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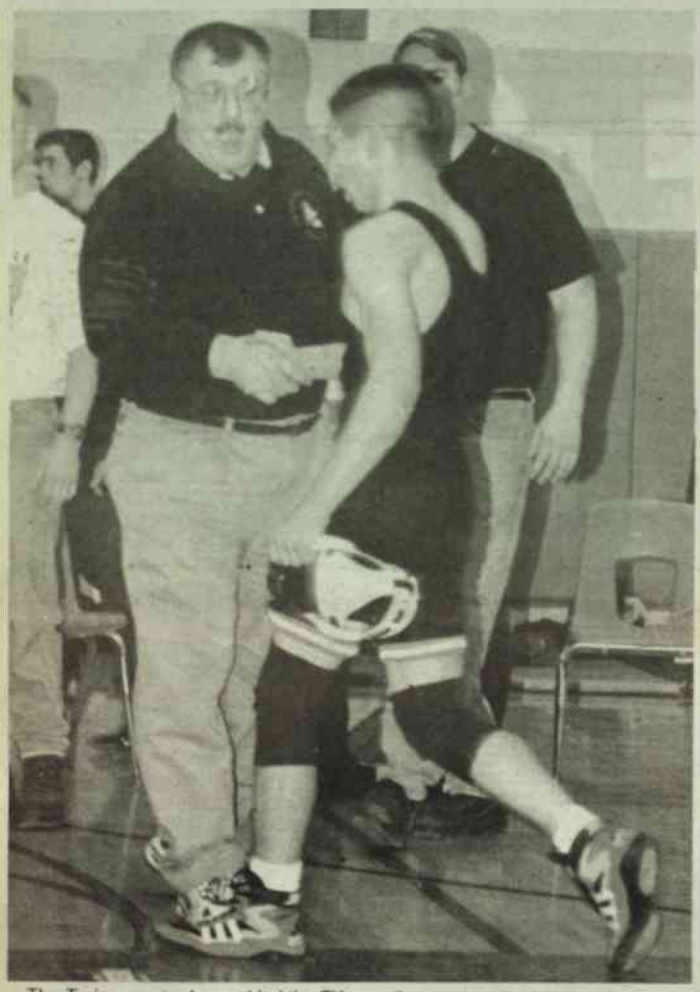
TK mat coach named best in state



The Trojan mentor has guided the TK wrestling program for 27 of his 28 years coaching the prep sport.

It's a big honor and that is well deserved.

Tom Lehman, the head wrestling coach at Thornapple-Kellogg High School, has been named the best at what he loves to do.

Lehman recently was named the Michigan High School Coaches Association "Wrestling Coach of the Year." He will receive the award at the 40th annual MHSCA "Coach of the Year" banquet Sunday, March 7 in Lansing. He will be one of 24 coaches honored in their particular sports, according to a press release submitted by MHSCA Executive Director Jack Johnson.

The Western Michigan University graduate, who also serves as TK's athletic director, has coached wrestling at the prep level for 28 years, the last 27 with the Trojans.

"It's nice to be recognized for how hard you work; it always makes you feel really good," Lehman said of receiving such a tremendous honor.

When Lehman began his work at TK in 1972-73, the program was in just its third year of existence and included just seven matmen.

Now, the black and orange wrestling squad has more than 50 members and is currently ranked No. 3 in Division II.

Previous awards that Lehman has earned include the Division III "Coach of

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Coach Tom Lehman stands beside his 1996 Trojan mat squad that won the Division III State championship.

Will sheriff's dept. take over in Middleville?

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Middleville Village President Lon Myers announced last week that the village has begun talks with the Barry County Sheriff's Department about the possibility of transferring police service duties to the county.

Myers said, "We are in the preliminary information gathering stage. No decisions have been made."

Myers said that before any change in police service takes place, the village would schedule a public hearing.

Police Chief Louis Shoemaker has not been asked to contribute to discussions about the future of the local police department as yet.

The 1999 village budget includes $251,224 to cover most police and crossing guard expenditures. The motor pool also includes an estimated $11,000 for reconditioning the 1992 Caprice police cruiser.

At the Jan. 12 council meeting Myers had questioned Shoemaker about the status of the new employee and raised questions about overtime costs.

Tower ordinance changes approved in Yankee Springs

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Members of the Yankee Springs Township Planning Commission last Tuesday approved changes for an ordinance covering the construction of communication towers in the township.

The commission had made additions to the ordinance presented by Ken Dettloff from McKenna Associates at the regular planning meeting Jan. 21. Following discussion, the board made a few additional changes and included anti-climbing devices as a requirement for towers.

One significant change was reducing the height of the tower, not to exceed 200 feet. The Zoning Board of Appeals may consider a variance when this limit creates a hardship.

The new ordinance now allows towers only in agriculture zoning district. The planning sent the ordinance on to the Yankee Springs Township Board for approval.

The changes are a result of Nextel Communications wanting to locate on a tower on the Tom Robinson property.

Glenn Bober presented a newly revised site plan for review. Kurt Gollan, a Nextel radio frequency engineer, answered questions about the placement of towers.

There was a discussion of why Nextel could not co-locate on the Century Cellunet tower on the Tom Otto Farm in Middleville. Nextel representatives told the commission that Nextel cannot meet the one for one trade policy set by Century Cellunet.

Deb McKeown told the commission that she was disappointed that providers are not really willing to co-locate. Nextel also said co-locating on the Middleville tower would leave them with a "massive" coverage gap of four miles.

Robinson reminded the commission that he needs the income generated by this lease with Nextel to provide for future financial feasibility for his business.

Township Attorney Jim

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Students become the Lorax, Rumpilstilskin and Petronella

Performing in the Lorax were from left Zach Runge, Jacob Lenartz, Sam Scholtens, Sarah Wenger, Ashleigh Lund, Blake Berkimer, Elena Gormley and Caitlin Chamberlin.

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Students in Julie Johns' fourth grade language arts class at Page Elementary School in the Thornapple Kellogg School district have been learning about the power of words all year long.

They recently performed three Reader's Theater plays for their classmates and a few parents. Snow days had delayed and interrupted rehearsals, but on Jan. 27 they all had a chance to strut their stuff.

Their teacher stressed the skills of cooperation and communication through this process. Students had to listen, follow along, stay on task, learn to lead, not boss, do their fair share, cooperate with others and work together to solve problems.

As they performed their plays, student practiced speaking clearly and distinctly, made eye contact with the audience and used gestures and movements to really tell the story.

Each of the three groups used some costumes, scenery and props to give an effective performance. The actors shared props and used them to inject a little humor into their performances.

Each group read over the scripts and held auditions for the more popular parts. Students could memorize their lines, read from their scripts or use a combination.

Students did research and brainstormed within their groups to create props and scenery and develop their characters. Students had to answer questions like "Did the Lorax have a tail?"; "How strong a character is Petronella?" and "How to show the humanity of both Rumpilstiltskin and the milkmaid/queen protecting her baby.

Students performing in The Lorax by Dr. Seuss were Zach Runge, Caitlin Chamberlin, Sam Scholtens, Jacob Lenartz, Elena Gormley, Ashleigh Lund, Blake Berkimer and Sarah Wenger.

Performing in Petronella, a modern fairy tale, were Michelle London, Steve Munjoy, Andrew Meads, Rebecca Winchester, Eric Scott, Chris Zatzke, Amanda Bruinsma, Jerry Plank and Calynne Cooley.

Acting in traditional fairy tale Rumelstiltskin were Samantha Reeder, Renee Kimbrell, Gunnar Meyering, Matt Brovont, Katie Roberts and Elizabeth Ketchum.

Petronella starred (from left) Jerry Plank, Chris Zatzke, Steve Munjoy, Amanda Bruinsma, Michelle London, Calynne Cooley, Andrew Meads. In the front row are Eric Scott and Rebecca Winchester.

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Assistant planner joins Middleville village staff

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Bryan Gruesbeck has been hired by the Village of Middleville as assistant village manager/planner.

In announcing the appointment at the Jan. 26 council meeting, Middleville Village President Lon Myers praised Gruesbeck's experience and enthusiasm for the position.

The council approved an annual salary of $29,000 with an increase of $1,500 following a six-month probationary period. The council also approved a second $1,500 raise after 12 months in the position and having his medical insurance coverage begin immediately.

Myers mentioned that the six-month probationary period is a time to have both the village and Gruesbeck decide that this is a good match. Gruesbeck did say that he and his family might consider relocating to the area in the future.

Gruesbeck has been working as a planning and research associate with the Heart of West Michigan United Way in Grand Rapids. His area of expertise is in community development.

He lives in Grand Rapids with his wife, Beth, and two daughters, Anna, age 4, and Chloe, 16 months. He is a graduate of Central Michigan University, with a bachelor's degree in political science. He will complete a master's in public administration degree at Central in December.

Bryan Gruesbeck

When he has time he enjoys playing and watching baseball.

He said he is looking forward to the opportunity to manage a community like Middleville. He is excited to be involved in an area with healthy community growth.

Gruesbeck will be attending the planning commission meeting tonight, (Tuesday, Feb. 2). He will begin work in the office within two weeks.

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TK spelling bee winners advance

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

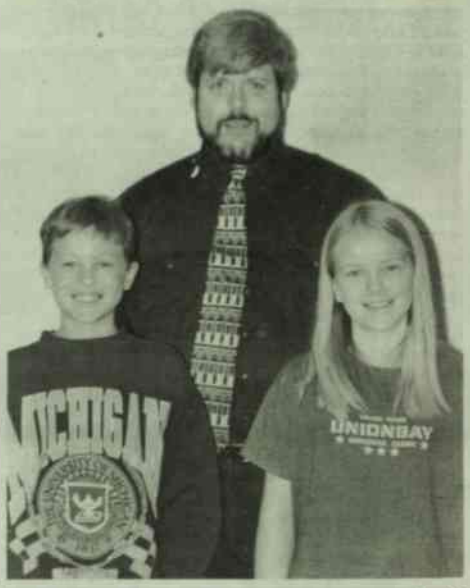
Wafflestompers, bonnets and flannel have haunted the study hours in students in grades five through eight in the Thornapple Kellogg School district over the past several weeks.

Classroom bees were delayed by snow days, word lists were left at home, but finally Jan. 25 and 26 at Page and Jan. 27 at the middle school, students were up and spelling.

It took 12 rounds and 143 words to get to the last three fifth grade spellers, Warren Schuitema, Alex Crisher and Jessica Johnson. Because time ran out on Monday, the spellers had no "alternative" but to return to spell down to the winner and runner-up.

Schuitema will represent Page as winner and Crisher as fifth grade runner-up at the Feb. 23 regional competition. They will start even with all the other spellers at the competition.

Fifth grade teacher Mike Hodges and middle school teachers Steve Evans and Gordon Dahlgren, who organized the spelling bees, were impressed with the length of time it took to get down to the last spellers.



Fifth grade teacher Mike Hodges was proud of Spelling Bee winner Warren Schuitema (left) and Alex Crisher, runner up.

At the middle school, competition was fast and heated. It took four rounds before any of the sixth-, seventh- and eighth-graders missed any words.

By the end after dreadful, flannel, hoedown, simile, partridge, barleycorns, perished, lyric, stethoscope and tattletale had dwindled the group down, the final spellers had to overcome hoarseness as they spelled words like aromatic, caterpillar, satellite and biscuit. The last three middle school spellers were winner Cary Middlebush, runner-up Lia Tandy and Justin Roberts, who came in third.

Middlebush and Tandy join Schuitema and Crisher and other spellers at the regionals. Spellers will be faced with beginning and intermediate words at the regionals.

The Feb. 23 competition will be held at Thornapple Kellogg. The Kent Intermediate School District has not yet decided on the other teams that will compete in the various regionals.

Students used the 1999 "Paedeia" to study more than 3,400 words from astronomy, science, novels like Emma, A Wrinkle in Time and the Phantom Tollbooth, weather, occupations, foods and inventions.

All smiles after the Thornapple Kellogg Middle School spelling bee were from left teacher Steve Evans, runner up Lia Tandy, winner Cary Middlebush and teacher Gordon Dahlgren.

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Local Citizens Speak Out on Issues

Even the dead can't get rest

Dear editor:

It has been written long ago by many cultures in many ways – what you put forth in this life so you shall receive back.

This is both true of the good things as well as the bad.

I feel at this time there is no more room for silence, for the dead do sleep. But the silent cry for help speaks out tome.

It saddens my heart to know that our little town cemetery has not once but twice undergone desecration and destruction.

This desecration of a burial ground has held serious accountability for the offending party, in most if not all cultures.

Often this act of hatred (a crime against the dead and defenseless) has been met through out history – with some mysterious as well as very poetic justice.

It is so sad to know that our town's dead can not rest in peace because the hate in the heart of another is in a state of unrest.

I wonder if the responsible party is aware of the common ground they share with the dead they seek to destroy.

There is much you can learn from the face of a head stone. I once read a stone that said "not here, gone with a friend."

I wonder if they understand that while they now live, they too in time will come to die and will be laid to rest in one form or another.

In time (like the makers that were destroyed) their stones will be all that is left of their passing through here on this earthly plain.

One by one, their friends and family, and yes, even their enemies are placed about them. They will all share a common ground, none greater and none worse all equally dead, and returning to the ash and the dust from which they came.

I wonder though, if they know that when the dead die, they live on in our hearts and minds.

Their memories are not forgotten. The families of the dead and their children of the next generations live on and carry the memory and history of their dead.

Their dead are planted like the roots of great trees and the families, like the fruit of the trees, draw strength and comfort, knowing their loved ones rest in peace, knowing we are all part of one another and will in time share the same common ground, knowing when they die that they too will not really be gone.

The families draw on the memories of their hearts for strength. They recall the love, the laughter, and yes, even the sorrows and pain.

They recall meany things that encase and celebrate the human spirit, all the while knowing and understanding that each of us is given a choice and up to each party, for each choice made comes accountability, and inevitably death comes to us all.

What we have done and what we have left undone remains with us all as personal choice.

In closing, I would like to offer love and light to the party whose pain is so obvious and the understanding that life is a choice, what you do with it is up to you. For you alone are accountable for your choices. What you put forth in this life so shall you receive back.

Katherine A. Encinas,
Middleville

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Howard named new Home*A*Syst coordinator

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Craig Howard has been hired recently by the Michigan State University Extension Office as the Home*A*Syst coordinator serving Kent and Ottawa Counties.

Home*A*Syst is the Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program.

"Less than 1 percent of all the Earth's water is available for drinking," Howard said. "In Michigan, about 95% of rural residents rely on groundwater for their drinking water."

Contamination can occur easily, and it is important for Michigan residents to protect it. Howard's job is to help assure that.

The Home*A*Syst program is a confidential and voluntary self-assessment program that helps homeowners or renters determine their risk to groundwater and surface water.

The presentations can be offered in a one-to-one setting or in group presentations. It is a great topic for a meeting of a club, organization or school group.

The program aims to provide information and assessment tools for pesticide and nitrogen fertilizer users which help them identify risks to groundwater associated with their pesticide and fertilizer use practices. They can then develop a voluntary action plan to correct the risks they find.

Craig Howard

The program helps identify and lower household risks to groundwater and surface water. It helps homeowners:

- Protect the quality of drinking water.
- Avoid septic system troubles.
- Improve the health of yard and garden with environmentally sound practices.
- Improve handling of household waste.
- Manage liquid gases safely (gas, fuel, oil, kerosene, etc.)
- Lower risks from hazardous household materials like cleaners and paint thinners.
- Reduce yard runoff that can harm lakes and streams.

Howard says common problems for the homeowner can be avoided by education.

One of the first steps a homeowner can take is to have their water tested periodically. Testing done by the Kent County Health Department costs about $15 for a general drinking water quality check. It includes a coliforms test for $7, which checks bacteria levels and a partial chemistry test for $8 which checks fluoride, chloride, nitrate, nitrite, sulfate, sodium, iron and water hardness levels. (Call the Environmental Health Division at 616-336-3089)

Homeowner pesticides are found more often in private wells than from agricultural pesticides found in agricultural area wells. Over applied yard and garden pesti-

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Caledonia rain forest group gives presentation to schools

Four high school ninth-graders, Janelle Sluis, Nicole Ashley, Amanda Trutsch and Josh Switzer, gave a slide presentation about their event-filled trip to Costa Rica last summer.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Four high school freshmen, Janelle Sluis, Nicole Ashley, Amanda Trutsch and Josh Switzer, recently gave a slide presentation to the Caledonia Board of Education on their event-filled trip to Costa Rica last summer.

Activities included visiting and painting a school; cleaning a beach at Tortuguerro; climbing mountain trails, viewing wild exotic animals, birds, insects and reptiles; visiting banana and coffee plantations; visiting local markets, netting birds and tagging bats.

There were 13 young people in all, accompanied by 11 adults, who spent 12 days learning and working in Costa Rica, part of a two-year commitment with conservation oriented projects and advocacy for environmental concerns.

Dorothy Wolf, sponsor of the project, worked with the students before they took the trip. The educational preparation for the project in the first year focused on rain forest issues.

The slide presentation was given as a part of their commitment following their trip. Examples of their projects closer to home are phone book recycling, giving educational slide presentations for any people who want to learn about rain forests, adopting streams to monitor and protect, working for ecological projects like Rails to Trails, writing letters to congressmen to encourage awareness and advocacy for environmental issues, public service for the community, and park cleanups.

The next rain forest adventure will be in Peru in the year 2000.

The rain forest group oversees collecting phone books for recycling. Drop off sites will be set up at several points, at times to be posted soon. Wolf asks people to save the books for the drive, and not throw them away. She can be phoned at 698-0193

Children gather around a collection of objects from Costa Rica, brought by high school students who went to visit the rain forest.

TK grad is president of Phi Mu at Michigan State

Heather West, a 1997 graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School, has recently been inducted as president of the Phi Mu Fraternity, Delta Nu Chapter at Michigan State University.

Phi Mu is the second oldest fraternity for women founded as a Philomathean Society in 1852. They currently have 132 chapters in colleges and universities throughout the United States. The ideals named by their founders are – friendship, good scholarship, loyalty to family, college and fraternity, high standards of conduct and service to others.

In addition to her commitment to Phi Mu, West has been accepted into Michigan State's Honors College and is currently maintaining a 3.78 grade point average in political science and pre-law.

Heather West

Holland-Kenyon announce wedding plans

The parents of Chelle Holland and the children of Ken Kenyon delightfully announce their engagement.

Chelle Holland of Allegan, is the daughter of Bob and Pat McCollum of Hastings and the late Jeff Holland of Paris, Texas. Ken Kenyon of Delton, is the father of Steven, Scott and Kenny and the son of the late Arlon and Doris Kenyon.

The bride-to-be attended Thornapple Kellogg Schools and graduated from Hastings Area Schools and Anderson University. Currently she is employed by Allegan County F.I.A.

The future groom is a graduate of Delton Kellogg High School and currently is employed by Bradford White Corporation.

The couple will unite in marriage July 10, 1999.

Caledonia woman makes dean's list at Alma

Shaina Hewitt of Caledonia was one of nearly 400 students named to the dean's list at Alma College for outstanding academic performance during the 1998 fall term which ended Dec. 18.

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Hewitt is a graduate of East Kentwood High School.

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Local hair color educator wins trip to New York City

Kim Novar with Amy Chiaramonte at Contempo Salon in Caledonia.

Kim Novar and Amy Chiaramonte meet with other Michigan educators who took the trip to New York. Here they join in a conference in the Wella executive offices.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Kim Novar of Caledonia, a hair coloring educator across Michigan for Wella beauty products, won a trip to New York City Jan. 9-11.

Novar earned the most points for her work among a group of Wella beauty educators over a period of time. She was accompanied on the trip by Jim Coward, her boss, who is a regional educator, and Amy Chiaramonte, one of the owners of Contempo Salon.

"The trip included more exposure and education in her field at the Wella head corporate office in Montdale, N.Y. There, she was treated to seminars with world famous fashion artists and beauty specialists who interpret fashion for world famous clients, and operate on an international platform.

"Color in hair shows," presented by Terry Dougherty, taught new hair foiling techniques (hair coloring). James Jorden presented another learning opportunity. He is an international educator who runs the education department at Wella.

Novar attended three forums. The first was offered by Vidal Sassoon, which featured European hair dressing techniques. Novar said she was pleased to learn Contempo Salon already uses those techniques in Caledonia. Prices for the same products, service, and finished effects are considerably higher in New York, she said. A cut there ranges from $75 to $150, and coloring begins at $150.

The second forum she attended was "Bumble and Bumble," which presented "Editorial Hair," or hair styles seen on runway models in high fashion magazines such as Vogue or Hair.

In that forum, she visited the room where the artist formerly known as Prince comes with his own stylist to use the facility. Other stars also come there to have their hair done. That salon was decorated in a style described as "industrial mod," with lots of silver and dark colors. Many hair dressers who come there use their own products.

Kim Novar with James Jorden, world famous hair stylist for celebrities all over the world.

The third forum she visited was Elizabeth Arden's Red Door Salon. This facility was very posh, with a bellman at the door to escort guests inside. Clients were treated to very exclusive services and products. Clients themselves were also exclusive, Novar concluded.

Kim Novar enjoys dinner out with Amy Chiaramonte at the exclusive Cite' Restaurant in New York.

"Many were older women clientele, and stylists also were older. Everything was very classy. It was like paradise, complete with Victorian decor," she said.

Novar and Chiaramonte stressed that though it was exciting to see all these salons, techniques and treatments, most of them are already being used in Michigan and in Contempo Salon as well.

Chiaramonte said "We saw a lot of what we already do here. I feel our salon in Caledonia is up to par with salons in New York."

They were treated to a $120 meal in the Cite' Restaurant, which included wine, bread and seafood.

"It was exquisite," Novar said.

The trip was not all workshops. There was time for shopping and Times Square at night.

They interacted with Wella executives there and sat in the Wella executive offices, where major decisions for products are being made every day. Chiaramonte described one office as being equipped with four TV screens for intercommunications with other offices all over the world.

Both women were

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A group of Michigan beauty and hair educators won a trip to Wella Corporation in New York, including Kim Novar and her employer from Contempo Salon in Caledonia (front center).

Floras celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

A golden wedding anniversary will be observed Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1999, by Charles and Betty (Popps) Flora of Paris, Mich. The event will be celebrated with a family get together in the spring. The Flora's children are Chuck and Melissa Flora, Bruce and Deb Flora, Kathy Flora, and Cindi and Greg Morris. They have five grandchildren.

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excited and inspired about the future after taking the trip. They also returned believing they are delivering the best possible services and products to their clientele at home.

Chiaramonte said "We are offering the top services, and our clients are getting the same quality here they could find in the top salons anywhere in the world."

Novar will be attending another seminar, "Colors of the World," next weekend in Detroit, where she will be learning new cutting trends and the latest foiling coloring techniques.

styles. We are all individuals, but we have one goal, which is to help our clients look and feel their best.

"Color and cutting and fashion all work together. We must be able to counsel our clients in how to present the whole. That's what we're trained in," she said.

Nancy Kious, another owner said, "Contempo holds that through a continuous drive for more education and new fashions, our customers will keep coming back with a smile."

Novar said, "We are high on education here, which is very important. We keep up with all the latest techniques and

Kim Novar in front of Vidal Sassoon Salon in New York.

Diabetes classes slated in Caledonia

Metropolitan Hospital's Diabetes Education Department will be offering a three-part self management class on diabetes at its Caledonia Plaza (8941 North Rogers) from 2 to 5 p.m. on Feb. 23-25.

Cost is $172.75 per person (price is subject to change). Call by Feb. 14 to sign up. A physician signed prescription is needed for many insurance reimbursements. A grant offered by the Metropolitan Foundation is available for special needs.

This state certified program is taught by registered nurse Karen Kwekel and by registered dietitian and certified diabetic educator Jan Hopewell.

This program is offered to individuals ages 18 and over with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes. The program focuses on factors that influence glucose levels, management techniques, medications, dietary guidelines and more.

Future classes will be held on May 18-20 and July 27-29 from 2 to 5 p.m.

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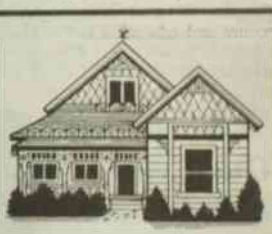

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Break-A-Leg to bring USO-style show to Caledonia

Sheri Ward, Ingrid Rop, Tom Connolly, Jessica Ward and Linda Pacic pose in costume.

Most of the 16-member cast of "Boogie Woogie & Bugles!" a USO-type entertainment to be presented at the American Legion Feb. 12 -13.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

"Boogie Woogie & Bugles," a USO-type entertainment program, will be performed at American Legion Post No. 305 in Caledonia Friday and Saturday, Feb. 12 and 13, for Valentines Day.

Sixteen cast members of Break-A-Leg Productions will perform a variety of live musical numbers, instrumental jazz, vocal and dance performances, as well as short humorous routines, portraying a variety of famous entertainers and celebrities, such as Bing, Frank, Marilyn and Raquel, from both the past and the present.

The 16 cast members are John Amos, Fred Boncher, Lyn Buer, Tom Connolly, Pat Cox, Wally Fleser, Becci Foreman, Sunny Fowler, Angie Ouwinga, Linda Pacic, Deb Pontiatowski, Ingrid Rop, Jeanett Ruthven, Becky Swartz, Johnny Walker, Jessica Ward, Sheri Ward and Vicki Marsh, who is also music director of the show.

The show will be directed by Shelly Langkamp. Technical directors are Deb and Phil Haney. Cast members also perform miscellaneous other musical and production duties.

The jazz band performing with Break-A-Leg is known as "String of Pearls."

The American Legion Post is located in at 9548 Cherry Valley.

Cocktails and appetizers will be served at 6:30 p.m. and dinner will be at 7, with the performances beginning at 8 p.m.

The public is welcome. Tickets are $20 for this combined offering of dinner and entertainment. A cash bar will be available.

Tickets and reservations may be secured by calling 891-1882.

Becci Foreman, Deb Pontiatowski, Becky Swartz, Angie Ouwinga, Tom Connolly and Jeanett Ruthven practice for a dance number.

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TK carnival is canceled, next meeting is Feb. 4

The Thornapple Kellogg PTO has decided not to hold a carnival this year.

Very few people have volunteered to work on the event and it is one which requires much volunteer effort, it was reported at the PTO meeting Jan. 21.

Also during the meeting, the PTO approved the budgets for the three elementary schools. Schools have planned field trips, special programs and many activities for students between this school year and the beginning of the next.

These programs are made possible by the success of the annual fund-raiser. This year the three schools each have received $13,000 from the fall fund-raiser.

The middle school fund-raiser begins Friday, Feb. 5. Order forms will be available at the next PTO meeting Feb. 4. The first of the fund-ratsing companies wishing to be considered will do presentations from 6 to 6:30 p.m. The middle school meeting will then begin and the elementary meeting will begin at 7 p.m. This meeting will be held in the library at McFall.

On the agenda for the February meeting is the election of an executive treasurer. For information about the Thornapple Kellogg PTO, attend the Feb. 4 meeting or contact an officer at the individual buildings.

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Obituaries

Virginia Mae (Hoover) Harrison Root

MIDDLEVILLE - Virginia Mae (Hoover) Harrison Root, age 91, of Middleville, Michigan, entered into the presence of her Lord, on Monday, January 25, 1999, at Thornapple Manor, Hastings.

She was born on March 28, 1907, in Arapaho, Oklahoma Territory on her family homestead.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Reed and Clara (Lutz) Hoover; her two brothers, William James and Robert Jasper Hoover; and her special son-in-law, Robert D. Johnson.

Our Mom and Grandma will be lovingly remembered and missed by her children, Clara Jane and Tommy Tucker of Huntsville, Alabama, Ellen and Bob Harrison of Livermore, California, Emily and Jim Harrison of Middleville, Virginia "Irene" Johnson of Middleville, Judy and Dr. Bill Harrison of Alto, Christine and Rex Schad of Middleville, Judy and Pat Harrison of Middleville, Pauline and Bob Brower of Hartland, Wisconsin, Josephine and Ken Klumpp of Otsego; 22 grandchildren, Sandra and Eddie Tucker, Connie and Wayne Long, Susan and Steve Middleton, Lori and Michael Harrison, Mary and Bob Portera, Dilys and Pat Harrison, Julie and Trent Wickwire, Sharon Satterfield, Barbara Johnson, Joni and David Johnson, Trish and Brad Harrison, Jill Harrison, Renee and Bryan Harrison, Fred Schad, Cindy Schad, Mark Schad, Nicki Harrison, Corey Harrison, Polly and Tim Thurow, Jody and Dereck Brower, Kim and Chris Palmer, Amy and Dylan Steele; 25 great grandchildren, Thomas Tucker, Matthew and Jessica MacEachron, Charles and Christine Portera, Cameron and Taylor Harrison, Harrison Wickwire, Bob and Chris Satterfield, Brandon and Alec Belson, Jena Trenton, Daniel and Tessa Johnson, Brett and Kara Harrison, Kaitlin and Jacob Harrison, Justin and Dakota Thurow, Benjamin Palmer, Cassidy Mae Steele, Maxwell Brower; five nieces; and special friends.

In addition to raising her family, Virginia was a teacher for 25 years. She was a member of the Parmelee United Methodist Church, Prairie Literary Club, Irving Grange and Bowens Mill Garden Club.

Her family and friends were an important part of her life, plus she enjoyed playing cards, gardening, traveling and visiting.

Services were held Thursday, January 28, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at the Beeler Funeral Chapel. Reverend Lee Zachman officiated.

Interment Coman Cemetery, Yankee Springs.

Memorial contributions may be made to Parmelee United Methodist Church, Crystal Manor Activity Fund or Thornapple Manor Memory Lane.

Her family would like to extend a special "thank you" to the caring staff at Crystal Manor and Thornapple Manor for their loving care.

Arrangements were made by Beeler Funeral Home, Middleville.

John A. (Bud) Rogers, Jr.

CALEDONIA - Mr. John A. (Bud) Rogers, Jr., age 71, of Caledonia, passed away Monday, January 25, 1999.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ramouth.

Mr. Rogers is survived by his children, John (Russ) & Lila R. Rogers, Ed & Liz Rogers; grandchildren, Karen Rogers, Dana & Jeff Bailey, John A. Rogers III; one great grandchild; a very special friend, Bea Swainston; sister, June Tolan; brother-in-law, Walter Cash of South Carolina; and several nephews.

Funeral & Committal Services for Mr. Rogers were held on Friday, January 29, 1999 at the Caledonia Funeral Home. Reverend Father James Cusack officiated.

Entombment Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Heartland Health Care.

Glen W. Bauman

Glen W. Bauman, age 94, passed away Thursday, January 21, 1999 at Thornapple Manor in Hastings.

He was born July 8, 1904 near Caledonia.

Mr. Bauman is survived by his sister, Letha (Fred) Buckingham of Middleville and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral and Committal Services for Mr. Bauman were held Saturday, January 23, 1999 at the Caledonia Funeral Home. Pastor Mark Beers officiated.

Interment took place in Lakeside Cemetery in Caledonia.

Arrangements were made by Caledonia Funeral Home.

TK student, family featured in snowmobile magazine

There might not be any snow on the ground right now in Middleville, but Thornapple Kellogg Middle School student Shawn Gordon can share his family's love of the weather with readers of the February 1999 Michigan Snowmobile News.

Shawn is featured along with his parents, Sharon and Jeff, and his sister, Kayla, in an article describing their family's enjoyment of snowmobiling by Greg Brown.

Shawn has taken snowmobile safety training classes and has ridden with his family on trips throughout the state.

Shawn Gordon

Caledonia senior earns Academic Achievement Scholarship

Caledonia High School senior Laura Price has been awarded the Academic Achievement Scholarship at Cedarville College for the 1999-2000 academic year.

This merit-based scholarship recognizes her excellent secondary school achievement and potential for high achievement in college. She is the daughter of Carl and Beverly Price of Caledonia.

An intern for the Sun and News last fall, she plans to study professional writing while in college.

Price has participated in State Honors Choir, Regional Honors Choir, the National Honor Society, and was named top All-State Bible quizzer.

Cedarville College is a Baptist college of arts, sciences, and professional programs. Located in southwestern Ohio.

Freeport woman makes dean's list

Loretta Lee Huntington of Freeport was named to the dean's list for academic achievement for the fall semester 1998 at Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, N.Y.

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Students of the Month named at Thornapple Kellogg Middle School

Snow days throughout the month of January delayed the naming of December's students of the month. Students are selected for this honor by at least two of their teachers. Sixth graders honored for their work in December are (from left) front row: Zachary Bergsma, Kyle Bradley, Alicia Buchanan, and Andrew Dombrowski. Middle row: Sarah Hawkins, Michelle Hoffman, Matthew Kulhanek, and Lindsey McKee. Back row: Matt Palmer, Nicholas Roush and Christopher Wilson. Not pictured are Tiffany Fox and Alicia Weeber.

Seventh graders honored in December are (from left) in the front row: Joshua Bowerman, Brian Cuneo, Kaleigh Depew and Mallory Dobson. Middle row: Pauline Galle, Jordon Hartley and Justin Ogden. Back row: Katherine Paape, Megan Steffen and Tiffany Thaler. Not pictured are Carl Frey, Joseph Owens and Emily Quisenberry.

December students of the month for December are (from left) in the front row: Katherine Bedrick, Shannon Bieski, Rachel Clinton, and John Douthett. Middle row: Amanda Mayhew, Maegan McKee and Melissa Moorhouse. Back row: Melissa Potts, Kenneth Wiersum and Michael Yarger. Not pictured are Jason Drogowski, Casandra Hale, David McAllister, Michael Price and Kelly Sholty.

Budget approved by Middleville Council

by Patricia Johns
Staff writer

Members of the Middleville Village Council listened carefully as Village Manager David Arking touched on highlights of the proposed 1999 budget during a hearing before the Jan. 26 meeting.

The council then passed the budget.

Arking noted that the village is in good financial shape. Estimated revenues for 1999 are $896,609. This includes the sale of the Eskar ski hill, state revenue sharing, real and personal property taxes and even $4,600 in the Cable TV franchise fee. Reserves as of Jan. 1, 1999, are $1,080,496. Total available funds are $1,977,105.

Estimated expenditures are slightly over $2 million. What appears to be a possible $88,328 deficit will be erased by additional revenues including lower bond costs and other expenses.

Among the projected expenditures are the purchase of a new plow truck and new pick-up truck, bond repayment of interest on the 1999 Sanitary Sewer and Water Supply bonds, payments to Barry County for the sewer system construction and salaries.

Arking noted that the bond sale on the sewer bonds was excellent, at a rate of 4.7274 percent, and that the bonds are AAA rated.

Gregg Anderson reported that during December the nickel discharge at Bradford White has decreased significantly.

Lescoa did have a problem with phosphorus violations. Anderson has worked with them and he has been notified that the problem has been corrected.

Monitoring continues as scheduled.

In other business, the council:

• Learned that negotiations are under way with Barry County Telephone to lease the water tower for a possible cellular telephone installation.

• Approved the purchase of new financial service software as recommended by Arking at a cost of $6499.20.

• Advertised the Bluecal property for sale with a minimum bid of $20,000. This property is less than two acres near Simpson Industries.

• Noted the village is also talking with Sharon and Don Haney, owners of the Thornapple Kitchen, on the possibility of their purchase of the property next to village hall for a catering and banquet facility.

No final decisions have been made and the Haneys are looking at other property in the village and Thornapple Township.

The next regular meeting of the Middleville Village Council is on Tuesday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m.

Mat coach, continued from front page

the Year" in 1995 and the Class B "Coach of the Year" in 1996. The Trojans won the Division III State crown with a 36-29 win over Richmond in the team championship. The TK team also qualified for State in 1997 and 1998.

Lehman's record at TK stands at 428-148-7. He has led the Trojans to nine conference titles, four regional championships and five district titles. He has had 21 wrestlers named All-State and two (Marty Sinke in 1980 and Kyle Brower in 1998) that won State weight class championships.

Still, the sport has been about more than just wins or awards for Lehman.

"I've had 1,000 wrestlers in my 28 years and all of them have been great kids," Lehman said.

Lehman gives a lot of the credit for his success to his past and current assistant coaches, the athletes themselves and the community which supports the sport with such great enthusiasm.

The public is invited to the banquet and if you wish to attend, call the school for ticket applications at (616) 795-3394.

Tower ordinance, from front page

Porter was careful to remind members to only review this plan. He also underlined the need to act on ordinances and requests for towers within a reasonable amount of time. Ordinances cannot be so restrictive as to prohibit service to the community.

Nextel will return to the Planning Commission Thursday, Feb. 18, to request approval of a special exception use permit.

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Superintendent's Corner

What's right with local public schools

By Midge Pippel
Asst. Superintendent

I recently read an article by Richard Bagin, director of national school public relations, in the December issue of Principal Magazine. He encouraged educators to "tell what's right with today's public schools."

Though I am very proud of our successes here in Thornapple Kellogg, I haven't always taken time to tell others about all of the good things happening in our public schools around the country. Here are some facts about public schools worth bragging about:

• **Schools are better than they used to be** - Today's test scores are better than ever when you consider more students than ever are taking the SAt (Standard Achievement Test). Almost one third of those taking the SAT in 1997 were minority students... up from 22 percent only 10 years ago. Today, more students are staying in school and graduating than ever before. These statistics include special education students, who were given very little attention in the "old days." Thornapple Kellogg is proud of its lower dropout rate of only 1 percent.

• **Schools are a good value for taxpayers** - Thornapple Kellogg spends $5,462 per student, which includes cost for instruction, transportation, equipment and supplies! Compare that expense with the cost of nearly $30,000 per year to keep a criminal in jail. Also consider the fact that most criminals are school dropouts. Providing a good education for our children is a real value for all taxpayers, even those without children.

• **Public schools are not over staffed with supervisors or administrators** - Sometimes we hear statements about how schools are topheavy and should be run more like businesses. According to U.S. Department of Education figures for 1996, if you take the number of central office administrators and add in principals and assistant principals you find they account for only 3.4 percent of total staff, while business has a ratio of 6.2 workers to one supervisor. However, in Thornapple Kellogg, if you add the total number of central office administrators, principals and assistant principals you would discover they account for only 2.1 percent of our total staff.

• **Schools are among the safest places for kids to be** - Though recent national reporting of school violence makes us feel as if our schools aren't safe; actually there has been a 30 percent decrease in these incidents, according to national statistics. Sadly, statistics show many more children die from violence, abuse or neglect in the home. Schools are a safe haven for many of our youth.

• **Public schools serve the community** - In addition to providing an education for K-12 students, we need to remember the other benefits our schools provide for our communities. They provide shelter when homes are threatened by tornadoes, floods, and other disasters. Schools provide a meeting place for Girl Scouts, Brownies, Boy Scouts, and other clubs and organizations. In addition, we use school facilities for sporting events, evening computer classes, community education, and a place for senior citizens to meet. In Middleville, Thornapple Kellogg Public School District provides all of the above, plus rooms for preschool classes, community swimming, community theatre, and space for our community's public library and much more.

We often hear that it "takes a village to raise a child." I contend it also "takes a village to educate a child." Our public schools provide many important services for our community. It may be considered rude to brag about our accomplishments, but if we do not tell others about "what's right" with our schools how can we ask our communities to support them?

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Dykstra named new road commissioner

David Dykstra

by Elaine Gilbert
Assistant Editor

David Dykstra of Middleville has been named to a six-year term on the Barry County Road Commission.

Dykstra, who is owner and president of Dan Valley Excavating, succeeds Ted McKelvey who did not seek re-appointment and retired last month.

The Barry County Board of Commissioners appointed Dykstra to the post on a vote of 5-3. His term is retroactive to Jan. 1 and ends Dec. 31, 2004.

In his letter of application, Dykstra said he has 35 years experience in the construction and excavating business and has built several roads in Barry, Kent and Allegan counties.

"I am very knowledgeable in all phases of road building and site utilities (storm sewers, sanitary sewers and water mains)," he said.

"My business has an excellent reputation. I feel I could be an asset to the road commission board because of my experience and management ability of owning and operating an excavating business. Also, being self-employed will enable me to have the time to attend meetings," Dykstra said.

Clare Tripp, chairwoman of the board's Central Services Committee, said that after interviewing candidates the committee recommended either Dykstra or Ronald Tobias of Nashville for the Road Commission term.

"Both of them were very excellent candidates," Tripp said.

Commissioners Jim Bailey, Sandy James and Jeff MacKenzie voted for Tobias, a farmer and fence contractor who served on the Maple Valley Board of Education for 14 years.

Board Chairman Bailey agreed that both were excellent candidates, however he expressed concern about the public's conception of Dykstra serving in the post because his occupation involves a private interest in building roads.

MacKenzie said he rated the two road commission candidates almost equally. He noted Tobias' school board experience would be beneficial.

Commissioner Emmet Herrington said that he was swayed to vote for Dykstra because he lives in an area that is not represented on the Road Commission. Currently the two other road commissioners live in the same area as Tobias, several commissioners said.

Commissioner Robert Wenger said he was impressed with Dykstra's knowledge of road building and equipment, but added that "I feel badly that we couldn't put both on the Road Commission. They are that caliber."

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Caledonia ZBA denies 1, approves 2 requests for variances

-by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Township Zoning Board of Appeals Thursday denied a variance request for an eight-foot chain link fence instead of the zoned six feet height at properties at 6871 Whitneyville south of 68th Street.

Patrick Knight, spokesman, said the property is rented to Lax Industries. The business partners intended to put in a parking area in back for storing equipment, including boats, trucks, machinery and dies from the business. There is already parking in the front.

The fence would increase security for their equipment. They intended to make the area visually inoffensive to neighbors who lived uphill from the lot, by also putting evergreens for screening along the fence.

A neighboring business owner of a body shop objected to the intended use of the area around the business for storage. He said the lot originally was zoned for commercial, C-1, uses, and it was moving toward use as industrial. He said he did not want to see the lot paved, because water runoff is already a problem. He said a tile is needed under the road, and permits are needed, and doing so will be expensive.

Zoning officials were disturbed about possible uses not allowed by the zoning for that area, and wanted it to be checked out. The owner said the people using the property were willing to comply with all prescribed uses, including storage of equipment, and would be willing to store vehicles outside and die equipment inside.

Another neighbor said he did not want to see the property used for storage. He said he would like to see a privacy fence rather than a chain link fence, but the board said the planned screening with evergreens would be sufficient. It was not believed a higher fence would offer more security.

To avoid setting a precedent in allowing an eight-foot fence, the request was denied.

However, the ZBA approved a request for a setback variance of 10 feet from the property line to allow James Crowley to build a single family home off Patterson on a lot smaller than most lots in the area.

The house planned would be 28 x 38 feet. Crowley's lot was 130 feet from the middle of the road, and 97 feet deep from the road edge.

The existing setback zoning requires building 20 feet from property boundaries, but Crowley proposed placing the house diagonally on the lot to locate it at seven feet from the property line at the back, placing it at a maximum distance from the road, to minimize road noise. At present the lot is surrounded by agricultural land.

Because of the small lot size, he needed the variance to do this. The board compromised in granting a 10 feet setback. Crowley's lot was plotted in 1964, before there were zoning laws governing its size or setback requirements.

The well and septic system are not yet planned, and will need to be approved before his decision is made about placement of the building. He has one year to implement the variance granted. After that he would have to re-apply.

The Zoning Board also approved a request by Jay Ertl to build a fireplace beyond the existing setback requirement.

Ertl was building on an addition which would include a cantilevered fireplace which would overhang the existing setback on the north side of the house. The fireplace as approved will not exceed 20 square feet, with dimensions approximately 6 x 3 feet.

Ertl said he could not build in any other direction. He had worked out the plans with his neighbor, Donna Tenhave, at the north, who has a pea gravel service drive on that boundary of her property, which Planner Tim Dolehanty verified. The fireplace will not impede use of the drive, at seven feet away.

Ertl said he is sensitive to keeping passage clear so emergency vehicles can have access. The Ertls had a fire in November and fire trucks had difficulty finding a way in, losing about ten minutes.

The Ertls have been living in an apartment during reconstruction, and decided to continue there a little longer, while the addition was being built. They had wanted to build on anyway.

INDUSTRIAL LAND FOR SALE

The Village of Middleville seeks sealed bids for the sale of approx. 1.48 acres of land with some 70-ft. of frontage on the north side of E. State St. between Russell St. and Bectal St. in the Village of Middleville. The land is zoned for light industrial use and may be served by village sewer and water. Formerly part of a metal plating factory site that was razed by fire, the land is now vacant. The village has conducted a Phase I Environmental Assessment and obtained letters of "no further interest" from MI-DEQ and U.S. EPA. A formal boundary survey is needed to split this parcel from other village holdings.

Interested parties are invited to submit sealed bids containing, at a minimum, the following written information:

1. A firm purchase price bid in U.S. dollars.
2. The identity of the legal entity making the bid along with complete contact information for its authorized representative.
3. A detailed good faith description of the proposed land reuse, including specific mention of any industrial production emissions and noise it would generate and release.
4. A formal preliminary site plan or drawing illustrating proposed buildings and related amenities to be built on the site as well as an estimated cost of such improvements.

Terms of sale:

1. Sealed bids are due in the village offices at 100 E. Main St. by 3:00 p.m. on Monday 2/15/99. At that time they will be opened and summarized aloud in public by village staff. Village staff will then review them in detail and make a report to the Village Council.
2. All bids will be presented to the Middleville Village Council during its public meeting set for Tuesday 2/23/99 at 7:00 p.m. The village Council may then select a winning bid, but reserves the right to reject any and all bids or to defer a decision until another time. The decision of the Village Council shall be final. All bids must be offered as standing and valid for at least 30 days past the due date.
3. The minimum reserve price for the land is $20,000.00. A winning bidder will also be required to pay closing and boundary survey costs above that. All costs payable in lump sum at time of closing.
4. Late, incomplete, vague, inaccurate or illegible bids may not be considered.
5. Acceptance of bid does not automatically confer zoning permit approval.

Interested parties are encouraged to inspect the site personally, and to review applicable village zoning regulations, maps, land title documents and environmental testing records in the village offices at 100 E. Main St., Middleville, MI 49333. For more information, please contact the Middleville Village Manager at the above address or by calling 616-795-3385.

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cides traveling to groundwater or surface water are more common in residential areas.

People do not think to test their soil on small plots of land. They buy chemicals and fertilizers from a garden center, and misapply these chemicals, which will neither help and often will run off and could harm the water supply. Howard advises a soil test before fertilizing or using pesticides.

He suggested that people washing cars at home should do so on soil rather than on paved drives or into a storm drain.

"The longer it filters through the ground, the better," he said.

Farmers try to calibrate where agricultural chemicals, fertilizers, pesticides, etc., are needed, and to avoid excessive and expensive applications of these which will flow off the land into the groundwater.

The improper disposal of hazardous materials can flow into surface water. This occurs by dumping on site, by dumping into the plumbing and septic system, by dumping into groundwater sewers, and putting these materials into the trash. Overloaded or leaking landfills result in numerous environmental problems.

People need to know what should be put into the septic system and what should not. Home*A*Syst can offer the guidance the homeowner needs, for various septic system types.

Proper recycling is always advised. The right materials must be routed to the right place. Sending some materials to the wrong place can cause problems.

Recycling providers may be located in the Yellow Pages under "rubbish, waste reduction, disposal and recycling service."

Drinking water contamination may occur due to coliform bacteria and nutrients moving down well casings of abandoned and poorly maintained wells.

Howard is scheduling workshops where homeowners can learn how to take advantage of the program and what he can do to help. One kind of workshop will be a public demonstration of an urban well closing. There will be three of these in different locations in the two counties coming soon.

Topics covered in his workshops include:

- Drinking water well management.
- Yard and garden care.
- Household trash.
- Homesite risk assessment.
- Liquid fuels.
- Household wastewater.
- Hazardous household products.
- Stormwater management.

Similar topics are covered in the Home*A*Syst materials, which also covers eight topic sections. Each section has an action checklist to assess medium and high risks, and information the homeowner can apply to their own household to lower those risks.

Home*A*Syst supplements are available.

"Managing Shoreline Property to Protect Water Quality" examines the special role shoreline residents have in protecting the water quality of their lake or stream.

"Lawn*A*Syst" is an environmental risk assessment guide for lawn care practices.

Home*A*Syst helps the home owner safeguard the health of self and family, contribute to the community environmental health. It helps prevent contamination of drinking water supplies and other natural resources. It protects the financial investment one has in home and property.

Howard can be reached at 1 (616) 846-8250.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

At a regular meeting of the Township Board of the Charter Township of Caledonia held on Wednesday, January 20, 1999, several Ordinances were adopted as indicted in the following synopsis:

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA ORDAINS:

ORDINANCE NO. 98-15Z: An Ordinance to add a New Section 4.4 to the township Zoning Ordinance. This amendment addresses uses not specifically mentioned in the zoning ordinance and establishes a procedure to resolve conflicts that may arise.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA ORDAINS:

ORDINANCE NO. 98-16Z: An Ordinance to amend the definition of "lot area" in the Caledonia Township Zoning Ordinance.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA ORDAINS:

ORDINANCE NO. 98-17Z: An Ordinance to allow definitions in Chapter X of the Zoning Ordinance to be relocated to Chapter II.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA ORDAINS:

ORDINANCE NO. 98-18Z: An Ordinance to permit deletion of references to landscaping, rooftop mechanical equipment, dumpsters, utility pads, service areas and loading docks in Chapter XXVII. The landscaping and screening standards of Chapter XXVIII are incorporated by reference into Chapter XXVII.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA ORDAINS:

ORDINANCE NO. 98-12: An Ordinance to promote the health, safety and welfare of the people of the Charter Township of Caledonia, Kent County, Michigan by regulating the maintenance and safety of certain buildings and structures; to define the classes of buildings and structures affected by the ordinance; to establish administrative requirements and prescribe procedures for the maintenance or demolition of certain buildings and structures; to establish remedies, provide for enforcement, and fix penalties for the violation of this Ordinance; and to repeal all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict therewith.

A true copy of these ordinances can be inspected at the Township Office, 250 Maple St., Caledonia, Michigan during regular office hours.

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Synopsis of meeting minutes

VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE COUNCIL

Middleville, Michigan
12 January 1999

The regular meeting of the Village of Middleville, Michigan village council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by its president, Lon Myers, in the council chamber of the Village Hall.

Members Present: Mr. David Newman, Mr. William Nesbitt, Mr. Floyd Bray, Mr. Lon Myers, Mrs. Marilyn VandenBerg, Mr. Michael Lytle, and Mr. William Kenyon. All members were present.

Minutes of the December 22, 1998 meeting were approved as read as was the agenda with minor adjustments to the schedule.

ACTIONS TAKEN

1. Mr. Bray made a motion to grant Mr. Jim Robertson a special use permit to operate a small engine repair business at his property located at 114 River Street. The motion was supported by Mr. Nesbitt. The motion carried.

2. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the YMCA Recreation Contract for 1999 at a cost of $2575.00. The motion was supported by Mrs. VandenBerg. The motion carried.

3. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve Phase I of the Misty Ridge Planned Unit Development as suggested by the Planning Commission. The motion was supported by Mr. Bray. A roll call vote was conducted with six ayes and one nay voted by Mr. Lytle.

4. Mr. Nesbitt made a motion to formally adopt the name of the Crane Road field as "Crane Road Recreation Area" which was supported by Mr. Lytle. Motion carried.

5. Mr. Lytle made a motion to pay the invoices dated January 13, 1999 for a total of $18,783.38. The motion was supported by Mr. Bray. The motion carried.

6. Tabled the annexation of the new middle school.

7. Approved a request to rezone the property at 420 Arlington from R-3 to C-2 at the motion presented by Mr. Newman with support from Mr. Bray. A roll call vote yielded seven ayes.

8. Re-scheduled the budget hearing meeting to January 26, 1999 at 6:30 p.m.

9. Mr. Kenyon made a motion to shovel the snow from sidewalks neglected by property owners and bill them for the service. The motion was supported by Mr. Bray. The motion carried.

10. Adjourned the meeting at 9:09 p.m. on the motion of Mrs. VandenBerg with support from Mr. Lytle and the unanimous approval of the Council Members.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosalie Havens,
Village Clerk

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Middleville council approves trail grant application

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Middleville Village Council voted 6-1, with Floyd Bray dissenting, to approve a $200,000 grant application to the Michigan Department of Transportation to fund paving a section of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail.

Council President Lon Myers suggested that the village fund the local match for the grant at $80,000, but this would include $40,000 from the village, with the remaining $40,000 raised by the Thornapple Trail Association.

If the Thornapple Trail Association cannot raise the $40,000 over the two years of the grant, the village then has the option not to accept the grant. There is no guarantee that the village will have the grant application approved.

Bray said was concerned that tax money would be used for these improvements.

Included in the $200,000 grant application is funding for the construction of a picnic pavilion/community band shell, four season restroom and storage facility.

Other proposals in the grant include paving the trail from the Village Hall to McCann Road, approximately 3.58 miles. Originally, the Thornapple Trail Association had suggested paving the entire five-mile lenghth on the Middleville section of trail.

Thornapple Trail Association Board Member Fred Fleischmann thanked the council for considering the application and told village officials that the trail should attract additional visitors to the community.

Thornapple Trail Association president Michael Gormley will meet with Village Manager David Arking to refine the grant request.

Gormley said, "We really appreciate the efforts of the village to help the trail become the asset to the community we hope it will become."

He anticipates working to improve the McCann to Irving stretch of trail and seeking other grants and funding to complete the paving of that section.

Gormley invites anyone interested in helping the organization to raise funds for this project and other sections of the trail to attend the next Thornapple Trail Association meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 10, in the Village Council Chambers.

The grant application was to be filed by the Village by the Feb. 1 deadline. The state will not make a decision about which applications are awarded until June or July. Communities would then have to go through the bidding process.

Gormley said he believes that the earliest work could begin is probably spring of the year 2000.

Diane Steeby resigns as zoning administrator

by Patricia Johns

Thornapple Township Supervisor Don Boysen last week told the Township Board that Planning and Zoning Administrator Diane Steeby has decided to resign effective May 1.

Steeby has discovered that the position takes more than the 18 to 20 hours per week she anticipated when she took the position in October.

Boysen told the trustees that there was a need to look at the job, see if it could be a shared position or other options.

Boysen, Mike Kelley and Rex Schad will begin work on the fire agreement contract implementation approved on Oct. 29, 1998. Thornapple Township will present a new fire service contract to Yankee Springs and Irving Townships by May 1.

Kelley said, "there are many issues to consider before a contract is written.

The three members of the committee will get legal advice, try to get a sense of the direction sought by the other townships and return to the full Township Board within 60 days.

Trustees were scheduled to meet in special work sessions to work out budget details on Feb. 1 and 9. The budget hearing will be held on March 8 since the 1999-2000 budget must be approved by March 31.

The next regular meeting of the Thornapple Township Trustees is on Monday, Feb. 8, at 7 p.m. in the Township Hall.

Local police officer charged with assault

Middleville police officer Scot Landon Barton was arraigned last Wednesday in Cascade District Court on a charge of first offense domestic violence against his wife.

Barton's arraignment came after an alleged incident with his wife, Heather, in their Caledonia home Jan. 10. She did not require medical attention in connection with the alleged incident, however.

Barton, 30, who has been a policeman in Middleville for three years, was released on a $1,000 personal recognizance bond. The Cascade District Court set a pre-trial conference for Tuesday, Feb. 23. If convicted of this misdemeanor charge, his maximum sentence would be 93 days in jail and/or a $500 fine.

According to Middleville Police Chief Louis Shoemaker, a conviction could likely end Barton's law enforcement career since federal law then would prohibit him from carrying a gun.

Barton, who is free on a $1,000 personal recognizance bond, remains on active duty while the charge is pending.

Middleville LDFA goes forward without help

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Local Development Finance Authority Middleville hopes to use to help provide for infrastructure improvements will go forward without the participation of Thornapple Township or Barry County.

Village Manager David Arking had announced the decision by both the township and the county to "opt out" before the Feb. 6 deadline at the Jan. 26 council meeting.

Thornapple Township had decided on this action following a detailed explanation of the finance authority at the quarterly meeting held on Jan. 25.

Major concerns of the township were protecting the safety levy from capture. Township officials asked the village to notify them when the authority is formed.

The township attorney has told both entities that they can negotiate and perhaps come back in at a lower level.

During their meeting township trustees had heard from Jim Collison of Wade Trim, the company woring with the village that this is a way of "funding your own development future."

Collicson had encouraged trustees to look at the benefit to the entire community and to make an investment in the future."

Barry County Commissioner Bob Wenger said he was concerned that these plans "keep sucking away from the voted millage.

Trustee Bill Getty said that there were a lot of pluses to the LDFA if it is possible to protect the fire lmillage.

The village will be doing more work on the LDFA and Arking will work with Myers to present names for the governing board.

The LDFA will enable the village to "capture" money from improvements within a specified district and use them to fund improvement projects and infrastructure.

Yankee Springs planners turn down Weick rezoning request

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Yankee Springs Planning Commission turned down a request by William Weick to rezone property located south and east of the intersection of Patterson and Chief Noonday roads.

There was a long discussion of the previous request for a zoning change for this property from agricultural to R-1., low density residential.

Ron Van Singel, from Nederveld Associates, reviewed the proposed plan, which included a planned unit development (PUD) with single family homes, condominiums and an executive style nine hole golf course.

Don Dawson discussed concerns raised by nearby residents, including density. He suggested a change to R-R or rural residential would be more appropriate for this property.

There was a general discussion on the best ways to protect the township, the current land use plan and the whether the designation of Chief Nonday Road as a scenic route Heritage Highway would affect this zoning change.

Commissioner Jack Finkbeiner abstained on the vote due to his employment with Weick.

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 1999, COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL LOCATED AT 284 N. BRIGGS RD., TO CONDUCT THE FOLLOWING BUSINESS:

1. SEU 99-01-01, PARCEL ID. NO. 001-003-00: A REQUEST BY NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS FOR A SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE PERMIT TO ALLOW THEM TO CONSTRUCT A CELLULAR TYPE TOWER ON THE SAME SITE AND EAST OF 7350 MIDDLEVILLE RD. THE TOWER WOULD BE LOCATED A MINIMUM OF 400 FEET NORTH OF THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.
2. SUCH OTHER BUSINESS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION.

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ALL PERSONS ARE INVITED TO BE PRESENT AT THE AFORESAID TIME AND PLACE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE DISCUSSION OF THE ABOVE PROPOSAL(S).

AL SCHWENNESEN, SECRETARY
YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
PLANNING COMMISSION

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ORDINANCE NO. 99-01Z
AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA ORDAINS:

(Thomas D. Tasker Rezoning Request)

Section 1. The Zoning Ordinance of the Charter Township of Caledonia is hereby amended by the amendment of Section 4.2 thereof, the Zoning Map, so as to rezone the following described lands from the R-R Rural Residential District to the C-2 General Business District, subject to all of the terms and conditions of this Ordinance:

The north 100 feet of the south 200 feet of that part of the NW 1/4, lying southwesterly of the westerly line of State Trunk Line M-37 (120 feet wide), Section 6,T.5N.,R.10W., Caledonia Township, Kent County, Michigan.

Section 2. The rezoning of the above-described lands to the C-2 General Business District is expressly subject to all of the following terms and conditions of the Caledonia Township Zoning Ordinance:

Section 3. In accordance with Ordinance requirements, actual construction and/or use of the site cannot commence prior to approval of the site plan, in accordance with Chapter XVIII of the Zoning Ordinance.

Section 4. Findings by the Township Board. The Township Board hereby determines that the rezoning request complies with the provisions of the Township General Development Plan and promotes its intent and purposes. The Township board further finds that the permitted uses in the C-2 General Commercial District will be compatible with adjacent uses of land, the natural environment and the capacities of public services and facilities affected by the Development. The Township Board further determines that rezoning to the C-2 District will be consistent with the public health, safety and general welfare. Conditions may be set forth in the site plan review process which are necessary to ensure that public services and facilities will be capable of accommodating increased public service demands caused by the development of a permitted C-2 land use.

Section 5. Enforcement. The Township may enforce the provisions of this Ordinance and applicable provisions of the Township Zoning Ordinance (including Section 23.5 thereof), Building Code and other ordinances, laws and regulations to the extent and in any manner provided by law. Any violation of the conditions of this Ordinance shall be a violation of the Zoning Ordinance, subject to the same penalties as provided therein.

Section 6. Effective Date/Publication. This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after its publication or seven days after the publication of the summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation.

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Minimum plot size calculations refined by Caledonia Twp.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Because definitions of minimum lot size have caused hardships for several small property owners in Caledonia Township, the Township Board last month approved a redefinition that may help improve the situation.

The change would allow calculations of lot area to include area within the roadway, which will make many small lots buildable. People who have had unbuildable lots because portions fall within a public or private road will be helped by the change. Owners of lots of sizes too small for the particular zoning area may now be able to build on such lots.

The change also would result in fewer variance requests coming before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

In agriculturally zoned areas, the minimum lot size is two acres. In areas zoned R-1, minimum lot size is 40,000 square feet, in R-2, 20,000 square feet is allowed and in R-3, 7,500 square feet is the minimum lot size allowed.

The change will not affect planned unit developments (PUDs) where roadways are excluded from computing minimum lot size.

The change in lot size minimums will not affect other existing setback requirements for building distances, right of ways, road widths or other zoning affecting small lots.

Approval also was given to the zoning administrator to use four defined conditions to determine if a business use not specifically listed in a zoning ordinance could be included in a particular area of zoning without the request having to require a special use permit.

Another ordinance would enable the township to rid the area of unsafe buildings. The building would first have to be determined as unsafe, a compliance notice given to the owner who would have time to do so, and then if not made safe, the township then could take the building down, placing a lein on the property for the cost of demolition.

Township Supervisor Bill Johnston reported that the Historic Commission and the Historical Society were working together on the history of the LaBarge Dam. The township is working with the dam owner Bob Evans toward making the property surrounding the dam into a park as a part of a donation.

A plan for each of the buildings owned by the township is being created.

The roof of Barber School was approved for a community development block grant. The request for the ramp to the library was not approved because the cost was too high. It was thought the township could get a reduced bid for doing the work, much less than that obtained for meeting federal grant requirements.

The village offer to transfer the library to the township was mentioned. Because three members of the board were not present for the meeting, a decision was postponed for further discussion in February, with a possible decision after that.

At the regular township meeting Jan. 20, during other business, the board:

• Approved the appointment of Ed VanderVries, the township assessor, to act as code enforcement officer, because with Manager-Planner Tim Dolehanty leaving, that responsibility, someone is needed to fill in.

• Selected Fred Steketee, Marion Stewart and Kathy Jackson to serve on the Board of Review with John Zempke to serve as alternate.

• Approved the appointment of Beryl Fischer to serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals, with Planning Chair Roger Keating to serve as alternate.

• Approved a resolution of appreciation to Phil Datema who is retiring after many years of service as supervisor, board member, permit coordinator, building inspector and many more activities in township government.

• Approved a resolution of appreciation to Dick Dunn, who resigned last month as Planning Commission chair for many years, and for over 15 years of service on the commission, the Library Board, the Zoning Board of Appeals and other functions.

THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP
Synopsis of Minutes

January 25, 1999

Meeting called to order at 1:25 p.m. by supervisor at the Middle Villa Inn.

Thornapple Township Board members present - 5. Absent - 2. Others present - 9.

Agenda approved as amended.

The Local Development Finance Authority (LDFA) proposed by the Village of Middleville was discussed. A representative from Wade Trim Company answered questions.

A resolution was passed by roll call vote to opt out of LDFA and negotiate after the LDFA is established.

Printed bills for $6,744.03 were approved by roll call vote.

Motion carried to amend Paragraph 16 of the December 14th minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 3:25 p.m.

Submitted by,
Donna Stagray, Clerk
Attested to by,
Donald E. Boysen, supervisor
(A complete text of township minutes is available during regular office hours at the township offices.) (300)

Synopsis of regular meeting
CALEDONIA TWP. BOARD

January 20, 1999

The regular meeting of the Caledonia Township Board was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Present: Cress, Dunn, Johnston, Potter.

Absent: DeVries, Keller, Snyder.

Also Present: Manager/Planner Dolehanty, Utilities Administrator Pierson, Several citizens.

AGENDA: Approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: No public comments were offered.

CONSENT AGENDA: Moved by Dunn, second by Cress to approve the consent agenda. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST: None declared.

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT: Johnston nominated Fred Steketee, Mary Ann Stewart and Kathy Jackson to serve on the Board of Review, with Don Zemke as an alternate. Moved by Dunn, supported by Potter to approve the nominations. Ayes: All. Motion Carried. Johnston thanked past members of the Board of Review for their service to the Township.

Johnstoin offered Resolution No. 99-02 to reduce the membership of the Facilties Advisory Committee. Moved by Dunn, supported by Cress to approve Resolution 99-02. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Johnston offered Resolution No. 99-03 to reduce the membership of the Public Grounds Advisory Committee. Moved by Potter, supported by Dunn to approve Resolution 99-03. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Johnston nominated Beryl Fischer to serve as the Planning Commission representative to the Zoning Board of Appeals, with Roger Keating to serve as the alternate. Moved by Dunn, supported by Cress to approve the nominations. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Johnston offered Resolution No. 99-04, a Resolution of Appreciation honoring Phil Datema for his service to Caledonia Township. Moved by Dunn, supported by Cress to approve resolution 99-04. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Johnston offered Resolution No. 99-05, a Resolution of Appreciation honoring Dick Dunn for his service to Caledonia Township. Moved by Dunn, supported by Cress to approve resolution 99-05. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Johnston offered Resolution No. 99-06, a resolution to name a code enforcement official. He explained this action is necessary because Manager/Planner Dolehanty will be leaving that post at the end of January. Moved by Potter, supported by Dunn to approve Resolution 99-06. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

Johnston reported on the activities of several committees. The Historic Commission was working on the history of the LaBarge Dam. The Grounds Commission was working on a public grounds landscape plan and was considering workshops on tree plantings for county roads and on gypsy moth suppression. The Facilities Committee was working on a draft lease for the Alaska Hall and was making a list of needed repairs for all township facilities.

Johnston reported on discussions with the Road Commission concerning truck routes. He stated the Road Commission will be working with the Planning Commission to prioritize road projects in the Township.

Johnston stated he received a letter from the Village offering to turn the library building over to the Township. He stated he hoped the Township would have an answer by the next Board meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE: No correspondence were presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS:

ORDINANCE 98-15Z: Dolehanty explained the effect of this ordinance would be to add a new Section 4.4 to the zoning ordinance to address uses not specifically mentioned. It was moved by Dunn, supported by Potter to approve Ordinance No. 98-15Z. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE 98-16Z: Dolehanty reported the effect of this proposal was to amend the zoning ordinance definition of "lot area." It was moved by Dunn, supported by Cress to approve Ordinance No. 98-16Z. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE 98-17Z: Dolehanty stated the effect of this proposal was to relocated certain zoning ordinance definitions from Chapter X to Chapter II. It was moved by Dunn, supported by Cress to approve Ordinance No. 98-17Z. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE 98-18Z: Dolehanty explained the effect of this proposal was to delete zoning ordinance references to landscaping, roof-top mechanical equipment, dumpsters, utility pads, service areas and loading docks in Chapter XVII and Add a Reference to Chapter XVIII. It was moved by Dunn, supported by Cress to approve Ordinance No. 98-18Z. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

ORDINANCE 98-12: Dolehanty reviewed the ordinance to regulate dangerous buildings in Caledonia Township. It was moved by Dunn, supported by Cress to approve Ordinance No. 98-12. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-02: Dolehanty reported this resolution states the Board concurs with the Planning Commission recommendation to deny Paul Emerson's rezoning request. It was moved by Cress, supported by Dunn to approve Resolution 99-02. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 99-07: Dunn explained the necessity to divide voting Precinct No. 1. Long lines have been observed at the voting precinct because of the large number of registered voters. It was moved by Potter, supported by Cress to approve Resolution No. 99-07. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

CDBG PROJECTS: It was moved by Dunn, supported by Potter to authorize the Supervisor to proceed with CDBG project contracts. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

PLANNING CONSULTING SERVICES: It was moved by Dunn, supported by Cress to authorize the release of the Request for Proposals for planning consulting services. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

GYPSY MOTH: It was moved by Potter, supported by Dunn that invoices generated in fiscal year 1998 for gypsy moth suppression be deemed uncollectable, and that there be no obligations owing. Ayes: All. Motion Carried.

BOARD COMMENTS: There were no additional Board comments.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Sandy Spencer asked why the tentative agenda was not published in the Sun and News. Ruth Zachary, Sun and News reporter, could not offer an explanation.

Fred Fleischmann offered rails-to-trails literature. He also stated his support for the 1998 gypsy moth suppression program.

Kris Apol, Wally Bujak and John Potter offered their appreciation for the work of Dolehanty in his tenure with the Township.

ADJOURN: It was moved by dunn, supported by Potter to adjourn the meeting. Ayes: All. Motion Carried. The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:58 p.m. (306)

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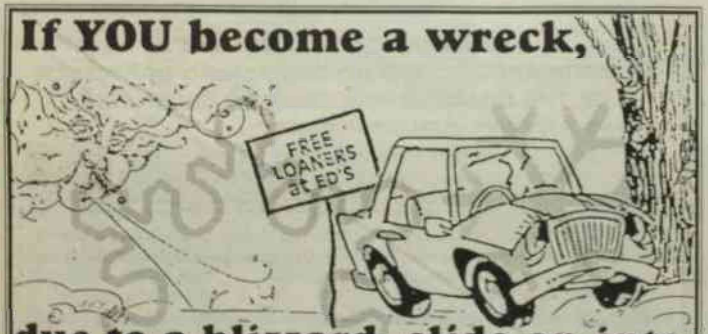

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Winterfest fun warms participants, spectators

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The brisk wind was a little chilly for participants at the Gun Lake Winterfest last weekend (Jan. 29, 30 and 31), but the lack of snow did not hinder the fun.

On Saturday, the bright sunshine came down on everyone. The young contestants in the Gun Lake Winterfest Little Princess and Prince contest were all smiles.

Mistress of Ceremonies Linda Boyce made all 27 participants feel at ease. She even made judges Jim West, Bonnie McCrory, Diane Wilkinson, Thelma Vis, and Sally and Ernie Ferris smile.

The judges had a hard choice, but at the final tally, Falisha Ann Davis and Kasey Braska were crowned. The other contestants all received runner-up stuffed animal prizes.

Local organizations were well represented with Boy Scouts from Middleville Troop 105 running popular children's games. The bean bag toss was just a little more popular than the toilet plunger toss.

The GFWC-Gun Lake area Women's Club sold sweet treats to help raise money for their proposed lending library.

At the Chili Cook-off, sponsored by O'Neill's Restaurant, the cooking was fast and furious but competitors "kept the rivalry friendly. The Gun Lake Gut Busters even helped out competitor "bottle washer" Deb Blackmore when "Chief Cook" Ron Blackmore couldn't get his stove running.

First time entrants "The Three Chefs" from Middleville brought an exciting chicken chili recipe. Dad Darold Keith and his children Samantha and Kevin had fun even though they didn't win.

Coming in third was Ruben Mercado, representing the Alaska Sam's Joint.

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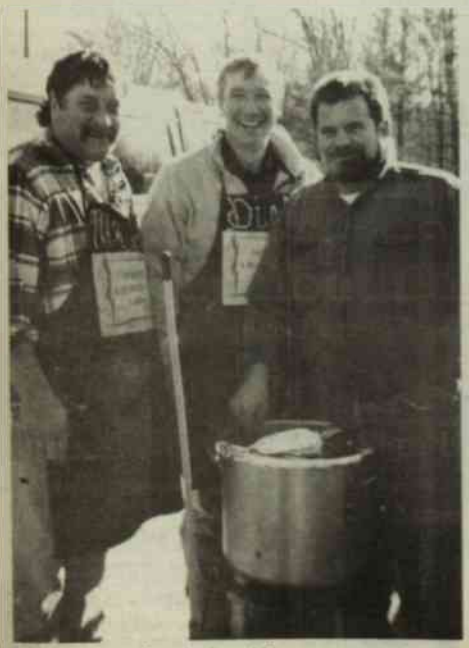
The most popular ride at this year's Gun Lake Winterfest was the horse drawn carriage. Horses Jake and Gary were guided by Larry Pennepacker.

Waiting to take the walk to the water was the coldest part of the Plar Bear Dip, participants told reporters. At last count 121 people registered for the Polar Dip and many jumped in more than once making about 200 splashes.

The Gun Lake Winterfest Little Prince and Princess were all smiles after the contest. Four-year-olds Falisha Ann Davis and Kasey Braska wore their crowns with style.

Even the youngest models got into the act at the Sea Shanty sponsored bathing suit fashion show.

Winning the broomball championship meant a few bumps, bruises and crutches for McGuire's K Connection. Officials (on left) Alex Liceaga and (on far right) Ed Cole came in for some abuse during the day.



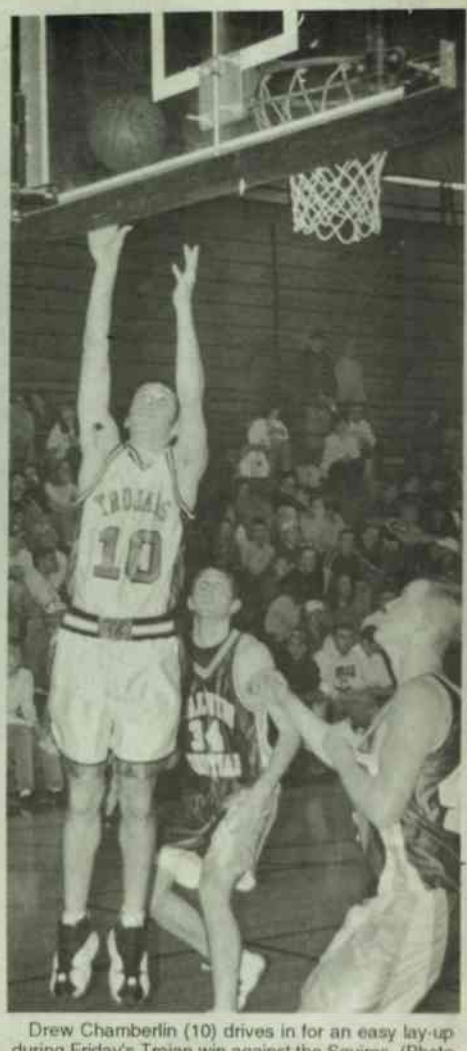
Cooking up the winning chili were repeat winners "White Lightning." Pictured (from left) are Bill Neill, Michigan Lt. Dick Posthumus and John Jones.

Broomball games were fast and furious all day. The winner was McGuire's K Connection, repeating from 1998.

Trojans rebound to score win versus Squires

Ben Lucas (52) throws down two of his 14 points with a strong move to the glass. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Quick transition baskets like this one from Dan Finkbeiner (22) helped propel Middleville past Calvin Christian. (Photo by Perry Hardin)



Drew Chamberlin (10) drives in for an easy lay-up during Friday's Trojan win against the Squires. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Balanced scoring and a 24-point fourth quarter enabled Middleville to shoot past Calvin Christian 73-63 Friday night in O-K Blue basketball action at Thornapple Kellogg High School.

After scoring 12 and 14 points respectively in the first and second quarters, Coach Kurt Holzhueter's crew tallied 21 and 24 markers in the third and fourth frames to win by 10.

The Trojan score book included four players in double figures. Dan Finkbeiner, Ken VanRyn and Ben Lucas each scored 14 points and Andrew Hillman added 12.

Garrett Weatherhead finished with 5 points, but hit a key three-pointer down the stretch to help secure the victory.

Lucas played what Holzhueter described as his best game of the season.

Hillman led the Trojans in rebounding with 10 caroms in a game that Middleville out-rebounded its foes 26-19.

VanRyn dished out 5 assists to top the black and orange in that category.

Matt Voss led Calvin Christian with 15 points.

The Trojans (8-3 overall and 5-2 in the league) will host Godwin Heights Tuesday and travel to Coopersville Friday. Godwin Heights (3-8, 2-5) defeated Wyoming Rogers Friday 58-51.

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The tournament is open to boys baseball teams 12 and under, 14 and under and 16 and under.

The girls fast pitch softball tournament is open to teams 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under and 18 and under.

Baseball and softball tournaments will run with a a round-robin format. A minimum of three games are guaranteed.

Registration fees are $200 for all divisions. Registration deadline is June 1 or when the tournaments are filled.

For further information, contact Jim Galligan for baseball at (517) 349-6492 or Bruce Grunser for softball at (517) 347-0455.

JV Scots now 9-2

Caledonia's junior varsity upped its record last week with an overtime 55-52 win over Unity Christian and a 36-35 triumph over Wayland. The two wins made Coach Paul Nixon's squad 9-2 for the season.

In the victory against Unity, Eric Allen led all scorers with 17 points, shooting 5-for-8 from the field and 7-of-11 from the free throw line. Doug Jousma chipped in with 11 points, while Dan Kietzman tallied 10 markers. Pulling down rebounds for the Fighting Scots were Travis Buehler with 6, Josh Swartz with 5 and Kietzman also with 5.

Caledonia beat a scrappy Wayland team, despite leading only twice in the game. Swartz was the top scorer with 11 points and Jousma added 8. Kyle Kleersnyder led the Scots with 8 caroms, while Swartz pulled down 7.

Caledonia travels to Cedar Springs Tuesday and then returns home Friday for a league clash with Forest Hills Northern.

Athletes of the Week

Matt Dodge

Caledonia High School

The member of the Caledonia ski team finished sixth in the slalom and first in the giant slalom at the Manistee Invitational Jan. 15. Dodge scored a 37.96 in the slalom and a 41.55 in the giant slalom.

Bret Wiersma

Thornapple-Kellogg High School (Middleville)

Wiersma went 4-0 and won his weight class title at the Jan. 23 Lansing Waverly Invitational to extend his mat winning streak to 23. His record for the season is a sparkling 27-4.

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Frigid third-quarter dooms Caledonia against Wayland

Nick Jenema (44) grabs a rebound and tries to put the ball back into the hoop late in the second half of Caledonia's ballgame Friday night at Wayland.

Junior Eric Richards (25) came off the bench early in the fourth period and gave the Scots a lift with a couple of key buckets.

An absolutely frigid third quarter was fatal to the Caledonia varsity basketball team Friday night.

The Fighting Scots failed to muster a single point for more than 10 straight minutes after the start of the second half and ultimately dropped a 58-42 O-K Gold Conference verdict at Wayland.

The defeat dropped Caledonia below the .500 mark in league to 3-4. Wayland, meanwhile, upped its conference record to 2-5.

The two squads were tied at 26-all at intermission, with the lead changing hands several times in a tight ballgame. But the bottom fell out for the Scots after the teams returned from the dressing room.

Only seconds into the third quarter, Wayland sophomore Jamie Brown drilled a three-pointer and seconds later he scored on a layup and the host Wildcats never looked back. The home team scored six more unanswered points in the quarter and entered the final stanza up 37-26.

The nightmare didn't really end for Caledonia, which fell behind by 13, 39-26, before senior Jesse Flegel swished a three-pointer with 5:56 left in the game.

The Scots managed to cut the deficit back to nine points a couple of times down the stretch, but they were doomed by the outside shooting of Brown, who canned two more threes, and by mistakes, such as a technical foul that put the final nail in the Caledonia coffin with a little more than a minute showing on the clock.

Brown finished the game with a career-high 20 points. While he hurt the Scots from the outside, 6-3 Wildcat senior Jason Bos hurt them inside by controlling the boards and contributing 13 points.

No one on the Caledonia side hit for double figures. Shane Mendez led the way with nine points. Flegel, Dan Bloemers and Nick Jenema each counted eight points. Bloemers and Flegel both clicked on two, three-point shots and Mendez and Matt Born each had one.

The lone bright spot for the Fighting Scots was that they made 10 of 14 free throws for better than 71 percent as a team. However, in everything else they were outrebounded, outshot and flat outplayed, particularly in the second half.

The loss dropped Caledonia to 3-4 in the conference and 3-8 overall. Wayland in the standings.

The Scots will resume play tonight (Tuesday, Feb. 2) at Cedar Springs in another O-K Gold Conference clash.

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The Coldwater Column

By Ron Barch, member, board of directors, Coldwater Watershed Council

Imagine putting a canoe into the Little Thornapple River just below the outlet to Jordan Lake. If it were early spring, water levels would be high and your canoe would shoot down stream.

As you drift down river, the stream corridor is shaded by mixed hard woods and a sense of seclusion predominates. This upper stretch of the Little Thornapple is the source of the Coldwater River and a watershed that includes three countries and approx. 150 square miles.

A watershed is an area of land that drains into a given creek, stream or river. When defining the Coldwater River watershed, one needs to also consider the smaller bodies of water flowing into the Coldwater. The major tributaries of the Coldwater are the Little Thornapple, Duck Creek and Tyler Creek. These tributaries are joined by an assortment of smaller brooks and drains to form the watershed. though the term "watershed" is a new turn to many people, its use as a measurement tool for soil and water conservation is increasingly becoming more common.

Watersheds are defined using natural characteristics and are not restricted by county or township boundaries.

The Coldwater River watershed begins in Barry County, includes parts of Ionia and Kent County. When the Coldwater eventually joins the Thornapple River below Whitneyville Road, it becomes a part of the larger Thornapple River Watershed system. Eventually the Thornapple flows into the Grand River and both the Coldwater and Thornapple become a part of the larger Grand River watershed.

For every river in Michigan, there is a corresponding watershed.

The residents living within the Coldwater River watershed, especially riparian residents (those living on the river or one of its tributaries) are especially fortunate because the Coldwater is one of the last, best trout streams in Southwestern Michigan. In order for a river system to support a trout population, the water quality must be excellent. Streams are classified into three groups and while most of the Coldwater watershed is classified as a group of two, able to support trout, some areas fall below and others fortunately above the group two classification. The types of biotic (living) organisms residing in a stream or river are a good indicator of water quality, and water quality is a key to measuring the total quality of the environment.

In 1997 a group of concerned local sportsmen and property owners formed the Coldwater River Watershed Council. Its purpose is to protect and preserve the natural resources, especially water resources, found within the watershed.

Changes in land use, decreasing wild life habitat, urban sprawl and increased pressure from human population have all contributed to decreases in the overall environmental quality of the watershed.

Members of the Coldwater River Watershed Council invite concerned citizens to join them in educating others about the importance of the watershed, protecting the resources currently found within the watershed, and restoring resources that have been lost.

As we approach the 21st century tough choices and trade-offs will have to be made. One choice is a river choked with sand, silt and nutrients instead of rising trout and cold, clear water. Or perhaps the choice of drained wetlands rather than the sound of redwing blackbirds or an evening flight of wood ducks.

If you are interested in helping make these tough choices, call the Coldwater River Watershed Council at 765-3165 or 897-8709. We look forward to hearing from you.

Dodge, Beckett, Scot skiers succeed at Manistee Invitational

Caledonia's Matt Dodge finished first in the giant slalom and sixth in the slalom at the Jan. 15 Manistee Invitational held at Shanty/Schuss.

Dodge scored a 37.96 in the slalom and a 41.55 in the giant slalom to head the list of Scot skiing achievers.

Kyle Oatley was 18th (41.20) in the giant slalom with a 41.20, Brian Davis 21st (41.60) and Brett Beckett was 23rd (42.38).

Oatley also took a second in the giant slalom (43.50), Steve Mursch seventh (51.11), Bill Wilson eighth (51.43) and John Sherman ninth (56.17).

Rebecca Beckett was eighth in the giant slalom (67.34) and 20th in the slalom (52.86).

Lauren Ondersma finished fourth (54.81) in the giant slalom and Emilee Zandbergen was ninth (83.57).

In the third league meet Jan. 26 at Cannonsburg, Caledonia's boys were fifth with 198 points, while the girls placed seventh with 223 points.

East Grand Rapids won the boys event, totaling 25 points. Forest Hills Central took first place honors in the girls meet with a score of 71.

Dodge was fourth in the boys slalom (45.11) and Beckett was sixth in the girls slalom (53.21).

Beckett was 10th in the giant slalom (47.22) and Dodge finished fifth (40.55).

Tough Trojans cleaning up on mats, now 19-3

Middleville's mat men improved to 19-3 with a convincing 62-15 triumph over Spring Lake Jan. 28 at Thornapple Kellogg High School.

Winners for Coach Tom Lehman's Trojans were Jason Austin at 103, Bret Wiersma at 119, Evan Space at 125, Brian McKeown at 130, Mark Thompson at 135, Chad Reil at 140, Adam Smith at 160, Tim Stevens at 171, Jeremy Vandefifer at 189, Miso Glavan at 215 and Marc Carter at heavyweight.

Earning pins in their respective weight classes were Austin in 1:12, Wiersma in 1:47, Space in 3:23, McKeown in 1:13, Thompson in 1:56, Reil in 1:59, Smith in 2:38, Vandefifer in 2:54 and Carter in 1:41.

Winners by decisions was Stevens with a 2-0 triumph.

Glavan prevailed with a forfeit.

The Trojans have been tough to tangle with as of late. Lehman's squad finished second at the Jan. 23 Lansing Waverly Tournament and won the Jan. 16 TK Dual event.

YMCA NEWS

Weather Line

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

Indoor Soccer Instruction

Boys and girls in grades 1-4 are welcome to attend the Saturday morning soccer instruction. Steve Evans is the instructor. Page Elementary School Gym will be the site starting Jan. 9 and continuing through Feb. 13. Come dressed to play and shin guards are recommended. The cost is $3 per Saturday or $15 for a 6-week program pass. Pre-registration is not required. 9-10 a.m., first grade; 10:15-11:15, second grade; 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., third and fourth grade.

Family Fun Nights

Family Fun Nights scheduled for Hastings High School on Fridays, Feb. 19 and March 12 have been cancelled due to school program scheduling.

Open Gym

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

K-Basketball

Basketball for boys and girls in Kindergarten-second grades will be instructed at Lee Elementary in Middleville. Instruction will be led by Jennifer Wilkinson, TKHS JV girls coach. The program starts saturday, Feb. 20 and continues through March 27. Registration form and fee of $20 (includes a basketball t-shirt) are required by the deadline of Feb. 12. Scholarships are available. Volunteers are needed each week to help with coaching. The schedule will be as follows: first grade, 9-10 a.m.; second grade, 10-11 a.m.; kindergarten, 11 a.m.-noon.

Summer Youth Baseball and Softball

Information brochures will be released in late February. The program will be open to girls and boys in Kindergarten through eighth grade. Practices are scheduled to start in late May with games played in June and july. Watch this column for further details.

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Repeating at second place for the third time was the Gun Lake Gut Buster's team. Repeating as winners was the White Lightning team were Bill Neill, Dick Posthumus and John Jones.

The popular Polar Bear Dip attracted 121 brave or plumb crazy participants, many of whom jumped in more than once. There were an estimated 200 splashes into a hole cut in the ice at Allegan County Park.

On Sunday, the Nashville Five Plus warmed up the crowd at Sunday's potluck. The 20th Winterfest might be over, but many thought about what to do next year.

The Gun Lake Area Chamber of Commerce will begin working on plans for Winterfest 2000 on March 3. Anyone with ideas for next year's festival is invited to attend the meeting at 7 p.m. in the ERA Dynamic Real Estate office at 2491 South Patterson Road.

The Cookie Monster had fun greeting children in the crowd. Here the monster and Brandon Nicholas of Middleville share a smile.

Scots' J.V., freshmen beat Wildcats

Josh Swartz tallied 11 points, Doug Jousma 8 and Eric Allen 5 points in a 36-35 junior varsity basketball triumph for Caledonia last Friday at Wayland Union High School.

The Scots' victory moved them to 9-2 overall and 5-2 in the O-K Gold Conference.

Caledonia's freshman team also beat the Wildcats, 54-28.

Travis Slot scored 13 points and Brian Stevenson tallied 11 markers.

Caledonia's defense did not give up more than eight points in any quarter. Mike Ogle was a key factor in making the Scot defense run so smoothly.

The freshman victory versus Wayland improved the team's record to 9-2 and 5-2. The Scots lost to Unity Christian 46-44 in overtime earlier in the week. In that contest, Travis Slot scored 19 and Nick Slot added 6.

Little Princess Falisha Ann Davis was just one of the children taking advantage of the pony ride during Winterfest.

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