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# Developers plan to open charter school in the fall

by Ruth Zachary
*Staff Writer*

The first stage of planning has begun for a 14-room charter school on the southeast corner 76th Street and Kraft Avenue, the Caledonia Township Planning Commission learned March 1.

Mike Berg of Excell Engineering made a presentation to the Site Plan Review Committee of the Township Planning Commission. He spoke on behalf of two clients who are working cooperatively with the development. The clients are Mosaica, a company out of California, and Bob Weaver, the residential developer.

Establishing the charter school would require a revision of the Cherry Ridge planned unit development (PUD). Developers hope the school to be open for classes by this fall.

Wayne Dasher, speaking for Mosaica, said 400 students will be accommodated by the school. The school property will be around seven acres in the Cherry Ridge Development of approximately 25 acres.

The parking and streets in the school will be planned for one-way circulation through the parking area for dropoff and pickup. Planning for two students per family and with morning and afternoon trips, this would mean a quadruple increase in traffic than originally planned. There will not be school buses transporting students.

Lighting on corners and parking lot lighting will be directed downward. Parking lot islands and planting of trees and vegetation were discussed. Berms in some places are also being considered.

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Planning Commissioner Deb Steketee asked for more information about traffic increases, effects on surrounding property owners, and she asked Dasher to show why a charter school should be in that location and why it was the best place for one to be, and how it would be good for the community.

The Road Commission did not want to put a curb cut on to 76th Street. Developers tried to accommodate with a curb cut on the residential street, Cherry Ridge Drive, as far south as possible, so traffic would not be backed up on the public street right of way. The residential street will become a public street.

The plans for buildings and drives meet the required fire codes. Sidewalks within the development are to stay in the plans.

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# Area students celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday

Julie Coon donned roller skates to portray "Sam I Am" and finally convinced Rhonda Fisk to sample "Green Eggs and Ham"

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

Anywhere and everywhere, Dr. Seuss was remembered Tuesday, March 2, during the Read Across America event.

Birthday cakes showed up at McFall and Lee elementaries in the Thornapple Kellogg district. Stripy hats sprouted on heads. And books were everywhere.

Teachers, parents, librarians and even principals read to children. Older students read to younger ones. Many chose their favorite Dr. Seuss title from "To Think That I Saw It on Mulberry Street" to "Yertle the Turtle."

Girl Scouts read at the Caledonia Library during the mini-Seuss marathon planned by the Friends of the Library. The staff members were wearing those stripy hats, too.

The high point of the day was the Read Across America bedtime story time. The high school auditorium was filled to capacity and readers were everywhere. (The Cat in the Hat was there, too.)

Fourth grade students Caitlin Chamberlin, Jacob Lenartz, Sarah Wenger, Ashleigh Lund, Elena Gormley, Zach Runge, Sam Scholtens and Blake Berkimer opened the program with a reader's theater production of "The Lorax."

Mother Goose, Lee Librarian Sharon Schondelmayer, gave a spirited reading of "One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish."

The high point of the day was the Read Across America bedtime story time.

"Green Eggs and Ham" was enjoyed in English and Spanish.

High school students performed "I Am Not Going to Get up Today" and "The Sneetches."

But it wasn't all Dr. Seuss all the time. McFall Principal Bill Rich and kindergarten students wowed the audience with "The Wide Mouth Frog" and first-graders shook the rafters with "Mortimer"

There was an African folk tale read by Linda Meyers, but the applause really came out for Junie B. Jones.

Sue Nickola's delightful portrayal of a 6-year-old revealed why so many children enjoy the books featuring the character.

McFall first grade teacher Shelley Erb organized the event, which she hopes will be a annual celebration of reading for the entire community.

Seventh-grader Alex Robinson as the Cat in the Hat welcomed all the children who came prepared in their pajamas and slippers for Bedtime Stories on March 2.

The Cat in the Hat blows out the candle on a cake celebrating what would have been Dr. Seuss' 95th birthday March 2. For more details of the Read Across America festivities at Thornapple Kellogg schools and the Caledonia Library, see inside.

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## Charter school, from front page

The school would occupy the space formerly assigned to lots 1-11 of the development, and reassigning 14 sewer units to the school, with one unit per classroom for Phase I. Assigning the sewer unit from lot 15 would allow for one more for the school. Their use would be upon possession.

The Cherry Ridge PUD was begun several years ago, when Mark Vander Ploeg was the planner. At that time, a mandatory PUD was required along the M-37 corridor, so public utilities also are required. The developer owned more land than available sewer units would cover.

Existing sewer units for Phase I of the development runs from the crest of the hill. The development of other residential phases in the development depend on future extension of gravity sewer from M-37.

The first phase will require private wells, with Health Department approval. This would mean 18 water units. If public water becomes available, residents would be required to connect to that system.

The grades for storm water flow are taken care of and any screening previously recommended will be determined at the next meeting with the Site Plan Review Committee. Storm water management is incorporated with plat planning, to be modified as needed with the pavement and resurfacing the school. The Health Department has asked for modifications of the detention facility.

Development is being worked out cooperatively, and expansion of both the school and residential area is planned by both clients involved.

The meeting was a preliminary one with no formal application. Several kinds of additional information were requested during the meeting, such as more details about environmental impact, traffic flow and quantities, whether a bypass was needed for the most trafficked areas, and market data and community impact studies related to the school.

Steketee said "Charter schools come and go. It's important to determine the long term impact of a charter school."

Supplemental information about charter schools was supplied by School Superintendent Doug Busman:

"Although almost anyone may start a charter school, they typically are founded by education professionals, parents or community or business leaders.

"Charters to operate such a school are issued by an authorizing agent. Michigan law provides that local and intermediate school districts boards, community colleges and state universities may act as authorizing agents."

The charter is the contract between a school's developer and the authorizer, usually within their service boundaries.

Public Act 289 of 1995 requires that charter schools be issued contracts on a competitive basis that takes into consideration the resources available for the proposed school, the population it will serve and its education goals. This entitles a charter school authorizer to a portion of the state aid.

A school is chartered if its application complies with all state and federal legal requirements and the policies of the authorizing entity's policy body, and a formal contract is signed by both parties. Prior to the school' s receiving state funding, the contract must be approved by the state superintendent of public instruction, and is subject to supervision from the State Board of Education, monitoring compliance with the contract and all relevant laws, with specific reporting requirements.

Though the amount of state aid received by charter schools is as much as $5,800 per child, and the amount received for each child in Caledonia is around $6,800, Busman said, charter schools do not have to support special education at the same level as public schools are required.

Busman explained that charter schools are attracted to this area because the amount of the foundation grant for students in the surrounding public school districts is used to determine how much the charter can receive, up to $400 more than the state-wide base amount, but not as much as the local public schools. Locating here is one way to obtain the highest amount possible within the state.

Middle school teacher Steve Evans wore tails with his pajamas as the master of ceremonies. The murals were painted by art students at Page.

# Students celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday

High school Spanish teacher Doug Hart read the tale of Juan Ramon in Spanish to close the event.

# TK special ed. seeking students

The Thornapple Kellogg school's special education department is seeking potential students.

Special Education Director Dr. Jerry K. Oermann said, "As a significant part of our ongoing commitment to provision of quality services, the Special Education Department of Thornapple Kellogg Schools is continually seeking to identify children who are in need of special education services."

In Michigan, children from birth until the age of 26 may be eligible to receive appropriate services, if they demonstrate a handicapping condition. Those who have a child who they suspect is experiencing a delay in some area of development (e.g., speech problems; physical or motor skill problems; slow at learning new things; etc.), or if they know someone else who may have a challenged child, is asked to call the school office at 795-5571.

"We will arrange to evaluate the child and present possible options. If appropriate, we will provide a remedial program addressing the child's needs," Oermann said.

## Six from area graduate at GVSU

Six area students have received degrees from Grand Valley State University at the conclusion of the fall semester.

The graduates, their degrees and hometowns are:

- Alto — Allen D. Bradley, bachelor of science.
- Caledonia — Eleanor A. Eyke, master of science taxation; Kurt E. Illikainen, bachelor of science; Rebecca J. Wilson, bachelor of science; and Jenny L. Young, bachelor of science.
- Middleville — Erika Sieting, bachelor of science.

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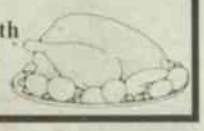

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## Girl Scouts 'Read Across America'

Girls in Cherry Valley Neighborhood Troop 660 took a break from their library service work to participate in the "Read Across America" celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday March 2. Pictured are (from left) Lindsey Forton, Brittney Thompson, Amanda Claflin, Shantel Risner and Rochelle Hyde. Riding Vincent Van Cow are Sara Fifarek (in back) and Laura Cradit. Sitting on the lawn chair is Erin Workman and Emily Ray is to her right.

# Blue Dragon Restuarant to reopen this weekend

Blue Dragon dining area after renovation following water damage in January during the big snow storm.

**by Ruth Zachary**
*Staff Writer*

The Blue Dragon Restaurant in Caledonia will have its grand reopening Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 12 through14.

Patrons may now resume dining at the Blue Dragon, which was closed for a month or two following a major water catastrophe during the heavy snowstorm in early January.

Extensive repairs have been completed throughout the restaurant. Damage included two inches of water on the floor and a caved in ceiling. One part of the dining area and all of the kitchen was strewn with water soaked debris, wires, ceiling panels and insulation. Later it was learned the cold and wind had caused an equipment failure which led to the flooding and spraying of water inside the restaurant, which caused the ceiling to collapse.

Owners Midoo and Sonja Kang had first opened the doors of the Blue Dragon around the first of December when the damage occurred. A longtime friend, Tom Kim, contacted the owner of the Caledonia Crossings Plaza, Patrick Montgomery, and Jerry Baker, builder of the Glen Valley Development. They then called plumbers and electrical crew workers, who came out to help right away.

The support of the community for which the Kangs are clearly appreciative, helped reinforce the family's determination to start over — with enthusiasm.

The Kangs came to the U.S. about 15 years ago. They opened their first Blue Dragon Restaurant about 10 years ago on 44th Street and Kalamazoo in Grand Rapids, before moving the eatery to Caledonia.

Hours are lunch from 11 p.m. to 3 p.m. and dinner 3 to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. On Friday, hours are 11 a.m to 10 p.m. and Sunday noon to 5 p.m. A Sunday special will offer a free egg roll and egg drop soup with any entree for $7 or more.

Carry-out orders may be arranged. The restaurant is off M-37 on 8980 North Rodgers Drive in Caledonia. The phone is 891-6961 or 891-6962.

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**—Gerard De Nerval**

**In A.D. 1000, there were about as many people living in the whole world as there are now living in the U.S.**

# MSU dean's list has 16 from area

Sixteen area students have been named to the dean's list for the fall semester at Michigan State University.

To be named to the list, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry a full academic load.

The students, their hometowns, class levels and major fields of study are as follows:

- Faith Michelle Blauwkamp of Alto, a junior majoring in nursing.
- Karyn A. Duba of Alto, a senior majoring in marketing.
- Carolyn Marie France of Alto, a senior majoring in supply chain management.
- Heather L. Houweling of Alto, a senior majoring in medical technology.
- Krista Leight Posthumus of Alto, a senior majoring in kinesiology.
- Joseph Ronald White of Alto, a freshman with no preference declared.
- Jessica Lynn Winsor of Alto, a freshman majoring in natural science.
- Mark Adam Boncher of Caledonia, a junior majoring in general business administration.
- Joshua M. Corsaut of Caledonia, a freshman majoring in marketing.
- Christopher Merle Fuller of Caledonia, a freshman with no preference.
- Alesha Cheryl Riebel of Caledonia, a junior majoring in international studies, human resources, social sciences.
- Carolyn Anne Vessechia of Caledonia, a sophomore majoring in chemistry.
- Nathanael Steven Brady of Middleville, a sophomore with no coordinate major.
- Rene Lyn Ellinger of Middleville, a junior majoring in food science.
- Sarah M. Parbel of Middleville, a junior majoring in education.
- Elizabeth Ann Steensma of Middleville, a freshman majoring in LBS chemistry.

# GFWC, GLPA join 'Zero Phosphate' campaign

The General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) - Gun Lake Area and the Gun Lake Protective Association (GLPA) are joining forces in a campaign to promote a healthy Gun Lake by encouraging residents around the lake to use "Zero Phosphate Fertilizers" on their properties.

The project includes a letter-writing campaign, posters, banners and word of mouth. With all of the recent test results of concern to the lake residents, the two groups decided to join forces and help each other get the word out in time for spring fertilizing. Locally, Gun Lake Garden has agreed to stock the proper fertilizers for use in this area.

GLPA board member Dick Leonard and wife, Fran, publicity chairwoman of GFWC-Gun Lake, came up with the idea and presented it to their respective groups whose favorable response will result in a letter writing campaign this spring to all lake residents, giving them information on where to get the zero phosphate fertilizers. Banners will be posted around the lake at key intersections, and posters will be distributed to area businesses.

For more information, call the Leonards at 795-8731; Mike Varano, GLPA president, at 795-9844, or GFWC-Gun Lake Area Conservation Department Chairwoman Marilyn Page at 795-7817.

## Two area students earn CMU degree

Two area students were among the December graduates at Central Michigan University.

The students, their hometowns and degrees were Christopher A. Smith of Alto, bachelor of science; and Sharon Kay McDermaid of Caledonia, bachelor of science in education.


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# Whitneyville Bible Church to have mission conference

Whitneyville Bible Church will be host for its annual Mission Conference March 14-21.

The conference focus is "Let Them Know."

Speakers representing several ministries in the greater Grand Rapids area will describe how they can encourage, support and augment the ministries of the local church. Their ministry background will become a primary resource to inform attendees to "Let Them Know" about salvation through Jesus Christ in the neighborhoods of the community.

Some of the speakers will be "Uncle Charlie" from the Christian's Bible Hour; the Rev. Herbert Vander Lugt, research editor of the Radio Bible Class; the Rev. Tom Randall and his wife, Linda, director of Urban Vision and pastor of City View Church; and the Rev. Don Tack, director of Servants Center.

Conference sessions will begin with a men's breakfast at the Whitneyville Bible Church sharing the ministry of "Jest Kidding," Sheldon Rhodes at 7:30 am. March 14. Morning services at 9:30 and 10:30 will be held in the Caledonia High School cafeteria with the ministries of Uncle Charlie and the Rev. Herbert Vander Lugt. The Evening Service at 6 p.m. will be held in the Whitneyville Bible Church, featuring Cornerstone College.

Monday evening from 7 to 8:30, a Missionary Round Table will permit attendees to enjoy an informal visit with several missionaries and ministry representatives. Sheldon Rhodes will be presenting more of his ministry on Wednesday evening at 7 p.m.

Thursday morning will be a brunch for the ladies ta 9:30 a.m. in the Whitneyville Bible Church Fellowship Hall with Mrs. Linda Randall.

Sunday morning services March 21 will have two sessions, with Rev. Tom Randall. Both sessions (9:30 and 10:30) will be in the cafeteria at the Caledonia High School. The evening service will be held at 6 p.m at the Whitneyville Bible Church and the Rev Don Tack and Sue Roede will describe how needs-based ministry can augment the outreach of the local church.


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# CMS student to demonstrate Science Olympiad Saturday

by Ruth Zachary
*Staff Writer*

The community can get an opportunity to see what Science Olympiad is all about at a shorter version of the event from 1 to 3 p.m. Saturday, March 13, at Caledonia Middle School.

The event, called "Science Olympiad, It's Happening," will be a Saturday extravaganza where 27 events will be held as they would be run at the actual competition.

Caledonia competes in one of the largest regions, with more than 50 middle schools. It is not reasonable for visitors to attend the actual competition because of the distance to Grand Valley State University, the competition is an all-day affair, and spectators cannot watch all of the events.

Caledonia has 28 students involved the year in Science Olympiad at the middle school, working to earn a spot on the Olympiad team that will take part in the regional competition March 20 at GVSU. Though all members are a part of the team, only 15 students can compete in the 27 events.

Team members Josh Sleutel, Eric Archambault and Tyler Sinclair work on a project Feb. 20 to prepare for the March 13 practice.

Students enjoy Science Olympiad practice, with Emily Jacobson, Corey McIntyre, Jenny Powers, Dan Atkinson and Coach John Jacobson.

The students will be tested in astronomy, biology, chemistry, earth and physical sciences, along with science application and technology.

Students will demonstrate their knowledge of bugs, astronomy, water quality, fossils, experimental design, computer usage, data, map reading and writing. They will design experiments, shoot off bottle rockets, drop eggs from up to eight meters, traject balls into targets, build a bridge or tower, run a Rube Goldberg type device, test a battery buggy and more.

Visitors will be able to view the work and ask questions of the Science Olympians as they work through their events.

The Olympiad events are distributed among three broad areas of science education, in science concepts and knowledge, science processes and thinking skills, and science application and technology.

There are four divistons, Division A-1, grades K-3; Division A-2, grades 3-6; Division B, grades 6-9, and Division C, grades 9-12.

# Thornapple Kellogg School Menus

**Thornapple Kellogg Middle and High School Lunch Menu**

**Wednesday, March 10**
Meatballs, Spanish rice, carrots, fruit, whole wheat bread, cookie.

**Thursday, March 11**
Tacos on soft shells, lettuce, cheese, salsa, corn, refried beans, juice bar.

**Friday, March 12**
Middle - Pizza. H.S. - Taco salad, coleslaw, pasta, fruit, choc. grahams.

**Monday, March 15**
Chicken patty, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, whole wheat bread, cin. apple.

**Tuesday, March 16**
Beef veg. soup, crackers, PB&J sandwich, veggies, pineapple.

**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 10**
Alligator Pie (chicken pot pie), steamed carrots, whole wheat bread, pears.

**Thursday, March 11**
Tacos on soft shells, with lettuce and cheese, salsa, refried beans, corn, frozen juice bar.

**Friday, March 12**
Pizza, coleslaw, pasta salad, blueberry cobbler.

**Monday, March 15**
Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, peas and carrots, whole wheat bread, cinnamon apple slices.

**Tuesday, March 16**
Chica Chica Boom Boom Soup (beef/veg/abc), crackers, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, veggie sticks, pineapple tidbits.

**Thornapple Kellogg Breakfast Menu**

**Wednesday, March 10**
Scrambled egg with ham, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

**Thursday, March 11**
French toast ticks, syrup, juice, milk.

**Friday, March 12**
Breakfast pocket, juice, milk.

**Monday, March 15**
Sausage, egg on English muffin, juice, milk.

**Tuesday, March 16**
Bagel with cream cheese and jelly, juice, milk.

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

## Correction:

Beth Simmons who coordinated the Regional Spelling Bee at Caledonia Middle School is part of the support staff at the school and is not a teacher, as mistakenly reported in the March 2 edition of the Sun and News.


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# February busy for GFWC-Gun Lake Area Women's Club

February proved to be a busy month for GFWC-Gun Lake Area women's club.

Feb. 9 was GFWC Michigan Legislation Day and 10 club members attended. Speakers were Representative Judy Scranton who talked about "Long Term Health Care," Tracy Mehan III of the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), who spoke on the "State of the Great Lakes"; Judge Maura Corrigan of the Michigan Supreme Court, who spoke on women's issues; and Betsy DeVos, Michigan Republican Chair, who spoke on Republican issues.

Attending were Club President Jose Vogel, Joan Weick, Vice President Marjory Richards, Fran Leonard, Marilyn Finkbeiner, Phyllis Ullery, Frances Mlynarchek, Barb Holoweiko, Diane Wilkinson and Recording Secretary Harlene Kok.

Following the speakers was a tea and tour at Governor John Engler's residence, hosted by Michelle Engler. Legislation Day also included leadership seminars attended by Kok and Leonard.

On Feb. 12 Weick's Foodtown at Gun Lake was the site of the fund-raiser for Bay Cliff Health Camp in the Upper Peninsula on Big Bay. Bay Cliff, which is a seven-day week summer camp and therapy experience for handicapped children, has been adopted by GFWC Michigan clubs, which will raise money to help support them. The camp offers handicapped children learning, fun and therapy. More than $200 was raised and will be sent to Bay Cliff.

Lucille Hecker (left), creator of the map to Bay Cliff Health Camp, and Fran Leonard. Hecker is a member of both the Hastings and Gun Lake women's clubs.

Additional activities included members who recently helped at the Feb. 15 blood drive at the Middleville Baptist Church, including Leonard, Thelma Erway, Marjory Richards and club project chairwoman Marilyn Finkbeiner.

One major project that has been "in the works" for many years is the creation of a library at Gun Lake. Jenny Lamoreaux, who is co-chairing the project with Joan Weick, has been collecting information about starting a library since 1990. Funds began being collected from Weick's Foodtown receipts. Store owners Bill and Joan Weick donate a percentage of the receipts and, with Spartan Foods Inc., which refunds two percent per label for their products, there is enough to get the library started.

Finally, in 1998, a library site was secured by Joan Weick who contacted the owners of The Hummingbird Arts, Crafts and Antiques on Patterson Road, Gun Lake, Sharon and John Finch. They have an area designated in the back of the business for the GFWC-Gun Lake Area Library and have been instrumental and helpful in making this area available.

Look for the library to open in April, with a grand opening celebration soon. Committee members are labeling books, shelving is being constructed, tables and chair procurement is under way, a computer has been donated by Weick's, and two club members are librarians, Jenny Lamoreaux, and Lucille Hecker. Some books have been donated from the Caledonia Library.

The library will start with hours Thursdays and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call Lamoreaux at (616) 664-4792, Weick at (616) 672-5242, or Patricia Johns at (616) 795-8739.

Attending the GFWC Michigan Legislation Day from Gun Lake were Jose Vogel, Joan Weick, Marjory Richards, Fran Leonard, Marilyn Finkbeiner, Phyllis Ullery, Frances Mlynarchek, Barb Holoweiko, Diane Wilkinson and Harlene Kok.

Gun Lake Women's Club members who volunteered at the blood drive at the Middleville Baptist Church were Fran Leonard, Thelma Erway, Marjory Richards and Marilyn Finkbeiner.

# GFWC-Gun Lake Area will meet March 10

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Gun Lake Area's next meeting date is Wednesday, March 10, at 9:30 a.m. at Bay Pointe Restaurant, Gun Lake.

Hostess Lois Page will greet members and guests.

The program, sponsored by the Education Department, will be about the new laws for personal water craft (PWC). Sgt. William Johnson of the Barry County Sheriff's Department Marine Division will talk about the new laws and how they will affect area residents.

Lunch will be offered at Bay Pointe following the program for anyone wishing to stay.

The GFWC-Gun Lake Area organization reminds members of the following:

- ESO Reading Club: Thursday, March, 18, 9:30 a.m. at Circle Inn. Call Phyllis Pence at 795-3136.
- Bring items for office and garden baskets for the Girlstown Auction Saturday, March 20. Call Jose Vogel (795-7367) or Marjory Richards (795-3969) for more information.
- Reservations for state convention should be made as soon as possible. Dates are April 22-25 in Troy. Call Richards or Vogel for information.
- Progress of the GFWC-Gun Lake Area Library, Spring Scholarships; and the "Gun Lake Review" and Art Show, the clubs spring fundraiser will be reported.

Anyone interested in more information about GFWC-Gun Lake Area are invited to attend this meeting and program or call Vogel or Richards.

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# Obituaries

## Charles Edward McDonald

**WAYNESVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA** - Charles Edward McDonald, age 77, of Waynesville, North Carolina, passed away Monday, March 1, 1999 at the VA Medical Center, Asheville, North Carolina.

Mr. McDonald was born in Kent County, Michigan, the son of the late James and Millie Lodds McDonald.

Charles was a Army Veteran serving during World War II. He was a member of Faith United Methodist Church, member of the Waynesville Masonic Lodge #259 AF&AM and the Waynesville Order of the Eastern Star #165.

Mr. McDonald is survived by his wife, Donna Galster McDonald; one daughter, Suzanne (David) Hendrix of Waynesville, North Carolina; one son, Kenneth (Teresa) McDonald of Waynesville, North Carolina; six grandchildren, Debra DeYoung of Pennsylvania, Andrea and Richard DeYoung of Michigan, Jamie Kight of Tennessee, Kyle and Kali McDonald of Waynesville, North Carolina; two great grandchildren, Ashley and D.J.; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Mr. McDonald were held Friday, March 5, 1999 in the Waynesville Chapel of Wells Funeral Home, Waynesville, North Carolina. Reverends Richard H. Finney and Lloyd Fish officiated. An Eastern Star Service was held Thursday evening at the funeral home.

Burial was in Green Hill Cemetery where Masonic Graveside Rite was conducted by the Waynesville Masonic Lodge #259 AF&AM.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to: Faith United Methodist Church, Building Fund, 53 Hendricks Street, Waynesville, North Carolina 28786 or Waynesville Order of the Eastern Star #165, 58 White Pine Drive, Waynesville, North Carolina 28786.

Arrangements were made by Wells Funeral Home, 296 North Main Street, Waynesville, North Carolina 28786.

## Dorothy June Cooley

Mrs. Dorothy June Cooley, age 89, passed away Thursday, March 4, 1999 at Luther Home.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George W. Cooley and her son, Vern.

Mrs. Cooley is survived by her three sons and one daughter, Mr. Earl (Bud) & Barbara Cooley of Tennessee, Aileen & Roy Hayes of Byron Center, Michigan, George B. Cooley of Coral, Michigan, Jack & Sharon Cooley of Grand Rapids; several grandchildren & great grandchildren; two brothers, Lyle Patterson and Warren Patterson.

Funeral and committal services were held Monday, March 8, 1999 at Caledonia Funeral Home. Reverend Eldor Panning officated.

Interment was in Alaska Cemetery.

## Bonnie (Ferris) Chard

**FERNDALE** - Bonnie (Ferris) Chard, age 48, of Ferndale and formerly of Caledonia, went to be with her Lord on Monday, March 1, 1999.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clair Ferris.

She is survived by her husband, Ricky Lee Miner; daughters, Rebecca Chard and Erin Chard; mother, Phyllis Ferris; brother and sister-in-law, Dan & Lyn Ferris, and many aunts, uncles and cousins.

Funeral Services for Bonnie were held Saturday, March 6, 1999 at the Caledonia United Methodist Church. Pastor Norm Kohns officiated.

Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery.

## Lloyd Landman

**CALEDONIA** - Mr. Lloyd Landman, of Caledonia, passed away Friday, February 26, 1999 at approximately 12:30 a.m. at his winter home in Big Pine Key, Florida.

He was born on the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota in 1915.

Mr. Landman was the founder of Landman Sports Center on 28th Street in Grand Rapids.

Mr. Landman was a member of the Elks Club in Hastings and the Moose Lodge in Big Pine Key, Florida where he also left behind a herd of his beloved key deer.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Katheryne Zuidema Landman and his daughter-in-law, Donna J. Landman.

Mr. Landman is survived by his children, Lloyd M. (Butch) Landman and his friend, Pam Cebelak, Ronald J. (Rocky) & Gloria Landman, Thomas B. & Diane Landman, Sandra Landman Khan; 15 grandchildren and several great grandchildren; his long time friend, Kathryn Otterbach and her family; sister, Caroline Meeter; sisters-in-law, Cora Zuidema and Mary Landman; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Mr. Landman were held Thursday, March 4, 1999 at the Caledonia Funeral Home. Dr. David Lee Smith officiated.

Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of the Florida Keys, 1319 William Street, Key West, Florida 33040.

# One Barry County-wide Chamber of Commerce?

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

Dixie Stadel-Manshum, director of the Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce, told the Gun Lake Area Chamber of Commerce last week about the possibility of forming one chamber to one Barry County area wide organization.

The Hastings chamber has been presenting the idea of a county-wide chamber to organizations and individuals across the county. By expanding the chamber, an additional employee would be available to work with communities.

The Hastings chamber also is looking for a new home in a central location that would give the group more visibility.

Ann Davis of the Gun Lake chamber raised questions about the differences in membership fees. The GLACC charges a flat $75 while the Hastings C of C charges a graduated fee based on the number of employees.

The GLACC will take up this proposal by the Hastings Chamber of Commerce at its board meeting next month.

Anyone interested in working on this annual festival should call the chamber at 792-2219. Members of the chamber will attend a tourism and festival seminar later this month and will bring some ideas to future meetings.

The chamber also is working on fund-raising plans for the year. Susan Musgrove, one of the new owners of the Circle Inn, will be looking into casino bus trips as a possible way to raise money.

The next meeting of the GLACC will be April 7 at 10 a.m. in the offices of ERA Dynamic Real Estate.

Stadel-Manshum also discussed programs the Hastings chamber currently supports, including school to work, which encourages a stronger work force.

Winterfest 2000 was also discussed at the Gun Lake chamber meeting. A follow-up meeting was held in March and planning for next year has already begun.

## La Leche League meets Thursday

La Leche League will meet Thursday, March 11, at 10 a.m. in Yankee Springs Township at 1546 Payne Lake road.

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

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

This month's topic will be "The Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby."

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# 'Jump Rope for Heart' event raises $11,500

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

The music was blaring, the laughter was loud and the crowd was lively during Jump Rope for Heart March 4 at Lee Elementary School. By March 5, more than $11,500 had been received. Physical Education teacher Joanne Daisy praised the students, staff and more than 60 parent volunteers which helped make the event a success.

Daisy said, "This is the third year of the event here. I am so impressed by the way in which students have risen to the challenge."

Students get pledges and then jump for two minutes at a time.

To add to the festivities, there were drawings during the day for students who were jumping. Prizes were donated by local businesses, Lee staff and the Lee Parent Teacher Organization.

Students who raised pledge money also qualified for incentive gifts, which will be delivered in April.

Lauren Tandy jumps high as she observes fitness and helps others during the "Jump Rope for Heart" celebration at Lee Elementary in Middleville March 4.

Luke Bremer wasn't even breathing hard at the end of his two minutes.

Daisy thanked the PTO for contributing the snacks for all the students. Drink was donated by the Caledonia McDonald's. Middleville Floral and Gifts donated the bright balloons, which kept everyone's spirits high.

Reading was also part of the day's activities. Children brought a book to read while they weren't jumping.

Daisy said, "I want all the students to know how much I appreciate their efforts."

## Boulard to celebrate 80th birthday

In honor of Ward Boulard's 80th birthday, his brother and sisters are hosting an open house on Sunday, March 4, 1999 from 2-4 p.m. at the Bowne Center United Methodist Fellowship Hall, 12051 84th St. at Alden Nash Ave.

No gifts please. Ya all come

Parent Volunteer Karen Dimond jumps with Kayley Ward. Children waiting to jump added to their March is Reading Month minutes. Physical education teacher Joanne Daisy says, "We wanted the students to have fun, read and help others. I am amazed at how much the community contributed."

# Twenty-three Caledonia FFAers qualify for state competition

by Ruth Zachary
*Staff Writer*

Thirty Caledonia high school and seven middle school students participated in FFA Regional Leadership Contests at Cedar Springs High School Thursday, Feb. 18.

Other schools and FFA chapters participating were from Beal City, Chippewa Hills, Clare, Coopersville, Fremont, Grant, Greenville, Lowell, Lakewood, Montague and Saranac.

Twenty-three Caledonia members qualified for state leadership contests which will be held during the State FFA Convention this week (March 8-10) at Michigan State University.

The demonstration team of Dan VanKalker and Brooke Wierenga took first place with a gold award. Their demonstration was on pole barn construction. They will compete at 8 a.m. today (Tuesday, March 9) at MSU in the Wharton Center for the Performing Arts.

The Caledonia Middle School FFA team took first place and a gold award in the junior high conduct of meetings contest. The team consists of Jenny Workman (president), Taylor Smith (vice president), Alex Buchanan (secretary), Jordan Sheely (treasurer), Katie Meyer (reporter), Pamela Martin (sentinel), Kaylin Barnes (advisor). They will compete at 8 a.m. today in the Eppley Center on the MSU campus in East Lansing.

The agricultural forum team took second place with a gold award, discussing "Farmland Preservation Strategies" for the district contest. The team consists of Maygan Post (chairperson), Justin Workmen, Tony Governal, Marcie Crandall, Kelly Goodwin and Brian Anderson. They will begin competition this week in the Eppley Center on the Michigan State campus in East Lansing.

The parliamentary procedure team of Jason Workman (chairperson), Archie Warner (vice chairperson), Lisa Kaechele (secretary), Matt Ayriss, James Sheely, Andy Schupp, and Mike Klapmust took second with a gold award. They will compete in the Kiva in McDonel Hall on the MSU campus.

Jill Zinger received a second place and a gold award in the prepared public speaking contest with her speech on transgenics. She will compete Monday afternoon in the Eppley Center on the MSU campus.

Also competing, but not qualifying for state competition, were the greenhand conduct of meetings team members, who received a third place and a gold award. The team consists of Star Haldaman (president), Sarah Ayriss (vice president), Bobbi Meyer (secretary), Tyler Gamlin (treasurer), Seth Temple (reporter), Amanda Trutsch (sentinel) and Jake Klapmust (advisor).

The parliamentary procedure team of Jake Gerst (chairperson), Megan Nickerson (vice chairperson) Becky Haywood (secretary), Erin Mulder, Ryan Haywood, Eric Yonker, and Kelly Wagner received a silver award.

# Eight area students earn CMU degrees

Eight area students received degrees at the conclusion of the fall term at Western Michigan University.

Students who earned at least 3.5 cumulative grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) were accorded "cum laude" status. Those with gpa's of 3.70 to 3.89 were listed as "magna cum laude and summa cum laude students were those who had gpa's of 3.9 to 4.0.

The students, their hometowns, degree, major field of study and academic honors (if applicable) are:

• Joanne M. Dykstra of Alto, bachelor of science in health studies.

• Patrick Michael Thompson of Alto, master of arts in psychology.

• Sally J. Lyons of Caledonia, master of arts in educational leadership.

• Jennifer M. Richard of Caledonia, bachelor of science in aviation, magna cum laude.

• Teresa R. Sanxter of Caledonia, master of arts in psychology.

• Hendricka Stauffer of Caledonia, master of arts, teaching in the middle school.

• Kathryn Mac TenHauf of Caledonia, master of business administration.

• Timothy M. Keitzman of Middleville, bachelor of business administration, accountancy.

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# Caledonia Odyssey teams rehearse before competition

"Saving Our IncOMe" team includes Mitchell Spencer, Zach Vander Meer, Steve Babcock, Sarah Krumrie, Jenny Campfield, Taylor Pagano and Johnathon Gay, all 2nd graders, who consult with the "judges" to learn how they can improve their presentation before the real event.

"CustOMer Service" Division II practice brought Caledonia Elementary students Cody Hinkell , Bob Reid, Isaac Mulvihill, Christie Murawa, Meghan Sanxter,David Durkee and Nathan Forton to the Middle School for a full dress rehearsal.

(At right)

Division I "CustOMer Service" team, also from Caledonia Elementary includes (left back) Stacy Walker, Sarah Ruple, Jenna Ware, Leslie Buikema, Danielle Maxey, Jenifer Whalen, and Nicole Cook.

Students rehearse their team performances before actually entering Odyssey of the Mind competition to be held March 13, at Caledonia Middle School. Chris Robinson, Aaron McBride, Brianna Hormel, Adam Crandell, Angela Gould, and Shelby King will compete in the "Shakespeare" category.

## IN THE SERVICE

**Andrew J. Mathias**

Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew J. Mathias, son of Gerald A. and Marjorie A. Mathias of 7350 Bouman Drive, Middleville, recently was promoted to his present rank while serving with Marine Wing Support Squadron 373, Marine Corps Air Station Miramar, San Diego.

Mathias was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in his designated specialty.

The 1997 graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School joined the Marine Corps in November 1997.


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# Caledonia supt. tells Women's Club about public, charter schools

by Ruth Zachary
*Staff Writer*

Competition between charter and public schools was discussed at length by Superintendent of Schools Doug Busman during a luncheon March 1 for the Caledonia Women's Club.

The meeting with the club was planned to take up a variety of school issues and allow members to ask questions about education. Since its formation in 1917, one of the major efforts of the local club has been to support education.

Busman said he believes charter schools compete with state supported public schools, partly because the required expenses are different for the different school situations.

Though the amount of state aid received by charter schools is as much as $5,800 per child, and the amount received for each child in Caledonia is around $6,800, Busman said, charter schools do not have to support special education at the same level as public schools are required.

In addition, since charter schools' transportation costs and food service can be eliminated, they could actually make a profit. Meanwhile, for public schools, these expenses are disproportionately higher and have to be maintained because of state mandates.

About 7 percent of the enrollment at charter schools includes special education students. The figure for public schools is around 14%. At an average cost of around $15,000 per special needs student, the difference in costs could be significant.

Some students with special needs could cost as much as $40,000.

Busman said, "School is more than just academics. It is also social exposure." This is why special needs children have been mainstreamed.

Doug Busman.

In a regular classroom, there are about 25 students, while in a special ed situation or with children with disabilities, thereoften are three or four students to one teacher.

However, with mainstreaming, meeting the needs of children with special needs in regular classes presents additional problems and expenses.

Meeting special needs has become very costly to public schools.

The Durant settlement several years ago from a lawsuit against the state for not funding the programs it mandated by law, only compensated schools for past shortages caused by the situation.

However, Busman said the state continues mandates for special education without adequately funding what is required, so "underfunding continues," Busman said, and shortfalls continue to accumulate. Now a new suit is being filed.

The Caledonia superintendent said federal and state reimbursements only cover about 40% of the cost of providing education to children with special needs.

The problems for the school does not imply that school officials are not in support of meeting the needs of children who have special or greater needs. Busman said.

"We do need to help these kids., to prepare them for the world, and equip them to become self supporting and contributing to the society. If we fail to do that, the public will have to support them in other ways."

He, like many other public school officials, would like to receive adequate funding to meet that goal.

Busman said he is a believer in public education, and that it is the result of and contributes to a good democracy. He worries about the fragmentation and weakening of the public school system through the diversion of funding. He also said when people have differences over schools, a community is required to work through problems together with one school system.

He said fragmentation of the school system where there are charter schools can allow some segments of the local population to abandon certain problems, leaving them for the remaining parents and citizens to work through.

Busman said it was important for parents to look at the 100-year track record of the Caledonia school district, and consider many factors in comparisons to charter schools, which sometimes had a much shorter record to evaluate, before deciding to move their children out of public school.

After the discussion, Busman explained charter schools compete even more with schools in this area because the amount of the foundation grant for students in the surrounding public school districts is used to determine how much the charter can receive, up to $400 more than the state-wide base amount, but not as much as the local public schools. Locating here is a way to obtain the highest amount.

This may be one reason a 14-room charter school on 76th Street may be built, the first stages of planning begun at the Site Plan Review Committee of the Caledonia Township Planning Commission, which would require a revision of the Cherry Ridge Development.

Busman said that on the positive side, charter schools do provide an additional chance for parents to offer alternatives for their children. Busman said charter schools are accredited, and receive state educational funds, based on the state average foundation grant per child, a positive factor as seen by parents of children in charter schools.

Busman explained a business run chain of schools out of California, Mosaica is considering building a charter school in Caledonia township and there are already two other charter schools in the area, one in Kentwood, though this reporter could not verify the names or location of these schools.

A discussion about home schooling raised the question about how children who were in such an isolated situation would develop the same kind of public and social skills other children had, one of the needs mentioned in the discussion about children with special needs.

Among public schools, the elementaries are run the least expensively of all schools within the system, Busman said, and there is a high degree of satisfaction among parents with the job elementary schools are doing. Tthough teachers do get long vacations, the average elementary teacher works about 12 hours a day, Busman said.

At Emmons Lake Elementary, an alternative schedule is one way to meet different needs of families in the school district. The state pays for having 180 days of school, which is the same for Emmons Lake.

The difference will be a shorter summer vacation, longer, more frequent breaks and 20 intersession days in which community resources will be used to supplement the extra responsibility, such as is being used at Kettle Lake with 25 volunteers in the FOCAL program.

Club members commented that shorter vacation breaks were better for the students, who have been shown to lose during long vacations, many gains made during regular class sessions during the year. It was noted that Europe already observes a schedule closer to that planned for Emmons Lake.

Busing students must still be kept economically feasible. A total of 312 students are registered to attend the new Emmons Lake school, after being cut off at that number.

"We need ways to bring students in," Busman said. "We must market the options to the community, and be able to meet their needs."

Emmons Lake school will be staffed first with teachers from within the school district. "We will lose more teachers from Caledonia Elementary and Kettle Lake than from Dutton," he said.

Busman said he was equally concerned about the takeover of schools by the government. He cited the precedent setting example of the state having Mayor Dennis Archer take over Detroit schools. He wondered how much they would take over and if the public could ever get the school system back.

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Caledonia Women's Club met at the Copper Kettle to discuss educational issues. (from left ) Marie Bergy, Doug Busman, Gerry Fairbrother, Anne Laug, Robin Fredrickson, Betty Bourn, Jane Heiss, Dorene McGrath, Pat Cavner, and Amy Finkbeiner. Present but out of camera range, was Genevra Schantz.


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# CMS students to present 'Secret Garden' musical

Ryan Penfold and Kerry Boverhof act as a trellis as Samantha Nemechek rehearses one of the many songs in the musical under the direction of Mick Vaughn at right.

Samantha Nemechek as Mary with Shane Hillen as Dicken as they rehearse.

by Ruth Zachary
*Staff Writer*

Caledonia Middle School Students have taken on an ambitious effort to present the musical "The Secret Garden" at 7 p.m. Friday, March 12, at the CMS Auditorium.

Starring Samantha Nemechek, the story is about Mary, a spoiled little girl with a sour attitude who is befriended by Martha, portrayed by Amanda Beaumont, and Dicken, played by Shane Hillen. Collin, a sickly boy portrayed by John Scranton, joins the group and this changes his life. Chris West, who acts the role of Mr. Craven is a hunchbacked man who lost his wife in an accident and can't seem to get over his grief.

Nemechek and Scranton are sixth-graders, Shane is in seventh grade, and West and Beaumont are in the eighth grade.

Also acting in the play are Haley Schlaffley, Katie Musick, Arturo Giraldo, Kimberly Smith, Andrew Mulder, Bob Blakeslee, Nubia Gomez, Keyre Boverhof, Ashley Jenkins, Jessica Mariano, Ryan Penfold, Janay Senneker, Alex Vaughan, and Miranda Postlewaite.

Mick Vaughn, drama teacher is the director, Nancy TenElshof is musical director and Kimberly King is assistant.

Amanda Beaumont as Martha practices her role.

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"Once you let the state in, when does the state stop?" he asked.

Technology education is offered to adults in the community through Community education programs, at a nominal charge. Technology equipment is available for use by adults for education, but not for general personal uses, such as for word processing, spread sheets, Internet use, e-mail and resumes.

Busman said the school wanted to encourage people to be as productive as early and for as long as possible.

Interim projects at the high school were touched on briefly. Interims offer one-week learning adventures for students, Busman explained. It has been challenging to come up with creative solutions that allow opportunities for students with fewer resources to participate in the most exciting opportunities.

During discussion it was brought out by several club members and Busman that lottery revenues, money from casinos and from sales taxes were supposed to help education, but legislators then took away money by the same amount from other funds that formerly went for education, so there was no net gain to education.

Revenues to schools are now capped, and may increase only by an amount equal to about what the cost of living increase is each year.

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## Synopsis of minutes
# MIDDLEVILLE COUNCIL

**Synopsis of Meeting Minutes**
**VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE COUNCIL**
**Middleville, Michigan**
**February 23, 1999**

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

Members Present: Mr. David Newman, Mr. William Nesbitt, Mr. Lon Myers, Mrs. Marilyn VandenBerg, Mr. Michael Lytle, and Mr. William Kenyon. Absent: Floyd Bray. Clerk: Roselle Havens.

Minutes of the February 9, 1999 meeting were approved a read with minor corrections as was the agenda.

**ACTIONS TAKEN**

1. Mr. Newman made a motion to authorize $524.55 to improve the cattle crossing bridge on the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail. Mrs. VandenBerg supported. The motion carried.

2. Mr. Lytle motioned the Council to approve invoices for $249,429.36. Mr. Newman supported. The motion carried.

3. Mr. Lytle motioned the Council to approve a 2.5% pay increase for all non-union Village employees retroactive to January 1, 1999. Mr. Newman supported. The motion carried.

4. Mr. Nesbitt made a motion to proceed with annexation of seven parcels of property in and around the Village of Middleville. Mrs. VandenBerg supported. Motion carried.

5. Mr. Newman motioned the Council to adopt budget adjustments. Mr. Nesbitt supported. A roll call vote yielded six ayes, zero nays. The motion carried.

6. Mr. Lytle motioned the Council to sell Village-owned property on State St. to Reliable Roofing Company for the high bid of $34,000. Mr. Nesbitt supported. Motion carried.

7. Mr. Newman motioned the council to support proposed Local Finance Development Authority Board structure. Mr. Lytle supported. The motion carried.

8. Adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m. on the motion of Mr. Newman with support from Mr. Myers and the unanimous approval of the Council Members.

Respectfully submitted,
Bryan Gruesbeck
Acting Recording Secretary

A complete copy of the minutes is available at the Village Hall during the hours of 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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# What you may not have heard about Bt in spraying gypsy moths

by Ruth Zachary
*Staff Writer*

This is the time of year many communities are making decisions about whether or not to spray properties to reduce gypsy moth caterpillars.

Property owners may feel at a loss as to whether to ask for spraying with Bt (Bacillus thuringiensis) or to look for another alternative.

Many have hinted that Bt is not as benign as the manufacturers would like the public to believe. The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has said Bt should be treated like any other insecticide, and care is warranted in its use, even though it is less toxic to mammals than some synthetic insecticides.

More than 800 strains of Bt have been isolated since 1901. In 1958, one strain was used commercially. By 1989, Bt products had captured 90 to 95percent of the biopesticide market.

Bt products used in the U.S. are comprised of one of five varieties, which cause disease in moth and butterfly caterpillars. Three of these are used against mosquito and blackfly larvae, one is used against wax moth caterpillars, and another against beetle larvae.

Common brand names containing Bt include Dipel, Foray, Thuricide, Vectobac, Mosquito Attack, and M-Trak.

Bt, like many bacteria, forms spores when growth is not optimal. Spores are the dormant stage of the bacterial cycle. When Bt creates spores, it creates a toxic protein crystal, which poisons the caterpillars.

Because Bt is a living organism, U.S. testing is different than for conventional pesticides. It is tested for its ability to cause disease, and to infect other animals. The federal Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) does not require testing of Bt for carcinogenicity, (causing cancer) Mutagenicity(causing mutations) or chronic toxicity (poisoning).

Bt varieties are tested for oral toxicity to rats, to eyes of rabbits, and is injected into mice, which died after about 12 hours.

Delta endotoxin from one Bt variety destroyed rat, mouse, sheep, horse and human red blood cells. Injected at sublethal levels in mice, it caused hypothermia and slowed heart rates.

There are few studies assessing the toxicity to humans of Btk (var kurstaki) which is used for gypsy moths. Available information has come from occupational exposures or during large-scale programs.

An eye ulcer from Dipel in a farmer's eye, skin irritations and irritations of eye, nose, throat and respiratory tracts after known exposures have been documented.

Follow-up studies of exposed people show that they carry Bt in their tissues. Nasal swab samples taken by doctors from Vancouver patients following a gypsy moth spray program were found to contain Btk. Bt was also found in cultures taken from patients in Lane County, Ore., following a spray program.

Large numbers (hundreds) of people have reported allergy-like or flu-like symptoms after spraying, though it is difficult to definitively link Bt exposure to these problems.

Bt is closely related to Bacillus cereus, an agent of food poisoning and Bacillus antharacis, animal anthrax. The three bacteria are so similar it has been theorized that they are all varieties of the same species.

While Bt products are monitored for bacterial contaminants, contamination of the product for spraying is another ever present risk. In the mid-1980s several Bt products were contaminated with other bacteria, including Streptococcus faecium and Streptococcus faecalis.

Bt occurs naturally in most soil samples. The half life of the insecticidal activity of Bt (the crystal toxin) is about nine days. However, small amounts can be quite persistent, so that the remainder after two weeks was constant in the soil for eight months following application.

Bt does not move readily in the soil, and not often past a depth of six centimeters after irrigation, and movement beyond the application plot was less than 10 yards.

Bt on the underside of leaves may remain active for seven to ten days.

Btk has been recovered from rivers and public water systems after aerial spraying. Standard water treatment processes are not adequate to destroy Btk spores.

Spores and crystals of Bti bind readily to sediments in the water, making them inaccessible to mosquito and blackfly larvae. About 99% of the Bti spores were found in mud rather than in the water after just 45 minutes, although the Bti remained toxic for at least 22 days.

In another experiment, viable cells were recovered from water for up to 200 days and in the sediment for up to 270 days after application.

Genetically engineered variations of Bt products may extend toxicity of the bacterium for two to three times longer than other Bt formulations.

More than 30 different crops have been engineered to produce Bt crystal protein throughout their plant structure. Pests that feed on these plants, and those susceptible will be killed.

Entomologists have expressed fears of creating strains of insects that are resistant to Bt, due to constant exposure. They recommend intermittent and occasional use of Bt to attack only epidemic levels of the pests. Eight insect species have been shown to develop resistance to Btk. The gypsy moth shows potential for developing resistance to Bt.

Bt products often kill beneficial insects, moths and butterflies, reducing the total caterpillar species by over 60 percent in sprayed areas.

If other food sources are available to a species of bird, they may be unaffected. Bird populations feeding on caterpillars, however were reduced. Bt has been shown to harm some bird species when hatching of some eggs is only half as successful after spraying.

Foray 48B at 3% concentration is highly toxic to rainbow trout. Low concentrations can decrease the weight of tadpoles and delay metamorphoses. It is toxic to some minnows, and brook trout fry, perhaps because of xylene used as an inert in some Bt products.

*See spraying gypsy moth, pg. 14*

## OFFICIAL NOTICE of THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, March 15, 1999, at 7:00 p.m., at the Thornapple Township Hall, 200 E. Main Street, Middleville, Michigan, the Thornapple Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend the Township Code of Ordinances as indicated herein.

**Article XIV Amend to Read:**

**PROPOSED FEES AND ESCROW AMENDMENT FOR THE THORNAPPLE ZONING ORDINANCE**

Section 7.19.10 fees: The Township Board shall by resolution establish fees for the administration of this ordinance, including all proceedings and matters that may arise hereunder. A listing of current fees shall be available for review by the public during Township office hours at the Township Hall. Such fees may be changed from time to time by resolution of the Township Board. The applicant shall pay all applicable fees upon the filing of any application, proposed site plan or other request or application under this ordinance and as to which a fees is prescribed. In addition to regularly established fees, the Township Board in its discretion may also require an applicant to submit to the Township (prior to Township review of an application or proposed site plan) an amount of money determined by the Township to be a reasonable estimate of the fees and costs which may be incurred by the Township in reviewing and acting upon any such application or related matters. Such costs and expenses to be charged or assessed to the applicant, for reimbursement of the Township's reasonable costs and expenses, may include but are not limited to Township attorney fees, Township engineering fees, costs and fees for services of outside consultants, fees and expenses of other professionals who may assist the Township, costs and fees for studies and reports pertaining to the matters in question, special meeting costs and other reasonable costs and expenses. Such monies shall be retained by the Township for reimbursement of such costs and expense. Any monies paid or deposited by an applicant which are not used or spent by the Township shall be refunded.

A detailed copy of the proposed amendment is available at the Thornapple Township Hall daily, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., except Friday 9:00 a.m. to noon. Written comments regarding this application may be addressed to:

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

Wesley VanRhee, Secretary,
Thornapple Township Planning Commission

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

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Thornapple Township

## NOTICE
## of BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Thornapple Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 1999 - 00 at the Township Hall, 200 E. Main St., Middleville, **on March 22, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.**

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject of this hearing. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the Township office.

The Thornapple Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 6 days notice to the Thornapple Township Board. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Thornapple Township Clerk by writing or calling the following: Thornapple Township, P.O. Box 459, Middleville, MI 49333 or (616) 795-7202.

Donna Stagray, Thornapple Twp. Clerk

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

Date and time of Public Hearing: Tuesday, March 16, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

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

Application No. V-#20
Donald and Cheryl Fifolt
7360 Clearview Drive
Caledonia, MI 49316

Description of Variance Requested: Applicant is seeking a variance from Chapter 7 of the Zoning Ordinance, Section 7.6.6 District Regulations, side set-back requirements. Applicant wants to put addition on existing home to enclose existing in-ground pool, shorting the side set-back requirements by approx. 15 feet.

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

This variance application may be inspected at the Thornapple Township Hall daily 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and 1 to 4 p.m., except Friday, 9 to noon.

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

Lee Patterson, Secretary, Zoning board of Appeals

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# FROM OUR READERS- *Local Citizens Speak Out On Issues*

## Sun and News deserves township's legal ads

**To the editor:**

As nine-year residents of the village of Caledonia, we can assure you that the Sun and News is our first choice of newspapers. It has always been our source of knowledge about the goings on in the Caledonia area, and particularly the political news. We believe the Sun and news has always had superior local coverage.

This past September, my two boys became the carriers for the Advantage newspaper in the village of Caledonia. While they enjoy their job, and the Advance is a "free" publication, they are required to "collect" a $1 voluntary subscription per month.

In filling this requirement, we have found that the Advance is not a highly favored paper. Many people were willing to voluntarily give the $1, however, those who did and those who did not also shared that they "didn't think it was that great of a paper." And many said, "I don't care if I get it or not" or "I don't read it." Regardless of the response to collection, we have consistently delivered 265 Advance newspapers to the residents of Caledonia village.

Four weeks ago I received five inquiries from village residents who asked where their Reminder and Sun and News papers were. I explained to them that I didn't deliver that paper, but I would find out because I then realized that I had not received a paper myself for two weeks.

I have never had a phone call from anyone requesting an Advance newspaper.

Every week we have consistently brought home about a dozen old Advance papers, still hanging on the hooks, unread. Now after having delivered the Reminder and Sun and News for the past three weeks to the same village home as the Advance, I can assure you that we are not alone in our news preference. After hanging both papers from the same hooks at the same time each week, we are only finding three to four previous week's Reminders still outside. Comparing that to the Advance returns, and the fact that the Reminder is a truly "free" paper for residents, we think the choice is clear.

Personally, we feel that the board is making a mistake by changing the legal advertiser. The Sun and News has loyally and consistently reported on what's been happening in Caledonia for the nine years we've lived here. We feel that they have done a fantastic job. We believe they have earned the right to carry Caledonia Township's legal ads.

David and Sharon Hast,
Caledonia

## Township board's antics not cheap entertainment

**To the editor:**

Want entertainment? Attend the Caledonia Township Board meetings!

Hardly a month goes by when their activities fail to bring chuckles and surprise to my household. This month it appears they have taken yet another misstep by changing newspapers - apparently without good reason.

Last year it was the comical handling of the gypsy moth billing, or as I think of it, "Now you owe, Now you don't."

And, of course, many took office supporting the idea of a new, better library for Caledonia, but all efforts by volunteers have been stopped due to lack of response by the township (and now there is talk of hiring a consultant to do the very job the volunteers were doing for free).

One thing about this entertainment. If our tax dollars are being spent unwisely it isn't cheap entertainment.

Eric Longman,
Caledonia

## 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.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT THE TOWNSHIP WILL PROVIDE TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, NECESSARY, REASONABLE AUXILIARY AIDS AND SERVICES AS MAY BE REQUESTED, UPON 5 DAYS NOTICE TO THE TOWNSHIP CLERK OF THE NEED FOR THE SAME.

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

CHARLES BIGGS, SECRETARY
YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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## Synopsis of minutes THORNAPPLE TWP.

**Synopsis of Minutes**
**THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP**
**Special Budget Workshop Meeting**
**February 23, 1999**

Meeting called to order at 6:50 p.m. to prepare the FYE 2000 Budget and related matters.

Board members present - 5. Absent - 2.

Work began with review of the General Fund and progressed through the Fire and Ambulance portion of the budget.

Motion carried to go through normal process to add three parttime Paramedics.

Bills for $7,995.49 were approved by roll call vote.

Board finished with Sewer Fund.

Budget Hearing set for March 22, 1999.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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

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## YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON THURSDAY, 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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## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING Monday, March 15, 1999 7 P.M.

The Thornapple Township Planning Commission will conduct a special public hearing to consider an ordinance to amend Chapter 7 of the Township Code of Ordinances as indicated herein.

**ARTICLE III. Definitions**

**Add: Section 7.3.21.1 Frontage.** Frontage is that portion of a lot or parcel contiguous to an easement which is legally described as a part of said lot or parcel, either as 33 feet or 66 feet, for private ingress and egress purposes. Frontage also is that portion of a lot or parcel adjacent to a highway or road, dedicated to the use of the public and accepted by the Barry County Road Commission or Michigan Department of Transportation.

**Section 7.3.24 Home Occupation, Change to read:**

An income generating occupation traditionally or customarily carried on in the home as a use incidental to the use of the home as a dwelling place which has been granted either a Major Home Occupation Permit or a Minor Home Occupation Permit.

(a) Major Home Occupation, see Section 7.4.22, Section 7.19.9 and Article XV.
(b) Minor Home Occupation, see Section 7.4.21 and Section 7.19.9.

**Section 7.3.26 Kennel, Change to read:**

Any land, building, or structure, where (4) or more cats, and/or dogs, (total), (6) months of age or older, are bred, boarded, or housed.

**Add: Section 7.3.48.1 Subdivision (Plat).** Subdivision shall have that meaning set forth in the Michigan Land Division Act of 1997 as amended, which refers generally to a legal dividing of a land parcel into smaller ones for the purpose of selling or leasing the properties for residential or industrial purposes, requiring submission to, and approved from, county and state authorities in addition to township authorities.

**ARTICLE IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS**

**Section 7.4.2(b) Accessory Buildings or Structures. Add at end of paragraph:**

In the case of water-front lots in the R or RR districts, a detached accessory building is permitted in the front yard so long as all set-backs are met.

**Section 7.4.7(d) Dwelling Units.** "tile" should be changed to: "the"

**Section 7.4.8 Essential Services.** "tarnishing" should be changed to: "furnishing".

**Section 7.4.10 Health Department Approval.** "building" should be changed to: "dwelling".

**ARTICLE XV. SPECIAL LAND USES**

**Section 7.15.6(0)(2) Mineral Extraction and Processing, Inspection Fees. Add to end of 1st paragraph:** Balance of deposited inspection fees with accumulated earned interest shall be returned to Applicant after reclamation is completed and approved by the Township Board.

**ARTICLE XIX. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT**

**Section 7.19.7(a) Permit Process. Change to read:** When the terms and provisions of this chapter require authorization by the Planning Commission by special land use permit and such authorization is given, then a copy of the special land use application, signed and dated by the Secretary of the Planning Commission shall be submitted to the applicant.

**Section 7.19.9 Home Occupation Permit. Add at end of 1st paragraph:** (for Major Home Occupation see Article XV)

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# Strategic planning panel begins winnowing process

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

Thirty-eight members of the Thornapple Kellogg community have been meeting since last fall under the guidance of facilitator Glenn Girard to plan for the future.

The committee of teachers, staff, board members, parents, local business representative and two high school students were divided into four groups. Their task is to decide what the school district will look like in the year 2005.

One group brainstormed in February on student learning. The group had at least 26 ideas from teaching higher level thinking skills to year-round school buildings with air conditioning.

The resources committee developed ideas for future training, technology needs, staffing, facilities and funding.

The community involvement group members wrote down their goals of increased community and parental involvement in the schools. They see everything from an open door policy where parents feel welcome in the schools to municipalities, businesses and service organizations working with the schools to local intramural sports.

The leadership group focused on the future leaders of the schools, where to find them and how to recruit them. They also thought about how staff, community, business and student leaders could collaborate with each other.

The committee met March 3 to share their ideas, contribute to each other and then to begin the difficult task to winnow down to what will eventually be 10 aspects of the future school districts.

Members of the committee also are working on a mission statement for the district which they will discuss at a future meeting.

TK Schools Superintendent Jay Cason said that originally the goal was to finish the planning function in time to present the strategic plan at the April Board of Education meeting.

The process is taking a little longer than expected and now the plan should be presented in June.

A steering committee made up of Dan Parker, Cason, Girard, Doug Hart, Midge Pippel and Dave Smith first met last fall to nominate people to serve on the committee.

Hart said, "I was amazed at how many times we picked the same person. One of the hardest jobs was to limit the committee to less than 50 people."

Girard kept encouraging people in the groups to form a picture of the district they wanted to see. As people compromised, they discussed and focused on what could be a reality, not just a dream.

It was hard for some to give up their favorite vision. Several groups connected their ideas. All were trying to answer the question "What will we be like in 2005."

For many of the participants learning about each other and sharing goals was the most important part of serving on the committee. It didn't matter whether they are high school juniors like John Zuidersma and Breyne Middleton, teachers like Diane Sevald and Jan Muir, or administrators like Sharon Kalee.

While some lofty goals may be impossible, the committee members are on their way to creating a picture of the future. Many can't wait to share this experience with the community.

## Spraying gypsy moth, from pg. 12 —

Inerts are the variety of unnamed chemical ingredients used to make the spraying of the bacillus more effective. These chemicals are often trade secrets, and not revealed in Safety Data reports.

One of the most serious problems with Bt may not be the bacillus itself, but the agents that carry the bacterium, and many of these are unknown. When and if more information can be found about the inerts of Bt spray products, more will be reported.

This information came from an article in the fall issue of the 1994 Journal of Pesticide Reform.

# Shell station proposed for M-37, 84th Street intersection

by Ruth Zachary
*Staff Writer*

A new Shell gas station on the corner of M-37 and 84 Street was proposed last week to the Caledonia Township Planning Commission Site Plan Review Committee.

Spokesman Dan Hendrickson representing WDS Ventures LLC, said the station would include gas, convenience store items and a car wash.

The owner, John Schensul, also attended the preliminary meeting of the Site Plan Review Committee March 1.

The proposed store would offer 24-hour service and would be well lit with deflected lighting. The food court would contain seating for 40 people and 20 parking spaces. Hendrickson described the landscaping as nice and the building as striking, citing one like it in Middleville as an example.

A meeting with the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) in the near future will determine if a service drive off M-37 would be allowed to alleviate some traffic pressures on the busy corner. The owner must observe a 60-foot setback and M-DOT may be planning to widen M-37 to four lanes, which may or may not leave enough area for the building and surrounding needs.

Schensul said the attraction to that corner was the information that 8,400 cars come from the east on 84th Street daily. He said he felt the station would offer a service to residents passing that corner.

Planning commissioners said the business may not comply with zoning required for that site, which would be part of a seven-parcel planned unit development (PUD) because offices and retail businesses were envisioned for at least six of the parcels.

Neighbors also have expressed concerns about the aesthetics for that area, which is seen as a gateway to Caledonia, forming a general impression of the community. Commissioners want to honor original agreements with existing residents. They said a service station may change the character of the original intent for that area. They questioned whether this business was truly a retail business or if it was really a service operation.

Steps for the owner to follow will include coming back for another site plan review with items on a checklist completed, which may or may not be given a go-ahead. The next step would be an application to the Planning Commission, which may or may not approve the request.

If the business succeeds in gaining approval, the sponsors hope to move on required steps as quickly as possible.

Planning Commission meetings will handle regular business only on the first meeting of the month, and on general planning matters during the second session of the month, on Monday evenings at 7:30 p.m.

# Sidewalks project launched for Gun Lake

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

The Gun Lake Chamber of Commerce has begun the process to make sidewalks a reality along Patterson Road from Chief Noonday Road to the Allegan County Park.

Members of the Chamber invited representatives from the Allegan and Barry County road commissions, the township supervisors from Yankee Springs and Wayland townships and interested residents to a meeting March 3.

Those present discussed projected cost, whether to use concrete or asphalt and other matters. One of the most contentious issues was deciding which side of the road would be optimum for sidewalks.

Dale Tuffelmire of the Allegan County Road Commission gave an overview of the sidewalk process in Dorr. He discussed what worked and where there were difficulties.

Brad Lambert from the Barry County Road Commission discussed a little of the history of the road and the willingness to work with this group. Lambert and Tuffelmire also discussed the opportunities for groups to get grants to assist with the project.

Jose Blanco, Wayland Township supervisor, talked about ways to get funding.

Yankee Springs Supervisor George London also told the group that the township hall was available as a meeting place if the group needed it.

John Rough, a real estate agent and former township supervisor, stressed the need to provide safe passage for children and mothers with young children and baby carriages.

It was pointed out that no one in the group wants this to be a "burden" on the taxpayers.

Blanco stressed that it was important to survey residents.

Tuffelmire told the group that this is at least a "two-year" project. He encouraged the group to take the first step by writing to the Allegan County Road Commission, asking for permission to begin the project.

Once the chamber gets a reply from Allegan County, a homeowner survey will begin along Patterson Road. Other members of the committee will work on fund-raising.

No future meeting has been set for this project, but anyone with information about the "People Path" work done about eight years ago or anyone with questions about the new project is welcome to call the Gun Lake Area Chamber of Commerce at 792-2219.


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# Middleville man dies in snowmobile crash

Robert Schipper, a 27-year-old Middleville area man, was killed in a snowmobile accident Sunday morning in Yankee Springs Township.

Initial investigation by the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police revealed that a snowmobile operated by Mark Kopenski, 34, of Byron Center, 34, was traveling south across a field near a snowmobile trail when he collided head-on with a northbound snowmobile operated by Schipper.

State Police said it appears that neither driver had seen the other in time to alter their course, as the accident occurred near the crest of a hill.

Kopenski remains in stable condition at Butterworth Hospital (Spectrum Health) in Grand Rapids with multiple fractures.

Helmets were worn by both drivers and alcohol and police investigators believe alcohol may have been a factor in the crash. The accident remains under investigation.

# Multi-directional stop signs planned at freeway ramps

by Ruth Zachary
*Staff Writer*

Area motorists attempting to exit off the I-96 ramps onto M-50 and ramps off US-131 have to deal with impaired visibility because of the design of the overpass, but efforts are being made to improve the dangerous traffic situation.

"Drivers have to poke their way out into the roadway to see what's coming," said Grand Rapids Michigan State Police Sgt Doug Roesler of the 6th district headquarters.

A study identifying design flaws in overpasses built in the 1950s and 1960s was made for the Michigan State Police and the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Flaws in the layout of these overpasses located along state highways limit the sight distance of a motorist who is trying to exit off a ramp.

The study recommends an installation of a multi-way stop on the overpass, to increase safety and comfort of drivers.

The multi-directional stop will reduce the speed of motorists on M-50 and will give more time for motorists coming off I-96 to pull out from the ramp.

"This is a pre-emptive step to reduce the chance of severe crashes," Roesler added. He said overpasses at Jordan Lake Road and at 131 south of Grand Rapids also will get multi-way stops.

"There are several others throughout the state where the visibility in the direction of the ramp is also bad," according to Roesler.

Work originally was scheduled to be completed this spring, but it is likely to be delayed closer to early summer due to a lost work order.

# Middleville planners deny home business request

Members of the Middleville Planning Commission March 2 denied Anna Crofoot's request for a special use permit for her property at 316 Main St.

Crofoot had asked for home occupation permission to sell cement ornaments such as bird baths and statues at the commission meeting on Feb. 9.

On reviewing her request and the zoning ordinances, Village Manager David Arking determined that to sell these items, a special use permit would be more appropriate.

Eight neighbors attended the meeting to speak against the request and presented a petition with 15 signatures.

Crofoot had asked for permission because with limited mobility it would be easier for her to have a showroom in her garage. The cement statuary had been for sale at the Bush-whacker property on M-37, which is no longer available.

Neighbors were concerned about traffic, noise and appearance issues.

In other business the members of the Planning Commission discussed courses they might take to help them understand and deal with some of the issues surrounding planning. Many of them will be attending the "OUR Land" conference on Saturday, March 20.

The next meeting of the Middleville Planning Commission will be at 7 p.m.Tuesday, April 6, in Village Hall.

# Police remind people to lock their vehicles

Troopers from the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police are urging people to make sure their vehicles are locked, particularly people staying at or near at motel in the area of Russell and Johnson drives.

"There are two juveniles living there who we believe committed seven car larcenies Sunday night, between 8 p.m. and midnight," said Trooper Michael Greenwood.

Taken and recovered were a day planner, a tool box and tools, cigarettes and a compact disc player, said Greenwood. Yet to be recovered are a pair of Nike tennis shoes and a cellular telephone.

"As far as we know, all of the cars were unlocked," said Greenwood. "They rode their bikes around the parking lot and took their pickings and then took some of them behind a motor home, where we recovered some of the items."

The juveniles, both boys ages 14 and 15, are also suspected of breaking a large window in the motor home and in a pickup truck and taking change, said Greenwood.

"Lock your cars and be advised, these kids are not as innocent as they appear," said Greenwood.

## LDFA board meets, no action taken

Middleville's newly established Local Development Finance Authority Board held its first meeting Monday evening, March 1.

This was to be the group's organizational meeting, but there was no quorum so no action could be taken. The LDFA Board will recommend to the Village Council areas where infrastructure improvements could benefit industry. The board will work on grants and other proposals to help improve the industrial areas in the village.

Village President Lon Myers originally had appointed Village Manager David Arking to the board, but it has been learned that the local ordinance prohibits the manager for sitting on a board with voting privileges. Arking will still be able to serve the LDFA by providing staff assistance.

Myers now will bring the need for an additional member representing the village to the council at its Tuesday, March 9, meeting. Myers also will contact Barry County government and the board of the Grand Rapids Community College for arepresentatives.

The date of the next meeting has not been set. Meetings are open to the public.

# Crash leads to charge of drunken driving

An Upper Peninsula man faces a misdemeanor charge of drunk driving after allegedly causing an accident that injured two people Saturday at Gun Lake and Yankee Springs roads at about 1 p.m.

Police said Steve Cryderman, 42, of Dafter, registered a .22 on a preliminary breath test shortly after the accident.

Troopers from the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police said Cryderman was northbound on Yankee Springs Road when he apparently crossed the center line and was struck by a southbound car, driven by Christopher Chrusciel, 17, of Wayland.

Cryderman's car then continued off the road and struck a car parked at McKibben Car Sales, causing damage to the unoccupied vehicle, said police.

Chrusciel and his 15-year-old passenger, Troy Adams of Wayland, were taken to Pennock Hospital, where they were treated for their injuries and released.

Cryderman, who was not hurt, was arraigned March 1 and a March 16 pretrial hearing was scheduled to take place in Barry County's 56-1 District Court. He was lodged on $2,500 bond.

## Mobile food pantry to arrive Saturday

Holy Family Catholic Church, Caledonia, is sponsoring a mobile food pantry on five Saturdays throughout this year.

The mobile food pantry is a program whereby people can come to the church and receive free produce. The produce is purchased by the church from Second Harvest Gleaners Food Bank.

The following is the schedule for 1999:

March 13, 9 to 11 a.m.; May 8, 9 to 11 a.m.; July 10, 9 to 11 a.m.; Sept. 11, 9 to 11 a.m.; and Nov. 13, 9 to 11 a.m.

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# Scots' ski team aims for more success

The Caledonia ski team has climbed to new heights, setting its eyes toward even bigger slopes in the years to come.

Scots' head coach Bryce Beckett has ideas to how his athletes will reach their goals and it will start with the implementation of a development program.

The Caledonia Junior Development ski team should help the Scots to taste future successes. The program will be for athletes in grades 5-8, ages 12 through 15. It is designed to enhance alpine skiing performance skills via ski racing and to prepare athletes who will enjoy skiing for Caledonia's varsity ski team. The program should both raise the level of competition and improve the program's participation.

The Caledonia Junior Development ski team does not replace the middle school ski club, but is designed to teach the student who desires to learn the proper skills for alpine skiing and racing.

"We're stepping up," Beckett said.

The United States Ski Coaches Association developed the Basic Alpine Skills Evaluation program designed to provide alpine ski clubs, coaches and ski schools with individual skill tests to monitoring skiing progress and to encourage systematic development and refinement of fundamental skiing skills. Beckett plans to use the program in the development of his team.

A race camp Dec. 17-22 at Marquette Mountain also will prepare aspiring athletes to test their skills on the snowy slopes.

"The camp will be for fun and teach them skills," Beckett said. "We want to get people aware of what we want to do. I believe that we have taken the program to the next level."

A fund-raiser will be used by the Caledonia ski team to help raise money for these and other beneficial programs. The fund-raising events will start April 13 and run through Sept. 13.

Next winter the Scots will compete in four scrimmages, attend two invitationals and have five junior varsity meets.

Outgoing seniors, however, will be hard to replace.

Matt Dodge qualified for State three times and his teammate, Kyle Oatley, made it to State twice.

"It will be difficult to see the seniors leave," Beckett said.

The senior class includes Dodge, Oatley, Brett Beckett, Steve Mursch and Brian Davis.

The Caledonia mentor hopes that some talented and eager freshman, including Emily Dannison, will help the program to continue to grow. The Scots' coach also expects athletes like Lauren Ondersma to improve and become a team leader as well.

"We're looking at a good group of freshmen to come in and help us," Beckett said. "The bottom line is that we need to teach the fundamentals of skiing."

There was plenty of success during the 1998-99 season. Caledonia's boys were second of the B-C-D teams and fifth overall in a most difficult conference plus qualified three individuals for the State finals.

**Awards:** Seniors Kyle Oatley, Brian Davis and Steve Mursch were scholar athletes, while Oatley, Brett Beckett, Matt Dodge, and Rebecca Beckett were honorable mention all conference.

Named to the Region 6 team were Dodge, Oatley and Rebecca Beckett. Dodge was also a Michigan High School Coaches selection on the 1999 Michigan State B-C-D squad. Oatley and Rebecca Beckett received honorable mention recognition.

At the Region 6 championship, Oatley was 11th in the slalom and eighth in the giant slalom, while Dodge was fifth in the giant slalom. Both qualified for State where Dodge was 11th in the giant slalom and Oatley was 28th in the slalom event that consisted of 77 skiers. Rebecca Beckett qualified for State in both the giant slalom and the giant slalom. The sophomore finished fourth in the slalom at regionals and ninth in the giant slalom. At State, Rebecca Beckett was 45th out of 77 skiers in the giant slalom.

Lauren Ondersma has not only made great strides in her skiing, but will also be looked upon to play the role of a leader next season. (Photo provided)

At State, (from left) Matt Dodge, Coach Bryce Beckett, Rebecca Beckett and Kyle Oatley. (Photo provided)

Senior Matt Dodge qualified for State three times in his prep career and was a cog in how the Scots made great strides in its first four years. (Photo provided)

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# Stegeman named to MIAA hoop squad

Pat Stegeman, a senior forward, was named to the first team of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association for his season efforts with the Hope College men's basketball team.

Stegeman became the 23rd player in Hope history to score more than 1,000 points. This season, Stegeman averaged 13.4 points to lift his career total to 1,016.

Also named to the MIAA first team was Stegeman's Flying Dutchmen teammate, Ryan Klinger. Klinger was Hope top scorer with a 16.2 point norm. His 67 three-pointers was just four shy of the Hope team record.

The Flying Dutchmen were co-champions with a 17-10 record. Hope posted a 20-6 overall mark and earned a berth in the NCAA Division III championship tournament.

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# Two Caledonia seniors to join state honors choir

by Ruth Zachary

Sunny Fowler and Laura Price, two Caledonia high school seniors, were picked for the State Honors Choir after Regional performance auditions Jan. 22 at Hill Auditorium at University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Fowler also was selected for the Michigan Youth Arts Festival to sing with a choir of 125 young people May 8 at Western Michigan University, a very high honor, since she was picked for this choir from the State Honors Choir.

Their two performance auditions required singing without written music or accompaniment (a cappella), so the selections had to be memorized. Fowler was picked for the women's honors choir, and Price was chosen to sing with the mixed choir.

The same process was repeated throughout the state in four different districts.

Fowler is age 17 and Price is 18. Fowler plans to attend University of Michigan or Michigan State University and pursue dual majors in political science and music. Price would like to have a career in professional writing, either in editing or publishing.

Laura Price and Sunny Fowler will sing with the State Honors Choir this year. Fowler will also sing with a 125 member choir at the Michigan Youth Arts Festival.

# Story times planned locally

Members of the Hhgh school service team listen closely to Effie Webb as she practices for the monthly story times the team will present in the Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library. The theme of the first evening on March 11 is "green." High school students will be available to read and to be read to one on one or in small groups beginning at 7 p.m. Story times are also planned for April 1 and May 6.

## Athletes of the Week

**Jesse Flegel**

Caledonia High School

Flegel topped the Scots with 14 points, including two - three balls, in a O-K Gold hoop triumph against Kenowa Hills Feb. 23. The Scots received points from nearly everyone on the team in a 24-for-48 field goal effort.

**Zac Truer**

Thornapple-Kellogg High School (Middleville)

Truer Scored 10 points and pulled down 10 boards in a Feb. 26 varsity basketball victory over Byron Center and added 16 points and 7 rebounds in a Feb. 23 win over Tri Unity.

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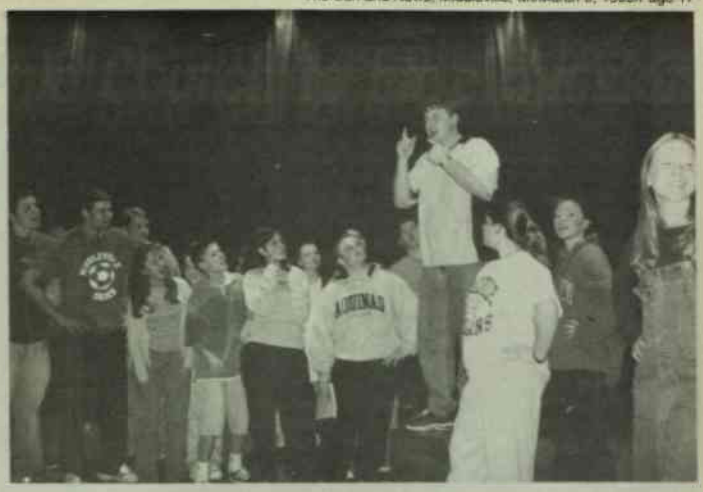

# Cast prepares for 'Music Man'

The cast of "The Music Man" is busy memorizing songs, learning lines and learning to react to the events on stage. Here the cast is swayed by Professor Harold Hill's (Paul Wade, standing on box) exhortations against the evils of "pool halls." Performances are Friday and Saturday, March 19 and 20, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $3 and can be reserved by calling the TK High School box office at 795-5400, extension 6227.

# JV Scots take down Wayland, Cedar Springs

The Caledonia junior varsity basketball team finished the regular season last week with a 59-49 win over Wayland and a 57-55 loss to Cedar Springs. Coach Paul Nixon's team ended at 13-7.

In the victory over Wayland, Kyle Kleersnyder led the team with 17 points and Josh Swartz added 12. Swartz and Travis Buehler pulled down 7 and 4 rebounds respectively.

Even with a balanced scoring attack, Caledonia couldn't overcome Cedar. Three players tallied double figures as Kleersnyder scored 13, Swartz 11 and Doug Jousma 10. Swartz also grabbed 9 caroms, while Jousma and Kietzman each had 8 rebounds.

Kietzman and Swartz will both suit up with the varsity for this week's district tournament.

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# Lady Viking spikers repeat as Class B champs

Many felt that Lakewood certainly was the team to beat heading into Saturday's Class B district volleyball tournament at nearby Caledonia High School.

The Lady Vikings entered with a sparkling 52-7 record and won the same district tournament at the same site a season ago.

In fact, the only team that figured could possibly beat Lakewood was Lakewood themselves.

They didn't.

The Lady Vikings improved to 54-7 with a 15-9, 15-4 victory over Middleville in the championship match.

Middleville actually led 2-0 in the first game of the finale, but Lakewood rattled off 11 of the next 12 points to go up 11-3.

Audra Love served for six points in the opening game, while Steph Maciasz and Jill Benschoter were leaders in the offensive attack and in the team's defensive scheme.

The second game did not contain the same excitement as Coach Kellie Rowland's Lakewood squad got control early on and never lost it. Improvements in the service receive area helped the Lady Vikings to gain such control Saturday.

"Middleville had some great servers; we needed to serve receive real well, so we pulled the hitters off the net and made that adjustment," Rowland said.

Caledonia's Jennifer DeBoer (8) looks to make a pass behind her back to Nicole VanderMolen (13) as Scots' teammate Kristy Green (7) watches from the side.

Rowland's program has won a few district titles during recent years, but the coach said that this trophy is really a special one.

"This is real important to this team this year; (although) every district title is special," Rowland explained.

In the semifinals, Lakewood defeated the host Caledonia spikers 15-3, 15-7. The Lady Vikings scored the first seven points of the first game and from there gained confidence, while Caledonia struggled.

"We made some clean passes in the Caledonia match and that gave us many options," Rowland said. "Plus, Jennifer (Nielsen) being hot didn't hurt."

Caledonia Coach Nicolle Brooks said her spikers seemed a bit in awe of Lakewood's presence.

"They (Lakewood) have always intimidated us with their aggressiveness up front," Brooks said. "We're a young team that's very inexperienced. We lost to Lakewood, but during the season we made progress with each individual player."

The district opened with Caledonia showing such progress, pinning a 16-14, 15-13 loss on Hastings.

In the second opening round match, Middleville pulled past Portland 15-9, 13-15, 16-14. The Lady Trojans trailed in the third and deciding game 14-3 before rallying to pull out the match in dramatic fashion.

Teri Schondelmayer's spike put Middleville ahead for the first time, 15-14, in the third game and Erica Carter concluded the comeback bid with a powerful block, 16-14.

Middleville Coach Cindy Middlebush said her team's comeback ability probably can be attributed to a regular season match versus Delton. The Lady Trojans trailed in the final game against the Panthers 14-2 before eventually coming out as winners.

"It was an opportunity to prepare for that experience," Middlebush said. "They knew that they could win."

Schondelmayer led Middleville offensive arsenal with 21 kills. Shayna Neason and Ashley Gentry were major contributors serving, in the back row and on defense.

"Neason stepped in for (Nina) Cowham and did a nice job in the back row and with her serves," Middlebush explained. "Ashley also did a nice job serving and in the back row."

The Lady Scots opened the district tournament with an impressive 16-14, 15-13 win over Hastings.

"Morning games have never been a plus for us," Brooks explained. "The first match is more of a catch up game. Our main goal is working on strategy (and) every player on this team has improved dramatically."

The Lady Scots improved play included some solid efforts Saturday from Nicole VanderMolen, Kristy Green and Jenny DeBoer. VanderMolen had 7 kills versus Hastings and 6 against Lakewood. Green had 2 blocks in both of the matches. DeBoer passed for 10 assists and served for 5 aces in the Saxon win and added 9 assists and an ace in the Lakewood contest.

For the day, Nielsen and Maciasz led Lakewood with 18 kills and Jill Benschoter added 8 spikes. Benschoter also was a team leader with 20 digs, a category that Nielsen managed 16, Catherine Shellenbarger 15 and Shannon Spencer 7. The Vikings also received 43 assists from its setter, Amanda Blough, and 23 serving points (3 aces) from Audra Love.

"I was real worried going in (that the team would be too confident)," Rowland said. "It's so hard to tell how well we played; I would have liked to have seen some more offensive runs."

The Lady Vikings advance to Class B regional action to be held at Wyoming Rogers High School.

Middleville's Teri Schondelmayer (8), shown her pushing the ball over the net, helped to push her team into the district finals. Also pictured are Lady Trojans, Kelly Bremer (1) and Hillary Stone (7).

# Trojans fall in basketball finale

A disastrous third quarter, that included a 15-2 Calvin Christian run and many Middleville turnovers, resulted in a 59-48 Calvin victory last Friday in O-K Blue Conference varsity basketball action.

Middleville led 14-9 after one quarter and 21-20 at intermission, but Calvin opened the third stanza with the 15-2 run, many of its points the results of Trojan miscues.

"We just gave them the ball time after time," Middleville Coach Kurt Holzhueter explained.

The fourth quarter did not get much better as Calvin's free throws and questionable calls by the officials kept the margin too difficult for the Trojans to erase.

"It was a very strange game," Holzhueter said.

Calvin connected on 19-of-24 free throw opportunities, while Middleville went to the charity stripe 14 times and made 7.

Dan Finkbeiner led the black and orange with 12 points. Ken VanRyn and Andrew Hillman both added 9 markers. VanRyn also dished out 4 assists.

Middleville ended the regular season with a 14-6 overall record and tied for second place in the O-K Blue.

## Freshmen cagers come back to beat Unity

The freshman basketball team at Caledonia High School won over Unity Christian 53-44 Feb. 26 in prep action at Unity.

The victory improved the Scots mark to 14-4 overall and 10-4 in the O-K Gold.

Caledonia's points came from Nick Slot (19 points), Jeff DeBlaay (10), Steve Yanasik (9), Travis Slot (8) and Mike Ogle (7).

Unity led 23-11 after the first quarter, but Caledonia overcame the deficit that reached 28-13 to pull the contest out.

# Stone named as all-league spiker

Hillary Stone, a senior on Middleville's varsity volleyball team, has been named to the first team of the O-K Blue Conference squad.

Stone, a 6-0 left-handed captain, had 72 kills (2.9 kills per game) and had an attack percentage of 31 percent.

She plans to attend Hope College next year and is hoping to catch on with the junior varsity volleyball team there.

"She is a very enjoyable lady to coach," said Middleville coach Cindy Middlebush.

Hillary Stone

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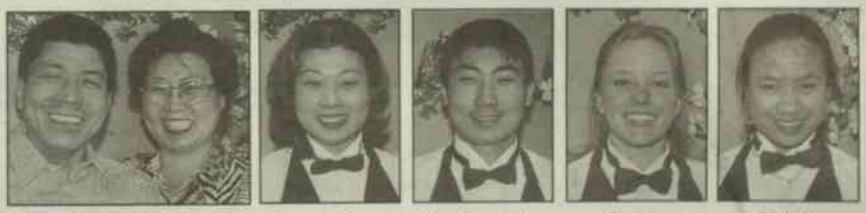

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