable as a physical, mental or emotional handicap, they qualify for services from the Michigan Department of Rehabilitation Services. Kuipers said the agency plans steps toward job placement for people between the ages of 16 to old age, provided they are employable.

There may be services provided to support the person who has disability related needs, intervening, assisting or remediating those factors so the person can become employable.

Team involvement for a child's future may start much earlier than age 16, where teachers look at a handicapped student's abilities, interests, and barriers to transition into adult life. They often help guide the student toward a smooth transition. The process has improved a lot in 20 years, Kuipers said.

The next topic for C-PAC will be "How Politics Affects Education," with a guest panel of local legislators March 9.

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Middleville Rotary learns future of television is here

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Chuck Fuhrman, general manager of the public television station WGVU-WGVK, brought a brief look into the very near future of TV viewing to the Jan. 19 meeting of the Middleville Rotary Club.

Using a prototype of a High Definition Television (HDTV) set, he talked about what digital television means to education, home viewing and business.

Eventually, HDTV will replace the analog sets now in homes. The price per set is about $6,000 now, but over the next six years Fuhrman anticipates that the price will become more affordable.

The new televisions, with their plasma screens, are much thinner. The additional lines allow color to be much more vivid. Fuhrman showed a recent digital PBS program "Chihuly over Venice," which glowed with color.

In six years more programs will be available in the digital format. Viewers will have more choices of when to watch programs or when programs are not being broadcast, and there will be other options for viewers.

Fuhrman even said that during PBS fund drives, those who are already members of the station will be able to watch their favorite shows uninterrupted.

HDTV offers many computer interlinks. For schools this will offer choices, customized programming to meet student needs and training opportunities for teachers.

Students also will have the opportunity to explore new careers by clicking on images on the screen and getting new information.

Entire libraries will be available digitally and Fuhrman admits that it is "difficult to curl up with a good TV."

Those like himself in public broadcasting hope that the new technology will allow people to be more selective in their viewing. Because HDTV allows more choices of when to watch it will allow people to turn off their TV more.

Chuck Fuhrman demonstrated some of HDTV's exciting possibilities at the Jan. 19 Rotary Club meeting

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tal and land use planning.

Dolehanty said one of his professional achievements which he was most proud of was serving as chairman of Michigan's Trend Future Steering Committee. The committee spent a year and a half studying trends in just about every aspect of land use in the state, such as the loss of farm land and forest land, and ground water contamination possibilities.

Dolehanty has been active on the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Planning Officials. He belongs to state and national planning organizations and has published a number of articles in planning and municipal publications.

He has been given two awards for outstanding planning by the Michigan American Planning Association, a chapter of the American Planning Association.

Dolehanty has been the featured speaker at several state and regional conferences and workshops.

He has had a great impact on local government and on people's lives, both directly and indirectly. He has helped to create changes on all levels of the way the township operates, and those measures are sure to affect others in the township government for many years to come.

He has drafted a policies and procedures manual, salaries and job descriptions of employees in the township, helped with zoning definitions and ordinances and more recently has been assisting with the a new general development plan for the township.

Township officials who have worked with Dolehanty over the year and a half since he was hired have said they are highly appreciative of his work, and have shown their approval by authorizing periodic salary increases, the most recent in last August when his position became manager/planner.

Roger Keating, the new chair of the Planning Commission, commented that Dolehanty had done a great deal to streamline township records and processes, cutting the volume to one half of the original material.

"He has accomplished a monumental amount of work," he said.

"We really appreciate the work you have done," he said to Dolehanty at a Planning Commission meeting last week. "Without it we would hardly know where to begin with the new master plan process."

He said he was sorry to see Dolehanty leave at this point, but said nevertheless he wished him success in his new job.

Commissioner Deb Steketee said she had learned a great deal from Dolehanty and commented, "I appreciate Tim so much." To him, she said, "I admire your professionalism. It has been a pleasure to work with you."

The Planning Commission agreed to recommend that the township hire a planning firm to assist in the information gathering process of the commission in creating the new master development plan.

Concerns about replacing Dolehanty were met with assurances by him that the township should be able to get a replacement at this time if it chose to do so. He said township had taken an aggressive stand in establishing job descriptions and said things were fairly well organized, so someone else could easily step in to do the work.

Supervisor Bill Johnston said the township would make an effort to fill the empty position as soon as possible.

"We have already advertised for his replacement in planning trade journals and in the Michigan Townships Association periodical. The MTA is holding a convention this week, and expect to post the opening there. We hope to get someone on board right away," he explained.

Johnston said in the meantime, the rest of the staff will help out and fill in the gaps. Assessor Ed VanderVries is a zoning administrator elsewhere and can help.

"All areas of the township administration work well together," Johnston said. "We have a great team and good morale. We will include the staff in the interview process to help maintain that. They can add their insights about the position to the process."

He said Dolehanty had been offered a career advance in this step up to an assistant county administrator. "It's a loss for us, but really nice for him.

"I wish him well even though I will miss him. We had a nice friendship, which I expect will last for years.

"We worked together very well, often very late at night, getting things organized and upgraded."

"Tim is a real gentleman ... a real pro! He did an awful lot for the township, working with the policies and procedures systems, zoning and organizing books of materials. He has said we can call him and consult with him in the future if it is needed, and I'm sure he will keep that promise."

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Nashville Five to perform at Winterfest closing bonfire

The Nashville Five will be performing during the bonfire and wiener roast potluck that closes the Winterfest fun at noon Sunday, Jan. 31.

Winterfest organizer Bea Beaulieu hopes that all the fun from the teen dance Friday night to when the last coal of the bonfire is put out will be the kind that families count as a high point of their winter.

There will be lots of free parking at the Winterfest site next to the Amber Inn on Chief Noonday Road. The Chili Cookoff takes place at O'Neil's Restaurant on Chief Noonday Road and the Polar Bear Dip is scheduled for the Allegan County Park on Patterson Road.

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.

The teen dance on Friday night at 7 p.m. is for $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. 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.

Broom ball competition starts at 8 a.m. and will continue until one team is left 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 and 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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Caledonia Orchestra plans loose change drive

Orchestra students practice in preparation for the trip to England coming up in April. Shown here are Mitch McRoy, bass, Sunny Fowler, cello, Jesslyn Bolt, violin, and Kim Schmidtke, violin.

Jenna Walker holds one of the milk cartons the students are decorating to collect money for their drive.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia High School orchestra has been raising funds to cover costs for a trip to England for the 27th annual International Youth Music Festival in April.

Members have been planning the event since the fall of 1997, when they became eligible after being selected by an audition tape.

Orchestra teacher and leader Pete DeLille said that about half of the amount needed has been raised for the 60 students who will go. At $1,549 apiece, this is no small accomplishment.

Additional diligence in fund-raising must be stepped up to raise the amount needed, and several efforts are scheduled for the near future.

The next fund-raiser will be a door-to-door loose change drive on Saturday, Feb. 5, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. Students will come with specially decorated milk cartons in which to collect fists full of change and hopefully many large bills as well! They will be driven door to door by adults. All proceeds will go toward the trip.

Students authorized for this collection will be wearing official orchestra identification.

A concert scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 16, will feature some of the music the orchestra will be playing in England. They are already preparing for these goals.

A bake sale in the school is scheduled for sometime next month.

Caledonia will be host for an orchestra festival March 12, at which the students hope to raise money at a concession stand.

Sunny Fowler, one of the students, and a senior who plays cello, said the orchestra really needs donations and contributions to help with the trip.

Jesslyn Bolt said, " I am looking forward to it very much. I have never been out of the country." She is a senior as well.

There are a number of other things they must do to prepare, including getting passport applications turned in.

Anyone who would like to contribute to the CHS orchestra at another time than one of these coming events, may call the high school contact Pete DeLille at 891-8130.

CHS seniors planning fund-raiser

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia High School seniors are planning a fund-raiser next Saturday.

Caledonia customers at three local filling stations will be served by Caledonia senior class members Saturday, Jan. 30. Customers will have windshields washed and gas pumped at the Crystal Flash, Amoco and Marathon stations from 10 a.m. through 6 p.m.

Although the service is free, seniors hope to raise money through donations.

Three spirited senior teams will compete to raise the most money during the day for a prize of a pizza or movie matinee party for members of the winning team.

Strater-Nelson wedding announced

Jaime Lynn Strater and Seth Aaron Nelson were married on Aug. 1, 1998 at Leighton United Methodist Church.

Parents of the couple are Ron and Pam Strater and Tom and Dala Nelson.

Maid of honor was Brooke VanElst, friend of the bride. Bridesmaids were Emily Manning, cousin of the bride, and Katie Berg, friend of the bride. Flowergirls were Adrienne VanderVeen and Alison Manning, cousins of the bride.

Best man was Keith Nelson, brother of the groom. groomsmen and ushers were Dave Olthouse, Andy Higley, Tim Rybiski, Dale Krueger, and Rick Schoendorf, all friends of the groom. Ring bearer was Zac Holmquist, cousin of the groom.

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Winter Community Ed classes starting up soon

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Community education classes in the Thornapple Kellogg School District are starting for the winter season.

Akido and karate self defense classes are offered for children and adults. Akido is a pure form of self-defense taught by Nancy Hammond to help anyone handle and aggressive situation.

Hammond says, "Karate helps build a greater self confidence at school and work."

Classes begin on Feb. 10 for eight weeks in the middle school small gym. Beginning students meet from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.; intermediate students, teens and adults meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. The fee is $30.

An introductory class on Windows 95 and Microsoft Word begins Feb. 4. It will be taught by Angie Ruger in the high school library computer lab. Ruger will help students explore the Windows 95 environment. Students will learn how to create icons and desktop fundamentals.

Students will also learn to import graphics, and incorporate MS Word Art in the Microsoft Word program. The fee is $35.

A two-part course to help people "Retire Healthy, Wealthy and Wise" will begin on Feb. 8. Students will learn investing, retirement, health insurance and other issues. On Feb. 15, the second part of the course explains how to reduce estate taxes while providing for oneself and one's family. A lawyer will discuss legal issues.

The cost is $7 for each part. Classes are held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in room 303 at the high school.

Science fun for children in grades 3 to 5 begins Saturday, Feb. 13. Classes will be held in the McFall Elementary all-purpose room from 9:30 a.m. until noon. The entire series costs $25 or students may attend any one of the classes for $10 a class.

On Feb. 13 students will play with science. Students will discover the difference between mixtures and compounds. Students will follow recipes and see what happens. This will be safe, but a little messy, so children should wear old clothing.

On Feb. 20, students will be introduced to many more "Science Fair" ideas. Students will learn about starting with a hypothesis and predicting outcomes. Students will learn to make a kaleidoscope, dye flowers and begin a notebook for science exploration.

Some of the world's best scientists are talented amateurs. Often these are back yard naturalists who know a certain insect, bird or backyard habitat inside and out through years of careful study.

Students will learn to make a nature journal, how to observe the world around them and share the science ideas that excite them.

Weather permitting, students may go outside the school or watch nature videos for ideas. Parents may attend any session at no cost.

For more information about any of these classes, call the Community Education office at 795-3397. As soon as the pool is open the water aerobics classes will begin. If interested, call 795-3397 and leave a name and telephone number.

All classes must be paid one week in advance.

The sixties come to Page Elementary art students

Teachers and students at Page Elementary had a chance to go "way back" during an exploration of the 1960s during art classes. Students explored "POP" art, and artists active during the 1960s. Students also learned about the civil rights movement, the anti-war movement and other issues raised during that decade. The most fun was, of course, dressing up. Pictured in the back row are (from left) art teacher Cathy Bailey, Marilyn Timmerman, Shaun Davis, Diane Knight, Mike Hodges, Helen Jahnke and Gail Wachtor. Students (from left) are Kassie Sovern, Chelsea Flamm, Chaney Robinson, Michelle Nesbitt, Laura Willette, Katie Roberts and Brianna Bugbee, (the next row) Bethany Kitzrow, Chelsea Strumberger, Josie Bass, Jasmine Brown, Martin Seger, Chelsea Gisler and Amanda Pullen, (in front) Elena Gormley, Stevie Cooper, Nikki Wood, Warren Schuitema, Nick Wilke and Chris Zatzke.

Village Players to offer scholarship for TK senior

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The members of the Middleville Village Players have decided to underwrite a $500 scholarship to a Thornapple Kellogg senior who has actively participated in the arts during his or her high school career.

The scholarship is based on high school academic performance and the quality of high school preparation in art, music or drama.

Seniors may apply for this scholarship between now and April 1. Applications are available in the guidance office at Thornapple Kellogg High School.

Students applying for this scholarship must have applied to a four-year college or community college.

The guidance office has information about many national, state and local scholarships.

Among the local scholarships offered are the Gun Lake Area Women's Club scholarship. The deadline for applying for this $500 for college is March 15.

The Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation offers two $500 scholarships and one $300 scholarship. The deadline for the traditional scholarship, which is $500 and renewable each year, is April 1. Students applying for this must be accepted at a college, university or vocational college as a full-time student.

The Rodney Schad Technical Arts Scholarship is for $500 for a student accepted at a university, college, technical or trade school. The application is due April 15.

The Millicent Grace teacher scholarship is $300 for a student majoring in education. The application deadline is April 15.

The TKESP $300 scholarship goes to a graduating senior entering a technical program up to two years in length. Applications are due April 1.

The TKEA Academic Scholarship of $200 is for a student accepted at a college or university. Applications must be turned in before April 18.

Parents and students who want more information about scholarships should call the guidance office at 795-5428.

Caledonia grad on Adrian dean's list

Jennifer L. Millard of Alto was among the 227 students named to the 1998 fall semester dean's list at Adrian College.

To achieve this honor, a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry at least 12 credit hours of classes.

Adrian College is an independent liberal arts institution located in southeast Michigan.

Millard, a senior majoring in exercise science-physical education, is a 1995 graduate of Caledonia High School and the daughter of John and Mary Jane Millard of Jordan River Drive.

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TK Odyssey of the Mind teams prepare for competition

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Members of the Thornapple Kellogg Odyssey of the Mind teams are hard at work painting, sewing, thinking and imagining as they prepare for competition March 6 in Fennville.

Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator Voni Lucas says she continues to be amazed at the creativity the solutions, as the teams work on to this year's problem.

"There is just one team per school this year, but I hope more parents will be willing to coach next year," Lucas said. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore, learn to work as a team and perform.

Teams have between five and seven members and will try to solve one of five "long-term" problems and will work on a "spontaneous" challenge at the March 6 competition. Coaches this year are parents and judges come from the community.

Lucas has scheduled an in-district rehearsal on March 4 in the library at McFall. Teams will perform their long-term solutions and get an opportunity to practice spontaneous problem solving as well that evening.

This year's problems range from Shakespeare to shopping with a trip over the mountain included. Students in Jean Ray's middle school team were hard at work designing the T-shirt which team members will wear.

Team members are taking their imagination seriously. For information about Odyssey of the Mind, call Lucas at McFall at 795-3637.

The Lee Elementary team of second and third graders is hard at work on the scenery for their solution. Pictured are Lindsey Collin, Meagan Eaton, Beth Fuller, Kendall Moore, Melanie Truer and Alesha Ward all under the watchful eye of coach Tom Ward.

The Middle School Odyssey of the Mind team is designing the t-shirt which all teams will wear to competition. Pictured counter-clockwise from the left front are Zach Bergsma, Lia Tandy, Coach Jean Ray, Todd Stewart and Alicia Buchanon. Not pictured is team member Alan Buckowing.

Thornapple-Kellogg Odyssey of the Mind judges, coaches and teams

The 1998-1999 Odyssey of the Mind Judges are Laurie Buchanan, Nancy Goodin, Patricia Johns, Fran Jones, Voni Lucas, Deb McKeown, Jerri Otto, Joe Ray.

1998-1999 Odyssey of the Mind Coaches are McFall - Jean Ray; Lee - Tom Ward; Page - Linda Truer and Middle School - Jean Ray.

1998-1999 Odyssey of the Mind McFall Team - Jean Ray, coach, Jonathan Aki, Geoffrey Albaugh, Eli Bergsma, Cassandra De Haan, Caitlin Nosanov, Tori Timmer, Matthew VanDongen.

1998-1999 Odyssey of the Mind Lee Elementary Team - Tom Ward, coach, Lindsey Collin, Meagan Eaton, Beth Fuller, Kendall Moore, Melanie Truer, Alesha Ward.

1998-1999 Odyssey of the Mind Page Team - Linda Truer, coach, Katrina Field, Andrea Truer, Jamie VanDongen, Marissa Wieringa, Kate Wilson.

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TK Students of the Month Selected

The following young people were selected as "Students of the Month" for December at Thornapple Kellogg High School: (front row, from left) Jake Scott, Barb Blain, Sarah Schilthroat, Adam Biggs, Justin Chavis, (second row) Amy David, Julie Devine, Breyne Middleton, Sabrina Abasse, (third row) Aaron Alvarez, Teri Schondelmayer, Gwen Jeurink, Randy Benedict, (fourth row) Carly Allington, Andrea Berkimer, Stacey Willemstein, (fifth row) Austin McKian, Brandon Vanhouten, Gary Winchester, Scott Huntington and Kyle Preslar.

TK 6th-graders study ecosystem of barn owl

Exploring owl pellets is just one part of Chris Dodd's science classes at Thornapple Kellogg Middle School. Here (from left) Jayson Schepers, Dan Smith,

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Students in Chris Dodd's sixth grade science classes do a little bit of everything.

They do some hands-on research, get data from books, use games to explore science and even discover the ecosystem of the barn owl.

Owl pellets are masses of bones, teeth, hair, feathers, scales and insect skeletons. Raptors like owls and hawks which swallow their prey whole or in large pieces regurgitate the pellets. The students dissected sterilized pellets and identified the mammals (voles, mice, moles and shrews) from the bones found in the pellets.

Curtis Batdorff was amazed at the number of skulls he found in the pellet he was examining. He, Jayson Schepers, Dan Smith and Jakob Wierenga worked to assemble the skeletons and graphed their findings.

This laboratory exploration allowed the students to investigate the food web with the owl at the top and predict the mammal populations needed to support an owl.

The students also discovered the pellets (before they are sterilized) are ecosystems. The pellet habitat can support communities of moths, beetles and fungi. The pellet ecosystem is part of the larger forest ecosystem.

Cary Middlebush wins TK Middle School Geography Bee

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Students at Thornapple Kellogg Middle School were poring over maps, thinking really hard and maybe even guessing as they participated in the Geography Bee Jan. 15.

When the dust settled from answering questions on physical, cultural geography, exploring the continents, rivers and even some questions involving nicknames, eighth-grader Cary Middlebush was the winner.

Runner-up was sixth-grader Patrick Cisler and sixth-grader Kyle Sawdy came in third.

Middlebush took a lengthy test which was sent to the National Geographic Society, sponsor of the competition. The society then will select 100 winners from each state to go on to the next level.

All 18 students who participated in the Geography Bee will receive a certificate.

Sixth-graders in the Bee were Cisler, Jonathon Daining, Mike Gurski, Sara Hawkins, Natalie Hoag, Jessica Mapes, Corey McClain, Josh McCoy, Jim Moored, Sawdy, Jarod Smith and Lia Tandy. Matt Albaugh was the only seventh-grader participating.

Eighth-graders were Chet Berkimer, Middlebush, Elise Nyland, Randy Tobias and Mike Yarger.

Geography Bee winner Cary Middlebush shared the honor with runner-up Patrick Cisler. Students answered questions from "Which U.S. state has tropical rain forests"to Where is Motown?" (Hawaii and Detroit).

AARP offers tax help for senior citizens

The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service will provide free assistance to middle and low income taxpayers with special attention to those age 60 and older.

Volunteers are trained to complete basic income tax forms and answer tax questions. This is a confidential service supported by people in the area. The program will start during the first week in February and will continue through the middle of April or for as long as requests for help warrant.

Assistance will be given in Middleville at the Middleville Village offices on Tuesdays, starting Feb. 2, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Call 795-3385 for an appointment.

Help also is available in Caledonia at the Community Education Building on Mondays, starting Feb. 1 from 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments area preferred and may be made by calling 891-8117.

In addition to current year tax forms and booklet, taxpayers are urged to bring a copy of 1997 returns as well as information about 1998 taxable income and deductions. This would include all W-2 forms showing salary and wages, unemployment compensation statements, SSA-1099 forms for social security benefits, and 1099 forms showing pensions, interest, and dividends.

If eligible for any Michigan tax credits, taxpayers should also bring information about amounts paid in 1998 for property taxes or rent, heating costs and prescriptions and drugs.

Surplus commodities distribution set for Jan. 28

A U.S. Department of Agriculture Surplus commodity, foods distribution will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 28, at the Caledonia Holy Family Church, 9669 Kraft Ave.

Navy beans, oats, pears, pineapple juice, pork , prunes, salmon, soup dehy., spaghetti, and spaghetti sauce will be distributed.

Income eligibility guidelines based on monthly income are:

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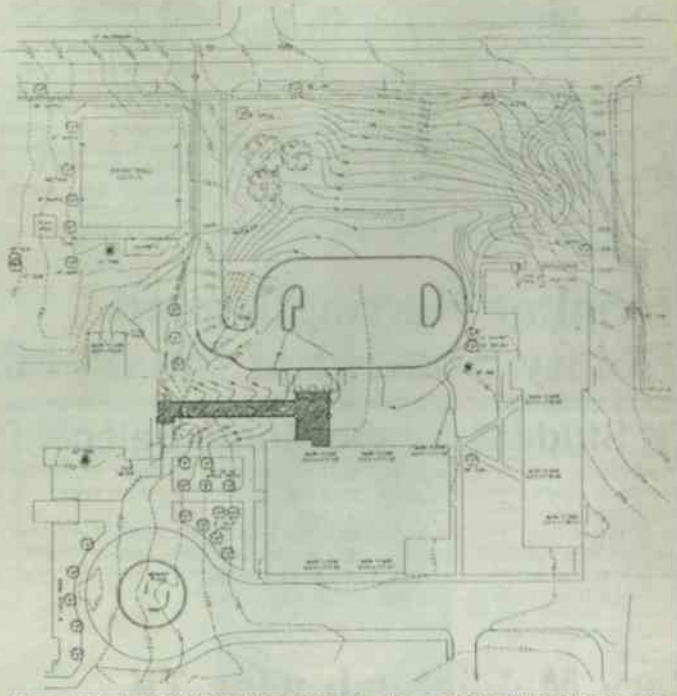
Connecting corridor approved for McFall

This view across the parking lot will be much different during the 1999-2000 school year. A new connecting corridor will link McFall and the middle school gym.



These designs (top) show where the connecting corridor will link McFall to the Middle School Gym. The corridor includes a new main entrance to the school.

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Parents and students entering McFall Elementary School this fall will see the beginning of changes to the building.

At a special meeting Jan. 18, Thornapple Kellogg School Board members approved demolition of the two-story portion of the middle school, and construction of the connecting corridor between McFall and the middle school gym and new bleachers and concession stand at the high school.

The work will cost approximately $1.8 million to complete and includes converting the middle school band room into special education offices and work stations.

The connecting corridor also will include a new entrance to McFall.

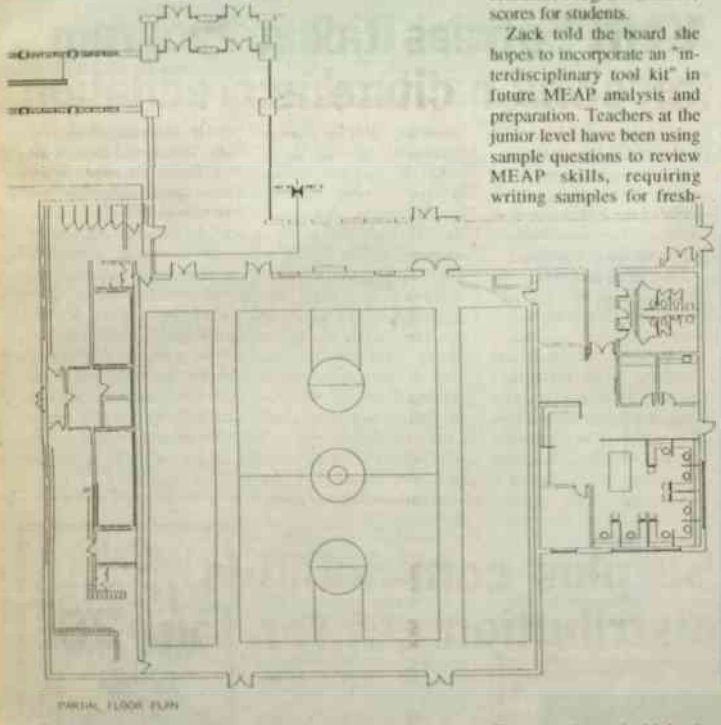
The small parking lot will also be reworked to provide a better drop-off area and parking.

Superintendent Jay Cason pointed out that while there are some mechanical and electrical changes in the bids (including a new boiler for McFall to handle the heating of the gym) there is no money earmarked for the classrooms in the science wing.

In other business last week, the board:

• Was presented an overview, from high school Principal Ellen Zack and middle school Principal Jeff Kulhanek, of the efforts of secondary staff to improve Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) scores for students.

Zack told the board she hopes to incorporate an "interdisciplinary tool kit" in future MEAP analysis and preparation. Teachers at the junior level have been using sample questions to review MEAP skills, requiring writing samples for fresh-



Bottom drawing shows the new special education offices in the refurbished band room.

men in intergrated science and biology classes, English and U.S. history classes for sophomores and in junior English classes.

Social studies teachers have been using the MEAP format in their class preparation. All students have been encouraged to think about how to answer questions.

Sample problems and MEAP coaching has been part of the math curriculum this year.

Kulhanek noted that when last year's science scores were analyzed, it was apparent that TK students missed questions involving labs. This year students have been doing more laboratory investigation and using the scientific method to draw conclusions.

Eighth grade teachers have been reviewing the elements of "good" writing with their students. Reading classes have been practicing MEAP style tests.

• Approved a leave of absence for kindergarten teacher Roxanne Patterson. McFall art teacher Victoria Peabody will be the kindergarten teacher for the rest of the year.

• Received from Assistant Superintendent Midge Pippel a review of her recent trip to Japan.

The next Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education meeting will be Monday, Feb. 8, in the high school library.

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CMS developing family resource center

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Working quietly behind the scenes at Caledonia Middle School, Gloria Blacquiere helps make things work a little more smoothly for a great many teachers and students.

About half of her time is devoted to administrative tasks, helping Principal Carol Uhlman. The other half is spent as a teacher consultant.

Blacquiere has been with the Caledonia school system for 22 years as a teacher consultant, and started at her present duties over a year ago, in the second semester of the 1997-1998 school year.

One special vision Blacquiere has is setting up a family resource center. She is working with a small committee on this project.

The parent resource center would offer materials, videos, cassette tapes, books and more, depending on input from parents as to what they would want available.

"One strategy of the strategic plan is to provide resources to families, as well as programs during the day, which would provide support for kids in their homework, or even after school," she explained.

"We have hired some extra people through Chapter One funds to assist children," Blacquiere said. "These people assist students one to one with school work and homework. There are children on a waiting list for help."

Much of the type of help students need is in organizing their work, help with writing, and sometimes just someone to sit with while they do it. Blacquiere says the program has contributed to the feelings of success and confidence of the kids receiving the help.

She also works directly with students, doing things like oral testing, or informal testing to determine needs, and work with teachers as a part of a teacher assistance team on special problems such as irregular attendance and on determining ways to present learning materials for individual students.

Blacquiere acts as a liaison between the school, child and the home to help things go more smoothly.

Her background was in special education with a minor in psychology, and she has a master's degree in learning disabilities.

Blacquiere has worked in all the buildings over her years in Caledonia. When she began, she was the only teacher consultant, but now there are three in the district.

"It is a wonderful school district to work in," she said. "I have watched a great amount of growth and a lot of exciting development has occurred. Efforts for family involvement have made it a true community school. The school system has high expectations of the teachers and for children's achievements."

Gloria Blacquiere.

Jennifer Herring named Rotary Student of the Month

Senior Jennifer Harring, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Chris and Cynthia Herring of Caledonia, was nominated as the Rotary Student of the Month for December by Donna von der Hoff, math instructor at Thornapple Kellogg High School.

Called a "well rounded individual," Herring has excelled in academics, service, leadership and athletics. Some of her accomplishments include National Honor Society inductee as a sophomore, member of the tennis team, clarinetist and senior drum major in the symphonic band, counselor at Brook Cherith Camp, coach of Leighton United Methodist Church's Puppet Team, teacher for the Pioneer Club at her church, vice president of her 90-member senior high youth group, and mission traveler to Honduras, Costa Rica and Belize.

Jennifer Herring

Future plans include attending Huntington College in the fall of 1999 where she plans to major in speech communications. Her desire is to use this degree as a launching point for a ministry in either a local church, working as a director of Christian education, or in a missions career.

Herring said that her two loves in life are "children with large eyes begging for love and attention and traveling to third world countries to offer hope to the precious nationals." She said she can think of no better life's work than to dedicate herself to the bettering of the lives of the children in less fortunate countries.

She said, "those children deserve a chance in life and someone to believe in them."

Kent Special Riding Program receives national accreditation

Kent Special Riding Program of Alto recently became accredited under the accreditation program offered by the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA).

Accreditation status was approved by the NARHA Board of Directors in November.

The Kent Special Riding Program offers therapeutic horseback riding services for individuals with disabilities. By attaining accreditation through NARHA, the center has demonstrated that it is in accordance with national standards for the therapeutic riding industry.

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To become accredited, a NARHA member riding center must successfully pass an evaluation by a trained NARHA representative. Centers are evaluated according to several standards that cover a wide range of areas such as horses, safety equipment, instruction, facilities management, volunteerism and administration. These standards were developed by the NARHA membership to assure that centers follow practices that are basic to quality therapeutic riding.

"NARHA Accreditation helps assist the public in selecting safe centers that provide quality services," said Scebbi. "It also gives our centers a method for self evaluation and facilitates a constant striving for improvement."

NARHA is a non-profit equestrian organization founded in 1969 to promote and support therapeutic riding for individuals with disabilities. Currently, NARHA has approximately 600 member riding centers across the U.S. and Canada. Approximately 180 of these centers are NARHA accredited. NARHA riding centers serve more than 28,000 individuals with disabilities.

For more information about NARHA and therapeutic riding, call 800-369-RIDE (7433). For more information about the Kent Special Riding Program, call (616) 891-8066.

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Gypsy moth spraying bills to be removed

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Township Board has decided to remove gypsy moth spraying invoices on properties that were sprayed in 1998.

Bills had been sent to people whose properties have been sprayed, but some invoices were not paid and some still have outstanding bills, which have shown up on property records.

Township Planner Tim Dolehanty said, "Contrary to statements made by some people, no leins were placed on anyone's property."

Some township residents say they have found outstanding bills for spraying attached to their property records, requiring payment in order to sell. However, the board's action to remove the invoices from the records now will put a stop to that.

Trustee John Potter moved to deem the 1998 spraying invoices uncollectible, with no obligation to property owners and the board approved the motion earlier this month.

Contention over paying for spraying came for some property owners because they said they were not notified they had been included in a spray block. Some did not want to have their trees sprayed. Some said they did not have the opportunity to refuse the spraying, which was their right. Others said they did ask not to have spraying done, but it was done anyway.

As a result, some property owners have been outraged by this sequence of events.

Citizen Janette Van Wormer was a property owner who said when she attempted to sell a lot in December she discovered from Michigan Title Company that a "special assessment " bill of $31.90 for gypsy moth spraying was attached to that property, due by Dec. 31 1998, and in order to sell, she would be required to pay it.

Van Wormer had received a letter from the township dated Aug. 19, 1998, stating that participation in the program was voluntary, and she did not have to pay the bill, and "the township will not increase taxes or place a lein on property in lieu of compensation for the service rendered."

After learning the bill was attached to her property, she contacted her attorney, Frederick J. Boncher, who wrote in a letter dated Jan. 7, "... contrary to the township allegations, township officials intentionally placed a lein upon our client's property for the gypsy moth sprayings."

He concluded, "the actions of the Township clearly constitute a slander of title." He specified "special damages in a cause of action for slander of title include costs and attorney fees."

Boncher asked the township to discharge the lein and "to reimburse our client in the amount of $200."

He also said he had been contacted by others who are facing the same problem.

Lori Bracken, employed by Metropolitan Title, another company called the township office to see if other residents had such attachments to their property records. Bracken stated, "I spoke with Ruth DeVries - Caledonia Township, 891-0070 RE: ...Terry James Porritt at 9:20 a.m. / 1-4-99. ... She told me there were no taxes due, however there was a special assessment for gypsy moth spraying for $39.15."

She said another person in the title company's tax department had been told the same thing.

Later the Porritts were told by a letter from the township, signed by Ruth DeVries, treasurer, "the gypsy moth invoice for $39.15 had been written off, because of a written request from the property owner."

Laura Porritt said in June that she was billed for spraying, after she had objected to being sprayed.

Citizen Fred Fleischmann said at the meeting, he has 15 acres that were sprayed with a noticeable improvement of the pests over the previous year. He said he was billed and he paid for it. He was pleased the work had been done. He said it was a terrific program and said the township needs to continue pursuing the gypsy moth spraying program.

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Sixth-graders at TK have Japanese pen pals

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Students in Kris Divita's sixth grade English class are learning a little Japanese, exploring the world of origami and even meeting some new friends from across the globe.

The students are writing to students in Japan.

When Thornapple Kellogg Assistant Superintendent Midge Pippel visited Japan as part of an education delegation, she brought letters from TK students. Since then, many of the Japanese students have written back. Their letters have included drawings, origami creatures and many questions about life in the United States.

The Middleville students have written back with questions of their own. They are sharing ideas about peace, Iraq, family life and school.

Amber Ihm said, "It is fun to meet new people." Heather Betit said she was excited to write back to her pen pal, Kumiko Oguma.

Most students plan to keep writing as long as the Japanese students respond. Many of the Japanese students use the letters to help them practice their English.

From hello to "sayonara" students are broadening their horizons through friendships.

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Caring, fun-loving single white female, 25, 5'5", with long brown hair and green eyes, enjoys clubbing and meeting romance novels. She seeks a funny single male 19-30. Ad# 6460

ATTENTION
Honest, caring single black mom of three, 27, 5'9", 210lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys movies, church and bowling, is hoping to meet a single black male, 25-39. Ad# 1253

PHONE ME NOW
This single white female, 42, 5'7", 130lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, loves dancing, country music and quiet evenings at home. She wants to meet an honest and warm-hearted single white man, 35-50, for friendship. Ad# 2972

LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE
Funny single white female, 24, 4'9", 110lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, music, travel and sports, seeks a single white male, 18-25. Ad# 7870

MUST BE NICE
You have to meet this kind-hearted single white female, 5'5", 135lbs., if you're a caring, outgoing male, 40-45, who enjoys swimming, running, the outdoors and keeping active. She's waiting for your call. Ad# 8606

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An outgoing, friendly single white female, 18, 5'8", brownish-blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys rollerblading, horror movies, spending time with friends, pepsi and single males, 18-21. Ad# 7705

WATCHING SUNSETS
Call this caring, sensitive single white female, 26, 5'9", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who likes homecooked meals, canoeing and snowmobiling. She seeks an emotionally stable single white male, 35-44, 6' with similar interests. Ad# 9797

MOVE FAST
Sincere, caring widowed white mom of two, 28, 5'2", 130lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys singing, music, old movies and reading, seeks a dependable, open-minded single male, 35-50, who will accept her children. Ad# 9867

A MAN WITH A PLAN?
This sweet, dependable single white female, 54, 5'3", 115lbs., with blonde hair, blue eyes, is looking for a friendly single white male, 50-62, who enjoys dancing and romantic conversation. She also enjoys gardening, bowling, rodeos, cooking and movies. Ad# 7151

COUNTRY LIVING
The attractive, kind-hearted, easygoing single white female, 58, 5'3", with brown hair and hazel eyes, non-smoker, enjoys music, cooking, crocheting and more. She is seeking a caring, honest, and single white male 47-73, with similar interests. Ad# 8240

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WAITING FOR YOU
Attractive, professional single white female, 34, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys country music, golf, antiques, country living and family, seeks a quality single white male, 35-47. Gun Lake area. Ad# 7319

WATCH THE SUNSET
Outgoing single white mom, 38, 5'1", with blonde hair and green eyes, who loves going to the beach, bowling, dancing, movies, and traveling, is looking for a single white male, 30-40, with similar interests. Ad# 9502

DEFINITE POSSIBILITY
Outgoing, single white female, 29, 5'5", 125lbs.ish, who enjoys bowling, movies and sports, would like to meet a caring single male, 25-39. Ad# 8508

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

OPEN-MINDED
Athletic single white female, 20, 5'8", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, aquatic music, wants to meet an honest single male, 18-28, for friendship. Ad# 7997

WHAT A FIND
Single Native American female, 55, 5'3", 175lbs., with dark hair and green eyes, who enjoys spectator sports, bowling, fishing, roller skating and camping, seeks a single male, 50-60, Hispanic male, over 48, for friendship. Ad# 9150

ROMANTIC MOMENTS
Considerate, kind, and honest are ways to describe this single white female, 21, 5'6", 210lbs., who likes dancing, bowling and taking walks. She is looking for a kind-hearted and loving single white male, 22-28, to share endless moments. Ad# 9690

LET'S MINGLE
Camping, fishing, dining out and movies are interests of this single white female, 48, 5'6", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes. She's looking for a long-term relationship with the right single white male, 40-50, with similar interests. Ad# 8549

IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO CALL
Fun is inevitable when around this with-it white female with curves to die for, 5'3", 175lbs., with dark hair and green eyes, who loves dancing, shooting pool and going to the zoo. She seeks a single black/Hispanic male, 40-65, for friendship. Ad# 8801

IRRESISTIBLE
Divorced mom, 36, 5'8", 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# 7918

MARVELOUS
Here is a funny, yet serious, single white female, 19, 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, 19-26. Ad# 9091

SO SENSITIVE
Humorous single white mom, 33, 5'10", with brown hair and eyes, enjoys children, movies and sports. She is looking for a single white male, 25-40, who wants a serious relationship. Ad# 9099

ON IMPULSE
A love for all aspects of life is possessed by this single white female, 30, whose main 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# 8419

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Sincere, humorous single white female, 30, who enjoys sports, listening to music and dining out, is seeking an honest, trustworthy single white male. Ad# 9660

LET'S MINGLE
Professional single white mom of two, 52, 5'4", who enjoys cooking, baking, sewing and reading, is seeking a single white male, over 45, to share life with. Ad# 7360

BE FAITHFUL TO ME
This divorced white mom, 28, 5'5", 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, 51, 5'7", full-figured, with reddish-brown hair, is seeking a single white male, under 60, to enjoy wood working, art, nature walks, dancing and more with her. Ad# 9021

AWAITING YOU...
Is this thoughtful divorced Asian mom, 37, 5', 100lbs., 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# 8602

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COUNTRY LIVING
Sincere, outgoing single white female, 44, 5'9", with blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys the country, horses, antiques, movies, 'Sky' cling and more, seeks a caring, loyal single white male, 38-52. Ad# 7777

SUNNY DAYS
Single white female, 25, 5'7", 150lbs., a brown-eyed brunette, who enjoys sports, fishing, hunting and the great outdoors, is friendly, fun-loving and the perfect date. 26 or under. Ad# 8359

STEP INTO HER LIFE
Love and romance are what every girl if you meet this single Hispanic female, 21, 5'9", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who is into softball and watching movies. A romantic single Hispanic male, 20-30, to share some quiet times is her desire. Ad# 8242

ROMANTIC TYPE
Widowed white female, 56, 4'11", dark hair/eyes, enjoys camping, candlelight, traveling, quilting and going to the casino, wishes to meet a talkative single white male, 50-68, who is a gentleman. Ad# 9079

EVER-LASTING LOVE
Short and sassy, she's a divorced white female, 50, 5'2", with dark hair and eyes, social drinker and smoker, who likes antiques, relaxing and poetry, seeks a romantic, sincere single white male, 50-70, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 8705

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CUTIE PIE
Single white female, 46, with red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys home life, music and movies, seeks a sincere, open-minded single black gentleman, over 35, non-smoker, drinker, who is easygoing, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 9093

GREAT QUALITIES
Single white female, 27, 5'5", 180lbs., who enjoys spending time with family and friends, dining out and camping, is searching for a caring, an honest single white male, 27-35, for a possible long-term relationship. Ad# 7310

LET ME GET TO KNOW YOU
You'll find no more sincere, caring, thrilling little single white mom of one, 21, 5'5", 107lbs., with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys ice skating, sports, movies, dancing, classical and country music, wants a spontaneous single male, 18-55. Ad# 7222

CAN WE MEET?
Laughter can bring a smile to the face of this single white mother of one, 22, 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, 32-35. Ad# 9364

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Single white female, 32, 5'5", full-figured, with brown hair and hazel eyes, who is seeking an open-minded single 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 mom, 22, 5'8", with brown hair and eyes, who would like to meet a very loving single black male, over 22. She is into skiing, camping, long walks and family time. Ad# 8749

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Vibrant single white professional female, 36, 5'9", 127lbs., who enjoys the great outdoors, weeks an exuberant, outgoing single white male, 32-50, with a positive outlook on life. Ad# 8131

ARE YOU THAT SPECIAL MAN
Then call this fun and loving single white female, 43, 5'3", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys reading, biking, swimming and outdoor activities. She is searching for a sweet, honest and big-hearted single white male, 44-48. Ad# 8144

ONE HAPPY LADY
Friendly and sincere, with good morals, is this single white female, 62, 5'3", 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

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ON THE LEVEL
Single white mom of two, 24, 5'6", 190lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single male, 24-36, who honestly includes taking long walks, all types of music, movies and more. Ad# 9532

WHERE ARE YOU?
She is a sentimental, full-figured female, 42, 5'5", 140lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who likes concerts, dancing, movies, her cats and gardening. She hopes to meet an honest, easygoing, active single white male, 35-40. Ad# 9560

WARM AND SENSITIVE
Caring single, white female, 40, 5'2", 145lbs., enjoys football, baseball and racing. She seeks an honest, caring single white male, 45-56, who'll like doing things together with her. Ad# 9178

JUST YOU AND ME!
Happy single white female, 38, 5'6", 170lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys music, baseball and basketball, seeks an honest, faithful single male, 28-38. Ad# 8199

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

YOU TELL ME
Widowed white female, 53, 5'2", 135lbs., with long, dark hair and blue eyes, enjoys singing, sewing, sports and more. She is seeking a single white male, 55-68. Ad# 7599

FOR COMPANIONSHIP
An attractive, slender, friendly single white female, 50, who likes traveling, the outdoors, sports, easy listening music and country living, is seeking a professional, physically fit, sincere single white male, 50-60. Ad# 7945

EMERALD EYES
Professional single white mom of one, 40, 5'8", 130lbs., with auburn hair, who enjoys blues and jazz, bowling and traveling to the Caribbean, is seeking an educated, professional, single/divorced black male, 40-50. Ad# 7099

SOLID VALUES
Hardworking single white female, 46, 5', with long hair and brown eyes, who enjoys motorcycles, camping, travel, hockey and reading, is looking for a single white male, 36-50, with similar interests. Ad# 7504

ON THE LEVEL
Single black female, 34, 5'5"bs., with long hair, enjoys going to concerts, movies, walks and basketball, is seeking a fun-loving single male. Ad# 8864

IN SEARCH OF YOU
Single white mom of one, 36, 5'3", 235lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys the beach and picnics in the park, is seeking an honest single white male, 35-40. Ad# 9015

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 open-minded, easygoing single male, 24-38, for friendship. Ad# 8670

BEST FOOT FORWARD
Witty single white male, 40, 6'1", 215lbs., with a fit physique, enjoys long walks, motorcycling and shopping. He's seeking an outgoing, attractive, single white female, 40-50, who enjoys arts. Ad# 6647

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THE BEST OF THE BEST
This single white male, 31, 5'10", 170lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white female, 26-36, 5'2"-5'6", under 135lbs., to enjoy biking, camping and more with him. Ad# 3003

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Easygoing single white male, 23, 5'6", 165lbs., with curly brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys fishing, swimming, travel and more, seeks a kind, honest single white female, 21-40. Ad# 7281

SOMETIMES QUIET
Single white male, 29, 5'2", 230lbs., with long brown hair/eyes, is looking for a fun-loving single white female, 18-35, who enjoys football, listening to rock music and concerts. Ad# 8796

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GIVE ME A CALL
Professional single white male, 29, 6'2", 185lbs., who enjoys motorcycle riding, working out and cuddling, seeks a devoted, caring single white female, 21-35, children welcome. Ad# 7966

MAKE A WISH FOR ME
Professional, honest single white male, 30, 5'9", 145lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who enjoys sports, a quiet night at home and dining out, is looking for companionship, 20-35. Ad# 8798

DREAMS COME TRUE
Employed single white male, 36, 6'3", 190lbs., with strawberry blond hair, blue eyes and a great personality is ISO an honest, good-hearted single white female, 35-42. Some of his interests include muscle cars, the beach and amusement parks. Ad# 8374

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Spend some quality time with this physically fit, energetic single white male, 26, 6'1", with brown eyes and 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# 8023

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Outgoing, easy-going white male, 20, 6'2", with light brown hair, who enjoys the outdoors and more, is seeking a single white female, to spend time with. Ad# 7898

LOVES KIDS
Family-oriented, caring single white dad, 28, 6'2", with hazel eyes, likes to settle down with a faithful, kind single white female, 18-40. His hobbies include biking, horseback riding, canoeing, movies, dining out and more. Ad# 8636

LET ME COOK YOU DINNER
He's an outgoing and honest single white male, 38, 5'11", 170lbs., with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys fishing, camping and sitting by a campfire. He wishes to meet a single white female, 26-40, for a possible relationship. Ad# 9565

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Easygoing single white male, 44, 5'11", 150lbs., who enjoys camping, the outdoors, watching videos, oil painting and playing cards, is seeking a caring single white female. Ad# 9151

DISCOVER ME
He's a professional, single white dad, 39, 6', 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, a slim build, who enjoys art, the beach, spending time with his kids, boating and more. He's seeking a positive, humorous single white female, 25-45. Ad# 8087

SHOW ME THE WAY
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GET READY FOR FUN
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Professional single white male, 35, 5'11", 180lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities, sports and movies, would like to meet a single, athletic single white female, 25-45, to share time, interests and activities. Ad# 9082

FOLLOW YOUR HEART...
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Single white dad, 28, 5'10", 180lbs., with dark hair and green eyes, seeks a mature single white female, 28-35, who enjoys rollerblading and the outdoors. Ask 9410

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Get together with this outgoing, self-employed single white dad, 36, 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. Ask 7618

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A talkative, retired single white male, 53, 5'8", who likes the outdoors, motorcycles, camping and sports, is looking for a kind-hearted, slender single white female, with similar interests. Ad# 9196

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Single white male, 37, 6'1", 190lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys fishing, hunting, motorcycles and building dark cars, seeks a friendly single female, under 41. Ad# 7641

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An open and honest relationship is what is 28-year-old single white male, 5'3", 175lbs., with light brown hair and green eyes, seeks with a single white female, 18-42. He's a skilled tradesman who enjoys horseback riding, the beach and more. Ad# 9635

HONESTY IS THE KEY
Friendly single black male, 29, 6'2", 190lbs., with short black hair/eyes, who enjoys dining out and movies, seeks a single white female, 18-48. Ad# 5990

IN SEARCH OF YOU
Professional single white male, 34, 5'8", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys weightlifting and reading, is looking for a honest single white female, under 28. Ad# 9011

YOUR WISH & MINE?
I am a pleasant European widowed white male, 70, 5', 225lbs., who likes classical music, movie, dancing and cooking. I would like to meet an attractive, affectionate, educated, independent single white female, 55+. Ad# 7367

NEW BEGINNINGS
Professional, divorced white dad, 40, 6'4", 190lbs., with sandy blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys movies, bunting, fishing and camping, NASCAR and tennis activities, is looking for a single white female, 30-42, for friendship first. Ask 7196

SHY AT FIRST...
But once he comes out of his shell, he is loads of fun. This single white male, 24, 5'6", with blue eyes and long blond hair, likes horseback riding, four-wheeling and going to the movies. He is seeking a single female, 18-35. Ask 7591

SICK OF BEING SINGLE?
Shy at first, this single white male, 24, 5'6", 150lbs., with long blond hair and blue eyes, warms up fast. He enjoys horseback riding, ball riding, movies, spending time with friends and seeks a serious relationship with a single female, 18-35. Ad# 9619

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. Ask 8784

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

LONELY TOO LONG
He longs for someone special. This fit single black male, 48, 6'2", likes going to church, walking, billiards and nature. He views an educated, caring single white female, 36-46. Ad# 7972

SOMEONE SPECIAL
Fun-loving single black male, 29, 6'2", 190lbs., who enjoys movies, dining out, sports and music, is looking to meet a single white female, 18-46, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 7547

WANT TO GO OUT WITH ME?
Single white male, 24, 5', 150lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, is a good-natured guy, who likes auto racing, snowmobiling, but riding, fishing and hunting. He's looking for an honest single female, 18-35, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 1402

TAKE THE PLUNGE
Fun-loving, employed single white male, 34, 6'3", 205lbs., with blond hair and green eyes, enjoys sports, the outdoors, camping, NASCAR, gardening and seeks a single white female, 33-45. Ask 8012

MUST BE HONEST
Check out the athletic build on this single Hispanic male, 30, 5'10", 175lbs., with black hair and brown eyes. He's a fun-loving, humorous guy who treats others as he'd want to be treated. He wants to meet a single female, 21-40. Ad# 7861

SOMEONE LIKE ME?
Self-employed single white male, 34, 5'7", 180lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who is outgoing and fun-loving, wants to meet a single white female, 27-40, who enjoys camping, fishing, dining out, tennis, quilting and travel. Ad# 8811

THE JOYS OF LIFE
Fun-loving and sincere describe him best. He's a happy-go-lucky, 5'6", 135lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who likes bowling, movies, sports and more. He's looking for a single white female, under 32, who believes in spur of the moment activities. Ask 9344

GET IN TOUCH
He'll be good to you, so make sure you call this single white male, 60, 5'3", 140lbs., with brown hair and green eyes. He likes hunting, fishing, dancing and wants to meet a single Hispanic female, 40-70. Ad# 7263

ONE WOMAN MAN
I promise you all my love and devotion. I'm a open-minded, widowed white male, 34, with brown hair and blue eyes, who loves fishing. I would like to meet a spontaneous and loving single female, for a wonderful relationship. Ad# 8656

MAKE IT POSSIBLE
Confident single white male, 41, 5'9", 131lbs., with sandy brown hair and blue-green eyes, is seeking an educated, happy single white female who enjoys nature, water skating and traveling. Ad# 9218

ALMOST SMILING
To make him single white male, 25, 5'11", 188lbs., with blue eyes and a happy man, you have to be an outgoing, single white female, 23-36, who enjoys motorcycling, good conversations and be ready to call him. Ad# 8144

BE HONEST
Single white dad, 29, 5'7", 150lbs., with brown/brown hair and blue eyes, hopes to meet, from a single white or black female, 21-34, who likes building model cars, motorcycles, painting and relaxing at home. Ad# 8074

FEEL AT EASE
With this spontaneous, outgoing single white male, 38, who likes driving fast, billiards, dancing, long walks and walks in fun-loving, adventurous, easygoing single white female. Ad# 7329

SPEND TIME WITH ME
He's an outgoing, friendly single white male, 44, who is fun to be with and he likes old gaming, cooking, playing cards and wants to meet a nice, loving single white female. Ad# 9695

HAVE YOU SEEN THE LIGHT?
I am an educated, sensitive but shy single white male, 41, 5'9", with brown hair and eyes, who likes long walks, camping, fishing, movies and quiet times. My hope is to find a slender single white Christian female, 25-45, who is kind-hearted and sincere. Ad# 8062

HOW ABOUT YOU?
Single white dad, 32, 6', 190lbs., who enjoys hunting, fishing, biking and camping, wants to meet an honest, petite, single white female, 18-40, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 8136

OUT IN THE COUNTRYSIDE
A new start on life is offered to you by this single white male, 32, 6', 190lbs., who likes deer hunting, fishing and anything outdoors. He hopes to meet a very honest and sincere single white female, 25-31, with good family values. Ask 8889

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Hardworking, outgoing, witty single white dad, 36, 5'11", 180lbs., with black hair and hazel eyes, enjoys line dancing, camping and spending time with kids. He seeks a single white female, under 39. Ad# 9958

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Outgoing, single white male, 25, 6', with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys listening to music, singing and movies, is seeking an outgoing, loving single white female. Ad# 8111

QUIET TIMES
Outgoing, giving single black male, 36, who enjoys jogging, the outdoors, boating and relaxing, would like to meet a kind, affectionate single black female. Ad# 7598

SOLID VALUES
Meet this easygoing, employed single white male, 31, 5'10", 175lbs., who likes sports, enjoys sports, music, the outdoors and seeks a single white female, 24-31, preferably without children. Ad# 7624

SAY YOU WILL
The future can't look any better than if you plan to spend it with the single white male, 19, with brown hair and hazel eyes, who searches for a fun-loving female, 18-27. He enjoys playing guitar, singing, ten-ning and snowmobiling. Ad# 8384

STARTS WITH A DATE
Best described as fun and outgoing, but serious when necessary, this single white male, 47, 6', 175lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, searches for a petite single Asian female, under 50. Ad# 8028

QUALITY RELATIONSHIP
On the tour of the moment is how this single white male, 21, 5'9", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who likes going to the movies and walking his dog, lists his life. He is looking to meet a single female, 20-40, to share new ideas. Ad# 8573

A BALLROOM DANCER
Single white male, 57, 5'8", 150lbs., enjoys golf, bowling, tennis, travel, billiards and country dancing, seeks a single female, who enjoys sports, music, the outdoors and seeks a single white female, 24-31, preferably without children. Ad# 7624

GREETINGS
Easygoing, friendly single black male, 35, 5'7" slim, with black braided hair, wishes to show friendship and interests with an outgoing, sincere single white female, 18-35, who enjoys biking, horses and moonlit walks. Ad# 9039

HELLO LOVE
Sincere single white male, 43, 5'11", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys outdoor activities and quiet times at home, seeks an outgoing single white female, 30-40. Ad# 9732

HOME BODY
Honest single white male, 32, 6'2", medium build, blue-eyed blond, enjoys the outdoors, hunting, nature and sunsets, wants to share it all with a single female, 18-30, who is a kind-hearted, yearly, smoke single white female, 24-38. Ad# 7259

GET TO KNOW ME
Fun-loving, employed single white dad of one, 40, 5'7", with brown hair and blue eyes, would like to spend time with a sportsminded, outgoing single white female, under 45. Ad# 8677

CLOSE TO YOU
Single black male, 34, 5'11", who enjoys basketball, reading and bowling, seeks a multi-talented, outgoing female. Ad# 8364

THE LONG HAUL
Carefree single white male, 31, 5'9", 160lbs., with short blond hair and blue eyes, enjoys photography, concerts, sports and dining out at nice restaurants. He seeks a tall, sensitive single white female, 25-35, who's caring, loving and honest. Ad# 9900

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Tower ordinance closer to approval in Yankee Springs

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Yankee Springs Township Planning Commission, under the direction of new Chair Richard Bukema, last week completed a line by line review of an ordinance that would regulate wireless communication towers.

During the public hearing on the proposed ordinance, Glen Bober from Nextel discussed how the proposal matched his needs. He did make some suggestions.

Scott McKeown did ask the Planning Commission to "protect the township" as it considered the ordinance.

The ordinance puts the tower only on property zoned agricultural and regulates the height to a maximum of 300 feet, and requests flip lighting rather than strobe lighting at night.

There was some discussion of minimum spacing requirements of towers, with the ordinance stating "two miles." Many of the Planning Commission members wanted to expand the distance, but Ken Detloff, the planner from McKenna Associates, reminded them that there was a possibility that a greater distance would make the ordinance "unreasonable."

Detloff agreed to send a copy of the ordinance as revised to the township by Jan. 25. Tonight, Jan. 26, the board will meet to review the ordinance and then send it on to the Township Board for approval.

The board also tabled the request by Nextel for the tower on the S&S Market site. It will be acted on at the special meeting as well.

Also on the table during the special meeting will be the reconsideration of the rezoning request from Pleasant Valley Estates II.

During the original discussion of this development off Chief Noonday Road, the request was to change the agriculture zoned area to R1, light density residential.

Then the Planning Commission asked the Township Board to send the zoning change back for reconsideration.

The developer has made significant changes to his planned unit development plan, including a nine hole executive golf course. However, before this plan can be reviewed, the confusion over the zoning will have to be cleared up. Terry Trump representing the property owner, William Weick, did give a brief overview of changes to the plan.

This plan will have to be presented at a future public hearing.

The commission did approve the John Pillar off Dixon Road development, which has been delayed by waiting for approvals from the Barry County Health Department. The request had been tabled since the November meeting. All approvals have been received as well as the documents so the board approved allowing the work to go forward.

The special meeting is tonight Tuesday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the Township Hall. The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Cookie... 'mobbed' by fans

The Oreo Cookie made a visit to the elementary school lunch times during the week of Jan. 18. This visit was a reminder that milk and cookies go together and cookies can sometimes be a sweet ending to a meal.

Middleville man gets prison term for second probation violation

Jesse Bardwell, 26, of Middleville, was sentenced to spend three to five years in prison for his second probation violation conviction.

Bardwell was serving probation for a 1997 conviction of third degree criminal sexual conduct with a person between the ages of 13 and 15.

"This was his second sex offense," said said Assistant Prosecutor David Makled. "He didn't want to report, he didn't want to register and he wanted to smoke pot. He doesn't get it and has yet to take this seriously."

Bardwell was arrested for violating probation by failing to report to his probation agent three times, failing to submit to a urine test and failing to attend sex offender treatment.

"I'm considering the fact that you were here for probation violation a year ago and here we are a year later for the same situation," said Fisher. "This leads me to believe that a year ago, I made a mistake and should have imposed the maximum sentence then."

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Fire destroys garage in Thornapple Twp.

A fire that started in a snowmobile as its owner was repairing the machine spread to the interior of the garage where it was parked and destroyed the structure Jan. 15 in Thornapple Township, according to Middleville Fire Chief Bob Woodard Wednesday.

Woodard said the 24-foot by 30-foot building, located at 5580 Duncan Lake Road, was fully engulfed in flames when firefighters arrived on the scene at about 9:49 a.m.

Thornapple Township Emergency Services, assisted by a tanker from Caledonia, were able to prevent the fire from spreading from the unattached garage to the nearby house and propane tank, said Woodard, and no one was injured.

Woodard estimates the damage to the structure and contents, owned by Gerald and Sue Wyant, at about $30,000, he said.

Middleville man pleads to 2 charges

Kim Lee Lyons, 38, of Middleville, pleaded guilty earlier this month in Barry County Circuit Court to third offense drunk driving and attempted resisting and obstructing a police officer.

The offenses were alleged to have occurred Oct. 10 in Middleville.

Lyons also pleaded no contest to being a habitual offender.

Charges of resisting and obstructing and of driving on a suspended license were dismissed.

Lyons, who admitted to driving with a blood alcohol level of .25, was previously convicted of drunk driving in Jefferson County, Colo., in 1993 and in Wayne County, Mich., in 1990, he said.

He will be sentenced on the current convictions Feb. 4.

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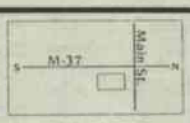

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Caledonia Twp. to hire consultant to help with master plan

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia Township Manager/Planner Tim Dolehanty's decision to leave his position has prompted the Planning Commission and Township Board to recommend hiring an outside consultant to help with creating a new general development plan.

Dolehanty last week said money had been budgeted for hiring consultants and he suggested the commissioners consider the option of using a consultant to guide their process. He estimated the cost to fall between $10,000 and $20,000 for these services.

Dolehanty stressed the importance of involving the public in the planning process. He suggested using surveys, town meetings, citizen advisory committees, public agencies such as the Road Commission, and interest or focus group representatives to expand the amount of information gathered. He advised avoiding any one single focus and to try to be as comprehensive as possible. He said public involvement and representation was needed to gain support for development in the future.

He also said that in his experience, some of the most useful information and ideas for master planning had come from a survey developed by suggestions from focus groups.

Dolehanty said a consultant could help planners gather information from the public so a truly representative idea of what citizens want for the township could be obtained. He said a consultant could help collect data and future projections of growth, the economy, infrastructure, utilities, facilities and other factors based on information already available, which only needed to be collected.

Planning Commissioner Deb Steketee said she would like any surveys drawn from voter registration rolls rather than property tax rolls because of more balanced representation.

Steketee said she thought an outside consultant could be of great help, and under the circumstances, a necessary alternative. She said, "We are ill prepared to deal with what is about to happen in the township."

Commission Chairman Roger Keating mentioned the decline of farming in the township and the importance of the Thornapple River area as a natural resource to be preserved. He also mentioned wooded areas that once removed would be gone forever and change the character of the township unless something is done to preserve them.

Commissioner Ric Parent said he would like the mission statement to reflect "the citizens" as the number one item.

Steketee said the first task was to determine what this township values... what it believes will give it quality of life.

It was clarified for questioning citizens that a consultant would not be creating the new general development plan itself, but would assist in the best ways to gather information and to draw the public into the process as well as how to ascertain a representative picture of what the citizens wanted. Then a general idea of a plan would be drawn up that would again be put before the public for their input.

The Township Board Jan. 20 agreed to consider hiring a consultant to help develop the master plan. Bids will be sought and depending on the services offered, a firm may be hired to assist the Planning Commission. The township is not committed to hiring anyone until the offers are understood and the bids are in.

The Planning Commission last week reviewed the status of the general development plan process. Keating said he wanted to complete the plan by the end of the year, if possible. He said he wanted to be very firm in observing dates set to work on the plan. The process, which started last March, has stayed close to the original schedule.

Keating asked all commissioners to come to the next work session with their own plans, with drawings and pictures of each of their visions of what business and residential areas of the township would one day look like. He also asked each of them to evaluate what the public might want in the new master plan, based on their experience of public opinions expressed to them.

Steketee asked if Caledonia Village could be brought in to the process of planning for the area, so that possibly a common community plan would result, if the village was in agreement.

A master planning workshop dealing with the process may be brought to the township officials. The public may be able to attend, but a date is not yet set.

Several new committee assignments were made at the Jan. 18 meeting of the Caledonia Township Planning Commission.

The Site Plan Review Committee will include Dan Timmer and Steketee. Parent and Patti Cress will be on the Ordinance Review Committee and Beryl Fischer was recommended to act as representative on the Zoning Board of Appeals. The Township Board on Jan. 20 appointed Fischer to the ZBA with Keating to act as alternate.

The commission reviewed draft changes to the bylaws.

Steketee asked to extend the periods set aside for public input in meetings. The times approved by the commission for short comments were three minutes for individuals and five minutes for persons speaking for a group. For extended comment seven minutes were approved for individuals and up to 15 minutes were approved for persons speaking for a group.

Typically times allowed for public commentary in meetings is much less.

Steketee explained the length of time would not be fixed, but would allow longer periods of time if needed, for people giving presentations with materials to be viewed. Keating said he would like having a sign up before the meeting so time could be designated, depending on how many people asked to speak. The length of the meeting could also affect the amount of time granted for citizen comments, according to the decision of the chair.

Commissioners discussed the length of time needed to receive the agenda before a meeting. Some members have been receiving the agenda as late as the Friday before a Monday meeting. They felt more time was better and would like to get the materials the Friday following a meeting if possible.

Typically, minutes from previous meetings are completed the day following, and other materials could be ready sooner, but delivery by mail to the commissioners has been a problem. With the heavy meeting schedule they have been keeping, getting these materials on time is not easy.

Most thought faxing the materials would be more efficient. The township office can fax information, and will be on line very soon. Notices could be available to commissioners and to the public when they are ready.

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Trails president says grant application is a joint effort

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Village Manager David Arking and Thornapple Trail Association President Michael Gormley have been meeting recently to try to refine the details of a grant application for the Paul Henry Trail.

Village Council Member David Newman, at a council meeting Jan. 12, discussed the suggestion by the local Parks and Recreation Committee that the village sponsor a grant proposal to the Michigan Department of Transportation. If the application is approved, it would allow for paving the Middleville portion of the Paul Henry Trail.

The preliminary suggestion was to apply for a grant of about $250,000, which would include a suggestion from the village manager for a picnic pavilion, rest room facility and storage area.

But Council Member Floyd Bray said Jan. 12 that he was concerned that the trail is costing the village money when his expectation was that it would not.

Following a brief discussion, Village President Lon Myers asked Gormley to meet with Arking to refine the proposal.

In the weeks since the last meeting Gormley, other members of the Thornapple Trail Association and Arking have been looking over the proposal.

Gormley explained, "MDOT grants must be sponsored by municipalities. The Thornapple Trail Association cannot apply for this grant on our own. The association will continue to do fund-raising and seek those grants which can come directly to us."

Similar grants have been applied for by other area communities such as Fertysburg. The application, which is due on Feb. 1, is no guarantee that Middleville will receive the grant.

Gormley stressed that he appreciated the cooperative effort shown by the village. In return, he pointed out the many hours of volunteer labor association members have spent working on the trail, including constructing bridges and work days.

Gormley was not involved with the association when it began.

"I look forward to a time when the trail can be enjoyed by residents in wheelchairs, on roller blades and on bicycles," he said.

He said he appreciates the picnic pavilion suggested by Arking. "This will be an asset to the community."

MDOT grants do require some level of matching funds. The revised grant proposal will be presented to the Village Council tonight (Tuesday, Jan. 26).

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'Mastering Menopause' presentation is Feb. 18

Dr. Ann Breitweiser

Family practice physician Dr. Ann Breitweiser will give a free presentation on "Mastering Menopause" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, at the Metro Health Caledonia Plaza.

Slides will accompany the presentation and patient literature will be handed out.

The comprehensive lecture will address symptoms of peri-menopause (before) and treatments for post menopause of women ages 40 and up.

Breitweiser said smoking, family history and other symptoms are used to determine if somone is menopausal.

General health risks and health care, including hormone replacement therapy, benefits and drawbacks like heart disease risks during that period will be discussed. In addition, alternative medical therapies, herbal therapies, vitamins, exercise and mood digression during those years will be covered.

Breitweiser said she hopes to correct some misconceptions about hormone replacement therapy, and to provide an atmosphere in which individual questions can be answered.

The lecture is the first in a series to be presented at Metro Health. Breitweiser hopes to continue a series on women's health over the next few months.

"Women's Preventative Health" is scheduled for May 13.

A presentation on heart disease and cholesterol to help understand the risk factors, symptoms and ways to prevent heart disease will be coming in February. That lecture will be given by Dr. Thomas Stevenson.

Call (616) 252-4900 or 1-800-968-0052 for further information or to register for each program.

Exam chairs brighten hallways

The snow closings did delay final exams for Thornapple Kellogg students. Some of the art students final exams went on display in the entrance lobby of the school. There were chair sculptures capturing the essence of art, the kitchen, hunting, fishing, childhood, a mushroom, religious faith and even SKA.

Barn collapses under heavy snow

Earnest Olson said 140 cows escaped injury Jan. 12 when the roof of his 30-year-old barn in Irving Township collapsed under the weight of about one foot of snow at about 11:40 p.m.

"The whole center, about 40 feet of it, fell in," said Olson of 2483 Woodschool Road. "We heard it. We were milking cows in another barn. No one was in there when it happened."

Olson was able to remove the snow from the roofs of other buildings on his property to prevent a repeat occurrence, he said.

Though he did not have a damage estimate, Olson said the 96-foot by 160-foot barn is insured.

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Middleville man gets jail in Babylon break-in

Aric Foster, 22 of Middleville, was sentenced to 90 days in jail with credit for four days served and was placed on two years probation for his conviction of attempted receiving and concealing stolen property for his role in the April 4 break-in of the Babylon Hair Salon in Middleville.

He was also ordered to pay $500 in costs and $605 in restitution payable to the Babylon Hair Salon.

A previous report on Foster's case stating he was charged with breaking into the Thornapple Kellogg Middle School was incorrect.

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Dykstra told the commission that some of the lots will have a very natural look. This plan now goes to the Township Board for approval.

In other business, the commisssion decided to review the storage ordinance in committee. According to Zoning Administrator Diane Steeby, this is to update the ordinance to make sure it meets the needs of the township.

The commission will hold quarterly meetings to discuss planning issues. The first of these meetings is scheduled for March 29 in the township hall.

The next regular planning commission meeting is on Feb. 15 at 7 p.m.

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TK student among winners in regional art show

Sixty-four creative pieces of art work from Battle Creek, Bronson, Delton, Hillsdale, Middleville, Pennfield and Springfield schools were on display at Jefferson Street Art Gallery in Hastings, for the MAES (Michigan Art Education Association) Region 4 Art Show.

Sharyn Austin, United Arts Council Arts Education Project Director and WMU educator, judged the show. Area students whose art work was chosen for display and state adjudication by Sheryl Drenth, art teacher were Delton-Kellogg Elementary School: Ashley Babcock, McKenzie Earl, Tom Groesbeck and Shawn Schut.

• Brian Makowski art teacher, Delton-Kellogg Middle School: Brandon Beeler, Megan Loveland, and James Reynolds.

• Traci Pitford, art teacher, Delton-Kellogg High School: Darcy Morgan and Amanda Tobias.

• Barb Maring, art teacher, Thornapple-Kellogg High School: Gwen Jeuring and Lisa Prichard.

Seventeen schools were represented. Fifteen MAEA member teachers exhibited.

Elementary and chosen middle school artwork will be on display in Lansing, and chosen high school pieces will be on display in Lansing, and chosen high school pieces will be exhibited as part of the Michigan Youth Arts Festival at Western Michigan University in May.

Jefferson Street Art Gallery hours are noon at 8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The gallery telephone number is 948-0095.

JV Scots win two of three to go to 7-2

With a 58-42 win over Godwin Heights, a 50-48 victory over Wyoming Park and a 77-69 overtime loss to Kenowa Hills, Caledonia High School's junior varsity basketball Scots upped its record to 7-2.

Doug Jousma led all scorers in the Godwin Heights contest with 13 points. Dan Kietzman added 12, while Josh Swartz recorded his first double double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. Travis Buehler and Eric Allen each chipped in with 8 points.

In a thrilling win over Wyoming Park, steals and turnovers were factors. Caledonia forced 22 turnovers. Jousma tallied 11 points, Kietzman 8 and Jerome Gardner added 7 markers. Kietzman and Swartz also were cogs on the glass with 6 and 5 caroms respectively.

In a valiant effort versus Kenowa Hills, Swartz picked up his second double double with 13 points and 10 rebounds. Jousma and Ben Busman both tallied 10 points, while Kyle Kleersnyder had 7 points and 5 rebounds.

Scots place fourth at Rockford Invitational

The Fighting Scots wrestling team finished fourth at the Jan. 23 Rockford Invitational and earned five weight class medals in the process.

Mike Tomanek was first at 103, Todd Maines second at 140, Zach Hollinshead third at 160, Seth Temple fourth at 125 and Josh Baltrusaitis fourth at 145.

Holt won the tournament team title and were followed by Eaton Rapids, Rockford and Caledonia.

Caledonia Coach Jim Maxim still believes his squad has the talent to win, but says focus and keeping away from injuries are crucial. Currently, Caledonia has 10 or so athletes who are wrestling through injuries.

"I still believe Caledonia has the talent to win the team districts and send individuals to State finals," Maxim said.

Caledonia travels to Wayland Thursday and will host the Caledonia Invitational Saturday.

The junior varsity Scots also had quite a few placers at Kenowa Hills over the weekend. Taking the hardware were Chris Hanna, Tyler Gamelin, Matt Tava, Mat Pifer, Curt VanderHeide and Kevin Kinney.

Scot freshmen are 8-1 after going 2-0 for week

The freshman basketball team at Caledonia High School won twice last week to move its overall record to 8-1.

The Scots first beat Wyoming Park 54-38 Jan. 19 with Nick Slot leading the team with 14 points/

Caledonia out-scored Park 15-11 in the first quarter, went 7-7 in the second stanza, took the third quarter 11-10 and rolled to a 21-10 advantage in the final eight minutes.

Travis Slot added 9 points, Steve Yanasik 9 points and Jeff DeBlaay did an excellent job of leading the defensive charge.

Nick Slot scored 15, Travis Slot 9, Yanasik 9 and Russ Kietzman 6 in a 57-56 triumph over Kenowa Hills Jan. 22.

Caledonia was up on Kenowa 11-7 after the opening eight minutes, took the second quarter 12-8 and won the third frame 19-15.

La Nina effect may be fading in pacific waters

La Nina may have thrown her best punch for the winter, but that doesn't rule out the possibility of travelers becoming stranded on roadways or even in airplanes before the temper tantrum (winter) season is over.

Jeff Andresen, Michigan State University Extension agricultural meteorologist, says there is evidence in the South Pacific that La Nina has begun or will soon begin to fade.

If there is a good side to La Nina, it is the snow pack, the heaviest since the late 1970s (with more likely to come), which can help replenish the soil moisture deficit in an elliptical area stretching from the Saginaw Valley westward to midstate and into southeastern Michigan. The mild to moderate drought conditions in this region also exist in the western Upper Peninsula.

Andresen says that snow is a good insulator against crop winter-kill and a good restorer of soil moisture because it tends to melt gradually into the soil profile.

IN THE SERVICE

Jason T. Fritzler

Navy Seaman Apprentice Jason T. Fritzler, son of David A. and Linda D. Fritzler of 3547 Grindstone Court, Caledonia, recently reported for duty aboard the aircraft carrier USS John C. Stennis, homeported in San Diego.

Fritzler's rotation to a new duty station exemplifies the worldwide assignability of Marines and Sailors. This flexibility allows our naval forces to protect U.S. national interests around the world while providing a visible deterrence for regional conflicts.

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Scots place second at Bridgeport Invitational

Caledonia's High School wrestling team earned the runners-up trophy at the Iron Man Bridgeport Invitational Jan. 16 at Bridgeport High School.

The Fighting Scots spent the night at the Holiday Inn, near Saginaw, and represented the school in a very tough invitational that included Division 1 (Class AA) mat programs and a host of quality teams.

Not only did the Scots have lots of fun, they also enjoyed the invitational's medal ceremony which brought them 10 medals.

According to Caledonia Coach Jim Maxim, the Scots' performance at Bridgeport proved that they can be champions if they work together as a team.

Mike Tomanek won a weight class championship for the Scots and three wearing the purple and gold wound up second. Ryan Haywood, Zach Hollinshead and Josh Baltrusaitis, like their team, were runners-up.

Seth Temple and Todd Maines each placed fourth, Ryan James and Pete VanderVeen each were fifth and Matt Piper finished in sixth place.

TK wins TK Duals

Another tournament... another championship.

Middleville is tough to beat on the mats as evident by its team triumph Jan. 16 at the TK Duals.

Coach Tom Lehman's team went 5-0 to earn its third tournament of the wrestling season. The Trojans beat Cedar Springs 52-24, Ionia 50-27, Hudsonville 39-24, Portland 37-28 and Lakewood 38-30.

Going 5-0 on the day for the Trojans were Brett Wiersma at 119, Evan Space at 125, Chad Reil at 140, Jeremy Vandefifer at 189 and Marc Carter at heavyweight.

Finishing 4-1 were Miso Glavan at 215 and Is Rosales at 145.

Records for the year include Reil's 21-2, Wiersma's 20-4, Vandefifer's 20-5, Space's 20-7, Glavan's 19-6, Carter's 19-7 and Rosales' 18-3.

Middleville will host Spring Lake in dual action Thursday (Jan. 28) and travel to the Lakewood Invitational Saturday (Jan. 30).

Scots stop Knights in O-K Gold hoop action

Caledonia's varsity basketball squad captured its third victory of the season with a very solid effort against Kenowa Hills Friday night in Grand Rapids.

The Fighting Scots won the contest 60-42, leading the Knights 39-15 at the half.

Caledonia then out-scored Kenowa 15-12 in the third frame to increase the margin even more, 54-27.

Top Scot scorers were Jesse Flegel and Nick Jenema with 15 points apiece. Twelve of Flegel's 15 came on four three-pointers.

Matt Born tossed in 8 points for the Scots' cause, while Eric Richards and Shane Mendez each added 6 markers.

The Knights received 10 points each from Andy Jasper and Brad Maat.

Caledonia will be at home Tuesday (Jan. 26) to face Unity Christian and travel to Wayland Friday for more O-K Gold hoop action. The Scots are now 3-6 overall and 3-2 in O-K Gold.

Trojans topple 'Dogs; four in double figures

The Trojan varsity hoopsters finished off a 2-0 victory week Friday with an impressive 71-54 triumph over league foe Byron Center.

Middleville (7-2 overall and 4-1 in the O-K Blue) held an 18-5 lead after the first quarter and were up 35-24 at the break.

In the third quarter, the black and orange out-scored their O-B Blue opponents 18-8 to close out any chance that B.C. had of coming back.

Dan Finkbeiner and Ben Lucas both came up big for the Trojans in the scoring column with 14 points apiece.

But, they weren't the only Middleville cagers to tally double figures. Ken VanRyn netted 11 points, which included two three-pointers, and Andrew Hillman added 10 markers.

The Bulldogs were led by Randy Veldhouse's 20 points.

Middleville will return to hardcourt action Tuesday with a home contest versus Calvin Christian.

AOK Co-Champions...

The Dutton Christian Middle School eighth grade girls volleyball team were co-champions in the league race this season. Members of the championship spiking squad are (first row, from left) Molly Roodvoets, Tracy Sikma, Rachael TerHaar; (second row) Jordyn DeVries, Shelly Veenstra, Eileen Fleischmann, Elly Blacquiere; (third row) Breann Wozniak, Tisha Smith, Aubrey Sikkema, Megan Graham, Tara Vanden Toorn, Katie Jeplawy; (fourth row) Coach Jon Teune and Laura Bouwman.

Caledonia baseball registrations set

There will be representatives from the Caledonia Baseball League available Jan. 30 and Feb. 13 to register children for the 1999 baseball and softball seasons at the Caledonia High School.

The registrations will be held from 10 a.m. to noon in the commons. Students currently enrolled in grades K-8 are welcome to register by using the mail-in registration form in this ad or by attending the signups at Caledonia High School. All registrations must be received by Feb. 13. The league will not accept late registrations.

CBL is in need of volunteers. Those interested in coaching, umpiring, being a board member, or helping with other league operations may call Mike or Kelly at 795-0044.

The Caledonia Baseball league is not limited to Caledonia residents. It is a community group and welcomes families from the surrounding areas.

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Athletes of the Week

Mike Tomanek
Caledonia High School

Tomanek scored a weight class triumph for the Scots' wrestling team at the Jan. 16 Bridgeport Invitational. Caledonia's squad won 10 medals and brought back the runners-up team trophy from the event.

Andrew Hillman
Thornapple-Kellogg High School (Middleville)

Hillman helped the TK Trojans defeat area rival Lakewood 68-67 Jan. 19 in varsity basketball action. Hillman scored 10 points, one of three Trojans to tally double figures, and also provided some solid defense.

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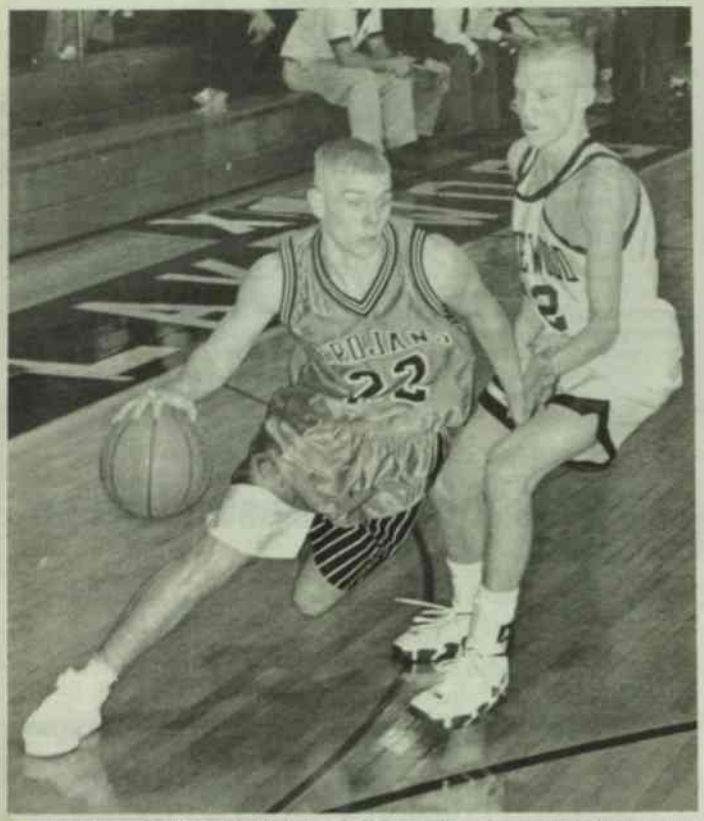
Trojans outlast Lakewood for hardcourt victory



Trojan Dan Finkbeiner (22) charges toward the hole during TK's varsity basketball victory over the Vikings. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Three-pointers, and big baskets, were falling from the sky all night last Tuesday in the Lakewood/Middleville area varsity basketball battle at Lakewood High School.

But, in the end, it was a triple by Middleville's Ken VanRyn with 2:01 to play and a trifecta by Garrett Weatherhead with 1:20 left that helped the Trojans to escape Lakewood with an emotional 68-67 triumph.

VanRyn, who led Middleville with 24 points, nailed his sixth three-pointer of the game to tie the score, 58-58.

Weatherhead, who was playing his first game of the season after missing some time due to an injury, banked a triple off the glass to put his squad ahead by one point, 61-60.

Lakewood's Richie Livingston hit a free throw with exactly a minute to play to again knot the score, 61-61, but Middleville would rattle off the next four points with a layup by Andrew Hillman (63-61 with 50 seconds) and two free throws by Steve Shear (65-61 with 18.2 seconds).

Shear was also suiting up for his first game of the season. The added depth seemed to aid the Trojans' winning chances.

"It took everything we had," Middleville Coach Kurt Holzhueter said. "It (the additions of Weatherhead and Shear) allowed us to go to a smaller lineup. This is a senior dominated team; this is what you expect from senior players."

Holzhueter's lineup includes eight seniors, but at game's start it was the hot three-point shooting of a Lakewood junior that started the ball rolling.

Luke Farrell, who topped the Vikings with 22 points, nailed five three-pointers in the first quarter to put the home squad up 18-9 at the 3:05 mark. All but two of Lakewood's 20 first points in the first frame came from three-point land as Matt Cramer also dialed in a trifecta.

Five cagers tallied points for Middleville in the first quarter with Hillman and VanRyn each connecting for five markers. The score after the first quarter was Lakewood 20, Middleville 18.

Trojan guard Dan Finkbeiner scored the first four points of the second quarter, giving the black and orange a two-point advantage, 22-20.

Lakewood's Pat Winkler tied things at 22-22 with a nifty hoop, but VanRyn came back and drilled back-to-back three-pointers, putting Middleville ahead by four points (28-24) with 5:05 to play in the first half.

Thanks to back-to-back baskets by Livingston, Lakewood evened things (30-30) with 3:20 left. Livingston's scores were followed by a Jeremy Frost hoop (32-30 Lakewood) at 3:00, another VanRyn triple (34-33 with 1:20), a Farrell trifecta (37-33 Lakewood with 45 seconds) and a couple of free throws by Cramer (39-33 Lakewood with three seconds remaining in the first half).

With a back door score by Farrell with five minutes to play in the third quarter, Lakewood upped its advantage to 10 points, 45-35. The Trojans still led by nine points (52-43) entering the fourth quarter, despite a buzzer-beating shot by Winkler.

The fourth quarter, however belonged to Holzhueter's crew who outscored the Vikings 25-15 during the final eight minutes.

In the first five minutes of the fourth quarter, the Trojans engineered a 11-4 spurt that included scores by Drew Chamberlin (52-45 at 7:00), a jumper by Finkbeiner (53-47 with 6:10), a steal and a layup by Zac Truer (53-49 with 5:10), another VanRyn three (56-52 at 3:30) and a basket by VanRyn (56-54) that came off another steal.

Lakewood, however, would not go down easily. Frost dialed in a three-pointer (66-64 Middleville) with 3.3 seconds left and Joel Dow also connected from three-point land (68-67 Middleville) with .1 seconds remaining.

But, the Vikings came up just a little short, just part of the overall learning process, according to Coach Mark Farrell.

"We're young and we're learning game by game," Farrell said. "We missed a layup down the stretch, just the little things that we will keep working on."

Besides Farrell's 22 points, Lakewood also received double digit efforts from Cramer (12) and Frost (11).

The Trojans limited Luke Farrell to just four points in the second half, a defensive switch that seemed to pay off.

"It was a good adjustment," Farrell said of the Middleville's defensive scheme. "In the second half, we got the ball inside and that worked out too. They're a great pressing team; too much pressure."

"We just played a lot of man-to-man," Holzhueter explained of the move. "Finkbeiner most of the time guarded him and did a nice job. This (win) is pretty satisfying; it's certainly a nice boost."

The Vikings were sharp shooters, making 22-of-36 field goals (61 percent) and 9-of-12 from three-point range (75 percent). At the free throw line, Lakewood went 14-of-23, a statistic that wasn't as pleasing to Farrell.

"The bottom line is you have to convert," Farrell said. "In the first half we did and in the second half we had the opportunities and didn't."

VanRyn's 24 points were followed in the Middleville score book by Finkbeiner (14) and Hillman (10).

Middleville's Ken VanRyn (30) drives in for a fast break layup with Lakewood's Jason Dow (12) trailing him on the play. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Andrew Hillman (40) attempts a reverse scoop off the glass with Matt Cramer watching the attempt. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

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