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Middleville to seek annexation of middle school, six other parcels

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Middleville Village Council last Tuesday adopted a resolution to ask for the annexation of the new middle school and six other properties.

Thornapple Kellogg School District representatives asked the village several weeks ago to annex the middle school property, which is located in Thornapple Township. At that time, they were told that there were several other property owners who were requesting annexation and that the village wanted to wait until all the descriptions were available.

The six small parcels, also located in Thornapple Township, are surrounded by the village.

Most of the parcels are served by village services. Some are tiny parcels entirely bordered by Village property.

This annexation resolution will be submitted to the Barry County Commission for approval. City manager David Arking noted that in many cases approval of the annexation would straighten boundary lines.

In other business last Tuesday night, the council:

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• Heard a proposal for the codification of village ordinances. Ellen Fox gave an overview of what the Municipal Code Corporation can do for the village. If this codification is maintained and updated, it should last 10 to 15 years.

Council members will vote on this proposal at their next meeting.

Was presented with Gregg Anderson's last monthly report on the operation of the waste water treatment plant. Anderson is moving to another position with Earth Tech in Mio, Mich.

He reported that there were still problems at Bradford White with nickel and other substances. The company is working to correct the problem. The sludge could not be land applied at this time.

• Approved payment of $555 for lumber and other supplies to re-deck a bridge on the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail. Funds for this are from a grant earmarked for trail purposes. Members of the Trail Association will do the work.

The next meeting of the Middleville Village Council will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 9, in council chambers.

TK superintendent gets good report card marks

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Members of the Thornapple Kellogg School District believe Superintendent Jay Cason "has high expectations, holds people accountable, provides, strategic planning input, delegates responsibility and presents issues well.

Cason also "has the best interests of the Thornapple Kellogg School District" in mind, board members reported last week in their evaluation of the superintendent.

Board President Dan Parker said, "The board considers this an excellent evaluation, very solid."

Areas where Cason could be more effective, they said, are to show more appreciation for the work of others and they encourage him to develop more patience and empathy.

Board members evaluated the superintendent on issues such as planning, accountability and even relationships with the board.

The Personnel Committee now will review this evaluation and make a recommendation to the board on any salary increase or contract extension.

Jay Cason

In the curriculum area, board members reported they feel Cason is moving in the right direction, but needs to strengthen and improve guidance services and include career awareness and exploration. Several of the evaluation areas look for additional staff to improve services.

The board praised the superintendent's community relations skills using the example of the bond issue's passage.

The superintendent's evaluation is an annual task for the board members. They hope to improve the evaluation tool especially in assessing staff and personnel management area.

Caledonia Twp. Board pulls legal ads from Sun & News

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Township Board has voted to pull its legal advertising from the Sun and News and begin publishing notices instead in the South Advance.

Reasons given Feb. 17 by township officials for the change were that (1) the Advance rates cost less, (2) faxes sent to the Sun and News sometimes had not been received, resulting in a failure of notices being posted for meetings, and (3) that the papers had not been delivered consistently to the public.

But David T. Young, editor of the Sun and News, said, "The reasons the board gave are bogus. We believe that the Sun and News has published stories that have not been to their liking, so they are retaliating against our newspaper as a result.

"But the biggest problem here," Young added, "is that we think their move will nearly double the township's legal advertising costs and that would be an unwise use of taxpayer dollars."

A call to the Advance disclosed that the standard cost of advertising space in that paper is $8.10 per column inch, while in the Sun and News it is a maximum of $4.25 per column inch.

If the figures provided to the Sun and News are indeed accurate, this would mean the township will pay nearly twice as much for its publication notices by changing newspapers.

It is possible that a special offer has been made to the township by the Advance to acquire the account, but no evidence of such an arrangement has been made public.

The legal ads in question include a government unit's public notices of meetings, agendas, minutes and other public information.

Some board members last month mentioned that the Advance did not provide delivery to the entire Caledonia Township area and pointed out the lack of consistent news coverage of community and public events in the Advance.

Township officials said last month that they would ask the Advance to have a reporter regularly cover the community.

At present, the Sun and News has a circulation of about 10,000 and is delivered to 3,810 homes in Caledonia weekly, which includes the entire Caledonia school district. The Advance circulation includes 3,200 citizens in the northern part of Caledonia Township. Both papers are delivered free.

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Beach Day held at Page

This picture is silent but the sounds of the Beach Boys filled the corridors at Page Elementary School on Friday, Feb. 27. Here the teachers get into the swing of things before school starts. Standing from left are Sue Vanderwood, Helen Jahnke, Phyl Miner, Schawn Davis, Char McKee, Kim Middlebush, Marilyn Timmerman, Kurt Wissink, Gail Wachtor, and Beth Bauer. Kneeling are Tracey Weibel, Julie Johns, David Hyde, David Bukala, Jim Rathbun, Betsey Butler and Mike Hodges.

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Quilt is tribute to Bowne's one-room schools

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Several volunteers worked on a fund-raising quilt at the Bowne Township Historical Museum Feb. 18 to help restore the Bowne Center School as a tribute to the one-room school houses of the township.

The quilt, finished on Feb. 25, is a tribute to local history. Each block contains a family name.

The quilt will be hand quilted. Even the gathering of women to work on the quilt is a tribute to the tradition of quilting bees, which is a custom originating in history.

Nancy Greenfield was the "quilt architect-engineer." Others contributing time and stitchery were Sharron Nelson, Wilma Townsend, Deloris Dipp, Kim Culbertson, Marge Ferguson, Marge Wielend and Margaret Scott. Three of the quilters came from the Hope Brethren Church to help.

Eventually, the red and white quilt will be hung in the museum. The quilt, which includes a center panel of historic buildings taken from old postcards was hand drawn by Vicky Graham. Some of the buildings depicted include the train depot, Bergy Brothers Grain Mill, a pickle factory, a creamery and the Ladies Aid Building, which is now the museum.

There are blocks for the first four original settlers, all dating from 1836, Israel Graves, Frederick Thompson, Jonathon Thomas and William Wooley.

Closest to the center panel is a row of special blocks naming the one-room school houses and their dates, written by hand in permanent ink. Another row contains the names of all township supervisors since 1849. The present township officials also are named.

A great many historic families in Bowne Township purchased a block in the quilt, at $10 apiece, each of which contains the name of ancestors. This helped raise funds for the restoration project of the school.

Some of the blocks feature family names of Bergy 1873, Wingeier 1864, Lowe 1838, Nash 1836, Seese, Hillary McCarthy from a Centennial farm, Scott, Kate and Charlie Posthumus, Porritt, and Johnson.

Restoring the school has included returning the porch to its original state, refinishing the original plaster walls, building a new chimney, and installing old style light fixtures. A heating and cooling system is the only modern convenience. The interior will look like it once did.

Each of the original one-room schools from the township will have a section in the museum devoted to its history.

The Historical Society organized this project at the Alto Fall Festival in anticipation of the township's sesquicentennial May 22. The society has asked Lt. Gov Dick Posthumus from Ada to attend the ribbon cutting, though his attendance is unconfirmed.

The event is being sponsored by different organizations. Events from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. will include a showing by the Antique Car Club, and a Civil War re-enactment group that will offer some live exhibits and demonstrations, including a variety of traditional crafts, such as spinning, soap making or candle making, though no particular demonstrations have been planned at this time.

And, of course, there will be food and celebration continuing the tradition of being part of the Bowne community.

Questions about the various activities planned may be directed to Janet Van Wyck, at 868-7197.

The Bowne Township Historical Museum was the place for an old fashioned quilting bee, to create a memorial to the original families and history of the township. Nancy Greenfield planned the quilt.

Historic buildings embellish the center panel of the fund raising quilt, which will help restore an old one room school house.

Sharron Nelson, Wilma Townsend, Deloris Dipp, Kim Culbertson, Marge Ferguson, Marge Wielend and Margaret Scott work intently on their hand stitched quilting.

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Spelling bee held at Thornapple Kellogg

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Thornapple Kellogg spelling bee organizer Steve Evans enjoys the challenge of organizing the regional spelling bee at Thornapple Kellogg.

TK was host to 18 eager spellers in fifth through eighth grades on Feb. 23.

Among the contestants were Thornapple Kellogg Middle School students Cary Middlebush and Lia Tandy. Page fifth-graders Warren Schuitema and Alex Crisher spelled down at the regional held at Caledonia High School.

Students were faced with tough beginning and intermediate words. Middlebush missed the word "gaiters" to come in third. Earlier in the round, Tandy missed the word "ostensible."

Contestants from Caledonia Elementary at the Thornapple Kellogg Middle School regional were Mike Abbott and Isaac Mulvihill. Caledonia resident Eileen Fleischmann, representing Dutton Christian school, also competed at this regional.

The winner was Anita Innis from Cedar Springs Middle School.

Spellers at the Thornapple Kellogg regional were from schools in Kentwood, Cedar Springs, Grandville and Grand Rapids.

Contestants were Mike Abbott, James Boersma, Joe Castine, Eileen Fleischmann, Valerie Gass, Fred Hamilton, Megan Harig, Rick Hollern, Anita Innis, Steve McGladdery, Cary Middlebush, Isaac Mulvihill, Joe Munski, Lorenso Phan, Genelle Schedbauer, Julia Tandy, Morgan Van Buren, Cam VandeRee, Josh Westra and Justin Wierenga.

The judges were Gordon Dahlgren and Kim Van Elst from Thornapple Kellogg Middle School and Borghild Dilley from Caledonia Elementary. Evans was the pronouncer. Refreshments were provided by Helen Scott and the high school kitchen staff.

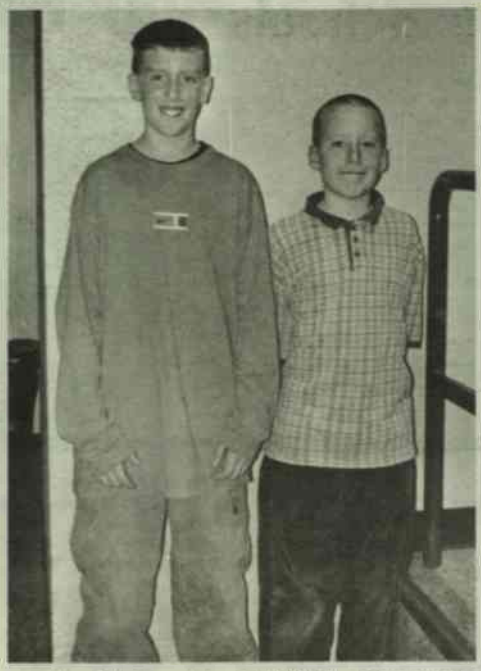
Kris Schedbauer, from Glenwood Elementary in Kentwood, was the parent advocate.

Evans said he is amazed at the way students rise to this spelling challenge.

"Being a good speller is a lost art," he said.

The words at the regional level were at the difficult end of beginning and intermediate with everything from "astrophysicist" to "silhouette" to "authentic."

The winners from the regional competitions go on to the greater Grand Rapids bee later this month.



Mike Abbott and Isaac Mulvihill representing Caledonia Elementary School competed at the Thornapple Kellogg Regional.

Eileen Fleischmann of Caledonia represented Dutton Christian School at the T.K. regional.

Cary Middlebush and Lia Tandy didn't have to travel very far to their Regional Spelling Bee. They were able to just go down the road from the Thornapple Kellogg Middle School to the high school auditorium

TK PTO to meet March 4 at middle school

The Thursday, March 4, meeting of the Thornapple Kellogg PTO will be held in the middle school library.

The meeting opens with a review and interview of prospective fund raising companies.

The middle school parents will begin their meeting at 6:45 p.m., and elementary parents will open their meeting with a vote to fill the executive treasurer position.

For information about the Thornapple Kellogg PTO meeting, contact any of the schools or attend the meeting March 4. All parents of children in elementary and middle school are welcome to attend.

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Stephen series set at Holy Family Church

Holy Family Church of Caledonia will be host for Stephen Series Caring Ministry Workshop from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, March 13.

The half-day workshop consists of three sessions designed to enhance care giving skills of participants and to help congregations explore ways of expanding caring ministry.

The first session is "Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief." Participants will learn about the grief process, the stages of grief, and how to minister in each of those stages. The goal is to come away with skills and confidence to better care for individuals who are experiencing grief.

The second session provides an introduction to the Stephen Series, explaining what it is, how it works and how congregations can get involved. The Stephen Series is a lay caring ministry system through which congregational leaders can equip parishioners to provide one-to-one Christian care to individuals in need. Since 1975, the Stephen Series has been implemented in more than 6,000 congregations representing 80 denominations.

The final session of the workshop is "How to Care in a Distinctively Christian Way." Participants will learn about what makes Christian care giving unique and how it incorporates resources such as prayer, blessings, and sharing scripture into their care giving and relating.

The workshop is sponsored by Stephen Ministries, the St. Louise-based Christian training organization that has been providing congregations with training and resources on Christian care giving for over 20 years.

The cost of the workshop is $15 per person or $50 for a group of four or more from the same congregation.

For more information, or to register to attend, call Mike Dordan at (616) 891-9259.

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Middleville resident Jennifer Wieringa Pollman (left) will be performing her senior concert at Calvin at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6. Also performing that day will be Heather Walker of Ludington.

Middleville flutist to perform at Calvin March 6

Middleville resident Jennifer Wieringa Pollman will be performing in her senior recital at Calvin College at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 6, in the Fine Arts Center Auditorium.

Voice student Heather Walker of Ludington also will perfom in this concert presented by the Calvin College Music Department.

Pollman is a music education major who has studied with Cindy Kaczmarczyk of Hastings. She also has studied with Judy Kemph and Darlene Dugan. She has been a member of the Calvin orchestra, band and the flute choir.

Pollman will be performing works by Bach, Poulenc, Copland and Ralph Vaughn-Williams.

Walker will be singing works by Handel, Mozart, Faure and Floyd. "I Hate Music" by Leonard Bernstein will close her selections.

Accompanist Linda Hoisington will work with both performers. The concert is free and open to the public.

A graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School, Pollman is the daughter of Paul and Sally Wieringa

CMS 7th-grader makes top 10 at MATHCOUNTS

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Kayle Hinkle was a top ten finisher in the Western Michigan MATHCOUNTS Chapter Competition Feb. 12, where he earned a sixth place finish and a medal along with a trophy as the top seventh grade student in the West Michigan Chapter.

Four Caledonia students, Hinkle, Jaime Alexander, Andrew Blanchard and Jonathan Daniel, placed fifth out of 26 schools. The four were chosen to represent Caledonia Middle School at the competition at Grand Valley State University's Eberhard Center.

The four students competed in three separate math rounds: a Sprint Round, where mental math and speed were a component; a Target Round and the Team Round. The top ten individuals were identified and went on in a head-to-head competition in the Countdown Round.

The top four schools went on to compete at the state level and then perhaps the national levels.

MATHCOUNTS is a coached math skills program that has been active in Caledonia for three years. A select group of students meet once a week, from September through February, to solve challenging higher level math problems.

The program is "the first serious, large scale effort at the junior high level to promote math as an exciting, challenging and absorbing experience which leads to rewarding career opportunities," as quoted from the program brochure.

MATHCOUNTS is sponsored by the National Society of Professional Engineers, the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, along with major businesses. It provides a unique opportunity for business and the community to enrich math curricula throughout the country.

Caledonia Middle school students who were on the MATHCOUNTS team were Jonathon Daniel, Andrew Blanchard and Kayle Hinkle (center). Jaime Alexander also took part but was absent for photo.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Thornapple Kellogg Middle and High School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, March 3
Mac & Cheese, broccoli, wh. wh. bread, jello, fruit, graham crackers.

Thursday, March 4
Chili/crackers/bread, veggies, orange or apple.

Friday, March 5
Middle - Pizza. H.S. - Chicken patty on bun, baked beans, apple cobbler.

Monday, March 8
Hamburger/bun, tomato/lettuce, pickles, oven fries, pineapple.

Tuesday, March 9
Cornstack, chili/cheese, lettuce on corn chips, breadsticks, peaches.

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

Thornapple Kellogg Elementary School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, March 3
Mac & Cheese, steamed, broccoli, wh. wh. bread, jello with fruit, graham crackers.

Thursday, March 4
Chili/crackers/bread, veggie stix, orange or apple.

Friday, March 5
Pizza, baked beans, tossed salad, apple cobbler.

Monday, March 8
Hamburger/bun, tomato/lettuce, pickles, oven fries, pineapple tidbits.

Tuesday, March 9
Cornstack, chili/cheese, lettuce on corn chips, breadsticks, sliced peaches.

Thornapple Kellogg Breakfast Menu

Wednesday, March 3
Oatmeal, brown sugar, muffin, juice, milk.

Thursday, March 4
Bagel, cream cheese and jelly, juice, milk.

Friday, March 5
Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.

Monday, March 8
Breakfast pizza, juice, milk.

Tuesday, March 9
Pancake Sausage on a stick, juice, milk.

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Caledonia is host for regional spelling bee

Spelling Bee contestants gathered for a brief reception before the event.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Seventeen young people from throughout the Kent Intermediate School District competed Feb. 23 in a regional spelling bee at Caledonia Middle School.

The winner was Beth Pfruender, a 14-year-old eighth-grader from Kelloggsville Christian in Kentwood. She will be going on to the state level of competition.

She is the daughter of David and Mary Pfruender.

Other students competing were Jenna Mellema, also from Kelloggsville Christian in Kentwood; Danica Wolf and Kirk Post from Caledonia Middle School; Brie Murphy and Nick Langenberg from Grandville South Elementary; Gabrielle Campbell and Mara D'Amico from Explorer Elementary in Kentwood; Warren Schuitema and Alexandra Crisher from Thornapple Kellogg in Middleville; Cassie Thomas Dupree from Congress Elementary of Grand Rapids Public Schools; Abby Southworth and Andrew Howse from Excel Charter Academy; Thomas White and Elizabeth Vezino from Catholic Diocese St. Patrick School, and Bryan Netzly and Jeremiah Kats of Home School Connections.

Victor Seals from Congress Elementary of Grand Rapids Public Schools did not appear for the competition.

Kim Gates was the "pronouncer" at the Caledonia bee. Gates encouraged students to use three tactics to help them to be accurate, to take enough time and to calm down if they were nervous. Students may ask to repeat the word to be sure they heard the correct pronunciation, they may ask to have it used in a sentence, and they may ask for a definition of the word.

Homonyms pronounced the same way but with different spellings can lead to mis-spelling a word, so asking for the other options can be important. For instance, two students correctly spelled "turban" and "corral" but could have been disqualified if other homonyms with other meanings such as turbine or chorale had been meant.

Some difficult words that were missed were "turbulence," "Celsius," "ostensible," "silhouette," "fogginess" and "Swahili."

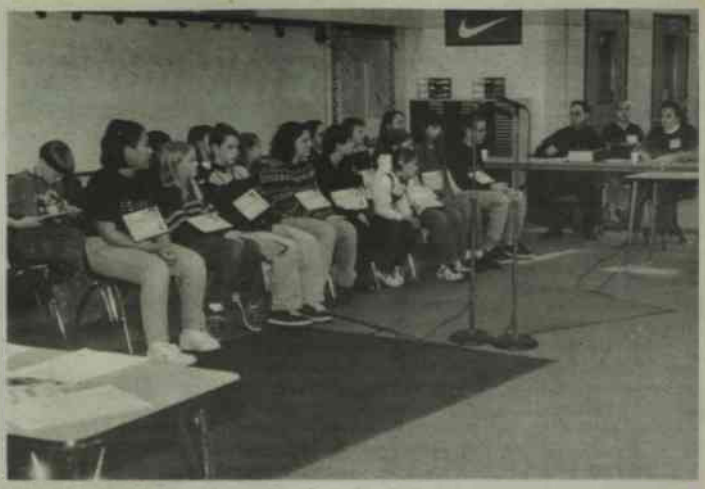
Gates explained that rounds are completed with all those who spell correctly being allowed to continue to spell in following rounds. Failure to spell a word correctly means being eliminated from subsequent rounds.

Only five contestants remained at the end of round two.

Four remained at the end of round four. Then Gabrielle Campbell missed "astrophysicist" and Abby Southworth missed "odontoloxia" in later rounds.

Elizabeth Vezino and Beth Pfruender completed through 10 rounds, when Vezino missed "Dervish." Pfruender successfully spelled "dichotomy" and "babushka' to win in round 11 and 12.

The spelling bee was coordinated by Beth Simmons, a teacher at Caledonia Middle School.



Contestants lined up by assigned number in the room where the Spelling Bee was held.

Spelling bee winner Beth Pfruender, from Kelloggsville Christian Kentwood.

Caledonia Middle School spelling contestant Danica Wolf.

Kirk Post was another contestant from Caledonia.

Art exhibit set for April 19 in Caledonia

An art exhibit from the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts will be on display at Caledonia Elementary from April 19 through May 17.

The exhibit "Sharing Our World: The Animals Among Us," is part of the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' ARTREACH program of traveling exhibits. It is comprised of works done by various artists who have turned to the animal kingdom as a source of inspiration for their works.

Animals are portrayed ina wide range of attitudes from the humorous and fanciful to the more realistic. Various printmaking techniques have been employed for several of the pieces, as well as watercolor and ink drawing. The exhibit highlights the way in which animals are viewed in different cultures.

ARTREACH is funded in part by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and by the Educational Community Credit Union of Kalamazoo. It provides exhibits of original art works to communities to 13 counties in Southwestern Michigan.

Schools, for one-month loan periods. Demonstrations and lectures by area artists to supplement the exhibits also are provided by the program.

Organizations wishing to participate in the ARTREACH program should contact the ARTREACH Coordinator at the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts, 314 Park St., Kalamazoo, MI 49007.

Middleville Thornapple-Kellogg contestants Warren Schuitema and Alexandra Crisher.

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Shoemaker-Wolverton wedding

Robert Martin Wolverton and Rhonda Lynn Shoemaker were united in marriage Sept. 12, 1998. The 4 p.m. ceremony took place at the Sunfield United Brethren Church.

Parents of the bride are Luanne and Dennis Shoemaker of Sunfield. Parents of the groom are Linda (Randy) Wolverton of Lake Odessa.

Matron of honor was Diane Sprague, sister of the groom. Bridemaids were Sara Possehn, friend of the bride, Deana Welch, cousin of the bride, Melissa Ritz, friend of the bride and Brandy Goodemoot, cousin of the bride.

Best man was Nathan Sprague, brother-in-law of the groom. Groomsmen were Mike Possehn, friend of the groom, Lance Goodemoot, cousin of the groom, Scott Lake, friend of the groom and Paul Fischer, friend of the groom. Ushers were Paul Shoemaker, brother of the bride and Phil Welch, cousin of the bride. Lighting the candles was the brides cousin, Justin Goodemoot.

Attending the guest book was Tiffany Welch, cousin of the bride. Amanda and Sylvia Welch, cousins of the bride were program attendants. Reading a special poem was Molly Tonkin, friend of the bride and groom. Soloists were the brides cousins, Brandy and Jason Goodemoot. Pianist was Celia Demond.

Master and mistress of ceremonies were cousins of the groom, Kyle and Marilyn Goodemoot. Terri Lynn Newman and Tina Sauers, cousins of the bride, cut the wedding cake. Assisting at the reception were Stacy Andreau and Emily Goodemoot, cousins of the groom and Amanda Welch. A special thank you to those who helped in many ways.

The couple took a trip to St. Louis, MO and Minneapolis, MN for their honeymoon and now reside in the Lake Odessa area.

Jousma-Mast exchange vows

Bethany Brooke Jousma and Victor William Mast were united in marriage on Sept. 12, 1998. The ceremony was held at the Reorganized Church of Latter Day Saints in Alto.

The couple's parents are John and Joyce Jousma and Harry and Patty Mast all from the Alto area. The brides grandparents, also in attendance, are Donald and Dorothy Dutcher of Caledonia and Jack and Dorothy Jousma of Bradenton, FL.

The maid of honor in the ceremony was Pam VanHeulen, friend of the bride and the bridesmaid was Sari Field, also a friend of the bride.

The best man was the groom's brother, John Mast and the groomsman was the bride's brother, Nick Jousma. Ushers in the ceremony where Bruce Kazemier, cousin of the groom and David DeWitt friend of the bride and groom.

Master and mistress of the ceremony were the bride's aunt, Barb Johnson of Racine, WI and her cousin Laurie and husband, Tom Corona, also from Wisconsin.

The ceremony was performed by the bride's uncle, Donald Jousma.

The wedding was followed by a reception at the Middleville Inn.

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TK graduate earns K College scholarship

Lucas Weatherhead of Middleville has been announced as one of the winners of the Kalamazoo College 1998-99 Honors and Competitive Scholarships, which are renewable each year.

More than 400 students have been awarded these scholarships. Kalamazoo College recognizes and awards students who have made significant contributions to their schools and their communities.

Weatherhead, son of Dr. James Lee and Diane Marie Weatherhead, is one of the honors scholarship winners. Nominees for the scholarships were selected from new students admitted to Kalamazoo College. Selection criteria for the awards included academic accomplishments, as well as extracurricular achievements.

Weatherhead is a graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High school.

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TK Odyssey of the Mind teams prepare for contest

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The T-shirts have been delivered, the teams are working hard to make those solutions they imagined a reality and the regional Odyssey of the Mind Competition is just around the corner for the four Thornapple Kellogg teams.

The teams will practice their solutions in a dress rehearsal at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 4, in the library at McFall.

Anyone in the community who would like to find out what Odyssey of the Mind is can attend this dress rehearsal. Teams from McFall, Lee, Page and the middle school have been thinking, painting, sewing, reaching consensus and more in the journey to Fennville on Saturday, March 6.

Odyssey of the Mind Coordinator Voni Lucas is enthusiastic about having students perform their solutions in front of a live audience. "It is always exciting to see the children deciding what works," she said.

Students will also get a chance to practice spontaneous problem solving March 4 before they face the "real thing" on Saturday.

Two teams will be performing solutions to the problem "CustOMer Service, the primary team at McFall will be solving the problem "Saving Our IncOMe" and the Middle School team is performing "O My Faire Shakespeare."

In CustOMer Service, the solutions include an original product, props created by the team and an eight-minute performance.

The primary students will use humor, a team created vehicle and their own "legal tender."

The middle school students performing in "O My Faire Shakespeare" have selected 10 lines from one of the plays, used those lines in a play of their own devising and again had to create props and a performance limited to eight minutes.

Middleville area residents who can't travel to Fennville on March 6 are invited to attend the Thornapple Kellogg Odyssey of the Mind dress rehearsal on March 4 at 7 p.m. in the library at McFall.

Cassie DeHaan looks at this year's Odyssey of the Mind t-shirt designed by the Middle School OM team as OM Coordinator Voni Lucas looks on.

Eli Bergsma looks very serious as he prepares to paint scenery his team will use as they try to solve the "Saving Our IncOMe" problem. Other members of the McFall team are Geoffrey Albaugh, Caitlin Nosonov, Tori Timmer, JJ Aki, and Matthew Van Dongen. Coaches are Jean Ray and Connie DeHaan.

Koeplingers observed 35th anniversary

Ray and Beth Koeplinger of Middleville observed 35 years of marriage on February 1, 1999. Children of the couple are: Mr. and Mrs. Anthony (Patsy) Koeplinger of Gardner, Kansas, Marilynn Weeks of Grandville and Mr. and Mrs. John (Missy) Schoonveld of Hopkins. Ray and Beth have 4 grandchildren: Jeni, Kinsy, Jessica and Nicholas.

TK grad makes WMU dean's list

Williams Jarvis Holmes III of Yankee Springs Township, was among those named to the 1998 fall dean's list at Western Michigan University.

To achieve this honor a student must maintain a 3.5 grade point average with at least 12 credit hours. Holmes earned a 4.0 average.

Holmes is enrolled in the College of Education and is majoring in history. He is a 1998 graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School, and is the son of Mary Ellen and Bill Holmes of Barlow Lake.

Engagements

Reed-Brown

Mr. and Mrs. David Lee Reed of Middleville would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Deanna Lee Reed, to Charles Christopher Brown, son of Mr. Richard Brown of Ada, and Mrs. Alice Smith of Caledonia.

Deanna is a 1994 Thornapple-Kellogg graduate and a 1998 Michigan State University graduate with a degree in business hospitality. She is currently employed at the Northland Inn and Executive Conference Center in Minneapolis, Minn.

Chuck is a 1993 Thornapple-Kellogg graduate and a 1998 Michigan State University graduate with a degree in business hospitality. He is currently employed by ARAMARK at the University of Minnesota.

A May 22, 1999 wedding is being planned in Middleville, Mich.

Smith-Keizer

Mr. and Mrs. Keizer of Middleville announce the engagement of their son, Tim Keizer, to Carrie Smith. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Smith of Ona, WV.

Tim is a graduate of Thornapple Kellogg and Central Michigan University with a bachelor of science degree in chemistry. Presently, he is a graduate student at the University of Kentucky, Lexington.

Carrie is a graduate of Georgetown College with a bachelor of arts in communications.

A May wedding is planned. They will reside in Lexington, KY.

Asst. Superintendent Pippel to speak to TK PTO

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Thornapple Kellogg Assistant Superintendent Midge Pippel will discuss her experiences in Japan last fall in a forum sponsored by the TK PTO at 6 p.m. Monday, March 8, in the Page Elementary Library.

Pippel traveled to Japan in November 1998, and while there, she explored as many aspects of Japanese education as she could.

There will be a slide show followed by a question and answer period before Pippel must prepare for the meeting of the Board of Education at 7:30 p.m. that evening.

Pippel will show some slides from her journey and musical instruments used in schools, will discuss what makes kindergarten different in the two countries and the changing dynamics of Japanese education.

Parents in Japan want a more "western" style education, she said, with more emphasis creativity and individuality.

Refreshments will be provided and there will be supervised child care available.

No PTO business will be conducted at this meeting.

TK Asst. Supt. Midge Pippel will discuss her trip to Japan at the March 8 PTO meeting.

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Thornapple Kellogg Middle School Students of the Month

Students at Thornapple Kellogg Middle School are nominated for the student of the month designation by at least two of their teachers. Sixth graders selected as students of the month from left in the front row Leighanne Bieski, Clayton Bohley, Jeffrey Chapman, Maranda Craven and Amber Ihm. In the middle row are Morgan Leedy, Marie Matthews and Amanda Stora. Peering in from the back row are Timothy Wilson and Kelli Zoet. Not in the picture are Jake Jelsema and Grant Wachtor.

Seventh graders selected for February honors are from left Shannon Allen, Scott Brooks, Nicholas Kitzrow and Mark Rolison. Pictured in the back row are Kristina Scholty, Chase Vandenberg and Dominque Woesner and Kyle Zatzke. Not in the picture are Christopher Harkness, Jonathan Higgins, Brett Knight, Laura Maynard and Ashley Young.

Resting their legs are eighth graders Maria Eldridge, Leslie Joseph, Nicholas Tomson and Nicole Wisniewski. Not pictured are Phil Corson, Rebecca Dufresne, Sara Freeman, Kara Hutchens, Andrea London, Brian Pappas, Devin Slagel, Eric Teunessen, Amanda Vandenbosch and Audrey Willette.

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Several senior citizens' trips being planned

Robin Schweitzer of the Thornapple Kellogg Community Education office urges area senior citizens to call in their reservations soon for the trips planned for this spring.

The last day to sign up for the trip March 17 to see "Fiddler on the Roof" at the Civic Theater in Grand Rapids is today, Tuesday, March 2.

This trip will begin with a dinner at the Old Country Buffet at Eastbrook Mall in Grand Rapids.

The bus will leave from the high school parking lot near the administration building at 5 p.m. The fee for this trip is $27 and includes everything. Call 795-3397 to reserve.

In April a trip is planned to see Mickey Rooney in "The Wizard of Oz" at DeVos Hall in a matinee performance. The bus will depart from the Middle Villa parking lot at 12:45 p.m. The cost is $32 for transportation and the play. The bus will depart from Lincoln Meadows at 12:35 p.m.

An all-day trip is planned June 11. On that day the group will travel to Bloomfield Hills to tour the house and gardens at Cranbrook House.

The motor coach will leave from the Middle Villa parking lot at 7 a.m. There will be no pickup at Lincoln Meadows because the motor coach is too large.

The cost is $42 which includes the motor coach, lunch and tours. There are some steps and walking required.

Call Robin at 795-3397 for more information.

TK Eighth-grade orientation set

The staff on Thornapple Kellogg High School will present an orientation session for eighth grade students and their parents at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11, beginning in the high school auditorium.

The main objective of this "special initiation" is to assist students and parents with the transition from the middle school to the high school.

The agenda of the evening will offer an opportunity to meet the principal and several staff members, to obtain pertinent information about the curriculum, to ask questions, and to tour designated areas of the high school.

Meeting set to discuss middle school memorial plans

This summer books, desks, supplies and equipment will travel from the current middle school building to the new building. Sometime in July the middle school will be reduced to a pile of rubble.

Nancy Goodin is working to reclaim some of the bricks to create a memorial to the school.

She is inviting anyone who would like to work on this project to attend a meeting on Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

"Please bring your ideas and energy," she said.

Anyone interested in attending this meeting should call the administration building at 795-3313. The location will be set when the number of people working on this project is known.

Middleville students to join 'All-4-One' event

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

More than 180 Thornapple Kellogg High School students will visit the Van Andel Arena Wednesday, but they aren't going to a Griffins or Hoops game, or even to a sold out rock concert.

Earvin "Magic" Johnson, Jay Riemersma of the Buffalo Bills, and "All-4-One" will energize more than 8,000 high school students to greater self-esteem, citizenship and community service.

One of the high points of the March 3 event is the sharing of community projects developed by the student service teams.

The Thornapple Kellogg team plans to read stories once a month at the public library. TK students also hope to develop a clean-up project in the community.

Local students Sara Huff and Eric Stewart serve on the HOOPS Youth Council which worked on the program for Motivation Week. The Youth Council is part of the Grand Rapids HOOPS Foundation for Families.

Students from Hastings and Caledonia will demonstrate their community service projects as well. Among the more than 30 high school districts participating are Ottawa Hills, Grand Rapids and Rockford.

The HOOPS Foundation and Huntington National Bank are sponsoring Motivation Week. This year's theme is "Making Choices."

Activities during the week are student centered. Curriculum and volunteers come from the sponsors and participating schools.

Stewart and Huff helped create the video presentation which students will see March 3. On Saturday, March 6, the Grand Rapids HOOPS Foundation for Families hopes many schools will kick off their service projects.

Following up on success of the "Read Across America Bedtime Story" event on March 2 and the McFall Bedtime stories in March, TK students are working with the staff at the Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library to provide monthly story times during the school year.

The first bedtime story night at the Thornapple School and Community Library at the high school will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 11. Students will present stories with a green St. Patrick's Day theme.

Advisor Nancy Iveson is working closely with the 39 students on the TK service team.

TK high school students from all grade levels worked on their service project display which they will show to more than 8000 other high school students on March 3 at the Van Andel arena. Megan Morley and Amy Wiersun put finishing touches on this tree which ncludes references to their bedtime stories and the river clean up they will do later this spring.

Obituaries

Emmett J. Gless

ALTO - Emmett J. Gless, age 72, of Alto, passed away Monday, February 22, 1999.

Mr. Gless was a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; children, Barbara (Adrian) Heys of Irons, Michigan, Tom (Kim) Gless of Alto, Terri (Paul) Whaley of Ada, Nick (Amy) Gless of Lowell, Lisa Gless of Lowell, Gina Gless of Alto; brothers, Harold (Phyllis) Gless of Caledonia, Gerald (Marge) Gless of Grand Rapids, Dick (Phyllis) Gless of Middleville; ten grandchildren; many nieces & nephews.

There will be no visitation or funeral. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids, 1260 Ekhart, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503-1268.

Arrangements were made by Roth-Gerst Funeral Home, Lowell.

TK summer driver's ed plans unveiled

The Thornapple Kellogg driver education program will be held in as many as three sessions this summer.

The first session will begin June 14 at 8 a.m. and will end July 2.2

The second will begin on July 5 at 8 a.m. and will end Aug. 6, but officials said they are not sure if there will be a third session.

The placement of sessions will be made according to the student's birthday. The oldest students will be given first choice. Students must be at least 14 years and 8 months old before the start of their session.

There is no guarantee as to what session any student will get.

"Please discuss with your son or daughter which session he/she should take. Once your child has been placed, we will not be able to change his/her choice unless another student is willing to trade with him/her," a school spokesperson said.

All applications are due back to the high school counseling office by Friday, March 19. Applications that are late will be placed on a waiting list.

There will be a charge of $100 for students taking driver's education. This fee will need to be paid before June 4 in order to reserve placement.

This $100 fee will include both Segment I and Segment II. This fee will be waived for students who qualify for free lunch, and for those qualifying for reduce lunch, the fee will be $50.

Girl Scouts celebrate 'Thinking Day'

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Thinking Day happens annually for Girl Scouts and Girl Guides throughout the world.

Girls in the Cherry Valley Neighborhood met Saturday, Feb. 20, to celebrate and learn about scouting traditions in Egypt, Guatemala, Jamaica, Canada, Peru, Italy, Israel, China and Zimbabwe.

Amanda Dannielson from Cadette Troop 513 organized the day's events with help from girls in Cadette Troops 51 and 54. The Cadette scouts planned stations from each country. At these stations local scouts tasted foods, learned games, made crafts and learned how to say "hello," "goodbye" and "thank you" in the language of the country.

The American scouts learned what is similar and what is different in scouting. Some girls really enjoyed recognizing the Girl Scout law even when it was written in an unfamiliar language.

The activities in Egypt were organized by girls in Troop 54 in Middleville. Jenna McIntyre made the Girl Guide movement in New Zealand seem exotic, but not so different from scouting in Middleville or Caledonia.

Denise Robinson, Amelia Gould and Ashley Wagner planned activities from Guatemala and Jamaica, which kept the cold weather at bay. Hannah Ezinga's look at Canada revealed how guides there share common goals with their sisters to the south. Peru's scouting movement was described by Jennie Atkinson.

Girls in Troop 51 made scouting in Italy more than just an appreciation of pizza and pasta. Jamie Alexander evoked the sounds of Israel in her display.

Scouting in Zimbabwe and China seemed both foreign and familiar as presented by Carrie Rozell, Kelly VanVolkinburg and Melanie Smith.

Top:

Amanda Dannielson on left in back can think back on a successful Thinking Day event she planned for the Girl Scout and Brownie troops in the Cherry Valley Neighborhood on February 20.

Center:

Girls explored the world from Canada to Peru, from Zimbabwe to China with stops in Jamaica, Guatemala and Israel along the way.

Bottom:

The girls went home with the knowledge that Girl Scouts and Guides from around the world were joining in on Thinking Day. (The local girls brought home a bag full of crafts which they made.)

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Five Webelos 'cross over' into Boy Scouting

Scott Cargill, Andy West and Scott VanderMeulen wait for the celebration with Scout leader Larry West.

Backed up by Dave Nerz and Ron Heys, Chris VanderScheer, Jesse Heys, Brad Gates, Andrew Nerz and David Brenton of Den 4 of Troop 3201, earned their Arrow of Light and crossed over into Boy Scouting.

Fred Fleischmann, Larry West, Stuart Kohl, Tom Kohl, Ben Kohl, Chris Gates, Chris West, Alex Vaughn, Jordon Kokof at the banquet celebration.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Families and friends of Cub Scout Pack 3201 celebrated the anniversary of Scouting in America at its Blue and Gold Banquet Feb. 18 at Kettle Lake Elementary.

Five Webelos, David Brenton, Bradley Gates, Jesse Heys, Andrew Nerz and Chris Vander Scheer, earned their Arrow of Light and "crossed over" into Boy Scouting.

This was symbolically expressed by the scouts crossing over a bridge. On one side of the bridge, their Cubmaster, Ric Parent, wished them well on their journey. On the other side, Scoutmaster Fred Fleischmann of Troop 202 of Caledonia welcomed them into Boy Scouting.

"The evening was a successful event with the support of family, friends, the Kettle Lake PTO, and Jeff Worman, principal of Kettle Lake Elementary," Parent commented, after the event.

Traditionally, the evening celebrates the advancement of the boys' progress up the scouting trail. A Cub Scout begins the scout year in a particular den; Tiger, Wolf, Bear or Webelos, and works to earn the rank of that den. Along the way, den leaders guide the scouts in attaining special achievements that are necessary for their rank. Ultimately, it is the Cub Scout who must earn his rank.

The advancements are highlighted by a crossover ceremony, which is the point in a Cub Scout's path that he advances to the Boy Scout trail.

Anyone interested in Cub Scouting is encouraged to call Parent at 868-2006.

Boy Scouts Stuart Kohl, Chris West and Benjamin Kohl of Troop 202 came to help with the banquet.

Ric Parent acted as host and coordinated the crossing over ceremony.

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NW quadrant of Caledonia Twp. will be next to get utilities

Caledonia Utilities Administrator Rich Pierson explains the possible directions for future water and sewer services in the township.

Township Engineer Randy Wilcox and Rich Pierson review data during their presentation for the Caledonia Planning Commission.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Residents of the northwestern quadrant of Caledonia Township probably will be the next to receive public water and sewer services, but details are still in the planning stages.

Public Utilities Administrator Rich Pierson, and Township Engineer Randy Wilcox made a presentation before the Planning Commission Feb.14, outlining the process of implementing these services.

The township asked the utilities administrators to have a utilities master plan in 1995. Since then there have been changes and updates and different personnel in the township, so the plan created has never been approved by the Township Board. Other agencies have been involved in the planning as well.

Caledonia Township has a partnership with the village in its sewer system. Kent County actually owns all the sewers, through its involvement with bond issues.

Other agreements have been made with developers, and with the Foremost Corporation to one day expand the private Foremost water system, to reach the surrounding area. The township eventually may take over that system if it is expanded. Township officials were involved in the preliminary design work and negotiations with Foremost.

The M-37 sewer system and water system is shared with the schools, Glen Valley and Jasonville Farms. Jim Steketee, a developer who attended the meeting, said his development planned along M-37 has 500 sewer units committed, but only 140 connected.

Future systems may be connected with the Caledonia systems, while the Campau-Kettle Lake sewer system will remain isolated for some time to come.

Proposed projects in the northwest part of the township would include sections 5,6,7,17 and 18. Extensive studies have been done for both water and sewer.

One idea for expanding the water system would be to create one pressure district between two water towers. The existing village water tower would be connected to and placed at the same elevation as the new tower. The proposed tower would be in the 76th Street and Kraft Avenue area. The two systems would be connected with 12-inch mains, giving the most and best water service for the investment.

The municipal water that is delivered through the water tower is actually well water, and the proposed tower also would contain water from a well. The Caledonia well was believed to be more than 230 feet deep with an 18-inch line.

Not much is planned for

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YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

TO THE PROPERTY OWNERS OF YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP, BARRY COUNTY, MI. AND ALL OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, MARCH 9, 1999, COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM AT THE YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL, 1284 N. BRIGGS RD., CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

1. ZBA 98-10-18, PARCEL ID. NO. 155-006-00: A REQUEST BY KENNETH LANGELAND, 2272 PARKER DR., FOR A FIVE FOOT VARIANCE FROM THE LAKE SIDE SET BACK REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A PORCH ON THE LAKE SIDE OF HIS HOUSE.

2. ZBA 99-02-01, PARCEL ID. NO. 001-003-00, A REQUEST BY NEXTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS OF THE SPECIAL EXCEPTION USE REQUIREMENTS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THEM TO CONSTRUCT A 300 FOOT TOWER ON THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 1748 NORTH MIDDLEVILLE ROAD, MIDDLEVILLE MI.

3. ZBA 99-02-02, PARCEL ID. NO 007-012-00: A REQUEST BY BRADLEY & MARGARET HOAG, 12446 OAKWOOD SHORES DR., FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE SIDE YARD SET BACK REQUIREMENTS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW HIM TO CONSTRUCT A GARAGE WITHIN SIX FEET OF THE SIDE YARD PROPERTY LINE.

4. SUCH OTHER MATTERS AS MAY PROPERLY COME BEFORE THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION AT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE TOWNSHIP, 284 N. BRIGGS RD., DURING REGULAR BUSINESS HOURS AND WILL ALSO BE AVAILABLE AT THE TIME OF THE PUBLIC HEARING. WRITTEN LETTERS OF COMMENT WILL BE ACCEPTED UNTIL THE START OF THE MEETING.

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CHARLES BIGGS, SECRETARY
YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Legal notices, from front page—

"We will stack our news coverage of Caledonia up against any other publication in the area," Young said. "We don't think anyone else is as comprehensive or consistent in reporting news about local government, community events, the schools and sports."

Coverage of the Caledonia area in the Sun and News has been continuous since the early 1960s, with the exception of times like this past winter when carrier problems were extraordinary. Before the publisher, J-Ad Graphics, bought the Caledonia News and Middleville Sun, the history of the paper goes back for more than 100 years.

Publisher Fred Jacobs acknowledged that delivery of the Sun and News has been inconsistent during January and February. During that period, attempts to hire dependable carriers have been unsuccessful. A series of carriers were hired to deliver papers, but several quit after a week or two, sometimes without giving notice. In spite of efforts by staff to fill in, new carriers often do not learn all of the delivery points on a route right away, and this also contributed to inconsistent delivery.

Efforts at J-Ad Graphics have been made to prevent problems with unreceived faxes (faxes the township sent that did not arrive at the Hastings office). In January, an offer was made in which J-Ad Graphics would call the township to confirm receipt of the fax notices so township personnel would know if a notice should be resubmitted.

But Young said he still believes the real issue is that township officials are angry about stories in the Sun and News. He said that a newspaper must report stories truthfully and accurately, but it must be free of government censorship.

"That is what I feel is at stake here," he said. "A free press must make sure that government officials are accountable to the public for what they say and do.

"There are times that mistakes can be made, and at those times we are always willing to correct errors of fact. But otherwise, we stand by the accuracy of what we have reported."

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

The Caledonia Township Board has decided to advertise all legal notices in the South Advance starting March 2, 1999. Please look in the South Advance for all notices. If you do not receive the South Advance, please give me a call at 891-0070 and I will see what I can do to get the Advance delivered to your home or a business near you.

Pat Snyder, Caledonia Township Clerk

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YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

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

1. ZOC 98-05-05, PARCEL ID. NO 01-007-00: A request by William Weick to rezone his property located east of Patterson Road, between Valley Drive and Chief Noonday Road, from the "Agriculture" Zoning District to the "RR, Rural Residential District. This rezoning does not include Pleasant Valley Estates No. 1, Pleasant Valley Plat or the Northern three hundred feet along Chief Noonday Road.

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

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

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

Richard Beukema, Chairman
Yankee Springs Township
Planning Commission

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the southeast quadrant of the township for the near future.

A survey directed to landowners in the northwest areas of the township resulted in answers that were mapped out. The questions asked if these owners would be willing to pay a given amount to have the services. Some areas marked in blue showed a greater number of people definitely in favor of having municipal water and sewer. The areas polled showed few "no" responses. The area near M-6 was not polled.

Several options for providing sewer service have been considered. Expanding as a part of the Grand Rapids sewer was once considered, but does not appear viable. Grand Rapids had a tax based shared cost, with very high connection fees to large landowners, a concept the township has been afraid of.

Another option would be to build another wastewater treatment facility along the Thornapple River.

The most feasible plan now would mean installing a system that would move by gravity to a low spot in the northwest corner of the township and to build a large pumping station that would allow the wastewater to flow back to the M-37 treatment plant. The existing village plant would need an expanded capacity to handle the additional load.

The present plant is operating at full capacity, if the sewer units already promised are counted. The village would have to obtain a permit to expand the existing system, and the township would negotiate for another quarter million gallon capacity.

Wilcox said when engineers consider installing sewers into a new area, the units need an average of four

If 51% of the citizens in the service area approve the project, it is possible to move ahead, and to get the first money needed to put the project in motion. The process can take anywhere from four months to begin, and several years to implement.

per acre, in spite of the various uses of the land, so planning the system can go ahead, no matter what the zoning is assigned later on. That number per acre will serve a wide number of uses, light industrial, commercial or residential. Even if the uses change in the future, the sewer capacity needed still would be about the same, he said.

Pierson explained that if a sewer district was planned for 100 homes in an area, and the sewer project was expected to cost one million dollars, the average cost would come to $10,000 per home. To reduce the amount assessed to each owner in the immediate service district, the administrators plan for growth of the project to spread the cost of the project between more homeowners who will live in the ultimate service district, up to 50 percent larger in the future.

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The immediate service district and the assessment district are the same at the beginning. A first public hearing establishes the boundaries of the assessment district. The second hearing confirms the assessment roll. Legal filings against the district are accepted for 30 days after this, and after that the actual project can begin.

About 8% of the total project cost is needed for the design portion. Bids are taken. Developers may come up with loans to get things started, which can shorten the process considerably, Pierson explained. Beginning the facility and system take at least a year, but usually two to four years are required on any project, even with smooth sailing.

Often the municipality does not have utility funds set aside, and must borrow money from its own general fund to begin the project. Ongoing budgeting includes costs, liabilities, operation costs, maintenance, etc. Rates and assessments to properties eventually pay off the entire debt and the system becomes self supporting.

Pierson said the way any system begins is when a township board responds to a known need. They consult with their engineer and utility administrator, and attempt to assess the rough feasibility of designing the system. A lot of talking between all involved parties is needed, he said.

Wilcox explained that different projects never proceed in the same way. Feasibility studies are needed in the beginning.

Planning Commissioner Deborah Steketee said infrastructure can promote or deter growth, and decisions about implementing such projects could be used to encourage "smart growth." She indicated the placement of sewer and water services should be part of the total planning based on where they were needed, rather than the decisions being made according to developer driven choices. She said infrastructure can cause sprawl if these facilities are only put where the vested interests want them instead of where they need to be based on a wide variety of considerations.

Wilcox agreed that planning is desirable.

Pierson said there was no specific goal or timeline or deadlines yet, for either sewer or water. Expansion of the water district could be approached in the next two or three years if citizens support it. Implementing a sewer system could take up to five years, because of contracts with the village and the need to go to the state for approval to do it.

Developer Paul Emerson asked what kind of customer the township would have in mind for these utilities. He mentioned construction of the M-6 expressway and the increased use of the airport as reasons to zone the area for industrial uses. He said the area was not conducive to residential use.

Emerson said township planners should bring industry into the township because he said industries support the schools. He said tax breaks were needed to bring industry.

One person asked if offers from developers or industry had been made that could help finance these projects.

Pierson answered that only Foremost had made such an offer. "There have been inquiries, but no one with a checkbook."

Wilcox said the use of the land in the area would be based on the Planning Commission and township land use plan.

Planning Chair Roger Keating commented that a utilities representative was needed while the commission was working on the master plan.

Introductory computer classes to be offered at TK

The Thornapple Kellogg Community Education Department is offering an introductory Windows '95 and Microsoft Word class.

Students will learn how to create icons and desktop fundamentals. Instructor Angie Ruger will demonstrate how to import graphics, use different fonts and M.S. Word Art in the Microsoft Word program.

The class is held in the high school library computer lab. The fee is $35. The class is scheduled for March 9, 16 and 23.

JV cagers aim to end season with two wins

Caledonia's junior varsity basketball team improved its record to 12-6 last week with a 60-58 win over Kenowa Hills, a 67-57 loss to South Christian and a 61-47 defeat to Unity Christian.

Despite a 31-point effort from Doug Jousma, the Fighting Scots couldn't get past South. Besides Jousma's big offensive game, Dan Kietzman and Josh Swartz both added 8 points for the purple and gold.

Caledonia's avenged an earlier season defeat versus Kenowa with the two-point triumph. Kyle Kleersnyder scored 16 points and pulled down 5 rebounds to help his team's winning cause. Dan Kietzman added 13 points and Jousma tallied 10 markers. Jousma and Beuhler each collected 6 rebounds to help the team control the boards.

Kleersnyder was the high scorer in the losing effort versus Unity with 13 points and 6 rebounds. Josh Swartz added 8 points and 4 rebounds.

The JV cagers will host Wayland Tuesday and entertain Cedar Springs Friday.

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Wednesday, March 10th:	**1:00-5:00 p.m.**

All reviews are by appointment only. Written protests will be accepted until March 9, 1999.

The estimated 1999 equalization factor for real property in the Township of Yankee Springs will be as follows:

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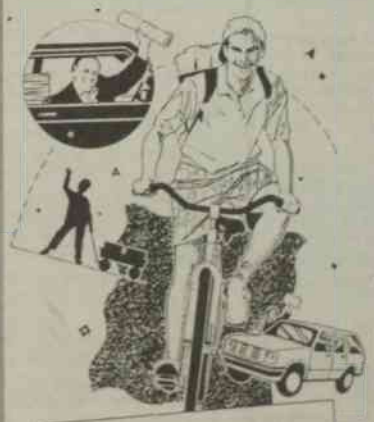

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Fortune Chef becoming place to meet and talk

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Fortune Chef over the last three years has become a popular place for Caledonia residents to gather, especially at breakfast, where people see familiar faces, and discuss the latest local news with their neighbors.

Librarian Jane Heiss eats there regularly. She said, "I love the Fortune Chef. I meet friends there for breakfast. He has the best bacon in town. It's a very relaxed place. Donna is one of the best waitresses around. When a place has good food and good service, it's a great combination."

The success of the restaurant is due in part to the diverse offerings on the menu, including both Cantonese food and American options at any time of the day. Many customers have commented that the price is reasonable, with an average cost for lunch at around $5 and breakfast at around $4 or $5 as well.

Tim Noordhoek is a regular customer. He said he likes to eat there because, "You don't walk out of there hungry. Simon is just great with the kids that work there. Two of my kids have worked there in the past, and they just love him. He is very hard working. He works from dark to dark."

Breakfast brings a lot of groups in to the restaurant. Farm workers and work crews often meet to get a good start on their day. Breakfast includes a great many American style eggs, omelets, meats, pancakes, French toast, fruit, cereal and beverage choices.

Lunches include both American sandwiches, entrees and Cantonese options at around $5.

The Cantonese dinner menu offers chicken, pork, shrimp, scallops, and beef dishes. American entrees include steak, chicken, cod, shrimp, liver and onions, and more. Both Chinese and American full dinner meals embrace a range of recipes that span a broader price range.

The Fortune Chef is open Monday through Saturday from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Sunday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. It is located in the D & W Shopping Center. The phone number is 891-1388.

The Fortune Chef in Caledonia offers a dual menu of Chinese and American cuisine.

TK elementary principals eye boosting MEAP scores

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The three elementary principals last week reported on techniques they are using to improve the Michigan Evaluation Assessment Program (MEAP) scores in the district.

McFall Principal Bill Rich reported that kindergarten and first grade staff there have evaluated the tests to see where their teaching methods will not conflict in the later grades.

"It was a real eye opener for the staff," he said.

Lee Principal Sharon Kalee gave a detailed assessment of work being done in the district to prepare students for the challenge once they get to fourth grade. Students are using the MEAP coach in third grade. Teachers also reviewed the test.

Page Principal David Bukala reported on the tests just completed in fourth and fifth grades. He talked about the nutrition boost children ate on test days, the preparation in test taking skills before the test was given and other insights into the exam.

The construction team reported that due to a slight architectural miscalculation about $60,000 worth of adjustment has to be made in the expandable rooms in the new middle school.

The architectural firm of Tower Pinkster Titis will share the cost of this adjustment with the school district. Board member Nancy Goodin remarked that for a $26 million project, there have been remarkably few mistakes.

Middle School teachers Marilyn Getty and Brian Willshire reported on the accelerated reading program being used in language arts classes.

Even reluctant readers are being encouraged to expand their literary horizons through the use of this computer assisted program for supplemental reading.

Wilshire said, "Students like to control what they read. It is amazing to see some of the growth in some students."

The program is available to all sixth grade language art teachers and at the other grade levels as teachers wish. Students still have the opportunity to select books which reflect their interests.

The next regular meeting of the Thornapple Kellogg School District will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, March 8, in the high school library.

Paul Henry Trail update at Rotary

Thornapple Trail Association president Michael Gormley gave an overview of new developments along the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail at the Middleville Rotary Meeting on Feb. 23. The Rotary members also learned that the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce is contemplating a change to a county wide chamber and is seeking input from local business owners.

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Caledonia Twp. accepts library ownership transfer

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia Village's proposal to transfer ownership of the library building to the township was accepted Feb. 18 by the Township Board, with Clerk Pat Snyder opposing.

Most of the discussion last week centered on the township's increased expense of library maintenance if the agreement was accepted. The village now owns 50 percent of the building, but pays 20% of the repairs and maintenance. The township pays the bills and sends a billing to the village for its share.

Accepting the agreement will mean assuming 100% of the cost instead of 80%, which would continue if the township refused the offer.

Township Trustee John Potter said he likes having only one governmental entity involved in making decisions about the building and Supervisor Bill Johnston agreed. Another observation made was that if the library was not in the village, the township would still need a library.

Snyder said she thought the village should continue to help support the library with its 20% portion. She said that of the tax revenues paid by the township and village, the state shared revenues coming back were unequally distributed.

Snyder said that in the past the village received $70,000 of state shared revenues because of rules governing villages, while the township received around $17,000 from the village in taxes.

She said "We lose around $53,000 in state shared revenues because they are a village."

Snyder said more than 10% of the population of the township is within the village, though she could not state the exact figures of the last census, upon which that percentage is based.

Village President Daryl Penfold said Feb. 22 that budget figures for the coming period were based on expected state shared revenues of $82,000.

In other business last week:

• The Township Board approved putting up two street lights, one on the corner of 60th and Whitneyville Road on the line between Cascade and Caledonia townships, and another on Orlie and 68th, which is also on a township boundary.

• A letter to the township from the Kent County Road Commission said 60th Street would be closed west of Kraft Avenue in June. Egan Avenue to the east will become the alternative route. M-37 and 68th will also carry much of the usual traffic.

Johnston said it is expected that sand hauling trucks using Egan will ruin the road, which will require repaving with 2.5 inches of asphalt, in a joint county and township project to repair the road.

• Citizen Marshall Pederson said he would like to see more traffic controls on the intersection of 68th and Broadmoor if it became an alternative route. Pederson also mentioned the need to "red flag" certain situations in which property was being used in ways not intended originally.

He said a building on Whitneyville was storing cars and using a lot for industrial use when it was zoned for commercial (C-1) use. He said the owner was installing a fence to secure items stored on the lot behind the fence. Pederson said he had no prior notice about the fence to be able to have input on the situation.

Pederson also complained about another owner in the same neighborhood making a smaller property divisions than in the original agreement, and they would not be consistent with other properties in the area. He mentioned a 150 x 200 foot lot, and a house placed only seven feet from the property line, placing houses only 14 feet from each other.

He said the owner had raised the level of the whole lot, which would result in runoff and also would make the neighboring property look bad. He said a private drive off Whitneyville into a subdivision was planned, and that many ordinances had been violated.

Presumably these complaints will be investigated, as mentioned in a Jan. 28 ZBA meeting. Ed VanderVries is the present enforcement officer for the township.

• Johnston mentioned that a township noise ordinance may be required in the future. Several requests for controlling noise have been made in connection with the airport, trucks, industries and could include even car wash noise, lawn mowers, leaf blowers, etc. Public comment will be noted prior to creating such an ordinance, Johnston said.

• The board would like to change the billing practices of the M-37 sewer treatment facility to an advance system instead of arrears. Three-month billings in the arrears system was resulting in owners selling their properties not paying their bills.

Utilities Administrator Rich Pierson explained that past owners were sometimes not able to be located, and sometimes they refused to pay because they no longer owned the property. The new owner was getting billed and objecting, or paying the bill, which was unfair to them or resulting in the township absorbing the cost resulting in lost revenues.

Though the bills could legally be placed against titles preventing sale of property or added on to the tax rolls, changing the system to require advance payment was thought to be the best solution.

An owner who has paid in advance on a 90-day billing cycle, and selling property at some point mid-period would be eligible for a refund, and new owners would be required to be responsible only for their share.

An advance payment system is already in effect for the Campau-Kettle Lake sewer treatment system.

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Caledonia Township tables PMR renewal request

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A request for a planned mineral removal permit from the Vermeulen company for its sand mining operation was tabled Feb. 17 by the Caledonia Township Board.

The company must apply for a permit renewal periodically, which is based on compliance with township rules.

A sticking point has been that Vermeulen has not been paying fees related to a previous legal judgment against the company. Though Vermeulen's payment is in arrears, Township Supervisor Bill Johnston said the owner was in communication with the township on a regular basis. Johnston said he has been negotiating with Vermeulen for services for the township or "payment in kind."

Johnston said the agreement with the sand mining operation would be made public once accomplished. He said all mining operations should be held accountable and each developer given the same treatment.

One citizen asked what benefits the township would gain from these negotiations. Johnston said the payment in kind might include land, construction of berms or other items, which would be reported later this month.

Johnston said a full audit of every PMR sand mining operation in the township was being conducted and would be completed by the next township meeting, in which the complete check list of requirements for each operator would be examined for compliance. He said that when the audits were completed all sand mining operations would be enforced equally.

A letter brought by neighbors asking for enforcement and consideration of safety issues for children living near sand pits was mentioned at the meeting. Township officials said they would look into those problems as soon as possible and before next month.

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Area wrestlers move on with efforts at Hastings

The Michigan High School district 12 individual wrestling tournament at Hastings High School propelled many area wrestlers into last Saturday's regional mat tournament.

The top four placers in each weight class advanced to the next round of the Division II event.

At 215, Middleville's Miso Glavan finished second to Lowell's Bill Stouffer.

Jeremy Vandefifer was a weight class champion for the Trojans at 189 winning a title decision against Harper Creek's Jeff Mullins.

Lakewood's Jarrod LaRoche was third at 171, while his Viking teammate, Ron Wierckz, took second at 160.

Caledonia's Zach Hollinshead was solid with a third place effort at 152.

A second Trojan mat man, Is Rosales, earned a weight class title at 145. Rosales won a championship decision versus Forest Hills Northern's Jon Boyd.

Caledonia's Ryan Haywood also qualified for regional action with a second place performance at 140. Caledonia's Josh Baltrusaitis and Middleville's Chad Reil were third and fourth in the same weight class.

Fighting Scot Todd Maines equaled Baltrusaitis' achievement with a third place finish at 135.

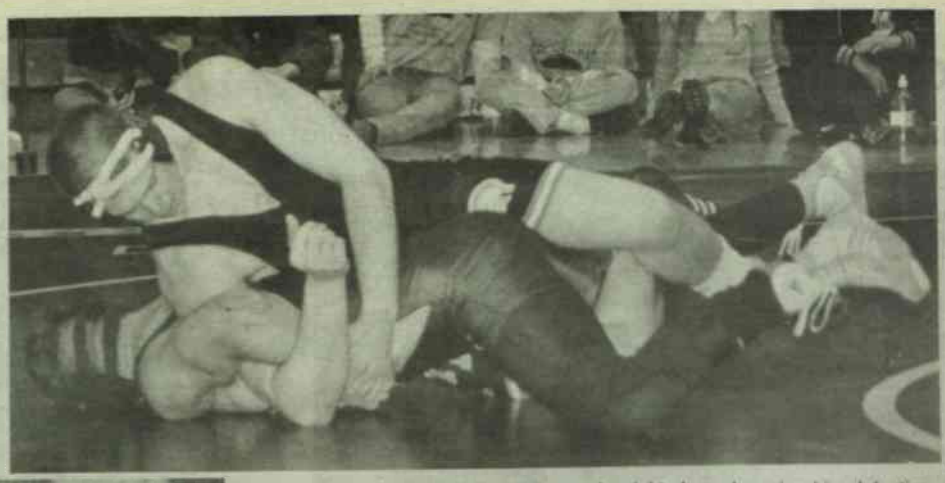
Brian McKeown, of Middleville, defaulted in the 130-pound consolation round to end up fourth, the same spot that Trojan Evan Space managed at 125.

Lakewood's Nathan Boucher beat Middleville's Bret Wiersma in the 119 consolations, still both moved on to the next round.

Another area championship was gained by Lakewood's Phil Plowman at 112. Plowman won a decision against Lowell's John Mendez.

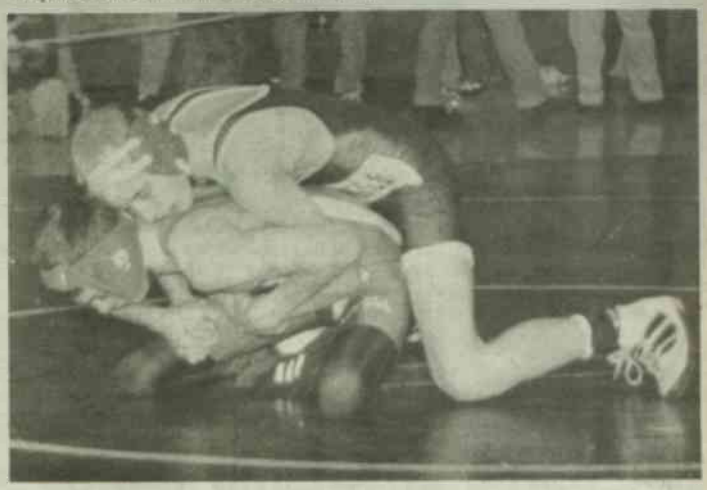
The fourth and final area first place came at 103 as Caledonia's Mike Tomanek won a decision versus Ionia's Aaron Shattuck.

The eighth Trojan to advance to the Division II regional was Marc Carter. Carter ended up second at 275.



Jeremy Vandefifer won the 189-pound weight class championship, defeating Harper Creek's Jeff Mullins in the final round.

Trojan grappler Miso Glavan pinned two district foes en route to a second place finish at 215.



Caledonia's Mike Tomanek was one of four area mat men to capture first place honors at the Hastings High School district tournament.

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Ownership transfer, continued from front page

volving both township and village is in place, the decision must be a cooperative one. The matter was to be an agenda item at the joint village and township sewer meeting March 10.

• The board approved a transportation allowance of $150 per month and 31 cents per mile for Marc Middlestadt to use his truck on township business. Middlestadt carries township equipment in his rounds to work sites, which has been hard on his vehicle, and board members said one truck had been completely worn out in the past.

Snyder said this allowance could amount to around $5,000 a year, which she felt was too much. Some trustees said the township was not prepared to buy a truck at $20,000, and had no garage to house it, means to maintain such a vehicle, and to provide the gas and oil. Treasurer Ruth DeVries and Potter said they believed the mileage allotment was a reasonable alternative.

• The board approved creating a receptionist position for the front desk in the township office. Four employees already are working in other departments, such as for the clerk, accounting or the building departments. They are each losing up to one day a week because of answering the phone.

DeVries said the current employees are working more than 40 hours per week, when some were only hired to work for 36.

Snyder said she thought that in a few months the demand for her own time would reduced, and she could answer the phone part of the time, so if a full-time person was needed now, she didn't expect the same level of demand to continue. She said she felt the deputy clerk's position should be part time.

Snyder is putting systems on line now, which is taking a lot of her time, but she says it will result in less work in the future. In addition she handles payroll payables, general ledger entries and voter registration.

DeVries said Snyder is answering the phone a lot now, and should be using her time for other work. She said Snyder was not using her skills to the best advantage.

DeVries said she would like the township to hire a receptionist with government experience at a pay range of $10 to $15 per hour.

Everyone agreed they wanted the phone answered all day, rather than using only voice mail during certain hours.

The job has yet to be described and posted.

• The board approved personnel policy manual corrections to complete the final draft.

• The board also approved payment for building permit software, which exceeded by $95 the bid amount. This module would take a flow sheet, identifying the processes and each person involved in each task for completing all the stages of the permitting process. This would allow completion of the stages simultaneously rather than sequentially, saving time for both personnel in the office and for the applicant. A demonstration version was tried out in the office prior to the recommendation.

Athletes of the Week

Kyle Oatley

Caledonia High School

Oatley was one of three Scots, along with Matt Dodge and Rebecca Beckett, who compete at the State finals. Oatley was 28th out of 78 in the giant slalom. His consistency and commitment were top notch, according to his coach, Bryce Beckett.

Jeremy Vandefifer

Thornapple-Kellogg High School (Middleville)

Vandefifer was one of two Trojan wrestlers to win a weight class championship at the individual district held at Hastings High School. Vandefifer won a decision against Jeff Mullins at 189 in the finals. Other area winners were Middleville's Is Rosales at 145 and Caledonia's Mike Tomanek at 103.

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Trojans defend home court; oust unbeaten Defenders

Middleville's "giant killers", did it again last Tuesday, beating previously unbeaten Tri Unity 76-75 in an overtime basketball thriller at Thornapple Kellogg High School.

The Trojans (13-5) beat Coopersville Feb. 5 when the Broncos were undefeated and ranked No. 2 in Class B.

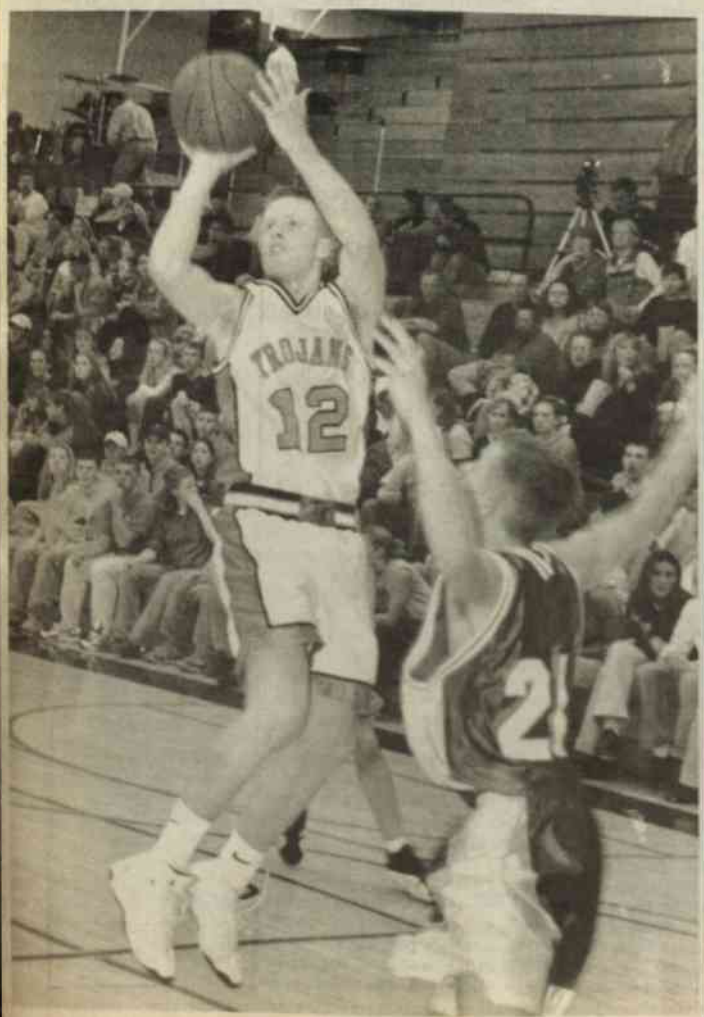
The Defenders came into TK's gymnasium ranked No. 2 in Class D, but Coach Kurt Holzhueter's were more than ready to tangle.

"We needed a game like this," Holzhueter explained. "We've been in a little rut the last couple of weeks and needed to regain some momentum. From a momentum standpoint, this will give us a boost."

The score was tied, 68-68, after four quarters, but Dan Finkbeiner, Ken VanRyn and Andrew Hillman made sure the Middleville had the needed points in the extra session to pull off the upset.

Zac Truer (44) put down 16 points and pulled down 7 rebounds to spark the Trojans to the upset over the Defenders. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Bottom: Garrett Weatherhead was one of five TK players to tally double figures in the Tuesday triumph over Tri-Unity. (Photo by Perry Hardin)



Middleville's Ken VanRyn (30) draws air and manages to get past a Defender defender in last Tuesday's basketball upset at Thornapple Kellogg High School.

Finkbeiner tallied the team's only basket at the start of the overtime, while VanRyn and Hillman each sank 3-of-4 free throws during the extra session.

Tri Unity had its chances to tie, or go ahead, in the final ticks of the clock. VanRyn's two free throws in the waning seconds, however, made it 76-73 Trojans and the Defenders were not able to catch up after that.

Middleville trailed 19-16 after one quarter, but went ahead 38-35 at the half. In the third quarter, the Trojans increased its advantage to nine points, 56-47 before the Defenders knotted the score, 68-68, with a solid fourth quarter.

The Defenders, led by 6-11 Chris Kaman, were defended into 19 turnovers, a key in the outcome as was Middleville's home court advantage.

"There was a lot of people here; it was loud and boisterous," Holzhueter said.

Zac Truer was on the top of his game with 16 points and 7 rebounds. It was a performance that Holzhueter described as "just solid."

Finkbeiner tallied 16, VanRyn 15, Garrett Weatherhead 14 and Ben Lucas 10 to give Middleville five players in double figures.

"We can't play much better than we did last night," Holzhueter said.

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Depth helps Trojans to keep on winning

For a second consecutive game, Middleville had five players in double figures as the black and orange ousted O-K Blue foe Byron Center 88-84 Friday in overtime.

The Trojans received 22 points from Ken VanRyn, 18 from Dan Finkbeiner, 14 from Ben Lucas, 12 from Zac Truer and 10 from Garrett Weatherhead.

Every Trojan point was needed.

Middleville trailed 36-33 at half, despite scoring the game's first nine points and leading after the opening eight minutes 23-18.

The Bulldogs increased its advantage to eight points, 58-50 after three quarters, but the Trojans were able to tie it up 73-73 at the end of regulation to force overtime. Garrett Weatherhead scored the basket that knotted the score and sent the game into the extra session.

Byron Center tallied the first four points of the overtime, but Middleville came storming back behind the stellar play of Zac Truer and Ben Lucas. Both post stars scored 6 points in the overtime. Another key in the overtime was a steal by Finkbeiner.

"There were a lot of defensive swings in the game," Holzhueter explained.

Truer also aided his tam's cause on the glass by pulling down 10 rebounds. All 12 of his points came in the second quarter.

"We had a lot of clutch performances," Holzhueter said.

Middleville, 14-5 overall and 10-3 in the O-K Blue, will travel to Calvin Christian Friday.

Trojan post player Ben Lucas (52) pushed across 14 points, including 6 during the overtime session.

Lucas Weatherhead continues to shine as a basketball player for the Kalamazoo College

Weatherhead enjoys first season as Hornet

The Kalamazoo College men's basketball team finished the season with a record of 11-14 overall and 5-9 in the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association.

Freshman Lucas Weatherhead was a valuable performer for the Hornets, playing in 23 games.

The former Middleville Trojan athletic star averaged 1.9 points and 0.7 rebounds. He also had 15 assists, 8 steals and a blocked shot.

At Kalamazoo College, Weatherhead is an economics major.

Four Scots qualify for State finals at Joe Louis Arena

Four Caledonia wrestlers qualified for the Division II State individual finals with their performances last Saturday at the regional tournament.

Todd Maines (135), Ryan Haywood (140), Josh Baltrusaitis (140) and Mike Tomanek (103) were the Scots' fortunate four.

Maines beat a Greenville opponent 12-8 in the first round, lost 8-6 in overtime to Forest Hills Northern, defeated a Harper Creek foe 103 and lost to Jesse Simmons of Wayland 8-2 to earn his spot at the Joe Louis Arena finals to be held March 11-13. Maines finished fourth at regionals.

Haywood beat Bay City John Glenn's 140-pounder 13-2, won a technical fall against Greenville, won by pin against a Ludington mat man and lost 2-1 to Baltrusaitis to take fourth place.

Baltrusaitis won 9-4 over Sparta, lost 15-5 to Lowell and won by injury default over Chad Reil of Middleville and beat Haywood 2-1 to end up third.

Tomanek pinned a Ludington opponent in 1:36, beat Mt. Pleasant 5-3 and lost to Gaylord.

The fifth Scot grappler to wrestle at regionals was Zach Hollinshead. Hollinshead lost his first match 12-9 and then dropped a 6-3 decision to Michael Lipstraw of Hastings. Caledonia Coach Jim Maxim called the senior Hollinshead "a true champion" who has always been a "total sportsman."

"He's an outstanding wrestler and I'll always be proud of him," Maxim said.

Scots squander lead, fall to Unity

Nick Jenema scored 15 and Shane Mendez 11, but the Fighting Scots could not shoot past Unity Christian Friday in O-K Gold varsity basketball action.

Caledonia led 19-14 after the opening eight minutes before Unity took the middle two quarters by a margin of 24-12. Unity led after three quarters 38-31.

The Scots collected 24 rebounds in the game with Jenema leading the way with 6 caroms.

Mendez also chipped in 3 assists to go along with his 11 markers.

Caledonia is now 7-11 overall and an even 7-7 in the league standings. The Scots will host Wayland at home Tuesday (March 2) and entertain Cedar Springs Friday (March 5).

Scots shoot Knights in varsity hoops

Caledonia's 24-of-48 hot shooting night led them to a 57-28 varsity basketball triumph last Tuesday against Kenowa Hills.

The Fighting Scots (7-6 in the O-K Gold and 7-10 overall) not only shot well, but all but one of their players scored the points.

The hot shooting came partially from long range as Billy Jones nailed three, three-pointers, Jesse Flegel had two trifectas and Eric Richard and Jason Roh each drained one triple. Caledonia canned 7-of-9 attempts from three-point land.

Flegel was tops for the winners with 14 points.

Caledonia led 14-2 after the first quarter and increased its advantage to 33-9 at half.

On the glass, the Scots received five rebounds each from Richard and Adam Gless.

TK wrestling Club begins March 2

The TK Wrestling Club will hold an organizational and informational meeting Tuesday, March 2 for the parents of any elementary student, in the first through six grades, that would like to join the club.

The cost to join is $10 for the first wrestler and $8 for each additional wrestler in the family. The cost does not include the cost for the competitors card.

A competitors card is required for each wrestler to wrestle in Michigan Freestyle tournaments that take place Saturdays. The competitors card is $20. A birth certificate or proof of birth date is required to purchase a card. The card can be purchased at the tournaments sites on the day of a tournament.

Club shirts can also be ordered for $6.

The meeting March 2 will be held 6:45 p.m. in the middle school library. A practice will also be held in the small gymnasium.

If you cannot attend and would like to obtain more information, contact Tom Lehman at 795-3394 during the day or 795-7129 in the evening.

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Scot skiers earn big honors on slopes and in classroom

Caledonia High School ski team members have recently gained some pretty nice honors based on their efforts on the slopes and in the classroom.

Three Scots, Matt Dodge, Kyle Oatley and Rebecca Beckett were all named to the Michigan High School Region 6, Class B-C-D team.

Oatley finished 28th out of 78 skiers in the giant slalom event at regionals, while Dodge was near the top at 11th.

Beckett also fared well in the giant slalom, placing 45th out of 77 participants on the Marquette Mountain course.

Mike Brown (East Grand Rapids), Mitch Green (East Grand Rapids), Pat McInerney (East Grand Rapids), Ian Karczewski (East Grand Rapids), Bill Nawara (Grand Rapids Catholic Central), Chris Anthony (Grand Rapids West Catholic) and Pat VanDuinen (East Grand Rapids) were other athletes named to the Region 6 ski squad.

Beckett and Oatley not only made the region team, but were also tabbed as honorable mention All-State.

Chris Anthony (Grand Rapids West Catholic), Karczewski and Nawara were other All-State team members.

Dodge held a spot on the Class B-C-D All-State third team. Brown and Green were first team members, while McInerney and VanDuinen were chosen for the second team.

Dodge, Oatley and Beckett also earned Academic Scholar Athlete recognition along with teammates Steve Mursch and Brian Davis. To be eligible for the award, an athlete must have a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

JV, freshmen Scots shoot past Knights

The junior varsity basketball team at Caledonia High School beat Kenowa Hills in a nail-bitting thriller Feb. 23, 60-58.

The victory improved the hoop team's record to 12-5 overall and 8-5 in the O-K Gold.

Leading the JV Fighting Scots in scoring were Kyle Kleersnyder with 16 points, Dan Kletzman with 13 points and Doug Jousma with 10 points.

Caledonia's freshmen also beat Kenowa Hills, 66-59, to improve its season mark to 13-4 and 9-4.

Travis Slot scored 20 points, Nick Slot 13, Steve Yanasik 10, Jeff DeBlaay 8 and Mike Ogle added 8 markers. Ogle's total included his 4-of-5 performance from the free throw line during the fourth quarter.

Caledonia's frosh led Kenowa 22-17 after the first quarter, but the Knights took a 30-26 advantage into the half-time break. In the third quarter, both teams tallied 12 points. The purple and gold controlled the fourth frame to the tune of 11-4.

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