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# Caledonia Schools' Strategic Plan undergoes scrutiny

**Ruth Zachary**
*Staff Writer*

Caledonia Community Schools updated its Strategic Plan this spring, resulting in revision to several of the strategy points and a recommendation to add two more strategies.

School representatives reported that many steps have been made and progress has been achieved, which fulfills some of the goals of the plan.

Twenty-six people were involved in the committee evaluation of the plan, which was reviewed with the findings reported in June.

Accomplishments toward each strategy were identified. After this, a brainstorming session of threats to the plan's goals and opportunities for achievements in the future resulted in a list with elements of both. A brainstorming session by a second group on strengths and challenges were identified and listed. Each group identified issues related to each of the strategies in the Strategic Plan which could result in revision to the plan.

In Strategy 1, for personalized education, some accomplishments of established programs and some new programs fulfilled that goal for students. Kids Korner, Preschool and some K-2 teachers attended a training program in April to learn how to observe and what to look for. Middle School continued to expand enrichment programs and support Odyssey of the Mind, Academic Track, Talent Shows, and the National Junior Honor Society. High School carried out its advisory program with multi-age advisory with mixed grades, Team Building, Life Skills and Portfolio Development.

Issues raised included a need for personalized education for every student and a need to identify learning style.

Strategy 2, to align and integrate curriculum, was addressed in efforts to align at each grade level and between schools and grade level. The district continued to match state standards and benchmarks and identified what was to be deleted and added.

More integration was still felt to be needed.

In strategy 3, connecting public and private sectors was accomplished in such examples as Adopt a field with Caledonia Farmers Elevator, the FOCAL Program at Kettle Lake Elementary connecting professionals with kids and the CMS Career Day Fair and CMS Teacher Job Shadow as well as others.

More communication with the public and private sections were still an emphasis identified in the report. Cooperative lobbying was a topic mentioned. A barrier identified was public reluctance to embrace change.

Strategy 4, evaluation tools, seemingly remained in the discussion stage. Evaluation methods themselves were still being evaluated. A variety of methods were looked at for both students and teachers.

Evaluation of programs was also complex. An example of such problems could be seen in MEAP, both in consistency in the test from one year to the next, as well as the scores. Required proficiency has changed, as well.

Different schools outside the district are also at different levels, due to a lack of standardized ways to measure achievements, except for ACT and MEAP.

Issues raised as related to this area included: need for assessment tools for the strategic planning process, ways to demonstrate knowledge and abilities, assessment of assessment processes and measurable benefits.

Strategy 5, Capitol Formation Programs, has progressed in the formation of the Education Foundation which is raising money to offer educational opportunities not offered through normal state funding.

An exclusive contract with Coke generates $90,000 annually.

C-PAC, Key Communicators, and Sheryl O'Conner

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# Development plans 'falling into line'

**by Patricia Johns**
*Staff Writer*

The Misty Ridge development came in for scrutiny during a brief July 6 meeting of the Village of Middleville Planning Commission.

Phase I final plat plans were approved to be sent on to the Middleville Village Council, once requirements set by the Village Engineer Steve Williams and manager Bryan Gruesbeck are met.

The development is across from Crystal Flash along M-37.

Gruesbeck assured the commission that everything was "falling into line."

Council also approved having Gruesbeck attend a meeting with the Thornapple Township planning commission. There has been discussion with Township Supervisor Don Boysen on the possibility of working on a joint master plan.

According to Gruesbeck, "this is almost a practical necessity." After about 10 years, some things in a master plan have to be revisited.

Boysen and Village Council President Lon Myers have discussed working together to share a "topflight planner." Gruesbeck reminded everyone that these discussions are "very preliminary, but good steps have been made. No one is promising miracles."

The next scheduled meeting of the Middleville Planning Commission is Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. in Village Hall.

# Breakdown in early warning system delays tornado siren

**by Shelly Sulser**
*Staff Writer*

Human error at the Michigan State Police Special Operations Division was to blame for a 22 minute delay in the sounding of a tornado warning siren in Middleville early Friday, according to division dispatcher Jim Lorenz.

"We dropped the ball," said Lorenz. "We had so many weather alerts going on at the same time and we had a stack of them piling up about three inches thick. We missed notifying Barry County just by a hair. We're sorry it happened and we're taking steps to make sure it doesn't happen again."

Lorenz explained that warnings received from the National Weather Service are transmitted via the Law Enforcement Information Network computer to designated recipients using a letter code.

The dispatcher sending the message inadvertently omitted the letter code designating Barry County as a recipient of the LEIN message containing the tornado warning, he said.

According to National Weather Service Meteorologist Walt Felver, radar at their Grand Rapids office detected rotation during a severe thunderstorm over southwest, lower Michigan.

"It was moving northeast over Allegan and Wayland," said Felver. "We issued a tornado warning for Allegan County first, and then Barry County after that."

Felver said the radar indicated the possible tornado was in the air five miles west of Middleville and 15 miles west of Hastings and that the warning was issued at 2:37 a.m.

According to Barry County Central Dispatch Director Charles Nystrom, his department received the LEIN message regarding the Allegan County warning at 2:28 a.m. but never received the warning affecting Barry County.

"At 2:54 a.m., Barry County Sheriff's Deputy Karl Vlietstra, who was in the Orangeville area, monitored Kalamazoo's radio traffic and heard that Barry County was affected by a warning," said Nystrom. "He called us by radio and we had no information, so we called the National Weather Service to verify and they said, 'oh, yes.'"

At 2:56 a.m., Barry County 911 dispatchers Phyllis Wilson and Kathy Newman broadcast the warning to all designated agencies.

Thornapple Township Emergency Services Chief Bob Woodard said he was notified just prior to 3 a.m. that a tornado warning was in effect.

"They tone us out and we come to the station and set off the sirens," said Woodard, who activated Middleville's siren at just after 3 a.m. "There is no county-wide alert that automatically sets off the sirens. They call the fire departments to go to their stations."

Woodard said his next move was to activate his local skywarn weather spotters.

"No one saw a thing," said Woodard, adding that his department received no reports of damage.

At 3:14 a.m., the National Weather Service issued another LEIN message, which was received by Barry Central Dispatch, canceling the tornado warning.

Middleville resident John Weesie expressed concern about the more than 20

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This is an example of Doppler weather radar detecting a tornado, similar to what the the Grand Rapids office of the National Weather Service saw before issuing the Friday morning tornado warning for Barry County.

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## School plan, continued from front page

acting on a legislative informational committee are venues for communicating with state legislators on funding issues.

The growth committee and networking with surrounding communities are expected to make additional progress on raising money for the schools.

No additional issues were raised in regard to Strategy 5.

Changes to existing strategies 6, 8, 9 and 10 were made.

Strategy 6, to develop and integrate diversity programming, has been incorporated in a variety of ways.

Changes recommended would result in a statement as follows:

"We will develop and integrate programming intended to prepare students and staff for a dynamic and diverse world."

Strategy 7, Issues of Gender Equity in Athletics, has been addressed by adding two freshman girls sports, soccer and softball, and by adding one varsity competitive cheer team in response to legal issues affecting the high school level.

A goal continues to expand sports on the middle school level.

A need to achieve academic gender equity was listed as a new issue.

Strategies 8 and 10, to upgrade technology across the school system, continue to meet specific goals for improvement of facilities, equipment, and training, in programs and content. Evaluating all staff as to their level of technology training has been one effort and providing three hours of skill training.

Identifying learning style was mentioned in connection with technological learning.

A change to Strategy 8 was recommended to add: "Provide training programs for all staff in technology, new innovations and researched-based best practice."

Another change reads: "Open selected school computer labs to the community for critical homework hours during the school year staffed with technology volunteers."

Strategy 9, Creating Community Partnerships, has been worked on in numerous ways in each of the school buildings, with significant achievements

Still needed items identified for strategy 9 included communication with the public-private sector, latch key situations, birth through four year old education opportunities and an effective marketing program to improve communication between the educational system and the community.

The committee recommended rewording it to read, "We will create an effective partnership with the community to expand our system of learning to support personal growth from birth throughout life."

A change to a portion mentioning a family resource center was recommended.

A change to Strategy 10, referring to training of technology staff, was recommended and would read, "We will identify common and consistent techniques and opportunities for staff development to support the strategic plan."

Strategy 11 recommends developing and implementing facility design and programming to ensure provision of a safe and secure environment.

This would include areas of the facility, future growth, relationships, programming, crisis planning, consideration of non-threat, diversity, and emotional security, traffic flows, lighting, comfort, point of first contact, volunteers, aides and employees.

Strategy 12 recommends each level of the school district program will develop an instructional framework that will include pre-assessment and communication of desired results and learning activities, development and communication of the assessment of the result to appropriate stake holders, and effective communication of the results.

Anyone interested in other details not reported here should ask to see a copy of the plan and recommendations at the Caledonia Community Schools Offices.

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## Warning system, from front page

minute delay between the time the warning was issued and the time the siren was sounded.

Weesie was sleeping when he received a telephone call from his sister, Monique VanPutten in Kentwood.

"She was up with her baby during the storm and had seen on the T.V. that a tornado was coming to Middleville," said Weesie. "I turned on my television and sure enough, they were warning people to take cover."

Weesie heard the siren at about 3 a.m. and commended Woodard for his quick action, but was disturbed at the amount of time it took for Woodard to be notified.

"My concern is, what happened for those 20 minutes?" he said. "Technology is supposed to help us out. With a tornado, the timing and the forewarning is the only thing we have. In this case, we didn't have any."

Weesie said he understands the error made in Lansing, but has trouble accepting it.

"I just don't get it," he said. "I'm very pleased that nothing happened in this case, but what if it did?"

"The one slip could have cost some lives," said Nystrom of the mistake. "I can see why Mr. Weesie is upset."

Nystrom said his department relies on the LEIN for the messages, indicating he has no plans to explore a backup method for receiving severe weather warnings.

"Every radio and every television is the backup," he said, consenting, however, that "how many people are up at 2 or 3 a.m.? I think we have everything in place, the proper tools. We could have all the equipment in the world, but human error still occurs."

Felver confirmed no tornado was ever seen other than on the radar screen and that his office also received no reports of damage, other than a few fallen tree branches due to high winds.

One tree fell through a major transmission line feeding a substation in the Middleville area, cutting power to 2,000 area Great Lakes Energy customers.

That outage was repaired by 10 a.m. About 100 Middleville area residents were still without power late Friday morning.

## Middle school next in Vintage Village series

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

Sometime this July Thornapple Kellogg's first school building, built in 1931, will be razed.

The Village Players have selected the building for the next in their miniature Vintage Village series. As an added touch, the wood used for the project has been salvaged from the building.

The cost of the buildings is $15 each and the Village Players are requesting advance orders this year. If enough pre-orders are received more than the traditional 100 will be available.

Even those who have a compete set of the Vintage Village buildings should send in a pre-order to be sure of getting a building this year.

To order the middle school piece for the Vintage Village, send a note to the Village Players, P.O. Box 288, Middleville 49333.

## Two area students win WMU honors

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.

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# Puppet show set to entertain all ages

Here, one of the students in the workshop assembles a teddy bear image to make a card. The image was rubber stamped and colored with colored pencils for a soft look.

**Ruth Zachary**
*Staff Writer*

Kent District Library organizers are presenting an exciting puppet show, "Bouncing Matilda," at 10:30 a.m. July 15 at the Village Township Hall, 250 Maple Street.

Kent District Library's puppeteers will entertain the young at heart of all ages with an original script featuring lots of Aussie animals and a theme about binding one's identity. They promise a "musical delight."

Children under the age of four are asked to bring a parent.

A wide variety of summer programs available through the Caledonia Library have been presented virtually every week so far this summer.

A rubber stamp workshop was held on July 8 for kids 11 or older. They learned how to make cards and other fun paper items using rubber stamps.

These program are part of Kent District Library's G'-Day for Reading, summer reading club running between June 14 and Aug. 7.

Readers who have reached their reading goal and complete the summer reading club are eligible for prize drawings, including a trip to Walt Disney World for four.

Caledonia Library is located at 240 Emmons Street. For more information contact the Caledonia Library at 891-1502.

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## Poll-Risner to wed August 7

Rancane Joyce Poll and Brian Keith Risner will be united in marriage on Aug. 7, 1999.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Ernest and Rytha Poll of Hastings.

The groom-to-be is the son of Juanita Risner of Delton, with love and respect for Hank Risner.

Rancane is a 1997 graduate of Thornapple Kellogg and is currently attending Kellogg Community College while employed at YMCA of Hastings.

Brian is a 1991 graduate of Delton Kellogg. He is employed at Collards Landscaping in Richland.

# Caledonia Library Friends seek new members

Caledonia Friends of the Library sponsor a number of events which support the library in a variety of ways. "Just Desserts" is an annual event which thanks volunteers and guests. Shown here are Librarian Jane Heiss, former Friends President Patricia Johns, new President Peggy Merrill and Treasurer Dawn Jacobson.

**Ruth Zachary**
*Staff Writer*

The Friends of the Caledonia Library is seeking members to join the volunteer organization. The group is dedicated to supporting and providing a positive atmosphere for the Caledonia Library.

The group sponsors programs of general interest for both adults and children at the library. Members may volunteer to help the library, or may simply attend some of the activities. It comprises a network of people who enjoy reading and support the concept of a strong community library.

The Friends will staff a table to interact with the public the evening of July 14 at the Caledonia Library building at 240 Emmons Street. Those interested in joining are invited to stop by, or they can apply at another time if more convenient. Just ask a staff member.

The Caledonia Branch Library is a part of the Kent District Library. The phone is 891-1502.

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## Engagements

### Beute-Van Meter

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Beute of Middleville and Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Van Meter of Caledonia are very pleased to announce the engagement of their children Sarah Jane and Andrew Jay.

Sarah is a 1994 graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School, 1996 graduate of G.R.C.C. and a 1999 graduate of Grand Valley State University (Kirkhof School of Nursing) receiving her bachelors of science and nursing degree. Sarah is employed with Grand Valley Health Plan as a registered nurse.

Andrew is a 1993 graduate of Caledonia High School. Andrew is employed with Synergis Tech Corp. as an apprenticed tool and die maker.

An October 1999 wedding is planned.

### Toppel-Bierens

Robert and Mary Jane Toppel of Grand Rapids and Adrian and Marla Bierens of Middleville wish to announce the engagement of their children, Mary Kay Helen Toppel and Steven Adrian Bierens.

Mary Kay is a graduate of Forest Hills Central. Steven is a graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School.

A July 31, 1999 wedding is planned. They will reside in Hastings.

## La Leche League to meet July 15

Breastfeeding or thinking about breastfeeding? Attend a July meeting in the Yankee Springs Area.

La Leche League offers support information, and encouragement for breastfeeding mothers. The group has a lending library with books on childbirth, breastfeeding, child development, and nutrition. If you are breastfeeding or pregnant and thinking of breastfeeding we welcome you to come to our informal meetings. This month's topic will be "The Family and the Breastfed Baby."

This month's meeting will be Thursday, July15 at 10 a.m. We will meet at 1546 Payne Lake Road, for directions call 616-795-7021. For information on breastfeeding call Kathy at 517-726-1264.

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# Obituaries

## Arthur D. Smith

**MIDDLEVILLE** Mr. Arthur D. Smith, age 78, of Middleville, passed away Friday, July 2, 1999 at Pennock Hospital, Hastings.

Mr. Smith was born on January 17, 1921 in Middleville, the son of Howard M. and Ilah F. (Rice) Smith.

He was raised on the farm on Moe Road, Middleville and attended Moe School and Thornapple Kellogg Schools, graduating in 1939.

He was married to Leona J. Longstreet on June 16, 1944 at Middleville United Methodist Church by Reverend M. McKean. They have lived in the Middleville area all their married life.

Mr. Smith farmed all his life and was employed at Finkbeiner Implement.

Art Smith served as the Thornapple Township Supervisor and Treasurer for many years. He was a life member of Middleville Lodge F.& A.M. #231 Barry County Farm Bureau and attended the Middleville United Methodist Church.

He was a caring, loving, husband, father, brother and uncle, doing kind deeds for his family and friends and he enjoyed the friends of many.

Mr. Smith was preceded in death by his daughter, Paula Fay Smith in 1967 at age 12, and his parents, Howard M. and Ilah F. Smith.

Mr. Smith is survived by his wife of 55 years, Leona J. Smith; four sisters, Eleanor (Chester) Geukes, Lucille Gray, Ruth Kollar, and Margaret (Ray) Finkbeiner; one brother, Bob (Shirley) Smith all of Middleville; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Mr. Smith were held Tuesday, July 6, 1999 at the Beeler Funeral Chapel, Middleville. Reverend Lee Zachman officiated.

Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Middleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Barry Community Hospice.

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## William E. Nelson, Jr.

**PAYNE LAKE, MIDDLEVILLE** - Mr. William E. Nelson, Jr., age 76, of Payne Lake, Middleville, passed away Friday, July 2, 1999 at his residence.

Mr. Nelson was born June 24, 1923 in Battle Creek, the son of William E. Sr. and Leona (Evans) Nelson. He attended school in Battle Creek.

Mr. Nelson served in the United States Army during World War II, he married Mary G. Holt on June 27, 1946. He was employed by Local Union 47 Heat and Frost for 35 years, retiring in 1980.

Mr. Nelson was an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed fishing, hunting, and golf.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Betty Hekker in 1996.

Mr. Nelson is survived by his wife, Mary G. Nelson of Payne Lake, Middleville; one son, Mike (Helaine) Nelson of Holland; one daughter, Patricia Dawson of Wacousta; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; three brothers, Donald (Rosa) Nelson of Middleville, Richard (Evelynd) Nelson of Bronson, John (Margaret) Nelson of Venus, Florida; several nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services for Mr. Nelson were held on Wednesday, July 7, 1999 at the Girtbach Funeral Home in Hastings. Reverend Kenneth R. Vaught officiated.

Burial was at Fort Custer National Cemetery with Full Military Honors.

Memorials can be made to Barry County Hospice.

## Eva Hula

**HASTINGS** - Mrs. Eva Hula, age 87, of Hastings, passed away Saturday, July 10, 1999 at Rose Arbor Hospice in Kalamazoo.

Eva was born on May 10, 1912 at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, the daughter of John and Katherine Strumberger.

She was raised in Wisconsin and later the family moved to Michigan and settled in the Yankee Springs area.

Eva attended the Gates School.

She was married to Carl Hula on May 11, 1940 at St. Rose Catholic Church in Hastings. They resided in Irving from 1941 onwards.

Eva was employed in various positions until her marriage at which time she devoted her time to her husband and children.

She was a member of St. Augustine Altar Society, Thornapple Garden Club, Irving Birthday Club, Holy Family Catholic Church of Caledonia. She served these organizations in various positions.

She was known for her beautiful flower gardens and her intricate needlework.

Eva was a caring, loving wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister, doing kind deeds for family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carl Hula; parents, John and Katherine Strumberger; step-father, Louis Martin; and four brothers, Johnny, Tony, Louis and Joseph.

Eva is survived by a son, Robert (Frances) Hula of Hastings; daughter, Bonita (Adrien) Briggs of Grand Cayman Islands; six grandchildren, Douglas Hula, Robin (Randy) Petersen, Ruthann Hula, Katherine (Jeffrey) Briggs-Broderick, Anne Briggs and Chris Briggs; two great-grandchildren, Nike Broderick and Nesta Broderick; sister Katherine Strumberger of Nazareth Convent of Kalamazoo; several nieces, nephews; and sisters and brothers-in-law.

Mass of Christian Burial will be offered Tuesday morning, July 13, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. at Holy Family Catholic Church in Caledonia with Reverend Father David E. Le Blanc as Celebrant.

Interment will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Hastings.

Memorial contributions may be made to Rose Arbor Hospice of Kalamazoo or Charity of your Choice.

Arrangements were made by Beeler Funeral Home in Middleville.

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## Robert D. Mitus, DDS

**GRAND RAPIDS/FREEPORT** - Robert D. Mitus, DDS, age 47, passed away Friday, June 18, 1999 after a four year struggle with cancer.

Dr. Mitus was past President of the West American Cancer Society. He and his partner, Alan Rosendall, DDS started the Michigan Dental Society. He started up the Adult Dental Program in Kent County for people with low incomes.

He was an active participant for the Freeport Dental Office in the Fall of 1997.

Robert is survived by his wife Brenda; his son Bobby; daughters Erin and Amy.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## Cruises, from page 4

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# Weekly hymn sings offered

**Ruth Zachary**
*Staff Writer*

A series of Sunday Evening Hymn Sings will be a regular event at the Caledonia United Methodist Church this summer. The hymn singing will begin at 7 p.m. Sunday, July 18 and will feature special music by the Johnson Brothers.

Tina Bovee will be at the keyboard and Fred Pelton will be at the console of the Rogers digital organ. They will lead the singing of many of the old favorite gospel hymns and spirituals as well as a new chorus or two.

The church hopes to offer an inspirational and enjoyable time singing music of the Christian faith.

A social time will follow, with punch or ice tea served to those who come. The event offers a good way to get out of the summer heat in the comfort of the air conditioned sanctuary of the United Methodist Church.

The church is located in Caledonia. Take Emmons west off M-37, and north to 250 Vine Street .

## Rocket pioneers get boost

On July 1, local students got to be rocket pioneers when the Shazam program at the Kellogg Community College Fehsenfeld Center held a rocket launch. Here, instructor Paul Nelson helps Mary Wiersma prepare for launch.

## Gun Lake Chamber to meet this week

The Gun Lake Chamber of Commerce has changed its July meeting due to the Fourth of July holiday.

The meeting will be held at 10 a.m. July 14 at the ERA Dynamic Real Estate office at 2491 South Patterson Road.

Preparing for the annual meeting in August is on the agenda.


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*...from the Caledonia 4th of July Committee*

# 'Acting is wonderful... exciting'

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

Middleville teenager Beth Forbes fills a stage with energy and talent. This summer she has had many opportunities to exercise that talent.

She started this summer playing Fly, the mother dog, in "Babe, the sheep Pig" at the Community Circle Theater.

This coming Thursday and Friday she will be performing as Ellen Jean, the lead role, in the Civic Theatre Summer Stock performance of "Selkie," written by Laurie Brooks Gollobin.

Forbes really enjoyed her 22 performances as Fly. The dialogue was based on the book and the cast was told they couldn't improvise since there were many teachers and librarians in the audience.

"Those people always know if you stray from what is in the book," Forbes says. "But, it was lots of fun."

The lead role in a seven actor play is one Forbes is enjoying. She is playing the role of a girl who discovers that she and her mother are more than what they seem.

Selkie is the second bill on the summer stock program which includes *Schoolhouse Rock Live*, based on the Emmy winning TV shows.

The Summer Stock Program is a unique theatre education opportunity for young people ages 14-19. It allows them to gain experience in an intense two-weeks of all aspects of theatre production, culminating in performance.

Students attending the program build and paint the sets, design and make costumes, design lighting, sound and make-up.

Publicity, box office and program advertising sales also calls on the energy of students in the summer stock program. Everyone is assigned a backstage responsibility in addition to rehearsing roles in the production.

"I've acted since I was a kid but got really interested around eighth grade," Forbes said. She will be a junior when school opens in August.

She is in the Honors Choir, plays the trumpet in the marching band and is a drum major.

"Theater is a wonderful thing because it is all about relationships. There are relationships between the actor and the character, between the characters and the actor and the audience," she said.

Both plays this summer have been about relationships. Fly, the dog, who befriends and protects the pig, Babe, is about an unexpected relationship.

*Selkie* has given her the chance to explore a mother/daughter relationship. Ellen Jean must discover where she fits. According to director Rosanne Steffens, the play is 'a lovely folk tale told with music and dance."

Forbes is the youngest of three in a close-knit family. Her brother Ben lives in Fairbanks, Alaska as does her sister Becca, who joined husband Jeremy there.

Beth Forbes

Forbes says her siblings are her best friends. They had normal disagreements growing up, but she wouldn't trade them for anything.

She has performed in *Sandbag, Stage Left; Bells are Ringing; Is There a Comic in the House? and The Music Man* at the high school.

She has taken a year of dance and theater camps at the Civic. She has also performed with the Civic Touring Company which performed in local schools.

Forbes can be seen working at Pastoor's, saving for college. She hopes to earn a scholarship to DePaul University in Chicago after high school. She would like to study all aspects of theater and pursue acting professionally as a career.

"Acting is wonderful, amazing, exciting. I could not be without it!" Forbes says.

Performances of both School house Rock Live! and Selkie will be held on the main stage of the Grand Rapids Civic Theatre at 30 N. Division in Grand Rapids July 15-16 at 5 and 8 p.m. The cost of tickets for these family friendly performances is $3 per person. Call 616-222-6650 for more information.


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# Brandywine Restaurant new in Caledonia

The interior of Brandywine Restaurant has hand painted murals on the wall, and the space broken by dividers creates an intimate setting.

**Ruth Zachary**
*Staff Writer*

The Brandywine, a new Caledonia restaurant, recently opened in the Glen Valley Shopping Center along M-37.

The restaurant is part of an expanding group of restaurants sprinkled around the Grand Rapids area, owned by Tim Brassur. Brassur has 14 years of experience in the food service business.

Manager Chris Jacobs may be well known to some Caledonia residents. He attended Caledonia High School several years ago, and his family still lives there.

Food selections may be described as falling in a gourmet category, with such dinner entrees as Whitefish Doria, "a filet lightly dusted and sautéed and topped with a cucumber dill sauce, or Chicken Angelique, "a sautéed breast of chicken served on Portabella bread pudding with a tomato basil jus and fresh asparagus."

More customized orders may also be possible, and he urges customers to ask.

Jacobs says the prime rib, the perch or smoked pork ribs are also top of the line, along the American home-town-style of food.

He says the sandwiches are uniquely assembled with ingredients not found everywhere else. For instance, a Portabella mushroom sandwich with provolone cheese served with a side of fresh pesto is one selection. A lamb sandwich served on pita is another. Or try the "Leaning Tower of Pita," a grilled chicken breast based sandwich with a multitude of healthy toppings.

Jacobs also boasts that the Mexican food offered at the restaurant is doing extremely well.

Brandywine restaurants in other parts of the area are well known for their breakfast offerings, and as people realize what delicious fare they provide in the mornings, Jacobs said he is sure Caledonia folks will want to treat themselves as well.

There is a full selection of great coffees, Jacobs explained, including all flavors of regular and decaffeinated coffee and expresso.

The restaurant can accommodate special reservations for parties, for catering, both in-house and off premise with planning time allowed.

Four rehearsal dinners are already scheduled for August.

Beer and wine to accompany the fine food is hoped to be available when a license is approved.

The establishment is situated in the space recently vacated by Fischwoods. The decor has changed, with wall murals and wall dividers added.

Brandywine hours are 7 a.m.- 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Friday and Saturday hours are 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Sunday brunch is served from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. Phone 891-2270.

Sarah Fuhrhop, assistant manager, and Manager Chris Jacobs stand by the entry of the new Brandywine restaurant in Caledonia.

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| Medical Expenses (98 families assisted) | | $11,409.17 |
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| Repairs (33 families assisted) | | $4,833.03 |
| Car Payments (12 families assisted) | | $1,915.09 |
| Food (2 Food Banks assisted) | | $800.00 |
| Car Insurance (5 families assisted) | | $575.49 |
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# Ag advocates suggest ways to preserve farm land

by Ruth Zachary
*Staff Writer*

Local advocates for agriculture say there are several means for preserving farm land previously tried in other areas of the state and the country which could work locally.

Dennis Pennington, Barry County Agricultural Agent, working through the MSU Cooperative Extension Service said one zoning protection possibility is called "Agricultural Security Area" zoning.

ASAs involve a binding agreement between the farm land owner, the local zoning unit and the state. The farmer agrees not to develop the land while under contract.

Creating Agricultural Security Areas (ASA) with assessments based on agricultural use apparently needs state legislation behind the zoning in order for it to work. Pennington said ASAs were more applicable in Michigan than other approaches for preserving farm land.

James McManus, Barry County planning administrator, said Michigan legislators have tried to pass additional legislation to allow local governments to create agricultural security areas, but such action has been taken off the summer docket.

Dennis Pennington

Lockshore Farms, owned by James Fish , has operated under a PA 116 agreement for several years.

This agricultural land is no longer farmed by the owner, but is kept in farm use under an agricultural use agreement, and is leased to Terry Muller who lives on 10 acres adjoining this property on Whitneyville and 84th.

Reasoning behind creating ASAs is that there needs to be a critical mass of farm acreage within a community for farming to be successful. As farms are converted to non farm uses, the businesses that support farmers, such as equipment sales and grain elevators can't stay in business, and the remaining farmers find it too costly to obtain those services from greater distances. The loss of some farms in a community threatens the viability of the others." (From "Use Value Farmland Assessment" by Dr. David Skjaerlund and Alexandra Sinischo, Planning and Zoning News Oct. 1998.)

Conservation easements would limit land to specific uses and thus protect it from development. These voluntary legal agreements are created between private landowners and qualified land trusts, conservation organizations or government agencies.

Agricultural conservation easements are designed specifically to protect farmland. Owners can use their land for farming, as well as certain other uses compatible with agriculture.

Any land that is under a long-term conservation easement authorized under federal and state law that restricts development is valued at the restricted use, rather than on its development potential.

Security areas can be created through zoning, offering property taxed at current use value and offering certain protections to farmers similar to those under the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

One such current use provision already in statute and being utilized, is Public Act. 116 of 1974 in which development rights are placed in easement in exchange for tax reduction.

In 1998, there were only 44 local open space agreements covering 4,683 acres of land in effect. This can have only a relatively low impact on the state as a whole.

Barry County alone has 833 farms in operation at last count. Of 355,942 acres in that county, 165,371 acres or 46.5 percent of the total were classed as farmland. Projections in Barry County predict that by the year 2012, 44,000 acres of farm land will be converted to other uses, mostly to residential. Saving farm land there is a lesser priority than semi-urbanized areas.

"Purchase of Development Rights" (PDR) is an approach for preventing agricultural lands from being developed, achieved by selling the development rights of a parcel for a certain value. Simply put, development rights, once sold, are also exempt from taxation, because development is no longer possible, and sale of the property would be subject to the restriction from development for a specified length of time, or forever if specified.

One PDR option is presently available at the state level, through funds set aside from paybacks for retracted PA 116 agreements.

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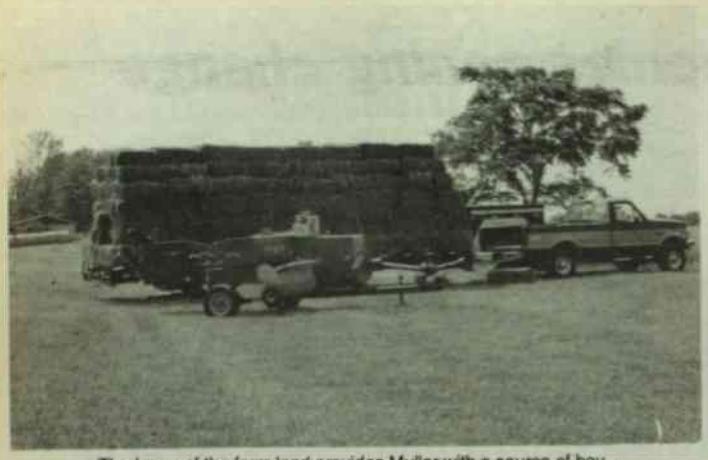

The lease of the farm land provides Muller with a source of hay.

Here a crew comes in to harvest hay the modern way.

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Maggie Coleman of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, speaking to the Our Land Committee in Barry County in June said there were other ways available at present to obtain a tax reduction and a payment for an agreement not to develop both farm lands and open space rural areas of more than 40 acres through a PDR program they administer with the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

If the land is ever reconsidered for development, the taxes would have to be repaid. (59 percent value of the development rights multiplied by the current millage rate, multiplied by 10 years.)

Coleman said the money is limited and competition is fierce for these grants, however. Funding comes from repayment of previous tax credits when owners in the PA 116 program opted out and chose to develop their land after all.

Such parcels are not to be developed in the future, and future owners must abide by the easement agreement, placed on the deed. The property is then assessed according to current use.

The benefits of being included in this PDR program include:

- A cash payment while still retaining some uses of the land.
- Pulling the equity out of the land.
- Providing money for retirement.
- Allows reduction of debts.
- Allows expanding and improvements for agricultural use.
- Property tax reduction.
- Allows affordable sale to heirs who want to maintain current use.
- Offers an alternative to development.
- Encourages sustainability of agricultural.

Priority is ranked on these applications according to high risk factors. Properties in southwestern Michigan are usually ranked as about 14th in priority.

People wanting information about the Open Space Preservation Program can call 1-517-373-3328.

McManus said there is PDR legislation in effect in Michigan, but points are ascribed to community features to qualify for state money to purchase the development rights on agricultural lands.

There must be a minimum of acres of farmland to qualify, although two neighbors with contiguous acreage may apply together.

A priority is placed on metropolitan areas, places close to highways or railways, where sewer availability exists, and in short where pressures are the greatest for development. There is only $12 million in the fund, so competition for the funds is great, and because Barry County has few of the features awarded high points, it is unlikely that these funds will reach farmers there, McManus said.

Critics have said it would be more effective to save land from development where there are enough agricultural features remaining to support an agricultural community or the critical mass of farm acreage required within a community for farming to be successful, as mentioned above.

Some efforts to utilize Purchase Development Rights at a more local level have been tried in Michigan. Funding such projects is often a problem. Still, this is one approach which can be utilized by smaller units of government.

In this state, Peninsula Township in Leelanau County has implemented a

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# Yankee Springs Board denies zoning change

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

The members of the Yankee Springs Township Board of Trustees upheld the recommendation of the Yankee Springs Planning Commission and denied a zoning request from agriculture to rural residential for a five-acre parcel along Chief Noonday Road, about one mile east of Briggs Road.

Township Supervisor George London described the property as a non-conforming lot, not feasible for farming. The two houses on the lot are dilapidated and unsightly, he said.

Mary Cook reminded her colleagues that they were trying to define "the best use, not necessarily the most profitable use" for the property.

Several trustees had real concerns about the safety of the traveling public if the rural residential designation was allowed, which might mean up to four curb cuts along the curve.

Following the discussion, the board voted 4-1 to deny the zoning change. London was the only one to support the zoning change.

The board approved subdividing a parcel at 1980 Norris Road into two parcels. Both will remain in the AA district of at least five acres.

The trustees also approved a realignment of lot dimensions in the Middleton Norris Road subdivision. This was necessary due to wetland areas, which are not buildable. All lots are still at least five acres in size.

Several members of the audience were concerned about development of property along Bayview. There were concerns that this was not conforming and might be used as a residence. The trustees will tour the area of contention.

London will contact Consumer's Energy about a request from the developer to install street lighting along that road. The concern is who will be paying for the electric use. The township traditionally pays only for intersection lighting.

The Planning Commission work session has been changed to July 20 at 7:30 p.m. Cook reminded the Planning Commission not to schedule special meetings on the regular ZBA meeting date of the second Tuesday of the month.

## 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 Board discusses recycling

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

Wayland Township Supervisor Jose Blanco asked members of the Yankee Springs Township Board of Trustees to consider supporting financially the recycling center currently located at Weick's Supermarket.

He will be getting more information for the August meeting.

The recycling center, located at the Yankee Springs Township Hall, will have to be emptied once a week during the summer instead of twice a month.

The trustees are happy that people are recycling. They encourage people to rinse out their milk jugs and flatten them. More will fit in the bins if that is done.

Supervisor George London will be meeting with the staff at the Y Camp to make sure they know not to leave recycling outside the bin.

In other business, the township has been notified that people who now live on Chief Noonday Road will have their addresses changed to West M179. Some numbers will also be changed. Changes go into effect October 1.

London reported that signs reading "Chief Noonday Heritage Route" would be installed shortly.

A contract for cemetery maintenance was approved. Clerk Jan Lippert attend a conference on municipal cemeteries which was very useful. She reminded residents that cemetery vandalism was covered on their homeowner's policy, not on the township's policy.

# Hearings set for Barlow Lake motor restrictions

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has set 7 p.m. July 19 as a public hearing on motor restrictions on Barlow Lake.

The hearing date was announced by Yankee Springs Township Supervisor George London at the July 8 Township Board of Trustees meeting.

London mentioned that some residents on Barlow are opposed to limiting motor size and wish that the meeting would be canceled.

"The DNR public hearing is the proper place to hear these opposing views," London said.

The meeting will be held in the Yankee Springs Township Hall on Briggs Road.


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

Date of time of Public Hearing: **Tuesday, July 20, 1999, at 7:00 P.M.**

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

Application No. V-#37: Jack and Penny Rider
9450 Garbow Road
Middleville

Description of Variance Requested: Applicant is seeking a variance from Chapter 7 of the Zoning Ordinance, Section 7.4.1, Access to and Frontage on a Street or Road and 7.4.15(i)(1) Applicant needs a minimum of 66 ft. for access and future easement to build a private road beginning at the southeast corner of property. Applicant has only 33 feet of access from a county road and is seeking relief from the above noted Sections of the Thornapple Township Zoning Ordinance in order to build a future private road off Garbow Road.

Legal Description: P.P. #08-014-010-008-00, Section 10 of Thornapple Township. A lengthy description and map are available in the township office.

This variance application may be inspected at the Thornapple Township Hall daily 9 A.M. to 12 noon, and 1 to 4 P.M., except Friday, 9 to noon.

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

Secretary, Zoning Board of Appeals

**NOTICE:** Thornapple Township will provide reasonable auxiliary aids and services such as signers for the hearing impaired, and audio tapes for the visually impaired, of printed materials being considered at the hearing, upon seven day's notice to the Township Clerk. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Clerk by writing or calling: Thornapple Township Clerk, P.O. Box 459, 200 E. Main Street, Middleville, MI 49333. Telephone (616) 795-7202.

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# Juggling camp held at area libraries

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

Readers of all ages enjoyed Mr. Jim's Juggling Camp at the Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library and the Freeport District Library on July 7.

This program, sponsored in part by the Barry County Substance Abuse Council and the Hastings Big Boy restaurant, helped children and adults learn a new skill.

Jim Merrills from Marcellus demonstrated how to first juggle with scarves and then with balls. He also assured the novice jugglers that the floor would always catch the balls if they couldn't.

Laughter and a sense of humor come in handy when juggling.

There is still room in the "G'Day for Reading" program at both libraries.

Upcoming at the Freeport Library is a story hour at 10:30 a.m. July 14.

At the Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library, young readers will hear stories from Australia at 10:30 a.m. July 13. On July 15, readers ages 8-14 will be able to surf the web and check out child friendly Australia sites. Angie Ruger will lead this computer exploration and pre-registration is required.

For more information about summer library programs call the Freeport Library at 765-5181 or the Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library at 795-5434.

Jim Merrils demonstrated to a room full of readers at his Juggling Camp at the Freeport Library how to keep scarves in the air

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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.

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

Charles Biggs
Secretary
Yankee Springs Township
Zoning Board of Appeals

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## OFFICIAL NOTICE of THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on Monday, July 19, 1999, at 7:00 P.M., at the Thornapple Township Hall, 200 E. Main Street, Middleville, Michigan, the Thornapple Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing for the purpose of hearing comments regarding the size and use of property located in a floodplain.

An application for Special Use has been received from T & M Partners, P.O. Box 66, Grandville, MI 49468, (acting under an agreement to purchase land owned by Patricia A. Allison, 6627 Whitneyville Rd., Middleville, MI, P.P. 0814-011-019-20) regarding Section 7.6.6(1), Footnotes of the District Regulation, of the Thornapple Township Zoning Ordinance and Section 7.4.20(c)(3), Land Division regulations, where proposed lot exceeds depth to width ratio of more than 4 to 1, where a portion of the parcel is located within a floodplain.

Lengthy legal description of this area, is on file in the Township offices.

The above Special Use application and map may be inspected at the Thornapple Township Hall daily, 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M., except Friday, 9:00 A.M. to noon. Written comments regarding this application may be addressed to:

Wesley VanRhee, Secretary
Thornapple Township Planning Commission
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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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A variety of floats and signs promoting local businesses are seen in the annual event. Here are Terry and Nettie Muller with a banner for Muller's Paint and Paper.

Taylor Muller pedaled a smaller vehicle and wagon in the parade.

# Caledonia celebrates Independence Day with enthusiasm

Justin Hair takes it easy waiting for the parade to begin.

Clownin' around, Lori Pieri talks to Taylor Muller at Lakeside Park.

Kari Van Reenen and Michael Nielsen were winners of the turtle and frog races at the park. They returned their entries to Wesley Muller (shown) following the race. He had competed with different animals, but did not win.

## Local AA meetings set

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# LaVoie named All-State for a second time

The prep tennis career enjoyed by recent Middleville graduate Nate LaVoie could be described as nothing short of outstanding.

And his work certainly didn't go unnoticed as he was recently named All-State for a second consecutive season.

LaVoie played No. 1 singles for Coach Larry Seger's Trojans for four seasons and earned All-State honors during his final two

Nate LaVoie

campaigns. He racked up 72 career victories at No. 1 singles, more than any other Trojan in the history of the athletic program.

The list of tennis accomplishments for LaVoie includes being named to the All-OK Rainbow Conference squad four times and being an All-Region champion and earning a spot in the State finals during his junior season.

LaVoie also was a key contributor on Middleville's football team that has won three consecutive O-K Blue Conference titles and qualified twice for the State pigskin playoffs.

Also deeply into his music, LaVoie played trumpet for the Thornapple Kellogg High School band. At Aquinas College starting this fall, LaVoie plans to major in music. He will attend Aquinas on a tennis scholarship. Academics are not a problem, either, for LaVoie who was Academic All-State four times during high school.

# Cyclists stopping in Middleville, raising funds for Rails to Trails

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

More than 775 riders have pre-registered for the Michigander Bicycle Ride which begins in Midland on July 18. The cyclists arrive in Middleville to stay overnight on Wednesday, July 21.

On Thursday, they will leave for Kalamazoo with their ultimate destination South Haven.

Cyclists will ride distances between 35 and 62 miles each day and will take advantage of 10 Rail to Trail pathways including Kent Trails, the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail and the Kal-Haven trail.

The Michigander is a fund-raiser for the Michigan Rails to Trails Conservancy. Funds raised are used for grants to trail associations throughout the state. The Thornapple Trail Association has applied for and received $4,000 for trail related improvements in the past.

The cyclists will be staying overnight on the Thornapple Kellogg High School grounds on Wednesday night. Thursday morning they will stop at the Whispering Waters Campground on Irving Road before continuing to Kalamazoo.

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# Preserving farm land, continued from page 11

system of purchase development rights, funded by passing a millage to buy the development rights of prime fruit farm land to save it. People there are interested in saving the fruit farm industry and have demonstrated smaller units of government can implement their own programs.

PDRs are purchased from the farmer, while the land continues for agricultural or specified uses, a voluntary approach by the local unit of government and the land owner.

"If there were larger plat limits," Tom Wing, president of the Barry County Farm Bureau said, "perhaps development could be slowed in agricultural areas. But it can't be done without Purchase Development Rights. You must have a way to compensate property owners for a loss in their ability to develop their land."

New legislation for PDRs was introduced in 1997-98, but is on hold at present. Development rights which could be sold to a governmental unit would be exempt from taxation, and sale of the property would be subject to the restriction from development for a specified length of time, or forever if specified.

This PDR legislation would, in addition, create buffer zones in agricultural zones, by directing that properties sold within one mile of an agriculture security area would have a notice placed on the deed that farms are protected from nuisance suits as defined in the Michigan Right to Farm Act.

Wing said purchase development rights were similar to a federal program to reserve or rent marginal land and set it aside, which he said was called the Conservation Reserve Program.

Wing said he thought protection of large land tracts theoretically is more possible at the state level than at the county or township, and at the national level, there may be even greater protection possible. He explained preserving wetland tracts has been more effective than preserving agricultural land because the wetlands act is a federal act.

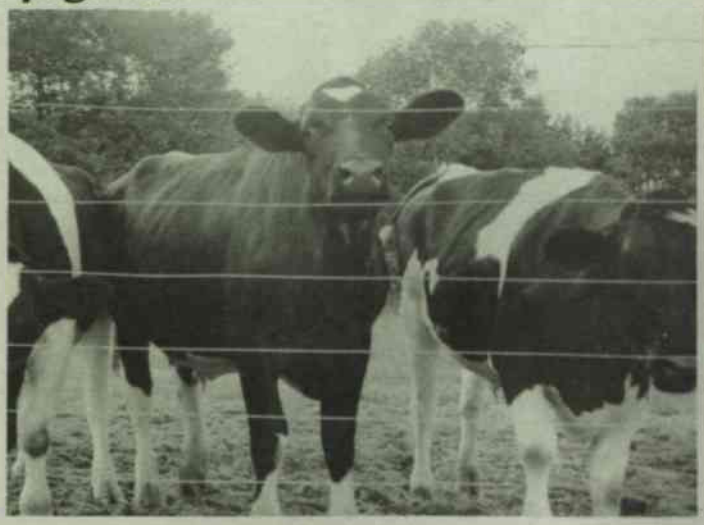
Wing said agricultural areas could still be designated and protected by local zoning authorities, just like industrial, commercial and residential zoning is protected for specific uses. He favors local government for land use zoning and planning.

He said he believed that with education and the right effort, county and local government could do a lot to save farm land.

Perhaps the first consideration is for local zoning to identify farm land as a natural feature which is important enough to be protected, Wing said. It is more complex than saving sections of farm land.

"With unrestricted development or with poor planning, the conflicting needs of property owners will inevitably result in owners suing for their rights," Wing said. A lack of zoning can result in areas which are open to random selection and uses driven by commercial interest without coordinated planning.

Tom Wing



Muller raises Holstein steers for beef resale.

Large amounts of open land in some states have been preserved, using purchase of development rights and transfer development rights contracts.

Transfer of development rights is a process by which development rights are severed from a parcel through a monetary transaction, but instead of being held by another entity, presumably without being used, development rights would move from a "sending zone" to a "receiving zone," more suitable to development at an increased intensity of development.

The result is that farmland, wetlands, important natural features or other sensitive lands like sand dunes can be preserved, while other lands, situated near adequate public services can be developed more intensely.

In an effort to learn from others, several farmers in the area have gone to other areas of the country to see how other approaches have helped preserve farm land. Preservation has been more simple in states which are organized on a county level rather than with smaller units of township rule.

Bob Wenger of Middleville and Pennington, were among those going to Pennsylvania and Maryland to see actual examples of farmland preservation.

Pennington said in Lancaster County in Pennsylvania, in 37 out of 42 townships, zoning laws and ASAs are used as the backbone of farmland preservation. They limit residences to 1 per 25 to 50 acre minimums.

Transfer of Development Rights were achieved starting with using growth projections over 20 years. Urban growth area boundaries were zoned for higher density housing and development.

Residential concentrations based on one house on plats of 20 to 40 or more acres have been designated in agricultural areas in some states. Property owners are allowed so many permits to divide. The transaction is made between the developer and the farm owner, is allowed only once, and the land must be kept in agricultural use although it can be sold.

Those rights of development can be used in another area designated as a development or receiving zone, by being sold and transferred to another property owner in a development zone. There may be some limit of density even within a development zone.

Zoning authorities must figure out how this will work. There are zoning limits of the number of land divisions that may be made, and the number of homes per 20 to 40 acres in areas where TDRs have been effective, often based on one house for so many acres.

Pennington said they had visited the Olney Development in Montgomery County. It was a "receiving zone" set up on a 400 acre parcel outside an urban area, developed with sewer and water mains and the developer purchased 1,100 TDRs from other land owners in order to build 1,150 homes in that development of 400 acres.

Fifteen percent of these homes were subsidized by county funds for low income housing. Homes ranged from $150,000 to $250,000, and townhouse apartments were also included. Pennington said another benefit to mixing different economic levels in the same neighborhoods was a result of less crime. A school was built to accommodate the increase in area children. Also included were community facilities, a swimming pool, a picnic area, a pond, detention areas, and a day care center. The developer built the road into the development and the county maintained it.

Montgomery County in Maryland is near Washington D.C. with a population of around 810,000. They have preserved 49,000 acres of land for agriculture through various programs.

"It is possible to preserve land," Pennington said. "If you compare Montgomery County to Oakland County near Detroit, try to picture 49,000 acres of farmland in Detroit. They are comparable in size and in numbers of people, but in Montgomery County, they decided to preserve some land."

In Caroll County, Maryland, zoning allows one house per 20 acres in agricultural areas. If housing development is permitted, clustering on one acre lots is required, such as along the road. This preserves 95 acres of farm land, Pennington said.

In Baltimore County, MD no programs were wanted. There, the zoning laws were set at one house per 50 acres to control development. Lots there must also be clustered, and may be one acre in size. If the lot didn't perk for septic, it couldn't be sold.

Pennington said in Hartford County, an incentive to enroll into a district agreement gave the owner a 50 percent reduction in property taxes.

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# Celebrate sculpture beginning

by Patricia Johns
*Staff Writer*

The Brick Sculpture Committee invites anyone who attended classes in the 1931 Thornapple Kellogg School building to help celebrate "Reclaimed Spirit."

A non-traditional ground breaking for the commemorative sculpture will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, July 14 on the lawn on the Main Street side of the school.

Artist Don Williamson has planned some surprises for the celebration. At the close of the brief ceremony, the time capsule in the 1931 cornerstone of the building will be opened.

The committee will add to the capsule before it is cemented into the sculpture.

Order forms for the engraved bricks will be available following the ceremony. Anyone who wants to sign up to reclaim some of the bricks from the building to be used in the sculpture will be able to sign up following the ceremony.

## FROM OUR READERS

*Local Citizens Speak Out on Issues*

## Disgruntled over higher costs, insurance increase

**To the editor:**

No one pays my health insurance. $150,000 increase in health insurance. It's time for the teachers to contribute. Let them pay their own dental and eye care.

Dave Dykstra donated $35,000 to help pay the district's portion of the higher pressure water line. He should be paying a lot more for the higher cost to everyone. We are all paying more for his activities and wealth.

That gift horse's mouth should be looked over good.

The district is in line for all the development he has contributed to. Another school will be next.

I think it would be nice if Dave would contribute to my signs that have been wrecked. His aren't touched next door.

Oh, to be a do-gooder.

Donald Johnson

## From previous page

Eighty percent of the land in Hartford County has access to public water and sewer. The other 20 percent have well and septic systems. Compared to Michigan, that statistic is nearly reversed. Septic problems have developed in Michigan in areas of high density which are without public utilities, Pennington said. If densities are controlled by linking them to available utilities, a lot of problems are eliminated.

Pennington commented also on TDR zoning in Adams County in Pennsylvania. Using ASAs, they enrolled property owners to include 83,000 acres to preserve all land outside the urban areas. They did all they could to keep development inside urban boundaries.

Clustering is not promoted there. They believe clustering in developments tends too promote sub-divisions. Subdivisions are out of place there, next to livestock farming, where manure must be dealt with, among other farm needs, according to Pennington.

Pennsylvania funded their program by a $100 million bond fund on a state wide level and in part by a 2 percent tax on cigarettes.

Many property owners in Michigan, including farmers are resistant to any imposition on their private opportunity to profit by selling their land, Wing said.

McManus said in Michigan there was no enabling legislation at the state level to allow Transfer Development Rights.

Everyone seems to be in agreement that support must come from the public before any if these reforms can happen.

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Sincere single black female, 30, 5'4", with a sweet personality, who enjoys music, movies, children and outdoor activities, is looking for a sincere single black male, 45-51, who likes how to treat a lady. Ad# 2320

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Cheerful single white female, 50, petite and full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, hopes to share friendship and fun with a mature, romantic single white male, 45-56, who enjoys music and dancing. Ad# 5870

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Single white female, 46, with red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys home life, music, and movies, seeks a kind, honest, romantic single black gentleman, over 5'8", non-smoker, endorser, who is easygoing, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 8880

WHO COULD BE THE ONE
Are you the gentleman this fun-loving divorced white mom, 29, 5'4", with long auburn hair, is hoping to meet? Please call, if you're a kind, romantic, caring gentleman, who likes kids, who enjoys cooking, bowling, walks on the beach and more. Ad# 8320

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THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
Outgoing, vibrant single white professional female, 30, 5'4", who enjoys travel, camping, movies, sports, dining out, cooking, horseback riding and more, is seeking an easygoing, fun-loving single white male, 28-45. Ad# 8052

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Witty, caring single black female, 38, who enjoys bowling, skating, bicycling, travel, jazz music, sporting movies and more, is seeking a confident single black male, 38-50. Ad# 8202

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Serious single white female, 19, 5'1", with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, bowling, working out and writing poetry, is seeking a sweet and kind single white male, 18-26. Ad# 8261

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Friendly, outgoing single white 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# 8053

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READY TO SETTLE DOWN!
Loyal single white female, 29, 5'3", 175lbs., enjoys movies, long walks, good conversation and more. She is seeking an honest single black male, 25-35, interested in a long-term relationship. Ad# 4060

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

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# 1266

LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE
Funny single white female, 18, 4'5", 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 is seeking a friendly, outgoing, steadily employed single white male, 38-50, for friendship. Ad# 2972

MUST BE NICE
You have to meet this kind-hearted single black female 35, 5'3", 135lbs., if you're a caring, American male, 40-42, who enjoys swimming, running, the outdoors and keeping active. She's waiting. Ad# 8836

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Cute, caring, sensitive single white female, 20, 5'6", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who likes horseback riding, movies and romance. She seeks an emotionally stable single white male, 18-25, 5', with similar interests. Ad# 8767

A MAN WITH A PLAN!
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Attractive, sincere, single white female, 54, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys country music, golf, cribbage, cross-country skiing and fishing, seeks a quality single male, 45-57. Sun Lakes area. Ad# 7319

COMMON GROUND
Bubbly, single black female, 30, who loves listening to music and reading, is looking to meet a humorous, independent single black male. Ad# 3676

DEFINITE POSSIBILITY
Outgoing, nice single black female, 28, 5'5", full-figured, who enjoys bowling, movies and sports, would like to meet a caring single male, 25-38. Ad# 8554

OPEN-MINDED
Athletic single white female, 25, 5'8", with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, sports and music, wants to meet an honest, single male, 19-28, for friendship. Ad# 7961

ROMANTIC MOMENTS
Considerate, loving and devoted are ways to describe this single white female, 31, 5'9", 210lbs., who likes dancing, bowling and taking walks. She's looking for a kind-hearted and loving single white male, 32-38, to share moments. Ad# 8690

EXTRA NICE
Outstanding, nice, single black male, 47, 6', 205lbs., with brown hair/eyes, enjoys sporting events, music, dancing, quiet evenings at home, motorcycles, camping, is a single black female, 32-46, for dating and friendship. Ad# 8654

GREAT WITH THE LADIES
Romantic and educated, this divorced white male, 52, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is hoping to spend time with a mature single white female, 35-55, who knows a good thing when she sees it. Ad# 9020

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. Ad# 7615

BACK TO THE BASICS
Easygoing single white male, 39, 5'9", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys camping, camping and the outdoors, is seeking an easygoing single white female, 34-44, with similar interests. Ad# 3985

FAITH AN HOPE
Romantic, easygoing single white male, 55, 5'10", with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys the outdoors, quiet evenings, gardening and movies, is looking for a single white female, 38-55, under 130lbs., with a good sense of humor. Ad# 7198

THE BEST OF THE BEST
Single white male, 37, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white female, 29-50, 5'2"-5'6" under 175lbs., to enjoy baking, canoeing and more with him. Ad# 3005

ARE YOU THE ONE?
Spend some time with this fit, energetic single white male, 40, 6'1", 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 friendly 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 female, 47-53, with similar interests, will win his heart. Ad# 1299

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 40, to share the wonderful things in life. Ad# 8402

A DEPENDABLE GUY
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CELEBRATE LIFE
Outgoing single white dad, 36, 5'10", 175lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys good conversation, fishing, camping and NASCAR, is looking for a stable, intelligent single white female, under 40, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 8232

FRESH START
Good-looking, spontaneous single white male, a young 50, 5'9", who is fun-loving and talkative, enjoys movies, dining out, dancing, the lake, flea markets, traveling, cuddling and more. He seeks a compatible single white female, 33-52. Ad# 2364

YOUR INTERESTS!
Single white male, 29, 5'9", slim, with short hair and brown eyes, seeks an easygoing, fun-loving single white female. His interests include flea markets, antique shows and socializing things. Ad# 5565

PERFECT CHEMISTRY
Charming single white male, 36, 5'9", 180lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, movies, dancing, is hoping to find a fun-loving single female, 25-40, with similar interests. Ad# 8262

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TAKE HIM FORS HIM
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LOTS TO OFFER
This tall, trim 46-year-old single white male, with brown hair, and bluish-green eyes, who's quiet, good-hearted, and an excellent listener, seeks a lovely, spiritual single white female, 35-42, who's gifted with sincerity, honesty and a gentle manner. Ad# 5277

ON THE MOVE
Rugged single white professional male, 51, 5'10", 210lbs., with brown hair, enjoys camping, fishing, motorcycling, sports and more, is seeking a single white female, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 8169

WALK WITH ME
Single white dad, 38, 5'11", 190lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys bowling, swimming, children and good conversations, seeks a single female, 25-35. Ad# 8127

CHARMING
Caring single white male, 39, 5'8", 150lbs., with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys good conversation, bowling, camping, fishing and more, is seeking an intelligent single white female, 25-42, to spend time with. Ad# 8998

IT COULD HAPPEN
Fit single white male, 43, 5'8", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, bowling, outdoor activities, museums and more, is looking to meet a mature, petite, non-smoking single Hispanic female, 28-42, for a serious relationship. Ad# 2317

STOP HERE!
Single white male, 26, 5'9", 175lbs., with sandy blond hair and blue eyes, is seeking single white female, 18-34. Ad# 7131

SPEND TIME WITH ME
Single black male, 25, 5'10", 165lbs., with a positive attitude, enjoys sports, movies and dining out. He's looking for a goal-oriented single female, 19-28. Ad# 7916

CHECK IT OUT
Single white male, 38, 5'10", 175lbs., with radish-blond hair, is looking for a single white female, for a possible relationship. Ad# 9416

CAN WE CLICK
Single white male, 35, 6', slim, seeks an honest, sincere single white female, under 35, who enjoys music, cultural interests, the arts and theater. Ad# 1625

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. Ad# 4767

MAKE IT POSSIBLE
Looking for a long-term relationship with a single white dad, 5'7", 190lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes? He's searching for a physically fit single white female, 30-40, who also enjoys motorcycles, billiards and watching television. Ad# 3680

TOGETHER
Easygoing, single white male, 24, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys NASCAR, dirt biking, camping and traveling, seeks a single white female, 19-26, with similar interests. Ad# 8539

CHECK IT OUT
Easygoing single white male, 34, 5', with brown hair/eyes, wants to share mutual interests, friendship and fun with a sweet, attractive single female, 25-35, who enjoys camping, NASCAR, movies, football and dining out. Ad# 2918

HEART TO HEART
Athletic, outgoing single white Christian male, 38, 6'2", 200lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys vintage cars, sports, the beach, dining out and more, is seeking a caring single white female, 25-45. Ad# 1980

CAN WE CLICK!
Single white male, 39, 5'9", 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. Ad# 6305

EXTRA NICE
Quiet, retired single 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

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 discussions, seeks a single female, 18-40. Ad# 9654

LET'S CUDDLE
Single white male, 27, who enjoys fishing, hunting and traveling, is seeking a sincere, fun-loving single white female, 21-29, with similar interests. Ad# 4157

WALK 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, beautiful woman. Ad# 9853

GIVE HIM YOUR LOVE
Caring, understanding and the owner of a kind heart, this single white male, 36, 5'10", with black hair, brown eyes and a muscular build, is a great listener. He is into bowling, country music, dancing and he seeks a romantic single female. Ad# 8861

READY TO SETTLE DOWN
Call this friendly single black male, 29, 6'2", 190lbs., with dark hair/eyes, if you're a single white female, under 40, who enjoys listening to music, dining out and sports. Ad# 5725

HAVE A HEART
Single white male, 25, 5'1", who enjoys movies, dining out, sports and more, is seeking a sincere single female, 18-35, to spend time with. Ad# 8243

WILL ANSWER YOUR CALL
Single white male, 40, 5'10", with a good sense of humor, is hoping to meet a petite, attractive, good-hearted single white female, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 3429

BUILD YOUR HEART...
And it may lead to this honest and open single white dad, 25, 5'7", 150lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys family time, movies, dancing and beach walks. He seeks an attentive and positive single white female, 20-35, who can make him laugh. Ad# 7990

HONESTY AND REALITY
Athletic single white male, 29, 6'1", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys working out, swimming and skiing, is seeking a slender, serious single white female, under 40, for companionship. Ad# 9077

UP TO LIFE'S CHALLENGES
Outgoing, handsome single white male, 23, 6'1", 205lbs., with short dark hair and brown eyes, who enjoys jet skiing, horses, motorcycles, the outdoors and dining out, is looking for a single white female, 20-35, who knows what they want from life. Ad# 5474

DON'T WAIT TO CALL
Outgoing, humorous single white dad, 29, 6'2", 125lbs., with light brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, the beach, bowling and more, seeks a single white female, 18-25, who enjoys bowling, camping, the beach, horseback riding, movies, children and more. Ad# 8330

MAGNETIC PERSONALITY
Go over to your phone and call this charming and humorous single black male, 24, 5'9", 240lbs., he loves children, time with friends and is seeking a compatible single black female, 23-32, who enjoys sports. Ad# 9077

EXCLUSIVE
Fun-loving single white male, 20, 6'6", 180lbs., with blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing and movies, fishing and more, seeks a single white female, 18-24, with similar interests. Ad# 8169

A BIG TEDDY BEAR
Laid-back, cuddly single white male, 28, 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, golf and demolition derbies. Ad# 8136

THE COMPANY OF A MAN
Hardworking single white male, 23, 6'3", 270lbs., who enjoys clubbing, sports, cooking and more, is seeking an independent, fun-loving single white female, 20-30. Ad# 8764

STARTING OVER
Personable single black male, 38, seeks a caring single black female, 30-50, who enjoys bowling, travel, movies, jazz music, country living and more. Ad# 6908

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. Ad# 8368

UNDERSTANDING
Laid-back single white male, 18, 6'1", 160lbs., with brown hair/eyes, enjoys sports, music, movies and more. He's looking for a trustworthy single white female, 18-25, for conversation and companionship. Ad# 3854

BRIGHT IDEAS
Single white male, 28, 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. Ad# 4207

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE
Leave a message with this divorce white dad, 40, 5'9", 190lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, a non-smoker, non-drinker who enjoys sports, the outdoors and more, who enjoys bowling, horseback riding and travel. Ad# 5809

FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Sincere single white male, 40, 5'10", who enjoys the outdoors, traveling, woodworking, collecting antiques and model railroading, is seeking a nice, independent single white female. Ad# 8837

WELL ROUNDED
Single white professional male, 36, 5'11", 210lbs., with light brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys sports and the outdoors, seeks an athletic, adventurous single white female semi-formal females, who enjoys life. Ad# 1730

SPORTS FAN
Hardworking, dedicated single white male, 40, 5'10", 180lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports and outdoor activities, is seeking a single female, under 45, without children. Ad# 5134

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 friendship with a kind single white female. Ad# 8024

WANTS A CLASSY LADY
Retired single white male, 59, 5'10", 190lbs., with grey hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, fine dining, walks along the flea markets, seeks an attractive, slender single white female, 50-62. Ad# 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. Ad# 8460

THIS IS IT
Kind, loving single white male, 25, who enjoys movies, jogging and more, is looking for a sweet, understanding single female, 18-30, who loves to have fun. Ad# 1135

MAKE THE CONNECTION
Outgoing single white male, 35, 6'1", 210lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, is hoping to meet a compatible single white female, 23-44. Ad# 9571

LOTS TO OFFER
He's a friendly single white male, 49, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, who enjoys country music, fishing, bowling to country music, camping and other outdoor activities. He's looking to meet a down-to-earth single white female. Ad# 3334

NEW IN TOWN
Fun single white professional male, 30, 6'4", 220lbs., with dark hair and green eyes, who enjoys dining out, clubbing, camping, fishing and outdoor activities, is in search of a single white female, under 40. Ad# 8539

A SOUND CHOICE
Handsome single white male, 33, 5'11", with brown hair, green eyes, enjoys country drives, motorcycles, movies and quiet evenings, seeks an attractive single white female, 23-40. Ad# 6732

COMPANIONSHIP
Professional single white dad, 40, 6', 150lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who is soft-spoken and caring, enjoys art, the beach and spending time with his children, is seeking a petite, attractive, humorous single white female, 25-45, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8381

RIDE EM' COWBOY
Humorous single white male, 18, 6'1", 180lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, long walks and anything to do with cars, is seeking a single white female, 18-21. Ad# 4049

MEET AT THIS
Athletic single white male, 31, 5'11", 185lbs., who enjoys working out, cycling, fishing and keeping active, seeks an attractive, confident single white female, under 30. Ad# 6378

MONOGAMOUS
Compassionate divorced white male, 35, 5'9", 155lbs., who enjoys model railroading, soccer, sketching, family activities and more, seeks a single white female, 27-42. Ad# 8658

STEP BY STEP
Self-employed single white male, 30, 5'9", 175lbs., with strawberry-blond hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, is seeking an outgoing, positive single white female, 25-38. Ad# 8869

ON THE RIGHT TRACK
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## Maier takes 2nd in AVP Open

Julie Maier's talents as a beach volleyball spiker were shown this past Saturday at a tournament held in Muskegon.

Maier, a Caledonia resident who will be a senior this fall at South Christian High School, was one part of a two-person team that took second place honors at the AVP Junior Michigan Open. The tournament was staged at Muskegon's Peer Marquette.

Maier's teammate was Ricki Brown from Saranac. Both Maier and Brown compete in the Spikers volleyball program.

Maier and Brown partcipated in the 18 and under division at Muskegon and their runner-up efforts qualified them for the AAU Junior Olympics Aug. 4-7 in Cleveland. The AAU Junior Olympics also includes a number of other athletic events.

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