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County, Middleville both OK police pact

by Elaine Gilbert
Assistant Editor

A two-year contract for the Barry County Sheriff's Department to officially take over "full-service" police functions and related responsibilities in Middleville has been approved by the County Board of Commissioners and Village Council.

The County Board last Tuesday unanimously authorized the document, subject to approval from its attorney and all parties involved.

At its meeting Oct. 27, the Middleville Village Council also approved the contract, contingent on the approval of its attorney. This includes correction of the cost list.

One hundred and twenty hours of police coverage per week will be provided to the village by the sheriff's department, according to the agreement. Community-oriented policing is the thrust of the arrangement.

Three full time Sheriff's Department employees — a sergeant and two deputies — are to be assigned to the Middleville unit.

In addition to patrol duties, the sergeant will serve as a "community police officer," assuming the "community policing duties/functions of the former village police chief, Louis Shoemaker, whose position was terminated Sept. 30 by the Village Council.

One person employed by the now defunct village police department is to be transferred to the sheriff's department on a one year probationary period. The conditions of employment for the village officer to become part of the sheriff's department hinge on successful completion of the county's officer field training program and a "letter of understanding" between the Teamsters Local #214, County Sheriff Steve DeBoer and the individual.

Undersheriff Don Ford told the board that the sheriff's department will need to hire two other people to replace those who will be part of the Middleville Unit.

Cost to the village for the first year of sheriff's department services is projected at $167,346, but will be based on actual expenditures. In 1998, the cost for Middleville to maintain its own department was $250,000.

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Middleville has the responsibility to fund all salaries, fringe benefits, uniforms, personal equipment, administrative overhead, office space, office equipment, miscellaneous office supplies and the costs of providing, equipping and insuring fully-equipped marked patrol units, according to the contract. Maintenance and repairs on vehicles and equipment also are to be funded by the village.

The agreement provides for the village to pay the county half of the first year's cost immediately, "with adjustments made to each subsequent month's billing to reflect actual expenditures during the past month of contract performance."

The sheriff's unit will use the same office space occupied by the dissolved Middleville Village Police Department. Police vehicles, the agreement says, will have "Sheriff Department markings as well as additional markings identifying them as Village of Middleville Sheriff's Units."

The Middleville Unit is to be managed and operated under general guidelines and schedules to be developed by DeBoer, subject to approval by Middleville Village Manager Bryan Gruesbeck.

Investigative support services and backup provided by the sheriff's department will be made available for the use of the Middleville unit at no extra charge, according to the contract. The village shall receive hourly credit for any time spent by the Middleville Unit outside the jurisdictional limits of the village for calls other than priority one calls for service, backup or requests for assistance

Middleville's current Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) program, or its successor program, will continue to be made available, the agreement says.

The decision to contract with the county for law enforcement services was made last August. One resident threatened to file recall

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Scots use emotion, momentum to win football playoff opener

by David T. Young
Editor

Caledonia's football season may be starting to look like an old "Win One for the Gipper" Ronald Reagan-style movie.

The Fighting Scots advanced to the second round of the Division IV post-season playoffs by coming from behind against heavily favored East Grand Rapids last Friday night, 27-20, and they will be underdogs again this weekend when they meet South Christian at Byron Center's field.

Coach Tom Burrill's group had its back to the wall a couple of weeks ago after getting thrashed by Forest Hills Northern, but they came back the following Friday night and scored a "must win" victory at Belding to qualify for the playoffs.

The Scots weren't supposed to knock off the O-K White Conference champion Pioneers in round one, particularly in light of the fact they lost to them in the season opener last August and trailed 20-7 at the half last Friday evening.

But never underestimate the power of emotion and the power of momentum.

Things looked bleak for Caledonia until midway in the third quarter, when East Grand Rapids running back Beau McDonald was dropped by Jason Swanberg for a four-yard loss, forcing a third down and 14 at the Scots' 48-yard line. After an incomplete pass, the Pioneers punted the ball deep to Swanberg, who fielded the ball on one hop and made a nifty 22-yard return to his own 37.

A Scot receiver hangs tough for a first down in the Scots' hard-fought victory over the East Grand Rapids Pioneers. (Photo by Shelly Sulser)

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Citizens' group continues to press airport issue

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A Caledonia area citizens group that organized to deal with the impact of the local airport continues to press the issue.

Richard Robertson, president of the Coalition for Responsible Aviation, asked to give a presentation before the Caledonia Township Board last month to discuss recent developments while State Rep. Mark Jansen was present.

He said the group had been in contact with air cargo operators who have indicated a willingness to use the east-west runway. He said specifically, Federal Express, US Airways and Airborne Express have answered in writing their pilots had been advised to comply with using the east west runway.

He said airport and county officials encourage the use of the north- south runway, although they deny the existence of such a policy.

Robertson said a new development within the Board of Aeronautics was a revi-

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sion of its standing rules to require the meeting of standing committees to be public, in compliance with the Open Meetings Act. This action, he added, reverses a long standing practice of holding meetings in closed setting and making decisions and bringing them to the board for consideration with foregone conclusions and virtually no discussion by the board in public.

He said the board had adopted measures that still isolate board members from answering questions from the public by appointing the board chair as the spokesperson while at the same time prohibiting the chair from answering questions during the period of public comment.

In addition, the board had shortened public comment from seven to five minutes, he said. All questions must be directed to Jim Koslosky, the airport director, he explained.

Robertson claimed that anyone who had attended a Board of Aeronautics meeting will have seen the central issue is really about denials, avoidance and a lack of accountability on the part of airport official.

He gave as an example, the lack of accountability for promises made to citizens in the past. He said the airport officials had promised a Caledonia business in writing to proceed with their plans, based on the Airport's plan to keep the east-west runway a primary runway.

"The north-south runway is now considered a primary runway," he said."When this matter was brought to the Kent County Commissioner, the answer was, 'That was then and this is now.' "

"Airport and county officials said what they chose to get what they wanted, and now refuse to be accountable," he concluded.

"What do you do with county officials who refuse to respond to citizens?" he asked. "You are supposed to be able to vote them out of office, and replace them with responsive representatives."

The county officials are not on the Board of Aeronautics, he explained, so you can only phone in noise complaints.

The representative who does represent the area around the airport is not on the board, so citizens have no voice in the decisions, he said. "No one is accountable to us."

He made the point that the issue behind the Boston Tea Party was over a lack of representation, which was not so different than this issue.

"This is about our right to participate in decisions which affect our lives, and its about the quality of life and the value of our property."

Robertson said Caledonia was located on the southern border of the airport, and he felt a Caledonia representative should be on the Aeronautics Board.

Since board members are appointed, he was not optimistic about getting a representative from Caledonia on that board. There was some discussion, but no conclusions, by either the Caledonia Township Board members or Jansen.

Stories slated at TK Library

The monthly story time at the Thornapple Kellogg School and Community library, with readers from the high school service team, begins at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 4.

These monthly half hour programs feature stories, felt board stories with a different theme each month.

Hear fall stories on Nov. 4 and holiday stories on Dec. 2.

Story time takes place in the well of the School and Community Library at Thornapple Kellogg High School. Enter through the front door.

Two area students earn WMU degrees

Two area students graduated last spring from Western Michigan University.

The students, their hometowns, types of degrees and major fields of study were:

• Jeremy Mason Moog of Alto, master of business administration.

• Angela Webster of Caledonia, bachelor of science in social work.

Girl Scouts decorate library

Girls in Brownie Troop 488 decorated the Thornapple Kellogg School and Community library to raise everyone's Thanksgiving spirits. Along with seasonal decorations the Brownies included a list of the things for which they are thankful.

Cisco Networking Academy considered for TK High School

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Cisco Networking Academy, if approved by the Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education, will offer more choices to technically minded high school students.

This academy is designed to teach students the skills needed to design, build and maintain small to medium-size networks.

This is an opportunity for about 20-22 students and should appeal to students both college bound and ready to enter the work world immediately after high school.

Students might have an opportunity for a "school to career" partnership and may be able to go directly into the information technology field once certified after completing the program.

This Cisco Networking Academy was approved by the School Improvement Curriculum committee on Oct. 27. It will be presented to the Board of Education at its Nov. 8 meeting.

If approved, it will be implemented in the fall of 2000. The program comes with a curriculum that builds on course work and hands-on experience.

According to information on the Cisco web site, it has been developed for students with different learning styles.

To review the elements of this program, call up the following email address: http://www.cisco.com/warp/public/779/edu/academy/curriculum/demo.

For more information, call Assistant Superintendent Midge Pippel at 795-3313. The Board of Education meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the School and Community Library.

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petitions against five of the seven Middleville Council members who voted to dissolve the village police agency, but no recall action has been taken. The council's vote to disband its police agency followed a May public hearing on the issue. After nearly two hours of public comment at that hearing, there was no clear consensus on whether to dissolve the local unit or contract with the county.

Village President Lon Myers has said the contract with the county will result in some cost savings for the village, including lower administrative expenses, and more flexibility and training opportunities for personnel.

Myers also has said that the contract with the county will give the village time to evaluate whether it wants to restart its own department in the future, create a combined department with Thornapple Township or stay with the county.

The contract with the county provides for termination by both or either party with a one year written notice.

The sergeant in the county's Middleville unit will make monthly and annual reports to the Middleville Village Council regarding activities of the unit.

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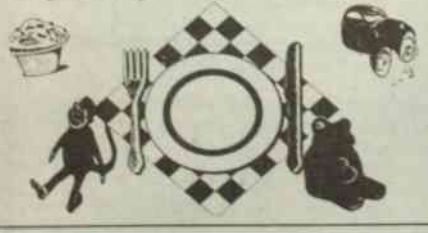

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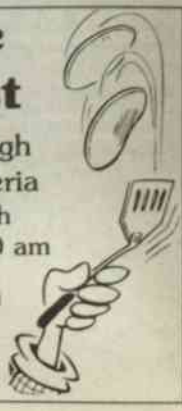

Brightside Church to move into new facility

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Brightside Church of Caledonia, which has a rapidly growing congregation despite not having a physical building to house its services, soon will move next Sunday to Cross Creek Academy.

The grand opening celebration at Cross Creek will be held at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 7. Refreshments will be served, and those attending will be treated to music, Pastor Mike Stowell explained. The church also has a junior church program, and a nursery.

The youth ministry holds a Sunday evening service at 7 p.m. for sixth through 12th grades.

Other church activities and groups are organized a little differently than in some churches. There are several smaller adult and youth groups that meet throughout the week at the time of their choice. There are Bible study groups, support groups for people in or outside the groups, for singles, and married people, etc. These groups have about 10 to 12 people in them, which offers a close knit setting where people can build more personal relationships than would be possible in a large group setting.

The church, which is not connected with any denomination, started with 18 people on Easter in 1997, and used the middle school as a meeting place. The beginning group sent out a community-wide invitation to all those who didn't have a church to attend.

Since then it has grown to 240 people. The present population of the church includes 70 percent of people who did not attend any other church previously. Because of the growth, there is now no area large enough at Caledonia Schools to house their meetings.

So Brightside is moving to Cross Creek Charter Academy, which can accommodate 850 people. Cross Creek is located on the northwest corner of 76th Street and Kalamazoo Avenue.

"We feel God is really blessing our church. We hope to reach more people in the area at Cross Creek," Stowell said.

He stressed, however that his church also hoped other churches in the area continued to reach more people too.

He said the church was hoping to begin the process of building. A committee is looking for a parcel to build on.

In the meantime the main focus is on helping people, Stowell said. He said sermons take a practical approach to real life situations, and he finds scriptures to support these approaches. For instance, people seem to fill their lives with "busyness." He quoted Matthew 11:28 to encourage people to simplify their lives.

"We teach and preach the Bible, to help build faith and help people become what God wants them to be," he said. "We preach the Gospel, and that salvation comes through Jesus Christ."

Sunday, he spoke about how to have "less stress," encouraging people to listen to others more, to work for moderation and less materialism. The ways for overcoming these pressures may be found in the Bible, he explained.

Stowell is planning to begin a new series of sermons, "Answering Life's Difficult Questions," the first to begin at the first service at the new location Nov. 7.

Another unique character about the church is the music, which is non-traditional. It uses a light rock style, different instruments, such as keyboards, guitars, drums, etc. He explained the words are still hymns, psalms and spiritual songs, "words about God," but the style is not traditional.

Stowell said he had taken a survey about what kind of music people in the church and in the area listen to most, and had tried to accommodate. When 70 percent of the population has not attended another church, often those people associate traditional music with funerals.

Pastor Mike Stowell at his desk at the Brightside office headquarters.

"Music changes as culture changes, but we want to glorify God," he said.

He said personally he had learned his life purpose through being in tune with God. He said, "God will help you do what you are best at doing, and this way a person can have peace in their life."

Stowell is the senior pastor of the church. Also on staff are Joy Niemeyer, administrative assistant, Chrissy Dykstra, worship leader, and Denny Bouma, youth/student ministries director.

Stowell is married to wife Deb, and the couple has three daughters, Dana, Rachel and Emily.

The group has an office building at 9090 South Rodgers Court, where business matters may be conducted and small meetings can be held. Offices, equipment, a small kitchen and a small conference room are included there.

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Heritage Day 2000 meeting is Nov. 3

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Heritage Day Committee invites the community to help create a memorable local festival for September 2000.

The members of the committee are urging interested residents to attend a meeting Wednesday, Nov. 3, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Village Hall.

The festival is scheduled for the weekend following Labor Day. The committee wants to have the best of past festivals and add new events.

"We really want to know what the community would like to see," committee member Doug Elam says.

The committee invites people to bring ideas about what they have liked about past festivals to the Nov. 3 meeting. Serving on the committee is not really hard Elam assures people who might have ideas.

Among other questions the committee hopes to decide at the Nov. 3 meeting is whether to limit the festival to just one day or whether there are some Friday night events that would interest the community.

Anyone who cannot attend the Nov. 3 meeting should call Glenn at 795-7236 or RJ at 795-2042 with suggestions and willingness to work on the festival.

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Trojan golf team has season of accomplishment

It was a year of accomplishments for the Middleville golf squad.

Coach Bernie Weller's Trojans broke the school nine-hole match record with a 141 versus Wayland and Delton Aug. 8 at Mullenhurst, had the second best match average in the program's history (163.2), had the second best winning percentage since 1981 and the third best winning percentage in the program's history (15-3), won the Mid-Way Invitational at Yankee Springs, won the J-Ad Graphics Classic at the Hastings Country Club, finished second in the O-K Blue Conference for a seventh consecutive season, carded its eighth consecutive winning season and beat East Grand Rapids and Grandville at the Rockford Invitational.

East was second in the O-K White Conference.

Middleville's junior varsity team also fared well with the twelve wins (12-1) and the best winning percentage in the program's history.

Adam Seifert was a unanimous all-conference selection, being named to the O-K Blue first team for a third straight year. Seifert was also named honorable mention All-State with 179 power points and an average of 40.0.

Matt Pullen with a 38.9 average and 197.5 power points was another unanimous all-conference pick. It was his second year on the O-K Blue first team. His 38.9 was the fifth best in the program's history.

Brett Ybema and Bob Roush were named honorable mention all-conference. Ybema had an average of 41.90, while Roush had a norm of 42.10. It was Ybema's second year as an honorable mention selection in the O-K Blue.

Senior citizens invited to play

The TK Community Education office is inviting senior citizens to attend the performance of "Whodunit, and to Whom," presented by Thornapple Kellogg High School.

Seniors will meet in the lobby of the high school auditorium Thursday, Nov. 18, at 6:45 p.m. and then go to the cafeteria for refreshments before the performance. Call the Community ed. office at 795-3397 to reserve a spot for this evening.

Senior citizens are welcome to attend dress rehearsal Wednesday, Nov. 17 if they prefer. Curtain time is 7:30 p.m. (please be at the auditorium by 7:15 p.m.).

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Caledonia, Dutton Christian do shared time arrangement

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia Public Schools have an arrangement with Dutton Christian schools where educational time can be shared.

Staff approved to teach at Dutton Christian also interviewed with Deputy Superintedent Craig Schmidt to meet the standards of Caledonia Public Schools in order to qualify for being on the payroll through the Caledonia Schools. These teachers teach non-core subjects such as music, band, choir, technology, art and physical education.

In the past, the state took a stand that such arrangements were not constitutional. Grand Rapids Public Schools took such a case to the Michigan Supreme Court, which said time sharing of non-core subjects with other schools in an area was constitutional.

Some schools already engaged in time sharing in the area are Rockford, Grand Rapids Public, Jenison and Allendale.

Business Manager Judi Dean said the arrangement came about because principals Jerry Phillips of Dutton Elementary and Robert Terpstra of Dutton Christian frequently get together to discuss educational matters with each other. During one of their exchanges the idea was raised, and Phillips came to the Caledonia Community Schools to see if a program could be arranged in Caledonia. Permission was obtained from Kent Intermediate School District.

Dean, also involved in the planning, explained how payment is arranged for the time spent by Caledonia teachers.

The state does a count on two days a year to determine how many students are attending school. Funding grants are based on this count.

In the case of time sharing, when the count is done, the number of classes, number of students and the time they are in those classes are rated to compute the equivalency of attendance. It was determined by the state that "Full Time Equivalency" (FTE) came to 28 foundation grants for Caledonia that would not have otherwise been received.

"This helps support the teachers' salaries, the benefits and the supplies those teachers use," Dean said.

"Time sharing between school systems is really exciting. Whenever we find a new way of sharing with the parochial schools, it's a winning situation. They are part of our community, and we can provide something they might not have otherwise," Dean said.

Home schoolers' time in the public school system are counted the same way. At this time there are only two home schooled students taking optional classes in a public school.

Jerry Phillips said "It's a win-win situation for both school systems," He explained that for the effort, Caledonia will receive a few more dollars more than the teachers' salaries by doing this. He said there was a potential for more of this in the future, but for now, the plans in place will be evaluated to see how things work out.

He said he and Bob Terpstra, Craig Schmidt and Dean had visited Rockford Public Schools to learn about their experiences with this kind of arrangement, so they could do it right and avoid any problems. One thing that resulted was the teachers were interviewed to have the same qualifications as other Caledonia teachers for those subjects.

Terpstra said "It couldn't be better. The whole concept is good for the kids, and good for the community."

Caledonia Schools Business Manager Judi Dean.

"The best part about it is the way it is working. We are respecting each other's differences and able to come together on this."

Board President Dave Hofstra of Dutton Christian School sent a letter of appreciation to the Caledonia Board of Education Oct 19, thanking Superintendent Doug Busman, Schmidt and Dean for the shared time agreement.

"We feel... fortunate... to be able to partner in education with our neighbors and friends in the Caledonia school system," he said in the letter. "We are thankful for your dedication, forward thinking and cooperative attitudes and look forward to working with you in the future education of all our children."

Virginia Shook 80th birthday

Virginia Shook will be celebrating her 80th birthday on Sunday, Nov. 7, 1999. She is a lifelong resident of the Caledonia area and has been active in the Caledonia United Methodist Church, Eastern Star, Homemakers, and Kent County Rural Mail Carriers Auxiliary.

Virginia married Ernest W. Shook on Nov. 5, 1939, and they were married 55 years until Ernie's passing in Feb. of 1994. Together they had five children: Ron (Rosalie), Phil (Rosella), Don (Pat), David (Sally) and Sue (Bill) Vanportfleet. Virginia also has 10 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

An open house for Virginia will be held in honor of her 80th birthday on Sunday, Nov. 7, 1999 at the Caledonia United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall from 2-4 p.m. This party is being given by her children and grandchildren. Should you be unable to attend, and would like to send a card, please do so: 404 E. Main Street, Caledonia, MI 49316. At Virginia's request, no gifts please.

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Page students help classmate

When the Cooley-Meyers family of Freeport lost their home to fire at the end of September, students in the fourth and fifth grades at Page Elementary School reached out to help one of their fellow students, Calynne Cooley. The students raised more than $600 to help the family get started again. Here Calynne thanks her fifth grade teacher Betsy Butler while her sister Morgan looks on

Women's Club to host 'Paws' guest

The General Federation of Women's Clubs-Gun Lake Area will meet Wednesday, Nov. 10, at Bay Pointe Restaurant, Marsh Road, Gun Lake.

Greeting guests and members will be club historian Grace Evans (795-3072) and Agnest Woodward (616-792-6726). Call either hostess for more information.

Following the business meeting, Becky Canale, field instructor and presenter for "Paws With a Cause" and "Jake" will present a informational program about dogs for the wheelchair bound, hearing and sight impaired, or otherwise handicapped people. "Jake," a black lab and certified service dog, will give demonstrations on what he and his peers do. Canale was previously a trainer and became a field instructor to pass the word about PAWS.

"Paws With a Cause" is celebrating its 20th year in 1999. PAWS continues to be one of the largest producing Assistance dog agencies in the country, while maintaining management and fundraising costs at approximately 5 percent. That means that 95 cents of every dollar donated go directly program services.

So far in 1998-99, 177 dogs have been trained. The goal in 1999-2000 is 185 new dogs. Through the support of dedicated donors, volunteers and staff, PAWS encourages independence for people with disabilities. They have served more than 1,600 people. And 85 percent of the dogs are still working.

Other club business will include a report on the

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Octogenarian lunch draws over 75

The Octogenarian Luncheon at the Middleville Methodist Church had everything anyone could expect: good friends, delicious food, a birthday cake and music provided by the Nashville Five Plus. This annual event brought an audience of more than 75.

Foreign exchange students varied at Caledonia

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Hgh school students from other countries have varied insights about Caledonia schools and about this country.

The experience and backgrounds of the different foreign exchange students are probably as different from each other as they are from Caledonia students.

Alda Gapi, from Albania, is 17. She said she would want Americans and other students to know, "Peace is very important. I have lived with war. People here need to enjoy what they have and be happy for this great country with its opportunities. They have not lived in war. People cannot be happy if there is war. More important than love, money and health is peace. Without peace, these other things are nothing."

Gapi said she has made a lot of friends and people have been friendly. She is temporarily staying in the home of her program coordinator.

German exchange student Florian Vogelsang, age 16, said "Life is very fast here, for me. Everything is bigger; houses, cars, property."

There is public transportation in Germany, and so roads and driving are different. There is no speed limit, and those who do drive often go very fast. Accidents, when they happen, are usually very bad, Vogelsang explained.

Rebekka Straarup from Denmark said people here are more friendly, but more formal. She had found it easy to make friends. She said there seemed to be more discipline in the home here than in her country. She said her own family and her host family had a lot of similarities, however.

Caledonia foreign students, Tobias Hafliger, Rebecca Straarup, Noriyo Tsujita, Alda Gapi, and Florian Vogelsang reflect on what they have learned in America.

She stays in the home of Pam and Phillip Leutkemeyer. Her peers in the home are twins.

Straarup has been participating in a drama group, for the Pajama Game. She is 16. Straarup is taking a year off from the normal schedule in her country. She hopes to take creative classes to round out the academics she will take in Denmark. When she returns, she will have three more years and will finish at age 19.

Her impression was Caledonia schools were larger, with more discipline, as in the homes. She said a young person might be able to negotiate different terms or just skip in her country, and no one would care. She thought they were trying to encourage individual responsibility.

Straarup said the technology and the amount of material possessions was about the same.

Her impression of Caledonia was that people are more spread out, with more space between houses, as well as towns. In Denmark she said "You hardly meet a car. There is public transportation or you can walk." Buildings are closer and there are more towns, as well.

Japanese student Noriyo Tsujita said everything was so different here, which made her experience very challenging, although her host family was very helpful.

Tsujita noted that family size here could vary a great deal. In Japan, she lives with her grandparents, her parents, an older brother and a younger sister. She said in this country, a family could have two parents and many children. Her host family, Bill and Ellen Costantino have four children, all over age 20, so she does not have contact with others her own age in the home. She is 16.

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Obituaries

Russell G. Bender

MIDDLEVILLE - Russell G. Bender, age 88, of Middleville, passed away Saturday, October 30, 1999 at Thornapple Manor, Hastings.

Mr. Russell was born on August 7, 1911 in Dutton, the son of Philip and Abigail (Groh) Bender.

He was raised in Middleville and attended Prairie Country School and Middleville High School, graduating in 1931.

He married Alice Mary Hackney on March 26, 1935 in Hastings.

Mr. Bender was a lifelong resident of Thornapple Township, and served as Barry County Commissioner for eight years.

He was a lifelong farmer and also a long time Farm Bureau member. He was a member of the Middleville United Methodist Church where he served faithfully on many different groups and committees.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Alice Mary Bender.

Mr. Bender is survived by his son, Robert (Carol) Bender of Middleville; three daughters, Joan (Vinal) Taber of Fenton, Mary (Steve) Wood of Evart, and Beverly (Stephen) Bourgeau of Moorpark, California; ten grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; two brothers, Walter (Lois) Bender of Middleville, and Ward (Betty) Bender of Middleville; one sister, Florence Dickerson of Grand Rapids.

Visitation will be Tuesday, November 2, 1999 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial services for Mr. Bender will be held Wednesday morning, November 3, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at the Middleville United Methodist Church with Reverend Lee F. Zachman officiating.

Interment will be in Mt. Hope Cemetery, Middleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Middleville United Methodist Church or Thornapple Manor, Hastings.

Funeral arrangements were made by Beeler Funeral Chapel, Middleville.

Marie Wondrazek

CALEDONIA - Marie Wondrazek, age 94, of Caledonia, went to be with her Lord on Saturday, October 30, 1999.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Latham in 1955; her husband, Adolph Wondrazek in 1988; her sister, Anna Pesel of Germany; and her brother, Ferdinand Duever of Michigan.

She is survived by her daughter, Alfrava Latham of Charlotte; sister, Martha Dammann of Germany; and nieces and nephews.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 1999 at 11:00 a.m. at the Gaines United Brethren Church, 1612 92nd SE, with her Pastor Reverend Mark Beers officiating.

Interment will be in Yankee Springs Cemetery.

The family suggests that memorial contributions may be given to the church.

Arrangements were made by the Caledonia Funeral Home.

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ing and writing more difficult. Pronunciations are very different as well. She had six months of English in Japan before coming here, and has been here about three months now. She says her English is improving.

Tsûjita said Japanese buildings are very close together, with no big yards. She lives on Osaka.

There are farms in Japan on the island of Hokaido. One relative of her family has a small farm, where rice is grown.

Making friends has been more difficult for her than some of the other students because there are no peers in her host home. She does play tennis, and made some contacts there, but it is seasonal. She does sing in choir, and hopes to build some friendships there. She said she had many friends in Japan.

Tobias Hafliger from Switzerland said anyone visiting his country would enjoy the mountains, and he said they should visit the very ancient cities and towns, which were unlike any where else.

"Other students could learn a lot about history."

He said there are very good schools there. "They are very difficult," he said. There are nine subjects studied at a time, compared to four subjects here.

Hafliger lives near Bern, which is 800 years old. There 11,000 people in the village where he lives, which is like a suburb of Bern, which has 200,000 people. Bern is the capitol of Switzerland, but the third largest city.

He said the geography was most different than Michigan, but also the people are different.

"They are more reserved," he explained. "Americans are more open to others."

He has found it easy to make friends. He also plays soccer, and has met a lot of friends through his host family sister. He resides with the family of Patricia and Bryan Allen. His own family is different in that he has a fraternal twin brother with whom he has some conflict. Hafliger's coming to this country "was good for both of us," he grinned.

Vogelsang also noticed that American students were very open. He has made friends here, through playing soccer, and with the help of his house brother, who is a junior and introduced him to his friends. He is the guest of Al and Linda Miedema, with two sisters and one brother.

He said he was very thankful for all the help and support from his host family and teammates. "It really makes a difference," he said. He said American students could have a much harder time in his own country.

The emphasis on sports in the schools was different than in his country. Over there, pursuit of sports is a more individual thing, done outside of school. He commented that school is centered around sports and there is a strong school spirit which is a different quality than in Germany.

One of the classes he has enjoyed a great deal is T.V. Production. "They cover sports, announcements, cable and more. Its a very fun class," he said.

Tsujita said the school year is organized differently in Japan. The year begins in April. She came on July 20. during the second semester. Students stay in one classroom, and the different teachers of different subjects come to the class.

Gapi said schools in her country have 12 classes a year, with six subjects studied every other day. She said teachers rotate between rooms, with students staying in one place.

The life pursuits of these students are also very individual.

Tsujita wants to attend an American University in this country in the future, studying English speech, reading and writing. Eventually she wants to become a translator for English speaking guests in her country.

Straarup would like to become an interior decorator or a clothing designer.

Vogelsang will return to two more years of school. He is taking academic classes here with a goal for a career in law, medicine, or engineering.

Gapi has a goal to become a construction engineer. At age 17 she is in her fourth year of school. She wants to help to rebuild Albania, devastated by war. It is a very poor country, she said, and refugees from Kosovo are now coming there to live.

Her city, Barat, is actually a castle, that is 2,400 years old. She was born in a house inside the castle. It is her grandparents' home where they still live. Her family has moved to Tirana, the capitol of Albania. since she has come to the U.S.

Her family was affected. They lost everything, and her father, a construction engineer and businessman, started over, and was able to help her to come here. She is hoping to find a foundation or a scholarship to help her to continue to study here. She would like to study architecture at Lawrence Tech, near Detroit.

Senior parents to sell tickets at conferences

These seniors already have their tickets to the overnight graduation party being planned for May 28, 2000. From left are Erica Carter, Shayna Neason, Laura McKinley and Teri Schondelmayer. The $25 tickets are for sale during conferences on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 3 and 4, from 5 to 8 p.m.

The TK Senior Parents have begun selling tickets for the dusk to dawn senior graduation party that will follow graduation on May 28, 2000.

Tickets are $25 apiece and can be purchased at the Senior Parents meeting tonight (Nov. 2) in room 305 at the Thornapple Kellogg High School.

Tickets will also be for sale at the senior parents table at parent-teacher conferences on Wednesday and Thursday, Nov. 3 and Nov. 4, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the high school.

Ticket sales chair Jan Hopewell said, "The tickets make great stocking stuffers for seniors. If for some reason students can't attend the graduation party, the ticket fee will be returned."

Parents who haven't brought in the two bags of candy for senior goodie bags can bring them to the meeting.

The Senior Parent Christmas wreath sale is ongoing. Wreaths orders are being taken by Lorie Bowerman at 795-2135 or Deb Carter at 795-3515. The 15-inch wreath costs $15 and the 24-inch one is $20.

TK School Menus

Middle and High School Hot Lunch Menu
Wednesday, Nov. 3

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Hard shell taco or taco salad, refried beans, cherry crisp, milk.

Thursday, Nov. 4
Goulash or beefy nacho, green beans, pears, milk.

Friday, Nov. 5
Pizza or fish sandwich, baked beans, pineapple, milk.

Monday, Nov. 8
Grilled cheese w/tomato soup, hot dog, celery sticks, peach cups, milk.

Tuesday, Nov. 9
Hamburger or corn dogs, corn, blueberry cobbler, milk. Lucky Tray Day.

NOTE: Rotating items will be chix nuggets, chix patties, hamburgers, tacos, nachos, cold sandwiches, chef salads and theme bars.

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Note: P.B. sandwiches available each day.

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CHS graduate qualifies for Boston marathon

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia High School graduate Jenny Sprague and two Caledonia teachers, Gena VanderMeulen and Yolanda Swartz ran together in the Chicago Marathon Oct. 24.

All three finished the 26-mile race, and Sprague had a time that was good enough to qualify to run in the Boston Marathon next spring.

Sprague finished with a time of 3:38:47, which her mother, Shannon Gould, said would allow her to run in the Boston Marathon.

Gould was understandably proud of her daughter, but said her achievement was also due to the support of former coach Dave Hodgekinson and to the enthusiasm of Gena VanderMeulen. Sprague ran in the race because VanderMeulen encouraged her to do so. Sprague started training in June.

They decided to do it together, though a lot of their preparation was done separately because VanderMeulen was studying in Idaho last summer.

Gould said both her children had been fortunate in being in classes taught by VanderMeulen.

"Gena is such an inspiration, a caring teacher. She has so much enthusiasm and is so good with the kids."

She said VanderMeulen was a good teacher and had changed her son's life by teaching him to "ask questions about things."

Just running in a marathon is a major event for anyone who commits to doing it. It takes regular practice to be in shape. This was the first time any of the three had run in a major marathon.

VanderMeulen said finishing was a state of mind. "You have to decide you *can* do it. Then you have to train," she said. She has been running for a year and a half.

VanderMeulen ran with Sprague part of the time. They covered a six-mile run together.

Sprague, now 19, has been running in cross country and track since she was in 9th grade. while in school, she won more than 20 medals. Once she was among the first in the state relay. She went to state every year, and was an all state and all conference athlete. She was the senior athlete of the year and received an academic excellence award, as part of the top ten of her class. She also took the Scholar Athlete Detroit Free Press award.

Graduating from Caledonia in 1997, she has attended the University of Michigan for two years, and is an honor student there, studying in the sciences. She may go into psychology.

Swartz said she had no idea what to expect, since it was their first full race. She and VanderMeulen did not know what their time was. What was important to them was that they had *run* and that they had finished.

Swartz and VanderMeulen decided in May they would run in the Chicago race. They did a lot of their training together. Part of the time VanderMeulen trained in Idaho. They scheduled their workouts on a regular basis, and phoned and used e-mail when they could not actually run together. They also coordinated doing some long runs. They ran in a 21-mile race together before the Chicago marathon.

"It is a good experience for those who enjoy running," Swartz said. "It is a good goal to have. Many think they can't do it. A person needs to be determined, and to train."

Around 30,000 people ran in the marathon, ages 18 and up. Both Swartz and VanderMeulen agreed the last four miles were the hardest.

The two teachers said the experience of the race itself was also interesting and inspirational.

Some of the people ran the race for others, such as those who ran to raise money for a cause. Some ran for someone in their lives who had been an inspiration to them, but who were deceased.

Swartz said "There were all ages and shapes of people. One older lady said to someone else, 'Come on honey, you can do it.' It was truly amazing."

VanderMeulen said there were people in wheelchairs who started 15 minutes after the others, and who also finished the race.

VanderMeulen said she wouldn't have done it if she had to train alone.

"We wouldn't have done it without training, and it was much more meaningful doing it together."

Jenny Sprague was a former Senior Athlete of the Year at Caledonia High School, and just ran in the Chicago 26 mile marathon.

Running in the Chicago marathon with Jenny Sprague were Caledonia teachers Gena VanderMeulen and Yolanda Swartz.

TK Band Boosters to meet Nov. 9

The next meeting of the Thornapple Kellogg Band Boosters will be Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m. in the band room.

This will be a planning meeting for the upcoming concession season. This is one of the ways that the boosters make money to purchase band equipment and to provide scholarships. Officers for this year area Terry Aspinall, president; Bonnie Stutzman, secretary; and Rochelle Presler, treasurer. Those who have children in one of the bands at TK benefit from what the boosters provide.

Obituaries

Jean Lucile McCormick

CALEDONIA - Mrs. Jean Lucile McCormick, age 78, of Caledonia and Florida, passed away Tuesday, October 5, 1999.

She is survived by her husband of 52 years, Donald McCormick; her children, Susan & Bernie Rodgers of Caledonia, Donna & Glenn Monroe of Roscommon, Patti & Jack Sanborn of Lowell, Michae & Patsy McCormick of Middleville, Mari & Mike Brower of Caledonia, Jack McCormick and Debbie of Grandville; eleven grandchildren; six great grandchildren; her sister, Thelma Brouwer of Holland; her brothers-in-law & sisters-in-law, Lester & Jean McCormick, Lawrence & Miriam McCormick, Elmer Andringa all of Holland.

Funeral services for Mrs. McCormick were held Saturday, October 30, 1999 at the Caledonia Funeral Home. Dr. David Lee Smith officiated.

Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Caledonia Lion's Club.

Cheryl L. Purdy

Cheryl L. Purdy, age 38, passed away unexpectedly, Sunday, October 24, 1999.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert & Elvina Purdy; and her niece, Gina Coleman.

She is survived by her brothers & sisters, Robert & Judy Purdy, James & Janet Purdy, Thomas & Marlene Purdy, Dr. Lee & Judy Purdy, Karen & Rick Coleman, Pat & Rog Modreske; and her aunts, uncles and many nieces and nephews. Her special people in her life are, Art, Jerri and Iris.

Funeral Services for Cheryl were held on Wednesday, October 27, 1999 at the Caledonia Funeral Home.

Interment was in Mt. Hope Cemetery.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Kent County Humane Society.

Madeline E. Kious

Mrs. Madeline E. Kious, age 75, passed away Saturday, October 23, 1999.

She is survived by her husband, Leonard; her children, Nancy & Charles Hogan, Richard & Nancy Kious, Janet Shade, Linda Russell, Charlene & Gary Barr, Deborah McNeil, and Charles & Patricia Kious; 24 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren.

Funeral Services for Mrs. Kious were held Tuesday, October 26, 1999 at the Caledonia Funeral Home. Reverend Don E. Schoelback Jr. officiated.

Interment was in Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Foundation for the Blind.

Rodney K. DeBoer

ALTO - Mr. Rodney K. DeBoer, age 52, of Alto, passed away unexpectedly Saturday, October 30, 1999.

He was the owner of Grand Die Engravers.

He is survived by his wife, Linda DeBoer; son, Brian DeBoer; daughter, Rachael Nelson; mother, Ann DeBoer; father & mother-in-law, Paul and Marilyn Choiniere; brothers, Richard DeBoer of Florida, Timothy and Adele DeBoer of Kentwood and their three daughters; sister, Peggy and Tim Ellens of Wayland and their three children; brother-in-law, Richard and Irene Choiniere; many nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 1999 from 2:00-4:00 P.M. and from 7:00-9:00 P.M. at the Caledonia Funeral Home, 616 E. Main Street, Caledonia.

Funeral and Committal Services for Rod will be held on Wednesday, November 3, 1999 at 4:00 P.M. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 8436 Kraft SE, with Reverend Robert Gerke officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society or Hospice of Greater Grand Rapids.

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CMS students selling cookie dough this week

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Caledonia residents can make their Christmas cookies easier this year by supporting a middle school fund-raiser from Nov. 1 through Nov. 15.

The cookies to be marketed will be "Savory Sweet" home style ready to bake cookie dough. Nine flavors include chocolate chunk, peanut butter, oatmeal raisin, candy, fudgee chocolate chunk, sugar, chocolate chunk pecan, snickerdoodles, and white macadamia.

People who are not directly connected with the middle school and parents can order them by coming to the school Nov. 4 and Nov. 8 from 5 to 8 p.m. and on Nov. 10 from 1 to 4 p.m. Family Links volunteers will have order forms ready.

The dough will sell for $6 per tub, in advance. Checks should be made to CMS, Family Links. Another way to arrange an order is to call Laurie Boy at 891-2682.

The kids will be taking order forms home to take orders from neighbors, relatives and friends who would like cookies at holiday time. The orders will be filled and dough delivered on Dec. 6 from 2:15 to 6 p.m. by students and families, and delivered to those who placed orders.

The Middle School's Family Links parent-teacher organization will be selling holiday cookie dough to raise funds for a special family oriented event on Feb. 19, a carnival with games for various ages and suitable also with such things as a bungie run to challenge kids of middle school age. The organization has goal to link the family with the Middle School, and hopes to provide activities which will do that. The whole family will be invited.

The CHS Orchestra has grown to nearly 90 members this year. Shown here are some of the members practicing for the concert to be held Tuesday, Nov. 2.

CHS Orchestra to play tonight

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia High School Orchestra will be holding the first concert of the year tonight (Tuesday, Nov. 2) at 7:30 in the Performing Arts Center.

All grades will take part, with the younger children playing in the earlier part of the evening.

A variety of light classics and popular music selections, including one medley, will be performed by the high school orchestra. Admission is free and open to the public.

The CHS orchestra continues to grow. This year there are 74 string players and the entire group numbers close to 90 with the addition of winds and percussion, giving it the capability of being a complete orchestra.

Orchestra director Pete DeLille said he is excited that the orchestra has grown so much.

People with questions may call 891-8129.

Parent-teacher conferences set

The teaching staff of Thornapple Kellogg High School will conduct parent-teacher conferences in the high school gymnasium Wednesday, Nov. 3, and Thursday, Nov. 4, beginning at 5 p.m. and ending at 8.

High school classes will be in regular session from 7:40 a.m. to 2:25 p.m. on both conference days.

If parents find it difficult to attend the conferences during the scheduled time, they are asked to call the high school office at 795-3394, and a more convenient appointment will be arranged.

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For more information about or to register for Glorious Gingerbread, call the Kent District Library at 336-3250.

The program will be held at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 2, at the Caledonia branch, 240 Emmons St., and at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 15 at the Alto branch, 6071 Linfield St.

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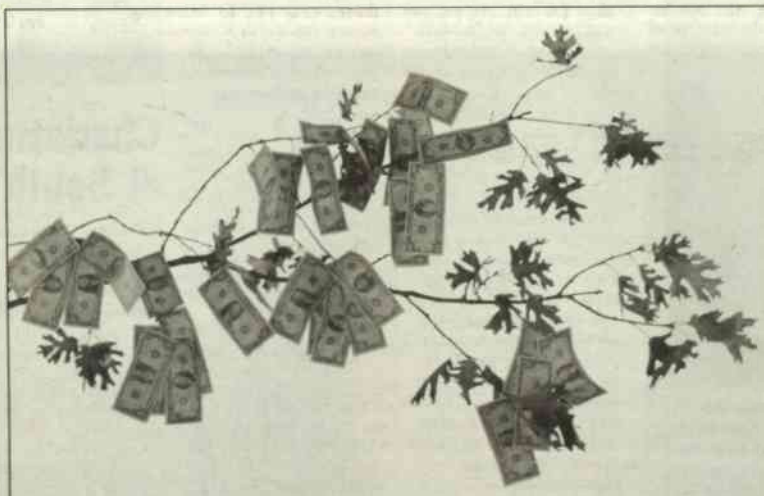

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Halloween celebrations held at schools, Carveth Village

McFall's Wednesday kindergarten classes paraded through classrooms and hallways. Here teacher Diane Sevald keeps an eye on the children lagging behind and principal Bill Rich shows two pirates, a native American and a crayon that the wolf is really a friend.

Taking advantage of the really warm weather on Friday, Oct. 29 classes at McFall and Lee held a small costume parade for residents of Carveth Village, an assisted living facility.

Treating students to cider and donuts were Carveth Village manager Ann Jarchow (Minnie Mouse) and Sara Burks .

Miss Middleville and Miss Page Elementary are fifth grade teachers Mike Hodges and Dirk Van Diver. Their costumes were very popular and both had trouble keeping their makeup fresh. These costumes were the result of having lost a tennis challenge and they are already plotting their strategy for next year.

Child care providers take CPR, first aid

Middleville Christian Reformed Church was host for a CPR first aid class for local child care providers.

Phillip Clinton taught providers Vickie Rick, Kathy Jo Butgereit, Melissa Balsitis and Shirley Smith from Middleville; Melissa Miles from Lowell and Veronia Marion from Caledonia.

Besides learning valuable lifesaving techniques, providers also learned some down to earth information that everyone can use. One item was using the cell phone to call 911.

"It's important to remember to tell what county you are in, because you call may not be in your area," Rick said.

The new state guidelines say that all licensed providers need CPR every year and CPR/First Aid every two years.

The next class will be held March 18, 2000. Call Rick to pre-sign for the class.

One need not be a child care provider to take this course. Anyone in the community who would like to take the class is more than welcome to sign up.

"CPR makes a difference. When you need to know it, it's too late to learn how. Be prepared, know how to respond," Rick said.

Caledonia Concert series continues Nov. 6 & 7

The next program in the Caledonia Concert series will be the Gospelmen Quartet and The Bishops Saturday, Nov. 6, at 7 p.m. at the Caledonia Christian Reformed Church M-37 and 100th Street, Caledonia.

Tickets are available through: Cutlerville Christian Bookstore, Caledonia Professional Pharmacy, at the door, or call (616) 891-8858. Cost is $8 in advance; $9 at the door. Ages 12 and under are free.

Proceeds will go for the church building fund.

Charlotte's Web planned at South Christian

South Christian High School will present E.B. White's classic tale *Charlotte's Web* with 7:30 p.m. performances Thursday and Friday Nov. 11 and 12, and a 3 p.m. matinee on Saturday, Nov. 13.

This is a heartwarming story of friendship, devotion, and sacrifice.

Wilbur (Danae Coopagner) is born a runt pig, and is saved by the idealistic Fern (Betsy Brouwer) from an early demise. John Arable (Ryan Klooster) lets Fern keep Wilbur, but only until he is too old to keep. Soon, Wilbur is whisked off to Uncle Homer Zuckerman's (John Ten Brink) farm where he meets a cast of animals who will become a part of his life.

The Goose (Kristin Bush) and Gander (Rachel Wustman) bring a lively energy to farm life, while a Sheep (Christy Daining) and Lamb (Nancy Moes) remind Wilbur of the gloomy yet realistic side of farm life for a pig. Wilbur finds a true best friend in the warm and caring spider, Charlotte (Nicole Vander Laan), who immediately sets out to help Wilbur escape the butcher's block.

Though her "Web Based Messages," designed with reluctant help from the self serving, gluttonous rat Templeton (Martha Brasser) Charlotte (convinces" Zuckerman that Wilbur is "Some Pig." Zuckerman takes Wilbur to the county fair where he faces stiff competition from Uncle (David De Jong), a huge pig. Despite a few bumps in the road, Charlotte saves Wilbur in the end, an act of great sacrifice on her part.

Throughout the story, three chorus members (Abby Nieuwkoop, Julie Stortenboom, and Jen Berry) narrate the story, and tie the events together.

Tickets, at $4 each, will go on sale beginning Monday, Nov. 8. All seats are reserved. As a special bonus, the Saturday matinee will be followed by a special time where children can meet Charlotte, Wilbur and all of the gang.

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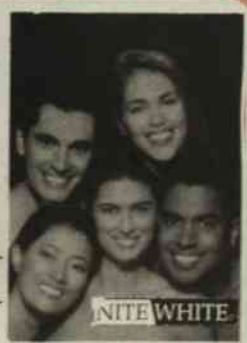

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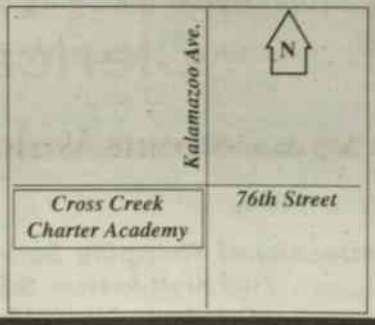

Synopsis of Minutes
MIDDLEVILLE COUNCIL

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 12, 1999

The regular meeting of the Village of Middleville, Michigan Council was called to order by its president, Lon Myers, in the Council Chamber of the Village Hall at 7:02 p.m. Members present: Mr. William Nesbitt, Mrs. Marilyn VandenBerg, Mr. Michael Lytle, Mr. William Kenyon, Mr. Lon Myers, and Mr. David Newman. Absent: Mr. Floyd Bray. Minutes of the September 28th meeting were amended and approved. The agenda of the meeting was approved as written.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Appointed Village Manager Gruesbeck to be the official delegate of the Council to the Grand Valley Metro Council on the motion made by Mr. Newman with support from Mrs. VandenBerg.

2. Paid the invoices dated October 8, 1999 in the amount of $10,350.21 on the motion made by Mr. Lytle with the support of Mrs. VandenBerg.

3. Changed the date of the next meeting from Tuesday, October 26 to Wednesday, October 27, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. on the motion made by Mr. Nesbitt with the support of Mr. Newman.

4. Approved the payment by the Barry County Commission from the Utility Improvement Project Funds of invoices submitted by Dan Valley Excavating Company in the amount of $41,037.50 and Williams and Works Engineering in the amount of $2,624.24 on the motion of Mr. Newman with the support of Mrs. VandenBerg.

5. Approved the transfer of the Cable TV Charter from Avalon to Charter Communications on the motion made by Mr. Newman with the support of Mr. Kenyon. Roll call vote resulted in six ayes.

6. Appointed Mr. Newman to a four year term, Mr. Nesbitt to a three year term and Mrs. VandenBerg to a two year term to be served on the newly formed Thornapple Area Park and Recreation Commission contingent on the Council's approval of the commission's articles of incorporation at its next meeting. Mrs. VandenBerg presented the motion with the support of Mr. Nesbitt.

7. Adjourned the meeting at 7:46 p.m. on the motion made by Mrs. VandenBerg with the support of Mr. Lytle.

Respectfully submitted,
Roselle Havens, Clerk

The complete text of the minutes may be read at the Village Office Monday through Friday between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

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Synopsis of minutes
THORNAPPLE TWP.

SPECIAL MEETING
October 26, 1999

Meeting called at 7:00 p.m. at the Irving Twp. Hall to finalize Fire Contract.

Thornapple Board members present - 7. Irving Board present 4. Others present - 2.

Costs, length of contract and addition of 3 sections to be covered were discussed.

Motion by Irving Board to sign contract passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 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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Freeport man goes to jail for fleeing, drunk driving

Edward Englehart, 47, of Freeport, was sentenced to six months in jail with work release on a conviction of fourth degree fleeing and eluding and 90 days in jail on a conviction of drunk driving.

Englehart was arrested by police after he allegedly pushed his ex-girlfriend, took her Jeep then fled from police while intoxicated July 30.

Englehart allegedly failed to stop for Trooper Bryan Fuller and ran a stop sign at Usborne Road and M-43 in Carlton Township, then drove off the road behind a church on the north side of M-43 in Carlton Township.

Fuller followed the Jeep until Englehart allegedly turned around and drove toward the police cruiser. Fuller backed out of the way as Englehart allegedly drove across a ditch, re-entered the roadway and struck passing motorist.

Fuller was then able to apprehend Englehart after the Jeep blew a tire during the pursuit.

Englehart registered a .17 on a blood alcohol test.

"It's clear he's a classic example of the types of cases we see come through our office," said Makled. "The first is alcohol abuse and the second is neglecting his children."

Makled told the court that Englehart owes $80,000 in child support.

"And, at the age of 46, he's found drunk and trying to escape the police, getting into a car accident," said Makled.

According to defense attorney David Gilbert, however, Englehart's children are all over 18 years of age and that "neglect is a two-way street."

Gilbert added that allegations Englehart tired to hurt someone are false.

"He went to the ditch to go around the police officer, he wasn't trying to hit him," said Gilbert, adding that except for the incident, Englehart has not had a problem with alcohol in a number of years.

"I'd like to apologize to the court," said Englehart. "I take full responsibility for what I did."

"What you did was a very dangerous situation to everyone on the community," said Fisher. "I hope you reconsider you use of alcohol and conclude that it's not worth it."

He was also ordered to spend two years on probation and to pay $250 in fines and consists on each of the two convictions.

Junction box vandals sought

The Ameritech Telephone Company is offering a $1,000 reward for information leading to the arrest and convictions of the people responsible for damaging five junction boxes late last month.

According to the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police, the interior of the junction boxes were partially damaged, causing a disruption of service to many customers in Irving and Rutland Townships.

Repairs are expected to be costly.

Boxes damaged were located at the following intersections: Hammond Road and Iroquois Trail; Iroquois Trail and Buehler Road, Buehler and Woodruff Roads; two boxes near the 4600 block of Heath Road; and Ryan and Buehler roads.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Michigan State Police at 948-8283 or Silent Observer at 1-800-310-9031.

Middleville man held on 6 charges

A 28-year-old Middleville man is being held on $80,000 bond in the Barry County Jail awaiting a Nov. 3 preliminary examination on six counts of first degree criminal sexual conduct.

Each count carries a maximum possible sentence of life in prison.

Michigan State Police troopers said Ruben Weston is accused of having sex with a 14-year-old Pennsylvania girl during her visit to a Middleville home from July until earlier this month.

Weston allegedly told police he dreamed he was having sex with his girlfriend when he allegedly raped the girl on the first occasion.

He allegedly claimed the girl blackmailed him into having sex with her five more times over the course of her visit saying she would report the original rape if he did not submit.

Weston is scheduled for a Nov. 3 preliminary examination on the charges in Barry County's 56-1 District Court.

Fight report nets five MIP citations

Police responding to a report of a fight in progress in the 400 block of Briarwood Drive in Thornapple Township Oct. 15 resulted in five people being cited as minors in possession of alcohol, according to a report by the Barry County Sheriff's Department.

Deputies arrived at about 11:30 p.m. to find several subjects involved in an altercation on the deck of a home. As some people began to flee the scene, police ordered them to stop.

One teen fled and is now facing charges of resisting and obstructing and disobeying a lawful order of a police officer.

Issued minor in possession (M.I.P) citations were a 19-year-old from Gobles who had a bodily alcohol content (B.A.C.) of .18, a 19-year-old from Middleville with a B.A.C. of .19, a 13-year-old Middleville youth with .07 B.A.C., a 16-year-old from Hastings with .04 B.A.C and an 18-year-old from Middleville with a .085 B.A.C.

The 42-year-old owner of the home was apparently not home at the time of the incident.

SPECIAL MEETINGS NOTICE

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP

284 N. Briggs Road
Middleville, MI 49333
(616) 795-9091

Purpose of Meetings: Planning & Zoning Commission is conducting Workshop Sessions regarding revisions & updating the Yankee Springs Township Zoning Ordinance.

Residents are welcome to attend and contribute suggestions for revisions. The Township Planning Consultant will also be attending these sessions.

Dates: Tuesday - November 16th - 7:30 P.M.
Tuesday - November 30th - 7:30 P.M.

All meetings will be conducted at the Yankee Springs Township Hall.

This notice is in compliance with PA 267 of 1976 as amended (Open Meetings Act), MCLA 41.72a (2) (3) and the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA).

The Yankee Springs Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 7 days notice to the Yankee Springs Township Clerk.

Signed: Janice C. Lippert, Clerk
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Stolen cash register found

A report of a man crouching near a small fire in the Barry State Game Area near Robertson Road in Thornapple Township Oct. 11 resulted in police arriving to find only a discarded cash register, empty cash drawer and credit card reading machine, according to a report by the Barry County Sheriff's Department.

Deputy Jim Fawcett reportedly did not find the suspect, however.

According to his report, Fawcett found the items on a foot trail near a small parking area on Robertson Road.

Also found was cash register receipt tape hanging from a tree.

The incident remains under investigation.

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Insulation business off to a solid start in Middleville

Comfort Control Insulation, L.L.C. located in Middleville, has reported that is first few months in business have been beyond expectations.

Customers so far have included a large church, many new homes and retro-insulating of existing homes. Comfort Control Insulation is a licensed installer for Nu-Wool Insulation, which is located in Jenison and serves many installers throughout the upper Midwest area of the country.

The Comfort Control Insulation truck.

Miles Walters, president and partner of Comfort Control Insulation, said, "When we first decided to go into this business, it was because as a licensed home builder and remodeler, I had started using the product and was highly impressed with the results. Soon I was using the Nu-Wool process as part of my sales presentation on remodeling and new home construction. Eventually, my dad (Jim Walter) and I decided to set up a separate insulation company that would service not only my building and remodeling jobs, but also customers of its' own. The early results have been excellent and we are totally committed to this company and the energy saving process it offers."

Comfort Control Insulation's truck has a logo and slogan designed by Debbie Walter (Miles' wife) and painted by their friend, Mitch Tolan, owner of Mitcher T Custom Painting. The logo shows a beaver spraying insulation into this home and says... "Taking the bite out of heating and cooling costs."

"New construction has been our mainstay of business so far," says partner Jim Walter. "But retro-insulating of existing homes, especially in the attics, saves the homeowner lots of money, too, and the payback can be within a couple of years, depending on their current insulation situation."

For more information call Debbie Walter at 795-1008.

Investigations continue on bomb threats at TK

by **Patricia Johns**
Staff Writer

Another bomb threat at the Thornapple Kellogg Middle School emptied the building last Thursday afternoon.

Students spent the afternoon in the gymnasium at the TK High School and went home on buses at the regular time.

Investigation continues on the latest threat as well a previous threat at the middle school.

The school district has formulated plans to deal with emergencies, which were followed on Thursday. A parent meeting was held Tuesday to explain the plans.

Following the Oct. 28 threat, parents expressed outrage at the occurrence. Some wondered why there were only 100 parents at the meeting.

Others were concerned that their sons and daughters were having their days interrupted, had to leave school without their coats and anxious about if there was going to be another one that might be real.

Hastings High School received bomb threats on Oct. 27 and 28, which are also under investigation.

Dan Erb who is chairing a committee researching security issues in the district has held two meetings with his committee. They are reviewing guidelines issued by the Michigan State Police and plans from other school districts.

At the Nov. 10 meeting of his committee, he hopes to reach consensus on what needs to be done to update plans at Thornapple Kellogg.

The plans then will be distributed to administrators and staff and the various levels for comment. Once the process is completed, a plan will be presented to the Board of Education for approval.

Parents who were unable to attend the meeting about emergency plans can contact individual principals for details.

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Bradford White tax abatement approved

by **Patricia Johns**
Staff Writer

Members of the Middleville Village Council last week approved the request by the Bradford White Corp. for a 50 percent tax abatement for a $5.5 million rehabilitation and construction project.

During the public hearing, Village Manager Bryan Gruesbeck explained that since the abatement was on the taxable value of additional development, he estimated that the loss in tax revenue to the village was only slightly more than $15,500 for the six years of the abatement.

Gruesbeck told council that there was a possibility that the company may hire up to 200 new employees. Bradford White CEO Richard Milock amended that statement to say that he couldn't guarantee that the addition would bring that many jobs, but without it, growth of the company will be much more difficult.

"Continuing growth goes hand in hand with the investments the company has already made in the Middleville facility," Milock said.

The company has already spent $20 million on the facility. It received a similar rebate in 1998. Village President Lon Myers said that the company is working closely with the village to obtain grants. It has guaranteed 50 new jobs which has enabled the Local Development Finance Authority to apply for a Community Development Block Grant of $500,000.

Bradford White also is participating in a storm water sewer installation along Washington Street, which should ease some of the runoff problems in the area.

Milock told the council that by erecting a building where the hot water tanks are stored, the atmosphere in the neighborhood should improve. The noise of some of the vehicles will also be masked.

This construction should clean up the back of the building and improve the appearance of the area.

In other village business, the final interviews for the planner are scheduled. Gruesbeck said he hopes to be able to introduce the person hired at the next meeting.

There was a general discussion of the need to install the 25 mph signs from Bender Road west to the new middle school.

There was continuing discussion about whether there needed to be a four-way stop at the corner of Bender and Green Lake roads.

Several questioned who was responsible for controlling the traffic congestion at the intersection. Myers has asked Barry County Sheriff's deputy Tony Stein to observe the traffic and if needed will ask the district to help fund a traffic study.

In other business, the council approved the joint agreement forming the Thornapple Recreation Commission.

The next meeting of the Middleville Village Council will be on Tuesday, Nov. 9, at 7 p.m.

Scots' boys headed to state

Caledonia's boys cross country team qualified for the Class B State finals last Saturday by finishing second at the 20-team B regional. The State finals will be held this Saturday, Nov. 6.

Holland Christian won the regional with 66 points and Caledonia was second with 90 points. Sparta also

See cross country, pg. 14

THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that on

November 15, 1999 at 7:00 p.m.

The Thornapple Township Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on a proposed Township Ordinance that would define and make a criminal offense certain activities which are characterized as public nuisances, such as, but not limited to:

Public disturbances, drunkenness, indecent activities, loitering, destruction of property, control of loud noises or use of amplified sound, willful use of physical or verbal conduct in opposition to law enforcement officers, minors in possession of alcoholic beverages, vehicle parking on private land, frequent barking dogs and misuse of telephones or the Internet.

COMPLETE TEXT OF THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE TOWNSHIP HALL, 200 E. MAIN, MIDDLEVILLE.

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Sailors find success on the ground against Middleville

Quarterback Dan Kiel (9) looks to air one out as Mike Nichols (3) blocks up front. (Photo by Mary Warner)

Middleville's Mike Nichols (3) runs into three South defenders during last Friday's district clash in Byron Center. (Photo by Marv Warner)

Squandered opportunities for Middleville and a South Christian offense that just wouldn't quit made for a 35-14 South win last Friday in a Division IV district football battle at Byron Center High School.

The Sailors racked up 328 yards of offense and held the Trojans pretty much in check — beside two long touchdown runs by quarterback Dan Kiel — to earn the post-season triumph.

"The offense squandered some opportunities, (but) I think more or less we need to credit South Christian for really putting pressure on our veer game," Middleville coach Tim Penfield said. "I think they were a good football team; They executed very well."

Next up for South is O-K Gold rival and area foe Caledonia. The Fighting Scots beat East Grand Rapids 27-20 last Friday to earn their spot in the second round of the playoffs.

A good chunk of South's 328 yards versus Middleville came on the ground. The Sailors ran for nearly 300 yards with senior back Ted Newhof gaining 145 yards and reaching pay dirt twice. All five South touchdowns came on the ground.

Newhof darted 63 yards for the game's first score in the first quarter and then rambled 7 yards in the second quarter to put his team in front 14-7.

In Penfield's opinion, one turning point of the game came when Middleville squandered a field goal chance in the second quarter. South then drove 80 yards and reached pay dirt on Newhof's score from 7 yards.

Other Sailor touchdowns came on a 14-yard sprint from Kris Holstege in the third quarter, a 1-yard dive from Bruce Osterhaven in the third quarter and a 18-yard gallop by Dan Pluger in the fourth quarter.

Quarterback Dan Kiel tallied both of the Trojan touchdowns. In the first quarter, Kiel broke loose for a 55-yard score to tie the game at 7-7. In the fourth quarter, the senior signal-caller sprinted 68 yards into the end zone.

Kiel wound up with 165 yards on 16 carries and completed six passes for 64 yards.

Hindering the Trojans' winning chances was their four fumbles, two of which led directly to South scores.

"We had too many unforced errors with these fumbles," Penfield said. "That makes it difficult to beat a good team like South Christian. When you make those kind of mistakes, it's difficult to overcome and beat a very sound team."

Penfield was a bit disappointed following the game, but said the season overall was a good one and expects more success in the years to come.

"It's crushing; it's really difficult," Penfield exclaimed. "I'm disappointed tonight, but as a whole I'm very proud of these guys."

The Trojans' offense did find some success from time to time, but squandered chances cost them a chance at a post-season victory. (Photo by Mary Warner)

Cross country, from pg. 13 —

qualified with 133 points.

Times and places for the Caledonia runners were Tim Ross first in 15:31, Mitch Petz fifth in 16:22, Joe Lillie 10th in 16:48, Patrick Spitzley 25th in 17:15, Curt Rozell 49th in 18:05, Kevin Longstreet 57th in 18:13 and John Rozsa 68th in 18:33. There were 136 runners in the race.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Jill Williams

Thornapple-Kellogg High School (Middleville)

Williams was a major contributor in the Lady Trojans' 58-34 varsity girls basketball win over Wyoming Rogers. Williams pulled down 10 rebounds, dished out 6 assists and made 4 steals.

Kelley Jackson

Caledonia High School

Jackson was a real spark for the Sweet Ladies last week in a 49-42 varsity girls basketball win over Kenowa Hills. Jackson scored 20 points, made 3 steals and dished out 5 assists.

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Mentoring program helps Caledonia kids

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A program for mentoring young people is very important to students in Caledonia, if the number of mentors is an indication.

More than 120 adults are dedicating weekly times to middle school and high school students who have requested personal attention. There are others who give time to youngsters in some of the elementary schools as well.

About one to one half hour a week is scheduled for adults to talk with the children who are matched with them. The time is spent in the school, once a week.

Reasons given for volunteering to mentor young people usually include the benefit for the children and the reward for the mentors who get to see how they have made a difference in someone's life.

Don Ziemke became a mentor because someone recommended him as a person who would be good at the job. He said he did it because he "wanted to give something of value to the community, he hoped to make a difference in a kid's life, and would hopefully help to steer his young person down a good road"

Ziemke has only related to the young man he was matched to for a short time, but already, he said, he was amazed to discover how large the program is, and how many kids of middle school age are open to building a relationship with an interested adult.

The interest from an adult friend can help them turn in homework already finished, for example. The attention motivates them to change behavior.

Adults serve as role models, acting as a friend, a sounding board, and a good influence.

Parents of the children who receive mentoring often are grateful for the influence on their child.

One mother, Kelly VanderPloeg, said Laura Coolman, had mentored her child for three years,

Julie Pagano, who has been mentoring a middle school student for several months wears her mentor button.

Don Ziemke has been a mentor for only a short time.

continuing an active role in her daughter's life by leaving a phone message, encouraging her, showing interest, sending a gift on special occasions and by guiding her toward special opportunities that would encourage her interests, such as a career direction.

"It's said that we look back in our lives and we can remember that one special person who took the time to make a difference in our life. For my daughter, that would be Laura Coolman. She kept a commitment to care, encourage and redefined the Webster explanation of what a mentor is,"VanderPloeg said.

Coolman said, "At first, I just wanted to be involved in some way, and once I started, I wanted to continue so she knew I really cared about her."

Students agree that their mentors have influenced them in positive ways. The word gets around, and that is why students now ask for a mentor of their own.

Megan O'Brien, an eighth-grader, said at first she didn't know why she needed a mentor, but had since learned her mentor had

He said he had learned that people from all walks of life were volunteers, and he was genuinely enjoying the process of interacting with the young man he meets every week.

"It's pretty rewarding for a mentor, who also gets to see how the kid is responding, and to reassure them because you are an example of someone who went through the same thing, but actually turned out all right," Ziemke said.

Julie Pagano is another mentor.

"It feels good to help," she said explaining, "A person always receives by giving.

"Children tend to accept the influence of someone outside the home, better than a parent," she said.

She said the student she works with is very intelligent. "She just benefits from having that interest."

Motivation for the kids who request being matched with an adult seems to be the individual attention received. The adult is not an authority figure, but functions more as a friend, a confidant and as a listener to the youngster's concerns

Sometimes there are family problems, but just as many youngsters come from stable homes. Kids of that age have a need to discuss things that are a conflict for them, even when limited to studies, to extracurricular activities like sports and how they are relating to the opposite sex.

Decisions about setting priorities in school can come up.

Youngsters often need encouragement to be accountable for their own actions, and to take responsibility to do assignments on time. helped her in so many ways.

O'Brien has followed her own mentor's example and now volunteers to work with younger children in a classroom at Kettle Lake.

The program has numerous examples of how a small investment of time can bring large rewards.

New fireplace business opens in Middleville

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Gerard Hemmes brings years of experience to his new business, West Michigan Fireplace and Hearth in Middleville.

Hemmes has seen the industry change from the stoves that helped people cope with the energy crisis in the '70s to today's highly efficient and attractive stoves.

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Scots win playoff opener, from page 1

For some inexplicable reason, the rest of the night belonged to Caledonia on both sides of the ball.

The offensive line, featuring Tony Governol, Steve Homrich, Corey Koopmans, Matt Pifer, Curt VanderHeide and Travis Buehler, began to win the war in the trenches, consistently opening holes for backs Dan Bloemers, Shawn Frisbee, Swanberg and quarterback Ben Busman.

The result was a gritty, old-fashioned, smash mouth drive of 63 yards in 13 plays, with Bloemers going the final 17 yards on a pitch from Busman. The march ate up more than seven minutes on the clock, and after Dave Schadler's kicked extra point, it enabled the Scots to creep to within a TD of the home team, 20-14.

Schadler then kept the momentum going with a magnificent kickoff that went into the end zone untouched, further firing up the upstart visiting team.

The Pioneers were able to pick up one first down, but a couple of Scot defenders hit quarterback Brandon Marshall as he was about to pass to his favorite receiver, Jeff Eldersveld, when Mike Bensted picked off the wounded duck and returned it to East's 27-yard line.

Four plays later, Swanberg appeared stopped for no gain at the 5-yard line, but he refused to give up and somehow found a way to get over the goal line. So, with not quite 10 minutes left in the ballgame, the scored was knotted at 20-20 and momentum certainly was with the visiting team.

Schadler booted another fine kickoff that put East back its own 16. Swanberg sacked McDonald for a six-yard loss and later Joshua Swart came up with a big open field tackle on McDonald that stopped him three yards short of a first down, forcing another East Grand Rapids punt.

Swanberg then made yet another fine return into Pioneer territory and only two plays later Bloemers broke loose on a 34-yard scamper to the end zone. Schadler put the icing on the cake with the kick and the 27-20 score held up for the rest of the evening.

A couple of big reasons why it held up were a fumble recovery by James Sheely and a crucial roughing the kicker penalty on the Pioneers that allowed Caledonia to safely sit on the football in the last minute and a half of the ballgame.

The defense, riddled by McDonald's running and the Marshall-to-Eldersveld passing tandem, had essentially shut down East after the intermission.

Jason Swanberg picks up some yardage for the Scots on the way to a 27 to 20 Caledonia first round playoff victory. (Photo by Shelly Sulser)

Few could have predicted the second half heroics by the Scots. They were down by 13 points at the half, and some knew at that point they were lucky to be even that close.

With the game not even a minute old, the Pioneers were on Caledonia's 6-yard line after a 42-yard pass play from Marshall to Eldersveld. Three plays later, Marshall and Eldersveld hooked up again for a five-yard TD.

East threatened to strike again after recovering a fumble on Caledonia's first play from scrimmage. The Pioneers drove to within five yards of pay dirt with a third down and three, but that's when Matt Tava stepped up for two big plays. Tava nailed McDonald at the five for no gain, saving a sure TD and then on fourth down batted down an aerial headed straight for Eldersveld.

The two big defensive stops enabled Caledonia to dodge a two-touchdown deficit in just the first six minutes.

The Scots finally got their offensive act together midway in the second period, going 80 yards in eight plays. One key was a 42-yard run by Busman, who eventually went in from 12 yards out and Schadler's kick gave the Scots their only lead of the first half, 7-6.

But East then struck for two quick touchdowns just before intermission. Matt Lineberger carried it in from three yards less than two minutes after the Scots' first

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The Scot mascot helped pump up the huge crowd of fans at the Friday game. (Photo by Shelly Sulser)

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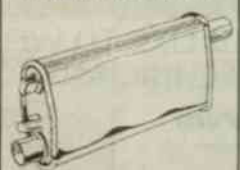

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Caledonia Scot Jeremy Breihof (82) reaches for a pass as defender Tom Powers (19) of East Grand Rapids tries to break-up the play. (Photo by Shelly Sulser)

From previous page

score and Marshall hit Tom Pantlind with a 20-yard scoring strike with just 1:04 left in the half and Lineberger ran in the two-point conversion.

That made the score at the half 20-7 and things looked pretty grim for Caledonia. But once again — never underestimate the power of emotion and the power of momentum.

The Scots will need both again this weekend at Byron Center, where they will face a South Christian team that beat them 38-16 on Oct. 8. South Christian, which shared the O-K Gold Conference title with the Scots, Belding and Forest Hills Northern, beat Middleville in the first round last Friday night, 35-14.

The Sailors will enter the game with an 8-2 overall record against Caledonia, which is now 7-3. Despite the Oct. 8 score and South's better record, don't count out the Scots. Just ask East Grand Rapids.

Disabilities Awareness Day slated for Nov. 20

Girl Scout Junior Troop No. 3 (fifth- and sixth-graders) will sponsor a Disabilities Awareness Day for other Girl Scout troops in the Cherry Valley Neighborhood Saturday, Nov. 20 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kettle Lake Elementary.

This troop will provide a hands-on learning experience to the other Girl Scout attendees in the following areas:

Learning disabilities: stringing beads with large gloves on; unwrapping Tootsie Rolls with one hand, etc.

Physical disabilities (wheelchairs): obstacle course.

Hearing impaired: spelling test with the words muffled, teach sign language.

Visually impaired: eat a snack blindfolded.

Each session will run four times in the morning and four times in the afternoon.

Ten troops, with 94 girls, have registered for the morning sessions.

Seven troops with 76 girls have registered for the afternoon sessions.

For more information, call contact Laura Porritt at (616) 776-5728 or (616) 554-9614.

Women's club, from page 5

GFWC Great Lakes District Convention in Frankenmuth Oct. 28-31; a joint club outing to Turkeyville with GFWC Hastings that included lunch and "Hello, Dolly!; a report on the recent library meeting; a board meeting report from Oct. 1; and the recent award from Keep Michigan Beautiful Inc. to GFWC-Gun Lake Area club. Also a reminder about dues: $20. Call club treasurer Corrine Andrews (795-3441)

The new meeting location for ESO reading club on the third Thursday of each month, 10 a.m., is at the GFWC-Gun Lake Area Library, located in the Hummingbird Arts and Crafts on Patterson Road. Call Marilyn Moses (795-9904) or Gloria Cunningham (795-9170) for more information. The new library hours are the same at the Hummingbird: Monday-Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 4 p.m. The library is a lending library, and is user friendly.

Anyone interested in GFWC-Gun Lake Area are welcome and encouraged to attend. Call club officers: Jose Vogel, president, 795-7367, or Marjory Richards, vice president, at 795-3969 for information.

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Sweet Ladies defend well versus Knights

A great defensive effort helped Caledonia to get past Kenowa Hills 49-42 last Thursday in varsity girls basketball action at Kenowa Hills.

The Sweet Ladies put the defensive heat on the Knights all night, especially in the third quarter when they limited their foes to just three points. Caledonia won the fourth quarter 16-12.

"It was a great defensive effort and probably our best all season," Caledonia coach Jon Meerman said. "The intensity was outstanding."

The victory improved the team's record to 10-5 overall and 8-4 in the O-K Gold.

Kelley Jackson had a solid all-around game with 20 points, 5 assists and 3 steals.

Anne Morgan tallied 14 points, Lindsay Walter pulled down 7 rebounds and Kristy Green also collected 7 caroms.

Junior Varsity...

The junior varsity cagers at Caledonia High School won two games last week, beating Kenowa Hills 47-36 and South Christian 42-41. The Sweet Ladies had lost to both teams the first time they played them this year.

In the triumph over South, Stacey Jenema scored 14 points, Hannah Cooley 9 and Amanda Martin 8.

Cooley tallied 9, Martin 8 and Jenema 7 in the victory last Thursday over Kenowa Hills.

Point guard Mary Sandveit also provided leadership and heady play to the team's success.

The two wins improved the team's record to 12-3 overall and 10-2 in the O-K Gold Conference.

Hoop league starting up in Caledonia

A mens' 4-on-4 recreational basketball league in the Caledonia area is being formed.

The league is for cagers 30 and over. Games will be played at the Caledonia Middle School on Wednesday nights.

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Solid Soccer Season Concludes...

The Trojans' varsity soccer team from Thornapple Kellogg High School entered district play Wednesday with an 11-6-1 record, but lost to East Grand Rapids at home 4-0. Here, Trojan goalkeeper Dave Osborne snatches the ball out of the air to make a save, while some fancy footwork is displayed as a Trojan avoids the defense from an East opponent. (Photos by Perry Hardin)

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JV hockey team beats Jenison, 7-1

The Caledonia/Lowell JV hockey team came out to face Jenison with winning in mind.

The result was to their liking as they won 7-1 at the Michigan National Ice Center to improve its record to 1-2.

At 5:48 of the first period, Eric Bradley scored the first goal on a nice feed from Andi Larish.

Freshman Dustin Hofert stopped several breakaway attempts by the Jenison team with a solid display of checking.

At 11:50 in the first period, freshman Andrew Blanchard took a solo shot from the blue line and found the twine for the team's third goal.

Coming right back two minutes later, junior Daryl Cromer fired a laser shot from the blue line that got by the goaltender for the team's fourth goal.

At 9:06 of the second period, sophomore Chris Rybicki fed Larish in front of the net for the fifth goal.

Then at 1:35 of the second, Rybicki got a feed from sophomore Jeremy Hanson for a score.

Rybicki had one goal and one assist, Gromer one goal and Blanchard also tallied a goal.

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Seventh-grade purple cagers end with win

"We really came a long way defensively," Caledonia coach Jerry Aquino said. "We held Hamilton to only three points in the second half. I'm really proud of them."

The highlight of the season, according to Aquino, was a 22-20 win on Oct. 14 over previously unbeaten Godwin. The Sweet Ladies prevailed on a pair of free throws by Becca Young with one second remaining.

Team members were Dani Breihof, Alex Buchanan, Ashley Carmer, Sharon Cooley, Samantha Glover, Leslee Haisma, Katie Leatherman, Erin McCarty, Whitney Moll, Sammy Nemecek, Amy Nerz, Kathy Patterson, Nikki White, Young and Brooke Ziesemer.

The seventh grade girls purple basketball team at the Caledonia Middle School closed out its season with a 25-9 victory over Hamilton.

The Sweet Ladies finished their season with a 9-3 record.

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Scots, Soccer Champs...

The Caledonia Fighting Scots out-scored its opponents 76-11 en route to its O-K Gold Conference soccer title this season. Caledonia played in the district championship at Lakewood High School on Saturday. (Photo provided)

Big second quarter lifts Lady Trojans over Hawks

Leading by one point, 18-17, at half, Middleville's varsity cagers came out inspired in the final two quarters to prevail last Tuesday over Wyoming Rogers, 58-34.

The Lady Trojans outscored the Golden Hawks 17-5 in the third quarter and 23-12 in the fourth quarter to pull away.

Leslie Crowley tallied 14 points, Sarah Schut 13 points and Jessica Crowley 7 points to lead the black and orange. All of Jessica Crowley's points came in the pivotal third quarter.

Jill Williams had a solid all-around game with 10 rebounds, 6 assists and 4 steals.

Payshence Erb also contributed with 5 assists.

Junior Varsity...

The TK Ladies went 2-0 last week with wins over Rogers 51-46 and Spring Lake 55-40. The pair of wins improves the team's record to 9-7.

Rebecca Cobb scored 16, Ashley Carter 11 and Andrea Bouma 10 in the win over Rogers. Bouma also had 9 rebounds and 5 assists. Laura VanRyn, Cobb and Bouma each made 4 steals.

Four players tallied double figures in the victory over Spring Lake. VanRyn scored 13, Bouma 11, Cobb 10 and Carter 10. Carter also pulled down 7 rebounds, Cobb dished out 4 assists, Bouma 4 steals and VanRyn 4 steals.

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