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Caledonia principal says she will retire

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Carol Tully Uhlman, principal of Caledonia Middle School, has announced she will retire effective July 31.

She said, "I appreciate the many opportunities the Board of Education has given me to serve Caledonia Community Schools. Every opportunity has brought its own unique pains, pleasures and rewards — from School Psychologist to Director of Special Education to Principal of Caledonia Middle School.

"This Middle School — students, parents, staff and the concept have become very important and dear to my heart.

"I believe that in the past two years we have built a strong foundation for providing a safe, caring environment with strong family ties and high academic standards and outstanding enrichment opportunities for all students.

"I am confident that the development of a strong, viable parent partnership through Family Links will continue to grow and become an integral part of not only Caledonia Middle School, but also all of Caledonia Community Schools. Our enrichment program is without equal.

"The completion of the North Central Accreditation process will affirm our commitment to academic excellence."

Uhlman said she was willing to be actively involved in the transition process her retirement would bring. She mentioned helping with her own replace-

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Carol Uhlman

Commission suggests new Caledonia High School

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A special commission studying future educational needs is recommending that Caledonia Community Schools build a new high school and turn the current CHS facility into a community center.

The Caledonia Community Schools Growth and Planning Commission presented a plan to the Board of Education June 15. Demographic data was provided by DeJong and Associates, Inc.

The school district has experienced significant population growth according to the preliminary 1990 census data, and significant new housing development during the past ten years is expected to continue.

Comprehensive educational programs are provided for four elementary, one middle school, one high school, one alternative high school and community education. Academically, the students in the district perform comparably to the state and national averages on assessment tests. The number of graduates is increasing, as well as graduates continuing post high school education.

Student enrollment has increased steadily for the past 10 years by 889 students, including special education and alternative education. The total district enrollment for 1998-99 was 3,000 students. The middle school grades experienced the most growth over the past ten years, with an increase of 236 students.

Housing developments in townships within the school district are on an upward trend. Jasonville Farms alone will generate approximately 400 new single-family homes over the next five years.

In the last ten years, there were 993 new single-family homes and 54 multiple-family units constructed. By dividing the enrollment increase by the number of new homes, a ratio of .83 was determined. For every 1,000 new homes, this ratio would suggest 824 additional students, but DeJong's report says this would overstate the expected growth. Families have a tendency to buy homes with preschool, elementary and middle school grade children. Parents with high school age children are less likely to move. Growth in high school grades typically comes from increases in the younger grades maturing to the high school levels.

Enrollment projections for 2008-2009 in grades K-5 ranged from 1,618 to 1,835 children. In grades 6-8 (middle school), projections ranged from 845 to 1,064 children. In the high school, projected numbers of enrollment ranged from 3,665 to 4,187.

A community forum was held April 22, at which findings were presented to community members. Findings and suggestions presented included:

- Use existing facilities more of the time via a multi-track schedule or the day split into two instructional shifts.
- Extend the Emmons Lake alternative calendar to grades 6-8 and move those students from the

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Dan Clark re-elected school board president

The new Caledonia Board of Education includes Treasurer Robert Bergy, Trustee Robert Lillie, President Daniel Clark, Vice President Robin Vaughan, Secretary Bernard Nagel, Trustee James Gless and newly elected Trustee William Harrison.

The Caledonia Board of Education elected new officers at the July 1 meeting.

Daniel Clark, who served as president last year, was again selected to serve in that position. Elected in 1995 to the board, he also has served as vice president for two years.

Robin Vaughan was reappointed to serve as vice president. She has been on the board since 1986.

Bernard Nagel will continue as secretary, a position he has held for nine years. He has previously served as vice president for one year, and was first elected in 1986.

Robert Bergy will serve as treasurer for his third year. He was elected in 1995.

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Middleville business woman elected to state post

Susan A. Foster, owner of Thornapple Financial Center in Middleville, was elected third vice president of the Independent Accountants Association of Michigan.

The IAAM is a non-profit organization that works to preserve and protect the right to practice and to provide services to their membership. It offers training to improve all members' professional skills and business opportunities, enhance their ability to service the needs of the business community, and reinforce the integrity of the profession.

Foster has been an active member of IAAM since 1986. In that time, she has served as local chapter chairwoman for two terms. She has served on the statewide education committee, and held the position of chairwoman. She has also served on the statewide business and finance committee.

The position of third vice president is an ascending position that moves up each year at their annual meeting. In the year, 2002, Foster will be inducted as state president of the association. The opportunity to serve on the executive board is a five-year commitment beginning with the position of third vice president and ending with a final year term as past president.

Foster is the mother of four school-aged children and is active in the community and in her church. She sees her role as a business owner in the community as one of service.

"I want to educate and guide my clients so that they can achieve financial independence and in doing so, will achieve their goals, whether in the business or personal realms."

When asked, where she sees herself in five years, Foster replied, "Very busy at leading the Independent Accountants Association of Michigan and striving to maintain their excellent reputation as well as serving our clients and community. I am truly looking forward to it."

Mike Bremer (on left) and Doug Brinks work together to make sure the wood being salvaged doesn't split.

Village Players salvage wood for next piece

The next piece in the Village Players' set of heritage buildings will be the 1931 W.K. Kellogg School.

To make the wooden reproduction even more valuable than its $15 cost is the fact that the players salvaged the wood from the soon to be demolished building.

The Village Players are accepting preorders for this piece. Preorders should be sent to The Village Players, P. O. Box 368, Middleville 49333.

Cheryl Cravero of the Village Plays says, "It is really important that people who have the entire collection preorder so they can be sure to have the new piece for their collections."

If enough preorders are received the players will have more than 100 made. The piece will be available at Heritage Day on Sept. 11.

The Village Players made a $250 contribution to the Brick Sculpture and will be volunteering to reclaim brick for it.

Mike Cravero finds just the right place for his prybar while salvaging wood for the next in the Village Players' Heritage Village Collection.

Old TK Middle School sculpture name selected

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

"Reclaimed Spirit" is the name selected for the sculpture for the old middle school designed by artist Don Williamson.

It was the one name on a list of more than 25 possible titles unanimously selected by members of the Brick Sculpture Committee July 1.

The first orders for engraved bricks have been received. Plans are being made for a sculpture celebration and time capsule opening later in July.

Committee co-chairs Mike Bremer and Nancy Goodin are happy with the support the project is already receiving from businesses and individuals.

Williamson is planning some celebratory events and has done some research into what the original groundbreaking ceremony was like for the building.

Some suggestions have been received for new inclusions into the time capsule. Order forms for the engraved bricks are available at local businesses and the Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library. The cost is just $25 per brick. For more information, call 795-5400, extension 6255.

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To retire, from front page

ment and other staff positions yet to be filled.

She said it is very difficult to leave, but felt it was best that she do so. She said she wanted to spend more time with her grandchildren and enjoy the slower pace and challenges that retirement will bring.

Uhlman thanked Superintendent Doug Busman for the many opportunities and challenges she had been provided during her 23 years with Caledonia Community Schools.

She was hired in August 1976 as school psychologist, served as assistant special education coordinator before being named special education director in 1988. She has been principal at CMS since the 1997-98 school year.

Uhlman received a bachelor of science degree in 1975 and a master of arts degree from Western Michigan University. Her doctorate degree in educational leadership was earned in April 1987, also at WMU.

Young peoples' AA forming

Barry County Substance Abuse has organized a Young Peoples AA in Middleville.

The first meeting is Tuesday, July 6 from 6 to 7 p.m.

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New school, continued from front page

Caledonia Middle School to a different location.

• No new construction, finding space for the additional middle school students by increasing class size, reconfiguring grades among existing buildings as needed (grade 6 to elementaries) and/or adding portables.

• Add on to existing buildings.

• Build a second middle school and reconfigure grades for several years.

• Build a separate community center to house alternative education, community education, child care, administration and community recreation. This community center may or may not include a community pool and community library.

• Build a new replacement high school and use the existing high school as a multipurpose facility for those programs presented above.

• Any combination of these options.

An options analysis followed with review of the advantages and disadvantages. The audience members then asked questions.

Three focus group discussions were conducted among selected residents of the Caledonia district during the first two weeks in May. Thirty-eight residents agreed to join one of the three focus groups, and 21 attended. Care was taken to select a broad representation of different people.

Two co-chairs of the Growth and Planning Commission, Denny Atkinson and Tim Cochran, also took turns observing the groups and providing information.

The following focus group observations are based on expressed comments and opinions common to most of the group members:

• Most district residents want CCS to select a solution that adds space but also improves the quality of education. Most are reluctant to increase class sizes to house more students. They do not want a grades 8-9 building if it would limit course options to ninth-graders.

• Most participants prefer the most ambitious option, to build a replacement high school and use the existing high school building as a multi-purpose facility for middle school students and the programs at the community education building. After learning that CCS could participate in the state's loan bond program and limit their incremental mills between 1.1 and 1.85 mills, they feel stronger about their preference and more positive about the community's support.

• The group members would like a community library in the multi-purpose center retrofitted from the existing high school, but are skeptical if the library management is interested in partnering with CCS.

• Many group participants would like a community swimming pool in this community center, but do not want to pursue a swimming pool at the risk of relieving overcrowding in the schools. Quality of education is their priority.

• If the replacement high school proposal fails, then their next preference is to first move sixth-graders on an optional basis to the elementary schools and then add on to Caledonia Middle School if still necessary.

• Emmons Lake families definitely like the idea of the alternate calendar. Possibly preschool and Kids Korner child care programs could also move into the elementary schools.

A random sample survey of Caledonia area residents was the third phase of research to assist the Growth and Planning Commission with their study of growth and facility options.

Among 400 citizens receiving the questionnaire, 235, or 59%, actually completed and returned it. Evaluated by Gartner and Associates, conclusions are summarized as follows:

• CCS residents believe the existing CCS school buildings are in excellent or good condition, with CMS at the top

• There is low awareness of the condition of the CCS Community Education building. Approximately one-fourth to one-third of the total sample believes that the facilities for each of the programs at the CCS Community Ed. building are in poor condition. Only 18% of the total sample says that the CCS Administration Building is in poor condition.

• Eleven to 24 percent of parents would choose an alternate calendar for their middle school student.

• The total sample is satisfied with the CCS existing goals for average class size.

• Caledonia residents do not want class sizes to get larger. More people were opposed to increased class size and to using portables than any other options.

• The most preferred facility option of parents with children in school is to build a replacement high school, with the existing high school becoming a multi-purpose facility for some middle school students and for the programs currently at the community ed building. However, the total sample including people without children in school were about equally in favor and opposed to that solution.

• The other two options receiving positive responses are adding on to CMS to house 1,000 students and giving families the option to keep their sixth-graders at their elementary school.

• Neither of these two options received much strong support when evaluated on their own. Adding on to CMS was given more approval than keeping 6th graders at their elementary school.

• Building a new community center as a separate solution received more opposition than support.

• CCS residents do not want to build a new eighth and ninth grade building and then reconfigure CMS to grades 6-7 and CHS to grades 10-12.

• CCS residents do not want to split CMS into two instructional shifts to find space at the middle school. 62% were opposed.

• Caledonia does not seem ready to build a new community swimming pool.

• More Caledonia residents feel it is not urgent to include a new community library with either a new stand-alone community center or as a part of a multi-purpose facility in the CHS building.

• Most residents feel that CCS is doing a good job, taken as a positive indicator for any bond issue for new construction.

Formal recommendations (abridged) resulting from this process are as follows, that the Board of Education:

1. Move forward with the implementation of the strategic plan.

2. Request of the voters, through a bond election, the financing as appropriate to address the projects identified below.

3. Build a replacement high school and use the existing high school for a multi-purpose center.

4. Address the driveway and parking safety issues of all buildings, including CMS, Dutton Elementary, and Kettle Lake Elementary and review the pros and cons of an internal connector road on the village campus property.

5 Address technology updating.

6. Explore the possibility of a collaborative effort with the local municipalities in building a library and a pool.

7. Consider placing the building of a pool on a future bond proposal as a separate issue.

8. Consider a canopy for buses parked overnight at the Transportation Maintenance Center and an additional canopy over the fueling island.

9. Engage in the selection of architectural and construction manager services to assist the district in the implementation of these recommendations.

10. Engage in master planning of the education campus, which stretches from the current high school to the Transportation Maintenance Center.

11. Consider the purchase of additional property as possible sites for schools.

12. Continue to monitor growth and review and update this plan on a regular basis.

13. Charge the administration with developing detail and timelines to carry out the recommendations of the CCS Growth and Planning Commission.

14. Develop educational specifications to be used as guides for future buildings.

15. Develop a process to continue to include the community in the implementation of these recommendations and keeping the community informed on the progress that is being made.

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Barry Community Foundation makes matching grant to trail association

The Barry Community Foundation presented the Thornapple Trail Association with a $10,000 matching grant for trail improvements in the Middleville area. Pictured (from left) are association members Fred Flieischman and Craig Patterson, the BCF's Maggie Coleman, association president Mike Gormley and board member and bridge designer Mark Fritsma. The Thornapple Trail Association is planning on fund-raising to match the grant which will be used to provide paving from McCann to Irving Roads. Information about the Thornapple Trail Association is available by writing the TTA at P.O. Box 393, Middleville 49333. Information about the Barry Community Foundation is available by calling 945-0526.

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Straters celebrated silver anniversary

Ron and Pam (Manning) Strater of Middleville celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary.

Ron and Pam were married on June 14, 1974 at the home of Pam's parents on the Gun River in Plainwell.

The Straters' children are Jaime (Seth) Nelson and Dirk Strater.

Ron and Pam spent their anniversary on a month long trip across the country to visit their son in Lake Tahoe, California.

Ron is a teacher at Thornapple Kellogg Middle School and Pam is an employee of the Middleville Post Office.

Apseys celebrated 40th anniversary

Bill and Sharleen Apsey celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at Bay Pointe Restaurant on July 2nd, 1999. The Apsey family includes Shelley and Rick Hamilton of Wayland, Mi. and Mark and Taylar Apsey of Ramstein, Germany; and three very special grandchildren, Dylan and Shannon Hamilton and Keegan Apsey. This fall they will celebrate by going on a cruise on the western Caribbean.

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Watershed group warns of Emmons Creek damage

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Thornapple Watershed Group claims that extensive development all along Emmons Creek's route toward the Thornapple River is causing environmental damage.

Patricia Pennell, education director of the watershed group and chair of the Township Parks and Recreation Committee, told the Caledonia Township Planning Commission June 21 that she hopes to raise citizens' awareness of the problem.

Pennell said Caledonia Township has some outstanding natural features.

"In 1920, Emmons Creek was one of them: But it's been in trouble since then," she said.

"Some people here have seen trout in that stream. Now you'd be unlikely to find a sucker in it. The biggest problem is the great amount of water going in. Because of that, things are having trouble living in that stream."

Pennell said if Emmons Creek (upstream) south of100th Street was in a development area, there would be more of the same kinds of problems.

"That is the headwaters of South Emmons Creek.

"Emmons Creek is channelized along Cherry Valley and M-37," she said. "Some is naturally meandering, but where it is channelized, the water is going to travel a lot faster.

"There are several problems Emmons Creek has right now. The main problem is the amount of water volume going into that stream has probably doubled in the area where development has taken place."

She said conditions in the Glen Valley development were causing a lot of the problem. It has a huge detainment pond, designed to be large enough to hold back ground water, but it is not keeping the water from going directly into Emmons Creek.

David Skippers and Janis Thompkins of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) had looked at it with Pennell, she said. They had concluded the detention pond needs to be engineered differently.

One other problem is that people living near the pond have encroached on the area near the pond, and have removed the vegetation, which is designed to absorb and hold back the water. People have put in play equipment, which she said would make the pond gradually more inadequate for holding back storm water.

She said she believes people did not realize the damage that was being caused by this.

She also mentioned another area where a wetland that was proposed to be preserved was now gone. A detention pond there is very low. It was supposed to be planted with vegetation by July of this year and this has not been done. She said no silt fences had been put up, and silt washes down from the high areas into the detention pond that was once a wetland.

Emmons Creek near Cherry Valley south of 84th Street, flooded after heavy rains is clouded with deposits eroded into the small stream.

"It flows directly out into a 'wet creek' (which flows only when raining)," Pennell said. "They quadrupled the amount of water going into that. It will not be as much of a problem once it is vegetated."

She explained that tons of soil flowed over the ground under the culvert on Cherry Valley and into the headwaters of the north branch of Emmons Creek and filled up about half of the pond of the resident who lives there.

"I have photographed streams and rivers of mud and silt flowing across the land, cutting huge ravines," Pennell said.

She said when people promised to put up silt fences, but didn't, there were severe consequences downstream from where the neglect occurred.

Pennell said part of the problem is that people assigned to monitor these problems are overworked, and another part is ignorance on the part of people who contribute without realizing it.

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Gun Lake Women's Club to meet at Charlton Park

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Gun Lake Area will have its next meeting on a new date for next month only, Wednesday, July 7, at 9:30 a.m. at Charlton Park.

An informational tour about Charlton Park will follow the regular business meeting. Anyone interested in carpooling should meet at Bay Pointe on Marsh Rd. at 9 a.m.

Hostesses for the month are Judy Nelson and Reita Newman. Call them at 792-1412 and 795-4755 respectively. Members are reminded to bring a lunch to be auctioned, with proceeds going to the park.

Club business will include:

• Board meeting Tuesday, July 6, at 9:30 a.m. at home of Marjory Richards. Call her at 795-3969.

• A report on the library grand opening of June 12.

• Firm plans for member trip to Interlochen July 13 and 14. Call Fran Leonard at 795-8731 or Richards for information.

• Leonard will give an update report on the "zero phosphate" campaign with the Gun Lake Protective Association.

• Reservations for "Hello Dolly" trip to Turkeyville with GFWC-Hastings Club are closed. All payments should be in. The contact for this event is Leonard.

• The GFWC-Gun Lake Area ESO Reading club has suspended meetings until fall.

For more information, call Phyllis Pence at 795-3136.

• Members are reminded to bring bingo games prizes for senior citizens. Call Marilyn Finkbeiner (795-9206) for information.

• Clippifigs of news releases from area papers (be sure to include header with date). Contact Fran Leonard, publicity chair, for information.

Meetings, programs and events of GFWC-Gun Lake Area are open to anyone interested in attending. For more information about GFWC-Gun Lake Area, call club President Jose Vogel (795-7367) or Vice President Marjory Richards (795-3969).

Engagements

Belson-Hilton to wed Oct. 2

Kim Belson and Jim Hilton are pleased to announce their engagement.

She is the daughter of Glenn and Marcia Schondelmayer of Middleville and Mike Belson of Hastings. He is the son of Larry and Lynne Hilton of Lake Odessa.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School and employed at Hastings Mutual Insurance Company.

The prospective bridegroom is a graduate of Lakewood High School and employed at Harder Warner Nursery.

An October 2 wedding is planned.

Silver Award recipients (standing, from left) Jennie Atkinson, Jaime Alexander, Jenna McIntyre, Amanda Danielson, Heidi Porter, (kneeling) Kelly VanVolkinburg, Denise Robinson, April Kraft, and Hannah Ezinga.

Cherry Valley Girl Scouts have bridging ceremony

The annual Girl Scout bridging and awards ceremony took place recently at the Caledonia Middle School.

Troops that bridged from Daisies to Brownies were Troop No. 119, with leader Carolyn Collins; Troop 120, with leader Sharon Clark; and Troop 599, with leader Sherry Rosema.

Troops bridging from Brownies to Juniors included Troop 38, with leaders Barb Burger and Tammy Holzhauzen, Troop 151, with leader Lisa Wilkerson, Troop 204, with leader Mary DeVries; Troop 611, with leader Dani Wilcox and Michelle Zych; Troop 639, with leader Gayle Kraft, and Troop 664, with leader Sharon Clark.

Troops bridging from Juniors to Cadettes were Troop 51 with leader Karen Cargill and Troop #1004 with leader Brenda Riva.

Troops bridging from Cadettes to Seniors were Troop 513 with leader Gayle Kraft and Troop 54 with leader Sue Porter.

Those who have been to the Caledonia or Middleville libraries recently may have noticed the decorations, which were put together by several troops for this. Awards were presented for their work.

Troop 513 presented Lorena Palm, the executive director of Michigan Trails Girl Scout Council, with several books that focused on women and girls. Each troop in the neighborhood donated a book.

After these presentations were the older girl awards.

Erica Curry, the older girl program director of MTGSC, presented the following girls with their silver awards: Kelly VanVolkinburg, April Kraft, Denise Robinson, Jaime Alexander, Jenna McIntyre, Hannah Ezinga, Jennie Atkinson, Amanda Danielson of Troop 513, and Heidi Porter of Troop 54.

To earn their silver award, the girls of Troop 513 were in charge of or managed the neighborhood. Each girl was in charge of an event. They planned it from beginning to end, making sure every minor detail was ironed out. They then carried out their plans. Each girl was successful in planning and carrying out her event.

For her silver award, Heidi Porter did the public relations for Cherry Valley Neighborhood. She gave the Girl Scouts publicity by going to their events, taking pictures, taking notes, conducting interviews, and eventually writing newspaper articles.

The silver award recipients are now seniors and pursuing their Gold Award, the highest award in Senior Girl Scouting. This award is equivalent to the Eagle earned in Boy Scouting.

The ceremony ended with a neighborhood thanks and flag ceremony. Afterward, everyone enjoyed refreshments served by Debi Wilson's Junior Troop 769.

Area AA meetings set

Caledonia - 100th and M-37. AA meets Tuesdays 6:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. Open Discussion Meeting. (Al-Anon meets Tuesday and Thursday at noon.) 9964 Cherry Valley #3, Caledonia. Contact Jerry R. at 437-9452. (TFN)

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• At fairs and festivals, the smell of kernels popping will always tell you it's popcorn time!

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2½ quarts popped popcorn*
1½ cups light brown sugar, packed
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½ cup butter
1 tablespoon vinegar
½ teaspoon salt
1 6-oz. package of chocolate chips
½ cup chopped walnuts
2 pints, brick-style vanilla ice cream

***1 ounce of unpopped popcorn kernels (2 tablespoons household measure) makes approximately 1 quart of popped popcorn.**

Keep popcorn warm. In a 3-quart saucepan combine brown sugar, corn syrup, butter, vinegar and salt. Cook and stir until sugar dissolves. Continue to cook until hard ball stage (250 degrees on candy thermometer). Pour syrup over popped corn; stir to coat. Add chocolate pieces and nuts. Divide popcorn mixture. Butter bottom and sides of two 9 x 13 inch pans. Spread half of the mixture into each pan, packing firmly. Cool. In each pan, cut 12 rectangles. Cut each pint of ice cream into six slices. Sandwich ice cream between two popcorn rectangles. Makes 12 sandwiches.

Nutritional Information (based on 1 chipwich):

Total Calories 417; Fat 21g; Carbohydrate 59g; Sugar 44g; Fiber 2g; Protein 4g; Sodium 243mg; Cholesterol 40mg.

BEACH PARTY POPCORN

½ cup melted butter
1 teaspoon soy sauce
1-2 drops hot pepper sauce
2 quarts popped popcorn*
2 cups seasoned assorted snacks
½ package (0.56 oz.) bacon-onion dip mix

*** 1 ounce of unpopped popcorn kernels (2 tablespoons household measure) makes approximately 1 quart of popped popcorn.**

Add soy sauce and hot pepper sauce to melted butter. Put popped popcorn and seasoned assorted snacks in a large bowl. Pour butter/soy sauce mixture over popped popcorn and snacks; toss. Sprinkle with bacon-onion dip mix; toss again. Spread mixture in a jelly roll pan (15½ by 10½ by 1 inch) and bake in a 350-degree Fahrenheit for oven 8-10 minutes, stirring once. Yield: 2½ quarts.

Nutritional Information (based on 1-cup serving):

Total Calories 148; Fat 10g; Carbohydrate 13g; Sugar 4g; Fiber 2g; Protein 2g; Sodium 366mg; Cholesterol 17mg.

For more summer snacking ideas and popcorn recipes, visit *www.popcorn.org*.

Woman pleads guilty to probation violation

Lori Watters, 38, of Middleville, pleaded guilty in Barry County Circuit Court last month to violating her probation by leaving the Kalamazoo Probation Enhancement Program, a half-way house for women, without permission and without completing her six-month term.

"I just broke down, I couldn't handle it," she told Fisher at her arraignment on the probation violation petition.

Defense attorney Gordon Shane McNeill explained his client was under the impression she would receive psychiatric counseling at the center.

"It's apparently not the treatment facility she thought it was," said McNeill.

Watters is on probation for her 1998 conviction of attempted retail fraud and failing to report income to welfare authorities.

Man hurt in ATV accident

A 25-year-old Freeport man was hurt June 22 when he lost control of the 1998 Polaris quad runner he was riding and struck a tree, the Hastings Police of the Michigan State Police reported.

Christopher Bryant Walker was reported by police to have suffered incapacitating injuries in the crash, but was treated at Pennock Hospital and released, according to a hospital spokesperson.

Walker told police a bolt holding a tie rod came loose, causing him to lose control.

Alcohol was not a factor and no citations were issued, police reported.

Middleville man faces sex charges

Laurence Moored, 41, of Middleville was scheduled for trial Aug. 2 at 8:30 a.m. in Barry County Circuit Court on two counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct with a girl between the ages of 13 and 16.

He is also charged with three counts of second degree criminal sexual conduct with the same girl, all which allegedly occurred between June 1998 and January 1999.

Freeport store reports break-in

An unknown, would-be burglar apparently suffered some cuts as the subject broke two windows to gain access to Our Village Store in Freeport between June 20 and 21, according to a report by the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police.

The store owners arrived at about 5:30 a.m. June 21 to open the store and found a large amount of glass around the front door and a side window next to the front door broken.

The owners also found blood on the floor near the window, a metal object used to break the glass and several more blood spots on the floor, the counter and the cash register, police reported.

Nothing was discovered missing and no other damage was reported.

The incident remains under investigation.

Handguns missing from residence

A 9 mm handgun and a .32 caliber handgun have been reported missing from a residence in the 12000 block of Cleland Road in Yankee Springs Township, according a report by the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police.

The owner said the guns were laying on a couch in his unlocked home while he worked nearby. He returned inside the house two hours later to find them missing at about 9:30 p.m., police said.

Troopers are questioning two juvenile males seen near the front of the home during the time the guns reportedly were taken.

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Farmers Union head McIlvain raps industrialized agriculture

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Pollution such as the recent dairy sewage spill in Ottawa County, west of Grand Rapids, could become more common in Michigan if efforts to revise farm legislation is achieved in Lansing, says Carl McIlvain, president of the Michigan Farmers Union.

On May 30, between 50,000 and 90,000 gallons of waste leaked from Beaver Creek Farms, 17431 56th Ave., north of Coopersville into Deer Creek. Ottawa County Sgt. Steve Kempker said. it took seven hours for Department of Environmental Quality and the Department of Agriculture to find the source of the pollution.

Waste being pumped from a dairy operation onto the fields over-saturated them and waste started flowing into the creek, it was believed.

McIlvain said, "After so much waste is on the ground, it has to go somewhere. The only place for it to go is into the groundwater or off into the surface water."

Industrial farms described here are where 1,000 to as many as 50,000 animals are raised in a relatively small area. Animal waste in quantities up to millions of gallons are involved, usually stored in open lagoons.

Carl McIlvain

McIlvain explained that an operation in Utah with 50,000 animals produces the same amount of waste that is created by greater Los Angeles.

McIlvain said smaller spills have occurred in Barry County, on Brogan Road near M-37. A dairy farm which has lagoons filled with waste has spilled into Cedar Creek, he said.

A spill last month in North Carolina resulted in 1,900,000 gallons of hog waste from a manure lagoon spilled into neighboring wetlands, reported by Scotty Johnson of Defenders of Wildlife. He said on a national scale, "Each month four to six feedlot spills poison our rural waterways. Meanwhile, more megafactory animal farms are being built and proposed."

McIlvain, presenting information about industrial farming before the Barry County Planning Commission June 28, listed many dangers and effects that develop from industrial farms which, in the name of efficiency have become so large they endanger the environment and quality of life for Michigan residents.

McIlvain stressed that in a state where it is said no citizen lives less than six miles from a body of water we cannot afford to take chances with this kind of agriculture.

"Industrialized agriculture isn't mandated by necessity. It is a plan to take over food production.

"If it is passed, legislation introduced in Lansing will pre-empt local and county zoning that controls intensive animal agriculture," he said.

He urged local and county officials to pass ordinances of their own and to call their state representatives and senators in the capitol to do something to prevent an effort to move into Michigan.

There are rumors that in July the Environmental Protection Agency might hand off partial responsibility to the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation Service, giving it the charge of pollution controls through "Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plans."

"None of these agencies are equipped or financed to handle this huge problem. The USDA can not stand up against the money and political power of the agribusiness industry," according to commentary from an organization calling itself the Defenders of Wildlife. This organization supports keeping water pollution control permits for intensive animal agriculture under the control of the EPA.

A series of actions have been proposed this year in Michigan, which would affect agricultural practice, perhaps paving the way for industrial farms here.

Senate Bill No.205 of Feb. 2, 1999, would amend the "Michigan Right to Farm Act," by amending Section 4, as amended by 1995 PA94.

"This act pre-empts provisions of a zoning ordinance or noise ordinance that conflict with this act."

"For purposes of this section, 'zoning ordinance' means an ordinance adopted under.... the county, the township or the City and Village Zoning Act.

Senate Bill No.29 of Jan. 13, 1999, to amend 1994 PA 451, titled "Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act," would add part 362 to the terms affecting Agricultural Security Areas. Livestock is one of the types of agricultural production specified.

The bill allows a state agency to define what "agricultural use" is "generally accepted agricultural and management practice," and to review and assess the impact of a proposed project, within the protection of the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

A substitute for Senate Bill No. 49, as amended March 17, 1999, is a bill to amend 1943 PA 183 titled "County Zoning Act," by adding section 1b.

"... A zoning ordinance adopted under this act shall not prohibit the keeping of farm animals on a parcel of 40 acres or more, but may provide for a limitation on the number of farm animals kept on the parcel consistent with generally accepted agricultural and management practices as defined in the Michigan Right to Farm Act, ... including, but not limited to a manure management system plan... Subsection 1 does not require a zoning ordinance to prohibit or limit the keeping of farm animals on a parcel of less than 40 acres."

If left up to state agency determination, McIlvain fears this actually undermines protective legislation and opens the door to large meat production corporations, with political support at the state level.

Originally the Michigan Right to Farm Act was meant to protect farmers from nuisance complaints against them while engaging in normal agricultural practice.

The Clean Water Network recommends the following requirements of large farm operations:

1. All manure pits or storage facilities be lined and covered to protect air and water quality.

2. Rates for applying manure to land must protect water quality from all pollutants in the

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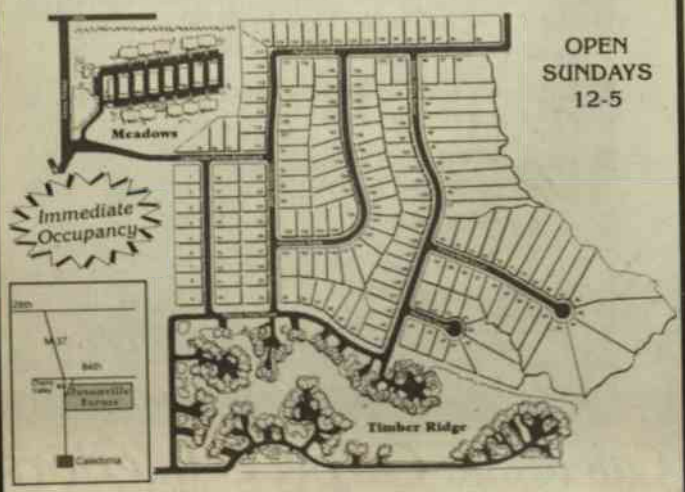

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manure and should be nationally consistent.

3. Manure lagoons may not be sited in or near wetlands, impaired waters, floodplains, sandy soils, and other vulnerable areas.

4. Farms with permits must be required to conduct ground and surface water quality monitoring and publicly report the results.

Industrial farming is not just a local issue, but one of national scale.

In other areas of the country, huge corporations have moved in large scale meat production factories. This has happened in North Carolina, in Missouri, in Utah and other states. In a video presentation, "And on This Farm," several Missouri farmers were interviewed about the effects of intensive hog farming.

Some said they believe political means were used by large corporations to establish their operations.

Many people in the video said Farm Corporations often promise to bring more jobs and to pay more in property taxes into an area to get the approval to come in.

"But they do not say what the area will smell like. They don't tell local officials the waste materials will endanger drinking water or kill the fish in the lakes and streams," one Missourian said.

People there seem to feel powerless to fight the corporate machinery.

A county administrator said, "Are we not entitled to some safe regulation? Our ordinance was not enacted to prohibit livestock and the production of hogs. It was to impose regulation so those facilities were also safe for the people who live by them."

"We are one of the first counties that has enacted health ordinances, and heard there would be a challenge. Of the six counties that have ordinances, we are probably the smallest, with the least amount of funds. We are not sure who all is paying for the lawsuit against our county. We understand there are many involved."

A man added, "They pick the widest geographical area with the least amount of regulation so they can plan their expansion systematically. They have found the niche in our laws where they are stunningly unregulated and they are trying to drive... their economic agenda.

"In this country, we have spent hundreds of... billions of dollars cleaning waste water to make sure our streams are fishable and our water is drinkable."

He said we should not accept this just because of one sector of agriculture.

Ecological impacts can be extensive. Environmental damage and loss of quality of life for residents of an area are other effects.

"When you put tens of thousands of hogs in one spot, and put their manure in a holding spot, it causes problems," was the refrain repeated again and again.

"The two significant problems are water quality problems, both short term and long term, and the other is the odor that comes off these types of facilities. When you bring in the levels of operations you see here, you bring in a full new environmental equation."

Examples of damage to the environment were documented. In 1996-97 Missouri experienced 19 waste spills over a 15-month period, totalling the release of more than a quarter of a million gallons of hog waste.

Cases where the spills polluted streams in Missouri, and into neighboring states were shown. As many as 180,000 fish were killed in these spills. Ammonia in the water at three parts per million is serious, and they had readings of 150 to 300 parts per million in some of the incidents.

One man said, "150 parts per million will kill everything instantly, fish, bugs, and everything else in a matter of minutes. It's truly toxic."

Heavy metals were said to have been discharged in these spills as well. Heavy metals that did not get digested go into feces and are spread on the land, and in the case of a spill, get into the waterways. DNR measurements after the spill showed levels of manganese 170 times the standard for safe and acceptable. Quantities of manganese, copper and nickel were traced 20 miles downstream.

> One man concluded, "It's important that we not accept the industrialization of agriculture as something natural, inevitable and predetermined. It is a plan for some people to benefit and others to pay. When it's staring you in the face, you have to confront it. You can accept, or leave it, or try to change it."

Another farmer explained the scale of a spill in more common terms.

"The corporation said other farmers pollute the streams, but if you believe Standard Premium Family Farms, that their spill on Blackbird was only 48,000 gallons, then, on my 340 acres I'd have to have 17,500 cows go down to the stream and crap and urinate in the stream at exactly the same time and spot to create 48,000 gallons of sewage."

The citizens of Missouri complained that health was being endangered, and the corporations were not being held to safe environmental standards. They said 25 years of effort to protect the environment was being overturned. Some said they feared other industries that are insensitive to the environment, would try to use the same paradigm of "jobs over environment" and apply it to other regulations and situations.

There were issues raised by the economic upheaval caused by the displacement of independent farmers by the influx of industrial farming.

"Its about what kind of people are going to be raising the food supply that feeds our country and feeds the world from now on," one man said.

A man said,"I think eventually they will put the independent man out of business. You will have to work for a feed company, or a slaughterhouse and that's all we'll be doing."

Producers of 1,000 hogs or less per year have gone from 32 percent of the total U.S. industry in 1988 to 5 percent in 1997. The producers marketing 50,000 hogs or more have gone from 7 percent in 1988 to 37 percent in 1997.

The price to be paid for efficiency has effects that can be devastating and sometimes permanent. Efficiency and profitability have been been achieved at the cost of driving smaller food producers out of business.

Another man said the corporate mentality is only interested in profits and growth and promoting the well-being of the corporation. He pointed out the irony of these corporate farms being the result of investments from thousands of 401K packages that people have for retirement.

McIlvain said other meat producing industries in Michigan were going the same way. Poultry has already gone in that direction, he said.

"That gives the big packers control over the supply. They don't have to buy from the independent producer until the price gets down to where they can buy it as cheap as they want," McIlvain said.

He said hog prices had been as low as 8 cents a pound., while a farmer can't raise a hog for less than 40 to 45 cents a pound. This is driving out the competition from small meat producers.

"We are losing 1,000 farmers a day in the U.S. As those farms go out they become available to development," he said.

The trend being identified here may herald a future where food production is owned and controlled by multinational corporations.

Many say the system employed in these industrialized farms is also cruel to the animals. The sows are confined in a tight area barely larger than space to lay down. Pigs are weaned at 15 to 20 days old. The sows are bred and kept producing constantly from the time they are old enough, and never get out of the pen. They get no exercise. Some have foot problems, breathing difficulties and often exhibit biting behavior on the sows in adjoining pens. Agonizing screams from animals with wounds inflicted upon each other in these conditions can be heard from a half mile away.

"This concept is the most inhumane way to raise an animal there ever was," said one man. "We depend on these animals for our lives. Before we eat them we shouldn't torture them."

The herd is rotated frequently, replacing 50 percent of the sows each year, as compared to a traditional farm where a sow usually lives about 5.5 years before going to market.

One man concluded, "It's important that we not accept the industrialization of agriculture as something natural, inevitable and pre-determined. It is a plan for some people to benefit and others to pay. When it's staring you in the face, you have to confront it. You can accept it, or leave it, or try to change it."

Anyone interested in viewing the video "And on This Farm," can arrange to see it by contacting McIlvain at 945-4775.

People who want to express opinions on intensive animal agriculture should contact their state congressmen. State Senators Gougeon and McManus introduced Senate bill No. 205. Senator Schuette introduced Senate Bill No. 29. Citizens should also contact their own legislators. The White House may be phoned at 1-202-456-1414 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

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Caledonia bus mechanics second in trouble shooting

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia bus mechanics Will Foote and Bob Huizenga, who work at the Transportation Center on a fleet of 44 school buses received second place out of 24 teams competing in a trouble shooting contest June 24-25, sponsored at a two day Mechanics Exposition.

The Michigan Association of Pupil Transportation (MAPT) sponsors the event every year. Mechanics are offered training seminars, vendor displays, and a chance to compete in events such as the trouble shooting contest. About 450 mechanics came to the event this year.

Andy Snyder, who heads up the bus team is on the committee that organizes MAPT.

Huizenga has taken part in the contest in the past, but Foote said it was his first time in such a contest. The Caledonia team has taken first place in the past. There are either two or three mechanics on a team.

"Last year, we (Caledonia mechanics) wrote the defects to be used in the trouble shooting contest, so we didn't participate, Huizenga said.

Huizenga said, "It's good practice for us. That's what we do all day."

Foote said the way the contest worked was for the team to find ten defects on the bus. "We are given ten minutes to go over the bus. We must identify and explain whether the problem is a red tag, a yellow tag, and so on."

The tags rank the seriousness of the problem. A brake problem gets a red tag, for instance. These ratings are established by the state police and are the basis for the requirements for the maintenance and safety of school buses.

One contribution Caledonia MAPT members have made was to come up with a simplified interpretation of the state police grading system. They eliminated the law enforcement terminology part of the evaluation, but clarified the mechanical part, so mechanics could designate the problems needing trouble shooting more efficiently.

State police forms were confusing before the change.

They said the State Police handbook has also been changed more recently, so that some items related to safety are given a higher rating. If a police check was made on the road, the more serious problems would be rated as more important, and minor problems would be treated with less urgency due to the re-evaluation.

Caledonia bus mechanics Bob Huizenga and Will Foote hold trophy won for second place in a trouble-shooting contest in June. Twenty-four teams competed.

For instance, there are a lot of lights on a school bus. With more than 40 buses, there is almost always a light out somewhere on one of them, but some bus lights would not be a major safety issue.

Foote said the contest itself was hard enough.

"We have certain kinds of buses in Caledonia. They had buses for us to look over that were completely different. Their bus had hydraulic brakes with an Amtram body. It took me 30 seconds just finding the switches," he said. "I didn't realize how fast ten minutes goes by."

"One problem on our bus was the stop arm wouldn't come out when the flashers were turned on."

Huizenga added, "If that happened on the route, the bus would have to pull over and call in. Another bus would have to take over the route."

He stressed, "We take the safety of the kids riding our buses very personally!"

Caledonia's fleet includes 44 buses. Most range in size from 22 to 71 passengers. A new bus coming this fall will carry 90 passengers.

There are at least 20 vendors showing products at the Mechanic's Expo. Buses are usually ordered and assembled in terms of chassis, engine options and bodies, with the options available interchangeably. Only some products are exclusive to one or two manufacturers. Mechanics may not have experience with all the options. They get to network with other mechanics, and learn from others who work on other kinds of equipment.

Seminars included information on tires, on computer diagnostics, (Cummins engines) on brakes and other areas, Foote explained.

Vendors who give sales pitches for their products also provide an educational function about the various kinds of systems available, about accessories, and features which improve safety. Part of the experience is also underwritten by the vendors, who paid for a sit-down dinner and a buffet breakfast.

The experience is both fun and educational. Both men say they benefit a great deal by attending the annual event sponsored by MAPT.

"We couldn't go without the initiative by Andy (Snyder) and the school board which authorizes us to go, " Huizenga said. "It's a good place for us to learn," Huizenga concluded.

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Two area students honored at WMU

Wendy Faber of Alto and Dana Hasselback of Vermontville were among students recently honored for outstanding achievement in a number of areas by the Department of Marketing at Western Michigan University.

Those students being honored for outstanding academic achievement are seniors who have completed at least 96 credit hours, including 15 hours of marketing, with an overall grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Faber received an award for outstanding academic achievement. A 1995 graduate of Caledonia High School, she received a bachelor's degree in marketing in April.

Caledonia grad earn bachelor's degree from WMU

Stephanie O'Krangley graduated from Cornerstone University summa cum laude with a bachelor of arts degree in psychology and a minor in history.

She was a member of Alpha Chi Sorority.

She will attend Wheaton Graduate School in the fall to earn her master's degree in psychology. Her interests are rock climbing, biking and roller blading.

Her parents are Mike and Mary O'Krangley of Caledonia/Middleville. She is a 1992 graduate of Caledonia High School.

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Page students' quilts on display at Van Andel Museum

Kim Chausow's class worked with students in Helen Jahne's class to complete a quilt featuring Michigan's motto.

Helen Jahnke's class stands with the quilt completed in 1999.

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Two of the quilts made by Page Elementary fourth-graders are on display through Oct. 1 at the Van Andel Museum Center.

Students in Kim Chausow's class at Page Elementary School in the Thornapple Kellogg School district have been creating classroom quilts since 1995, when Chase Goodin was a student in the class.

The project began when his mother Nancy asked what she could do to help and the project has just grown since then.

Both Chausow and Goodin believe that the display of two quilts is an honor, but the more exciting part has been working with the individual children.

Chausow stressed that the project includes math and social studies skills, as well as working on cooperative learning.

Quilts have in the past included as their subject Michigan resources and symbols, the capitol and government, seasons, motto and one quilt noted the stations on the Underground Railroad in Michigan.

Students in Chausow's class, Helen Jahnke's class and during the 1998-99 school year the art club all have had the opportunity to create an individual square.

Costs of the quilts are underwritten by the PTO and parents and grandparents come in and help. Both Chausow and Goodin say they have refined their technique since the first one and now it is almost "easy" to do.

The display at the Van Andel includes information on how the quilts were made, some patterns, books children read as part of the process and other information to help others start this project.

Goodin says, "This is so rewarding because I love seeing boys with stubby little hands struggle to sew their squares just right."

Once the quilts are completed, they are hung in the entry hallway at Page. Each will become part of a raffle when the students who made them become seniors in high school to help fund the graduation party.

The quilts are part of the third phase of community quilts on display at the museum. Sponsored by the West Michigan Quilters Guild, the first quilt was an "Authors" made by children at Oakleigh School.

Next were quilts made by the children at Eastside Christian School and the Knapp Charter Academy. The community quilts are displayed to raise interest as the museum seeks grants to establish a permanent "Q is for Quilts" display.

The Van Andel Museum Center, Public Museum of Grand Rapids is located at 272 Pearl Street NW in Grand Rapids. Call (616) 456-3977 for more information.

Page fourth grade teacher Kim Chausow (on left) and parent and quilter Nancy Goodin stand in front of the quilts created by Page fourth graders. Chausow, Goodin and other parents and teachers have been creating quilts with students since 1995. The museum staff chose these two quilts to display at the public museum from the eight which have been created.

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Fire contract talks begin for Yankee Springs, Irving

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

It didn't take long for Irving, Thornapple and Yankee township representatives' conversation last week to go from vacations and gypsy moth damage to fire coverage and how to pay for it.

May of 2000 is 10 months away, but members of the Yankee Springs and Irving township boards have many questions they need answered before they sign the new five-year contract with Thornapple Township Emergency Services.

Thornapple Township hosted a meeting June 28 to allow trustees from Yankee Springs and Irving to bring questions and issues to them. The meeting was moderated by Thornapple Supervisor Don Boysen. Emergency Services Chief Bob Woodard was out on a call.

Thornapple Township Trustee Rex Schad asked if there were any specific suggestions from the townships on ways to change or improve the proposed contract.

Bob Herold, Yankee Springs Treasurer, underlined his satisfaction with the service provided in the past by TTES. His concern, he said, is that Yankee Springs residents will be hard pressed to absorb the rising costs if they do not approve a half mill increase in the fire levy in a special election Tuesday, Aug. 3.

There also were questions about the way the allocations have been set with a fixed percentage in the new contract instead of the formula based on SEV (state equalized valuation), fire runs and population in the township. Herold's other concerns include the amount of money in the capital fund and the fund balance.

He had questions about what the emergency service plans on using it for.

"There are a tremendous amount of dollars tied up in these funds. I am not trying to be argumentative, but tell us what are your plans!" Herold said.

Yankee Springs Trustee Mary Cook asked if the TTES had ever considered seeking insurance reimbursement for fire calls. According to the Yankee Springs insurance agent, many other communities, including Wayland Township, do this.

There were some questions about how this would work and if it is done in places where tax dollars are used for emergency services. More research will be done on this issue.

Boysen asked the townships to bring specific ideas and suggestions to the Thornapple Township Board, if possible, before the July 12 meeting.

Yankee Springs Supervisor George London said, "We will be discussing fire contract issues at our July 8 meeting. We will make sure our suggestions get to Thornapple before their meeting."

Irving Township supervisor Milt Buehler said, "Our board is discussing the possibility of expanding TTES coverage in the township from two sections to five sections."

Irving trustees will discuss this at their July 14 township meeting.

Some Valley Point PUD requests approved

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Valley Point South Planned Unit Development representatives asked the Caledonia Township Planning Commission for approval to put up a building for Scholastic Book Fair within their development.

Site plan recommendation from the commission was sought, as required in the terminology for the PUD. The sites originally were developed as a concept, and as contracts are made by people wishing to build, individual variations by these owners must be approved by the commission.

Minor changes requested for that site included placement on the lot, a shortened parking lot moved to the southwest of the original plan, and omission of a fire lane circle. The same setbacks on the original PUD were supposed to be observed, but the building was modified and moved from the original plan, though still within the specified setbacks. The building would be 76 feet from Cherry Valley.

A road within the PUD is soon to be constructed. Materials of glass or brick are to cover 80% of the buildings, fronts and sides. Facings of the buildings are oriented toward roads in the park, rather than toward Cherry Valley. Backs of the buildings may be of metal. Anything else the developers said would be cost prohibitive, but they agreed to buffer the back sides with landscaping, including a 10-foot berm and trees to screen a 20-foot building.

Questions arose over the adequacy of the detention area. Engineer Randy Wilcox indicated a larger area would be needed when more buildings were erected in the office park. A separate drainage plan for each site is needed, as stated in the township's 1996 PUD ordinance.

Commissioner Deb Steketee said drainage is an important issue, especially with the proximity to the creek.

The matter was about to be postponed until the July 12 meeting, but developers Tim and Don Fredericks said the delay might prevent the whole project. It is necessary for the builder to have a lease and contract to be able to go ahead. Usually, a deadline for occupancy is included, and this would certainly prevent the building going up before the desired time. The Frederickses said they thought they only needed a building permit.

Planning commissioners compromised by approving the setbacks for pouring the concrete footings and other concrete work for the building, with other unresolved issues, including landscape plan, drain plan, parking and the fire lane to be settled at the July meeting.

In other matters discussed at the June 21 meeting:

• Conflict of interest questions over Wilcox having been involved in the original 1996 site plan and presently working in the capacity of township engineer were raised. Some commissioners suggested perhaps an independent review was needed. Commissioners thought perhaps a policy was needed to cover situations where an individual is working on two ends of the same project, to prevent such issues from arising.

• Planner John Wallace asked commissioners to establish standards for a drain review to streamline the process for that process and to eliminate the need for the drain commissioners involvement except where county drains were directly involved. Wallace said he was in favor of cutting out some steps to make reviews easier. Reviews could occur on the township level.

Wallace said conflict is more likely to result when two agencies with conflicting opinions are involved and get aired in a public forum.

Chairman Roger Keating mentioned that the downstream effect from a project needed evaluation.

• Keating said he had compiled airport records involving the airport and the township going back to 1996, to be kept in the township office.

•Blackstone Estates and Foremost are expected to come to the July 19 meeting. Another rezoning request for an area south of Caledonia village is also expected.

•Nominations for people to work on the master plan are to be made at the July meeting.

Yankee Springs master plan map is revised

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Members of the Yankee Springs Planning Commission last Tuesday night completed the painstaking task of revising the master plan map for the township.

Frank Fiala encouraged his colleagues on the commission and people in the audience to review the suggestions made by planner Ken Dettloff for the map.

Some of the planner's suggestions were followed and others were changed to reflect current activity. The goal was to preserve the look of the area and meet legal requirements as well.

Planning Commission Chairman Richard Beukema asked, "How do we contend with the courts saying: 'You will have affordable housing!'?"

Other questions the commission tried to answer were "How can we accommodate everybody?;" "What ratio of medium to high density should we strive for?;" and "How should we show the environmental impact on wetlands and wildlife corridors?"

They discussed the lakefront zoning, establishing buffers between industrial, agricultural and commercial land use.

The commission and residents struggled to define "sprawl" and how to imagine future uses. Resident Scott McKeown suggested returning to the commercial corridor along M-37.

The commission will send their master plan map revisions to Dettloff.

The next workshop session will be Tuesday, July 13, at 7:30 p.m.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Village of Middleville
100 E. Main Street
Middleville, Michigan 49333

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Village Council of the Village of Middleville will conduct a hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 1999, at the Village Hall, located at 100 E. Main Street, Middleville, Michigan to consider the following:

1. Vacating portions of Spring Street in the Village of Middleville, Barry County, Michigan.

A certified copy of the Resolution of the Village of Middleville setting this matter for public hearing appears below:

RESOLVED, that the Village Council of the Village of Middleville conduct a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on July 13, 1999, at the Village Hall located at 100 E. Main Street, Middleville, Michigan, to consider vacating the following portions of Spring Street:

The North 1/2 of that portion of Spring Street lying contiguous and adjacent to the following described premises:

Beginning at a point 165 feet West and 346.5 feet North of the Southeast corner of Section 22, Town 4 North, Range 10 West, East of Beginning, thence South 89 Deg 39'00" West 396 feet, thence North 00 Deg 03'00" East 224.2 feet, thence South 86 Deg 14'00" East 66.5 feet, thence North 47 Deg 03'00" East 86.7 feet, thence North 34 Deg 45'00" East 46.3 feet, thence North 26 Deg 37'00" East 72.81 feet to the river, thence South 24 Deg 14'00" East 104.1 feet, thence South 44 Deg 14'00" East 392 feet, thence South 33 Deg 08'00" West 58.5 feet, thence South 89 Deg 39'00" West 32.9 feet to the place of beginning.

ALSO, the South 1/2 of that portion of Spring Street lying contiguous and adjacent to the following described premises:

Part of Section 22, T4N, R10W, Village of Middleville, Barry County, Michigan, described as: Commencing 18 feet West of the Northeast corner of Lot 4, Block 45, of the Village of Middleville, thence West 213 feet along the North line of Lots 3 and 4, thence North 66 feet, thence East 213 feet, thence South 66 feet to the place of beginning. ALSO Lot 4, Except the East 18 feet thereof, ALSO the East 2/3 of Lot 3, Block 45 of the Village of Middleville, Barry County, Michigan.

EXCEPT those portions of the above required to enable the village to construct proper cul-de-sacs at what would be the new ends of Water Street and Spring Street, meeting the minimum requirements for same in the village ordinances.

Moved by Bray and supported by Nesbitt.

Ayes: 7
Nays: 0
Abstain: 0

I, Roselle Havens, Village Clerk of the Village of Middleville, hereby certify that the Resolution set forth above is a true and accurate copy of a Resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the Village of Middleville held on Tuesday, June 8, 1999.

Roselle Havens
Village Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

At the request of Yankee Springs Township, Barry County, State of Michigan and by the authority conferred on the Department of Natural Resources by Section 12-17 of Act 451, Part 801, Public Acts of 1994, as amended, and Section 250 of Act 380, Public Acts of 1965, and Section 41 of Act 306, Public Acts of 1969, a hearing will be held at the Yankee Springs Township Hall, 284 N. Briggs Road, Middleville, Michigan 49333, Michigan, at 7:00 p.m., Monday, July 19, 1999.

At this hearing the Department of Natural Resources will gather information from the public concerning possible problems on the waters of Barlow Lake and Baker Lake in Yankee Springs Township, Barry County.

Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Township Clerk at 616-795-9091, a week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing or other assistance.

All interested persons are invited to attend and offer comments orally at the public hearing. **Interested persons unable to attend this hearing may, within 30 days after the hearing, submit written comments to:**

Department of Natural Resources
Law Enforcement Division
District 12
621 North 10th Street
Plainwell, Michigan 49080

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TK school budget fund balance less than $10,000

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education last week adopted a 1999-2000 fiscal year budget that includes less than $10,000 in its projected fund balance.

Business Manager Alice Jansma told the Board of Education last week that, "An increase in health insurance costs of $150,000" is largely responsible for much of the increase in expenses over revenues.

Board member Kim Selleck asked the board to take a good hard look at the future. Selleck also told the board that "principals don't have a lot of room to cut."

Adjustments due to growth in the district mean that things are not as bleak as they seem. Jansma said the district has been very conservative in projecting growth. It may be very possible, for example, that TK will have a larger enrollment than expected, which would bring in more revenue.

The board also approved the final amended budget of the 1998-99 school year with all adjustments made throughout the year included.

The board also approved a payment of $50,000 in bond funds to pay the district's portion of the high pressure water line. Local developer Dave Dykstra donated $35,000 to reduce the school's portion.

The district also received $50,000 in credit toward future water line hookups if a new building is built or portable classrooms are used temporarily.

In other business last week, the board appointed Kathy Humphrey to the PASE (Parents Advisory for Special Education) Committee. Humphrey was nominated by outgoing Special Education Director Jerry Oermann.

The next meeting of the Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, July 12. The meeting will open with an organizational session to elect new board officers and set meeting dates for the year.

TK student gets 6-week expulsion for bomb threat

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

A Thornapple Kellogg Middle School student discovered that bomb threats have serious consequences following an expulsion hearing Monday, June 28.

Members of the Board of Education considered how to punish the young man who had confessed to making a threat in a lengthy closed session.

The young man is expelled from the first six weeks of the new school year (1999-2000), but the district will provide books and educational materials for home schooling.

He must also write an essay at least 300 words long and turn it in to the Board of Education by its Aug. 9 meeting. This essay must be read to the entire student body at the first middle school assembly.

While the young man does not have to read it at the assembly, he must apologize to his fellow students following the essay reading.

The board also set a restitution of $2,000, which the young man has two years to pay. He must also do 40 hours of community service to the school.

Board President Dan Parker said that the law does not mandate certain punishments, as it does in the "zero tolerance" of weapons regulations. This gave the board the flexibility to create a consequence that "fit the crime."

After the closed session members of the board and administration encouraged the young man to learn from his mistakes and move forward. Parker said, "We're expecting great things of you in the future."

A TK Middle School student recently was expelled for 180 days for bringing a knife to school. A retired teacher has volunteered to work with that student during the coming year.

The other bomb threats made at the middle and high school are still under investigation.

Bohn earns medals in Senior Olympics

Jack Bohn

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Jack Bohn represented Middleville at the Senior Olympics in Battle Creek last month, competing with about 75 other swimmers.

He won the gold medal in the 50- and 200-yard breast stroke swimming events. He earned silver medals in 400-yard freestyle, 200-yard individual medley and 100-yard breast stroke following the swimming competitions June 18 and 19.

This year's competition was held in Battle Creek and attracted senior athletes from across the state. Bohn had competed in last year's competition in Frankenmuth.

Now 68 years old, he has been swimming since 1943 and swam competitively in high school and college. Each winter he swims with the U.S. Masters Swim Team in Florida.

During summers he lives at Barlow Lake and serves as Barry County's ambassador to the Senior Olympics.

He said he hopes his example will inspire other older athletes to participate.

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To the residents of Yankee Springs Township, Barry County, Michigan and any other interested persons:

Please take notice that the Yankee Springs Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, July 15, 1999, commencing at 7:30 p.m. at the township hall, located at 284 N. Briggs Rd. to conduct the following business:

1. ZOC 99-06-05, Parcel ID. No. 020-011-00; a request by Stewart London, 11849 Chief Noonday Rd., to rezone a parcel of land located at 11849 Chief Noonday Rd., from the "C-2, Commercial" Zoning District to the "Rural Residential" Zoning District.
2. Such other business as may properly come before the township planning commission.

Please take further notice that the township zoning ordinance will be available for inspection at the office of the township clerk, 284 N. Briggs Rd., during regular business hours and will also be available at the time of the public hearing. Written letters of comment will be accepted until the start of the public hearing.

Please take further notice that the township planning commission reserves the right, at or after the public hearing, to make changes in the proposed amendments to the ordinance.

Please take further notice that the township will provide to individuals with disabilities, necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services as may be required, upon five days notice to the township clerk of the need for the same.

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

Al Schwennesen
Secretary
Yankee Springs Township
Planning Commission

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YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

To the property owners of Yankee Springs Township, Barry County MI. and all other interested persons:

Please take notice that the Yankee Springs Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 13, 1999, commencing at 7:30 PM at the Yankee Springs Township Hall, 1284 N. Briggs Rd., concerning the following:

1. **ZBA 99-05-07, Parcel Id. No. 019-015-00**; a request by Robert & Avis Martin, 1877 Parker Dr., for a variance from the square footage, roadside and lakeside requirement of the Township Zoning Ordinance to allow them to subdivide lake front parcel from the balance of their property.
2. **ZBA 99-06-08, Parcel Id. No. 215-017-00**; a request by Walter Carhart, 2641 Oakleigh Dr., for a variance from the side yard setback requirements of the Zoning Ordinance to allow him to construct a concrete walk 18" above the grade height.
3. **ZBA 99-06-09, Parcel Id. No. 080-055-00**; a request by Harold Beek, 3961 England Dr., for a variance from the side yard setback requirements to allow him to construct a deck within five feet of the property line.
4. Such other matters as may properly come before the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Please take further notice that the Township Zoning Ordinance will be available for inspection at the Office of the Clerk of the Township, 284 N. Briggs Rd., during regular business hours and will also be available at the time of the public hearing. Written letters of comment will be accepted until the start of the meeting.

Please take further notice that the Township will provide to individuals with disabilities, necessary, reasonable, auxiliary aids and services as may be requested, upon 5 days notice to the Township Clerk of the need for the same.

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Charles Biggs
Secretary
Yankee Springs Township
Zoning Board of Appeals

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Village of Middleville Council will hold a public meeting to hear opinions on a proposal to vacate Spring Street for the construction of a lift station for the Utilities Project.

Tuesday, July 13, 1999
6:45 pm

In the Council Chamber of the Village Hall.

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Living Well

Happiness is...

By Lee C. Deckrow, C.S.W.
Pine Rest Caledonia Clinic

Happiness, the state of feeling contentment or satisfaction, varies considerably person to person.

Scientists have been intrigued for years by what makes people happy. We are all familiar with individuals who have virtually lost everything yet remain optimistic. Studies indicate that your disposition is in part determined by your genes and brain chemistry.

By age 13, the neurochemical pathways in your brain that partly determine your happiness setpoint have been established. "The greater the activity in the part of the brain known as the prefrontal cortex, the more likely you are to be an optimistic, enthusiastic person" says psychologist Richard Davidson, Ph.D. of the University of Wisconsin (Cooking Light, Daniel Foster, May, 1998).

Though brain chemistry plays a significant role in our disposition, equal importance must be given to our mindset, behaviors and culture. Many of our ideas of happiness are shaped by the media, with an emphasis on power, beauty and money. Unrealistic goals, combined with a fast-paced society, have led to disillusionment in our sense of self and accomplishments.

The idea that wealth leads to happiness is one common myth which needs to be dispelled.

"In the last 40 years, the average American's real income has doubled. Yet we are slightly less likely to say we're happy. We're more likely to be seriously depressed, and our teens are committing suicide three times as often. We're richer materially, but we're poorer in spirit, it seems," says David Myers, Ph.D., professor of psychology at Hope College and author of "The Pursuit of Happiness" (Avon Books, 1993).

Happiness is more in your control than you may think, begin by establishing habits which promote well-being. Here are some strategies:

1) Take time to prioritize. What brings meaning into our life? Identify ways to increase these areas in your life.

2) Embrace activities that challenge you. Focus on activities which give you a sense of accomplishment, such as: gardening, woodworking, reading, etc.

3) Reflecting on the present moment. Stop making your happiness conditional. Focus on the simple joys of life; hearing a bird sing, embracing your child, etc.

4) Prioritize close relationships. Strong support networks increase contentment and boost immune systems.

5) Explore your spirituality.

6) Take charge of your time. Set goals and break them into small steps.

7) Practice being happy. Imitate traits of happy people.

TK special education director resigns

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Dr. Jerry Oermann, who has served as head of the special education department, has resigned after two years of service to the Thornapple Kellogg School district.

According to Assistant Superintendent Midge Pippel, Oermann will stay on for most of July and will be able to provide a smooth transition for students, teachers and families.

The district has already begun the search to fill the position, with the first interviews being scheduled within two weeks.

Bruce Wyatt's retirement after 31.7 years with the district was accepted with regret. McFall teacher Roxanne Patterson also resigned after 8 1/2 years with the district.

Seventeen people were interviewed for three openings in the language art departments at the high school. Cameron James of Grand Rapids and Gregory VanderGoot, a Calvin graduate, have been hired. According to principal Ellen Zack, "These are the best candidates for the position."

VanderGoot will be teaching a journalism class and will be assisting with the yearbook.

Also at the high school, Tonya Woods, who graduated from Central Michigan University, was hired for a position teaching art. Her focus on painting and print making will provide balance in the department.

At Page Elementary, Dirk Van Diver, the father of triplets, and a teacher in Lakewood, was hired to fill a fifth grade position. According to Lee Principal Sharon Kalee, he will be an enthusiastic and positive addition to the staff.

Molly Arnold of Hastings was hired to fill a fourth grade position at Page.

There still are several other open positions to be filled at McFall, Page and the high school.

Caledonia man on Alma's list

Alma College has named Adam Sobczak of Alto to the dean's list for outstanding academic performance during the 1999 winter term, which ended April 24.

Students who achieve a 3.5 or better grade point average during a term, while carrying a minimum of 13 credits (at least eight of which are evaluative grades), are named to the dean's list.

Sobczak is a graduate of Caledonia High School.

In The Service

Anthony R. Plants

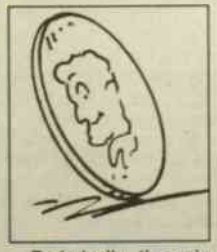
Anthony R. Plants has been promoted in the U.S. Air Force to the rank of master sergeant.

Plants is a standardization and evaluation superintendent assigned to the Headquarters First Air Force at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla.

He is the son of Valerie K. Bush of 904 Greenwood St., Middleville, and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beduhn of 118 W. North St., Hastings.

His wife, Beth, is the daughter of Don and Sharon Berry of 11440 Bowens Mill Road, Middleville.

The master sergeant graduated in 1985 from Thornapple Kellogg High School and received an associate degree in 1998 from the Community College of the Air Force at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla.



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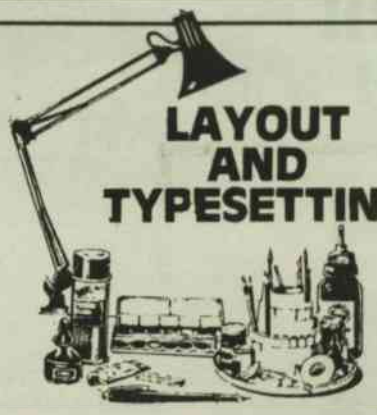

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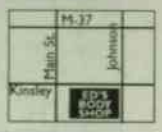

Osgerby sets Scots' softball records, signs with Aquinas

Erin Osgerby broke 13 Caledonia High School softball records this past season as the team's ace pitcher.

Osgerby, who played for the Scots for three spring campaigns, threw 207 innings in 1999 and struck out 264 batters. Her high school career strike out record is 571, a total acquired in two and a half seasons on the mound.

As a senior, Osgerby averaged 9.32 strikeouts. In one contest, she fanned 17, another Scot mark.

Osgerby was voted All-OK Gold Conference and All-District during the past two seasons. Her earned run average was a sparkling 1.22.

Her pitching skills are also shown in ASA softball for the Vicksburg Slam as well as Little League softball. She was a member of the Michigan Big League Little League championship team in 1997.

Next season, Osgerby will continue her softball career as a member of the Aquinas College squad.

Erin Osgerby

Veer camp is July 12-15 at Bob White Stadium

There will be a Veer Camp for Middleville Youth Football players July 12-15.

The camp is for gridders in grades sixth through eighth and will take place at Bob White Stadium. Camp times are 4:30-6:15 p.m.

Cost to take part is $25.

At the time of the camp, players can also register for the upcoming season. The cost to participate in the Middleville Youth Football regular season is $35.

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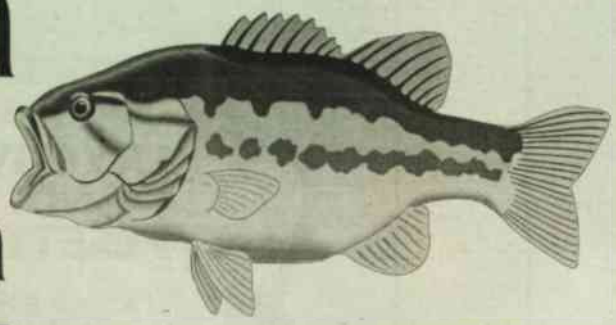

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'Billylids' have fun at TK library

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Middleville billylids (children) had a fair dinkum (great) time at Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library program on June 30.

They don't have to answer "kangaroo" (I don't know) when asked about Australian animals any more.

Laurel Sanders from the Kalamazoo Nature Center gave more than 75 young readers and adults a chance to practice their Australian and compare the animals of the Outback with those in their own back yards.

Leading a walkabout through Australia, Sanders helped students examine the similarities and differences between the marsupials of the outback (kangaroo, wallaby and koala) and the Michigan opossum.

She discussed the important roles animals in Australia and Michigan play in their respective environments. The "Flying Foxes" (fruit bats) of Australia were compared to the common bat of Michigan, whose appetite for mosquitoes was highly praised.

Doing a mean kookaburra impersonation kept the attention of the students as they explored the climate zones of Australia from the deserts to the rain forests with a side trip to the Great Barrier Reef.

Students even got to decide whether the cartoon character "Taz" was a pale reflection of the real Tasmanian devil. Of course Sanders couldn't talk about Australian animals without mentioning that creature unlike any other, the duck billed platypus.

Children can still enroll in the summer reading club and there are many programs planned for this month. On July 7 Mr. Jim's Juggling Camp will have everyone keeping balls in the air. This program starts at 9 a.m.

On July 13 there will be a pre-school story hour for children 3-5, beginning at 10:30.

Older students who know how to point and click the cursor on the computer and can follow directions can register for "Surf Australia" on July 15 at 1 p.m.

Angie Ruger will be leading an Internet exploration of web sites appropriate for ages 8-14. Preregistration and parental permission are required for this program

All summer library programs are open to the public and free of charge. For more information, call the library at 795-5434.

Doing the Aussie Salute, Kalamazoo Nature Center outreach instructor Laurel Sanders demonstrates how to keep flies off the skin while on a walkabout in the Australian Outback

AYSO to hold soccer clinic in Grand Rapids

More than 50 teenage soccer players will hit the fields the week of July 4 to learn what it takes to play college soccer.

As part of the American Youth Soccer Organization's (AYSO) college athletic program, athletes from all over the Midwest will gather at Cornerstone College, in Grand Rapids, to hone their soccer skills, access recruiters and learn more about the college application process.

Players (ages 13-18) attending AYSO's week-long CAP Center will train with top coaches. They will also receive valuable information on sports nutrition, fitness, substance abuse, college selection and career opportunities in soccer.

Cornerstone College is one of three CAP Center sites across the country. The other centers are at Chapman University in Orange, CA and Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y.

For more information on AYSO's College Athletic Program and CAP Centers call (800) USA-AYSO.

Rubber stamp workshop set for July 8

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A rubber stamp workshop will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, July 8, at the Caledonia Library at 240 Emmons St.

The workshop will be for ages 11 or older, and preregistration is required.

"Young people may learn how to make awesome embossed paper items using rubber stamps," Kent District Library organizers promise.

A puppet show, "Bouncing Matilda," will be presented on July 15 at 10:30 a.m.

This program is part of Kent District Library's "G'Day for Reading" summer reading club between June 14 and Aug. 7.

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Quiet, but easygoing single white female, 44, 5'4", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bowling, sports and the outdoors, is seeking an established, personable single white male, over 40. Ad# 8481

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Fun-loving, outgoing single white female, 40, with long brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys traveling, movies and the theater, is seeking a single white male, 40-55. Ad# 8542

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Easygoing single black female, 32, 5'5", who resides on the Battle Creek area, enjoys exercising, biking, writing and reading. She's looking for a single black male, 30-45, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 1314

BRIGHT IDEAS
Reading, movies, riding mallrats and cardinal drivers, these are just a few of the activities I enjoy. I'm a petite, thin, white/Italian/Jewish single female, 46, petite, with round eyes. She seeks a sincere, single white male, 45-59. Ad# 5462

ONE-ON-ONE
Sincere, easygoing, single white female, 45, petite, with blonde hair and blue eyes, seeks an honest, caring single white male, 45-62, whose interests include sports, traveling, picnics, talking walks and audio books. Are you the guy for her? Ad# 3176

WANT TO GO OUT?
Funny single white female, 21, 5'4", 140lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, enjoys sports, movies and more. She's looking to get to know an honest single white male, 21-27, who enjoys nature and conversation. Ad# 8994

OPEN TO NEW IDEAS
Bubbly single Native American female, 27, 5'5", full-figured, with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys reading, time with her children, friends, seeks a single black male, under 35. Ad# 5160

SOLID VALUES
Hardworking, single white female, 46, 5', with long hair and blue eyes, who enjoys motorcycles, camping, travel, hockey and reading, is looking for a trustworthy single white male, 38-50, with similar interests. Ad# 1604

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY LADY
Single white female, 58, 5'6", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys camping, country music and sports, is seeking a single white male, 55-63. Ad# 1728

LOOK NO FURTHER
Petite, full-figured single white female, 43, with blonde hair and green eyes, seeks an honest, energetic single white male, 38-48, to share friendship. Ad# 8067

SO SENSITIVE
This humorous, friendly, hard-working, single white mother, 33, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys children, movies, sports and more, is looking for a responsible, commitment-minded single white male, 28-40. Ad# 8049

THE STAMP OF APPROVAL
Movies, dining out and dancing are interests of this outgoing, attractive, single black professional female, 60, 5'7", 160lbs. She seeks a single, black male, 50-60, non-smoker. Ad# 1186

LIFE'S TOO SHORT
Outgoing single white female, 51, 5'8", 230lbs., with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys bowling, movies and playing cards, is seeking a fun-loving, loyal, loving single white male, 50-55. Ad# 5760

POSITIVE ATTITUDE
Divorced white female, 49, 5'6", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys country music, crafts, reading and stock auto racing, wants to meet a romantic single white male, 40-62, for companionship. Ad# 9041

FROM THE HEART TO YOU
Country music, camping, reading, dancing and trying new things are all interests of this romantic, single white female, 50, 5'1", with blonde hair. She's a compassionate single mom and interested in a great woman, leave her a message today. Ad# 8306

TALK OVER COFFEE
Caring, easygoing single white female, 46, 5'4", a green-eyed strawberry-blonde, enjoys sewing, crafts, gardening, nature walks and fishing. She's looking for an easygoing, energetic single white male, 43-51. Ad# 6455

LOVE IS COLOR BLIND
Cheerful single white mother of one, 18, 5'7", 150lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys music, fishing, sports and more, is looking for a single, faithful single black male, 18-25. Ad# 8198

SHARE MY WORLD
Outgoing single white female, 28, 5'5", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, hiking and playing with her children, is seeking a kind single white male, under 40. Ad# 1096

YOU NEVER KNOW...
What can happen once you decide to call this single white female, 47, 5'5", who is a blue-eyed brunette. A lover of life, she enjoys reading, dancing, music and is seeking a friendly, accepting, sexually employed single white male, 39-53. Ad# 8704

SIMPLY ALLURING
Single white female, 23, with red hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys going for long walks, movies, and working, is looking for a goal-oriented single black male, 23-32. Ad# 3084

THE TIME IS RIGHT
Sincere and outgoing describes this single white female, 37, with blonde hair and blue eyes. She enjoys the countryside, antiques, bicycling, Arabian horses, dancing, movies and is seeking a single white male, 40-60. Ad# 8284

LET'S FLIRT A LITTLE
Cheerful single white female, 50, petite and full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, is hoping to share friendship and hart with a mature, open-to single white male, 45-50, who enjoys music and dancing. Ad# 6878

CUTIE PIE
Single white female, 24, with red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys home life, music and movies, seeks a kind, intelligent, romantic single black gentleman, over 6'1", non-smoker, who likes affectionate, easygoing, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 8689

YOU COULD BE THE ONE
Are you the gentleman this fun-loving divorced white mom, 39, 5'4", who enjoys cooking, dancing, hoping to meet? Please call. If you're a kind, romantic, sensitive single white male, 25-39, who enjoys cooking, dancing, walks on the beach and more. Ad# 6320

FIND OUT TODAY
Reading, writing, listening to music and spending time with friends are the interests of this easygoing, single white female, 21, 5'3", with dark hair and blue eyes. She's searching for a single male, under 30. Ask 2570

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
Outgoing, single white female, 33, professional female, 40, 5'4", who enjoys travel, camping, movies, sports, dining out, cooking, horseback riding and more, is seeking a romantic, fun-loving single white male, 35-40. Ad# 8220

ONE IN A MILLION
Witty, caring single black female, 26, who enjoys bowling, dancing, bicycling, travel, music, sports, movies and more, is looking for a confident single black male, 29-50. Ad# 8283

DON'T CHANGE ME
Happy-go-lucky single white female, 51, 5'7", with reddish-brown hair and green eyes, is looking for a mature single white male, 45-55, for friendship first. She enjoys woodworking, painting, making animals, eating and walks! Ad# 3021

MARVELOUS
Serious single white female, 18, 5'7", with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys bowling, dancing, working out and writing poetry, is seeking a sweet and kind single white male, 19-22. Ad# 8261

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Friendly, outgoing single female, 41, 5'7", with brown hair, blue eyes and a good sense of humor, enjoys church activities, reading and meeting new people. She seeks an honest, trustworthy, single white male, 38-50. Ad# 8253

GOOD-NATURED
Educated single white female, 52, 5', with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys playing cards, traveling, dancing and movies, seeks an affectionate single white male, 37-60. Ad# 2677

IDEAL SITUATION
Fun-loving and enthusiastic would best describe this single white female, 19, who enjoys auto racing, horseback riding and spending time with her dogs. She is looking to meet a single white male, under 25, who is truly nice and loves to dance and cuddle. Ad# 1306

SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU
Caring, fun-loving single white female, 20, 5'5", with long brown hair and green eyes, enjoys clubbing and reading romance novels. She seeks a funny single male 19-30. Ad# 8492

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Active 34-year-old single white male, who enjoys hiking, fishing and gardening, wants to get together with a single white female, 22-41, to share friendship and fun. Ad# 7915

EXTRA NICE
Quiet, retired white male, 63, 5'9", 190lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys sports and music, seeks a kind, loving single white female, 50-65. Ad# 5572

SPEND TIME WITH ME
Single black male, 25, 5'9", 150lbs., with a positive attitude, enjoys sports, movies and dining out. He's looking for a goal-oriented single female, 19-28. Ad# 7918

CAN WE CLICK?
Single white male, 29, 5'9", 190lbs., seeks an honest, sincere single white female, under 35, who enjoys music, cultural interests, the arts and theater. Ad# 1629

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ATTENTION
Honest, caring single black mom of three, 27, 5'6", 210lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys movies, church and bowling, is hoping to meet a single black male, 29-39 Ad# 1255

LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE
Funny single white female, 18, 4'8", 110lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, music, travel and sports, seeks a single white male, 18-25. Ad# 7973

PHONE ME NOW
This single white female, 42, 5'7", 130lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, loves dancing, country music and quiet evenings at home. She wants to meet an honest and warm-hearted single white male, 35-50, for friendship. Ad# 2972

MUST BE NICE
You have to be sweet, kind-hearted, single black female 35, 5'3", 136lbs., if you're a caring Jamaican male, 40-45, who enjoys swimming, running, the outdoors and keeping active. Call now and send a warm heart! Ad# 9636

WATCHING SUNSETS
Call this caring, sensitive single white female, 35, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who likes horseback, canoeing and snowmobiling. She seeks an emotionally stable single white male, 35-43, 5'. with similar interests. Ad# 9797

A MAN WITH A PLAN?
This sweet, dependable single white female, 54, 5'3", 158lbs., with blonde hair, blue eyes, is looking for a friendly single white male, 50-62, to share activities, coffee and conversation. She also enjoys gardening, bowling, rodeos, cooking and movies. Ad# 7101

WAITING FOR YOU
Attractive, professional single white female, 54, 5'4", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys country music, golf, cribbage, cross-country skiing and baking, seeks a quality single white male, 45-57. Call 1-free area Ask 7314

COMMON GROUND
Bubbly single black female, 23, who loves listening to music and reading, is looking to meet a humorous, independent single black male Ad# 9678

DEFINITE POSSIBILITY
Outgoing, nice single black female, 29, 5'7", full-figured, who enjoys bowling, movies and sports, would like to meet a caring single male, 25-36. Ad# 8096

OPEN-MINDED
Athletic single white female, 20, 5'8", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, sports and music, wants to meet an honest single male, 18-28, for friendship. Ad# 7861

ROMANTIC MOMENTS
Considerate, loving and devoted are ways to describe this single white female, 31, 5'6", 210lbs., who likes dancing, bowling and being walks. She is looking for a best-friend and loving single white male, 22-36, to share nuture interests. Ad# 3660

LET'S MINGLE
Camping, fishing, driving out and movies are interests of this single white female, 46, 5'8", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes. She's looking for a long-term relationship with the right single white male, 40-60, with similar interests. Ad# 8048

IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO CALL
Fun is inevitable when around this widowed native American female, 50, 5'5", 110lbs., with black hair and green eyes. She enjoys dancing, shooting pool and going to the zoo. She seeks a single black/hispanic male, 48-65, for friendship. Ask 8921

FAITH AN HOPE
Romantic, easygoing single white male, 55, 5'10" with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, quiet evenings, painting and movies, is looking for a single, single white female, 38-55, under 130lbs., with a good sense of humor Ad# 7188

THE BEST OF THE BEST
Single white male, 31, 5'10", 170lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white female, 29-50, 5'2" 5'6" under 125lbs., to enjoy biking, canoeing and more with him Ad# 3005

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Spend some time with this fit, energetic single white male, 40, 5'1", with strawberry-blond hair, who enjoys hunting, fishing and sports. He's looking for an outgoing single female, under 45, with a positive outlook for the future. Ad# 8029

BE SURE TO SMILE
Meet this handsome, single white male, 51, 5'10", with blue eyes, who enjoys movies, flea markets, long walks and trips to the beach. A sweet, attractive single white female, 47-53, with similar interests, will win his heart Ad# 7299

A DEPENDABLE GUY
Hop on his Harley and ride away with this humorous single white male, 33, 5'11", 190lbs., with dark hair and eyes, who enjoys NASCAR, rodeo music and billiards. He seeks a romantic single white female, over 47. Ad# 3123

HAPPY ENDINGS
Single white male, 43, 5'9", with sandy blond hair and blue eyes, an easygoing guy, is looking for that special lady, a caring, attractive single female, under 5'6", to share the wonderful things in life. Ad# 8403

FRESH START
Good-looking, spontaneous single white male, a young 50, 5'9", who is fun-loving and talkative, enjoys sports, bowling, concerts, flea sales, flea markets, traveling, cuddling and more. He seeks a compatible single white female, 33-52. Ask 2994

CELEBRATE LIFE
Outgoing single white male, 38, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys good conversation, fishing, bowling, sports and NASCAR, is looking for a down-to-earth, single white female, under 31, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 8222

YOUR INTERESTS?
Single white male, 39, 5'4", slim, with short hair and brown eyes, seeks an easygoing, fun-loving single white female. His interests include flea markets, antique shows and collecting things. Ask 9982

ON THE MOVE
Rugged single white professional male, 51, 5'10" 210lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys camping, fishing, motorcycling, sports and more, is seeking a single white female, 35-40, with similar interests. Ask 8083

PERFECT CHEMISTRY
Charming single white male, 38, 5'9", 180lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, fishing and the outdoors, is looking to find a fun-loving single female, 25-42, with similar interests. Ask 8282

WALK WITH ME
Single white male, 38, 6'1", 190lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys boating, swimming, children and great conversations, seeks a single female, 25-35. Ask 8127

CHARMING
Caring single white male, 29, 5'8", 160lbs., with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys good conversation, boating, camping, fishing and more, is seeking an intelligent single white female, 25-42, to spend time with. Ask 8594

STOP HERE!
Single white male, 25, 5'9", 175lbs., with sandy blond hair and blue eyes, is seeking single white female, 18-34. Ask# 7131

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CHECK IT OUT
Active 34-year-old single white male, who enjoys hiking, fishing and gardening, wants to get together with a single white female, 22-41, to share friendship and fun. Ask 7915

EXTRA NICE
Quiet, retired white male, 63, 5'9", 190lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys sports and music, seeks a kind, loving single white female, 50-65. Ask 5572

SPEND TIME WITH ME
Single black male, 25, 5'9", 150lbs., with a positive attitude, enjoys sports, movies and dining out. He's looking for a goal-oriented single female, 19-28. Ask 7918

CAN WE CLICK?
Single white male, 29, 5'9", 190lbs., seeks an honest, sincere single white female, under 35, who enjoys music, cultural interests, the arts and theater. Ask 1629

IT COULD HAPPEN
Fit single Hispanic male, 30, 5'9", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, bowling, outdoor activities, museums and more, is looking to meet a mature, petite, non-smoking single female, 25-42, for a serious relationship. Ask 2317

CHECK IT OUT
Single white male, 39, 5'10", 175lbs., with red-dish-brown hair, is looking for a single white female, for a possible relationship. Ask 8418

UNTIL NOW
Outgoing single white dad, 28, who enjoys music, sports and more, is looking for an attractive single white female, 23-30, for a possible companionship. Ask 4787

BACK TO THE BASICS
Easygoing, down-to-earth male, 38, 5'8", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys auto racing, camping and the outdoors, is seeking an easygoing single white female, 34-44, with similar interests. Ask 8992

MAKE IT POSSIBLE
Looking for a long-term relationship with a single white dad, 34, 6'2", 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes? He's looking for a physically fit single white female, 30-42, who likes empty motorcycles, billiards and watching television. Ask 8274

SO MUCH FUN
How does an evening dining out and going to a comedy club sound? Call this easygoing, intelligent single white male, 31, 5'11", 195lbs., with brown-ish gray hair and blue eyes. He enjoys fishing, cooking, movies and seeks a single white female, 42-52. Ask 9949

TOGETHER
Easygoing single white male, 34, 6', 185lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys NASCAR, dirt biking, camping and traveling, seeks a single white female, 18-28, with similar interests. Ask 6539

HEART-TO-HEART
Athletic, outgoing single white Christian male, 34, 6'2", 210lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys vintage cars, sports, the beach, dining out and more, is seeking a caring single white female, 25-40. Ask 1980

CHECK IT OUT
Easygoing single white male, 34, 6', with brown hair/eyes, wants to share mutual interests, friendship and fun with a sweet, attractive single white female, 18-34, who enjoys NASCAR, movies, football and dining out. Ask 2918

CAN WE CLICK?
Single white male, 31, 5'10", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, outdoor activities, fishing, four-wheeling and more, wants to meet a kind, pretty single white female. Ask 6320

OPEN-MINDED
Intelligent single white male, 31, 5'11", 140lbs., with strawberry-blond hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys playing the guitar, concerts, art and intelligent conversations, seeks a single female, 18-40. Ask 9654

LET'S CUDDLE
Single white male, 27, 5'10", who enjoys fishing, hunting and traveling, is seeking a sincere, fun-loving single white female, 21-29, with similar interests. Ask 4182

WAIT WITH ME
Divorced white male, 46, 6', slim, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys playing the guitar, travel and stimulating conversation, seeks a slender, fit female, under 40. Ask 9663

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
Call this friendly single black male, 29, 6'3", 190lbs., with dark hair/eyes. If you're a single white female, ages 18-40, who enjoys listening to music, dining out and sports. Ask 5725

GIVE HIM YOUR LOVE
Caring, understanding and the owner of a kind heart, this single white male, 38, 5'10", with black hair, brown eyes and a mustache, is a great listener. He is into bowling, country music, dancing and he seeks a romantic single female. Ask 4581

HAVE A HEART
Single white male, 35, 6'1", who enjoys movies, sports and romantic evenings, is seeking a serious single female, 18-32, to spend time with. Ask 8240

WILL ANSWER YOUR CALL
Single white male, 37, 5'8", with a good sense of humor, enjoys sports, movies and dancing, is a good-hearted single white female, for a long-term relationship. Ask 3402

FOLLOW YOUR HEART...
And it may lead to this single, red-haired, single white dad, 29, 5'7", 150lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys family time, movies, dancing and more. He seeks an attractive and positive single white female, 20-36, who can make him laugh. Ask 7890

HONESTY AND REALITY
Athletic single white male, 37, 6'1", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys working out, swimming and diving, is seeking a slender, active single white female, under 40, for companionship. Ask 8211

UP TO LIFE'S CHALLENGES
Outgoing, handsome single white male, 23, 6'2", 200lbs., with blonde-brown hair and brown eyes, who enjoys sports, cars, motorcycles, the outdoors and dining out, is looking for a single white female, 20-30, who knows what they want from life. Ask 5404

MAGNETIC PERSONALITY
Go prior to your phone and call this charming and humorous single black male, 24, 6'1", 240lbs., who loves movies, time with friends and is seeking a fun-loving single, black female, 20-32, who enjoys sports. Ask 9077

DON'T WAIT TO CALL
Outgoing, humorous single white dad, 29, 6'3", 195lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, is non-smoker, is seeking a compatible single white female, 18-28, who enjoys bowling, camping the beach, horseback riding, movies, children and more. Ask 8290

EXCLUSIVE
Fun-loving single white male, 30, 6'3", 190lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, movies, dining out and more, is looking for a single white female, 18-32, with similar interests. Ask 8169

A BIG TEDDY BEAR
Laid-back, cuddly single white male, 36, 5'11", 230lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, seeks an independent single white female, 23-37. He's interested in sports, hunting, long walks, movies, good conversation and more. Ask 8138

STARTING OVER
Personable single black male, 36, seeks a caring single black female, 28-50, who enjoys bowling, walking, dancing, movies, jazz music, country living and more. Ask 8935

THE COMPANY OF A MAN
Hardworking single white male, 23, 5'7", 270lbs., who enjoys sports, movies, cooking and more, is seeking an outgoing, fun-loving single white female, 20-30. Ask 8734

A LOT OF FUN
Single Native American professional male, 44, 5'4", 180lbs., with long black hair and brown eyes, enjoys movies and he would like to meet a fun-loving single female, age unimportant. Ask 9362

UNDERSTANDING
Laid-back single white male, 19, 6'1", 160lbs., with brown hair/eyes, enjoys sports, music, movies and more. He's looking for a trustworthy single white female, 18-21, for conversation and companionship. Ask 5824

BRIGHT IDEAS
Single white male, 22, 5'11", 215lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys playing hockey, music and long drives, is seeking an honest, down-to-earth single white female, 18-25, to spend time with. Ask 4427

FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Sincere single white male, 66, 5'10", who enjoys the outdoors, traveling, woodworking, collecting antiques and model railroading, is seeking a nice, independent single white female. Ask 4527

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE
Leave a message with this distinct white dad, 45, 5'8", 180lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, a non-smoker, who seeks a single white female, 18-40, who enjoys boating, horseback riding and more. Ask 5409

WELL-ROUNDED
Single white professional male, 38, 5'11", 210lbs., with light brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports and the outdoors, seeks an athletic, active, single, white female, 25-40, who enjoys life. Ask 1730

SPORTS FAN
Hardworking, outgoing single white male, 40, 5'11", 180lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports and outdoor activities, is seeking a single female, under 45, without children. Ask 8364

DON'T FORGET TO SMILE
Single white male, 37, 5'10", with brown hair, brown eyes and a mustache, wishes to share country living, good conversation and more with a kind, caring single white female. Ask 8224

WANTS A CLASSY LADY
Retired single white male, 69, 5'10", 140lbs., with blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, dancing, fine dining, beach walks and flea markets, seeks an attractive, slender single white female, 55-69. Ask 3174

DON'T PASS ME BY
Single black male, 32, 6'1", 210lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys movies, working out and sports, is looking for a sweet, fun-loving single female, 21-32, for friendship first, maybe more. Ask 3462

THIS IS IT
Kind, loving single white male, 25, who enjoys movies, bowling and more, is looking for a sweet, understanding single female, 18-30, who loves to have fun. Ask 1130

MAKE THE CONNECTION
Outgoing single white male, 29, 6'1", 210lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, is hoping to meet a compatible single white female, 23-44. Ask 3577

LOTS TO OFFER
He's a friendly single white male, 49, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, who likes quiet times at home, listening to country music, camping and other outdoor activities. He'd like to meet a down-to-earth single white female. Ask 3334

NEW IN TOWN
Fun single white professional male, 30, 6'4", 220lbs., with dark hair and green eyes, who enjoys doing out, clubbing, camping, fishing and outdoor activities, is in search of a single white female, under 30. Ask 8556

A SOUND CHOICE
Handsome single white male, 33, 5'11", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys scenic motorcycle rides, movies and quiet evenings, seeks an attractive single white female, 23-40. Ask 8730

COMPANIONSHIP
Professional single white male, 40, 5'9", 190lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who is soft-spoken and caring, enjoys art, the beach and spending time with his children. He is seeking a good-hearted, single white female, 28-45, for a possible relationship. Ask 9381

RIDE 'EM' COWBOY
Humorous single white male, 19, 6'1", 180lbs., with brown hair/eyes, enjoys horseback riding, long walks and anything to do with cars, is seeking a single white female, 19-21. Ask 4640

NEW AT THIS
Athletic single white male, 31, 5'11", 195lbs., who enjoys working out, cycling, fishing and keeping active, seeks an attractive, confident single white female, under 30. Ask 8376

MONOGAMOUS
Compassionate divorced white male, 35, 5'9", 150lbs., who enjoys model railroading, sci-fi, sports and working out, is a single dad who seeks a single white female, 27-42. Ask 5658

STEP BY STEP
Self-employed single white male, 35, 5'9", 175lbs., with strawberry-blond hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, is seeking an outgoing, positive single white female, 25-38. Ask 8369

ON THE RIGHT TRACK
Sincere, honest single Asian male, 21, 5'8", with dark hair/eyes, enjoys sports, movies, music and more. He's looking to meet a kind, a single white female, under 23, who is self-confident, with a positive outlook on life. Ask 8196

WORTH A TRY
He is a kind-hearted, lovable single white professional male, 31, 5'7", 185lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys watching sports and working out. He seeks a nice, caring single white female, 18-33, with blonde hair and blue eyes. Ask 9636

GOOD PEOPLE SKILLS
Trustworthy, single white male, 31, 5'8", 136lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, wants to have fun with a single white female, 28-31. He enjoys sports, movies, cooking and spending time with his daughter. Ask 3006

FAITHFUL ONLY
Open-minded single white male, 22, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys concerts, dancing and hockey, seeks a petite, nice single white female, 18-25, without children. Ask 8001

HERE IS THAT NICE GUY!
Contact this outgoing single white male, 23, 5'7", 140lbs., with brown hair and eyes, who likes movies, dancing, auto racing, young children and more. He's a non-judgmental person, who seeks a single white female, under 26. Ask 2484

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Ten-year-old Alto girl's slogan appears on T-shirt

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Amanda Nielsen of Alto is going to have her slogan marketed on a T-shirt in August or September by a company known as Desciple Designs.

Her Christian slogan said, "Y2K is coming.... but so is Jesus. R U ready?"

Nielsen, a 10-year-old who will be in fifth grade at Kettle Lake next year, was sitting at the island in the kitchen, drawing and doodling. Nielsen loves to draw animals, buildings, people and nature.

Meanwhile, people were talking on the news about the millennium, and one idea led to the next, she said. Soon she had come up with the slogan.

Her family liked her idea. Her dad, Bill Nielsen, a vice president at Family Christian Bookstores, who works in merchandise and marketing, showed the slogan idea to Mike Hupp, who is a gift buyer in Grand Rapids.

Hupp submitted the idea to Disciple Designs, a company that creates and markets T-shirts, hats, posters, slogans, etc. They liked the slogan and plan to distribute the T-shirts later in the summer.

"It wasn't a contest," Nielsen said. "They told me they liked it and later they gave me a T-shirt."

Debbie Nielsen, Amanda's mother said, "We are really excited that her slogan was accepted."

Amanda Nielsen models a T-shirt that features her slogan, which will be distributed in August or September.

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