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Crowd enjoys non-traditional groundbreaking and capsule to the past

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

"The TK spirit will not be broken by the wrecking ball!" guests were told at the celebration of a commemorative sculpture.

Mike Bremer told the crowd that the sculpture being designed by Don Williamson will link the past with the future.

A team of horses helped members of the Brick Sculpture Committee break ground for the "Reclaimed Spirit" sculpture, soon to be installed in place of the former Thornapple Kellogg Middle School.

This was part of a non-traditional groundbreaking and time capsule viewing on July 14. Committee member Bremer welcomed a lawn full of guests, including a few who attended the school the first year it opened in 1931.

He noted that the building was "soon to be rubble." He spoke poignantly of the disappointment he felt when the effort to save the building failed, but he jumped at the chance to be part of an effort to save and creatively reflect a part of the community's heritage.

After the talking, committee members touched the past by using a team of horsed to break ground for the sculpture. Mac and Mister did most of the work.

What kept most of the guests in their seats in the hot sun was curiosity about the time capsule.

Magazines from days gone by stuffed the capsule box, along with a July 10, 1931 *Middleville Sun and News* and a *Hastings Banner* from July 8, 1931.

Bremer read a brief history of the school which had been written by members of the Ladies Literary Society. There were oohs and ahs as names were recognized and even some laughter.

Bremer and Williamson encouraged people to support this project by purchasing a brick from the old school. Order forms are available in local businesses and at the administration building.

The crowd at the ceremony included those who attended the old building from its opening in 1931 to this past spring.

Committee members (from left) Julie Coon and Mike Bremer look at some of the items from the time capsule as Gary Van Elst looks at a July 10, 1931 copy of the *Middleville Sun and News* and Marty Wenger looks to see if there is anything left in the box.

Walls come tumbling down

Demolition of the eight-classroom section of the former Thornapple Kellogg Middle School began last week.

Caledonia Council appoints three to village posts

Amy Brumleve

Bill Robertson

Wendy Zandstra

Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Village Council last week filled three vacant seats by appointing Amy Brumleve to the clerk's position, Wendy Zandstra to trustee, and Willard (Bill) Robertson to the open planning commission position.

Brumleve is a three year Caledonia resident. She works at Lescoa Inc. as a design secretary and is married to Doug Brumleve.

Her work as clerk will be part-time, and tentatively believes she can fulfill her duties in the evenings.

She has an interest in service to the community. At present she provides service through a volunteer service

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Custom coffins created by area wood crafter

Craig Convissor from Alto holds open the lid of an oak coffin he just completed in his "Out of the Woodworks" wood shop.

Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Craig Convissor, an artisan from Alto has taken an unusual turn with his wood working talents, and creates hand-crafted coffins and funeral urns in addition to the more traditional wood crafts most customers might expect.

The sign at his home says, "Out of the Woodworks, Coffins, Urns, Memorials, Specialty Wood Items."

Convissor is a craftsman who also makes a lot of traditional wood items, like functional sculptures, unusual furniture items, totem figures, wall sculptures and more. He also makes fine cabinets custom-made for kitchens and baths. Coffins are the most important part of his work, however.

How did this carpenter, remodeler who once tore down walls and constructed bookcases and front porches become a casket maker?

A long time ago, Convissor worked in a county hospital.

"I saw people dying all around me. The inevitability of death made an immense impression on me," he said. This is one of the reasons he started making coffins. But, there are other reasons too.

"Partly I'm coming to terms with my own death," he said. And Convissor added, "It's important that

Craig Convissor designed this more organic style casket made of several woods including a cherry box, osage handles, and grapevine lid. The bench is made of mulberry.

A storyteller's chair created by Convissor is made from osage branches, a single piece of winding grape vine, part of a pine stump and a mulberry seat. Most of these chairs come with a talking stick.

be buried in one of his lovingly-crafted boxes or urns.

Convissor himself expresses a special compassion toward those who have lost a relative and sometimes must come to him in a time of crisis, unprepared.

Kate Convissor, his wife said, "When people come to him, Craig offers a listening ear, information and the legal options available to them."

When people do come to him right after a death, he tries to meet their needs, sometimes working around the clock to get the

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I integrate my philosophy of life into my work."

That philosophy is also conveyed in his other works, as well.

A fanged rabbit-like creature forms a cradle, which is a guardian spirit for the child placed in it. The piece was part of a pair, the other being a sculptured coffin, depicting the cycle from birth to death.

Other Convissor sculptures seem to embody guardian spirits with a life of their own. Mythic stories impose their presence, and the aura of enduring eras hints of an energy beyond the solid material reality of his objects of art.

A storyteller's chair almost grows out of the floor, or an Arthur Rackham story book. He has made several.

"Most of them have a story that is part of the way the chair is created," he explained.

This chair, though, seems to be waiting for a story to find it.

Each piece is unique. Wandering through the huge barn housing his work area and into the show rooms where he keeps examples of his hand-crafted items, there is a sense that Convissor could well be a gentle guide to a world beyond.

When surrounded by his creations, whether it is a sculpture, a table or a coffin, the sense of life enduring beyond the physical is projected.

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casket finished. A coffin can take from 15 to 35 hours to complete, depending on the complexity and detail of the order.

However, it's always easier on him, and on relatives, too, if people come before death occurs to help decide exactly what is wanted. It's actually a comfort to many people to have the details all explained or even prepared before death. It's like having a will, or a statement of last wishes. Family members are often grateful to not have to choose the casket, the funeral director, the place for services, a cemetery and other details while in the state of shock and grief and to know exactly what the loved one wanted.

Many people say they always wanted to be buried in a simple pine box. People can actually get a simple pine box from Convissor. They can also find a very well-crafted box, embellished with fine wood details. All have a muslin lining. Lids are sealed by different means as well. Prices range from $700 to $1,500.

This is an example of a "simple pine box," which Convissor also offers.

A guardian spirit creature forms a cradle, and holds a crystal ball in its mouth, and was carved from mulberry by Convissor.

Convissor has several basic coffin styles available, including a traditional box with wide shoulders and narrow at the feet. Others are uniquely non traditional resembling a modern sculpture, like one reserved for Convissor's mother.

He works with a variety of woods, which are often recaptured from other items, or harvested from nature and combined in unusual ways to create urns and other items.

Convissor often works with people to include custom details, like a cross, or an ankh, Egyptian symbol of life, or as in the case of Kate's grandfather's coffin, with "Gift of God" written on it, which is the meaning of Theodore, his name.

Some people like to include a feature they have made, and Convissor builds it in.

According to Convissor, he is classed as a third party supplier by the Federal Trade Commission, which means he can sell caskets to funeral homes or to store front outlets, but does not offer a complete range of services.

He is well versed on Michigan laws regarding treatment and transport of a body, funerals, burials and plots.

"A licensed funeral director must be involved, who can choose to delegate some functions of the disposition of the body and the burial to the family," Convissor said, quoting Judith Dennis, a licensing administrator for the state.

A body must be buried or cremated within 48 hours or else embalming is required, he said.

There are means to set up a family plot according to local regulations. Vaults are required by public cemeteries to keep the ground over a grave from collapsing, and not for health reasons or to preserve the body, Convissor explained.

Convissor displays some of his crafted items and sculpture at 205 South Jefferson at the Jefferson Street Gallery in Hastings.

Custom made furniture and cabinets as well as coffins and urns may be seen at his "Out of the Woodworks" studio at 5583 Bancroft S.E. in Alto. Convissor may be reached at 1-616-868-6925.

TK Board reorganized with few changes

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education started its new year with few changes.

Dan Parker, David Smith, Nancy Goodin and Kim Selleck were re-elected to their positions of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer.

Parker thanked his colleagues for the opportunity to serve but told them that next year he would not run for the board presidentship since he though it was time for a new person to bring ideas to the board.

With few exceptions the board will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library on the second Monday of each month.

Special meetings have been set for the fourth Monday in August, September, November, February, March and May. In January the special meeting is on the fifth Monday.

In April and June the regular meetings will be held on the third Monday to accommodate spring break and school election day.

The board hid not raise their $15 per regular meeting salary. Board members retain their positions on committees as well.

The next meeting of the Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education is on July 26 at 7:30 p.m., This special meeting will include approval of more new staff and curricular matters.

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Local Bible school helps Kosovo refugees

Middleville Christian Reformed Church held its vacation Bible school recently and was "blessed with an abundance of community children to share a week of God's love and fun," said a spokesperson.

Throughout the week, there were collections taken, including a bottle collection and pennies, the grand total of $246 was then sent for Aid in Kosovo.

"We thank Middleville for helping us with this goal and for sharing the joy of their children with us for a full week," the spokesperson said.

Sunday school starts in September and the church welcomes the children back to continue the adventure.

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Young Continentals to perform at Gaines U.B. Church

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Gaines United Brethren Church will be the location of a high energy Christian performance titled, "Mission of Love," by a group of singers, dancers and technicians, "The Young Continentals."

The event takes place at 7 p.m. Friday, July 30.

The group features 30 performers, who are setting the evangelical standard for teenagers expecting to go into the ministry, according to spokesmen for the denomination.

"The Continentals," an established group has continued a 32 year tradition of music ministry, while the "Young Continentals" pack their inspirational program with music, drama, choreography and personal testimony.

Church members would like to share this event with friends and neighbors. They invite people in the community to this "exhilarating" event.

Gaines United Brethren Church is located on the corner of Kalamazoo Avenue and 92nd Street. People with additional questions may call Scot Taylor at 698-8252.

Recreational committee forming

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Where will future soccer fields be? How many softball fields should there be in the area? Should one of those fancy playgrounds like Tangletown in Hastings be built here? What is the Thornapple Kellogg's role in the future of recreation in the area?

To answer those kinds of questions, Thornapple Kellogg Athletic Director Tom Lehman is working to bring together representatives from Thornapple, Yankee Springs, and Irving townships, the villages of Freeport and Middleville and local organizations like the Barry County YMCA and AYSO soccer.

The goal is to revise existing recreation plans and map out a blueprint for the future growth in the area. Lehman became concerned about the issue when contacted by many residents wanting to use the school's athletic facilities, sometimes in conflict with school activities.

Representatives from Middleville and the townships plan to attend this organizational and exploratory meeting at 7 p.m. July 29. in the Thornapple Kellogg High School auditorium. Any interested resident is invited to attend.

"I would like us all to come together and work on a plan. Grant moneys may be available," Lehman said.

For information about this meeting call Lehman at 795-5432.

Engagements

Walko-Van Meter

Shanon Walko and Jeffrey Van Meter are planning a September wedding.

Shanon is a graduate of Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine. Now practicing Internal Medicine at Metro Health-Cascade office.

Jeff is a graduate of Grand Valley State University, and Detroit College of Law. He is an associate at Day and Sawdy, P.C. in Grand Rapids.

They are the children of Shirley and Albert Walko of Milford and Marion and Alfred Van Meter of Caledonia.

Local grad wins American Legion scholarship

Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Steven Russell Mursch of Alto has been selected as this year's recipient of a scholarship awarded by the Caledonia Sons of the American Legion, Post No. 305.

The scholarship is awarded annually to a graduating Caledonia High School student, based on patriotism, citizenship, discipline, leadership and scholastic achievements while maintaining at least a three grade point average.

Mursch, and Eagle Scout, graduated with a 3.7 GPA. He has been involved in many extracurricular activities including his church youth group and involvement in high school bands and the Ski Team.

His plans are to attend Michigan Technological University this fall.

Weekly Hymn Sings offered at Caledonia United Methodist

Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A series of Sunday Evening Hymn Sings will be a monthly event at the Caledonia United Methodist Church this summer.

The hymn singing events, begun Sunday, July 18, will be offered at 7 p.m. Aug. 22 and Sept. 12 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.

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Obituaries

William L. Nichols

MIDDLEVILLE - William L. Nichols, age 73, of Middleville, passed away Monday, July 12, 1999 at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids.

William was born on August 30, 1925 in Chesapeake, Ohio, the son of Donald L. and Irene L. (Moreland) Nichols.

He was raised, and attended school in Chesapeake, Ohio.

William married Josephine L. Balch in May of 1945 in Bellevue, Michigan, ending in divorce.

He was employed at E.W. Bliss for 35 years as a crane operator.

William was s member of the VFW Post in Nashville, Masonic Lodge in Nashville, Moose Lodge of Hastings, and Sheriff Posse of Barry County.

He was an outdoor enthusiast, with a special fondness for fishing and bird watching.

William served in the United States Army during World War II. He was in the Normandy Invasion, received the Purple Heart, Good Conduct Ribbon, Expert Infantry Badge, and Bronze Battle Star.

He is survived by two daughters, Suellen Furlong of Wayland, Stacia (Jim) Starr of Muskegon; son, Dale L. Nichols of Wyoming, Michigan; seven grandchildren; ten great grandchildren; a dear friend, Shirley Hyde of Middleville; two brothers, Jack (Carlene) Nichols of Chillicothe, Ohio, Leon (Jan) Nichols of Rockford, Illinois; three sisters, Elanda Pultz of Avondale, Arizona, Clara (Robert) Dunmire of Battle Creek, Helen Koslowsky of Phoenix, Arizona; several nieces and nephews.

Graveside services were held Thursday July 15, 1999 at Cedar Creek Cemetery in Delton. Reverend Bruce Stewart officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barry County Animal Shelter.

Arrangements were made by the Beeler Funeral Home in Middleville.

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Council approves Phase 1 final PUD for Town Square

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Ongoing development in the village was high on the agenda of the Middleville Village Council during their meeting on July 13.

Council approved the Misty Ridge Final Plat approval for phase one of the development across from Crystal Flash. About 20 homes will be constructed in this first phase.

Work on sewer and water lines has begun and the developers have one year to complete this initial phase. The Village has guarantees from the developers bank which will ensure that work can be completed, if for some reason the developer cannot.

Developer Bill Getty told council, "I am really excited about the Town Square project and what it will mean for Middleville."

He also spoke about his commitment to the "stewardship" of the land and his desire to create a comfortable setting.

The focal point of the commercial development is the clock tower. The commercial development will include some retail. Getty said he was already meeting with prospective tenants.

There were some questions from council on the signs proposed for the commercial area and an entry sign for the development.

Getty assured everyone that signs will be integrated. He was praised for his decision to use a concrete rolled curb instead of an asphalt one.

Council president Lon Myers announced that the village and township would work jointly on hiring a professional planner.

The municipalities are seeking candidates with a few years experience. The costs of the planner will be shared equally and will have offices in both buildings.

Council approved paying the entire cost of gypsy moth spraying for this year even though it cost $4,732, much higher than the $600 originally estimated.

Council will revisit the gypsy moth payment question next year.

The job description of the chief of police should be available for review at the first meeting in August.

In other police news council accepted the resignation of officer Joe Booher effective July 16. He is taking a position with the Hastings police department.

In other business the council approved vacating a portion of Spring Street. This will provide a parking area for Baby Bliss in the future and the lift station which is part of the utilities (sewer) project.

Spring Street will be permanently shut down, cul de sacs will be created but the Village will be reserving the easements already in place.

A public hearing on appointing the clerk and treasurer will be held at the July 27 Village of Middleville meeting. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.,

Developer Bill Getty told the Middleville Village Council on July 13, "I can't wait to get started!" The sign for phase one of his Village Square project was installed July 16. Work will begin on the entrance closest to the Middle Villa this week.

AA meetings scheduled

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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Live bats will visit Caledonia library Thursday

Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A presentation featuring live bats will come to Caledonia's Village/ Township Hall at 250 Maple Street on Thursday, July 22 at 10:30 a.m.

"The World of Bats," offered by the Organization for Bat Conservation, will include a slide show. The presentation dispels myths about bats and raises enthusiasm about the gentle creatures.

The program is part of a series of educational programs sponsored by the Kent District Library.

Dozens of tiny people, and larger ones who were still young-at-heart came to enjoy "Bouncing Matilda," a puppet show last Thursday morning at the Village Township Hall, also arranged by KDL.

The KDL puppeteers entertained to a full house with an original script by Maggie McDaniel, and puppets operated by McDaniel and Diane Forbes. The puppet show featured lots of Aussie animals and a theme about finding one's identity. Storytelling and songs were led by Tish Wells.

A wide variety of summer programs available through the Caledonia Library have been presented virtually every week this summer. These program are part of Kent District Library's G'Day for Reading, summer reading club, running until 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. There is still time to sign up.

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

Diane Forbes (left) and Maggie McDaniel talk to the children before the puppet show, Dancing Matilda, while Australian music plays in the background. The play is performed by the two women and written by McDaniel.

Three of the puppets, Sugar Glider, Crocodile, and Koala talk about their special traits while Matilda, a kangaroo is off stage, and the story is narrated by Tish Wells. Matilda returns at the end, with a joey in her pocket and the discovery, "I'm wonderful just the way I am."

Kids who came to see the show get to see how they work after it is over.

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Convicted Middleville man removed from transplant list

Timothy Fox, 18, of Middleville, had his sentencing postponed until Dec. 16 on a conviction of breaking into an Irving Township home last Sept. 5 in Barry County Circuit Court Thursday.

On July 8, the sentencing was delayed for one week while Judge James Fisher awaited more information regarding Fox's eligibility to receive a liver transplant.

It was learned Thursday, however, that Fox, who suffers from a life-threatening liver disease, was removed from the University of Michigan Hospital's liver transplant list in May, according to attorney Mark Doster.

Doster had been trying for at least two months to determine whether Fox would be removed from the list if he had a felony on his record.

He had also been trying to determine whether Fox's use of marijuana would make him ineligible to be on the list.

Though he was removed from the list for testing positive for controlled substance, Fox was not notified until June 25, said Doster.

"They wanted to tell him in person," said Doster.

Fox, however, did not tell Doster he had already been removed from the list at the time the issue was being discussed at the sentence hearing July 8.

"He will have to demonstrate he no longer has a substance abuse problem before he can be reconsidered to be put back on the list," said Doster.

Meanwhile, Fox is reportedly receiving substance abuse counseling.

He will have to abide by the terms of probation for six months while on house arrest, said Doster.

Fox was granted Holmes Youthful Trainees Act Status nearly two years ago after he admitted he broke into a home in the 9000 block of Adams Road and took blank checks which he later used to obtain $200 cash.

The HYTA status would have kept the felony off his record had he complied by the rules of probation.

Fox was still a candidate for a liver transplant at that time.

"Approximately 40 to 50 percent of his liver is destroyed - it has possibly spread to some form of cancer," Fox's then attorney Terry Knoll had said.

Since then, however, Fox has been convicted of two more felonies and probation violations.

"I was reviewing his past number of cases and it appears he uses his illness as an excuse," said Chief Assistant Prosecutor Amy Kuzava July 8. "The fact is, he's facing a life-threatening illness and continues to use marijuana which could remove him from the transplant list, which says something about his attitude."

Fox had claimed that if he were to have a felony on his record, he could be removed from the list and miss his chance at having a life-saving transplant, Kuzava said.

However, the University of Michigan's liver transplant policy states that incarceration does not affect a person's candidacy for a new liver, said Doster.

"Why not give the liver to someone who is productive, not someone like Mr. Fox who abuses drugs?" said Kuzava.

Kuzava explained that Fox should not be released to his mother's home "so he can be home enjoying himself as a reward for committing crimes," she said. "The taxpayers are paying for his care anyway, so what's the difference?"

According to Doster, the offense involved his client helping another person break into a bedroom to look for marijuana.

When they found none, they took $2 from a dresser, said Doster.

"I think jail would put an undue burden on this county," said Doster. "I don't think his actions rise to the seriousness of prison, which could be a death sentence."

Boating accident claims life of boy at Gun Lake

by Shelly Sulser
Staff Writer

Brian Rendak, 11, was an energetic boy who loved sports and was spending his summer playing on a roller hockey league.

"He loved wrestling," said his mother, Cheryl. "He watched it on television a lot. We had tickets to see the (WCW) show at the VanAndel at the end of the month. He was excited about going."

Brian died Monday evening shortly after an accident on Gun Lake when his shirt became caught in a boat propeller after he was thrown during a two-boat collision, according to Barry County Marine Patrol Sgt. Bill Johnson.

Police said Brian, and his brother, Eric, of Wyoming, had gone along with Cheryl and her friend, Alexander Mitchell, of Comstock Park, to try out the boat which was offered for sale by owner Margie Mackson of Kentwood.

"Mrs. Rendak was thinking about buying it and he was taking it out to tell her whether to buy it or not," said Johnson.

Mackson went with the Rendaks, who were also joined on the 17-foot Larson fiberglass boat by Mitchell's 14-year-old son, Stephen, and Tom Leach, 46, of Kentwood.

"We'd been on the lake about an hour," before the accident occurred, said Cheryl.

Also on the lake were Frank Deppe and his wife, Bernice, who were enjoying an evening with their grandson, Tim Harris, who was water-skiing behind their 19-foot Sunchaser deck boat.

The Deppe's had pulled away from their dock north of the state park campground at about 20 to 22 miles per hour.

As the Deppe boat completed a loop and headed north toward their cottage, the Larson boat entered its path about 400 feet off shore at about 30 miles per hour, said Johnson.

"Nobody saw the boat other than just before impact," said Johnson. "When the grandpa (Deppe) saw the boat, he started to jerk the wheel away."

Brian and Eric, who had been sitting at the front of the boat, were knocked into the water, along with Cheryl and Mackson as the front of the boat was torn away.

The boat then apparently continued its path, running over Brian before the propeller caught his shirt, then made three, significant cuts to his left side which proved to be fatal, said Johnson.

Though no one witnessed the accident, which occurred at about 7:30 p.m., nearby fisherman Robert Warner apparently heard the commotion.

"Mr. Warner jumped in and cut him off the propeller," said Johnson.

First year Marine Deputy Andrew Kopf, who was patrolling the lake not far from the accident scene, was flagged down and radioed for emergency services.

"They put him (Brian) on a raft and towed him to shore in a group effort," said Johnson.

While the Acromed medivac helicopter headed toward the scene, Brian died of apparent, significant loss of blood, said Johnson.

Alexander Mitchell, 49, who complained of back and hip injuries, remains a patient at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids. His son, Stephen, was treated and released.

Stephen, who was knocked unconscious during the crash, managed to remain in the boat, said Johnson.

"He was very fortunate because if he had fallen into the water, he could have drowned," said Johnson.

Eric, 13, and Cheryl were treated at Spectrum Hospital in Grand Rapids and released.

The Deppes, Tom Leach and Margie Mackson were taken to Pennock Hospital where they were treated for minor injuries and released.

Johnson is still trying to determine which driver was at fault, since both drivers were headed counterclockwise as the law requires for boat traffic and one was traveling at an angle.

"Who's got the right of way? It's not like a street accident where you have skid marks and there's no debris because it all sinks to the bottom," he said. "There were no witnesses. From all accounts, there were only about eight boats on west Gun Lake."

However, Johnson has his own suspicion that the setting sun may have played a part.

"It was 7:30 and the sun would have started to go down," he said. "It was a very unfortunate accident."

Alcohol was not a factor, said Johnson, and speed is not to blame.

Brian Rendak had just finished the fifth grade at Northwest Kelloggsville Elementary School where he played basketball and football.

He also enjoyed inline-skating, swimming and water skiing.

His father, who passed away from a heart attack four years ago, had put golf clubs in lay away for he and Eric just before he died, said Cheryl, 51.

"He was a very happy, go-lucky kid, always wanted to go shopping with me," she said. "He was Mr. Congeniality, helping people out when they needed it. He couldn't sit still."

Brian's favorite sports heroes were Troy Aikman, quarterback for the Dallas Cowboys, and race car driver, Jeff Gordon.

Brian's funeral will be held at the Van't Hof Chapel at 851 Leonard N.W. at 1 p.m. Friday, July 16.

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Middleville man killed when motocycle strikes van

by Shelly Sulser
Staff Writer

A 29-year-old Middleville man was killed instantly about 7:20 p.m. Monday when the motorcycle he was riding south on Charlton Park Road crashed into a van that was turning around in the roadway, according to a report by the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police.

Steven Lee Becker was riding his 1991 Yamaha, reportedly in excess of the speed limit when the accident occurred south of Center Road, said police.

Troopers said the van's driver, Ulrike Fuller, 33, of Hastings was northbound when she decided to turn around just below the crest of a hill in the roadway.

"Fuller's vehicle was stopped and facing northwest on the southbound lane of travel when Becker crested the hill and was unable to avoid Fuller's vehicle," said Trooper Charles Morden.

Becker was thrown from the motorcycle into the Fuller's vehicle as the motorcycle collided with the right rear side of the minivan. A broken back was apparently a contributing factor in his death.

Sgt. Steve Harper said the motorcycle's front tire drove up the side the van before the force of the impact shoved the rear tire through the metal side of the van.

"The motorcycle was sticking out of the side of the van, upside down, when officers arrived," said Harper.

Becker was wearing a helmet when the accident occurred.

Jennifer Fuller, 8, of Hastings, who was wearing a safety belt in the rear seat of the van, suffered only minor injuries in the crash.

Ulrike Fuller and her front seat passenger, Beate Gutmann, 37, of Ulm, Germany, escaped injury, police said. Both were wearing safety belts.

Alcohol was not believed to be a factor in the crash, though police are having blood and urine samples from Becker tested as part of the investigation.

Becker's parents, Vernon and Judy Becker of Middleville, could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

Acquaintance Angie Sarver of Hastings, who spent the recent Fourth of July holiday with Becker and friends at his Gun Lake cottage remembers him as friendly person.

"He was very nice, a gentleman of a guy," she said. "He was a one-of-a-kind."

Becker, who reportedly formerly worked as a substitute school teacher in the Hastings schools, was engaged to be married to Kristin Dean of the Gun Lake area.

His funeral is scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday at the Archer, Hampel and Kubiak Funeral Home in Wayland.

Former exchange student dies in Brazil

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Tiago dellamos Alves Peixoto touched many lives when he lived in Middleville in 1996 as an exchange student from Brazil. He was shot by an assailant during a robbery on July 2 and died eight days later on July 10.

Peixoto lived with the Martin Wenger family on the farm in Middleville. He was a big part of their lives that year.

"We are going to miss him a lot," Wenger said. "He was the youngest child at home and here he had two brothers and sisters. This was a great loss."

While a student at Thornapple Kellogg High School, Peixoto played on the soccer team, performed in the school play and weight lifted.

Tiago dellamos Alves Peixoto

He touched many lives outside of school because he was in the youth group and in the Love Light Choir at Peace Reformed Church.

Contributions made in his memory are being accepted by the high school soccer club. Donations can be sent to Memorial Fund, Soccer Club, Thornapple Kellogg High School, 3885 Bender Road, Middleville 49333.

TK School Board hires food service company

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education has hired Chartwell Nutrition Services to provide food service for the school district for the coming year.

Assistant principal Midge Pippel reviewed the process the district took in looking for a food service management company, This included visiting schools, interviewing staff and students about what they liked and didn't like about school food.

Chartwell serves 80 districts in Michigan. The Food Services director will be a Chartwell employee but the candidate bust be approved by Thornapple Kellogg.

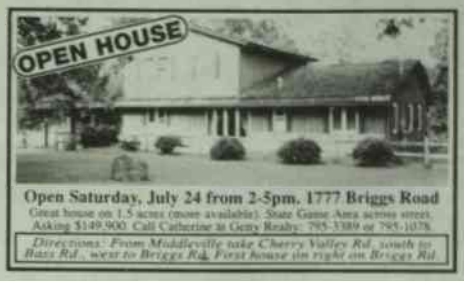
Superintendent Jay Cason emphasized that nother changes for the TK food service employees since they are covered by contract.

Board president Dan Parker encouraged comment form some food service employees in the audience. One said, "We are willing to give it a try."

Chartwell was selected from the three companies who bid on the project because of the quality of service they provide; they are interested in the response of students and parents, employee training and nutrition education for students. They will be asking parents for input.

The company will provide food appropriate for all ages form lower elementary students to high school students and staff. There will be adult meals available even on "breakfast for lunch" days.

This is a five year contract which is renewed every year. (This is set by the State Board of Education.) The contract can be ended with 60 day notice from either party.



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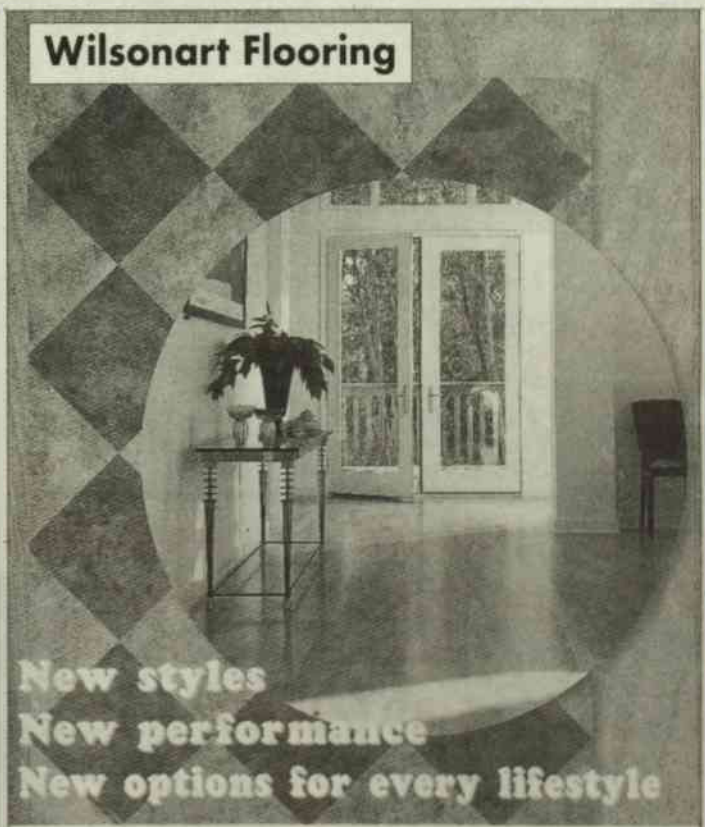

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Lots of competition this week at the Barry County Fair

Animals, amusement rides, 4-H and FFA projects, open class exhibits, clogging, food, entertainment and grandstand shows are all part of the 147th edition of the Barry County Fair.

The event runs through Saturday, July 24 at the fairgrounds, located on M-37 between Hastings and Middleville.

Entertainment includes singers Ponder, Sykes & Wright of Nashville, Tenn. Saturday night (July 24) at 6 p.m.

Other evening entertainment during the rest of Fair week will be a demolition derby Saturday, a professional rodeo Wednesday night, motocross Thursday evening, a tractor pull Friday night and karaoke contest semifinals and finals Thursday and Friday nights.

New this year are appearances by the Thunder Floor Cloggers Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday for classes and demonstrations.

The following is a sketch of the remaining fair week activities:

The Thunder Floor Cloggers will have beginners' classes at 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday. They will have demonstrations at 5 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and at 1 and 4:30 p.m. Saturday.

Rabbits are popular during fair. Here Jessie Cecil gets two pets used to handling in preparation for a previous fair.

Tuesday, July 20

The day's activities will begin with the youth horse judging at 8 a.m. in the horse arena and an hour later open class non-livestock judging and youth sheep judging, followed by open class in the show arena.

The youth cat show will take place in the variety tent at 1 p.m. and youth swine judging will be held in the show arena at 2.

Goats get close attention during judging atthe Barry County Fair

The rabbit live meat judging contest will get under way in the rabbit barn at 6 p.m.

A motorcycle flat track race will be held at 6 p.m. at the grandstand.

The entertainment in the evening will be Yesterday's Gospel in the variety tent at 7 p.m. Admission is free.

Wednesday, July 21

Wednesday will be Senior Citizens' Day, with people in that age group admitted for half price until 5 p.m. It's also Children's Day, as kids ages 12 and under can get in free.

Youth horse judging again will start the day at 8 a.m. in the horse arena, with youth beef judging at 9 at the show arena.

The rabbit skill-a-thon will be held at 10 a.m. in the rabbit barn.

In keeping with the children's theme for the day, a kids' pedal pull is planned for 1 p.m. around the garden area behind the banquet hall and junior karaoke (for up to 17 years old) will be offered in the variety tent from 3 to 6 p.m.

The karaoke contest semifinals will be at 7 p.m. at the variety tent.

The evening will conclude with a professional rodeo at 8 p.m. at the grandstand.

Thursday, July 22

Thursday will be Ladies' Day, when women will be admitted for $1.50 each until noon.

The open class horse judging contest at the horse arena and open class goats in the new barn will begin the day. There will be a youth dairy and open class judging competition at the show arena at 10.

The Ladies' Day program will take place at 11 a.m. at the variety tent, with free admission.

Horse Young Clovers will get under way at noon, followed by horse games and contests in the horse arena.

The small animal sale will be at 4 p.m. at the show arena.

The karaoke semifinals will be held at the variety tent at 7 p.m. and the motocross will be at the grandstand at 7:30.

Friday, July 23

Friday will be Farm Bureau Day.

There will be a livestock fashion show at the new barn and youth draft horse judging at 9 a.m., followed by open class in the horse arena.

The annual livestock sale is scheduled for 1 p.m. in the show arena.

A tractor pull will be at 7 p.m. at the grandstand, the same time that the karaoke finals will take place at the variety tent, with more than $3,000 in prize money.

Saturday, July 24

The Show of Champions will get under way in the show arena at 8 a.m. A draft horse pull and a tractor safety contest will follow at 9.

The State Shorthorn Show will be at 11 a.m., followed by open class beef.

Antique tractor pulls will be at the grandstand at noon.

The Youth Fair Awards celebration, sponsored by J-Ad Graphics, with picture taking, will be held at the variety tent at 12:30 p.m.

The national barrel races are scheduled for 1 p.m.

The 1999 Barry County Fair Speed Show will be held at 1 p.m., with $1,000 prize.

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Travel to Australia continues in TK Library program

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Francy Tobin enjoyed reading her favorite picture books about Australia during a July 13 story hour at the Thornapple Kellogg Library.

Her favorite books include *Koala Lou* by Mem Fox and *One Woolly Wombat* by Rod Trinca and Kerry Argent.

The Surfing Australia workshop was canceled. Workshop leader Angie Ruger compiled a list of youth friendly Australian web sites. A copy of the list is available at the library.

Children interested in finding out more about the Olympics should check out www.global.australia.com for more information.

Search engines Ruger recommends are www.ajkids.com and www.yahooligans.com. These are designed for kids ages 8-12. Ruger says, "Adults will enjoy exploring the Australian sites on the web as well. There is great information from history, travel, animals and science."

On July 20 the Thornapple School and Community Library will hold a program on Australia for children ages 6 - 14 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Max and Amy Coon look like they might have come from Australia to visit the Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library story hour on July 13.

Storyteller Francy Tobin entrances Baby Benny with her woolly wombat

Washington Wants To Know

Should Social Security Beneficiaries Get A Better Deal?

(NAPS)—Social Security beneficiaries will receive higher Cost-Of-Living Adjustments (COLAs) that more fairly reflect rising costs of prescription drugs and health care—if new legislation is passed.

Over the past 15 years, the cost of things older people tend to buy rose about nine percent more than the cost of things bought by the general public.

The House of Representatives is considering a bill that changes the way the annual Social Security COLA is calculated. Currently, Social Security payments are based on cost changes in goods ranging from the edible to the electronic. Seniors, however, tend to spend more on medication and less on laptops than younger consumers.

"In theory, the annual COLA adjusts Social Security benefits to prevent erosion in senior's buying power. In recent years, however, the COLA has not kept pace," says Michael J. Zabko, Executive Director, TREA Senior Citizens League (TSCL). That's a national organization of active seniors who want to ensure governmental bodies live up to commitments.

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No moratorium on rezoning requests says Caledonia Planning Commission

Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Planning Commission has asked recent applicants to postpone their requests for a hearing to re-zone areas in the township, at least until they have attended a preliminary meeting to introduce the Master Planning process for a new plan.

At the July 12 meeting, Tom Scherer, representing Clearview Investments, and Don Oppenhuizen, a partner of the firm, requested a change from agricultural to light industrial zoning for that company's parcel along Cherry Valley south of 100th Street.

They said two users were interested in the property, who wanted to make a decision within four or five months and would hate to see them look elsewhere because of the delay.

Also at the same meeting, Sam Ojo of Hamilton Ventures asked for a hearing.

Last month, a request by Tom and Paul Garbow for a hearing to rezone a 40-acre parcel on the southeast corner of 100th Street and M-37 from Agricultural to Commercial-2, was considered and a public hearing date tentatively was set for September.

Ron VanSingel, speaking for the applicants said they felt the agricultural zoning was no longer appropriate, and said commercial uses for shopping and service were consistent with the type of development along Cherry Valley, north of 100th Street.

Planning Commissioners explained this month as well as last month that the commission is deeply involved in creating a new Master Plan. They expressed reluctance to make a decision about rezoning at this time because the master planning process is in progress.

In general, problems with zoning decisions have been explained over the past several months by commissioners as follows:

Zoning for any area in the township could potentially be changed as a result of the new master plan. Commissioners cannot predict whether zoning will remain the same or will change a great deal. They have said they don't want to be making decisions on a piecemeal basis.

Decisions made according to present zoning might not be applicable if the zoning changes. Re-zoning a parcel could result in a spot zone incompatible with the surrounding area. This could be counter to the best interests of both the township and the applicant in the long run.

Changes in zoning and rezoning decisions would ideally be made as a part of a larger plan. They want decisions to be consistent with the master plan and for zoning to be compatible with surrounding uses.

Last month, Keating invited the Garbows to be involved in the planning process and explain why they believe the commercial zoning would work in that area.

Likewise, this month, Vice Chairwoman Deb Steketee invited the applicants Oppenhuizen and Ojo to attend the meeting on July 19, which would deal with the master planning process, including major areas of study and ways of gathering public input, as advised by consultants Langworthy and LeBlanc, hired to assist in the process.

A time line of around 10 months to one year is being planned, within which the master plan would be taking shape if at all possible, but as Steketee explained, "The process takes as long as it takes."

Steketee said they did not want to declare a moratorium on rezoning requests, because some individual cases could have compelling reasons for a need for rezoning, but would like to encourage applicants to consider the advantages in waiting.

All three were told they could return in August if they still wished to pursue their requests and a hearing could be scheduled in September.

Wallace explained a packet of materials outlining the General Development process, including forming a Citizens Advisory Group, (CAG), would be available at the township office desk for applicants and citizens wanting the information before the planning meeting on July 19.

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Fiscal Years 2000-2001 thru 2004-2005

Budget Years	Total Budget	Thornapple 55% of Total	Yankee Springs 35% of Total	Irving 10% of Total
2000-2001	$279,700	$153,835	$97,895	$27,970
2001-2002	$302,390	$166,315	$105,836	$30,239
2002-2003	$320,900	$176,495	$112,315	$32,090
2003-2004	$340,300	$187,165	$119,105	$34,030
2004-2005	$365,700	$201,135	$127,995	$36,570
5 Year Total	**$1,608-990**	**$884,945**	**$563,146**	**$160,899**

As you can see, we are running a large deficit in our fire budget which at present is coming from the general fund. As we have no road millage, it also comes from the general fund as does zoning and planning and the everyday operation of the township.

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Synopsis of Regular Meeting
Middleville Village Council

Synopsis
VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
June 22, 1999

The regular meeting of the Village of Middleville, Michigan Council was called to order by its President, Lon Myers, at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 22, 1999, in the Council Chamber of the Village Hall. Members present: Mr. David Newman, Mr. William Nesbitt, Mr. Floyd Bray, Mr. Lon Myers, Mrs. Marilyn VandenBerg, and Mr. Michael Lytle. Absent: Mr. William Kenyon. The minutes of the June 8, 1999 meeting were approved with corrections as was the agenda for the meeting. Mr. Pawlowski of Earth Tech gave his monthly report on the operation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Mr. Bray made a motion to adopt a resolution to employ the firm of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt and Howell to represent the Village in the purchase and transfer of the cable television company from Cable Michigan to Charter Communications not to exceed $900.00 in cost. Mr. Newman supported the motion. A roll call vote resulted in six ayes. The resolution was adopted.

2. Mr. Lytle made a motion to pay the invoices dated June 22, 1999 in the amount of $26,366.52. Mrs. VandenBerg supported the motion. The motion carried.

3. Mr. Newman made a motion to approve the payment of bills associated with the Utilities Improvement Project to be submitted to and paid by the Barry County Commission for $12,530.00 for William and Works and $33,213.00 from Dan Valley Construction, partial payment #3. Mr. Lytle supported the motion. The motion carried.

4. Mr. Bray made a motion to approve the purchase of a Pitney Bowes copy machine at a cost of $7,319.00. Mr. Newman supported the motion. The motion carried.

The regular meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,
Roselle Havens, Clerk

The complete text of the meeting minutes may be read at the Village Hall Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 and 5:00. (300)

Summary of Village Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the Village of Caledonia
July 12, 1999

Call to Order 7:00 p.m.

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

Absent: None.

Amended Agenda to add Clerk Appointment - All Ayes, motion carried.

Approval of Consent Agenda - All ayes, motion carried.

Reports from Council, Staff, and Consultants.

Engineer's Report - Flees and VandenBrink – Plan for Main Street repair from Maple to M-37 estimated cost of $194,000 plus contingencies. Looked at replacing Main St. completely including storm sewer but not sanitary sewer. Application sent for TEA21 grant. – All Ayes, motion carried.

Village Manager's Report - Front plow ordered for Snow plow. Patches to pave drive entrance at sewer plant this August. CDL Drug Testing will be started, sexual harassment policy to be reviewed for addition to Policy and Procedures Manual.

Unfinished Business

Terrace Street Project - Original proposal for 25,700 has an addendum of $9,450.00 to add a catch basin to the top of terrace to compensate for run-off from the Caledonia Elementary parking lots. At August school board meeting 50% participation will be requested in this additional expense. Motion to approve $35,250.00 for project as well as accompanying budget amendment. All Ayes. Motion carried.

New Business

Appoint Planning Commissioner – R99-22 – resolution to Appoint to Planning Commission – Robertson through June 30, 2000. Bill Robertson will fill the remainder of Barb Scott's term. All Ayes - motion carried.

Appoint Trustee - R99-23 – Resolution to Appoint to Council - Zandstra through March 2000 Election. Wendy Zandstra will fill the remainder of Tim Zoordhoek's term. All Ayes - Motion carried. Wendy was sworn in at this time.

Appoint Clerk – R99-24 Resolution to appoint Clerk's Office - Brumleve through March 2000. Aimee Brumleve was appointed as Clerk through March of 2000 at which time she may be re-appointed. All Ayes - motion carried. Aimee was sworn in at this time.

Planning Commission - Recommends pursuing the extension of South Rodgers Ct. to 92nd st.

Council Comments.

Public Comment (extended)

Adjournment at 8:55 p.m. Motion by Kusmierz, Supported by Audy.

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Synopsis of Minutes
THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP

SPECIAL MEETING
June 28, 1999

Meeting called at 7:00 p.m. at the Township Hall to discuss Fire Contract with Yankee Springs and Irving Townships.

Thornapple Township Board members present-6; Absent: at roll call 1. Others present-12.

Thornapple Supervisor was chosen moderator.

Reference was made to the Five Year Funding Program.

Proposed equipment spending and fund balance was questioned.

Figuring format changed because of growth projections. Increasing cost of new equipment will have to be met and we are trying to be ready when need arises so we don't have to ask for new or increased millage to cover new equipment.

Better technology in the future is going to cost more. Reasons for need of ladder truck discussed; firefighters safety, rescue and mandated rules.

List of present equipment and it's age was read. Personnel and wages were discussed.

Supervisor asked other two boards to put their specific suggestions in writing to us.

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Terrace Street in Caledonia to get quick fix; sewer delayed

Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Sewers and streets monopolized the discussion at the Caledonia Village Council meeting July 12, resulting in a decision to pursue a long term plan for replacement of sewers on Main Street and another to make changes to Terrace Street including a catch basin at the top.

A report by Paul Galdes for the engineering firm of Fleis and Vandenbrink indicated repairs of the sewer on Main Street, from Maple to just west of M-37, would cost a minimum of $194,000 but with contingencies, still unknown, could cost closer to $213,000.

Televising the sewer to lift station No. 2, located near Caledonia Estates, revealed the line has dips in it, so that these are often half full, reducing the full capacity that line is able to accommodate.

A temporary solution to limited capacity problems would be to connect a section from Main Street to Emmons Street, parallel to M-37, and to use an existing line along Ash to Emmons as well, until a better method could be found.

Another problem is that the new section planned would be about 1 and 1/2 feet shallower than the existing sewer, which could result in homes with basement service requiring a pump to remove sewage to the line at a higher elevation.

Galdes did not recommend waiting seven or eight years, but said another factor should be considered which could justify waiting two or three years.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is interested in reconstructing one central street in each town and village to upgrade it so it is able to handle heavy trucks in any season. Grants for these upgrades are available with 20 percent matching by the town.

In other such projects, a heavy amount of sand and gravel is laid down as a base for the street before asphalting. Concrete curbs and gutters are included. One barrier for some communities has been people opposed to parallel parking, which is usually required by MDOT in their projects. The option for diagonal parking in Caledonia could be removed.

Since up to $55,000 of the cost of the estimated sewer project would be to replace the street, Galdes said that portion could be funded by such a grant, but there was a waiting list, which could take two or three years.

It would be worth while to see if the grant would be available, Galdes said. Since no commitment was involved, a grant application has already been filed in order for the village to be put on the waiting list. Often the work is done in phases, and, Village President Daryl Penfold said, two phases had been requested for Caledonia, with two sections of Main, broken at Church Street.

Galdes explained the remaining 20 percent in matching funds could possibly be obtained by a request for a loan at 4.5 percent interest. Pay-back could come from funds for regular street repairs over 15 years. MDOT Act 51 money for local streets over a long term would be the source.

It would also make sense to repair the street, the sanitary sewer and the storm sewer all at the same time, and avoid the cost of doing any part of the projects twice, officials said.

Both Galdes and Penfold advised a more long term and complete solution to the many complexities of the sewers, which must be addressed. In many cases, storm sewers have been joined to the sanitary sewer, resulting in much more volume being sent to the sewer plant than is necessary, also resulting in a higher cost to village residents.

"When they are interconnected, you can't just plug 'em up. You need to look at the long term solution," Galdes said. He said it could be reasonable to repair 100 feet of street at a time on a long term plan, if no work had to be duplicated by doing it that way.

The $70,000 approved by the Council last year to assess what was needed was used for smoke testing, dye testing, televising, engineering, and for occasional sewer repairs, four of which were in a section which needs to be replaced on Main Street.

The study was needed for determining where, and how much sewer capacity was needed. The replacement of sewer under Main Street is not a repair, but a major project, Galdes said. Some of the breakdown of costs was explained.

"We know nothing about the storm sewer on Main Street," Galdes explained. He said putting in three manholes on Main would help to evaluate that section. This would help to know the size, depth, elevation and slope, which is needed to know the capacity.

The added benefit would be the ability to clean the sewers with the manholes installed.

Several other major repairs are needed along streets leading into Main. A list of about 28 items had been prioritized. Those were reduced to about 20 last fall, with the remainder being for repairs on Main Street.

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In addition, replacement of the section of sewer down the middle of M-37, going north, would cost a considerable amount. Village officials said they hoped the township would share in the cost of this part of the project. They wanted assurance for such help before a decision to go ahead could be made.

Repairs to relieve flooding on Terrace had been expected to be around $25,000 for catch basins and intake grates on both sides of the street, at the bottom and midway up Terrace. An additional $9,400 estimate to install a catch basin at the top of Terrace Street and to build rolled asphalted curbs on both sides of the street was approved, with a condition that if any council members believed this would be a waste of money for any reason, they should call President Penfold, and he would stop the work.

This would be a permanent repair. Penfold said this would catch the water before it goes racing down to the bottom of the hill and over the intake grates. This water creates a buildup of ice in the winter and is hazardous to traffic and to school children walking up and down the hill to and from school.

It would by no means solve all the flooding problems along Terrace and Johnson streets, Penfold said. Johnson Street is

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All interested citizens are invited to attend and participate. If you or your organization are concerned about any aspect of recreation available, or not available to area residents, please attend.

When: Thursday, July 29, 1999
Where: Thornapple Kellogg High School Auditorium
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Questions may be directed to Kevin McGee, TK Schools at 795-5400 ext. 4456, or Bryan Gruesbeck, Village of Middleville at 795-3385.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Village of Middleville would like to gather public comments toward appointing the positions of Clerk and Treasurer. Presently, the positions are elected. Village residents are encouraged to attend.

When: Tuesday, August 10, 1999
Where: Village of Middleville, Village Hall
Time: 7:00 p.m.

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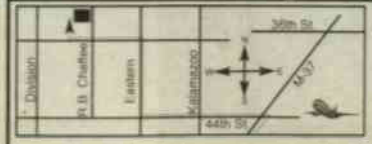

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Caledonia ZBA pole barn request delayed until end of July

Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Dave Bultsma, of Bultsma Construction, representing Rhonda and Kevin Slagter, requested a variance for a 30 or even 40- by 50 foot accessory building from the Caledonia Zoning Board of Appeals July 8. However, several unanswered questions required more information.

Manager/Planner John Wallace said the township attorney told him that the next meeting, concerning the request, required a public notice. Consequently, a meeting scheduled for July 15 was postponed until July 29.

Located in an agricultural zone, with established minimum setbacks for buildings of 20 feet from the property boundary and 50 feet from the back of a parcel, exact placement of the proposed building as it related to those lines was critical. Thirty-five feet from the back line was being proposed.

Accurate measurements were needed and it was unclear as to how to define where the front was oriented, from the public road or from the private drive. The owner defined the south direction as front.

Problems with sloping terrain made other placement than the proposed location difficult. An upward slope rises swiftly just behind the site, and a drop off was reported to exist at one corner of the proposed building. The ravine was said to progress eastward toward Foremost property, and the Kraft Drain.

The proposed building would house a travel trailer, bikes, various items owned by the Slagters, and perhaps even housing for the family dogs. It would be about 11.5 feet at the eaves.

The lot is wooded, and the owner wanted to keep it that way. The building would not be noticeable. He said the pole construction would be anchored in concrete.

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higher in the center than the sidewalks. He explained there were too many places where the water comes from in heavy rains which really need a variety of solutions, including some changes on Caledonia Elementary School property. The damage would continue in heavy rain, whether the repairs were made to Terrace or not, he said.

In a heavy rain storm during the last month, citizen Aaron Bravata made a video of many of the sources of water, where it runs and the problems it causes to village residents' property.

A trench between the school and three parcels does not actually flow toward an eight-inch pipe located on the school property, which is supposed to carry the water to the south of the school toward a wetlands.

Instead, in heavy rain, water pooled up to 18 inches deep on the school parking lot runs into the trench away from the pipe, which was left high and dry. The excess water went over the sidewalk and split, traveling toward Terrace Street, between parcels, to a retaining wall, across that yard, and out under the retaining wall, around a garage, against a house, down the hill and reportedly sounded like a waterfall in back of one resident's garage.

"The trench does not control the runoff from the school property as it should," Penfold explained. But he added, in such a downpour, even the most modern storm water provisions could not curtail the flooding. He said the tape would be useful, however in documenting the actual direction of flow of water from the school.

Council members approved spending $35,250, with a fund balance adjustment, to make the repairs.

Village officials and citizens plan to appeal to the Caledonia Board of Education for work to be done to correct the water running off the school parking lot. The meeting is to be held Aug. 17 at the High School Learning Lab.

Another plan to come up in the future will be to set aside money in a reserve account for replacement of depreciating equipment. Amounts for certain equipment, based on depreciation rates and other factors, will be evaluated for budgeting for these items.

Comments from trustees included thanks to area merchants for their contributions of effort and donations toward the Independence Day Celebration. Penfold thanked Nick Unger for his part in the effort.

A problem with loose dogs threatening pedestrians was mentioned. Dog owners should take measures to control their pets, an enforceable responsibility owners have, officials said.

Farmland, open space undermined by SEV

Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Keeping large tracts of land intact is one of the problems facing today's farmer; perhaps, especially in Caledonia, under pressure for development and development-driven value assessments.

Farmers clearly need large amounts of land to carry on their operations. They need fields of large size and in contiguous locations to be efficient and profitable.

Land in Michigan is valued under the State Equalized Valuation law at what it would sell for, if developed, rather than its current use. This is a factor which undermines agricultural success, especially in high growth locations, area farmers say.

High valuations on property make it prohibitive for would be farmers and even family members to be able to buy large farm land tracts. High valuations also mean high costs in ongoing property taxes.

One effort by farm preservation advocates is to encourage state legislators to base assessments on agricultural value and use value rather than on development potential for real estate divided into residential lots.

This also might help farmers offset high taxes which contribute to pressuring farms out of business, area farmers believe.

In 1998, Michigan and Nebraska were the only two states that did not have a use value assessment system in place.

While Michigan property taxes for commercial, industrial and residential properties now rank below the national average, Michigan still ranks among the top five states for the highest property tax rates on farmland. Agricultural real estate property taxes averaged almost $18 per acre compared to the national average of below $6 an acre. Since passage of Proposal A, farmland property tax rates decreased 51 percent. (From "Use Value Farmland Assessment" by Dr. David Skjaerlund and Alexandra Sinischo, Planning and Zoning News Oct. 1998.)

Farm reform methods, such as PA116, Agricultural Security Areas, Purchase of Development Rights and Transfer of Development Rights, typically offer farmers reductions in property taxes and assessments of property value based on use, since the development value of a parcel is gone once it has been sold.

Farmers making such agreements have liens placed on their titles which state that anyone buying the property agrees to keep the land in agricultural use.

The only way out of the agreement is to pay back the amount paid to keep the land in agricultural use and also the tax benefit, which has happened in several instances under PA116 agreements in Michigan. In such an instance, the repayment formula is 59 percent value of the development rights multiplied by the current millage rate, multiplied by 10 years.

Money rebated under these agreements has been put into a fund which is used to make additional PDR agreements with other farmers to keep other lands in agricultural use.

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FROM OUR READERS

Local Citizens Speak Out on Issues

Science is not the enemy of religion

To the editor:

In the 1 July issue of the Hastings banner, Charles Curtis wrote of the social implications of teaching what he called "Darwinism." He paints science out to be an enemy of religion, society and compassion. Curtis makes natural selection out to be a competing "religion" when, calling it "Darwinism." Nothing could be further from the truth.

The Theory of Natural Selection, the theory for which Charles Darwin was the first to put to writing is just that, a theory. It is the theory that best describes what has transpired in the past using the information we have gathered from nature (DNA, fossils, etc.). Many ideas of Darwin have since been disproved.

Self-correction is the beauty of science, hypothesis are tested and retested to check their validity. If a better theory comes along that is provable and makes the best use of evidence, then that would be the more accurate theory. If a factually based theory were to explain our past better than natural selection, then I would subscribe to that idea.

Curtis has the details warped in order to portray this theory as a license to kill. Natural selection works on adaptation, not murder. If a species mutates, (this event usually taking generations, we aren't discussing Hollywood's science), and the mutation may somehow slowly enable the species to vary from its biological relatives, it may fly faster, grow spines for protection, or increase the size of the brain in order to make up for a lack of strength or any other advantage. If the older species can not compete for food, or adapt to a changing environment, it dies. In a food web that often involves killing out of metabolic necessity, not rationalized murder.

The scientific community is not some secret society, but an open borderless dialogue of journals, magazines, articles, shows, schools, almost any media. There are no uniform ideas, disagreement and attempting to disprove theories are the beauty of science. But one thing the majority of people in science will agree with is that it is ridiculous to implement a biological theory onto one involving human society. Blaming the biological theory for racist and self-improvement peoples' actions is ruling out an idea that has nothing to do with the social setting.

Some (I stress that word) scientists in the early 20th century, and even some racists today find validity in "Social Darwinism," but this would be the same as condemning Christianity because some people interpreted the Bible in allowing slavery and justified murder. There was murder and violence long before Darwin published his books a century ago, and a large number was justified with religious meanings. I don't blame the religions for a few ignorant and intolerant people's misinterpretations.

There is absolutely no reason science should be seen as the enemy of religion. Pope John Paul II has said, "Science can purify religion from error and superstition; religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes. Each can draw the other into a wider world, a world in which both can flourish... Such bridging ministries must be nurtured and encouraged."

I have many Christian friends who believe the theory of natural selection is valid, and that God created the world. The word "metaphor" comes to their minds when thinking of Genesis. Understanding the facts all around us in our world and being aware of our biological past takes nothing from their belief that Jesus of Nazareth was the Christ and their faith.

Science is something to embrace. True, it is a double-edged sword with consequences, but it is also a self-correcting process and certainly not something to ignore.

Jason Windes
Hastings

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Council appointees, from front page

organization, the Women's Life Insurance Society, a national organization which helps small non-profit corporations with fund raisers, and which offers matching funds. She is president of the local chapter and secretary of the district organization.

The clerk's position has been vacant since last fall when Clarence Slaughter resigned. A paid accountant has handled the work in the interim.

Zandstra will complete a term left open by Tim Noordhoek, who moved out of the village. His term ran through March of 2000.

Zandstra has lived in the village one year, and shares operation of Dorcraft Heating and Cooling, a new business located on Mill Street in downtown Caledonia, with her fiancee and business partner, Darryl Dorman.

Her other profession is in real estate management, as a manager, with a long term goal for a career in real estate law.

She has not previously served on boards or commissions, but in her work, she has worked with developers, and has had some involvement with grant applications and verification for funding.

Others who were considered for the trustee position were Ed Fowler, Nick Unger, Steve Antecki and Clarence Slaughter.

A life-long resident of Caledonia, Robertson fills the position on the planning commission vacated by Barb Scott who also moved out of the village. Robertson said, after the meeting, that he hoped to add to the quality of life in Caledonia.

Robertson has previously served as a trustee for one full and one partial term on the Village Council. He has also continued to work actively on the sanitary and storm sewer committee. In 1985 through 1995, he served on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Robertson has served on the Fire Department since 1964, a total of 35 years.

He has worked for Steelcase for 33 years, as a millwright for 14 years and on the Maintenance Planner work force for 11 years. He is married to Sandy Robertson.

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Planning commission rezones thirteen acres

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Yankee Springs Planning Commission has approved returning the 12.99-acre property now owned by Stewart London to rural residential from commercial zoning.

The property was rezoned by the township in 1995 to provide some guidance to the master plan and an attempt to provide consistent zoning.

London's home is on the property and he has had trouble selling because banks are reluctant to make mortgage loans for a residence on commercial property.

Most of the property is wetlands and is "unbuildable." Surrounding property is zoned agricultural, but there is one small parcel of 100- by 150-feet zoned commercial.

Following a discussion, which included looking at zoning ordinances from other communities to see how residences fit into the zoning, the board approved returning London's property to residential.

Frank Fiala also mentioned that this was a good example of why working on a master plan was proving more complex than originally anticipated.

The commission has asked the Zoning Board of Appeals for clarification of owners placing and using travel trailers on their property.

A special master plan work session will be held tonight (July 20) at 7:30 p.m. in the township hall. Residents are encouraged to bring their ideas and suggestions to the meeting.

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M-37 will be open during the fair

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Barry County fairgoers won't have to negotiate lane closures on M-37 during Fair week. While all the highway work won't be completed, all lanes will be open.

Ari Adler, public information officer for the Michigan Department of Transportation, said construction work on M-37, from Hastings north to Middleville, has gone very well.

"We want to get out of the way of folks headed to the county fair," Andy Strupulis, MDOT's project engineer, says.

By Saturday, July 17 most of the paving work should be complete. This will leave only the clean up and finish work to be done. A few more guard rails need to be installed, along with the touch up work.

Because of the progress, MDOT has decided to keep all M-37 lanes open for the week of the Barry County Fair, July 19-24.

Ensuring easy access to the fair will move the actual completion date to July 31. From July 26 to the anticipated completion date of July 31, drivers may encounter some temporary lane closures while the finish work is completed.

Adler said, "The department is happy to be able to make it easier for fairgoers to get to their destinations without delay."

The resurfacing project began May 5 and will extend the life of the highway by approximately 15 years.

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Fire contract will be reviewed by committee

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Thornapple Township Board of Trustees discussed briefly the letter sent to them with ideas by Yankee Springs Township on the proposed Thornapple Township Emergency Services' five-year contract.

It was decided to have the Fire Services Committee review the suggestions which include concerns voiced by Yankee Springs trustees. These include the amount of funds being kept in the capital fund and other issues.

The township may schedule a special meeting to discuss the committee's recommendations or bring the suggestions to the Aug. 9 trustees meeting.

The new contract needs to be signed by May 1, 2000.

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Middleville student accepted into NSCS

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The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS) is a highly selective, national, non-profit honors organization. Founded in 1994, NSCS recognizes first and second year undergraduate students who excel academically.

The society was established on the principle that with scholarship comes a responsibility to develop leadership and a duty to perform service.

"NSCS provides the opportunity for students, like Nathanael, to be recognized for their outstanding academic accomplishments early in their college experience," said Steve Loflin, NSCS Executive Director. "Nathanael will also have the opportunity to join other high achieving college students in developing leadership skills and a sense of civic responsibility."

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LIVE FOR TODAY
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CLOSE TO MY HEART
Caring single white female, 30, 5'7", who enjoys flea markets, oldies music, movies and nightclubs, is seeking a fun-loving, mature single white male. Ad# 8007

LET'S DANCE
Cheerful single white female, 50, 5', full-figured, with dark brown hair/eyes, is hoping to share friendship and fun with a mature, romantic single white male, 45-50, who enjoys the outdoors, music, slow dancing, and long walks on the beach. Ad# 8578

PAY ATTENTION
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RESPOND TO MY AD
Personable single white female, 48, who enjoys reading, cooking and listening to music, is seeking an open-minded, easygoing, single white male, who likes children. Ad# 8475

EXQUISITE
Widowed white Christian female, 60, seeks a caring, active single white male, 57-75, who enjoys gardening, cycling, hiking and relaxing evenings at home. Ad# 6865

LITTLE WONDERS
Divorced white female, 50, 5', full-figured, with dark brown hair/eyes, enjoys fishing, camping, movies, flea markets and movies, would like to meet a fun-loving single white male, 45-55. Ad# 8308

UNITS, NOW
Single white female, 46, who enjoys reading, going for walks and dining, is looking for a single white male, 40-52. Ad# 8707

HONESTY COUNTS
Sincere single black female, 50, 5'4", with a sweet personality, who enjoys music, children and cooking, is looking for a sincere single black male, 49-61, who knows how to treat a lady. Ad# 2320

OLD-FASHIONED
Professional single white female, 32, 5'5", full-figured, who enjoys working around her home, good conversation, music, and more, is seeking a nice, caring single white male. Ad# 7074

BEST THERE IS
Happy-go-lucky single white female, 23, 5'4", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys travel, poetry, cooking, movies and reading, is seeking a caring, sincere single female, 24-37, with similar interests. Ad# 7697

WARM WISHES
Outgoing single white mom, 29, 5'4", with blonde hair and blue eyes, whose interests include music, dancing, horses and long walks on the beach, is looking for a sincere, fun-loving single white male, 32-35, who likes children. Ad# 4183

LOOK HERE
Basketball, bowling, movies and walks on the beach are interests of this single white female, 30, petite, a blue-eyed blonde. She'd love to meet a handsome single white male, 23-30. Ad# 8564

ONE IN A MILLION
Loving, spirited single white professional female, 31, 5'8", 140lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, is smoker, enjoys walking, traveling, going to the beach and she seeks an interesting, intelligent single male, age unimportant. Ad# 8527

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY
Single white female, 22, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, camping and traveling, seeks an active, outgoing single white male 25-35. Ad# 8485

SEARCHING
Very outgoing, caring single white female, 20, 5'5", who likes walking, time at the park, reading and movies, is looking for an outgoing, knowledgeable single male, under 30. Ad# 3927

IN THE SAME BOAT?
Outgoing, personable single white mom, 36, 5'3", with reddish-blonde hair and green eyes, who enjoys going to the beach, bowling, dancing, movies and meeting new people, in search of an honest single white male, 30-48, with similar interests. Ad# 8003

SAY YES
Outgoing single white female, 18, 5'7", with auburn hair and blue eyes, who enjoys rollerblading and spending time with friends, is looking for a single male, under 22, with similar interests. Ad# 7759

COUNTRY LIVING
Attractive, kind-hearted, easygoing single white female, 5'6", 127 lbs., with brown hazel eyes, non-smoker, enjoys music, cooking, crocheting and more, She's seeking a caring, honest, kind single white male 68-72, with similar interests. Ad# 8240

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Attractive single black female, 22, 5'9", who enjoys music, cooking, swimming, basketball and beach walk, seeks an honest, compatible single male, 25-32. Ad# 7967

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SPECIAL REQUEST
Sweet single black female, 41, 4'...195lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, would like to meet a nice single black male, 40-45. Ad# 3180

NEVER TOO LATE
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HAPPY-GO-LUCKY LADY
Single white female, 58, 5'6", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys camping, country music and fishing in good time, is seeking a single white male, 55-63. Ad# 1728

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Petite, full-figured single white female, 43, with blonde hair and brown eyes, seeks an honest, energetic single white male, 38-48, to share friendship. Ad# 8567

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THE STAMP OF APPROVAL
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LIFE'S TOO SHORT
Outgoing single white female, 51, 5'6", 230lbs., with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys bowling, movies and playing cards, is seeking a kind-hearted, loving single white male, 50-55. Ad# 5760

POSITIVE ATTITUDE
Divorced white female, 49, 5'8", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys crafts, reading and stock auto racing, wants to meet a romantic single white male, 40-60, for companionship. Ad# 8041

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Caring, easygoing single white female, 46, 5'4", 2 grown children, enjoys movies, enjoys seeking, crafts, gardening, nature walks and fishing. She's looking for an easygoing, energetic single white male, 40-51. Ad# 5482

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Cheerful single white mother of one, 18, 5'7", 155lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys music, baseball and basketball, seeks an honest, faithful single black male, 18-25. Ad# 8189

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Single white female, 23, with red hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys quiet time, long walks, movies and more, is seeking a sincere, goal-oriented single black male, 25-30. Ad# 8984

THE TIME IS RIGHT
Sincere and outgoing describes this single white female, 51, 5'3", with blonde hair and blue eyes. She enjoys the countryside, antiques, bicycling, Arabian horses, dancing, movies and is seeking a single white male, 47-63, in the 3839

CUTIE PIE
Single white female, 44, with red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys home life, music and movies, seeks a kind, intelligent, romantic single black gentleman, over 5'8", non-smoker/drinker, who is easygoing, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 8888

YOU COULD BE THE ONE
Are you the gentleman this fun-loving divorced white mom, 35, 5'4", with long auburn hair, is hoping to meet? Please call. You're a kind, romantic, sensitive single white male, 25-39, who enjoys cooking, bowling, 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 employed single white female, 21, 5'3", with dark hair and blue eyes. She is searching for a single male, under 28. Ad# 8834

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
Outgoing, vibrant single white professional female, 40, 5'4", who enjoys travel, camping, movies, sports, dining out, cooking, horseback riding and more, is seeking an easygoing, fun-loving single white male, 39-45. Ad# 8052

DON'T CHANGE ME
Happy-go-lucky single white female, 51, 5'7", with reddish-brown hair and brown eyes, is looking for a mature single white male, 45-55, for friendship first. She enjoys woodworking, painting, training animals, skiing and walks. Ad# 9021

ONE IN A MILLION
Witty, caring single black female, 38, who enjoys bowling, skating, bicycling, travel, jazz music, reading and more, is seeking a confident single black male, 39-50. Ad# 8062

MARVELOUS
Serious single white female, 19, 5'1", with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, bowling, walking and more, she enjoys motorcycles, camping, travel, hockey and reading, is looking for a trustworthy single white male, 18-50, with similar interests. Ad# 7924

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# 9053

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 fun-loving male, 25, who is a truly nice and loves to dance and cuddle. Ad# 1306

GOOD-NATURED
Educated single white female, 52, 5', with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys bowling, movies and playing cards, is seeking a kind-hearted, loving single white male, 50-55. Ad# 8787

POSITIVE ATTITUDE
Divorced white female, 49, 5'8", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys crafts, reading and stock auto racing, wants to meet a romantic single white male, 40-60, for companionship. Ad# 8041

READY TO SETTLE DOWN?
Loyal single white female, 29, 5'3", 175lbs., enjoys conversation and more. She is seeking an honest single black male, 25-35, interested in a long-term relationship. Ad# 8886

ATTENTION
Honest, caring single black mom of three, 27, 5'8", 210lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys movies, church and bowling, is hoping to meet a single black male. 25-38. Ad# 7255

LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE
Funny single white female, 19, 4'9", 110lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, music, travel and sports, seeks a single white male, 18-25. Ad# 7573

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# 2872

MUST BE NICE
You have to meet this kind-hearted single black female, 5'3", with brown eyes, if you're a caring Jamaican male, 40-45, who enjoys swimming, running, the outdoors and keeping active. She's waiting for your call. Ad# 9036

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 a romantic, single white male, 33-45, 6', with similar interests. Ad# 8797

A MAN WITH A PLAN?
This sweet, passionate single white female, 34, 5'2", 115lbs., 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, traveling, collecting, cooking and movies. Ad# 7151

LOOKING FOR A FRIEND
Quiet, reserved single white mom, 56, who enjoys reading, movies and bird watching, is seeking a warm-hearted, caring single white female. Ad# 7424

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Single, white professional male, 32, who enjoys travel, movies, quiet times at home and more, would like to meet a fun-loving single white professional female, under 45, who shares similar interests. Ad# 3804

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Caring single white male, 38, who enjoys sports, motorcycle riding, NASCAR and more, is seeking a single white female, under 40, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 9964

LOTS TO OFFER
Single black male, 41, 5'7", 140lbs., who enjoys cooking, swimming, camping, traveling and billiards, wants to meet a pretty, open-minded single white female. Ad# 3824

TAKE HIM FOR HIM
He's a single white male, 40, 5'11", 180lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys fishing, swimming and long walks. He's seeking a single white female, under 40. Ad# 2708

LOTS TO OFFER
This tall, trim, 45-year-old single white male, with brown hair, and blush-green eyes, who's quiet, good-humored, and an excellent listener, seeks a single white female, 30-46, who's gifted with sincerity, honesty and a gentle manner. Ad# 9277

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

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Romantic, sensitive, professional white male, 52, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is hoping to spend time with a mature single white female, 35-50, who knows a good thing when she sees it. Ad# 8999

CHECK IT OUT
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Easygoing single white male, 39, 5'9", with brown hair/eyes, enjoys sports, auto racing, camping and the outdoors, is seeking an easygoing single white female, 34-44, with similar interests. Ad# 8084

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Single white male, 31, 5'10", 170lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white female, 28-32, 5'3"-5'6" under 150lbs., to enjoy dancing and more with him. Ad# 3000

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CELEBRATE LIFE
Outgoing single white male, 5'10", 170lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys good conversation, running, hunting, sports and NASCAR, is looking for a slender, single white female, under 45, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 8222

YOUR INTERESTS?
Single white male, 39, 5'8", with short hair and brown eyes, seeks an easygoing, fun-loving single white female. His interests include flea markets, antique shows and collecting things. Ad# 8779

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Charming single white male, 36, 5'9", 180lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, dining out, cooking, is hoping to find a fun-loving, single female, 25-40, with similar interests. Ad# 8252

ON THE MOVE
Rugged single white professional male, 31, 6'1", 210lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys camping, fishing, motorcycling, sports and more, is seeking a single female, 25-43, with similar interests. Ad# 8083

WALK WITH ME
Single white dad, 36, 6'1", 185lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys bowling, swimming, children and good conversations, seeks a single female. Ad# 8127

CHARMING
Caring single white male, 39, 5'9", 190lbs., with dark brown hair/eyes, who enjoys good conversation, boating, camping, fishing and more, is seeking an attractive, caring, fun female, 29-42, to spend time with. Ad# 8096

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Single black male, 25, 5'9", 150lbs., with a positive attitude, enjoys sports, movies and dining out, is seeking a goal-oriented single female, 19-28. Ad# 7916

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Single white male, 39, 6'10", 175lbs., with red/ish-blond hair, is looking for a single white female, for a possible relationship. Ad# 9416

CAN WE CLICK?
Single white male, 35, 5'10", seeks an honest, sincere single white female, under 30, who enjoys music, cultural interests, the arts and theater. Ad# 1078

UNITS, NOW
Outgoing single white dad, 28, who enjoys music, sports and more, is looking for an attractive single white female, 25-30, for a possible companionship. Ad# 8707

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Looking for a long-term relationship with a single white dad, 34, 6'2", 180lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes? He's seeking a physically fit single white female, 30-40, who enjoys motorcycles, billiards and watching television. Ad# 3696

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CHECK IT OUT
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CAN WE CLICK?
Single white male, 39, 5'9", with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys movies, outdoor activities, dining out and more, is looking for a sincere, kind, pretty single white female. Ad# 6322

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Intelligent single white male, 21, 5'11", 140lbs., with strawberry-blond hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys playing the guitar, concerts, art and more, is looking for a fun, single female, 18-40. Ad# 9604

EXTRA NICE
Quiet, retired single white male, 63, 5'8", 190lbs., with brown hair, enjoys sports and music, seeks a kind, loving single white female, 50-65. Ad# 8507

WALK WITH ME
Divorced white male, 44, 6', slim, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys playing the guitar, travel and stimulating conversation, seeks a slender, beautiful female. Ad# 9803

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Caring, understanding and the owner of a kind heart, this single white male, 36, 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. Ad# 8281

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Call this friendly, single black male, 29, 5'3", 190lbs., with dark hair/eyes. If you're a single female, under 40, who enjoys listening to music, dining out and sports. Ad# 3725

HAVE A HEART
Single white male, 25, 6'1", who enjoys movies, sports, romantic evenings, is seeking a sincere single female, 18-25, to spend time with. Ad# 8260

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DON'T WAIT TO CALL
Outgoing, humorous single white dad, 29, 6'2", 170lbs., with light brown hair and green eyes, non-smoker, is seeking a compatible single white female, 18-29, who enjoys bowling, camping, the beach, horseback riding, movies, children and more. Ad# 8384

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STARTING OVER
Personable single black male, 39, seeks a caring single black female, 28-50, who enjoys bowling, skating, bicycling, travel, movies, jazz music, country living and more. Ad# 6936

THE COMPANY OF A MAN
Hardworking single white male, 23, 6'3", 215lbs., who enjoys cuddling, sports, cooking and more, is seeking an outgoing, fun-loving single female, 20-30. Ad# 8764

A LOT OF FUN
Single Native American professional male, 44, 5'4", 180lbs., with long black hair and brown eyes, enjoys movies and dining out, is to meet a fun-loving single female, age unimportant. Ad# 8363

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BRIGHT IDEAS
Single white male, 32, 5'11", 210lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys playing hockey, music and long drives, is seeking a down-to-earth single white female, 18-25, to spend time with. Ad# 4427

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE
Leave a message with this divorce white male, 37, 5'9", 180lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, a non-smoker, non-drinker, who seeks a single white female, 18-40, who enjoys bowling, horseback riding and travel. Ad# 3008

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SPORTS FAN
Hardworking, dedicated single white male, 40, 5'11", 190lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports and outdoor activities, is seeking a nice, down-to-earth, without children. Ad# 3134

DON'T FORGET TO SMILE
Single white male, 37, 5'10", with brown hair, brown eyes and a mustache, enjoys country music, good conversation and friendship, with a kind single white female. Ad# 8691

WANTS A CLASSY LADY
Retired single white male, 59, 5'10", 190lbs., with gray hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, fine dining, beach walks and flea markets, seeks an attractive, slender single white female, 50-62. Ad# 3174

DON'T PASS ME BY
Single black male, 30, 6'1", 210lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys movies, working out and sports, is seeking a down-to-earth, fun-loving single female, 21-32, for friendship, first, maybe more. Ad# 3460

THIS IS IT
Kind, loving single white male, 35, who enjoys movies, jogging and more, is looking for a sweet, understanding single female, 18-30, who loves to have fun! Ad# 1105

MAKE THE CONNECTION
Outgoing single white male, 30, 6'1", 210lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, is hoping to meet a compatible single white female, 23-44. Ad# 3571

LOTS TO OFFER
He's a friendly single white male, 40, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, who likes quiet times at home, listening to 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 male, 36, 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 30. Ad# 8196

A SOUND CHOICE
Handsome single white male, 33, 5'11", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys stereo/electronics, movies and quiet evenings, seeks an attractive single white female, 23-40. Ad# 8732

COMPANIONSHIP
Professional single white dad, 40, 6', 150lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys camping, sports, art, the beach and spending time with his children. He is seeking a positive, humorous single white female, 25-48, for a possible relationship. Ad# 9081

RIDE 'EM' COWBOY
Humorous single white male, 18, 6'1", 180lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys fishing, hunting, camping and more, likes to go with cars, is seeking a single white female, 18-21. Ad# 4549

NEW AT THIS
Athletic single white male, 5'11", 190lbs., who enjoys working out, cooking, fishing and keeping active, seeks an attractive, confident single white female, under 32. Ad# 8376

MONOGAMOUS
Compassionate, caring single male, 35, 5'8", 155lbs., who enjoys model railroading, soccer, sketching, family activities and more, seeks a single white female, 27-42. Ad# 6858

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Village, school district OK water facility agreement

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

At separate meetings on July 12 and 13 the Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education and the Village of Middleville council approved a water facilities contract.

Under this contract the school district will pay $50,000 from its construction bond funds toward the construction of a high pressure water district.

Once the booster station is completed, it will serve current needs of that end of the village.

The school district will also receive a credit of $50,000 toward future high pressure surcharges. The schools would still have to pay for hooking into the water system to serve any future development.

At the village meeting engineer Steve Williams told the council that this was a "win/win" solution. The booster station will be helpful in meeting the long term goals of the village in relation to water delivery.

Future plans may include a water tower. A location for a future tower is on property set aside by the school district already.

The village will also work with developer Dave Dykstra on a contract of $125,000 toward the same water facility expansion.

School Board member Marty Wenger told his colleagues that this was the first step in a long range plan.

There is enough water pressure to serve the ordinary water needs of the new middle school but once the new booster pump is complete, the pressure will be much higher and make water delivery to all the schools easier.

The village modified some of the agreement and the contract will be sent back to the school board for review.

New teacher, staff hired at TK schools

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Many new staff members joined the faculty in the Thornapple Kellogg School district following Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education Meeting on July 12.

Deborah Jones was hired as a media specialist and will serve as the high school and public library. She is coming from the Grandville Public Library.

She was praised for being creative in her ability to motivate students. She just completed a successful "Battle of the Bands" program at Grandville.

She is a certified school librarian and has public library experience.

Carla Ploeg of Middleville was hired to work with high school special education students who are emotionally impaired, She was praised for her calm and open manner. The board expects her to be a positive asset to the district.

Shana McCrumb of Grand Rapids rose to the top of the 10 candidates interviewed for a position of high school science teacher.

Two new teachers will make the new Thornapple Kellogg Middle School their home this year.

Jamie Langschied, who worked with new Middle School principal Mike Spahr in Hastings, will teach seventh grade math.

Middleville resident Luann Snider will teach 7th grade science.

Stephen Seward is a new teacher who did his student teaching at an East Grand Rapids school this year.

One of the comments on his recommendations was "if we had an opening we would have hired him!"

He has accepted a kindergarten position at McFall.

The new physical education teacher at Page will be Melissa Bogard. She taught at Godfrey Lee under Patricia Koese who is the new Page principal.

Superintendent Jay Cason emphasized that the teachers who worked with the new principals underwent the same rigorous interviews as all the candidates.

Cason said, "They were selected by the search committees because they are the best candidates.

Fair, from page 10

A livestock skill-a-thon will be at 2 p.m. at the picnic pavilion.

At 4 p.m., there will be 4-H youth games in the show arena, after the open class beef competition.

Ponder, Sykes & Wright will perform at the variety tent at 6 p.m. with free admission.

The demolition derby is the last scheduled event of the fair, at 7 p.m. at the grandstand.

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THE FAMILY OF EVA HULA wish to express our deep gratitude and sincere appreciation to relatives, friends, neighbors, and co-workers for the many acts of kindness and support during her illness and death. To Dr.'s Brown, Atkinson, Rappaport and Brennan for your concern and excellent care. To all the staff at Pennock Hospital, who not only gave her wonderful care, but supported us through many difficult hours. To Rose Arbor Hospice Residence of Kalamazoo, who made her last days the best they could be. To Beeler Funeral Home, Holy Family Church in Caledonia, Fathers Dave LeBlanc and Charles Fisher for your ministries to us all. Thank you and may God bless each and every one of you!

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