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Three seek 2-year term on Caledonia School Board

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Five candidates plan to run for seats on the Caledonia Board of Education in the annual school election Monday, June 14.

The field includes three newcomers for one seat and two incumbents running unopposed for the other two.

Without opposition for the two four-year seats on the board are incumbents President Dan Clark and Trustee Robert 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.

Also on the ballot will be a millage renewal question. Voters will be asked to renew the 18-mill levy on non-homestead property.

Robert Bergy

Dan Clark

Bill Harrison

John Jacobson

Ken Yonker

Proposal A brought establishment of 6 mills on all properties, but 24 mills on non-homestead parcels. However, the local district must hold an election and receive the approval of local taxpayers in order to levy the 18 mills on non-homestead properties needed to obtain full state funding of 24 mills on non-homestead land.

School officials say Caledonia Community Schools has a tax base of $652,000,000. Of that total, $350,000,000 is in non-homestead property. If the school district could not levy the 18 mills on that property, children in the district could lose $6.3 million in funding, or a 31 percent decrease in revenues.

They stress the renewal in June is imperative to maintain the schools at their present budget. They do not want the passage of the matter to be taken for granted and hope people remember they are not being asked to add a new tax. There will be no difference in their tax bills. It means voting to continue the current millage at the same level.

The renewal is not a tax on homes, but a property tax on business, commercial and other non-homestead property.

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Artist Don Williamson (left) shows sculpture committee members Nancy Goodin, Lori Buchanan and Julie Coon a scale drawing of his plans for the commemorative sculpture.

Old TK Middle School sculpture plans proceed

Don Williamson Julie Coon and Nancy Goodin lay out preliminary dimensions of the commemorative sculpture. The corner stone from the 1931 building will be incorporated in the sculpture.

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The architectural landscape will change radically in Middleville is summer with the demolition of the former high school and current middle school building.

A committee of citizens has been working diligently to insure that the role the building (original section built in 1931) will not be forgotten.

Local resident and artist Don Williamson is refining his design for a sculpture that will acknowledge the past and look to the future. He will be meeting with the

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The candidates

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 almost seven years.

A lifetime Caledonia resident, he graduated from Caledonia High School in 1965. He is an American Legion member and has served on the board of the Caledonia Sportsmen's Club for several years. He and his wife Cheryl have four children, ages 14 to 27.

Clark has served on the school board for four years and as president for the last year.

"It has been a tremendous privilege to be a part of the board these past four years," he said.

Clark has worked at Johnson Controls in Holland for about four and one half years.

A 22-year resident of Caledonia, he and his wife Sheryl have two children. He has served as a youth pastor and was vice president of student development at the former Grand Rapids School of Bible and Music. He also worked in the support room at the Caledonia Middle School for a year and a half.

"I look forward to meeting the concerns and building the future of our district with our current board, administration and staff."

The questions:

The candidates running for the open spot on the board were asked the following questions:

1. CHARTERS: What do you think of charter schools and of allowing charter school students to use public school facilities and programs?

2. SECURITY: In view of the recent shootings in Littleton, Colo., what do you think local school boards should do to deal with security issues?

3. PRAYER: Some groups are proposing prayer in the schools as a remedy to the violence in the schools. Do you agree or disagree, and what would you do if a group proposed prayer in the schools in Caledonia?

4. ISSUE: What is the most important educational issue today?

5. WHY YOU: Why should the voters select you over your opponents?

Bill Harrison

Harrison has a PhD in administration and curriculum from MSU. He has been involved in education for nearly four decades.

He is currently employed as director of education for employment and instructional technology 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, and with his wife Judy has three children who graduated from Caledonia.

He started his career as a teacher and coach in Caledonia Schools in the 1960s. He helped develop championship tennis and FFA leadership teams.

As part of the Business/Community Advisory Committee, Harrison helped develop the Caledonia Schools' strategic plan. He co-chaired the Personalized Learning Committee for the strategic plan.

"I believe we should serve all students, and I believe in excellence in education. I feel that my educational experiences and knowledge of the community will be an asset on the board."

CHARTERS: "We all want the best education for our children. That is why my wife and I chose to send our kids to Caledonia schools. Sadly, due to many factors, some parents have no better alternative if a school is not meeting their child's needs. In talking to parents, I find they are more interested in being involved in our school than starting a new one.

"I do not think that charter schools have a clear 'right' to use our facilities."

SECURITY: "A learning environment needs to be a safe environment. While we are shocked and saddened by the recent shootings, I think we have a secure community and safe schools. The Caledonia board has recently approved additional security practices. In Caledonia, active parents and caring teachers are the best recipe for a safe learning environment."

PRAYER: "Churches, schools and others must work together to create a caring community. I would hope that our school would be a place where all students would feel comfortable, both church going and those who don't. I would strongly support voluntary student led prayer time. I don't see this issue as one the school board needs to get involved with to prevent or protect.

ISSUE: Harrison said the most important educational issue is to provide a high quality education for all students.

"Our mission is to empower and equip all students to lead productive lives and reach their full potential. For Caledonia, the challenge is to provide high quality education while meeting and managing growth."

Harrison said his involvement with the Caledonia schools as a caring teacher, a supporting parent and an active citizen serving in several school committees make him a good choice for the board.

"My work experiences in several different educational settings gives me insight to quality education. I've enjoyed working as a teacher in Caledonia, as an administrator at Kent Intermediate Schools and a leading educator with MSU Extension. I feel these educational experiences and my knowledge of our community will be an asset on the board."

John Jacobson

Jacobson holds a degree in civil engineering and he is currently working toward a master's degree in management at Aquinas College.

A civil department supervisor at U.R.S. Greiner of Grand Rapids, an architectural firm whose primary work is on school facilities and expansions, his work relates to areas he believes can contribute to his service as a school board member. He has experience working with other school boards on bond and construction issues.

Jacobson has helped coach Caledonia Middle School Science Olympiad for the past two years. He has been involved with the growth committee for the past eight months.

The Jacobsons will have four children attending Caledonia schools by fall and have lived in Caledonia for four years.

CHARTERS: "I believe in school choice. We will have to deal with charter schools. Offering more choices in curriculum in the public school is a way to compete with the charter schools. He said Caledonia had not lost a lot of kids to charter schools, but Grand Rapids is having problems with that.

"It appears charter schools aren't being held to the same standards as public schools."

He said he was not for using public school facilities for students attending charter schools. "They should provide their own facilities, and take on the same responsibilities for operational costs.

"There is an argument for shared use," he added. "A percentage of taxes from bond issues goes to public school facilities, based on landholders and businesses. It may be said all people contribute to facilities and should be able to use them."

SECURITY: "Local school boards can set policies. Our administrators are taking steps I would back. They are becoming more vigilant, offering counseling and oversight where need is seen.

An effort to keep to smaller class sizes and to give personalized attention so students are not isolated is being made. We have a good strategic plan, to set the vision in education, to offer good classes, and to not let students fall through the cracks, and to find out if a student is lost prior to reaching the edge."

He said he thought the teachers and administration were doing the right things.

PRAYER: "Prayer in the schools can be allowed after hours. Each person's beliefs can be facilitated individually, but in public school, prayer is not possible. It is a major legal issue I would not want to take on.

"If a group came with that agenda, that group could

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have prayer after school. They could be accommodated, but not facilitated by school administrators."

ISSUE: "The most important issue in Caledonia is growth. Growth appears to be inevitable in the Caledonia area, and the quality of our education system must be maintained while handling that growth."

He said facilities were needed, but the school system had been hampered by funding issues since 1990, when projections indicated need for two middle schools and two high schools, with a goal of maintaining a more personal focus in the school.

Jacobson said "Funding based on the 80/20 rule is of a major concern. It is causing a real problem, and creating hard choices. Even if facilities can be built, the funding will not support the operating costs in the larger setting, or in two separate schools as was hoped."

WHY YOU: Jacobson believes his background in building school facilities for a living gives him tools for helping the school system to build toward the next phase. He believes he can help handle the growth, and to take advantage of the best opportunities to meet the challenges.

Ken Yonker

Yonker graduated from the agriculture technology program at MSU.

He has owned and operated his own business, Yonker's Landscaping Inc., for 15 years and has been a community resident since childhood. He attended Christian schools before college.

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.

Yonker has taught Sunday School and served as a deacon at his church, Lakeside Community. He and his wife have four children, with three enrolled in Caledonia schools at present.

CHARTERS: "I think charter schools bring healthy competition to the consumer and provider. Caledonia has nothing to fear from competition. It will keep us motivated to build a better educational program."

SECURITY: Yonker said to make schools more secure, "We must first be sure not to react, but keep a cool head and think through a logical response."

Limiting access to the main entrances so monitoring can be done easily, Yonker said, was a good idea. He is in favor of the mentoring program in the middle school, and said "students' lives are touched before a desperation situation happens."

PRAYER: Though Yonker "believes for a student to spend a few minutes each morning to seek wisdom and guidance from the Creator is a healthy practice," he said "prayer is not the only answer" to the problem of school violence.

"I believe action on our part to instill a strong standard of morality, ethics and accountability should follow.

"I would advise (a group asking for prayer practice) this is a legal and legislative issue that has to be pursued with our state and federal representatives."

ISSUEL: "Each issue a parent brings before the board is an important issue, and each should be addressed as important.

"I think the radical change in curriculum is important. I think a careful follow-up study of the effects of these changes should be done with changes made where needed."

WHY YOU: "I believe I have several good qualifications for this job. As a business man, I understand the importance of education, structure and of good change."

"I have served on our industries board and as president for one year. This experience has taught me a board member should work as a servant and a director, which I can offer to Caledonia schools.

"I am a man of honesty and integrity. I care about people and their children.

"As a business man in the Caledonia community and as a long time resident, I have a deep rooted interest in the quality of life in our community. The school system is a very large part of that quality. Good education and our children are a high priority for me."

A forum in which the candidates will respond to questions will be held at 7 p.m. tonight, June 1, in the high school student services room.

Sculpture plans, from front page —

architect to make sure the plan is workable and fits into the site.

Williamson and other members of the committee will meet with the construction team later this month to make sure that site work for the project can be done at the same time as the work on the former middle school site and the connecting corridor at nearby McFall Elementary.

This summer the committee will call on local residents to help with saving bricks from the building to be used in construction of the sculpture.

Fund-raising also will begin in earnest later this summer with a real push during Heritage Days in September.

Any local individual or organization who would like to help with brick recovery this summer can call the Thornapple Kellogg administration building at 795-3313.

Williamson and the committee hope to present final plans to the Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education at its Monday, June 14, meeting.

Middleville considers speed limit changes, cable funds

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Village of Middleville Public Safety committee members have asked the Village Council to change the speed limit on Green Lake Road to 25 miles per hour from the new middle school into the village.

They are not recommending a four-way stop at Bender and Green Lake, but are suggesting one at State and Russell.

Assistant Village Manager Brian Gruesbeck will look into whether the county must approve the speed limit. President Lon Myers announce that the council members will vote on these issues at their next meeting Tuesday, June 15.

In other village business last week:

• Clerk Roselle Havens announced that Porter Communications is purchasing Avalon Cable. Councilman David Newman suggested exploring the possibility of using the $8,000 franchise fee to develop a media lab at the high school or something else that would benefit residents.

• Charlie Miller from Earth Tech announced that nickel levels in the sludge continue to rise, but tests of effluent at Bradford White are not showing levels high enough to be causing the trouble. Earth Tech is testing effluent at other local industries.

The Department of Environmental Quality has contacted Bradford White to offer assistance in reducing the nickel in its production.

• The council approved the Barry County Solid Waste Management plan once Gruesbeck assured them that there were few significant changes from the plan that had been approved in 1996.

• Joanne Law was hired as an administrative assistant for up to 15 hours. The council also approved giving Gruesbeck a $2,000 raise. This brings his salary up to $31,000 per year. His raise is effective immediately.

• Councilman Bill Nesbitt announced that a representative from the council and the Thornapple Trail Association have discussed ways to provide screening for residents along the Rutland Township portion of the trail.

Village President Lon Myers also announced that five and a half miles of the trail is fully open and the village looks forward to residents using it.

• The Planning Commission meeting has been rescheduled to June 15 at 7:30 p.m. Bill Getty's Town Square development proposal will be on the agenda.

Volunteers needed to remove bleachers June 5

Boy Scout Ben McDuffee has begun his second quest for an Eagle project.

He is looking for volunteers willing to help with removing the wooden bleachers from Bob White Stadium.

Muscle power and tools are needed to help make this part of the project go smoothly. Weather permitting, bleacher removal will begin Saturday, June 5, at 9:30 a.m. McDuffee hopes that removal should be finished by 4 or 5 p.m.

Volunteers should bring work gloves. Any volunteer who can help some time during the day will be appreciated. Call McDuffee at 795-7472 to volunteer.

People who can lend tools to the project should also call or contact him via e mail at duffee@iserv.net. Tools needed include socket sets, hammers (lots of these), grinders, adjustable wrenches, chisels and pry bars.

Please label loaned tools with names and telephone numbers for ease of return.

In case of rain the bleacher demolition will take place at the same time on June 12.

2000 reunion plans underway

Laura Thede Hyde and Lois Nagle Seppanen are already planning reunion events on June 25, 2000, for Thornapple Kellogg graduates from the years 1940 to 1951.

Hyde said, "We want people to know the date now so they can mark their calendars now. The day will begin with a golf outing and end with dinner at the Middle Villa Inn."

This group of graduates has a reunion every two years and the next one will mark the millenium.

For more information, call Hyde at 891-8760 or Seppanen at 868-6455.

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GFWC scholarship fundraiser will be Friday

The second annual scholarship fundraiser Friday, June 4, sponsored by the General Federation of Women's Clubs-Gun Lake Area, again will showcase local talent.

Heading the list for the evening's program is master of Neil Dionne, a popular disc jockey from country music station, B-93. During the course of the Revue, scholarship winners for 1999 will be announced and door prizes will be awarded.

The event will take place at 6:30 p.m. Friday at the Gun Lake Community Church, 12200 Chief Noonday Road, Gun Lake.

Talent will include actors and comedians from the Middleville Village Players. Young performers from Jill Anderson's School of Dance in Wayland will perform a variety of dance styles, including tap, ballet and jazz. Singers will include duets, solos, and a quartet, GFWC-Gun Lake Area club member, Sandra Buller, the Chorelttes, Tara McLaughlin, Katie Riffey, and some country gospel songs will be sung by the Freemans.

Preceding the Revue, two art galleries from the area will be displaying the talents of some local artists in the Narthex of the church at 6:30 p.m. Pat Sensiba, owner of the Jefferson Street Gallery from Hastings, and Cathy Green, of Bridge Street Gallery of Plainwell, will bring the display paintings, sketches, jewelry and pottery.

After the show, members of the Gun Lake Women's Clubs will serve an hors d'oeuvre and dessert buffet.

This event is the only source of funds for the four scholarships awarded annually to a senior from one of the four high schools that serve the Gun Lake area - Delton Kellogg, Martin, Wayland Union and Thornapple Kellogg.

Donation tickets are $10 and are available at the door the night of the event, or in advance at the Jefferson Street Gallery in Hastings and at Gun Lake at the Sea Shanty on Chief Noonday Road and the Hummingbird Arts and Crafts on Patterson Road. Marie Finkbeiner, ticket chair, can be reached at 795-9682.

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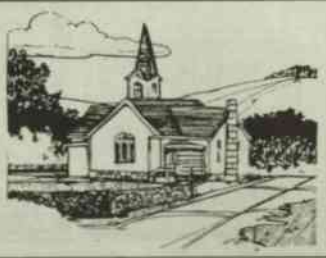

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Kiddie Kampus graduation filled with laughter, tears

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Teacher Sarah Hoekstra and assistant Barb Bender gave students in the Kiddie Kampus preschool program a fine sendoff at the preschool graduation ceremonies May 19.

Students sang four songs featuring five lfttle ducks, monkeys and green and speckled frogs.

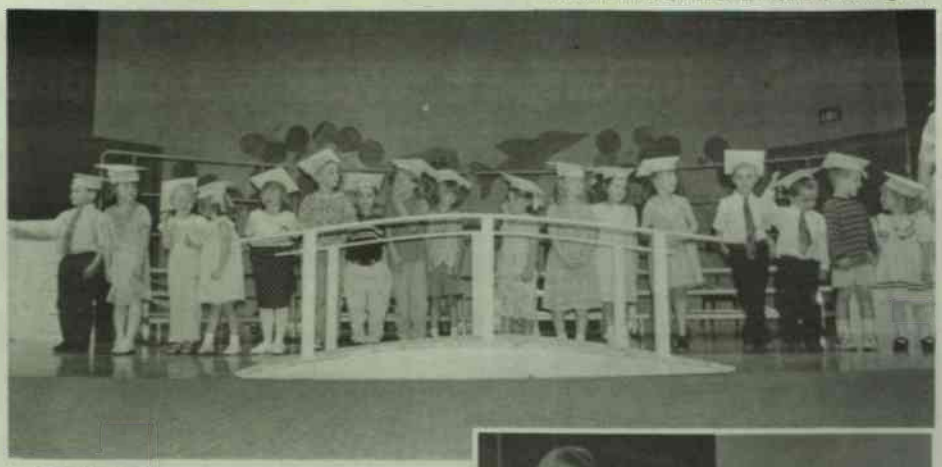
No parents' eyes were dry as they heard the "Rainbow Song." Hoekstra thanked parents for their assistance in making the year a fun and rewarding one for all students.

Students graduating in the Monday-Wednesday-Friday morning class were William Beilfuss, Alec Dickerson, Brad England, Derek Fredenburg, Caleb Funk, Kristian Hager, Shannon Hamilton, Erin Hermenitt, Ryan Kermeen, Kara Lanting, Devin Larson, Gayle Lofquist, Zachary Longhurst, Alyson Lynn, Aurora Neeson, Brittany Quint, Sierra Sigler, Ashley Stein and Shannon Whitney.

The Tuesday-Thursday morning graduates were Emily Bauer, Aaron Bouchard, Joshua Bremer, Dustin Brummel, Amy Coon, Garrett Dammen, Benjamin Delger, Aimee Ellinger, Erin Ellinger, Russell Ellinger, Lindsay Genther, Kendall Goosen, Kara Hayward, Brendon Hudson, Alex Koetsier, Austin Lajcak, Lauren Mass, Danny Rademacher, Erik Smendik and Joshua VanSickle.

The Monday through Thursday afternoon graduates were Chad Blank, Andy Crumback, Jimmy Hamstra, Charlie Harper, Mary Harper, Paige Martin, Randi Melchert, Michelle Merchant, Katelynn Phillips, Amanda Reed, Michaela Stone, Joshua Wheeler and Brandon Wiersma.

Pictures and refreshments followed the ceremonies marking this first graduation.



Preschool students in the Kiddie Kampus program celebrated their graduation May 19.

Lots of hugs, some laughter and a few tears were shared by teacher Sarah Hoekstra, students and parents at the preschool graduation.

Newest additions at the TK Library

Fiction

Star Wars Episode 1: The Phantom Menace by Terry Brooks; Enchantment by Orson Scott Card; We'll Meet Again by Mary Higgins Clark; Hard Evidence by Barbara D'Amato; Carter Clay by Elizabeth Evans; Into the Far Mountains by Fred Grove; East of the Mountains by David Guterson; A New Song by Jan Karon; The Smiling Country by Elmer Kelton; Eye of the Beholder by Jayne Krentz; Joining by Johanna Lindsey; The Alternate by John Martel; The Tower and the Hive by Anne McCaffrey; A Certain Smile by Judith Michael; Suspicion of Betrayal by Barbara Parks; The Blue Hour by T. Jefferson Parker; Blue Corn Murderer by Nancy Pickard; Close Range; Wyoming Stories by Annie Proulx; The Senator's Wife by Karen Robards; The Reader by Bernard Schlink; Into the Darkness by Harry Turtledove; The Emperor's General by James Webb.

Non-Fiction

Common Sense on Mutual Funds by John Bogle; A 6th Bowl of Chicken Soup for the Soul by Jack Canfield; Mr. Food Meals in Minutes by Art Ginsburg; The Complete Book of Running for Women by Claire Kowalchik; Triathlon 101 by John Mora; Atlantic Canada Handbook, Mark Morris; 1999 Road Atlas; All Too Human by George Stephanopolas; The Look of the Century by Michael Tambini.

Children

Cam Jensen and the Mystery of the Monkey House by David Adler; Sit on a Potato Pan, Otis by Jon Agee; Animorphs Megamorphs #3: Elfangor's Secret by K.A. Applegate; Animorphs #29: The Sickness by K.A. Applegate; Soccer Cats #1; The Captain Contest by Matt Christopher; Child's Treasury of Nursery Rhymes by Katy Denton; Wintering by William Durbin; Bug Off! A Swarm of Insect Words by Cathi Hepworth; Bronco Busters by Alison Herzig; Miss Spider's ABC by David Kirk; Gerbils by Engelbert Kotter; Home Run Heroes; Nark McGuire and Sammy Sosa by Joseph Layden; Lottie's New Beach Towel by Petra Mathers; I Love You So Much by Carl Norac; Duke Ellington by Andrea Pinkney; Forty Acres and a Mule by Harriette Robinet; Aunt Nancy and Cousins Lazybones by Phyllis Root; The Best of the Best in Gymnastics by Rachel Rutledge; My Big Dog by Janet Stevens; Home Run Heroes: Mark McGuire and Sammy Sosa by Mark Stewart; Mark McGuire by Mark Stewart; A Fairy Called Hilary by Linda Leopold Strauss; Gator Prey by Todd Strasser; Passport On a Plate by Diane Simone Vezza; Rabbits by Monika Wegler; National Audobon Society First Field Guide to Birds by Scott Weidensaul; You Can't Take a Balloon into the Metropolitan Museum by Jacqueline Weitzman; Oh Say Can You Say Dinosaur by Bonnie Worth; Wish For a Fish by Bonnie Worth; Raptor by Paul Zindel.

Engagements

Jansen-Walters to marry

Mr. and Mrs. Jon Jansen of Middleville are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Robin Jansen to Jason Walters, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Walters of Middleville.

Robin is a graduate of Western Michigan University and is employed as a social worker with the area agency. Jason served in the U.S. Army and is now employed with Lakeside Plumbing in Wayland.

An Oct. 23, 1999 wedding is being planned.

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CHS students, St. Mark School have book making party

by John Myers
Special to Sun and News

As the close of another school year approaches, it's time to celebrate educational advances, and along with the usual ceremonies, such as graduation, come smaller observances for jobs well done.

One example occured Friday, May 21, when the External Learning Department at Caledonia High School threw a book making party for members of their St. Mark Lutheran School "Study Abroad" program. The program put CHS Health class students into elementary classrooms at St. Mark school every Friday during the semester. The high school students acted as mentors, helping the St. Mark students with various activities like writing autobiographies.

Marcia Collins, a Caledonia teacher involved with the program, said the experience provided CHS students studying child development in her class with "hands-on learning."

She said the party was a chance for students to work on their "summer vacation" books and "have a year-end celebration for all the hard work."

The event began at noon as CHS students and staff greeted the St. Mark staff and nearly 30 children. Many persons where dressed in summer fashion, marking the "summer vacation" theme.

After lunch, the students bounded off to the auxiliary gym to start work on the books. The gym was decorated with a small pool, palm trees, beach balls, and book-making materials.

As the CHS students looked on and offered support, St. Mark students wrote and illustrated their stories from prepared "brainstorming charts." Many students focused on probable events like swimming trips to the beach, while others stretched their imaginations further.

Andrew Dykstra, a 9-year-old student, said his story sent him to Hawaii.

When asked if he would actually visit the state this summer, he answered, "No. I just thought it would be a cool idea."

After the students finished their book contents, they created covers and left them with CHS staff for binding. Collins said they hope to return the bound books this Friday to the St. Mark students on Caledonia's last visit of the semester.

"The book binder used will be donated to (St. Mark Lutheran School) in gratitude for allowing our students a chance to work with theirs," said Sandy Donkers, a Service Learning Coordinator with the External Learning Department.

The event closed with an ice cream party and tour of CHS.

"Our class is in a portable, so to come to a school like this (CHS) is really something for our

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Pictured (from left) are the St. Mark Lutheran School staff, including Cheryl Schoenback, Leslie Thalhammer, David Ringel and Crystal Byle.

Caledonia student Rachel Twietmeyer helps St. Mark students with the creation of their "summer vacation" books. St. Mark students (from left) are Jessica Wilkowski, Lindsey Kisner and Jessica VanHam.

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Chris Foote and Brendan Grimes help a host of St. Mark students prepare their books at Friday's Study Abroad celebration. Pictured (clockwise from left) are Tyler Babinski, Chris Foote, Mark Symons, Brendan Grimes, Tommy Willemson and Andrew Dykstra.

Christ Foote and Brendan Grimes help a host of St. Mark students prepare their books at Friday's Study Abroad celebration. Pictured (clockwise from left) are Andrew Dykstra, Tyler Babinski, Chris Foote, Brendan Grimes and Tommy Willemson.

Members of the External Learning Department look on as St. Mark students and Caledonia students work on their books. (From left) Joellyn Potgeter, Sharon Weaver, Sandy Donkers and Julie Silewa.

TK seniors recognized at annual honors asembly

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Thornapple Kellogg High School held its annual senior honors assembly May 21.

This was a time for students to cheer on their friends, parents to take pictures and the graduates to get used to wearing their caps and gowns.

It didn't matter whether students wore sandals or heels, shorts or long dresses. All seemed awed by the number of accomplishments they have achieved this year.

The top 10 students sat in the place of honor. Jason Baragar, Jennifer Herring, Ryan Hesselink, Nicole Jonker-Slayton, Jennifer Laansma, Brian McKeown, Kevin Schultz, Jamie Wachtor, Garrett Weatherhead and Shannon Zoet were honored by applause many times during the assembly.

Some students competing in tennis or track regional competition were unable to attend the assembly.

Sara Huff received the Congressman's Medal of Merit, a James Sprague Close Up award, a diversity award and a service team award.

Garrett Weatherhead received the University of Michigan award, one of the four Rotary Scholarships and the business student award.

Jennifer Herring receive a University of Michigan award, The Gun Lake Women's Club scholarship, a United States Marine Corps Semper Fidelis award and a TKEA scholarship.

Nancy Iveson was honored by the Tandy Company as Teacher of the Year. She seems in a hurry to take the award from Dean of Students Dan Erb.

Hilary Stone received one of the four Middleville Rotary Scholarships, and a national scholar athlete award.

Nathan LaVoie received the Roy Page Service Award, a scholarship from the Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation, the Thomas Robert Hamilton Memorial Scholarship, a service team award, and at TK Athletic Booster scholarship.

Lizbeth Runals received the Millicent Grace Knox Memorial Scholarship, and the Spanish Award.

Ryan Hesselink received the Rodney M. Schad scholarship and a scholar athlete award.

Jenny Tobin received, with much applause, the Woody Wyngarten scholarship, the English award, a future problem solving award, the SADD Scholarship and a TKEA scholarship.

Taylor Pierce received the first Village Players scholarship.

The outstanding choir award went to Tabitha Curths. The Jazz Band award went to Erica Johnston and the John Phillips Sousa awards were giving to Mark Neeson and Amy David. Brian McKeown received a Middleville Rotary scholarship, a scholar athlete award, a TKEA scholarship and the Principal's Leadership Award.

Paul Wade received one of the Rotary scholarships, and the drama award.

Service team awards were also presented to Amie Konecol, Effie Webb and Amie Wiersom.

Jennifer Laansma received a national scholar/athlete award.

Honored for their excellence as O-K Blue athletes were Daniel Finkbeiner and Hillary Stone.

Bryan Jahnke received a TK Athletic Booster scholarship, an accounting award, a TKEA scholarship and the H.J. Dugan' Principal's award.

Receiving TK Athletic Booster scholarships were Stacey Banakker and Gwen Jeurink.

Receiving art awards were Jamie Wachtor, Nicole Jonker-Slayton, Katie Kimmel and Gwen Jeurink.

Ashley DeVorner also received an accounting award.

Megan Morley received a James Sprague Close Up award.

Athletic director Tom Lehman presents the O-K Blue Athlete awards to Daniel Finkbeiner and Hillary Stone as Scott Marvin looks on.

Andrew Hillman received a Primerus/Close Up essay award.

Jason Schweitzer won the science awards.

Dewey Spicer, Melanie Meekhof and Nicole Altermann received future problem solving awards.

Receiving four-year awards in French were Jamie DeBruill, Robin McMurray, Amber Butcher, Alice Matson and Shannon Zoet.

Jamie Wachtor won the Mathematics award and with Jason Baragar and Jennifer Herring was recognized with a Tandy Technology scholarship for being in the academic top 2 percent.

Jamie also was recognized by the Tandy Company as an Outstanding student. Nancy Iveson was recognized as Outstanding teacher.

Sean Lemon and Ryan Hesselink received the technology education awards.

Jesse Shaffer received the TKESP scholarship.

Quiz Bowl - Amber Dutcher, Leah Kennicott, Angela McKinley, Lizbith Runals, Jennifer Laansma, Shannon Zoet, Amie Koncsol, Amanda Clover-Wadel, Brooke Holzhausen, Andrea Bucher, Meaghan Morley, Jenny Tobin, Jaimelyn DeBruin, Robin McMurray, Nathan LaVoie.

Scholar Athlete - GPA of 3.5 or above - Jason Barager, Ryan Hesselink, Brian McKeown, Garrett Weatherhead, Kevin Schulz, Jason Schweitzer, Dewey Spicer, Hillary Stone, Nath-

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Jane Osborne presents Jesse Shaffer with the TKESP scholarship.

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kids," said David Ringel, a St. Mark teacher for a multi-age class of second- and third-graders.

Ringel said that the semester-long program was a natural extension to his multi-age classroom.

"We are building on the idea that different age kids can teach each other things that adults cannot," he said. "The Caledonia kids benefit, too, because you always know you know something if you can teach it to someone else."

CHS student Brendan Grimes is proof that the program made lasting changes for some.

"I am a mentor, or someone they can look up to," he said. "Before this experience, I didn't like to be around kids, but after this I've learned it can be fun."

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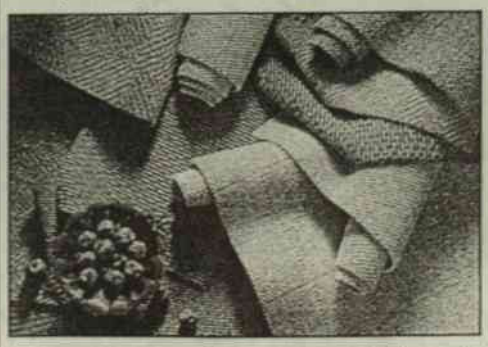

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an Venton, Ashley Gentry, Nate LaVoie, Taylor Williamson, Andrew Hillman, Bryan Jahnke, Gwen Jeurink, Jennifer Laansma, Alice Matson.

Varsity Letters - 6 or more - Alice Matson, Nathan LaVoie, Erin Deschoff, Nina Cowham, Jeremy Vandefifer, Adam Smith, Misco Glavan, Evan Space, Erin Deschoff, Hillary Stone, Ryan Hesselink, Andy Price, Tim Stevens.

Michigan High School Athletic Scholarship - Honorable Mention - Jason Baragar.

Student Council Certificates - Alice Matson, Nicole Jonker-Slayton, Bryan Jahnke, Kristen Overbeek, Sarah Hoffman, Melissa Minor, Melissa VanTil, Gwen Jeurink, Hillary Stone, Sara Huff, Amy Koncsol.

Mathematics Awards

American High School Mathematics Examination (AHSME) - Jennifer Laansma, Jonathan Styf, Jamie Wachtor, Ryan Hesselink, Dewey Spicer, Jennifer Tobin, Sean Lemon, Jennifer Herring.

Highest Score - AHSME - Jonathan Styf.

Highest Score - Michigan Matt Prize Competition - Jonathan Styf.

Honor Students

Students who have a 3.5 grade point average or above are designated as Honor Students. The silver tassel signifies that they are Honor Students.

Matthew Alvarez, Tabitha Curths, Jaimelyn DeBruin, Amber Dutcher, Ashley Gentry, Andrew Hillman, Marjanna Hoeksma, Sarah Hoffman, Jonathan Howarth, Sara Huff, Michael Hull, Joshua Ike, Bryan Jahnke, Gwen Jeurink, Erica Johnston, Amie Knocsol, Rachel Krikke, Nathan LaVoie, Sean Lemon, Alice Matson, Angela McKinley, Robin McMurray, Megan Morley, Taylor Pierce, Scott Ploeg, Larissa Robinson, Courtney Rouselle, Lizbith Runals, Jodi Schweitzer, Dewey Spicer, Hillary Stone, Jonathan Styf, Jennifer Tobin, Melissa VanTil, Nathan Venton, Paul Wade, David Williamson.

National Honor Society

Seniors who are members of the NHS received a gold braid.

Jason Baragar, Stacey Bergakker, Kirsten Carver, Tabitha Curths, Jamie DeBruin, Erin Deschoff, Ashleigh Devormer, Amber Dutcher, Ashley Gentry, Mike Hayes, Jennifer Herring, Ryan Hesselink, Marjanna Hoeksma, Sarah Hoffman, Lynda Holes, Jonathan Howarth, Sara Huff, Mike Hull, Bryan Jahnke, Gwen Jeurink, Erica Johnston, Nicole Jonker-Slayton, Amie Koncsol, Rachel Krikke, Jennifer Laansma, Nathan LaVoie, Sean Lemon, Alice Matson, Brian McKeown, Angela McKinley, Robin McMurray, Megan Morley, Kristen Overbeek, Taylor Pierce, Scott Ploeg, Courtney Rousselle, Lizbith Runals, Kevin Schultz, Jason Schweitzer, Hillary Stone, Dewey Spicer, Jennifer Tobin, Melissa VanTil, Nathan Venton, Jamie Wachtor, Paul Wade, Garrett Weatherhead, Effie Webb, David Williamson, Shannon Zoet.

Scholarships - Awards for Honors Assembly

Albion College - Presidential Scholarship - Jenny Tobin.

Arizona State – Sun Devil Scholarship - Amie Koncsol.

Aquinas College Presidential Leadership Scholarship Award - Nate LaVoie.

Aquinas College - St. Thomas Aquinas Scholarship - Daniel Finkbeiner.

M.R. Bissell Memorial Scholarship - Amber Dutcher.

Central Michigan - University Board of Trustees Honor Scholarship - Amber Dutcher, Sarah Hoffman, Erica Johnston, Angela McKinley.

Christian Youth Ministry Scholarship – Effie Webb.

Colorado College - Mr. and Mrs. David Packard School – Jenny Laansma.

Cornerstone College - Music Scholarship GARBC Church Association Scholarship - Steve Shear.

Ferris State University - Founder's Scholarship - Jamie Wachtor.

Ferris State University - Residential Life Scholarship - Andrea Bucher, Gwen Jeurink, Leah Kennicott, David Williamson.

General Federation Women's Club Michigan - Nicole Jonker Slayton.

Grand Rapids Community College - Distinguished Scholarship - Rachel Krikke, Melissa VanTil.

Grand Rapids Community College - Frey Foundation - Scott Huntington.

Grand Rapids Community College - Michigan Higher Education Scholarship - Courtney Rousselle, Kevin Schultz.

Grand Rapids Community College - Ridgeview Stamping Scholarship - Courtney Rousselle.

Grand Rapids Community College - Trustees Scholarship - Nina Cowham, Erin Deschoff.

Grand Valley State University - Award for Excellence - Megan Morley, Larissa Robinson.

Hope College - Alumni Honors Scholarship - Sara Huff, Hillary Stone.

Huntington College - Trustees Scholarship - Jennifer Herring.

Kalamazoo College - Honors Scholarship - Garrett Weatherhead.

Michigan Technological University - Board of Control Scholarship - Jason Baragar.

Michigan Technological University - Tuition Scholarship - Mike Hull.

Spring Arbor College - Provost Award - Lizbith Runals.

Steelcase National Merit Foundation - Jamie Wachtor.

Western Michigan University - Academic Scholarship - Jaimelyn Debruin, Sean Lemon, Taylor Pierce.

Western Michigan University - Achievement Scholarship - Bryan Jahnke, Jon Styf.

State of Michigan Competitive Scholarship Program - Matthew Alvarez, Jason Baragar, Andrew Chamberlin, Amanda Clover-Wadel, Tabitha Curths, Marina Dettmann, Ashleigh Devormer, Michael Hayes, Jennifer Herring, Ryan Hesselink, Andrew Hillman, Sarah Hoffman, Jeffery Huebner, Sara Huff, Michael Hull, Bryan Jahnke, Gwen Jeurink, Erica Johnston, Nicole Jonker Slayton, Amie Koncsol, Rachel Krikke, Jennifer Laansma, Sean Lemon, Brian McKeown, Robin McMurray, Megan Morley, Taylor Pierce, Larissa Robinson, Courtney Rousselle, Lizbith Runals, Kevin Schultz, Jason Schweitzer, Nathaniel Smith, Dewey Spicer, Jennifer Tobin, Nathan Venton, Jamie Wachtor, Garrett Weatherhead, Shannon Zoet.

Jenny Tobin accepts an award from teacher Thomas Fletke.

'Amnesty Days' offered by Caledonia Library

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Kent District Library is offering "Amnesty Days" in which fines on overdue books will be waived if returned from June 1 to June 12.

The amnesty is only on items returned in that period, however.

Kent District Library representatives hope to see many items thought to be lost and which are long overdue come back to the library.

"Some people have had items for years and no longer visit the library in fear of large fines, when in reality the maximum fine for an item is only $3," said Claudya Muller, Director of the Kent District Library. She also pointed out that many times the item is not replaceable. "Dated materials are 'out of print,' making them difficult to replace," Muller said.

The two-week amnesty period is the first step for KDL in implementing a materials recovery program that will come into effect July 1. The program is a new effort to retrieve items not returned, and/or fines owed.

A telephone call will be followed by a written notice, after which KDL will use an agency for accounts with a total of $50 or more. If the problem is unresolved after five months, credit ratings may be affected.

Patrons may check the current standing of their library card by calling 233-BOOK or visiting the library catalog on the KDL web site at www.kdl.org. Call a local Kent District Library branch for more information.

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Obituaries

Joyce M. Buehler

FREEPORT - Mrs. Joyce M. Buehler, age 58, of Freeport, passed away Monday, May 24, 1999 at home, after a long battle with cancer.

Mrs. Buehler was born on June 23, 1940 in Hastings, the daughter of Joseph and Blanche (Mitchell) Kauffman.

She was raised in the Freeport area and graduated from Thornapple Kellogg Schools.

Joyce was married to Milton Buehler on June 1, 1957.

Joyce was a homemaker, avid reader, she enjoyed Canvass Craft and Ceramics.

She was a Past Grand Chief of the Pythian Sisters of Michigan, a member of Freeport Chapter #478 O.E.S. serving twelve years as Worthy Matron, member of Irving Grange #55 and a member of Hiawatha Rebekah Lodge #53 of Hastings.

Joyce devoted her life to her family and enjoyed spending time with her loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Blanche Kauffman; sister, Theo Swan and brothers, Lawrence, Glenn and Earl Kauffman.

Mrs. Buehler is survived by her husband of 42 years, Milton; her children, Barbara (Ronald) Bond of Lake Odessa, Karen (Brian) Weller of Wayland, Milton (Brenda) Buehler of Hastings, Bruce (Jennifer) Buehler of Lake Odessa, and Kelly (Larry) Strouse of Hastings; eleven grandchildren, Rebekah, Rhonda and Ronald Bond, Joseph Finkbeiner, Ben and B.J Buehler and Jacob and Brianna Buehler and Matt, Andy and Josh Strouse; sisters, Elaine McMillan, and Grace Fair; brothers, William Kauffman, Robert Kauffman and George Kauffman.

Funeral and Committal Services for Mrs. Buehler were held Thursday morning, May 27, 1999 at the Beeler Funeral Chapel, Middleville. Reverend Douglas Reichenbach officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barry Community Hospice.

Lillian W. (VerMerris) Mieras

CALEDONIA - Mrs. Lillian W. (VerMerris) Mieras, age 78, of Caledonia, devoted wife, mother and grandmother, went to be with her Lord Saturday, May 22, 1999.

Mrs. Mieras is survived by her husband of 52 years, Corey; children, Marcia (Paul) Brown of Holland, Sally (Dave) Shook of Middleville, Linda (Brad) Alkema of Grand Rapids and special friends of the family, John and Julie Chang of Grand Rapids; and twelve grandchildren; sister and brother-in-law, Pauline and Mike Dykstra; brother and sister-in-law, Neil and Betty VerMerris; brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Adrian and Dorothy Mieras and Joan (Mieras) Matten and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Mieras were held Wednesday, May 26, 1999 at Peace Reformed Church. Reverend Red Faber officiated.

Interment was in Lake Side Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

Letha M. Wilkins

MIDDLEVILLE - Mrs. Letha M. Wilkins, age 79, of Middleville, passed away Friday, May 21, 1999 at Tendercare, Hastings.

Mrs. Wilkins was born on February 1, 1920, the daughter of Warren and Nellie (Tewksbury) Kidder.

She was raised and attended school in Freeport.

Mrs. Wilkins was a homemaker, she enjoyed traveling, reading, painting, sewing, child care and spending time with her loved ones.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Mervin C. Nichols, and second husband, Ernest F. Wilkins; brothers and sisters, Jay, Warren, Byron, Bill, Beulah, Mabel, Bell, Virginia, and Evelyn.

Mrs. Wilkins is survived by her daughter, Sharon A. Main of Middleville; three sons, Mervin (Geri) Nichols of Hastings, Frank (Mary) Nichols of Fletcher, Oklahoma, and Neil (Sandra) Wilkins of Freeport; 13 grandchildren; 19 great grandchildren; four brothers, George Kidder of Hastings, Harry Kidder of Freeport, Kelly Kidder of Lowell, and Herman (Fred) Kidder of Florida; three sisters, Lucy Karcher of Freeport, Thelma (Clifford) Treat of Hastings, and Wanetta Jenson of Galesburg; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside Services for Mrs. Wilkins were held Tuesday morning, May 25, 1999 at the Irving Township Cemetery, Irving Township. Reverend Richard Taggart officiated.

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Caledonia schools honor volunteers with luncheon

High School volunteer B.J. Tomanek worked with three seventh grade students, Ricky Josh and Christy on class work and assignments.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Volunteerism is flourishing in Caledonia, and a good share of it is coordinated through the schools.

Statistics show that 330 adults and young people volunteered time during the last year. Many programs that make the school environment a richer place would not be possible without the many hours donated by volunteers.

Volunteers of all sorts who contributed endless hours and valuable talents to raise the quality of life in their community were invited to a luncheon at school May 18. There are dozens of programs not mentioned here, but all are invaluable and greatly appreciated, local school officials say.

Programs like the Ski Club, Odyssey of the Mind, Science Olympiad, the Spelling Bee are examples of educational experiences for kids that depend on volunteerism.

Parent-teacher organizations such as Family Links or C-Pac owe a great deal to volunteers. Many classrooms receive different kinds of help from high school and adult volunteers, including tutoring one to one where help with studies or assignments is needed.

Class trips are possible because of volunteers. The sixth grade goes to camp, seventh-graders experience "Michigan Adventures" and the eighth grade classes go to Cedar Point with the help of volunteers.

The seventh grade Greek Festival took place with volunteer assistance. Career Day this year was a great success, and without volunteers, it could not have happened.

Volunteers who work one to one with students offer a special quality to the time they give. A group of high school juniors served as youth mentors with eighth-graders to help their transition to high school and will continue to work with each other as seniors and freshmen next school year.

Adult mentors work with students at the middle

Continued next page

Linda Hillin and Jessica Brownell became very good friends through the mentoring program.

Volunteer John Jacobson coached a Science Olympiad team, which included Emily Jacobson, Corey McIntyre, Jenny Powers and Dan Atkinson.

Beth Simmons volunteers in many capacities, such as with the spelling bee, and here helps with a self sustaining craft project in which items are sold and earnings are recycled into more materials.

BILL HARRISON
Caledonia School Board

On the Issues...

Educational Excellence and Opportunity – "We must continue to provide a high quality education for all students. Learning and literacy today involves both teachers and textbooks, technology and training. Education is no longer a one-size fits all business. Our mission is to empower and equip all students to lead productive lives and reach their full potential."

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Meeting and Managing Growth – "The rapid growth in our community is proof positive that Caledonia is a great place to live, work and raise a family. While we cannot stop growth – we can prepare for it and manage it."

Bill Harrison is no stranger to Caledonia Schools. In fact, his involvement spans nearly four decades.

Proud Parent and Grandparent: Bill and his wife, Judy, had three children graduate from Caledonia and now have grandchildren attending Caledonia Schools.

Teacher and Coach: Bill Harrison started his career at Caledonia High School. As a dedicated teacher, advisor and coach he was able to develop championship academic and athletic teams.

Active Citizen Volunteer: Bill helped develop the Caledonia Schools Strategic Plan and served on the Business/Community Advisory Committee. The family business, J.B. Harrison Insurance, has supported numerous student activities and sponsors the popular "Student Athlete of the Week" feature in the local newspaper." Bill is an elder and charter member of Peace Reformed Church.

Dr. Bill Harrison has received his Ph.D. from Michigan State University in Administration and Curriculum. He currently works for Kalamazoo Public Schools as Director of Education for Employment and Instructional Technology.

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PTO honors volunteers, will hold meeting June 3

The Thornapple Kellogg PTO is caught up in the fun and flurry of the end of the school year.

Some time was taken May 21 to say "thank you" to the many parent volunteers who have worked hard for the children in the school district. At the recognition tea at Lee Elementary, Anne Pitsch was honored as "Volunteer of the Year." This award goes to a parent not active on the PTO who has been an essential part of learning within the school.

More than 60 volunteers were invited to attend at Lee with many of them volunteering that day on a field trip with third-graders.

At Page Elementary, the recognition brunch on May 28 honored Dawn Humphrey as "Volunteer of the Year." More than 45 parents, grandparents and community volunteers have worked in the school this year.

Volunteers were thanked at McFall May 6. At the middle school, recognition of volunteers will take place during the award assemblies June 3 and 7.

The PTO will be holding a special meeting June 3, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Middle Villa Inn. The meeting will begin with a discussion of a possible gift to the new middle school, election of officers for the 1999-2000 school year and a few other issues.

The PTO members present also will elect the members of the executive board, which will hold a reorganizational meeting after dinner.

Anyone who would like to join the PTO for dinner (pay your own way) at the Middle Villa is invited to call 795-8739. The PTO will resume meeting regularly in September.

The Lee Elementary PTO board thanks Volunteer of the Year Ann Pitsch for the excellence and fun she brought to students. (From left) Secretary Lori Buchanan, Presdent Carol Conrad, Pitsch, Treasurer Sharon Miller and Vice President Cheryl McMillan.

High school volunteers matched with eighth-graders got together for a pizza lunch May 26. They will work together next year when as freshmen they could use the experience of friendly mentors.

Volunteer luncheon, from previous page

school who request the company of a caring adult. A volunteer usually meets with the student for one hour a week, offering help with homework and listening to the student when personal matters arise.

The community also is enriched by the overflow of volunteer hours in the area, such as groups that adopt sections of highway and like residents who had help raking leaves last fall when at least 14 middle schoolers, high schoolers, Girl Scouts and Brownies volunteered for "Make a Difference Day."

Oct. 24 last year was declared a national day of giving back to others in some way, an effort started by General Colin Powell. The national volunteer day is primarily for kids, but that too would not happen without the supervision of adult volunteers like Susie Hall and Marilynn Maul, who coordinated the effort.

At the middle school many of the volunteer programs are coordinated through the Support Room, by Kathy McGilton, Rosemary Cox and Anne Steele.

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Bomb threats continue to plague TK schools

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The most recent bomb threat at Thornapple Kellogg Middle School Tuesday, May 25, was found written on a desk in late morning at the school.

By Wednesday afternoon, a student had been apprehended and had confessed to leaving the threat.

Students were evacuated to Lee Elementary School Tuesday following the discovery of the bomb threat.

Middleville Police Chief Louis Shoemaker reported that the State Police were called. The bomb sniffing dog toured the building, nothing was found and it was cleared at about 4 p.m.

Thornapple Kellogg School Superintendent Jay Cason said the students at the middle school lost about one and a half hours of instructional time. The district continues to take the threats seriously.

The middle school student involved in the May 25 threat will not be attending school for the rest of the year, Cason said.

"The administration will be recommending to the Board of Education that the student be expelled. We will be pressing charges in this case as well."

In a letter sent to parents Cason wrote that if these bomb threats continue, he will recommend to the board of education that the school year be extended.

Awareness of security needs has been heightened at all schools with parent volunteers being asked to help. Student movement at the high and middle school has been tightened as well.

Cason said, "The district is offering a $100 reward to any student whose information leads to the apprehension of the guilty party."

A student at the high school has been charged with one felony count of making a false bomb threat on Monday, May 10. If convicted, this student faces a maximum possible penalty of four years in prison and/or a $2000 fine.

Police and school authorities are still investigating a threat made at the middle school on May 14. There have been no confessions in any of these cases except for the May 25 event.

Middle school field trips on both days made evacuating students more difficult.

Parents have been encouraged to talk with their children about how serious this is.

"It is not just a prank," Cason said.

Anyone with information about any of the bomb threats in the Thornapple Kellogg Schools can call the administration building at 795-3313.

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Thornapple Kellogg Trojans

Superintendent's Corner

By Midge Pippel
Asst. Superintendent

By Midge Pippel
Assistant Superintendent

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I encourage you to encourage your child to participate in this summer's reading club at our library, and while you are there, check out a book for yourself. You are your child's most important reading role model. Make sure your child sees you enjoy reading for pleasure.

This summer your son or daughter can improve and maintain his/her reading skills and "grow" as a reader by joining the summer reading club.

Just think, perhaps someday we may see a bumper sticker that reads: All the world is watching the United States and the United States is reading!

TK School Board hears from parents about swimming pool, next meeting is June 14

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Kim and Dale McClain asked the members of the Thornapple Kellogg School Board May 24 when the pool would return to service.

Parents of a fourth- and sixth-grader, they said they were concerned that the pool has been under repair since the summer of 1998.

Superintendent Jay Cason said, "We anticipated the pool being ready for swimmers in the fall. When pumps were replaced, it was discovered that the drain pipes under the pool had rotted out."

Then the district thought the pool would be ready by the middle of the school year. However, an unanticipated problem with the water draining out of the pool has proved very difficult to correct.

Cason assured the McClains that the district and the contractors were still working to see if the problem can be corrected. This $100,000 project has been to most difficult part of the $26 million renovations work.

Lee Principal Sharon Kalee, third grade teacher Marc Lester and Computer Lab Manager Cindy Brooks presented a multimedia presentation demonstrating how technology is being integrated in the classroom at Lee.

Lester and Brooks discussed the new mini-labs, keyboarding and even slide show presentations which second and third grade students complete while they are at Lee. Students and teachers are becoming much more comfortable with technology.

Following up on this presentation Assistant Superintendent Midge Pippel discussed technology training being offered to para-professionals. Three hours of training has been offered and sessions have been well attended.

Pippel says there is a possibility that paraprofessionals may be eligible to take some training this summer.

Summer school is being offered for children in grades kindergarten through eight. There are five weeks of four half days being offered. Classes should be limited to 12 students each.

The TK Board of Education approved the purchase of materials specifically for summer school that tie in well with the reading curriculum offered in the district.

These materials, published by Houghton Mifflin, are written to provide intervention and use concrete and specific examples.

Most will be stored after summer school is completed but some may be used during tutoring.

Pippel also discussed some to the workshops that will be held for staff during the summer. Language arts, math skill assessment work continues.

Cason notified the board that there may be two openings on the Library Board. The board approved setting four-year terms for these two openings and setting up a rotation of new appointments.

Dr. Jerry Oermann asked the board to approve the appointment of parents Barb Burger and Kristy DenHartigh to the Parent Advisory for Special Education Committee. He told the board that the district can appoint another parent to serve on PASE.

Any parent of a child in special education classes in the district interested in this committee, which meets at the Kent Intermediate School District offices monthly during the school year, can contact his office.

The board will hold a short meeting on the last day of school at 7 a.m. Monday, June 7, to approve loans to enable the district to pay bills until the next payments from the state are received.

The next regular board meeting will be on June 14 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library.

MIDDLEVILLE
Village Council Meeting

Synopsis of
MIDDLEVILLE COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 1999

The regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Middleville, Michigan was called to order by its President, Lon Myers, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chamber of the Village Hall. Seven members were present at the calling of the roll: Mr. David Newman, Mr. William Nesbitt, Mr. Floyd Bray, Mr. Lon Myers, Mrs. Marilyn VandenBerg, Mr. Michael Lytle, and Mr. William Kenyon.

The regular meeting was recessed at 7:02 p.m. to conduct a Public Hearing to get public comments regarding the adoption of a Local Development Finance Authority, an Industrial Development and a Tax Increment Financing Plan. Questions were taken from the audience and answers were supplied. The Public Hearing was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

The minutes of the April 28th meeting were approved with amendments. The Agenda was approved with relocation of items. The Clerk reported on the plans for Mayors Exchange Day. The President reported that the 800 feet of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail located in Rutland Township will open soon.

ACTIONS TAKEN

1. Mr. Newman made a motion to adopt a resolution to establish a Local Development Finance Authority, an Industrial Development Plan and a Tax Increment Financing Plan. Mr. Bray supported the motion. Roll call: Seven Ayes. The resolution was adopted.

2. Mr. Lytle made a motion to appoint Bryan Gruesbeck the Village's Street Administrator as required under Act 51 of the DOT. Mrs. VandenBerg supported the motion. Roll Call: Seven Ayes. The motion carried.

3. Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Newman and Mr. Kenyon were appointed to fine tune a job description for the chief of police.

4. Mr. Lytle made a motion to pay the invoices dated 5/7/99 in the amount of $9,598.37. Mrs. VandenBerg supported the motion. The motion carried.

5. Approved payment of bills submitted for the Utilities Project to be paid by the Barry County Commission in the amount of $129,938.97. Mr. Newman made the motion, Mrs. VandenBerg supported the motion. The motion carried.

6. Decided to do nothing to retain the current millage rate at 11.5615 mils therefore the rate will automatically roll back to its 1982 level or 11.377 mils giving the Village taxpayers some tax relief.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Roselle Havens, Clerk

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The purpose of this hearing is for the Planning Commission to receive public comment before reviewing the Planned Unit Final Development Site Plan for the Getty housing development. The initial public hearing was held August 4th, 1998. This project is located on approximately 50 acres in the northwestern portion of the village of Middleville, parcel numbers 08-041-105-002-00, 08-041-022-002-00 and 08-041-022-023-00. The Getty project proposes about 90 single-family homes, 40 condo units, 36 townhouse units, 9000 square feet of office space; and 64,000 square feet of retail space.

The public is hereby reminded that each site plan review is judged on its own merits and the approval of a specific site plan does not necessarily bind the Planning Commission to similarly approve other similar site plans. 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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DECA officers elected at CHS

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

DECA officers at Caledonia High School were elected May 20 for the 1999-2000 school year.

Next year's line up includes Sarah Meekhof, president; Korin Rabley, vice president; Audrey Harp, secretary; Audra King, treasurer; Lindsey Sinclair, historian; Stacee Holvey, photography; Troy Leatherman, parliamentarian; Jake Ware, reporter; Courtney Smith, member at large, and Debbie Dascanio, representative.

Meekhof, Leatherman, Ware and Smith will be seniors next year. Rabley, Harp, King, Sinclair, Holvey and Dascanio will be juniors.

Over this past academic year, DECA members competed at district, state and national level conferences, and attended two leadership conferences.

DECA members also competed at Nationals in Orlando Fl. April 23-28. The trip included a visit to Disney World, Sea World and Universal Studios.

Audrey Harp and Yolanda Llanes competed as a team in the chapter awards. Korin Rabley and Crystal Meyerink competed as a team in the area of financial services. Lindsay Stoetzel and Courtney Smith competed separately in the category of apparel and accessories. Doug Murphy also competed in quick serve restaurant management.

Members worked at home football and basketball games, at school plays and musicals, and held various fundraisers, such as selling Christmas CD's, candy, DATA match and other events.

DECA members hope to continue a similar itinerary next year.

DECA is a marketing association for students who participate and compete to develop marketing and leadership skills toward a career in business and industry.

Local grain markets to focus on weather

by Tim Marlin,
Grain Manager,
Caledonia
Farmers Elevator

American farmers have planted the corn and beans for this year and now they must wait and see what the weather has in store.

That is what the grain markets will be focusing on from now until harvest time. The weather people have been telling us that there is a strong chance for hot, dry weather (La Nina) this summer and that will be driving the markets.

The market have been looking at the fact that we have a large carryover of corn, soybeans and wheat stocks from last year and if we have a good crop this year, we would increase those stocks.

With this in mind, the market has been holding prices down. Corn is the only crop that is not overly burden with stocks, so any weather scare could be friendly and it would help soybeans but not to the extent that it would help the corn.

New crop corn (Chicago December futures) has been trading in a range between 2.26 to 2.36. Some traders believe that if we have a weather scare, futures could trade up another 19 cents to 2.55.

The new crop soybean market (Chicago November futures) dropped 36 cents over the past month due to the fact that there was a increase in soybean plantings and the planting conditions have been good. This market could continue to slide if growing conditions continue to be good. If we have any weather scares it should keep the market where we are at and maybe go higher, but not too much.

Wheat harvest is just around the corner and it is looking good. Again, barring any adverse weather we should see a good harvest. Wheat stocks are at historical highs and the market is showing that fact by putting a premium on wheat delivered after the first of the year.

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Last TK Middle School awards ceremony set

The staff at the Thornapple Kellogg Middle School is inviting parents and the community to attend the last award ceremonies that will ever be held at the old middle school.

The sixth grade assembly will be held Thursday, June 3, at 7:55 a.m. in the main gymnasium.

The seventh and eighth grades will celebrate their last day at the middle school with an awards ceremony in the main gym, beginning at 8:15 a.m.

The old middle school building will be razed and students will attend classes in a new structure this fall.

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NOTICE of PUBLIC HEARING

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT THE YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS WILL HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING ON TUESDAY, JUNE 8, 1999, COMMENCING AT 7:30 PM AT THE YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP HALL, 1284 N. BRIGGS RD., CONCERNING THE FOLLOWING:

1. ZBA 99-05-06, PARCEL ID. NO. 080-024-00: A REQUEST BY BRUCE ROBERTS, 12120 ENGLAND DR., FOR A VARIANCE FROM THE ROAD SIDE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS OF THE TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO ALLOW THE CONSTRUCTION OF A GARAGE WITHIN 15 FEET OF THE ROAD RIGHT OF WAY.

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

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

CHARLIE BIGGS
SECRETARY
YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (303)

REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION

NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF THORNAPPLE KELLOGG SCHOOL BARRY, ALLEGAN, KENT AND IONIA COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 14, 1999

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 1999.

THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING.

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2003.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

Daniel R. Parker — Martin P. Wenger

Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 11, 1999.

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REGULAR BIENNIAL ELECTION

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Regular Biennial Election of Grand Rapids Community College, Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular school election on Monday, June 14, 1999, and will be conducted by the same school officials for those electors of the Community College District residing in this school district.

At the Regular Biennial Election there will be elected two (2) members for the office of Community College District Trustee for full terms of six (6) years ending June 30, 2005.

THE FOLLOWING PERSONS HAVE BEEN NOMINATED TO FILL SUCH VACANCIES:

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Write-in candidates must file a Declaration of Intent on or before 4 p.m. Friday, June 11, 1999.

THE VOTING PLACES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

PRECINCT NO. 1

Voting Place: Thornapple Kellogg High School, Middleville, Michigan. The first precinct consists of all the territory of the School District, including Precinct #2 of Irving Township, except the Townships of Carlton, Bowne, Campbell and Precinct #1 of Irving Township.

PRECINCT NO. 2

Voting Place: Freeport Village Hall, Freeport, Michigan. The second precinct consists of the Townships of Carlton, Bowne, Campbell and Precinct #1 of Irving Township, located within the School District.

All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

NANCY A. GOODIN
Secretary, Board of Education (300)

Caledonia Middle School girls' track team goes 8-0

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Middle School girls' track team went undefeated this year in eight dual meets in April and May.

Coach Nancy TenElshof said the team, which has 85 girls in seventh and eighth grades, maintained an emphasis on improving personal best performances throughout the season. Besides striving for their own personal bests, the Young Scots tried to beat previous Caledonia Middle School records in different events. She said the girls deserve a lot of credit for their hard work.

"There is a lot of talent in this group of kids," the coach said.

Caledonia usually won its dual meets by a margin of 20 or more points. There were a lot of first, second and third places across the team and throughout the season, which helped the team accumulate high scores. They dominated in the middle and long distance events throughout the season.

TenElshof said a good chunk of the credit goes to Simone Heidrich, the assistant girls' coach, who spent a great amount of time and effort with the young athletes. She also said Norman Kohns works daily with the hurdlers.

The 3200-meter relay team, which included Kristina McCleve, Molly Conway, Kristin DeBlaay and Becca Busfield finished to win in 11 minutes and 31 seconds, breaking the school's 11:37 record. The record was set at the Hamilton meet May 7.

A big day for setting records came at the end of the season at Middleville May 12. Becca Busfield, an up and coming runner finished the 800 meter run in 2:35.5, breaking the school record against Middleville. Over the season, Busfield never took anything but first places in all eight meets.

The 200-meter hurdles were completed by Erin Mitteer in 32.3 seconds at Middleville.

The pole vault, a new sport for junior high girls this year, was won by Angela Maxey, who cleared 6-6. She set this record at Spring Lake, repeating the same height at Middleville.

"The meet against Coopersville was very exciting," said TenElshof, "especially during the 400 meter relay. They were tied up to that point, and it was all or nothing. The relay won the meet when everything went well and the girls had excellent handoffs.

"The girls run in the same events in each meet. They can participate in as many as three events. The success of the team was a wonderful bonus after having a season which was a whole lot of fun," she said.

Undefeated 1999 Caledonia Middle School Girls Track Team.

Kristina McCleve, Kristin DeBlaay, Molly Conway, and Becca Busfield made up the winning two mile relay team, which broke the previous 11:37 record with a time of 11:31.

Erin Mitteer set a new record for the 200 meter hurdles at 32.3 seconds.

Becca Busfield finished first in all eight meets with a record-setting time of 2:35.5 in the 800 meter run.

Angela Maxey cleared 6' 6" in the pole vault, setting a record, and repeating that height later on. Pole vaulting is a new event for junior high this year.

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Girl Scouts end year on horseback

Girls took turns and helped each other by leading horses.

Girl Scouts in Cherry Valley Neighborhood Troop 769 enjoyed a few last activities before the end of the year. On May 20, the girls traveled to J&J Pony Farm to learn about horses and do a little riding. Even the most reluctant girls tried this activity.

Some girls even tried to trot and canter, as well as walk their mounts.

Middleville, Caledonia teams prepare for districts

The MHSAA baseball and softball districts are as follows for Middleville and Caledonia teams.

BASEBALL

Tuesday, June 1: Caledonia at Forest Hills Northern; Ionia (BYE), Middleville (BYE), East Grand Rapids (BYE).

Saturday, June 5: Forest Hills/Caledonia winner vs. Ionia; Middleville vs. East Grand Rapids; Championship.

SOFTBALL

Tuesday, June 1: Forest Hills Northern at Caledonia; East Grand Rapids (BYE), Middleville (BYE), Ionia (BYE).

Saturday, June 5: East Grand Rapids vs. Middleville; Ionia vs. Caledonia/Forest Hills Northern winner.

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Fun found at Fun State meet

Gymnasts from Gymnastics in Motion, in Middleville, took part in the Fun State Meet May 15 at the Michigan Kleen Arena in Ann Arbor. Many of the girls did their personal best and had a lot of fun. Those local gymnasts attending included (front row, from left) Rachel Kenney, Kelly Frame, Kyleigh Sheldon; (middle row) Danielle Rosenberg, Lexi VonderHoff, Kendra Feyen, Anna Hoffbeck, Kinsey Buikerk, Emma Buikerk, Sarah Frame; (back row) Audrey Hoag, Evelyn Rappaport, Danielle Maxey, Kaitlyn Otto and Karissa Milleson.

Top Trainer in Big 10...

Robert Marsh recently was named Big 10 "Senior Athletic Trainer of the Year" by the Big 10 Officials Association. He was awarded a $500 scholarship at Purdue University's Sports Banquet in West Lafayette, Ind., for earning the honor. He will be a fifth year senior in Purdue's athletic training pre-medicine program and is on the dean's list. As a junior, Marsh traveled with the Boilermaker football team to the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio and was the senior trainer for the Purdue basketball team this past year when they made it into the "Sweet 16." Marsh took his medcat exam this spring and his goal is to enter medical school next year and study orthopedic surgery. He is spending the summer in Middleville with his family and is employed by U.S. Golf Cars, Inc. (Photo provided)

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Area gymnasts find success at state

Jessica Flaska and Angie Maxey both found the Silver State Meet May 1-2 quite rewarding.

The two area gymnasts who train at Gymnastics in Motion, in Middleville, achieved personal best all-around scores and top-tier finishes at the event held at Lee High School in Grand Rapids.

Maxey's managed her best all-around tally of the entire season with a 33.60. Her score placed her third at the State meet.

In the individual events, Maxey tallied a third place 8.65 on the vault, a 10th place 8.3 in the floor exercise, a 7.95 on the bars and a fifth place 8.7 on the balance beam.

Flaska also fared well at State with a second place 8.7 on the vault, an 8.125 in the floor exercise, an 8.05 on the bars and a 6.85 on the balance beam.

Jessica Flask (on left) and Angie Maxey found great success at the State Meet representing Gymnastics in Motion. For Maxey, it was her best all-around score of the season.

Drunk driving, domestic violence charges sought

Police arrested a Yankee Springs Township area man Saturday, May 22, shortly after hearing an area-wide broadcast to look for a man wanted for drunk driving and domestic violence.

The man, who has not been arraigned, was stopped by the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police on Chief Noonday and Patterson Roads when they saw a truck matching the description of the one given in the broadcast.

The man told police had six to eight beers prior to driving that night and he registered a .14 on a preliminary breath test, police said.

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Caledonia senior girls honored at annual tea

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Senior girls and their mothers were honored at a tea at Caledonia High School May 26, an annual event sponsored by the Caledonia Women's Club.

The Women's Club awarded a $800 scholarship to Elizabeth Fortuna, who plans to attend Michigan State University to study biology and medicine. The club awards a scholarship each year.

Bonnie Miller of Wayland was invited to present the address. Miller worked her way up through several banks in the area, beginning at the Wayland State Bank, and spending years at the First National Bank of Kalamazoo, Old Kent Bank and she retired the first of this year from the United Bank of Michigan as senior vice president. During that time she graduated from Grand Rapids Junior College and University of Michigan.

Bonnie Miller was guest speaker at the Tea.

Miller has been a recipient of the Athena Award, which recognizes outstanding women in their field, and who have helped other women gain recognition in their field. She helped organize GROW, which stands for Grand Rapids Opportunities for Women, and helps women start their own businesses and helps them out of poverty and off welfare.

She is on the Board of Directors of the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce, and is chair of the International Exchange Council, is on the Grand Rapids Symphony, and is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, of which the Caledonia Women's Club is a part.

The Caledonia Women's Club began in 1917. More than 75 percent of the libraries in the nation were started by women's clubs, as was the library of Caledonia.

Miller began by noting this class will be the last to graduate in this century. She said it is important for these graduates to remember the achievements of this century, and the gains made by struggles of women for rights that did not exist at its beginning.

"One hundred years ago women were still trying to gain the right to vote."

Miller told about a rally of women who met at the Saint Cecelia Building on Ransom Street in Grand Rapids. It was attended by many famous Suffragettes, including Susan B. Anthony.

Starting as political organizations to win the vote for women in the country, women's clubs sought to educate themselves, affect labor laws for women and children and for laborers in general. They helped open the way for women into professions where they were once barred.

"These women fought for career opportunities in every field, from doctors to construction workers, from scientists, to accountants. Some fought to become ministers," Miller said.

She explained how women helped obtain ownership of property in states where this was usually denied to women.

"You join women who have participated in the development of our country and society. Many were pioneers," Miller said. "Some fought in wars... of course disguised as men," she explained.

The Caledonia Women's Club meets during the year to organize various projects like the Senior Girls' Tea. Here they confer with Doug Busman, Superintendent of Schools.

"You must carry the light into the next century," she said. "Don't let the work of countless women before you be in vain.

"You are the most well educated young women ever to have graduated. You are needed. Many choices are before you. You must remain ever vigilant, to protect the rights and privileges earned by women who came before.

"Other women of the world don't have the privileges we have. There is much still to be done. You have an opportunity to contribute, and to create a way of life, and improve upon the past."

Miller said volunteerism was very important, as much for those who donate their service as those who receive.

"Educate yourselves. Never stop. Nothing is ever a sure thing. Keep yourself employable and able to support yourself and your family."

Miller concluded by reading "Oh the Places You Will Go," by Dr. Seuss.

Senior girls and their mothers, teachers and other guests line up for delicious treats at the Senior Girl's Tea.

Liz Fortuna, winner of an $800 award to apply toward her education at MSU. She and her mother, Diane Fortuna were honored at the Tea.

Main Street to be repaved in Middleville

The Middleville Village Council last Tuesday agreed to have Main Street repaved from the bridge to M-37 this summer.

Department of Public Works supervisor Russell Blough had been doing research into various options for this paving.

Village President Lon Myers told the council that several years ago Main Street had been repaved from the bridge to State Road. Repaving the entire length of Main Street and upgrading it and Grand Rapids Street for truck traffic are also port of the discussions around the Local Development Finance Authority.

Instead of waiting for grants through the LDFA, which may take several years, it was decided to contract with Wolverine Paving to do a $22,205 "stopgap" paving.

Only Bill Kenyon voted against the motion.

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Trojans' defense tough on Panthers in district soccer

Middleville's Jeanette Scheerhorn (8) shows off some fancy footwork during last Monday's district contest at home.

Coach Steve Evans goes over strategy with his Lady Trojans' soccer squad at the half of the district contest against Delton Kellogg.

A great Delton Kellogg start was halted by Middleville's defense in a 6-1 Trojan district soccer triumph last Monday in Middleville.

The Panthers opened the game on fire and threw shot after shot on the Trojans' goal.

Still, Delton could not find a way to penetrate the black and orange's stingy defense.

Eventually, Middleville's offense struck four times before intermission with goals coming from Ande Kelley, Ashley Moore and Laura VanRyn. VanRyn booted in two of those goals.

In the second stanza, Delton Kellogg's Jessica Kellogg found the back of Middleville's goal, ending a streak of 13 scoreless halves turned in by the Middleville's defenders.

Gwen Jeurink scored twice for the Trojans during the second stanza.

Payshence Erb tended goal in the Trojan triumph.

Middleville's record-breaking season, however, concluded Wednesday with a 3-0 loss to Unity Christian in the second round of districts.

Unity, state ranked, jumped out to a 1-0 lead midway through the first half and added two more scores in the waning minutes.

The Lady Trojans ended the year 13-4-2, produced a record 63 goals and allowed a record low 14.

Middleville's defense set a mark with 10 shutouts throughout the spring campaign. Defensive standouts included Jeanette Scheerhorn, Erica Carter, Ashley Gentry, Shayna Neason and goalkeepers Payshence Erb and Allison Belson. Both goalkeepers allowed .7 goals per game.

The Trojans' offense kept constant pressure on the Panthers, carrying most of the action on their end of the field.

High scorers were Gwen Jeurink and Ashley Moore with 13 goals each, Laura VanRyn with 10, Ande Kelley and Sarah Schut with nine.

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Scots score baseball triumph versus Rams

The varsity baseball squad at Caledonia High School collected a 7-6 triumph over South Haven in the second game of a May 27 non-league doubleheader in Caledonia.

Brett Beckett went 3-for-4 with two doubles, a triple and two RBI and Mike Gillard went 2-for-3 with a two-base rap.

The victory improved the team's record to 9-21 overall. The Scots were 4-12 in the league.

Brian Basarabski notched his third pitching win of the season and Eric Jones picked up his second save.

Caledonia lost the opener 19-10. Gillard went 2-for-3 with two RBI and a triple, Beckett 2-for-3 with two RBI and a home run and Matt Wieczkowski collected three of four hits.

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Teams compete during annual Soccerfest games

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Athletes of the Week

Erin Osgerby

Caledonia High School

Osgerby struck out 20 Cedar Springs' batters in two softball triumphs for the Lady Scots last week. The 20 strikeouts put her season total at 140, first in the O-K Gold. She has a record 248 strikeouts in her Caledonia career.

Gwen Jeurink

Thornapple-Kellogg High School (Middleville)

Jeurink scored twice for the Lady Trojans varsity in a 6-1 win over Delton Kellogg May 24 in district action at Middleville. Both of Jeurink's goals came in the second half.

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AOK Champs...

The Dutton Christian School baseball team recently won league honors in the AOK. Team members are (front row) Steve Burgess, Kevin DeVries, Jacob Theule, Josh VanLaan, Jeremy Damstra, Danny Brown, Jameson DeBlaay; (back row) Ben Koning, Jake Benting, Eric Manne, Adam Ringnalda, Branden Theule, Coach Jon Teune, Chad Lenartz and Coach Kutchinski. (Photo provided)

Caledonia freestyle mat men medal at regionals

The Caledonia Freestyle Wrestling Club traveled to Lowell May 15 to compete at the MWF regionals. Regional placers in Groups II-IV traveled to the Kellogg Arena to compete in the State championships.

Placing in Group O were Christian Brower, Andrew Morse and Caleb Yonker. All three finished with second places.

In Group II, Justin Maxim, Michael Schaibly and Tyler McCoy all collected seconds.

Brandon Cance headed Group III with a first place triumph.

Ryan Dykhouse, came away with a second place finish in Group IV.

The regional placers headed to Kellogg Arena May 22 for State.

Maxim wrestled for a fourth place win, Cance came away with a second and Dykhouse scored a third. Brandon Schalk gained a silver medal competing in the Cadet class, while Michael Tomanek wound up third. In the Juniors, B.J. Tomanek placed first.

Lady Scots' soccer season one to remember

Caledonia senior Liz Fortuna (12) has frequently found the back of the opponents' goals during the undefeated regular season.

The 17-0-1 soccer regular season enjoyed by Caledonia's varsity soccer squad has included many great moments and numerous record-setting performances.

The Lady Scots scored 89 goals and allowed just six in the 18 games.

During that span, Coach Jeff Merritt's squad registered 341 shots on their opponents' goals and limited their foes to just 63 shots.

Caledonia was 14-0 in the O-K Gold to take first place. Forest Hills Northern and Unity Christian were second at 11-3.

Senior Liz Fortuna scored 22 goals in the 18 games and collected 12 assists. Christine DeVormer netted eight goals and four assists and Elise Boncher tallied 14 goals and six assists.

Ashley Frazier, Ann Schmidt, Sarah Dunlap, Angie Adrianse, Jessie Choryan, Alicia Ryder, Holly Blackmore, Marissa Woodcock, Nessa Hofstra, Kelly Jackson and Anne Morgan have also added points to Caledonia's explosive offensive endeavors.

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