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Thornapple Township OKs ordinance changes

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Members of the Thornapple Township Board of Trustees approved all but one ordinance change presented by the Township Planning Commission at their meeting April 12.

The board held a detailed discussion of the changes and approved all but one regulating kennels in the township. Several trustees were afraid that large families with many children would be penalized if each child had a pet.

The board decided to send the kennel ordinance back to the Planning Commission for comment and elaboration.

The board also approved an ordinance allowing establishment of escrow accounts. Zoning applications will stay the same, but additional escrow accounts can be set to cover township costs such as engineering and inspection.

Zoning administrator Diane Steeby reported that activity is similar this year to last.

The repair of the cemetery stones damaged in last year's vandalism incident was also discussed. The Cemetery Committee will explore the costs. Some of the material is difficult to obtain now and the committee will explore alternatives and bring the costs back to the board for review.

> Emergency Services Chief Bob Woodard reported that by the end of the month the department will equal the 153 calls received in all of 1971.

County Commissioner Bob Wenger reported to the board that their will be a one-mill, five-year 911 levy on the ballot in a special election set for August.

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The department also will do a driveway survey and notify homeowners whose driveways are not passable for the fire trucks.

Different engines and other apparatus are garaged at the Yankee Springs Fire Barn and in Middleville as needed.

The next regular Thornapple Township Trustees meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10, at 7 p.m.

Three to seek two-year term on Caledonia board

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Five candidates plan to run for the Caledonia Board of Education election June 14, including three newcomers for one seat and two incumbents for the other two.

Running unopposed for the two four-year seats on the board are incumbents President Dan Clark and Bob Bergy.

A two-year term remains after the resignation of Stephen Donker, who has served in that position for 10 years. That term will expire in 2001. Running for that position are Bill Harrison, John A Jacobson and Ken Yonker.

Now in his fourth year on the board, Bergy has served on the Policy Committee for two years, the Finance Committee for two years, and the Personnel Committee for four years. Bergy has been general manager of Carleton Equipment Company in Byron Center for six years. A longtime Caledonia resident, he graduated from Caledonia High School many years ago and has also served on the board of the Caledonia Sportsmen's Club for several years.

Clark has served on the board for four years and as president for the last year. Clark has worked at Johnson Controls in Holland for about four and one half years.

Harrison has a PhD in curriculum and administration. He is currently employed as director of education for employment for Kalamazoo Public Schools, has been director of MSU Extension in Kent County, and director of career technical education for the Kent Intermediate School District. He has lived in Caledonia for all of his professional life, was a teacher in Caledonia Schools in the 1960s, and co-chaired the Personalized Learning Committee for the Strategic Plan.

Jacobson is a civil department supervisor employed by U.R.S. Greiner of Grand Rapids, an architectural firm whose primary work is on school facilities and expansions. He has experience working with other school boards on bond and construction issues. Jacobson's education gave him a degree in civil engineering.

Yonkers has owned and operated his own business, Yonker's Landscaping Inc.,

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Caledonia High School observing SADD Week

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia's Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) have been working for more than three months on a project to prevent drinking among fellow students.

The week of April 19 through 23 is SADD Week, coinciding with Prom Week. The students hope their efforts will reduce the temptation to bring the wrong kind of "spirits" into a celebratory period of their lives.

The SADD members have planned a series of dramatic presentations for the other students to bring the dangers of drunk driving to everyone's awareness.

Last week, the group circulated a survey, with some key questions:

- Have you tried alcohol? (never, sometimes, with friends, or regularly).
- Have you driven while intoxicated?
- Have you ridden with someone who was intoxicated?

Results were to be posted at school Monday when the group read the news and included the laws and regulations for driving. Posters were hung in the hallways. On Tuesday a filming was to be shown of how a party starting at home, and ending at a bonfire where booze is available evolved into a dangerous situation. Caledonia seniors played the roles.

One day this week, expect to see SADD members or others wearing Silent Friend Day shirts. They will go through the school day and will not speak, to visibly represent someone who has been killed from a drunk driving accident.

Other realistic dramatizations are to be offered Wednesday through Friday.

Of the students involved in SADD, many have had personal experiences of their own, or family members or with friends, which have led them to a deep commitment to prevent tragic consequences for themselves and others.

One girl has a family member who is not allowed to drive because of drinking while driving.

Naomi Stewart knows someone who was killed by a drunk driver. Her friend's sister was in the accident, too.

Carrie Baxter, who has been involved in SADD the longest, became concerned over friends' experiences.

Some of the members have had very bad personal experiences with alcohol, in which they and others got into serious trouble.

For all, the reason for putting forth this effort this week is to save lives, and prevent the terrible things that can result from drinking and driving.

SADD members Stephanie VanderSheer, Karly Sarver, Gwen Sheehan, Nicole Rahm, Naomi Stewart, Shantell Cooley, Heather Jones, Gina Gotch, Carrie Baxter, and Advisor Sally Ruth.

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Community Players plan dinner theater production, "Shop 'til You Drop Dead"

Karen Coleman as Astrid, Robin Basarabski- Elmhirst as Loreli Lawless, and Betsy Riddell as Joy Caverwski rehearse a scene with a murdered victim stand in.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia Community Players will present "Shop 'Til You Drop Dead," and the set will be Fischwood's Restaurant at the end of April and beginning of May.

The hit TV game show "Stop, Shop and Bankroll" has come to town to tape a few segments, bringing its dashing host, Benny Sharpe, and lovely hostess, Loreli Lawless

As usual, director Astrid Cornelius is wound up and worried about her temperamental stars. Tommy Gilmore, the show's announcer, tries to help smooth the troubled waters, but between Loreli's new feather dress and Benny's vanity, trouble is guaranteed.

Contestants from the audience participate in the first segment, oblivious of backstage intrigue. But soon, during the shopping part of the game, Benny cashes in his chips, poisoned by person or persons unknown.

Miss Peabody, the cookies and cream librarian who's no stranger to murder, takes control and attempts to keep order until the police arrive.

Astrid sees a new opportunity for a TV game show, solving the crime with cameras rolling!

Karen Coleman performs the role of Astrid Cornelius, Dave Wilkinson portrays Tommy Gilmore, Robin Elmhirst plays Loreli Lawless, Mandy Habel portrays Polly Peabody, Doug Durkee plays the part of Benny Sharpe and Betsy Riddell acts as Joy Caverewski.

Performances are scheduled for Friday, April 30, dinner at 8 p.m., show at 9 p.m., for Saturday, May 1, dinner at 8 p.m., show at 9 p.m. and on Sunday, May 2, when dinner will be at 3 p.m. and show at 4 p.m.

The cost is $15 per person and includes dinner, tax, gratuity and the performance. Call Fischwood's to make reservations at 891-2270

Betsy Riddell, Robin Elmhirst, and Karen Coleman prepare for the dinner theater production, "Shop 'Til You Drop Dead," soon to be performed at Fischwoods'.

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Middleville man's sentence delayed due to father's illness

Keith Horton, 30, of Middleville, was given a delayed sentence earlier this month in Barry County Circuit Court on his conviction of attempted delivery of a controlled substance.

Horton will be allowed to delay beginning his four month sentence until July 29 due to his father's illness, Judge James Fisher ruled.

"I was reading about Mr. Horton's own assessment of his behavior as a juvenile," said assistant prosecutor Vicky Alspaugh. "He indicated that he seemed to get into criminal trouble for the excitement and the present investigation shows he feels the same way as an adult."

Alspaugh said Horton said he could find no other way to dispose of the controlled substance other than to sell it to someone.

"I think pursuant to the plea agreement, nine months incarceration would give him the opportunity to experience the excitement of criminal trouble in a new light," said Alspaugh.

But according to his attorney, Horton admits to his responsibility.

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School board seats, from front page —

for 15 years and is a life long community resident. He has served on the Grand Rapids Nursery and Landscape Association Board for two terms (six years) and as president for one year. He is also on the State Nursery and Landscape Association Board.

Citizens who want to vote in the annual school election must have registered by May 17.

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Adam Dipp's death saddens community

by Shelly Sulser
Staff Writer

Adam Dipp, the 17-year-old young man who was killed in a traffic accident April 12, was a three-sport athlete at Thornapple Kellogg High School and had an aptitude for computers.

His sudden death was a shock to his family and friends, and TK students, faculty and administration.

Principal Ellen Zack said, "It's been very difficult."

Dipp, of Freeport, was active in football, wrestling and track. Members of the track team honored him by wearing arm bands in a meet last week.

At the Whitneyville Bible Church, he was involved in the youth camp, attended the Y Camp at Algonquin Lake and the space camp in Jackson.

Adam was on his way to school Monday, April 12, at about 7:30 a.m., driving without a seat belt in a 1991 Ford Explorer, heading south on Stimpson Road when 42-year-old Janine Marie Mayhew entered the roadway ahead of him, police said.

As Adam tried to pass the 1999 Oldsmobile Bravada, Mayhew attempted to make a left-hand turn into a driveway, but instead, collided with Adam's vehicle. She later told police she had not used her turning signal, police said.

The collision sent Adam's vehicle off the roadway, where it hit a tree, went airborne, rolled clockwise three times, throwing him from the driver's seat.

Both vehicles collided a second time, said troopers, coming to rest facing south, right side up. Adam was found beneath Mayhew's vehicle when officers arrived.

Despite the efforts of a paramedic who arrived just one minute after a nearby resident called 911, and the efforts of the AeroMed Helicopter's medical team, Adam was pronounced dead at the scene, said police.

Mayhew and her 10-year-old passenger, who were wearing seat belts, were not hurt. Police will send their report to the Barry County Prosecutor's office for review, though no charges are being sought.

A computer enthusiast, Adam enjoyed designing his own web page and helping others with their computers, as well as helping to maintain the school's computer lab.

He also liked hunting, camping and helping his father in his construction business.

Principal Ellen Zack said a crisis response team was set into motion as soon as the school learned of Adam's death.

"I think the kids handled it very well," she said. "Of course, we're all devastated by it, but they held each other up."

The school's crisis response team consists of Zack, school counselors, special education teachers, the dean of students and the school psychologist.

"He was a very, very polite, well mannered young man, a good student and good athlete," said Zack. "It's very upsetting to me, too. I saw him a lot because if I had a problem with my computer, or e-mail or something, he would always help. And, I try to get to know all my students. Our hearts, prayers and concerns go out to his family at this time."

The funeral was held at 11 a.m. Friday at the Wren Funeral Home in Hastings.

Adam Dipp

Correction:

The photo the Sun & News published last week of a track team member was not of Adam Dipp. The Sun & News apologizes for the error.

Attention Kmart Shoppers

In Kmart's April 18, 1999 weekly ad circular, on page 27 the Act II Supreme popcorn is shown in error. This product is not available for promotion. The correct item on sale is Act II 4 pack soft pretzels on sale 2 for $3.00.

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Area School Lunch Menus

Thornapple Kellogg Elementary Lunch Menu
Wednesday, April 21

Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, baby carrots, peaches.

Thursday, April 22

Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic toast, pears.

Friday, April 23

Pizza, golden corn, pineapple, goldfish.

Monday, April 26

Ravioli with cheese, peas, dinner roll, fresh fruit.

Tuesday, April 27

Deli turkey and cheese, sub on steak bun, lettuce, corn chips, carrots, cherry cobbler.

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 Middle and High School Lunch Menu
Wednesday, April 21

Hot turkey sandwich, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, peaches.

Thursday, April 22

Spaghetti with meat sauce, tossed salad, garlic toast, pears.

Friday, April 23

Pizza, corn, pineapple, goldfish H.S. taco salad.

Monday, April 26

Ravioli, cheese, tender peas, dinner roll, fruit choice.

Tuesday, April 27

Meat and cheese subs, corn chips, lettuce, carrots, cherry cobbler.

Thornapple Kellogg Breakfast Menu
Wednesday, April 21

Scrambled eggs, toast, jelly, juice, milk.

Thursday, April 22

Pancake and sausage on a stick, juice, milk.

Friday, April 23

Cold cereal, cinnamon toast, orange juice, milk.

Monday, April 26

Bagel with cream cheese, juice, milk.

Tuesday, April 27

Breakfast pocket, juice, milk.

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GFWC state convention set for April 29-May 2

Patt Ward, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) Michigan has announced that the 104th annual state convention will be held April 29-May 2 at the Holiday Inn in Troy.

The event will be hosted by GFWC-Southeastern District clubs.

The General Federation of Women's Clubs is an international organization headquartered in Washington, D.C. It boasts more than 6,500 community-based volunteer women's clubs, and over one million members worldwide in 20 countries. Their motto is "Unity in Diversity."

The GFWC has a history of support for libraries over the past 107 years. Federated clubs were instrumental in establishing over 75 percent of the public libraries in the United States.

Ward has "Libraries 2000" as the designated project for her term, 1998-2000. Clubs all over the state are donating books to their local libraries and members are volunteering in a variety of capacities, whether it be reading to children, donating Books for Babies to new mothers, or sponsoring Kind News for classrooms.

Locally, the GFWC-Gun Lake Area was established in 1983 and has been a member of federation since 1984. The club is known for its work with holiday food baskets, hats and mittens for children; awarding four scholarships to area high school seniors; Adopt-a-Highway program; Fall Tour of Homes; volunteers at local blood banks; Books for Babies; sponsoring Kind News; and much more.

Most recently, the GFWC-Gun Lake Area Library was created to meet the needs of residents in this area. A longtime goal of co-chairwomen Joan Weick and Jenny Lamoreaux, the library found a home at the Hummingbird Arts and Crafts business on Patterson Road, at Gun Lake. Libraries 2000 is the state presidents project, as well as GFWC National.

For information on the library, call Weick at (616) 672-5242 or Lamoreaux at (616) 664-4792.

GFWC-Gun Lake Area Convention Delegates are club Vice President Marjory Richards; Recording Secretary Harlene Kok; Joan Weick, club founder and past GFWC Michigan state president; and club President Josie Vogel. Other members attending the convention are Marilyn Page, Corresponding Secretary; Marie Finkbeiner; Phyllis Ullery; Fran Leonard, publicity chair; and Marilyn Finkbeiner.

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CMS team to join Science Olympiad

Caledonia Middle School is competing in the Science Olympiad state tournament for the first year Saturday, April 24.

More than 450 high school, middle school and elementary teams competed at the 16th Science Olympiad regional competitions during February and March. Eighty advancing regional teams will be competing in the state finals on Saturday on the Michigan State University campus.

Forty teams come from junior high or middle schools, and 40 teams represent high schools. More than 30 event competitions will be held in various locations of the MSU campus. There will be soaring bottle rockets, bungie eggs silently falling from a pre-determined height to splat or not to splat, and a variety of events in between. Team shirts, coaches, medals and trophies are all a part of the discovery hoopla.

State champion teams will go on to the National Science Olympiad tournament at the University of Chicago in mid-May.

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Finkbeiners to mark golden anniversary

There will be an open house for Robert and Amy Finkbeiner of Caledonia in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary, Saturday, April 24th, 1999, from 12 to 4 p.m. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Caledonia. The open house will be hosted by their children, John and Beth Finkbeiner, Jim and Jane Uyl, Jeff and Sue Duffield, Larry and Annette Finkbeiner, and also 11 grandchildren.

Browns to celebrate 50th anniversary

Joe and Vivian Brown from Wayland will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house on May 1, 1999 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, M-37, Caledonia. The Browns have five children, eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. No gifts, please.

Wellman-Niles engagement told

Judy Converse and Rusty Barton, Jude and Clifford Converse Jr. of Hastings and Greg and Dawn Niles of Middleville.

Katherine and Jeremiah are employed at Bradford-White Corp. in Middleville.

They will be married on May 1, 1999.

Bobby, Dana and Shauna Wellman wish to announce the engagement of their mother Katherine J. Wellman to Jeremiah A. Niles.

Parents of the couple are

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Caledonia junior named Cadet of the Year

Nick Wabeke.

Nick Wabeke will fill the position of Cadet Commander, filling the position left by Christine Rhodes, who is moving up to the senior level of the Michigan Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A local Civil Air Patrol squadron has named Caledonia High School junior Nick Wabeke as Cadet of the Year for his achievements there.

A ceremony was held in March at the Naval Marine Reserve Training Center, located on Monroe Street in Grand Rapids. Wabeke holds the rank of Cadet Airman First Class, and he is awaiting formal promotion to Cadet Sergeant.

He was also given the new position and title of Cadet Commander of the Boulle-Norman Cadet Squadron 20265, Michigan Wing Civil Air Patrol, United States Air Force Auxiliary.

He will now be in charge of running the squadron at the cadet level, filling a position formerly held by Christine Rhodes, when she moves up to the senior level.

Wabeke said "I'm very proud to be a part of the Civil Air Patrol, and very proud to be serving my country in this civilian auxiliary of the Air Force, which saves lives and is of benefit to volunteers, both youth and adults."

He mentioned it gave an opportunity for seniors to volunteer time in service. He said an example of saving lives was when there is a downed airplane, it is the Civil Air Patrol which is involved in the rescue.

"There are three facets of training, and young people can be part of the cadet program," he said. "I get free leadership training by being involved. This is something I can do at this age."

"One of my goals is to one day become an Air Force officer."

Wabeke is a third year honor student at Caledonia High School, and is also a second year member of the National Honor Society. He plays hockey on a class BB midget club team (under age 17) sponsored by Advanced Plating and Finishing, through the Grand Rapids Area Hockey Association, has worked part time at Gordon Food Service for one year, referees hockey games and likes to play guitar in his spare time.

The Civil Air Patrol is a non-profit, benevolent organization, as well as an official auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force.

The missions of the Civil Air Patrol include:

1. Emergency Service, involving search and rescue, disaster relief, civil defense, and assistance to other agencies.

2. Aerospace Education, which includes both internal and external education.

3. The Cadet Program, which provides aerospace education, leadership training, physical training, and moral leadership activities to interested youths ages 12 to 21.

Wabeke said, "If anyone is interested in joining, they must be 12 or older, and must have completed the fifth grade."

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Obituaries

Scott E. Henning

MIDDLEVILLE - Scott E. Henning, age 50, of Middleville, passed away Saturday, April 3, 1999 at home, after a courageous battle with cancer.

Scott was born on January 3, 1949 in Hastings, the son of Gerald E. and Lois A. (Churchill) Henning. He was raised in Middleville and attended Thornapple Kellogg Schools, graduating in 1967. Scott was an outstanding basketball player, going to the State Finals in 1967. He attended JC in Grand Rapids and two years at Michigan State University.

He married Carol L. Jousma on August 18, 1979.

He was in the United States Army stationed in Germany. He was employed with Consumers Concrete Corporation as a Truck Driver. Scott was an avid Sportsman. He enjoyed hunting and had a special fondness for fishing.

Scott was a caring, loving husband, father, always doing kind deeds for his family and friends.

Mr. Henning was preceded in death by his mother Lois Ann Henning.

Scott is survived by his wife Carol L. Henning, two daughters, Desirae L. Henning and Lynnea D. Henning both at home. His father, Gerald E. (Bertha) Henning of Shelbyville, three sisters, Lynn (Gary) Biermacher of Barlow Lake, Middleville, Deborah (Thomas) Griffith of Mesa, Arizona, Judith (William) Miller of Middleville, his father and mother-in-law, William (Barbara) Jousma of Caledonia, four sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law, several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, April 6, 1999 at the Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Elder Robert Loesch officiated.

Interment took place at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Middleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barry Community Hospice. Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Henning children. Donations are being accepted at the Hastings City Bank, Middleville office.

Funeral arrangements were made by Beeler Funeral Home of Middleville.

Nettie M. Thede

GRAND RAPIDS - Beloved mother, Nettie M. Thede, age 94, of Clark Retirement Community, formerly of Caledonia, went to be with her Lord on Wednesday, April 14, 1999.

Mrs. Thede was born on May 19, 1904 in Thornapple Township, Michigan, the daughter of John & Mary (Scheidel) Snyder.

She graduated from Caledonia High School and attended County Normal, she taught for two years at Townline Schools.

She was married to Glenn E. Thede on June 1, 1925. Her hobbies included reading, gardening and flowers.

Mrs. Thede was a member of the Leighton United Methodist Church. She taught Sunday School, was active in the Ladies Aid and the Ladies Missionary.

Mrs. Thede was a homemaker, she devoted her life to her family and church. Nettie was a caring, loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother, always doing kind deeds for her family and friends.

Mrs. Thede was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn E. Thede.

She is survived by her son, Clarence John (Portia) Thede of Howell; one daughter, Laura (Vern) Hyde of Caledonia; eight grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Thede were held Monday, April 19, 1999 at the Leighton United Methodist Church. Reverend Ray Townsend officiated.

Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Middleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leighton United Methodist Church Building Fund or Clark Retirement Community Foundation.

Arrangements were made by Beeler Funeral Chapel, Middleville.

Berlin to start new season April 24

A three in one program of Late Model Stocks, Sportsmans and Super Stocks will kick off the 1999 season Saturday, April 24 at the Berlin Raceway.

The paved, one-half mile Marne oval, is celebrating its 49th season of excitement and will host triple header cards every Saturday through Labor Day.

Bob Holley, of Gun Lake, will attempt to make it four titles in a row at the head of the Late Model class.

The Berlin Raceway is located five miles west of Grand Rapids on interstate 96 expressway at Marne, exit 23. Gates open April 24 and on racing event days at 1 p.m., practice begins at 2 p.m., time trials are at 4 p.m. and the first preliminary race is set for 7 p.m.

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Page Elem. students get messy reward for reading

Fourth-grader Jacob Lenartz prepares to throw a whipped cream pie on the teacher of his choice. From left are custodian Laurie Brinks who cleaned up the mess with good humor, librarian Diane Knight, fifth grade teachers Mike Hodges and Kurt Wissink and fourth grade teacher Traci Weibel. Weibel was the target.

Page Elementary Principal David Bukala takes a dip in more than 140 pounds of cold chocolate pudding. The students cheered him on. Bukala's dip was the reward students earned for reading more than 138,830 pages during Reading Month in March.

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SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Darlene J. Breese

Navy Seaman Darlene J. Breese, a 1996 graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School of Middleville, recently departed on a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf aboard the guided missile cruiser USS Leyte Gulf.

Breese is one of more than 350 Sailors aboard the ship, which departed its home port of Norfolk, Va., as part of the USS Theodore Roosevelt Battle Group. The battle group is comprised of nine tactical air squadrons, eight surface combatants and two submarines and will relieve the USS Enterprise Battle Group.

Breese's ship is one of the most powerful warships ever put to sea. The computer-based AEGIS weapons system is the heart of the ship's war-fighting capability. It centers around a powerful radar that enables the crew to detect, track and fire on more than 100 targets at a time.

She joined the Navy in June 1996.

Reading program continues in May

The Thornapple Kellogg High School Service Team entertained 35 children with a Disney theme story hour April 1.

Effie Webb read "Hansel & Gretel." "Cinderella" was read by Cancice Cree and Heather Joynsen. Children created necklaces and bracelets like the ones Cinderella wore to the ball with Froot Loops and licorice laces.

Nate LaVoie read "The Three Little Pigs" with Sara Huff, Amy Wiersum, Tasha Hoekstra and Hillary Stone. He also led the students in a spirited "Hokey Pokey."

Children could take home Disney bookmarks, coloring pages and a Mickey Mouse sucker.

The final story time for this year is Thursday, May 6, at 7 p.m. The theme is "Teddy Bears." Children can bring their favorite Teddy bear with them.

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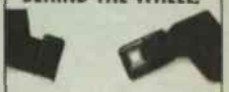

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TK plans special evenings for parents

The Thornapple Kellogg Department of Special Education and the Parent Advisors of Special Education (PASE) Committee are holding two special evenings for parents this spring.

On Tuesday evening, April 27, in the McFall library the focus will be on parents' rights and responsibilities in special education.

Speakers will be Sue Pratt and Barb Burger. Pratt is a parent advocate and past director of the Citizens Alliance to Uphold Special Education (CAUSE.) Burger is a Thornapple Kellogg representative to the PASE committee.

Burger and Pratt will discuss how parents can make sure their rights and those of their children in the area of special education are followed by school districts. Balancing the rights are the responsibility parents have to their child's education.

CAUSE is a coalition of special education consumers and providers, advocates for parents and students. It provides an opportunity for training, communication and even a source for solutions.

Burger says, " Sue is wonderful. She brings experience that will help TK parents learn how to fight for their child's education."

On Wednesday evening, May 5, in the middle school library, Dr. Steven Bergman of Caledonia will speak on attention deficit disorder and the attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADD and ADHD).

Speakers at both these talks will answer questions from the audience.

Both talks begin at 7 p.m. and refreshments will be served. For information about these evenings of learning and fun, call 795-5571.

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Colonial home models on display at Caledonia Elementary

This cabin made by Brittany Snyder used corrugated cardboard to simulate logs, and natural materials for the roof. The small colonial homes will be on display in the library of Caledonia Elementary School.

Cynde Cook made a log cabin with a realistic stone chimney, and even a bird nest with eggs. The removable roof displays a fireplace and detailed interior.

All of Sheryl Kim's fifth graders took hours to make their realistic models. Here, Paul Geldersma stands beside his bark roofed stone house.

PTO meeting will be May 5

The Thornapple Kellogg Parent Teacher Organization meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening, May 5, in the McFall Elementary library.

The focus of the meeting will be on elections for PTO officers for the 1999-2000 school year and on the candidates for Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education.

Election of officers at the middle school will take place during the meeting, which begins at 6:30 p.m., the Meet the Candidates portion of the meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Elementary officers will be elected at 7:30 p.m.

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Cub Scouts plan to 'Scout for Food'

The boys in Cub Scout Pack 3065 in Middleville will be "Scouting for Food" on Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24.

This pack is sponsored by the Lions Club.

The 50 boys, under the direction of Scouting for Food coordinator Claudia Teesdale, will be dropping off grocery bags on all the downtown Middleville doorknobs after school Friday, April 23.

On Saturday, the scouts will come back and pick up bags. Donors should fill bags with canned or boxed non-perishable items. All the food collected goes to the Middleville Food Pantry at the United Methodist Church.

Teesdale says, "The generosity of the community has been overwhelming in the past. The boys really appreciate all those who contribute."

Anyone who wants to participate, but doesn't find a bag on their doorknob, can drop off food at the United Methodist Church on Saturday, April 24, at 5 p.m.

All the food collected stays in the community and is available for families and individuals in need. For more information about "Scouting for Food" call Teesdale at 891-1864.

Season starts with wins for Scots' track teams

Caledonia's track teams won three of four versus rivals South Christian and Wayland last week in O-K Gold action.

The Scots' boys beat South 97-40 April 13 and Wayland 100-37 April 15.

The Lady Scots also beat Wayland 91-44, but lost to South 107-30.

The 3200 relay team of Scott Busfield, Andy Schupp, Joe Lillie and Tim Ross (8:36.44), Matt Born in the high jump (6-2), Jason Roh in the 100 (11.27), the 800 relay team of Brett Higley, Roh, Ben Busman and Jeff Marsman (1:36.47), Ross in the 1600 (4:41.71), Chad Wangerin in the discus (140-2) and the shot put (51-1 1/2), the 400 relay team of Higley, Roh, Marsman and Busman (46.16), Chris Gave in the 300 hurdles (42.92), Schupp in the 800 (2:06.97), Roh in the 200 (23.69), Seth Temple in the pole vault (13-0), Eric Allen in the long jump (18-11) and the 1600 team of Gave, Nathan DeWitt, Allen and Schupp (3:41.8) all posted wins in the South victory.

For the girls Jodi Breen in the 100 hurdles (18.11), Brooke Wierenga in the 1600 (5:38.43), Amy Busfield in the 300 hurdles (51.51) and Tara Stanek in the pole vault (7-0) came away with firsts.

Stanek also won the pole vault event against Wayland with another 7-0. Other Lady Scots' winners were Stephanie Algera in the discus (99-6 1/4), and the shot put (39-4), Abby Desy in the long jump (13-8 3/4), the 3200 relay team (10:53.49), Breen in the 110 hurdles (18.18), the 800 relay team (1:56.50), Wierenga in the 1600 (5:42.71), the 400 relay team (55:06), Ashley Kooiman in the 400 (1:04.46), Busfield in the 300 hurdles (51.21), Wierenga in the 800 (2:36.21), Erin Mesecar in the 200 (28.84) and the 1600 relay team (4:42.40).

Caledonia's firsts in the boys meet were obtained by Wangerin in the discus (136-4) and the shot put (50-2), Gave in the long jump (19-2), Born in the high jump (5-10), the 3200 relay team (8:41.34), Roh in the 100 (11.56), the 800 relay team (1:36.31), Ross in the 1600 (4:39.68), the 400 relay team (46.21), Allen in the 400 (54.37), Gave in the 300 hurdles (43.75), Schupp in the 800 (2:08.65), Roh in the 200 (23.78), Lillie in the 3200 (10:51.96) and the 1600 relay team (3:37.40).

Members of the Thornapple Kellogg High School Honors Choir rehearse for their performance in Washington D. C. at the end of April. Students will be doing some fund-raising to be able to pay for the trip.

TK Honors Choir to travel to Washington D.C.

Members of the Thornapple Kellogg Honors Choir will travel to Washington D.C. Wednesday, April 28, as part of "America Sings!," a festival that benefits needy children across the United States.

The festival on May 1 will feature eight stages of performances by middle school, high school and college choirs from 31 states, Bermuda and Iceland.

The Thornapple Kellogg choir will perform at 5 p.m. on the Patriot stage. All the choirs will join together to form an enormous 7,500-member chorus for the festival's grand finale.

TK students will visit the sights and attend the festival's opening concert with the vocal jazz group "Take 6." Students hope to visit with Michigan Second District Congressman Peter Hoekstra as well.

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Caledonia approves police, procedure changes

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A resolution to implement a new set of policies and procedures, with one exception and one revision, was adopted by the Caledonia Village Council April 12.

The resolution was adopted from a draft manual of revised policies and procedures that has been under study for several months.

A revision to change the procedures and amounts of certain discretionary expenditures was approved. Expenditures that have already been approved in the budget by the council for an amount up to $10,000 may now be approved by the DPW and the village manager with the president's approval, without having to go back to the council.

An example of such an emergency repair occured on Terrace for $9,600. A blacktop replacement for the sewer plant for $3,700 was delayed in the past due to required council approval. Now the work can be expedited in a more timely manner.

This ceiling was raised from $2,500, which seldom would take care of most emergencies. Expenditures in excess of $10,000 would require getting sealed bids from different contractors and the Village Council would have to give approval.

Since village officials hope to hire a new village manager soon, the person in that position will be inexperienced, so Council members felt that once the person has fulfilled a probationary period, the manager and the DPW official might be able to handle these situations without the approval of the president.

Council delayed including a section dealing with contingency and reserve accounts until a later date. The state requires a contingency account to be included in the annual general fund budget, from which small expenditures of a non-recurring nature may be drawn. A percentage of the total general fund budget, which is presently between $260,000 and $280,000, will need to be maintained to be held in reserve.

The books were to be audited last week, and presumably Rehman & Robson, the village auditors, will offer advice on the matter.

In other business as last week's council meeting:

• The long awaited Caledonia library building transfer agreement, including a warranty deed and a bill of sale, which had been prepared by village attorneys was approved by all present. Trustee Dan Erskine was absent.

• A special budget workshop and Labor Committee meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Monday, April 26. Village Manager interviews will be conducted.

• A computer purchase was approved for up to $1,500. The computer will act as a network station and as a user work station. At present this would provide two work stations in the Village office. Jeff Kusmierz recommended a C/D writer to replace the present tape backup system.

• The sanitary sewer budget was amended for an additional $7,500 to conduct an engineering study by Lou VanLiere of Earth Tech. The study would cover sewers on Main Street from Maple Street east to manhole 9B near M-37.

• Caledonia received a Tree City Award for 1998. Arbor Day this year is April 30. A $2,200 budget amendment was approved, $1,800 to purchase replacement trees not planted last year following sidewalk replacement and tree removal, and $400 to purchase another Arbor Day tree. The village officials are in favor of planting a tree at the new Emmons Lake Elementary School.

• More discussion of trees came at the end of the meeting. Planting trees between the sidewalk and the street is required of some residents, within a year of when they take occupancy of a new home. The village at some point maintains that tree, because technically it is on village property.

The village also has been replacing trees that were taken during the sidewalk removal last fall. This is not something the village has planned to do where ever a resident moves in, though often trees are available, and have been planted where residents asked for them.

Discussion centered around who buys trees, who cares for them and who replaces them if the tree fails to grow. The tree committee members who took part in the discussion said two years would be needed to see if a tree could survive.

General consensus was in favor of a developer or resident providing a tree would be responsible for replacing that tree if it failed to grow. The village would be responsible for replacing it if the village had planted it, and it failed. No action or decisions on the monitoring and enforcing the care of was taken at this meeting.

However, young trees need about a bucket of water a day if they are to survive, according to some residents. Villagers who have a young tree in front of their house are asked to take responsibility for watering it, so it will grow.

In a similar vein, Trustee Arlene Oaks suggested planting flowers along Main Street in planters or where there is grass, next to the curb. Everyone liked the idea, and this may become a project taken on with cooperation of the local merchants in the near future.

• Many people may be happy to hear the annual car show, which has become a tradition in Caledonia, is being planned again for 1999. The date requested for a parade and for blocking off Main street will be Aug. 28. The council approved the date.

Shirley and Bill Hyatt, who have been responsible for organizing this community event for the past seven or eight years, said last year they needed to devote more time to some other priorities in the future. They asked for some car club or other community-minded group to take on the responsibility. They have found a group, the Camaro Club, to step in and help with the many duties required to put on such a show. The Hyatts say they will continue to help things get organized.

"There is a great potential for this show to include some other activities," Bill Hyatt said. "We would like to suggest a possible arts and crafts show, and perhaps some library involvement, and maybe some other activities as well."

Last year's car show was held at the same weekend as the local garage sales.

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Caledonia citizen wins apology from village

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia Village President Daryl Penfold last week apologized to citizen Ed Fowler, who had protested not being recognized during the extended citizen comment portion at the end of last month's meeting.

Citing the Bill of Rights, Fowler said, "I had a right to talk... nobody can tell me what I should be able to talk about. The Village Council will not listen to what the public has to say. They push things through when they want.... You don't follow your own rules and procedures," he said.

Penfold said, after he had reviewed the videotape of the March meeting, that the exchange had looked different than it had seemed when he was part of the conversation. He said, during the council discussion of the treasurer's duties in tax collection, he had not given Fowler enough time.

So Penfold apologized to him.

Speaking at public meetings does follow a particular order, Penfold explained outside the meeting.

If someone has a long informational comment to make at a meeting, the person may ask for time on the agenda to make a presentation. An example of this was when Nick Unger made a presentation about a petition concerning 100th Street.

To be put on the official agenda requires permission well in advance of the date. Meeting agendas must be posted.

Near the beginning of the meeting, people who wish to comment can raise their hands to indicate a desire to speak. Brief comments are taken, and each person is given about a minute to speak.

Near the end of the meeting, all people who wish to make an extended comment may raise their hands to speak. The president notes how many people want to speak and determines how much time to allow to each speaker, and each is recognized in turn. Comments usually range from one to three minutes.

Occasionally, during a discussion of an agenda item, the president can allow public comment on the subject. Citizens often have information, or questions or valid dissent council members may find useful when coming to a decision.

Penfold said outside the council meeting that comments in the meeting are not meant to become a debate of extended rebuttals between citizens about issues. Each person should make points during his or her time to speak.

ZBA approves Nextel tower in Yankee Springs

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Following strict guidelines set forth by Yankee Springs Township Zoning Board of Appeals Chair John Jerkatis, members of the board voted to approve a variance to allow Nextel to build a 300-foot communications tower.

The board heard from Nextel's Glenn Bober, who had been shepherding the request for a tower in Yankee Springs since July of 1998. He presented a overview of the process Nextel had tried to follow.

Other Nextel experts answered questions about radio frequency, coverage and need for service.

The board also heard from opponents of the tower, who asked that Nextel be limited to the 200-foot monopole tower allowed in the local ordinance.

One opponent of the tower who spoke was Scott McKeown, who lives on adjoining property to where the tower will be placed along M-37.

Several speakers noted that better coverage in the Yankee Springs area would allow people with cell phones to get assistance for those who are in accidents.

Attorney James Porter told the board that Nextel had complied with the township's request for answers to specific questions before the meeting.

In other ZBA business, the board approved variance requests from John Rough and Duane Rardeen. Rough will be renovating a home on Patterson and taking down one building and adding a garage. Rardeen is building a pole barn for storage on his property on England Drive.

Four running for two posts on GRCC Board of Trustees

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

There are four candidates for two, six-year positions on the Grand Rapids Community College Board of Trustees.

Miguel Berrios of Shawnee Drive in Grand Rapids, Wyoming residents Donald A. Dykstra and Janice L. Maggini, an incumbent, and Rockford resident Michael A. Stearns are all vying for the two openings.

Residents of the Caledonia and Thornapple Kellogg School districts are eligible to vote for these candidates on June 14 in the annual school election.

The deadline for filing petitions for the GRCC Board seats was Monday, April 12.

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Saturday, April 24th, 1999
Welcome by Douglas Kelsey Master of Ceremonies for the Weekend
6:00 a.m. ..... Pancakes
American Legion/Nashville Lions
6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. ..... Pancakes
Band Boosters
10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. ..... Arts & Crafts
Maplewood School
9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. ..... Maple Valley Jazz Band
Director: Dennis Vanderhoeff
10:15 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. ..... Ionia - Maple Valley Community Band
Director: Andrew Mac Farland
11:00 a.m. ..... Children's Parade
Theme: "Maple Syrup - Past, Present and Future"
Chairmen: Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Fisher
Presentation of Queen and Court
Queen: Michelle Jewel
Alternate: Hayley Todd
Crowning of 1999 Queen by 1998 Queen Andrea Mace
Presentation of 1999 Honored Citizens
Eugene & Mary Fisher
11:45 a.m. ..... Dutch Dancers
12:00 a.m. ..... Glen Erin Bagpipe Band
12:30 p.m. ..... Lansing Ramblers Dixie Band
2:00 p.m. ..... Grand Parade
Parade Theme: "The Syrup of the Century"
Parade Chairmen: Russell & Bonnie Laverty
Grand Marshals: Eugene & Mary Fisher
3:15 p.m to 4:15 p.m. ..... Thornapple River Boys
3:30 p.m., 5:00 p.m., 6:30 p.m. ..... White Pine's Lumberjack Show
4:15 p.m. ..... Puff Dragon Pedal Tractor Pull

Sunday, April 25th, 1999
6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. ..... Pancakes
American Legion/Nashville Lions
Starting at 11:00 a.m. ..... Bar-B-Que Chicken
Lions Club
7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. ..... Pancakes
Band Boosters
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. ..... Arts & Crafts
Maplewood School
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6 Hours of Rides $10.00
12:00 to 1:30 p.m. ..... Acappela Singers
12:30 p.m., 2:00 p.m., 3:30 p.m. ..... White Pine's Lumberjack Show
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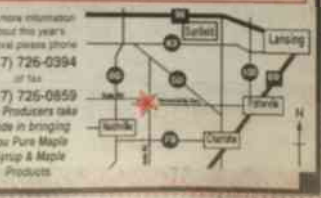

Caledonia planners still discussing master plan

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission continued to list topics to be covered in the master planning process at its April 5 meeting.

"Hot Spots" for consideration were identified last month and continued this month. Topics identified will include more in-depth discussion in the future.

The list added to those discussed last month at joint meeting between members of the Caledonia Township Board and the Planning Commission to enable different visions to be incorporated creating the new general development plan.

Commissioner Deb Steketee said there may be an optimum ratio between industry, commercial and residential areas.

Commissioner Ric Parent said the balance between revenues and services required by each category of zoning should be examined. He said residential housing usually requires more services to support it than it pays in taxes. Steketee said agriculture requires fewer services related to the taxes it contributes.

A percentage of land might be designated for many different categories, including for parks, mobile homes, commercial, agriculture, etc., to achieve a balance, not based solely on the revenue generated.

Tax abatements were listed for discussion, though abatements are a township board issue. Steketee said the commission members need to know how they might affect the township economically. Abatements offered to industry and to commercial interests would be studied to see if a long range benefit had been forthcoming in other communities that had tried such incentives.

Evaluation of the advantages of industrial zoning included looking at services required to support industry, like more infrastructure, roads, public water, sewers, waste treatment, power sources, power lines, as well as fire and police, were listed. The impacts of industrial zoning on the township were listed, including noise, storm water runoff, air emissions, impacts on the waterways, and aesthetic considerations.

Types of industrial zoning could include PUD industrial, overlay industrial and buffer zones between other kinds of zoning. Densities for industrial use could also be predetermined.

Many of the issues for commercial zones were the same as for industrial, and check lists for future discussion included which services and which impacts could be expected from different densities of commercial zones. Access and service roads, densities, hours, lighting were additional topics of interest in commercial zones.

Types of commercial zoning discussed included neighborhood commercial zoning to alleviate heavy traffic bottlenecks, PUD commercial, corner commercial areas in residential areas, overlay commercial (as along M-37), different kinds of commercial uses. PUD zoning requires larger parcels, but allows for planned service drives and limited openings to alleviate traffic.

Just as concentrations and densities in some areas may be needed, so should open space be created in some way. Steketee suggested requiring open space for all types of zoning.

Agriculture was discussed at length. Preserving agricultural open space is needed, even in areas around a farm, to allow the farmer to safely transport farm equipment from one area to another.

Commissioner John Finkbeiner, newly appointed to the commission, is a farmer. He said, "The future of agriculture is greatly diminished in Caledonia Township." He said if the farm is not profitable, the farmer cannot keep the land. Farm land is being assessed on its potential for development, and taxed highly, so that no one can afford to buy agricultural land just for farming.

The commissioners would like to zone in ways which will help reduce these pressures, and help preserve agricultural lands. Identifying agricultural features was thought to be important.

Preserving the natural features should be the first priority on a list of zoning priorities, if they are to be saved, Steketee said. Preservation of lakes, ponds, waterways and rivers are important to many people. Lowered densities around waterways as a part of zoning is desired by some.

Others thought heavier concentrations of population could be supported if sewage treatment plants were in an area often thought to be best near a waterway, an idea which many are opposed to as well.

Heavy development and construction erosion is one of the primary causes of pollution in the river, according to Patricia Pennell of the Thornapple River Watershed Group. Lawn treatment in residential areas around waterways is also a contributor to pollution.

Pennell said identifying natural assets in the township was the first step in an involved process, if those assets are to be preserved. A comprehensive survey identifying those features, goals for preserving them, and reasons and objectives stated in the ordinances created for their preservation must be clearly defined if a municipality is to enforce those ordinances against challenges that come to court.

Pennell brought several booklets and sample ordinances which other communities have put in place to protect natural features.

Planning Commission Chairman Roger Keating said a natural features inventory must be a major task.

Pennell said there were already information sources from various agencies, botanists, biologists and other consultants who could assist in bringing together information already available about the township's natural assets.

Keating said it could not wait another four or five years. He said hills and forests were already gone and sand, clay, limestone and granite substructures of the terrain, containing four major surface water spring tables were all features needing protection.

Keating said he had much information gathered from well digging logs, and from records compiled by Grand Valley. He has a map that identifies delicate underground waterways. These are

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VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE

PUBLIC NOTICE

There will be a special public meeting of the Middleville Zoning Board of Appeals on Tuesday, April 27 at 7:00 P.M. in the Village council Chambers at 100 East Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333. The purpose of the meeting is for the Zoning Board of Appeals to consider granting a variance from side yard setbacks in Chapter 1248.10 (I-2 Heavy Industrial Sites) Area Regulations to the Bradford White Corporation at 200 Lafayette for two structures along Washington Street.

In the I-2 Heavy Industrial District, Village Ordinance requires that there be a side yard of not less than 75 feet where such side yard abuts a lot or parcel of non-industrial uses.

The public is hereby reminded that each variance request is judged on its own merits and the granting of a specific variance request does not necessarily bind the Zoning Board of Appeals to similarly grant other such requests. Interested parties may also direct questions or comments to the Assistant Village Manager/Planner at the above address or by calling 616.795.3385.

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one of the natural features he would like to see protected.

Steketee wanted a ground water ordinance. She said the Planning Commission needs more information about sand filter septic systems to see how safe they were in high density developments.

She said creation of wetlands now is being used as a means for purifying water in conservation developments around the country. Pennell said this concept had recently been employed in Kalamazoo County.

Commissioner Patti Cress said she had a sample tree ordinance to contribute. Other members said when an old tree comes down, it is not replaceable. The job one tree does in purifying the air, absorbing sound, contributing to aesthetics, and providing shade cannot be equaled by several small trees. More trees are being cut than are being replaced.

Ordinances asking for specific numbers of trees in housing, industrial, and commercial developments would be a way to begin to remedy the problem.

The information discussed was added to that from the previous meeting in March. Topics listed at that meeting included the following:

- Effects from the new South Belt on the township are expected. However, whether this will bring more traffic into and through the community or whether it will relieve traffic congestion is not known.
- The Broadmoor Corridor, setback requirements along the Broadmoor overlay district, service drives, signage, curb cuts, architectural standards, green space and other elements were discussed. Being aware of traffic trends for such planning will be critical. Commercial areas must be allowed near the M-6 interchange.
- Areas near 76th Street and Kraft, and on 68th Street from Broadmoor to Alaska were mentioned as hot spots.
- 84th Street and Broadmoor in the north west corner of the township are already zoned for developments where light industrial uses and commercial uses are under construction, while the northeast corner is now zoned low density residential.
- The airport is a major factor affecting development in the township, and is a complex issue (See March 23 Sun and News).

Steketee said she would like to consider the economic impact of the airport and of the South Belt Highway on Caledonia Township residents. She wanted information about effects on other communities where housing had gone in after airport noise reached a high level. She wanted to gather data and compare it. She said perhaps people were willing to accept the noise.

Knowing this would help planners decide if the area within the airport runway path could remain residential, or whether the economic potential would be better in some other zoning category, such as commercial or industrial.

The air cargo facility at the airport will create truck traffic in Caledonia Township. What the Michigan Department of Transportation (M-DOT) does to route the traffic will affect the existing residents along roads used by that cargo traffic. While some want to work with existing plans, M-DOT has for routing this traffic, others would like to have some input into those uses and planning.

The commissioners wanted to identify the primary road system, identifying existing plans for those roads, and where designated truck routes were.

Taking a pro-active approach to planning is something some citizens would like township officials to do. Citizens Tom Apol and Nick Unger made a presentation at the March meeting for creating two bypass roads around Caledonia Village for M-37 and 100th Street.

Parks and recreation in the township was mentioned for consideration. Known parks mentioned were Alaska Park, Caledonia Lakeside Park, the roadside park at Alaska, a proposed park at the dam, the biking trails on the railways, and possibly a county park along the Thornapple River.

Citizen input is being asked for in creating the new general development plan. People who are interested in any of these issues should gather all the information they can find and come prepared to present their findings to the commissioners while the master plan is being developed.

Keating asked people who are part of a special interest group, such as farmers, homeowners, developers, business people and others, to refine their concepts including background, facts and details of their ideas in writing along with maps, drawings and photos if available.

"Try to get the bugs worked out between you before bringing ideas to the Planning Commission," he said.

'Oklahoma' casting set for April 23-24

The Caledonia Community Players will be casting for their summer musical "Oklahoma" Friday, April 23, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, April 24, at 10 a.m. at the Caledonia High School band room.

Call backs will be on April 27 and the first rehearsal will be on April 29.

The cast will include 14 men and nine women of high school age and older.

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VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE NOTICE

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MIDDLEVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, APRIL 27TH, 1999 HAS BEEN CHANGED TO WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28, 1999 AT 7:00 PM, IN THE VILLAGE HALL COUNCIL CHAMBER.

Roselle Havens, Village Clerk

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VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE

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TOWNSHIP OF YANKEE SPRINGS BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE ADOPTION

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT AT A REGULAR MEETING HELD ON APRIL 8, 1999, THE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES ADOPTED AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP ZONING MAP AND ARTICLE III, 15.3.1, USE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE, TO REPEAL ALL ORDINANCES OR PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HERE WITH, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE OF SAID ORDINANCE.

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ORDINANCE NO. 04-01-99
ADOPTED: 04-08-99
EFFECTIVE: 04-27-99

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Board-member Eaton, supported by board-member Kelley moved the adoption of the following Ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-1

A Zoning Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances adding and changing miscellaneous portions of Chapter 7 of the Thornapple Township Zoning Ordinance has been adopted by the Township Board of the Township of Thornapple as follows:

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 the 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

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, commercial or industrial purposes, requiring submission to, and approval 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 ated 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).

A detailed copy of the amendments is available during regular business hours at the Township Hall.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after this publication.
YEAS: Boysen, Getty, Eaton, Kelley, Eavey, Stagray
NAYS: Schad
ABSENT: None
Ordinance No. 99-1 declared adopted

Donald E. Boysen, Township Supervisor
Donna Stagray, Township Clerk

Adopted: April 13, 1999
Published: April 20, 1999
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Synopsis of regular meeting
VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE

Synopsis
VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE
Council Meeting Minutes
March 23, 1999

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Myers in the Council Chamber of the Village Hall. Mr. Lytle, Mr. Bray, Mr. Newman, Mr. Myers, Mr. Nesbitt, Mrs. VandenBerg and Mr. Kenyon were present when the roll was called. The agenda was approved with the addition of a closed session at the end of the meeting. Minutes of the March 9th meeting were approved as read.

Mr. Jim Pawlowski from Earth Teach presented a monthly report on the operation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Paid the invoices dated March 23, 1999 in the amount of $11,972.19 on the motion of Mr. Lytle with Mrs. VandenBerg's support.

2. Appointed Cheryl Myers, Lynn Steward, and Cathy Williamson to the Planning Commission for three year terms from 4/30/99 to 4/30/02.

3. Appointed Bette Koeplinger and Edna Bechtel to the Zoning Board of Appeals for three year terms from 4/30/99 to 4/30/02.

4. Appointed Mike Bremer to the Housing Commission for a five year term from 4/30/99 to 4/30/04.

5. Rescheduled the April 27, 1999 meeting to Wednesday, April 28, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Bray presented the motion with the support of Mr. Lytle.

6. Reduced the police force by one full-time officer as of March 30, 1999 on the motion of Mrs. VandenBerg, Chair of the Public Safety Committee, with the support of Mr. Bray. A roll call vote resulted in seven ayes.

7. Approved payment of $5,300.00 to Moody's Investor Service for the Village's Water and sewer project on the motion of Mr. Nesbitt with support from Mr. Bray.

8. Requested reimbursement from the Barry County Board of Public Works for payment of an invoice paid in January for legal services on the county bond issue of Mika, Meyers, Beckett and Jones, PLC in the amount of $4,028.32 on the motion of Mr. Lytle with Mrs. VandenBerg's support.

9. Approved the Village Manager's suggested budget adjustments on Mr. Nesbitt's motion with support from Mr. Bray.

10. Recessed the regular meeting to go into a closed session at 7:34 p.m. on Mr. Newman's motion with support from Mr. Bray. The regular session reconvened at 8:17 p.m.

11. Terminated the employment immediately of the Village Manager, David Arking, on the motion presented by Mr. Newman with support from Mr. Bray. A roll call vote was called. Ayes: Mr. Newman, Mr. Bray, Mr. Myers, Mr. Lytle and Mr. Kenyon. Nays: Mr. Nesbitt and Mrs. VandenBerg. The motion carried.

12. Adjourned the regular meeting at 8:20 p.m. on Mr. Bray's motion with support from Mr. Nesbitt.

Respectfully submitted by
Roselle Havens,
Village Clerk

(The complete text of the minutes may be read at the Village Hall between the hours of 9:00 and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. (312)

Irving Township prepares for the future

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Irving Township Board members made a significant move to the future last Wednesday by approving the sale of the township hall to Tim Weingartz.

At $10,003, Weingartz's bid was three dollars more than the next highest.

At the same time, Irving Township also made its last payment for purchase of the Cornerstone Wesleyan Church, which will serve as the new township facility within six months, as soon as the new church being built on M-37 is completed.

In other business last week, the board approved a $3,000 annual payment to the Freeport Public Library as its contribution. Library director Joanne Shesselink had asked for $4,000 and the board had been paying $2,000.

The board approved $13,000 in maintenance for gravel roads in the township. The board also approved dust costing for the roads this summer as well.

There was a discussion of how changes in the census and revenue sharing will affect the township in the future.

The next Irving township meeting will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, May 12.

The Irving Township Hall and lot were sold by sealed bid on April 14. The township will move to their new facility across the street later this summer.

VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE
PUBLIC NOTICE

THE MIDDLEVILLE COUNCIL WILL HOLD A PUBLIC MEETING TO HEAR THE COMMENTS OF CITIZENS REGARDING A PROPOSAL TO CONTRACT WITH BARRY COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE POLICE SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE.

MONDAY, MAY 3, 1999
7:00 PM

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Roselle Havens, Clerk 310

Thornapple Township to seek planner, zoning administrator

Rising rates of development, renovations and the need for expert information in the township have prompted Thornapple Township officials to seek a full-time person as planner/zoning administrator.

Diane Steeby who currently holds the position will be leaving at the end of May. Steeby had been hired as an 18-hour-a-week employee, but the demands of the position, including attending meetings of the Planning Commission, Township Board and ZBA are requiring more time than anticipated when she began.

The trustees will be advertising for the position and contacting local universities to post the position.

The board also will be contacting the village and Consumers Energy to make sure that township maps show where existing and newly installed utility lines are located.

Trustee Mike Kelley said he wants to make sure, for safety reasons, homeowners know if any high pressure lines go across their property. The township attorney may contact the gas utilities for information.

The board also discussed ways to make sure the township was getting optimum use of the building. The board will explore ways to make the basement area accessible with a possible meeting room. The board is also looking into having someone maintain the landscaping of the exterior. Correcting problems with the retaining wall will also be discussed.

Ways to improve rate of payment for ambulance services was also discussed. Research will be done into a possible raising of rates, if necessary.

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VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE
NOTICE
PUBLIC HEARING

The Village Council will conduct a Public Hearing to evaluate if it is in the best interest of the Village of Middleville to adopt an Industrial Development Plan and a Tax Increment Financing Plan.

The Hearing will be held on May 11, 1999, at 7:15 p.m. at the Village offices located at:

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The Village of Middleville Local Development Finance Authority created under Act 281 of 1986, as amended, has as its principle purpose to encourage local industrial development to assist in preventing conditions of unemployment and to promote economic growth. The Authority is intended to create jobs by supporting business investment in "eligible property." All industrial zoned (I-1 and I-2) properties are defined as "eligible properties."

Written comments or concerns will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 7, 1999, at the Village offices. All written comments will become a part of the record for the Hearing. (315)

THORNAPPLE BOARD
THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Board-member Eavey, supported by Board-member Stagray, moved the adoption of the following ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 99-2

A Zoning Ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances regulating the Fees and Escrow policy has been adopted by the township board of the township of Thornapple as follows:

ARTICLE XIX. ADMINISTRATION AND ENFORCEMENT
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 fee is prescribed. In addition to regularly established fees, the Township Board shall 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 expenses. 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 amendments is available during regular business hours at the Township Hall.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall be effective eight (8) days after this publication.

YEAS: All
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

Ordinance No. 99-2 declared adopted

Donald E. Boysen, Township Supervisor
Donna Stagray, Township Clerk

Adopted: April 13, 1999
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Summary of Minutes
VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA

Summary of the Regular Meeting of the Council of the Village of Caledonia April 12, 1999

The regular meeting of the Caledonia Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Penfold.

Present: Soules, Oaks, Penfold, Audy, Kusmierz, and Treasurer Wabeke. Absent: Erskine.

Consideration of the meeting agenda: Motion Carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda – With the exception of Fischer & Son's bill which was paid previously. Motion Carried.

President's Report

1. Budget Workshop/Labor Committee/Village Manager interviews -April 26, 1999 7:00 pm.

2. Arbor Day to be observed. Date to be announced.

3. Revised County/Local Petition Form – Available for review in the office.

4. School – Land Use Restrictions of old bus garage property.

Unfinished Business

1. Zoning Ordinance regarding dwelling size - Ordinance 99-92 An Ordinance to Amend the Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Caledonia (Minimum Dwelling Size in AG, R-1, R-2, R-3, and PUD Zoning Districts). Motion Carried.

2. Policy and Procedure Manual – Resolution 99-10 - Resolution to Approve Village of Caledonia Administrative Policies and Procedures Manual. Motion carried.

3. Library Transfer Agreement - Ordinance 99-11 An Ordinance to Approve Transfer of Interest in Caledonia Library Building and Furnishings Therein, and to Authorize Agreement for Library Services. Motion Carried.

New Business

1. Tree Board – Tree City Awarded for 1998. Budget Amendment $2,200 for interim fiscal year expenses. Motion carried. Glen Valley Trees – Referred to Tree Board for recommendation and implementation. Requests from all Village residents for removal or replacement will be reviewed by the Tree Board.

2. Compensate Administrative Assistant for Sick/Vacation time not taken due to circumstances. Returned to labor committee for further discussion.

3. Add Administrative Assistant to IRA - 1-year anniversary 3-29-99. Motion Carried.

4. Summer's End Car Show August 28, 1999. Motion Carried.

5. Excel Class for Administrative Assistant – Approved from current budget.

6. Computer Recommendations – $1,500.00 was approved for the purchase of a workstation. Motion Carried.

7. Sanitary Sewer Engineering Study on Main St. from Maple St. east to manhole 98, near M-37. Budget amendment for $7,500 approved. Motion Carried.

8. Bravata Drain Issue @ Johnson and Terrace – Motion to have EarthTech study out of general funds.

Council Comments

Public Comment (Extended)

Adjournment at 8:35 p.m.

Incumbents run unopposed in TK school board elections

Dan Parker

Martin Wenger

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Board of Education election on June 14 will be a quiet one for the residents of the Thornapple Kellogg school district.

Incumbents Martin Wenger and Dan Parker are running unopposed for the two positions.

The Thornapple Kellogg PTO has invited both candidates to a "Meet the Candidates" event Wednesday, May 5, at 7 p.m. in the McFall Library.

Parker currently serves as board president. Wenger serves on several board committees.

Caledonia Village changes ordinance on dwelling size

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Village Council last week unanimously approved a change in dwelling size specified in the zoning ordinance.

The major change modifies the previous requirements for split level homes.Each dwelling will have a minimum of 1,000 square feet of usable floor area above basement level, of which 700 square feet must be located on the floor nearest to ground level at the front of the building.

Single-family dwellings will be required to have the same amount of floor space as above, but two-family dwellings will have a minimum of 750 square feet of floor area per unit, above basement level.

For buildings containing more than two dwelling units, each will be required to have a minimum of floor space based on the number of bedrooms. A one-bedroom unit must have at least 650 square feet of floor space, a two-bedroom unit must have a minimum of 750 square feet per unit, a five-bedroom unit would be required to have at least 900 square feet of floor space per unit and for each additional bedroom, 100 square feet of additional floor area would be required.

The previous ordinance did not adequately describe split level housing situations. Floor levels separated by five feet or less are now considered as one floor level. Sizes required for various floors of a home previously asked for more of a minimum.

Some split level homes in the Glen Valley development did not conform to the previous ordinance as specified, even though many were very spacious. If approving an ordinance for a PUD specifically provides a different minimum floor area, the developer may need to apply for an amendment to take advantage of the change.

Planned Unit Development homes may still depart from the formula by the discretion of the Village Council as a part of the approved PUD, if the intended objectives appear to have been met. The departure would attempt to encourage flexibility and creativity as compared to more conventional housing, to the net benefit of the Village and other residents in the PUD.

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Athletes of the Week

Erin Osgerby
Caledonia High School

Osgerby struck out 18 Trojans to lead the Lady Scots in their softball sweep over the Lady Trojans from Middleville April 13. Osgerby, who recently signed to play college softball at Aquinas, is the "fastest (pitcher) by far" that Caledonia Coach Jon Pelletier has ever worked with. "She's overpowering," added the Scot skipper.

Drew Kennedy
Thornapple-Kellogg High School (Middleville)

Kennedy collected two hits in the Trojans' first game 11-1 baseball triumph over the Scots April 13 in Middleville. Kennedy not only is a great asset with his bat, but also is a great talent with his work behind the plate.

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Thornapple Township agrees to join LDFA

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Members of the Thornapple Township Board decided to join the Local Development Finance Authority formed by the Village of Middleville at their meeting on April 12.

Members of the board said they were very concerned about making sure that their participation did not negatively impact the local fire millage levy. After checking with the township attorney, they opted to join the LDFA but decided to limit participation to those levies that are not earmarked by the township.

Bill Getty was elected to serve as township representative to the LDFA Board. The village has scheduled a public hearing on the authority for Tuesday, May 11.

In other business at the special meeting last week, the board members began work on the new emergency services contract, which will be presented to the Irving and Yankee Springs township boards.

The new contract which will begin in April 2000 will be presented to the townships for review and comment after May 15.

The parking lots return to the Village after 15 years.

In other business, the council set a joint meeting with Rutland Township for 7 p.m. Thursday, April 29, to discuss the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail in the Rutland Township Hall. Brian Gruesbeck also reported that debris blocking the trail at McCann had been removed.

The date of the next Middleville Village Council meeting is April 27 at 7 p.m. A public hearing on the police department is scheduled for May 3 in the Thornapple Township Hall.

Work on sewer project going smoothly

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Engineer Steve Williams reported to the members of the Middleville Village Council April 13 that the work on the force main is going well.

A representative will be going to homes that are in the project's path in advance to reassure them that their lawns and drives will be restored.

Residents who have to park along the side of the road while the project is in process will not be ticketed.

Council member David Newman announced that the village and the union have worked out a tentative contract agreement with employees with the Department of Public Works.. Council will be able to review and approve the entire agreement at the next meeting but Newman asked that they approve the wage changes.

Wages will rise slightly more than $1 per hour over the three year contract.

The council also approved change orders for the sewer/water project and sent the bills to the county for payment.

The council approved a purchase development agreement with the Don and Sharon Haney for the property next door to the Village Hall. The Haneys have a year to have a parking lot installed or the property reverts to the village.

The village also has to use of the banquet hall once a year for a village activity.

Caledonia girl killed trying to cross road

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A 6-year-old Caledonia girl was killed Thursday afternoon, April 15, when she was struck by a semi-truck while attempting to cross Kraft Avenue in front of her home.

Amanda Peters earlier had exited the school bus with about nine or ten other children who live in homes located close together. Normally the children would walk to their driveways on the same side of the road as the drop-off point. She apparently was crossing the road to check her family's mailbox, a witness said.

The accident occurred on Kraft between 92nd and 84th streets. The bus had progressed a long way down Kraft, and several of the other children had walked to their homes by the time the accident occured.

The semi truck, of the double trailer type, was driven by Chad Fennema, 28, of Grand Rapids, who was not charged with any fault in the accident. He was not injured.

Caledonia Fire and Rescue were called to the scene, but Amanda was pronounced dead at the scene. The accident is still under investigation.

Amanda was a student in Sandy Hyde's class at Caledonia Elementary School. Her parents are Doris and James Peters.

South Christian website is recipient of 13 awards

South Christian High School's web site has become a vital link in keeping up with the school's many activities.

The recipient of 13 awards for design and content, the web site boasts almost 15,000 hits since Dec. 5, 1996. These hits include visits from many alumni and former exchange students from around the world who keeps in touch with the school through the web page.

The site is updated weekly by DeVries and VanderZee. It provides access to all printed materials available through the school office; all monthly and quarterly publications of the school; all athletic schedules, rosters, and records for the current year as well as archived information; calendars for the school year; an alumni e-mail directory, newsletter, and class reunion information; information for new and prospective students; a photo gallery of student activities, staff, and sports; and academic links specifically for SCHS classes.

South Christian's web site listed in all major search engines and can be found at http://www.schs.org.

Bicyclist struck by car on M-37

A 14-year-old Middleville girl was hurt last Thursday when her bicycle was struck by a car on M-37 near Finkbeiner Road in Thornapple Township, according to the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police.

Police said Ruby Violet Curths apparently was attempting to cross M-37 when she entered the path of a southbound 1965 Studebaker, driven by Frederick Harvey Winters, 52, of Caledonia, who swerved to avoid hitting the bike.

The bike hit the side of the car and Curths was taken to Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids, where she was treated for her injuries and released.

Police said Curths did not check for traffic before attempting to cross the highway.

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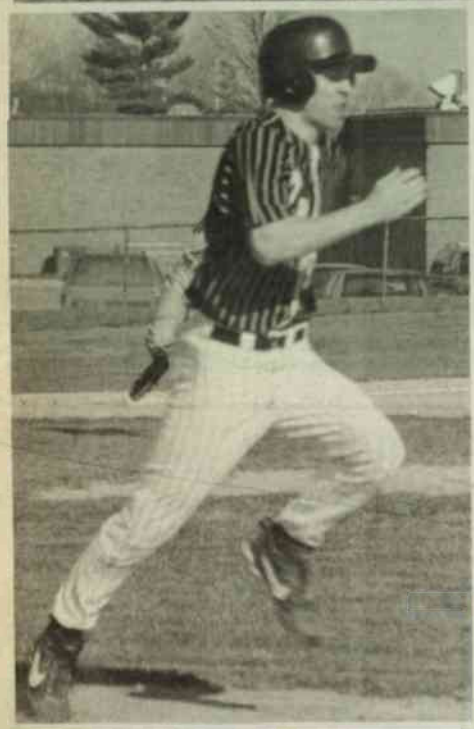

Being aggressive at the plate, and on the base paths, helped the black and orange to coast to a relatively easy first game triumph.

Trojan Dan Warner (4) is sure to touch first base as Caledonia's defense attempts a little trickery in the field.

Caledonia's bats improved in Game 2 as two Scots hit pitches out of the Middleville baseball yard.

Area varsity baseball teams split doubleheader

Middleville's Jeremy Vandefifer did his best impression of South Park's Eric Cartman following his team's 11-1 triumph over Caledonia in varsity baseball action last Tuesday in Middleville.

"Sweet" was the word that Vandefifer used to describe his emotions for beating their local rival.

But in the second game, the sweetness went the way of the visiting Scots who cranked two home runs and won 17-4.

Brett Beckett and Tim Williams collected the Scots' dingers in Game 2.

Caledonia scored nine times in the first inning, thanks in part to four Middleville miscues. For the game, Middleville made seven errors and collected six hits.

Middleville's bats were a little more in tune in Game 1, but it was also their prowess on the base paths that gave the black and orange a 10-run triumph.

Drew Kennedy led the

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Softball Scots use hot arm to cool Trojans

April 13 turned out to be quite a day for Caledonia senior softball player Erin Osgerby.

Osgerby not only signed to play college softball with Aquinas College on that day, but the star pitcher also helped guide her current Scots' squad to two big wins over rival Middleville.

Caledonia won the first game 5-2 with Osgerby striking out 10, walking none and allowing two hits.

The Scots' hitters scored three times in the seventh inning to help pull out the victory.

The action was hard-fought in both games, but pitching and defense were major factors, according to Middleville Coach Duane Petrosky.

"It came down to who made the fewest mistakes," Petrosky said.

Jenny Meyer and Kelly Bremer each collected hits for the Lady Trojans with Bremer providing a two-base rap.

Scots' Deana Hale (23) makes the defensive play, while teammate Courtney Hondorp (21) adds some support.

Leading the Lady Scots' offense was Darcy Stouffer with two hits.

Middleville trailed 6-3 in the seventh inning of the second game before scoring three to tie it heading into the bottom of the frame.

Caledonia went right at it loading the bases and eventually tallying the game-winner in dramatic fashion.

Osgerby fanned eight in the nightcap to finish with 18 strikeouts for the two games. Her talents impress her Caledonia coach, Jon Pelletier.

"Erin is just by far the fastest that I've ever had," Pelletier said. "She's overpowering."

Certainly he would have liked to have notched one or two wins, but the Lady Trojans' skipper was pleased with his team's overall play.

"We came back nice," Petrosky said. "I'm happy with the way we are hitting the ball and we played pretty respectable on defense."

Courtney Hondorp was a hitting star for the Lady Scots with two RBI and a double to give team the lead. Jackie Yonker also provided some punch with two hits and two RBI.

For Middleville, Meyer had a double and two hits, Nina Cowham a double, two hits and four RBI, Teri Schondelmayer two hits, Kelly Bremer had two hits and Erin Palmer had three hits and two RBI.

It was the battle of the Erins on the mound. Palmer also started both games for Middleville and threw well before being relieved by Bremer in the second game. Palmer struck out 13 in the first game.

Middleville dropped two decisions to Wayland April 14, 9-0, 9-1. Palmer pitched well in Game 1, striking out eight. Bremer scored the lone Lady Trojan run.

The Trojans were sharp in the field, thanks to plays like this from Teri Schondelmayer, but were limited offensively by the pitching of Erin Osgerby.

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Trojan hitting attack with two hits and two RBI. Brett Ybema and Ryan Lenartz also collected two RBI apiece for the Middleville squad. The Trojans, as a team, had seven hits.

Middleville also stole seven bases and is geared toward breaking last season's school record of 91.

The winning pitcher in Game 1 was Andy Price who struck 10 and allowed just four hits.

Middleville lost twice to Wayland April 14, 16-4 and 13-4. In the 13-4 loss, Dan Warner collected a home run, while Paul Wade had two RBI.

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Caledonia varsity soccer squad still without a loss

Caledonia's varsity soccer squad remained undefeated following its 2-1 win over Grand Rapids Christian April 13 at Jaycee Park.

The non-league triumph made the Lady Scots 3-0-1 entering their Friday night clash with Cedar Springs.

Liz Fortuna scored one of Caledonia's goals and also assisted on the other.

Christina DeVormer tallied the second Scots' goal.

Outstanding team defense, according to Caledonia Coach Jeff Merritt, was the difference in the outcome. Ashley Frazier, Sara Dunlap, Alicia Rider, Holly Blackmore and Jessy Choryan all contributed to the victory.

FSU team honors Middleville's Kaechele

The Ferris State University women's basketball program held its annual banquet April 11 and Middleville's Sarah Kaechele was one player who was honored.

Kaechele, a senior guard, was selected as the team's Hardest Worker. As one of FSU's two captains, Kaechele completed her college career in fifth place in team history with 61 three-point field goals and shot 44.1 percent (15-of-34) from behind the arc.

FSU was 18-10 overall for the season and 10-9 in the GLIAC.

Lady Scots scorch Cedar

It was a huge victory for Caledonia's varsity soccer team that won 10-0 to improve it's season mark to 4-0-1.

The Lady Scots crushed Cedar Springs in the shutout April 16 for their first season triumph in the O-K Gold Conference.

Excellent team defense kept Cedar off the board, while Caledonia's offense also sparkled some.

Liz Fortuna scored four goals and notched one assist.

Elise Boncher, Ann Schmidt and Ashley Frazier all added two goals also to the Lady Scots' total.

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