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Change possiblity brings out Barlow Lake boaters

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Perhaps it was a classic conflict, with new residents vs. established ones; the young against the older or even the fisherfolk versus the barefoot water skiers.

All sides of the issue had a chance to discuss the pros and cons of changing water skiing hours on Barlow Lake from the state-wide times of one hour before sunrise to one hour after sunset. A proposal to change the hours to meet the new personal watercraft times (one hour after sunrise to one hour before sunset) was met with dismay by many residents in attendance.

The Yankee Springs Township Board last month was asked by some residents of Barlow and Baker lakes to seek a Department of Natural Resources public hearing to discuss the possibility of changing boating rules on the two lakes.

Ray Boehringer from the DNR Marine Division opened the public hearing by telling the standing room only audience that this was a session for him to receive comments from residents, "This is not a debate. He encouraged those who did not want to make comments publicly to send them to Ray Boehringer, 621 N. Tenth St., Plainwell 49080. He will compile the comments and send his recommendation to Lansing for review. Comments must be in to his office by Aug. 20.

Many residents pointed out that they work late and the only time to water ski ias in the evenings.

They claimed that, "There are only a few bad apples" who are making difficult for everyone.

There were calls for common sense and differing opinions on safety considerations. Some suggested reporting those who violated the rules.

This issue has become very divisive in the Barlow Lake community. Many see the disputes between neighbors on both sides of the issue as the serious side effect of this conflict.

Boehringer was asked to look at the statistics and surveys from both sides of the issue to see whether speed boats were causing a significant problem on the lake.

The request for Baker Lake was to change to a no wake lake like Deep Lake. The only resident who owns property on the lake is in favor of the change.

No action will be taken on either request until after the end of the comment period.

Y.S. voters to decide on fire millage

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Voters in Yankee Springs Township next Tuesday will be voting on a request for a one half mill increase for fire and emergency services.

Township supervisor George London said, "This millage increase is necessary due to the rising cost of fire protection. The current millage of three-tenths of a mill only raises about $37,000 per year."

The cost of fire and emergency protection provided by Thornapple Township Emergency services is $85,000. The township must use money from the general fund to cover what is not raised through the millage.

The situation only gets worse in the future. The Yankee Springs Township trustees are already discussing the next contract which goes into effect in May 2000. Yankee Springs will have to pay $97,895 that year. In the fifth year of the five-year contract Yankee Springs would have to pay $127,995.

London and Township Treasurer Bob Herold remind residents that when the general fund is tapped to pay for fire service, it could have negative impact on road repairs.

London estimates that the owner of a home with a taxable value of $50,000 will pay about an additional $25 per year if this millage passes.

Y playgrounds finish season with party

The Middleville Playground counselors held a pizza party for the children who have enjoyed coming each day over the last five weeks.

Children and counselors at the Freeport Playground enjoyed a last day Thursday, July 22, with food, friends and fun.

Art Smith remembered

The Middleville Clovers and the Thornapple Valley 4-H clubs joined together to remember their friend, Art Smith. A flowering Bradford Pear tree was planted behind the children's garden in his memory. Smith helped 4-H members get their animals to fair, home or to the market. A brass plaque honoring him was added to one of the benches built by Middleville Clover members.

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Citizens say Caledonia library needs CPR, not 'Band-Aid'

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The library issue resurfaced at the Caledonia Township Board meeting July 21 when citizens who have wanted the township to be involved in working toward a new library came to express frustrations.

Criticism of past board practice by citizen Pam Shank and others centered around its unwillingness to recognize the previous library committee working on the new library building project or to appoint a committee to work on the project.

Shank said a year ago that she had asked the board to give responsibility to a committee for a library. Without one, she said, "No one can move forward. No one takes the initiative."

Reasons given by several board members for not taking any steps other than putting money aside were that there were too many other responsibilities for the board to deal with, there was not enough money, and a township survey had shown people in favor of a new library did not want to pay for a building.

Several trustees suggested the citizens interested in pursuing the matter should form their own committee.

Board Trustee Fred Fleischmann suggested Shank could form a ballot committee, start a petition drive and ask to bring a ballot issue before the voters for a millage, and if residents are willing to commit their tax dollars that way, that would be great.

Apparently forming an independent committee without the involvement of the township is what the board was advising.

A committee operating with the authority and cooperation of the board is what the frustrated citizens seemed to want.

Shank said, "So the Township Board isn't interested in pursuing it, or even in forming a committee so they can pursue it? We now have to go a different way?

"You are telling me I was wrong to expect any kind of leadership from this board and that the onus is on me to carry it on?"

At another point Shank asked,"You really don't get it? You're staying with other issues completely? You can form a committee for cable TV, but you can't form a committee for the library?"

Citizen Eric Longman asked, "Would it be possible if a volunteer committee came together and worked out a plan? Could it be brought to the voters without any cost to you?"

Trustee John Potter answered, "Absolutely."

Longman said he had suggested in the past to have a committee plan a library, to figure out how the funding can come about and then go to the voters and see if it can be done.

He said that idea had been shot down before, because "We weren't an approved committee."

Some citizens may assume that township sanction is required. Ultimately, if an independent committee could raise the money, the Planning Commission of either the township or the village would have to approve a site. Whether the ownership or oversight would be by the township or by an independent board is unclear.

While the township is presently paying the ongoing expense of an existing library, the village has chosen to get out of that responsibility, by turning their share of the building over to the township.

The board mentioned only one option for paying for a library building — a millage.

Though township officials say the survey shows people would not pay for a new library, Longman suggested that the township survey had been misinterpreted. "Ninety-eight percent of them supported the library," he said. "The question wasn't worded, 'would you fund a library?,' although almost 50% said they would."

He said the question should have been, "Would you pay a specific amount or an amount up to $100 on your taxes to fund a library?"

A group connected with planning for Caledonia Community Schools also sent out a survey that involved a community library in a community building as a part of the planning for the schools.

Perhaps an independent library committee also could send out a survey they believe would result in more accurate answers.

The option of fundraisers and donations to pay for a library was not discussed, but that is something an independent committee could do and has done in the past, the most notable project being the corn maze.

The Kent District Library oversees the employment of personnel and operations of the library functions. Johnston said he has been talking to Claudya Muller of Kent District Library, and she would be reporting to the Board at the August meeting.

Visions for the type of building and size needed for a library vary widely between different people in the community.

Muller may offer information from the experience of KDL about the needs for community library buildings, locations, placement in community facilities, etc.

In the supervisor's report, Bill Johnston said that a new landscaping plan was to be implemented on library grounds.

In his report, Johnston said Carter and Warner Landscaping drew up the plan, including stairs and handicap ramp. He said the grounds committee had worked hard on the plans and on other grounds projects, including cemetery grounds and buildings, which also need repairs.

Most of the shrubbery around the library is to be replaced. Johnston said most of the work will be done by volunteers, and each of the parts of the plan will have to be paid for and made as they go along.

Treasurer Ruth DeVries asked if individuals who wanted to help could donate labor or trees of a specific species, and Johnston said yes.

Johnston said in his report that a grant will be applied for to pay for the roof and the ramp. Bids for a grant request turned down in the past were quite high, and Johnston said he hoped to line up lower bids for the work, improving the chances for receiving grant money.

The new landscape plan was presented, but the board did not vote on it.

Some people willing to volunteer have found it difficult to get that opportunity, according to resident Peggy Merrill.

During a short citizen comment period, Merrill said she had tried to volunteer to help clean up township led landscaping. She said six or more people had called or stopped by who were also willing to help, including two master gardeners, after an article seeking volunteers was seen in the Grand Rapids Press.

Merrill said she had left messages stating her desire to volunteer on May 27, June 3, June 7 and

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June 10. She said Vicki Grant had promised to relay her requests at a meeting June 15 and would call back. She said June 22 that she saw the entry area had been cleaned out and she had never been called. She then called the township office to express concern June 23 and July 6, and finally after all these calls, she received an answer.

She took exception to a bill for $80 for the landscaping, which she said could have been reduced by using volunteers. Johnston said the bill included other services than the library grounds cleanup.

Merrill also objected to the failure of communication. Johnston said Merrill's answering equipment was not working correctly.

Shank said the landscape plan was a beautiful big fancy "Band Aid," when the library needs CPR.

Johnston said he did not understand what she wanted. "Are you saying you don't want the Friends of the Library to help with this?"

She indicated that was not really the point.

The inability of the township to fund a library building was restated again and again by different trustees.

Clerk Pat Snyder said the township was not allocating money for everything that was supposed to be in the budget, including the library and the general development plan. She said $27,000 for the sewer was to come from the general fund until that could be paid back, and she was concerned about where the money was to come from.

Fleischmann estimated it would take a millage rate of 0.75 mill to put up a building including operation and maintenance of the building which also must be considered, he said. He estimated 3 to 5 percent of the building cost would be needed to maintain it.

Snyder estimated that operating costs for the old library building presently run at about $11,000 per year.

Fleischmann said the board was acting on the survey results of last year, which had shown that if the issue were put on the ballot, the residents would not approve it.

Trustee Mike Dunn said the board has a fund of $300,000 set aside, but that $700,000 more was needed to build a new library. Longman responsed that if the township saves until it has a million dollars for a library, a new building will cost two million by that time.

Fleischmann estimated the building could cost more than early estimates even by the previous New Library Building Committee, because estimates of $175 per square foot were required to raise a library like that built in Cascade or Ada.

The township has been able to put aside $50,000 a year toward a new building and $11,000 for operation and maintenance. After the meeting Fleischmann said the township cannot afford to go on setting aside that amount, because other expenses, such as roads, had been neglected in order to set that aside.

Fleischmann said "There are a ton of problems that exist in this township. There is one full-time person in the office and eight part-time people. We have sewer problems, water problems, airport problems, and all these things take time and effort to address.

"We are talking now about a general development plan. One of the issues is if you come up with a plan, you have to implement controls on planning and zoning. You need someone who's going to monitor this stuff. You can look at what your staffing levels are and what resources you can devote to that."

South Advance Reporter Peri Stitzel commented there were problems in the old library building, resulting in high temperatures and humidity, which could damage some of the books there.

Johnston said, there had been no requests to correct this problem. He said he had checked the thermostat and it was set at 55 degrees, even on days when the library was closed.

Librarian Jane Heiss later said she had mentioned a problem of two fans in need of repair to the township. She said the fans had since been repaired and the problem was corrected.

She said the thermostat, which is set at 55 degrees, was the furnace thermostat. Air conditioning is set at 71 degrees during the summer.

Near the end of the meeting Stitzel had asked for permission to ask another question, but Potter asked if she was a resident, and said if she was acting as a reporter, she should conduct her interviews after they left, and did not allow her question.

Non-resident questions are usually received during the citizen comment portion of the agenda.

CHS band members' uniforms must be refitted

Rows of band uniforms await a fitting by band students, after having returned from cleaning.

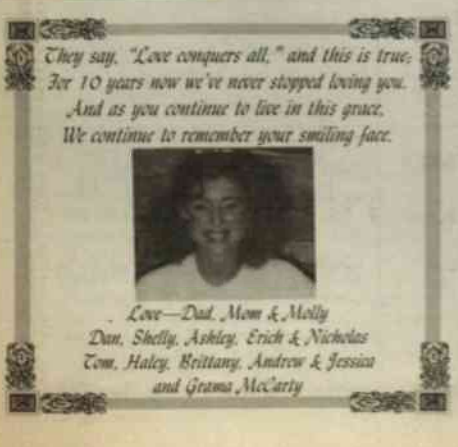
by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia High School Band members will be required to come into the school for a refitting for this year's uniforms.

This is a change from last year, and members may not have noticed the requirement on previous literature, letters or directions during practices.

The date for the fitting is Thursday, Aug. 5, from 1 p.m. until 8 p.m.

Anyone who cannot be present at that date and time must call Linda Miedema at 891-1726 or Tom Peck at 891-8130.



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Scholastic Book Fair building plans under study

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Valley Point South Planned Unit Development representatives returned to the Caledonia Township Planning Commission July 12 to further dicuss plans to put up a building for Scholastic Book Fair between M-37, Cherry Valley and 84th Street.

Site plan approval from the commission is required according to the terms for the PUD. As contracts are made by people wishing to build, individual variations by the owners must be approved by the commission. The developers are Tim and Don Fredericks.

Minor changes last month in the site plan included different placement on the lot, a shortened parking lot moved to the southwest of the original plan and omission of a fire lane circle. The same setbacks on the original PUD were supposed to be observed, but the building was modified and moved from the original plan, though still within the specified setbacks.

Planning Commissioners approved the setbacks for pouring the concrete footings and other concrete work for the building, so the developers could go ahead toward meeting the deadline for the Scholastic Book Fair. Other unresolved issues, including landscape plan, drain plan, parking and the fire lane were to be settled at the July 12 meeting.

Developers submitted new drawings July 12, which commissioners said was not enough time to review them adequately.

An independent review by another engineering firm on detention basin also was requested. Commissioner Deb Steketee last month said that drainage was an important issue, especially with the proximity to Emmons Creek.

The plan needed final details with drain indications and berming. The berm was to have the actual number of trees and sizes indicated on the plans, with general arrangement to be staggered 10 feet on center for screening of the building. A 10-foot berm and trees to screen a 20-foot building had previously been asked for.

The fire lane was to be paved to make it clearly visible in the wintertime. The parking area needed a revision on the drawing provided.

The proposed dropping of one lot on the PUD to accommodate a larger retention area required the matter to come before the Planning Commission again in a meeting in August.

Authority was given to the Site Plan Review Committee to approve or deny every part of the plan to be brought back in final form, except drainage issues, which would require another review to be brought back before Township Engineer Randy Wilcox and Township Manager/Planner John Wallace.

The developers had come to the Site Plan Review committee July 19, as reported at the Planning Commission meeting on the same date.

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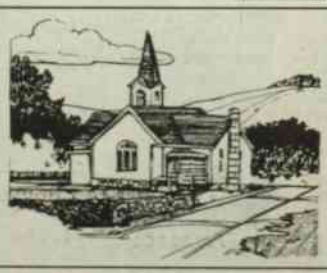

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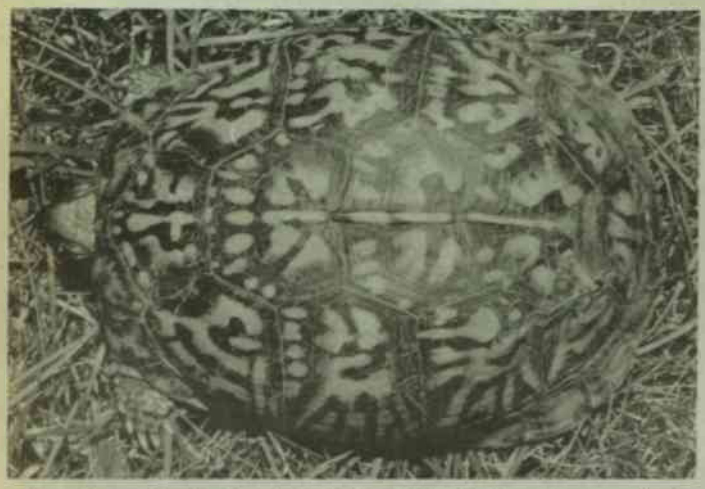
Caledonia is home to endangered turtle species



Rare Eastern Box Turtles do live in Caledonia. Each one has completely unique markings, like a fingerprint.

Patricia Pennell holds the turtle, coaxing her to come out and say hello, but she is on the shy side.

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Yes, there really is a land turtle in Michigan, and biologist Patricia Pennell is collecting photos documenting encounters with these gentle creatures of a different kind.

Eastern box turtles are rare, and are noted as a species of special concern. Their population is being threatened largely due to habitat reduction caused by development. She says Caledonia is lucky enough to still have this unusual creature living within its boundaries.

Another unusual and infrequent species of turtle still found in Caledonia township is the spotted turtle, which is found in the Thornapple River. This turtle is distinguished by a long snakelike neck, and golden spots on a dark shell.

The Eastern box turtle is this state's only true terrestrial or land turtle. The beautifully marked shell in gold and black is sometimes mistaken for the painted turtle, which has red on its shell.

The females have brown eyes and the males have reddish eyes. Box turtles have hinged sections on the bottom shell, so they can close the entire body of the turtle tightly inside. Other turtles usually have some part hanging out, even when retracted.

Pennell said each of the unusual animals are marked uniquely, like a finger print, so that if she finds the same turtle a second or third time, she will know it is the same one by those markings. She can track the growth and range of the turtles by her photo record.

Eastern box turtles usually range around the same five acres of land all of their lives, which may last more than 100 years, Pennell said.

She says it is illegal to have one as a pet, but if someone finds one in a road, a good place to take it is to a large open wooded area. They eat fruit, plants, snails, earthworms, insects and more. (They are omnivores.)

Pennell is the education director of the Thornapple River Watershed Group. She is trying to conduct a survey of people in the watershed area on watershed issues, using e-mail. Anyone interested in participating can find the survey at this address: http://www.thornappleriver.com.

Engagements

Thauer-Baum to marry

Ed and Karen Thauer of Kentwood and Ron and Linda Baum of Caledonia are happy to announce the engagement of their children Angela Thauer and Nathan Jeffrey Baum.

The bride-elect is a graduate of East Kentwood High School and Olivet Nazarene University. She is corporate account manager for Pacific Guest Suites. Nate is a graduate of East Kentwood High School and Wheaton College. He is employed by the Microsoft Corporation in Redmond, Washington as a software engineer.

The couple will marry Oct. 23 at First Church of the Nazarene in Grand Rapids with the reception at Cascade Hills Country Club.

Childcare Providers receive newsletter

Middleville Childcare Providers have received their recent newsletter. As the summer months reach their halfway point members had some fun with shells they can pass on to their children in their care.

Openings were updated and the group is still looking for more providers to work a booth at Heritage Days on the second weekend in September.

There will be an outdoor meeting at Vickie Rick's house Aug. 10 (Tuesday) to make special child care T-shirts for providers. Members are asked to bring their own shirts and one color of paint. Call Rick, 795-9461, for directions, and updates on area openings.

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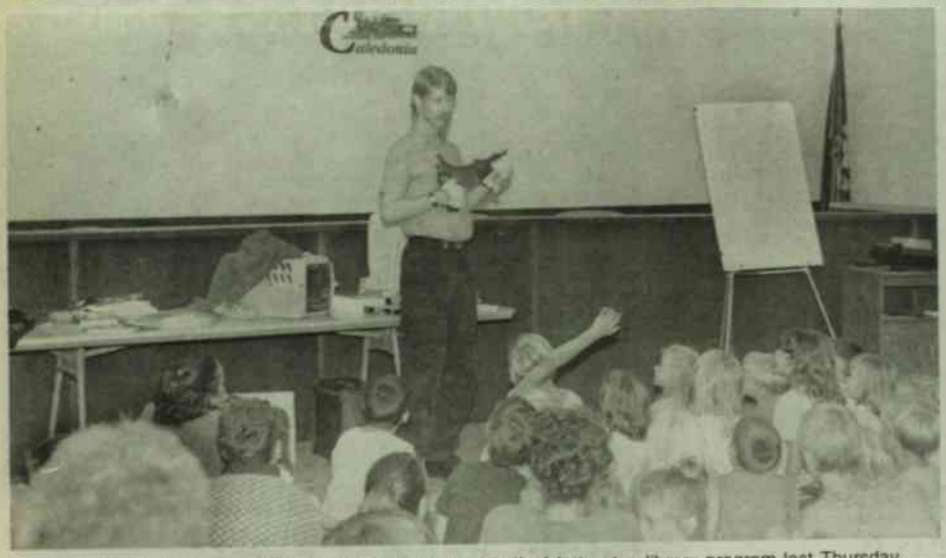
Caledonia Library plans puppet show



Bat Buddy Dale Smart spoke to 171 patrons in behalf of bats at a library program last Thursday.

by **Ruth Zachary**
Staff Writer

Tiny people and larger ones who are also playful at heart are invited to a "Teen Theater" puppet show Thursday, July 29, at 10:30 a.m. at the Caledonia Library, at 240 Emmons St.

The Kent District Library puppeteers will entertain guests with techniques and skills learned at the Readers Theater, in which teen volunteers of the KDL learn to entertain younger kids. They expect the puppet show to bring a lot of laughs.

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.

A presentation featuring live bats came to Caledonia's Village/Township Hall Thursday, July 22, drew 171 visitors for the largest turnout ever at any of the library sponsored programs.

Many of the summer programs have been held at the Village/Township Hall because the present library building is inadequate to accommodate so many guests. Even then, all the available chairs were filled, tables were folded and put aside and two-thirds of the young patrons sat on the floor.

"The World of Bats," offered by the Organization for Bat Conservation included a slide show. The presentation dispelled myths about bats and raised enthusiasm about the gentle creatures. Information about building bat houses was included.

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

For more information, call the library at 891-1502.

Caledonia grad on Taylor dean's list

Amy Perkins, a senior at Taylor University's Upland campus, was named to the dean's list for the 1999 spring term.

she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Perkins and is a graduate of Caledonia High School.

Full-time students are named to the dean's list when they have earned a 3.6 or better grade point average for the term and when at least one-half of their hours carry credit point values.

Taylor University is a Christian liberal arts institution and maintains campuses in Upland and Fort Wayne, Ind.

Obituaries

Mary Ann Washburn

Mrs. Mary Ann Washburn, age 65, went to be with her Lord, Wednesday, July 14, 1999 after a long illness.

She was preceded in death by her father, John Poll and her first grandson, Brian Michael Washburn.

Mrs. Washburn is survived by her husband, Darrell of Kentwood; her children, Gary Washburn, Mike (Bonnie) Washburn, Sharon (Brent) Hulburt, and John (Lorrie) Washburn; her grandchildren, Charlene Bulgarella, Matt Washburn, Stephanie (Richard) Bulgarella, Gary Jr., Mary Jane, and Emily Paine Washburn; two step-grandchildren, Brent & Erin Hulburt; one great granddaughter, Katelyn Bulgarella; mother, Ida Mae Poll; brothers & sister-in-law, John Poll, Richard (Sherry) Poll; sister & brother-in-law, Donna (Robert) Frazier; two sisters-in-law, Mary Jane Vander Water & Mickey Caruso; many nieces & nephews and her special K-9 friend, Mary B.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Washburn were held Friday, July 16, 1999 at the Caledonia Funeral Home. Pastor Carol Flietstra officiated.

Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to Hospice of Holland Home.

Walter H. Eaton

MIDDLEVILLE - Walter H. Eaton, age 67, of Middleville, passed away Tuesday, July 20, 1999 at Pennock Hospital, Hastings.

Mr. Eaton was born on November 1, 1931 in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, the adopted son of Lewis and Margaret Eaton.

He was raised in Barry County and attended Hastings schools.

Mr. Eaton was married to Shirley Sanders on June 16, 1956 in Hastings and resided in Middleville.

He was employed at Baldwin Bros. Excavating, Darling Freight, Keyline Freight, Village of Middleville and retired from Bradford White Corporation in January 1992.

Mr. Eaton was a member of Hastings Moose Lodge, Past member of Thornapple Township Fire Department, Teamsters Union Local #7, and Barry County Steam, Gas, Antique Machinery Association, Incorporated.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Lewis and Margaret Eaton; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Frank and Jessie Sanders, and brother-in-law, Gerald Sanders.

Mr. Eaton is survived by his wife, Shirley A. Eaton; son, Randy (Lane) Eaton of Middleville; two grandsons, Kyle and Nathan Eaton; sisters and brothers-in-law, Eunice and Ken Powers of Wayland, Louise and Harold Van Nocker of Battle Creek, and Betty Sanders of Middleville; many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Funeral Services for Mr. Eaton were held Friday, July 23, 1999 at the Beeler Funeral Chapel. Reverend Roger G. Timmerman officiated.

Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Middleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or Thornapple Township Ambulance Service.

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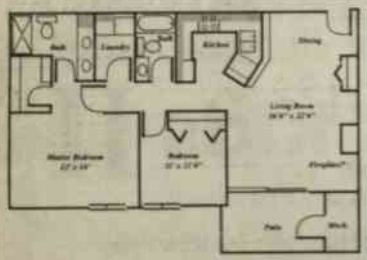
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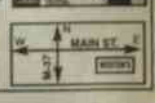

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Green Lake Bible schoolers raised $200 for toys and playground equipment at Mel Trotter Mission.

Green Lake church Bible schoolers raise $500

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Kids attending Bible school at Green Lake Calvary Church participated in a project of giving to others.

Fifteen youngsters raised $500 during the week of June 21-25 to send an African mission and Mel Trotter Ministries in Grand Rapids.

An average of about 80 young people attended the Bible school each day. They ranged in age from kindergarten through sixth grade.

The group sent $300 to a mission in Africa. Don and Gwen Amborski, originally from Wayland, are doing work in an Zambian mission. Don Amborski is a pilot who flies supplies in and out, and sees to the needs of the other missionaries there.

Gwen Amborski is involved in music. She wanted a good tape recorder to bring music to the villagers, and to be able to tape their music as well. The money was sent for that purpose.

The Bible School students went to Mel Trotter at 10 a.m. on July 14 and presented $200 to the playground fund, and went on a tour of the women's and children's facilities at Mel Trotter. In addition, 15 of the kids donated personal gifts to the playground, such as stuffed animals, a soccer ball and other items.

The names of the 10 top point earners in the drive were drawn to select one person's name. Ryanna Burley was selected, and a bicycle was donated to the mission playground in her name.

Green Lake Calvary Church is located at 608 145th Ave. in Caledonia.

Alto woman inducted into scholar society

Melissa Brower of Alto has accepted membership in The National Society of Collegiate Scholars and will be honored during a campus ceremony this fall at Michigan State University.

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

Freeport first responders finish class in Woodland

The Freeport Fire Department has seven new medical first responders who recently completed a 10-week class taught by Lakewood Community Ambulance Paramedic Evelyn Barnum.

Newly licensed to respond to medical emergencies are Julie Founce, Shelly Moore, Steve Bierens, Kim Marvin, Joel Barnhill, Doug Bierens and Scott Ploeg.

"They were a really good, enthusiastic class," said Barnum. "I was really impressed by their commitment to serving their community."

Also completing the class were Bob Cusack and his daughter, Mindy, of the Lake Odessa area.

Medical first responders (MFRs) provide immediate assistant to patients until the ambulance crew can take over. They also can assist the ambulance crews and help relay patient information from the scene to incoming units.

"I'm mostly interested in my personal knowledge in this area rather than for the fire department," said Joel Barnhill. "I just want to be able to help out when others cannot, instead of feeling helpless."

Fireman Steve Bierens said he volunteered for the training because it could come in handy at a fire scene.

"Then I'll know I'll be able to save a life," he said.

Firefighter Julie Founce wanted the skills as preparation should her department choose to require cross training.

"Plus, when we have a medical call, I'll be of better use instead of just being a firefighter," she said.

Kim Marvin said she is interested in the medical field and felt a desire to serve her community.

The class involved book study, twice per week class sessions and hands-on skills lessons and testing.

Middle school brick cleaning will be Saturday

Volunteers are needed to clean bricks on the lawn in front of the old middle school in Middleville starting at 8:30 a.m. Saturday, July 31.

Brick cleaning will go on all day and the brick sculpture committee co-chairs Mike Bremer and Nancy Goodin invite everyone to participate.

The committee also would like to send out invitations to past graduates. Anyone who has an up to date reunion list can send copies of the list to the Brick Committee in care of the Administration Building.

Order forms are still available. For more information about any of these activities, call 795-5400, extension 6255.

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Fencing keeps Nemeceks together, on the road

Mike and Samantha Nemecek shown here at the fencing Nationals recently held in Charlotte, N.C. (Photo provided)

Samantha and Mike Nemecek recently took part in Nationals, facing some of the best United States' fencers.

The two trekked to Charlotte, N.C. for a real fencing challenge that was staged at the Charlotte Convention Center.

Though neither athlete returned to Caledonia with a gold medal, both came back excited and anxious to compete in the next big tournament.

Fencing is a common bond shared between daughter, father and mother.

Samantha Nemecek, 12, has improved greatly in fencing during the last couple of months.

"I started getting serious two years ago (and) some time this spring, out of the blue, I began fencing against the 'big' girls," Samantha Nemecek said.

At the Women's Open, Nemecek did well, finishing seventh out of 12 fencers. She followed that effort with a fourth place performance at an event held at the Grand Rapids West Michigan Fencing Academy.

The Grand Rapids West Michigan Fencing Academy's goal is to expose the general public and children, to fencing. Mike Nemecek is the president of the academy, located on Commerce and Wealthy in downtown Grand Rapids.

At Nationals July 2-12, she competed in both her age group (12-and-under) and against the bigger girls (14-and-under). The experience, Nemecek said, was overwhelming.

"It was really exciting; I had no idea what I was getting into," Samantha explained. "I wasn't really nervous; (but) it was really overwhelming."

Her father said, "She composed herself quite well."

In the 12-and-under class, Samantha Nemecek was 14th out of 51 competitors, and in the 14-and-under division, she ended up 23rd out of 61. She won all of her pool bouts, but then had a two-hour wait and the "nerves kicked in."

"It (competing at Nationals) gives me all the more confidence to go into higher tournaments," Samantha Nemecek said. "I like going to tournaments. They give me a lot of confidence, especially when I fence the older girls."

Under Mikhail Sarkisov, the U.S.S.R. champion in 1985 and a "Master Fencer," Samantha trains three times per week for two hours each session. She says "I can improve on anything," but figures she needs to "work on backing up" especially.

Mike, 44, says that fencing is a sport that requires a lot of thinking and practice. Consistency, like in most other athletic endeavors, is a major component in determining a fencer's success.

"A lot of people can't understand it (fencing)," Mike Nemecek said. "It's difficult, unless you have some experience in it."

It was a four-peat this year for Mike Nemecek at Nationals. In the veterans' 40-and-over class, Mike placed 14th out of 50, while in Division II the Caledonia fencer finished 49th in a field of 160.

Through a community education class in Lowell, Mike Nemecek started to learn the sport, along with his wife, Barb, 12 years ago. The two eventually joined the Grand Rapids Fencing Club, that had only five members at that time. Now, the family teaches classes and compete in their common activity.

Fencing is always fun for the Nemeceks, but victories are more satisfying than the defeats. That is why training and setting goals are essential to the area fencers.

"If you don't set goals, you won't go anywhere," Samantha Nemecek said. "That's why I have gone there (to Nationals) and plan to go again. I want to go to Nationals and do a lot better."

The going (to the tournaments) is one of the aspects that make fencing so fun to the Nemeceks.

In Mike's words, "We really enjoy going to a lot of places, some we wouldn't have gone to without fencing."

Or as Samantha simply makes mention of: "There is an opportunity to go to England and fence."

Upcoming tournaments the Nemeceks plan to take part in are the North American Circuit, in St. Paul, Minn., during October and the World Championships this winter in South Bend, Ind.

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Two area publications to cease at end of year

Two are weekly newspapers, the Freeport News and Clarksville Record, will cease publication at the end of this year.

Ron and Christy Geiger, editors and publishers of the two newspapers, announced their decision in last week's editions.

The Geigers, in a front page letter to their readers, said:

"After some 56 years of publishing the Freeport News and Clarksville Record, beginning with Dad and Mom (Charles and Thelma Geiger), when they purchased the News and Record from the Braendle family in 1944, Christy and I have decided that as of Jan. 1, 2000, we will no longer publish the Freeport News and Clarksville Record.

"We feel we can no longer devote the long hours it takes to publish these papers each week. Our commercial printing business has grown substantially over the past years and we strongly feel that we must devote more time to our printing business so we can maintain the high standards our customers expect from us.

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Barry Road Commission employee killed

Paramedics administer CPR hoping to revive Matthews as the ambulance stands ready.

A Barry County Road Commission employee was electrocuted Thursday afternoon while completing a paving project just north of the intersection of North Broadway and Freeport Road.

Gordon Scott Matthews, 34, of Hastings, was shoveling asphalt material from the raised bed of a dump truck just after 4 p.m. that day when the bed accidentally touched an overhead power wire carrying 4,800 volts.

A co-worker performed CPR on Matthews of Hastings until other help arrived. Freeport Fire Department members were the first responders at the scene, followed by Lansing Mercy Ambulance personnel. However, Matthews was unable to be revived and he was pronounced dead at Pennock Hospital from the injuries sustained in the accident.

Mathews had worked for the road commision for the past five years. Among his survivors are his wife, Jennifer, and his two sons, Andrew and Travis.

Man drowns in Gun Lake

An 18-year-old Grand Rapids man was drowned in Gun Lake Friday night, according to the Barry County Sheriff's Department.

Authorities said Irving Fernando Ramirez-Malone and four companions were in a boat Friday just before dusk when the boat capsized off the beach at Yankee Springs State Park. The four companions were able to survive the mishap, but Ramirez-Malone cried out for help.

Efforts by his companions to rescue him were not successful and nor were attempts by the Barry County Dive and Rescue Team shortly afterward. The team's recovery efforts were hindered by darkness and thunderstorms.

The recovery mission resumed Saturday morning and Ramirez-Malone's body was found Sunday at about 10:25 a.m.

Dr. Stevens joins Middleville practice

Dr. Joyce Stevens, board certified family practitioner, has joined Middleville Doctors, PC, with Dr. Linette Grange, to provide medical care to patients of all ages.

Dr. Stevens received her medical degree from Michigan State University College of Human Medicine and completed her residency through Michigan State University-Kalamazoo Center for Medical Studies in Kalamazoo.

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Sweet wins Late Model feature at Berlin

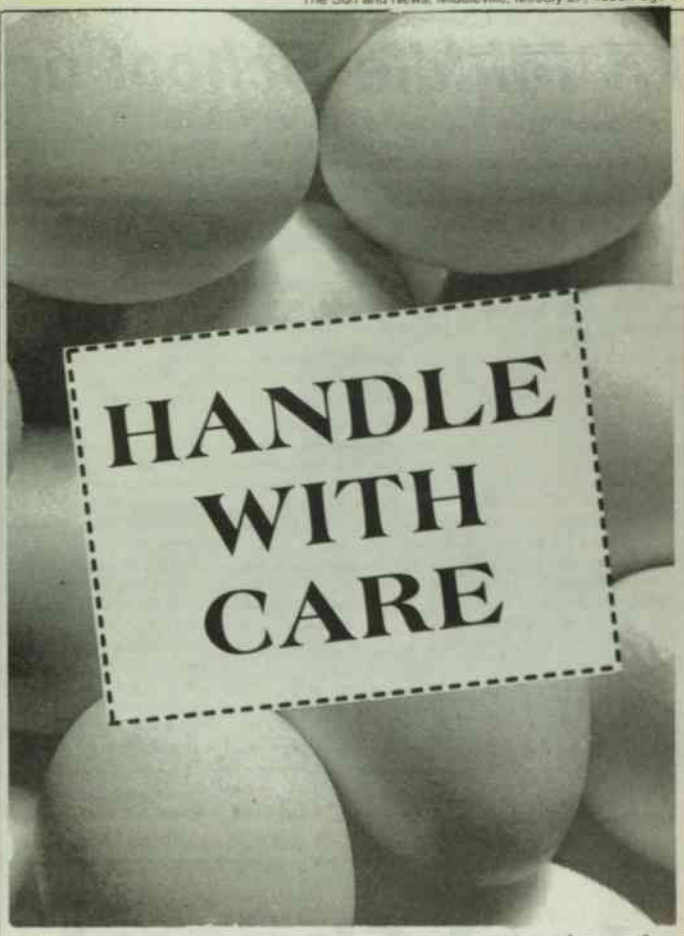
Former track champion Randy Sweet captured the 40-lap feature race for Late Models in convincing fashion at the Berlin Raceway Saturday to close out the Berlin Fair.

Sweet made shambles of the starting field by coming from deep in the lineup and taking over the lead on lap 16 from Greg Usher.

Jeff Terrell scored feature win No. 5 by passing race leader Gail Cobb on the ninth lap and went on to win the 25-lap main event for Super Stocks.

Jason Smith scored the first main event victory of his career by capturing the 25-lap feature for Sportsman cars. Al Lewis, of Middleville, was a heat race winner as was Greg Zimmerman of Lowell.

The track will celebrate its 49th anniversary Saturday night with a three-in-one program of race cars, a giant fireworks display and many gifts awarded to fans in attendance. The raceway is located five miles west of Grand Rapids on interstate 96 expressway at Marne, exit 23.



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TK Middle School demolition under way

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The demolition of the Thornapple Kellogg Middle School has begun.

Pitsch Wrecking company workers began by tearing down the eight classroom connection between the front part of the building and the large gym.

During the week of July 19, the cranes moved around to the front of the structure. Demolition was delayed a few weeks because of the need for asbestos removal, but should still be finished by the end of July.

A connecting corridor will be built between the large gym and McFall Elementary School. This will provide access to the gym for McFall students.

New offices for special education are being built in the former music room area. Eventually, the science wing will be renovated to provide classroom space for the preschool and/or alternative high school.

Bricks from the front part of the building will be recovered to become part of the "Reclaimed Spirit" sculpture, which will be installed on the lawn facing Main Street to commemorate the building.

Volunteers are needed to help with the brick cleaning on Saturday, July 31, beginning at 8:30 a.m. Volunteers should bring work gloves and hammers.

For more information call the 795-5400, ext. 6255.

At the same time, construction of the connecting corridor between McFall and the large gym continues.

It didn't take long for the old middle school gym to be open to the air during the demolition process. The building should be completely razed by the end of the month.

Serving our Country

Bradley D. Dexter

Navy Fireman Bradley D. Dexter, son of Shirley A. Dexter of 401 N. State St., Nashville, recently completed U.S. Navy basic training at Recruit Training Command, Great Lakes, Ill.

During the eight-week program, Dexter completed a variety of training which included classroom study and practical instruction on naval customs, first aid, fire fighting, water safety and survival, and shipboard and aircraft safety. An emphasis is also placed on physical fitness.

Dexter and other recruits also received instruction on the Navy's core values – honor, courage and commitment – and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. Dexter joins 55,000 men and women who will enter the Navy this year from all over the country.

Men and women train together from their first day in the Navy just as they do aboard ships and at shore commands around the world. To reinforce the team concept, Dexter and other recruits also were trained in preventing sexual harassment and ensuring equal opportunity.

Even as the naval service gets smaller over the next few years, highly motivated young people like Dexter are still finding an opportunity to improve their knowledge and education as they became part of the most highly technical naval force in history. This year alone the Navy will have more than 57,000 job openings and opportunities which include guaranteed training.

Dexter is a 1998 graduate of Maple Valley High School.

Anthony R. Plants

Air Force Tech Sgt. Anthony R. Plants has been named as Headquarters First Air Force Noncommissioned Officer of the Year.

Selection was based on his exemplary duty performance, job knowledge, leadership qualities, significant self-improvement and other accomplishments.

Plants is a standardization and evaluation supervisor at Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla.

He is the son of Valerie K. Bush of 904 Greenwood St., Middleville and grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Beduhn of 118 W. North St., Hastings. His wife, Beth, is the daughter of Don and Sharon Berry of 11440 Bowens Mill Road, Middleville.

The sergeant graduated in 1985 from Thornapple Kellogg High School and received an associate degree in 1998 from the Community College of the Air Force.

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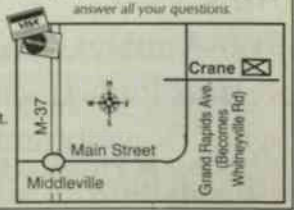

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County to particpate in Middleville's LDFA

The Barry County Board of Commissioners agreed earlier this month to participate with Middleville village's Local Development Finance Authority capture for 10 years.

Middleville has created an LDFA as an economic development tool to capture part of new industrial property taxes for infrastructure improvements, such as roads and bridges.

The agreement provides for the village to capture growth from the county's general operating millage only. Exempted are the county Charlton Park millage, Commission on Aging, county bond millages and others.

The way the program works is that the tax assessor determines base tax rates for the village's industrial properties. Then, if an industrial owner makes improvements to the site, the extra revenue generated by taxes on the improvements could be used to improve the roads, etc.

For example, if an industry with a $100,000 base evaluation built an addition or added new equipment, the value could increase to $110,000. The LDFA would be able to capture the taxes on the additional $10,000 through what is called tax increment financing.

The LDFA could borrow against that money, seek bonds or use it as matching funds in grant applications. Officials believe an LDFA will give a competitive boost in the grant approval process.

Improvements made with the captured taxes do not have to be on the site of the industry, but must benefit the industry. Some types of improvements, such as roads, benefit the community in addition to the industry.

"The authority is a conduit for improvements to the community," Jim Collison of the engineering firm of Wade Trim has said.

The only taxes that can be captured are those on industrial property.

The program is similar to Hastings' Downtown Development Authority, which can use captured funds for improvements in a defined downtown district.

During discussion at the recent County Board meeting, Vice Chairwoman Sandy James asked if villages in the county would want the same type of program.

The County Board's action does set "somewhat of a precedence," Chairman Jim Bailey said, noting that the county would have to monitor its financial situation for any future requests.

"I think it's a positive approach to growth in this county," Commissioner Emmet Herrington said. He added that it should be countywide.

Bailey said he agreed, but there may be a time in the future when county economics might not be able to afford it.

"It's not a tax abatement," noted Commissioner Rod Goebel. "...The taxes will be levied, they (a small portion of them) just won't come to our coffers, but will go locally to assist local entities to build infrastructure or whatever needs to be done..."

THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP
Synopsis of Minutes

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THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP
Regular Meeting
July 12, 1999

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor.

Board members present–5; absent-2. Others present-4.

Minutes of the June 14th regular and June 28th special meetings were approved as amended.

Bills for $48,395.72 were approved by roll call vote.

Treasurer's report accepted as presented.

T.Lehman spoke regarding additional recreational areas and community expansion.

Motion carried in support of proposed investigative recreational board.

Sewer Operating and Maintenance Fees referred to committee for re-evaluating.

Emergency Services chief asked advice on handling service calls when only a medical opinion is requested. He will investigate how other services handle problem.

Motion carried referring Yankee Springs' letter to the EMS committee for evaluation.

Motion carried to approve extension of Development Agreement with BSS&G.

Motion carried to make adjustments to the Ambulance Accounts Receivables.

Motion carried to transfer $106,000 from Fire Unrestricted to Fire Equipment Reserve.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by,
Donna Stagray, Clerk
Attested to by,
Donald E. Boysen,
Supervisor

(A complete text of township minutes is available during regular office hours at the township offices.)

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End of Yankee Springs master plan work nears

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Members of the Yankee Springs Planning Commission met with residents and their planning consultant, Ken Detloff, to continue revising the zoning map and master plan.

Much of the discussion at the meeting July 20 centered on the influence of water and sewer lines on development. There was some discussion that over development would have an adverse effect on the "quality of life" in the area.

The sewers are necessary to protect the lakes. As the commission and the consultant get down to the "nitty gritty" it is harder than ever to reach "reasonableness" in the plan.

Detloff told the commission he was "committed to preserving positive environmental features of the area" while providing for some growth.

Detloff will bring a revised map and language incorporating suggestions from the commission to the next meeting Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 7:30 p.m.

A public hearing will be scheduled once the commission approves the new zoning map, master plan and zoning ordinances.

Thornapple Planners discuss development

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Odd-shaped lots in the proposed Thornapple Bend estates were the focus of attention of the Thornapple Township Planning Commission meeting Monday, July 19.

The lots contain wetlands and the developer would like to expand the lots so that these portions could be under private ownership.

Other comments were on driveways into the development and the safety of school children waiting for the bus.

The commission will revisit this development at its August meeting.

The Township gave Lawrence Secord permission to relocate his house on a new parcel. There was some objection to this. The Sundberg development site plan review on Adams Road probably will also be on the agenda in August.

The next meeting of the Thornapple Township Planning Commission is Monday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m.

Bible school is Aug. 2-6 at Alto Baptist

Vacation Bible school will be held the week of Aug. 2-6 at the Alto Baptist Church, each day from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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Six area students earn Ferris degrees

Six area students earned degrees at Ferris State University at the end of the winter semester.

The students, their hometowns, major fields of study, types of degrees and academic honors, where applicable, were:

• Joel E. Huizinga of Alto, an associate in applied science in civil engineering technology, high distinction (3.50 to 3.74 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale).

• Todd A. Hudson of Caledonia, bachelor of science in criminal justice, highest distinction (3.75 to 4.0 gpa).

• Dwayne L. Ruthig of Caledonia, certificate, AS/400 computer programming.

• Bonnie L. Russell of Caledonia, certificate, AS/400 computer programming.

• Marin G. Norton of Middleville, associate of applied science, nursing.

16 from area are GVSU grads

Sixteen area students received degrees at the conclusion of the winter term at Grand Valley State University.

The students, grouped by hometowns, their degrees and special academic honors where applicable, were:

• Alto — Charles H. Heckman, master of science; Brian D. Holwerda, bachelor of science; Gerald B. Schumaker, master of business administration.

• Caledonia — Jamie L. Detwiler, bachelor of arts; Scott G. DeVries, master of science; James R. Glessner, bachelor of science in nursing; Cynthia D. Hall, bachelor of science (magna cum laude, 3.882 to 3.999 cumulative grade point average); Jamie D. Howkins, bachelor of arts; Jason A. Kopenkoskey, bachelor of social work; Jessica B. Quinn, bachelor of science; Beth A. Ramsey, master of science nursing; Carol L. Treacy, master of science; Leslie A. Troost, bachelor of social work; Janelle M. Vilardi, bachelor of arts.

• Middleville — Bianca L. Pratt, bachelor of science; Christopher K. VanRyn, master of public administration.

Four area students earn degrees at CMU

Four area students have received degrees from Central Michigan University after the spring term.

The students, their hometowns and their degrees were:

• Martha J. Hoffman of Freeport, bachelor of science in education.

• Carla C. Ploeg of Middleville, bachelor of science in education.

• Sarah L. Wisniewski of Middleville, bachelor of science.

• Derika N. Jousma of Caledonia, bachelor of science.

Three area students on dean's list at Ferris

Three area students have been named to the dean's list for the winter term at Ferris State University.

To be named to the list, students must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry a full academic load.

The students and their hometowns were Joel E. Huizinga of Alto and Coreen A.. Barber and Jessica K. Wiersum of Middleville.

• Jeffery E. Roodvoets of Middleville, bachelor of science in manufacturing engineering technology.

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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Yankee Springs Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Thursday, August 19, 1999, commencing at 7:30 pm at the Township Hall, located at 284 N. Briggs Rd., to conduct the following business:

1. ZOC 99-06-06, Parcel ID. NO. 033-025-00; A request by Edward TenHaff, 3510 Elmwood Beach Rd., to rezone a parcel of land located on the Northwest corner of Elmwood Beach Rd. and Hastings Point Rd., from the "Agriculture" to the "Rural Residential" Zoning District.

2. ZOC 99-07-07; A request by the Yankee Springs Township Planning Commission to replace Article III Section 15.3.7, "Mobile Home Park" Zoning District, in its entirety with the following language:

   15.3.7 "MHP, Manufactured Home Park District"

   Section 1 - Purpose of the District: To allow Manufactured Home Parks within the Township.
   Section 2 - Definitions pertaining to the Manufactured Home Park District.
   Section 3 - Permitted uses within the District.
   Section 4 - Location of Manufactured Home Parks within the Township. Also required minimum size of Parcel A Manufactured Home Park may be placed on.
   Section 5 - Development Standards required of each proposed Manufactured Home Park including.
   A. Site Plan Review for each proposed Manufactured Home Park.
   B. Minimum standards.
   C. General authority and codes.
   D. Lot sizes and setback requirements.
   E. Building height.
   F. Roads and streets, parking and storage areas.
   G. Landscaping and screening of the interior and exterior of the Manufactured Home Park.
   H. Sidewalks and open space.
   I. Park drainage and public utilities.
   J. Accessory buildings and household pets.

A copy of the complete text of the proposed amendment may be obtained from the Township Hall during regular business hours.

3. Such other business as may property come before the Township Planning Commission.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Zoning Ordinance will be available for inspection at the Office of the Township Clerk, 284 N. Briggs Rd., during regular business hours and will also be available at the time of the public hearing. Written letters of comment will be accepted until the start of the public hearing.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township Planning Commission reserves the right, at or after the public hearing, to make changes in the proposed amendments to the ordinance.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Township will provide to individuals with disabilities, necessary, reasonable auxiliary aids and services as may be required, upon five days notice to the Township Clerk of the need for the same.

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

Al Schwennesen, Secretary
Yankee Springs Township
Planning Commission

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Portable classrooms OK'd for Camp O'Malley

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Township Board July 14 approved a request by Forest Hills Public Schools to move two mobile classrooms to a Caledonia Township location in Camp O'Malley for two years.

Township Manager John Wallace and the Planning Commission recommended approval.

Though not a full-sized school project, the public use requires Township Board approval.

The temporary environmental classrooms will build an indoor-outdoor curriculum centered around concepts and hands-on experience in learning to care for the natural world. The request first was brought before the Planning Commission in May.

Camp O'Malley had been at that site for 60 years. The site is already laid out with trails and buildings in a way that would work for outdoor activity for around 50 percent of the day, as anticipated. If the program is successful, after two years, Forest Hills then might invest in setting up such a natural outdoor class setting for students closer to its own school district.

Forty-four fifth grade students would be brought in on one or two buses morning and evening. Water is available at the camp, but Forest Hills would use temporary sewage tanks to be pumped and hauled away on a regular schedule so the environment would not be affected.

Forest Hills also would provide a contract for winter snow maintenance of the roads within the camp. Concerns about the steep terrain into the camp and dangerous winter conditions required a special plan. A transportation plan was provided in the form of a letter from the school, and a Road Commission report, and engineering map and photographs showing the road to and from the site.

The plan would mean either busing the kids to the site on good days, or letting them walk from a more distant point on moderately inclement days and Forest Hills would close the alternative classroom on days that Caledonia Schools determined unsafe weather conditions.

Camp O'Malley, located off Thornapple Dales, a county road, is used only in the summer months. The camp is owned by the Grand Rapids Youth Commonwealth, a non-profit corporation, and operated under the jurisdiction of the Grand Rapids Police Department.

Buildings are not set up with heat and insulation. School representatives intend to upgrade the recreation hall, including adding heat for shared use by the students and the camp, however. Generally, uses for the camp are different than for the school. Changeover from camp to school use would involve incompatible uses, representatives claimed in May.

Questions from neighbors living near Camp O'Malley expressed reservations about extra traffic resulting from this use. Buses transporting students and other vehicles connected with food and other services essentially would be the only extra traffic, school representatives said.

Privacy issues for one neighbor living adjacent to the camp prompted her objections to the project over use of a foot trail along the property boundary by children at the camp. It was explained that in order to make a continuous route around the camp, the trail along the boundary was needed. A wetlands area prevents another route without backtracking, and they wanted to continue using that trail for around 100 kids who attend the camp.

School representatives had made a verbal agreement with the neighbor to use the trail only about twice a week, and by prior agreement if additional walks were needed.

The Township Board members wanted to be sure there would be no conflict with Caledonia Public Schools in this project. However, representatives from Caledonia have said they would be watching the program with interest, and might try such a program in the future, even at the same site.

If Forest Hills vacates the site, officials have said moving the portable units back out of the camp would be expensive, and they would look for alternatives, such as donating them to Caledonia Schools or to the camp if it could put them to good use.

Because they are portable and the permit is approved for a two-year special use, any organization that wishes to use them on the site would have to reapply for a permit, officials said. Otherwise, the buildings would have to be moved. An alternative would be to ask for permanent anchoring of the structures.

Because of the long existence of the camp, no other matters have been brought before the township for other permits. Camp officials were reminded that any future change or expansion would require a permit from the township.

Surplus commodity distribution is July 29

A U.S. Department of Agriculture surplus commodity food distribution will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, July 29, at the Caledonia Holy Family Catholic Church, 9669 Kraft Ave.

Corn, cereal, corn kernels, macaroni, peanuts, and canned pork will be distributed.

Income eligibility guidelines based on a monthly income are:

Household size of one person under 60 years of age $893; over 60 years, $1,099.

Household size of two people under 60, $1,198.00; over 60, $1,475.

Household size of three under 60, $1,504; over 60, $1,851.

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Freeport woman makes dean's list

Loretta Lee Huntington of Freeport was named to the dean's list for academic achievement for the spring semester 1999 at Roberts Wesleyan College, Rochester, N.Y.

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GVSU dean's list has 24 area students

Twenty-four area students were placed on the dean's list for the winter semester at Grand Valley State University.

To earn a spot on the list, a student must earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credit hours.

The students, grouped by their hometowns, were:

• Alto — Kathryn R. Bartz, Bradley J. Coon, Dana M. Houseman and Michael D. Sherer.

• Caledonia — Shannon R. Antvelink, Lori K. Baker, Keri A. Bloem, Joy L. Bush, Suellen H. Claflin, Sandra F. Doornbos, Cynthia D. Hall, Kaelynn J. Hatrick, Joshua T. Haywood, Joanne E. Kooistra, Michael M. Lahti, Tristan M. McMannis, Candace A. Olszewski, Jessica B. Quinn, Mitchell P. Robbins, Sarah L. Smith, Jason M. Tanner and Janelle M. Vilardi.

• Middleville — Shawn M. McCormick and Jonathan K. VanRyn.

5 from area graduate at Calvin

Five area students graduated from Calvin College during commencement exercises in May.

The students, their hometowns, parents, high school alma mater and major field of study were:

• Robert P. Anderson, son of William and Mitze Anderson of Caledonia, engineering, a graduate of Caledonia High School.

• Joel M. Bosma, son of Carl J. Bosma of Caledonia, post baccalaureate, Grand Rapids Christian High School.

• Jason E. Bouwer, son of Carl and Nancy Bouwer of Caledonia, accountancy, Grand Rapids Christian High School.

• Shandalyn M. Nagel, daughter of Bernard and Deb Nagel of Caledonia, elementary education, three minors, Caledonia High School.

• Catherine Elizabeth Hart of Middleville, master of science, graduate college.

Corn focus of field day held during fair

Bud Smith from the Caledonia Farmers Elevator gave an overview of the influence day length has on corn harvest during a Field Day held on July 20. Smith along with Dave Pratt, an extension specialist from Jackson County and Rod King, an agronomist from Golden Harvest told farmers almost more than they wanted to know about new varieties and planting techniques for corn. The field day was coordinated by Dennis Pennington of the Barry County Cooperative Extension office. The corn will be harvested from the field near the Expo Center and analyzed. The results will be published.

TK senior parents wil meet August 3

The senior parents of the Class of 1999-2000 will have their next meeting Tuesday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. at the Thornapple Kellogg High School cafeteria.

Everyone is asked to bring theme ideas for the senior class party. The various committees will be getting together to receive their folders and begin planning.

Those who haven't attended before, are asked to come and help their children have a great senior party.

For more information, call Kim Parrott at 795-8899.

Man hit with dart on Briggs Road

A 50-year-old Hastings man was walking along the side of the road when he reportedly was struck with a dart from a blow gun on July 11 in Yankee Springs Township.

The victim was walking north in Briggs Road near Long Lake when the incident occurred at about 4:15 p.m., according to a report by the Barry County Sheriff's Department.

Just as a small, black car passed he noticed a stinging sensation in his right leg, he told police.

He then looked down and found a three-inch dart, one-sixth of an inch in diameter, protruding from his right thigh. He pulled out the dart and called 911, but no medical attention was required, police reported.

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Cyclists stop in Middleville

Wednesday afternoon the cyclists had to find their belongings and get their tents set up

This cyclist got a lift to the rest stop at Whispering Waters when his bike developed a flat tire.

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Approximately 800 cyclists and Michigander ride volunteers spent a hot, steamy night in Middleville July 21.

Earlier that day the cyclists had ridden through blinding rain to get to the Thornapple Kellogg High School. Many had been riding as much as 60 miles a day during the Michigander.

This is the sixth year for the Michigander ride across Michigan. The Michigan Rails to Trails Conservancy sponsors the event and money raised is used to support grants to various trail organizations.

The Thornapple Trail Association received one of the nine grants given this year.

President Michael Gormley said, "We have earmarked this for the Nashville section of the trail."

Wednesday evening many cyclists enjoyed a trip to sample the delights of downtown Middleville or enjoyed a revue presented by the Village Players.

On Thursday, the cyclists rode down the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail to a rest stop at Whispering Waters Campground. They then rode through the Yankee Springs Recreation Area on their way to Kalamazoo.

The final leg of the Michigander is from Kalamazoo to South Haven along the Kal Haven trail. All the cyclists in Middleville were hoping for cool breezes, and cloudless skies as they left the village.

Michigan Rails to Trails Conservancy Director Nancy Krupiarz and Michigander Coordinator Barry Collum were united in their appreciation of Middleville's hospitality.

Krupiarz said, "We really appreciate the efforts of the local trail association in continuing to improve the trail and welcome cyclists and walkers."

These members of the Village Players wowed their audience of tired cyclists with a fashion show featuring "straw" hats, "boat" shoes and "print" dresses.

Julie Coon squeezed all of "Gone with the Wind" into just two minutes.

Thornapple Trail Association president Michael Gormley was all smiles after receiving a $4,000 grant from the Michigan Rails to Trails Conservancy.

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Crowley sisters scoring big on basketball courts

The Amateur Athletic Union basketball has provided three sisters with plenty of excitement during the last couple of years.

Leslie, Kelsey and Jessica Crowley all have prospered from their AAU experiences, both on and off the courts.

Dee Crowley, mother and coach of Kelsey's 10-and-under Western Lakers' squad, says AAU ball is a love that the family shares.

"Our family just loves AAU; all of the opportunities we've had (because of AAU) with our daughters," said Dee Crowley.

Leslie Crowley, 14, just returned from Nationals held July 7-16, competing for the Western Lakers' 13-and-under team. The 6-2 Lakers, coached by Fred Gallert, placed second at the State tournament to qualify for the Nationals for a fourth consecutive season.

Leslie played forward and center for the Lakers and tallied double figures in all of the games. She was team's top scorer (15.0 point norm) and best rebounder. At the AAU Nationals, the 13-and-under cagers finished seventh out of 88 teams after ending up fifth the previous two years.

Kelsey Crowley, 9, trekked to Orlando for the 10-and-under AAU tourney on Saturday, July 24. The championship game is Saturday, July 31. The 5-0 Lakers won the State title in an AAU field that included some 40 teams. It was Kelsey's second year of AAU ball and it was the team's second trip to Nationals. A guard, she scored 8 points in one Laker triumph and played a major part in distributing the ball, benefiting their overall success.

Kelsey said that passing and stingy defense have given the Lakers their winning edge.

"Most of the teams have commented to us about our passing," Kelsey Crowley said. "We get easy baskets from our offense and lots of steals from our press."

The key to the team's success is obviously teamwork.

"We're very unselfish... not wanting to score ourselves," Kelsey Crowley explained. "We'll make a layup instead of a jump shot."

Dee Crowley says her squad is "very disciplined" and that they "run the offense and score off it."

Jessica Crowley, 17, played AAU hoops for the West Central Beasts 17-and-under club. The Beasts, however, did not qualify this year for Nationals. Crowley was asked to play on another team in Orlando, but was already scheduled to attend the All-State Camp, so she had to decline that offer.

Dutch Soccer Camp starts August 9

Soccer players from the area's youth leagues are preparing for the return of the PSV/USA Dutch Soccer Camp to be held Aug. 9-13 at Middleville's soccer complex.

Coordinated by Thornapple Kellogg High School's varsity coach, Steve Evans, the camp encourages area players ages 9-13 to register for this unique learning experience. The coaching staff will feature professional players and licensed coaches from the famous Dutch First Division Club PSV Eindhoven.

PSV Eindhoven were the champions of Europe in 1988 and the Dutch champions in 1986, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1991, 1992 and 1997.

Training methods will use the world-class Wiel Coerver techniques, long considered the most respected in international youth soccer development. This camp will provide players with daily challenges in the areas of technical improvement and tactical awareness. It is highly recommended for any young player determined to become better in soccer.

The camp runs from 9 to 11 a.m. during the week and the cost to enroll is $40.

To register, call Evans at (616) 795-7727 immediately to secure a place in the soccer camp.

TVSC girls take second in soccer tournament

The Thornapple Valley Soccer Club team, (first row, from left) Megan Baker, goalie Ivy Malone; (second row) Jennie Heuss, Jessica Gole, Nikki Matthews, Libby Gibbons, Rachel McKenzie, Shannon Pietrangelo, Ashley Moore; (third row) Tiffany Swift, Deann Weeks, Ashley Pare, Danielle Swift, Kelli Zerbel; (fourth row) Liz King, Carolyn DeWitt and Erica Carter. (Photo by Dan Gole)

"No team from Barry County has done this well and gone this far in tournament play," TVSC Coach Dennis Zerbel said. "Our girls played very well and they're going to be back next year to win."

Dan Gole, the president of TVSC, also was encouraged by the competitiveness of the team.

"This was the first time a team from Barry County has competed in this northern part of Michigan," Gole said. "We felt that this group of girls was ready for competitive play and they were."

TVSC will be playing in the Lakeshore United Soccer Fest in Holland July 23-25.

The Thornapple Valley Soccer Club is a regional soccer club dedicated to developing and promoting youth soccer. TVSC helps to identify and develop young players for participation at higher levels. Girls interested in playing soccer during the fall or the spring should contact Dan Gole at (616) 948-2279. Teams are being formed at the current time.

The Thornapple Valley Soccer Club sponsored a U-17 girls' team to compete in the third annual Cheboygan Soccer Invitational July 9-11. The area squad took part in the eight-team Senior Girls division.

In the first game, TVSC defeated Petoskey 1-0 in a long, hard-fought defensive contest. Kelli Zerbel scored the lone goal with a hard, low shot to the corner of the net in the second half.

TVSC beat Cheboygan 3-1. Jenni Heuss tallied the first goal with an assist from Jessica Gole. Jessica Gole scored the second goal after a precision cross by Libby Gibbons. The final TVSC score come on a header by Gibbons. Rachel McKenzie's corner kick set up that play.

In the third game, TVSC won over another team from Cheboygan, 1-0. After several shots-on-goal, Carolyn DeWitt nailed one past the goalkeeper to give TVSC the victory.

The third win moved TVSC into the Senior final against Gaylord. The game was tight until Gaylord found a way to break down the TVSC defense. Gaylord eventually won the title 4-1. Shannon Pietrangelo set up the play to Rachel McKenzie for the lone TVSC goal.

From our Readers

Ask for cable news channel

To the editor:

I have just recently moved back to the greater Grand Rapids area after a two-year absence. It's great to be back in West Michigan.

The one thing that I do miss from living in Elkhart, Ind. is the balanced cable television programming.

We now must subscribe to Cable Michigan, living in the Caledonia area. Unfortunately, Cable Michigan does not provide Fox News Channels to this area in its lineup. It is available to other recipients nearby. TCI also provides it.

Once you've been able to experience Fox News Channel, it's difficult to go back to the packaged mush that CNN serves up. Fox News accurately describes itself as offering "fair and balanced" news. Their motto is "We report, you decide." I miss the balanced programming so much that I am considering satellite, however, that is not without its fall-backs.

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THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
She is a fun-loving, retired single white female, 61, 5'7", 170lbs., with blonde hair, blue eyes. She would like to share life with a single white male, 60-65, who also enjoys gardening, traveling, cooking, flea markets, and the theater. Ad# 8040

LET'S MINGLE
Widowed Native American female, 50, 5'3", 117lbs., with dark hair and green eyes, who loves dancing, puzzles and sports, seeks a single, black male, 48-60, for friendship. Ad# 8921

LIVE FOR TODAY
Caring, understanding and honest single white male, 29, with brown hair and blue eyes, enjoys cooking, boating, bowling, and walks. She is hoping to meet a friendly single white male, 28-32, who shares similar qualities and interests. Ad# 8713

CLOSE TO MY HEART
Caring single white female, 50, 5'7", who enjoys flea markets, jokes music, movies and nightshows, is seeking a fun-loving, mature single white male. Ad# 8007

LET'S DANCE
Cheerful single white female, 30, 5', full-figured, with dark brown hair/eyes, is hoping to share friendship and fun with a mature, romantic single white male, 40-50, who enjoys the outdoors, music, slow dancing, and long walks on the beach. Ad# 8979

PAY ATTENTION
Beautiful single black female, is looking for an outgoing single white male, 28, who enjoys music, sports, movies and outdoor activities. Ad# 8710

NOT TOO LATE
Kind-hearted single white female, 60, 134lbs., with brown hair/eyes, enjoys animals, walks and flea markets, is looking to spend quality time with a compassionate, outgoing single white male, 55-70. Ad# 8408

SOLID VALUES
Old-fashioned, attractive widowed white mother, 39, 5'3", 130lbs., with light brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys her work, family, travel, amusement parks, cooking, music, boating and more, is looking for a single, open-minded single male. 35-50. Ad# 8851

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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# 8875

EXQUISITE
Widowed white Christian female, 60, seeks a caring, active single white male, 57-70, who enjoys gardening, traveling, antiques and relaxing evenings at home. Ad# 6883

UNTIL NOW
Single white female, 40, who enjoys reading, going to the beach and more, is looking for a single white male, 40-50. Ad# 7900

HONESTY COUNTS
Sincere single black female, 50, 5'4", with a sweet personality, enjoys dancing, movies, children and cooking, is looking for a sincere single black male, 48-61, who knows how to treat a lady. Ad# 2309

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# 7887

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, 29-35, 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# 8956

SOCIAL BUTTERFLY
Single white female, 22, 5'9", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, swimming and traveling, seeks an outgoing single white male 25-35. Ad# 8480

ONE IN A MILLION
Loving, retired single white professional female, 61, 5'6", 140lbs., with blonde hair and green eyes, is romantic, enjoys walking, traveling, going to the beach and she seeks an interesting, intelligent single male, age unimportant. Ad# 8507

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# 3027

IN THE SAME BOAT?
Outgoing, personable single white mom, 38, 5'5", 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, 30-45, with similar interests. Ad# 8003

SAY YES
Outgoing single white female, 18, 5'7", with medium length brown eyes, who enjoys rollerblading and spending time with friends, is looking for a single male, under 22, with similar interests. Ad# 7750

COUNTRY LIVING
Attractive, romantic, easygoing single white female, 48, 5'2", with brown hair and hazel eyes, non-smoker, enjoys music, cooking, crocheting and more. She's seeking a caring, honest, kind single white male 68-73, with similar interests. Ad# 8242

EVEN-TEMPERED
Attractive single black female, 22, 5'8", who enjoys music, cooking, swimming, basketball and beach walk, seeks an honest, compatible single male, 23-30. Ad# 7967

ROMANCE AWAITS
Bubbly single white female, 28, 5'4", full-figured, with dark hair/eyes, is seeking a loving single white male, 23-28. Her interests include sports, walking and romantic dinners. Ad# 1892

THE SEARCH IS OVER
Beautiful single white female, 25, 5'9", a green-eyed blonde, who enjoys dancing, bowling, and more, is seeking an honest, handsome single white male, 25-43. Ad# 1080

UNIQUE
Professional, secure single black female, 25, 5'6", who enjoys living life to the fullest, is looking for a single male, over 22. Ad# 2059

A TRUE ROMANTIC
Honest single white female, 34, 5'4", 105lbs., with dirty blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys beaches, movies, quiet walks, dining out and sports, is looking for a sincere single white male, 30-39, who knows what they want out of life. Ad# 2291

FEEL YOU'RE THE ONE?
Quiet, but easygoing single white female, 44, 5'4", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys bowling, sports and the outdoors, is seeking an established, personable single white male, over 40. Ad# 0783

POSSIBILITIES
Down-to-earth single white female, 42, 5'4", 130lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys NASCAR, quiet evenings, walks, campfires and more, is seeking a single white male, 40-45, for friendship, maybe more. Ad# 2756

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PURE MOTIVES
Check out this single white female, 28, 5'8", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys NASCAR, horseback riding, camping and movies, is looking for relationship with a single white male, 30-35. Ad# 5229

FOR GOOD TIMES
Sweet, shy and laid-back, best describes this petite, attractive single white female, 25, who enjoys travel, reading and sports. She's seeking a nice, honest single white male. Ad# 8510

TREAT ME RIGHT
Goal-oriented, single white female, 23, 5', full-figured, with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys auto racing, cooking and dining out, is seeking a sincere single male, 23-30, for a serious long-term relationship. Ad# 3001

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SIMILAR INTERESTS
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MOVE FAST
Fun-loving, outgoing single white female, 40, with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys traveling, movies and the theater, is seeking a single white male, 40-48. Ad# 0043

STILL LOOKING
Easygoing single black female, 32, 5'5", who resides in the Battle Creek area, enjoys exercising, dancing and bowling. She's looking for a single black male, 30-55, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 1314

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Funny single white female, 21, 5'4", 140lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is looking to get to know an honest single white male, 21-27, who enjoys nature and conversation. Ad# 8994

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Single white female, 59, 5'9", with blonde hair and blue eyes, who enjoys camping, country music and having a good time, is seeking a single white male. Ad# 1228

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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# 8067

SOLID VALUES
Hardworking single white female, 46, 5', with long hair and brown eyes, who enjoys motorcycles, camping, travel, hockey and reading, is looking for a trustworthy single white male, 38-50, with similar interests. Ad# 7504

SO SENSITIVE
This humorous, friendly, hardworking single white mother, 33, 5'10", with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys children, movies, sports and more, is looking for a responsible, commitment-minded single white male, 25-40. Ad# 3049

THE STAMP OF APPROVAL
Movies, dining out and quiet evenings are interests of this outgoing, fun-loving single black professional female, 90, 5'7", 160lbs. She seeks a single, black male, 50-60, non-smoker. Ad# 1188

LIFE'S TOO SHORT
Outgoing single white female, 51, 5'9", 230lbs., with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys bowling, movies and relaxing cards, is seeking a kind-hearted, loving single white male, 39-58. Ad# 5780

POSITIVE ATTITUDE
Divorced white female, 48, 5'8", full-figured, with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys volunteering, crafts, reading and stock auto racing, wants to meet a romantic single white male, 40-60, for companionship first. Ad# 8704

FROM THE HEART TO YOU
Country music, camping, reading, dancing and trying new things get all interests of this romantic, caring female, 36, 5'4", with blonde hair. If you're a compassionate single male and interested in a great woman, leave her a message today. Ad# 8056

TALK OVER COFFEE
Caring, easygoing single white female, 40, 5'4", a green-eyed strawberry-blonde, enjoys sewing, crafts, gardening, nature walks and fishing. She's looking for an easygoing, energetic single white male, 43-51. Ad# 8456

LOVE IS COLOR BLIND
Cheerful single white mother of one, 18, 5'7", 150lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys music, baseball and basketball, seeks an honest, faithful single black male, 18-25. Ad# 8188

SHARE MY WORLD
Outgoing single white female, 39, 5'9", with blonde hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, hiking and playing with her children, is seeking a kind single white male, under 40. Ad# 1058

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SIMPLY ALLURING
Single white female, 20, with red hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys going for long walks, movies and more, is seeking a sincere, good-oriented single black male, 20-30. Ad# 3984

CUTIE PIE
Single white female, 46, with red hair and blue eyes, full-figured, who enjoys home life, music and movies, seeks a kind, intelligent, romantic single black gentleman, over 5'9", non-smoker/drinker, who is easygoing, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 8689

YOU COULD BE THE ONE
Are you the gentleman this fun-loving divorced white mom, 28, 5'4", with long auburn hair, is hoping to meet? Please call, if you're a kind, romantic, sensitive single white male, 25-39, who enjoys cooking, bowling, walks on the beach and more. Ad# 6202

FIND OUT TODAY
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Outgoing, energetic single white professional female, 40, 5'4", enjoys dancing, camping, movies, sports, dining out, cooking, horseback riding and more, is seeking an easygoing, fun-loving single white male. 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 single white male, 45-55, for friendship first. She enjoys woodworking, painting, training animals, skiing and walks. Ad# 8021

ONE IN A MILLION
Witty, caring single black female, 38, who enjoys bowling, skating, bicycling, travel, jazz music, sports, movies and more, is seeking a confident single male. Ad# 8282

MARVELOUS
Serious single white female, 19, 5'7", with dark hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports, bowling, working out and writing poetry, is seeking a sweet and kind single white male, 18-28. Ad# 8251

LET'S GET TOGETHER
Friendly, outgoing single white female, 41, 5'7", with brown hair, blue eyes and a good sense of humor, enjoys church activities, reading and meeting new people. She seeks an honest, trustworthy, single white male, 38-50. Ad# 8053

IDEAL SITUATION
Fun-loving and enthusiastic would best describe this single white female, 19, who enjoys auto racing, movies, riding and spending time with her dogs. She is looking to meet a single white male, under 25, who is truly sweet and loves to dance and cuddle. Ad# 1308

GOOD-NATURED
Educated single white female, 50, 5', with red hair and green eyes, who enjoys playing cards, traveling, movies, dancing, sports and affectionate single white male, 37-60. Ad# 2677

SOMEONE JUST LIKE YOU
Caring, fun-loving single white female, 29, 5'5", with long brown hair and green eyes, enjoys clubbing and reading romance novels. She seeks a funny single male 19-32. Ad# 6495

READY TO SETTLE DOWN?
Loyal single white female, 39, 5'3", 175lbs., enjoys movies, long walks, good conversation and more. She is seeking an honest single black male, 25-35, interested in a long-term relationship. Ad# 4892

ATTENTION
Honest, caring single black mom of three, 27, 5'6", 210lbs., with black hair and brown eyes, who enjoys movies, church and bowling, is hoping to meet a single black male, 29-38. Ad# 7268

PHONE ME NOW
This single white female, 42, 5'7", 130lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, loves dancing, movies, bowling, quiet evenings at home. She wants to meet an honest and warm-hearted single white male, 35-50, for friendship. Ad# 2870

LIGHT UP YOUR LIFE
Funny single white female, 18, 4'5", 110lbs., with blonde hair and brown eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, music, travel and sports, seeks a single white male, 18-25. Ad# 7873

MUST BE NICE
You have to meet this kind-hearted single black female, 35, 5'9", 139lbs., if you're a caring, compassionate male, 40-45, who enjoys swimming, running, the outdoors and keeping active. She's waiting for your call. Ad# 9836

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LET'S CUDDLE
Personable single white male, 24, 5'1", 200lbs., with black hair and green eyes, who enjoys fishing, hunting and travel, is seeking a sincere, fun-loving single white female, 21-29, with similar interests. Ad# 4192

LOOK INTO MY EYES
Honest, caring single white male, 46, non-smoker, who enjoys good conversation, travel, dancing, dining out and more, is looking forward to meeting a single white female, under 50, for friendship first. Ad# 2162

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT
You'll have fun with this honest, easygoing, considerate, open-minded dad of two, 5'10", 190lbs., with dirty-blonde hair and blue eyes. He enjoys all outdoor activities, romantic evenings and seeks an open, honest, slim, single female, under 45. Ad# 7545

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Caring single white male, 36, who enjoys sports, motorcycles riding, NASCAR and more, is seeking a nice, sincere, single female, for a long-term relationship. Ad# 8964

LOTS TO OFFER
Single black male, 41, 5'7", 140lbs., who enjoys cooking, camping, movies, bowling and billiards, wants to meet a pretty, open-minded single white female. Ad# 3674

TAKE HIM FOR HIM
He's a single white male, age 31, 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# 2709

EXTRA NICE
Outstanding, nice, single black male, 47, 6', 205lbs., with brown hair/eyes, enjoys sporting events, music, dancing, quiet evenings, a home, movies and more, is seeking a single black female, 32-46, for dating and friendship. Ad# 8653

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Romantic and sensitive, single divorced white male, 52, 6'1", 195lbs., with brown hair/eyes, is hoping to spend time with a mature single white female, 35-52, who knows a good thing when she sees it. Ad# 8092

CHECK IT OUT
Active 34-year-old, single white male, who enjoys hiking, fishing and gardening, wants to get together with a single white female, 20-41, to share friendship and fun. Ad# 7615

BACK TO THE BASICS
Easygoing, single white male, 39, 5'8", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys auto racing, camping and the outdoors, is seeking an easygoing single white female, 34-44, with similar interests. Ad# 5981

THE BEST OF THE BEST
Single white male, 31, 5'10", 170lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, is seeking a single white female, 26-32, 5'3"-5'6" under 150lbs., to enjoy biking, canoeing and more with him. Ad# 8035

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

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ON THE MOVE
Rugged single white professional male, 51, 5'10", 210lbs., with brown hair, who enjoys camping, fishing, motorcycling, sports, and more, is seeking a single white female, 35-46, with similar interests. Ad# 8004

WALK WITH ME
Single white dad, 34, 6'1", 190lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys boating, swimming, children and good conversations, seeks a single female, 25-50. Ad# 8107

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Fit single Hispanic male, 43, 5'9", with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys sports, bowling, outdoor activities, motorcycles and more, is looking to meet a mature, petite, non-smoking single Hispanic female, 29-42, for a serious relationship. Ad# 2317

STOP HERE!
Single white male, 28, 5'9", 175lbs., with sandy blond hair and blue eyes, is seeking single white female, 18-34. Ad# 7131

CHECK IT OUT
Single white male, 29, 5'10", 175lbs., with red-dish-blond hair, is looking for a single white female, for a possible relationship. Ad# 9418

SPEND TIME WITH ME
Single black male, 28, 5'8", 150lbs., with a positive attitude, enjoys sports, movies and dining out. He's looking for a goal-oriented single female, 19-28. Ad# 7978

CAN WE CLICK?
Single white male, 25, 6', 185lbs., seeks an honest, sincere single white female, under 35, who enjoys music, cultural interests, the arts and theater. Ad# 7540

MAKE IT POSSIBLE
Looking for a long-term relationship with a single white dad, 34, 6'2", 190lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes? He's searching for a physically fit single white female, 30-40, who also enjoys motorcycles, billiards and watching television. Ad# 3690

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Outgoing single white male, 24, 6', 180lbs., enjoys music, sports and more, is looking for an attractive single white female, 23-30, for a possible companionship. Ad# 4787

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Easygoing single white male, 24, 6', 180lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys NASCAR, dirt biking, camping and traveling, seeks a single white female, 19-26, with similar interests. Ad# 8731

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Athletic, outgoing single white Christian male, 38, 6'3", 205lbs., with brown hair and blue eyes, who enjoys sports, the outdoors, the beach, dining out and more, is seeking a caring single white female, 25-40. Ad# 1980

CHECK IT OUT
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Call this friendly single black male, 26, 6'2", 190lbs., with dark hair/eyes, if you're a single white female, who enjoys movies, listening to music, dining out and sports. Ad# 5725

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Single white male, 25, 6'1", who enjoys movies, sports and romantic evenings, is seeking a sincere single female, 18-25, to spend time with. Ad# 8743

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Single white male, 29, 5'11", 210lbs., with brown hair/eyes, who enjoys playing hockey, music and long drives, is seeking an honest, down-to-earth single white female, 18-25, to share time with. Ad# 8154

AWAITING YOUR RESPONSE
Leave a message with this divorce white dad, 31, 6'2", 190lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys movies, dining out, seeks a single white female, 18-45, who enjoys bowling, horseback riding and travel. Ad# 5638

FOR COMPANIONSHIP
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SPORTS FAN
Hardworking, single, Hispanic white male, 40, 5'11", 190lbs., with brown hair and hazel eyes, who enjoys sports and outdoor activities, is seeking a single female, under 45, with similar interests. Ad# 8005

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Single white male, 37, 5'10", with brown hair, brown eyes and a mustache, wishes to share friendship and companionship with a kind, loving single female. Ad# 8024

WANTS A CLASSY LADY
Retired single white male, 58, 5'9", 195lbs., with gray hair and blue eyes, who enjoys dancing, fine dining, beach walks and flea markets, seeks an attractive, slender single white female. Ad# 3671

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THIS IS IT
Kind, loving single white male, 25, who enjoys movies, dining out and more, is looking for a sweet, understanding single female, 18-30, who loves to have fun. Ad# 1138

MAKE THE CONNECTION
Outgoing single white male, 27, 5'10", 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, 49, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, who likes quiet times at home, listening to country music, camping and other outdoor activities. He's looking to meet a down-to-earth single white female. Ad# 3334

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Professional single white dad, 40, 5', 150lbs., with brown hair and green eyes, who enjoys horseback riding, camping, fishing, golfing, to ski, cars, is seeking a single white female, 18-31. Ad# 4349

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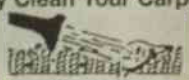

CARPET BACTERIA AND DIRT MAKES CARPET UNHEALTHY FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!

Owner: Jerry Nystrom, Jr.
Operator: Tom Wood
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