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Holly Trolley sparks holiday festivities

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Bradford White Corp. made a significant contribution to the visit of the Holly Trolley to Middleville that is planned for Wednesday, Dec. 22.

The trolley will be in Middleville from 6 to 9 Wednesday, with Santa and on-board musical entertainment. Tickets are 50 cents a person for a comfortable ride to look at holiday lights.

The trolley starts at the Middleville United Methodist Church, and following the glow in the sky will go pass the many decorated homes in the near downtown area. A stop at the the Erb and Thatcher homes for entertainment follows. Celebrants will be escorted to the live nativity outside the church and then go in for coffee and cookies.

The visit of the trolley was underwritten by the Barry County Area Chamber of Commerce with local help from Bradford White, Phil's Pizza and Family Traxs Video.

Other assistance came from Eldon Newmeyer, Tires 2000 and the Middle Villa Inn.

Girl Scout carolers will entertain outside the Village Hall and The Scoop Dec. 22. The Middleville United

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The Barry County Area Chamber of Commerce encourages everyone to take a ride on the Holley Trolley Wednesday, Dec. 22, from 6 to 9 p.m.

Temporary, portable signs banned in Caledonia Village

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Village Council Dec. 13 approved sign ordinance changes recommended earlier by the Planning Commission, essentially banning all temporary and portable signs in the village.

Trustee Dan Erskine, who had been involved in drafting the ordinance changes, explained the reasons for the changes and what would result.

He said businesses and shopping centers in Planned Unit Developments (PUDs) had been asking for changes and frequently had been bringing variance requests before the Planning Commission. It was felt that changing the ordinance would result in fewer requests.

Another was a desire to make zoning and sign ordinances more consistent with other ordinances in the community.

Another main change that will result will be alteration of signs in commercial districts.

In C-1 and I-1 districts, signs would increase from a maximum of 64 to 80 square feet per lot. In the case of more than four tenants in a building, a sign area equal to 32 square feet plus 12 square feet per tenant would be permitted. Excess space may only be allowed to signs attached to the building walls and approved by the unified sign plan for the development.

Only one free standing pole sign or one ground sign may be permitted per lot, limited to 32 square feet. Up to 65 percent of the sign may be changeable copy area. The sign may be a consolidated tenant sign identifying multiple tenants. The height may be 12 feet, but if less than six feet above ground, it must be ten feet from the street right of way.

The sign size maximum in the C-2 district may be

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increased to 150 square feet per lot or building development. If there are more than four tenant spaces, a total sign area of 80 square feet plus 24 square feet per tenant may be permitted. Area in excess of 150 square feet must be attached to the wall of the building and approved under a unified sign plan, as presented under the site plan review process.

Wall signs must be attached flat against the building or of a canopy design. Wall signs may not extend beyond the edge of the wall to which they are affixed, or extend above the roof line of a building.

One pole sign or ground sign may be permitted per building development in C-2 districts. It may have 50% in changeable copy area, or a consolidated tenant sign identifying multiple tenants. Free standing signs may not be more than 18 feet high. If any part of the free standing sign (not including supports) is less than six feet above the ground, the sign must be placed a minimum of ten feet from the street right of way. The reason is not to obstruct view for drivers.

Commercial areas of PUDs will be expected to comply with the general C-2 zoning.

Signs for institutional or governmental use must comply with the provisions for the C-1 district.

Temporary and portable signs that include wheels, hitches for towing, changeable letters, temporary signs, balloons, banners and sidewalk signs are prohibited.

Portable signs may be permitted in the AG, R-1, R-2 and R-3 districts, for religious, governmental or educational purposes, used for display during holidays, patriotic occasions or charitable purpose or events. They may be displayed for up to 30 days, with a permit issued by the building inspector.

Signs containing flashing, blinking, scrolling copy, animation or moving parts will not be allowed, nor will electronic copy that changes more often than once every 30 seconds. One timing exception is made for signs displaying time or temperature.

Erskine said the ordinance may be amended.

"It's better than what we had before," he said.

Village President Daryl Penfold said zoning is a never ending process, and amendments always seem to be needed.

When the downtown area is changed through an enhancement process, other changes in signs may be asked for by downtown owners and committee members.

People having questions about whether their signs are in compliance, properly permitted, or if old signs may be grandfathered in, may call the village office at 891-9384.

The changes will go into effect when the public notice is published.

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TK administration offices to be closed for holidays

The Thornapple Kellogg Schools' administration office will be closed on two consecutive Thursdays and Fridays, Dec. 23, 24, 30, and 31.

It will resume normal office hours Monday, Jan. 3.

Individual school district buildings will be closed from Dec. 20 until Jan. 3.

Holiday Deadlines and Hours for

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Deadlines for December 28th issues:

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Classified Ads: Noon, Monday, Dec. 27th

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Display Ads: Noon, Thursday, Dec. 30
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Closing at Noon Christmas Eve; re-opening at 8 a.m., Monday Dec. 27th.
Closing at Noon New Year's Eve; re-opening 8 a.m., Monday Jan. 3

New CMS principal to be deputy supt. Craig Schmidt

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Craig Schmidt didn't actually apply for the Caledonia Middle School principal's post while filling in and still performing as deputy superintendent and personnel director.

Schmidt said that while he was wearing his new hat he discovered how much he enjoyed working with the staff, the kids and the parents at the middle school.

"I like change. I enjoyed my work here. I love working with this age of children."

So now he has taken over as middle school principal and will give up the deputy superintendent's job.

In his first seven years in Caledonia, Schmidt had been a principal, and before that he taught middle school kids in Muskegon and worked as assistant principal at Waverly Middle School in Lansing.

Meanwhile, a search was being made to find a principal at CMS Nearing the end of the search for a principal at CMS he realized he liked what he was doing, and told the board he would be interested in filling the position himself. They agreed, though he will not be officially accepted until a vote on Dec. 22.

"There is much more appreciation and feedback in working with children," he said. "There is a very positive response from the staff and the parents... much more than in working with personnel."

He said he had enjoyed his work as deputy superintendent, but he is also very excited about his new position.

Superintendent Doug Busman said in the search for a principal, there were a number of qualifications being looked for, and he felt Schmidt met those criteria, and had recommended him.

Busman mentioned Schmidt's 20 years experience as a school administrator including nine years as a middle school principal in Caledonia through 1984.

He said "Craig has high ethical standards and high expectations for others."

In addition, Busman said Schmidt had demonstrated courage, confidence and decisiveness in making educational decisions in his role as deputy superintendent in charge of personnel.

Busman said "Schmidt has contributed to the Caledonia Community Schools teacher selection process, and has himself become an expert in curriculum and instruction."

He said Schmidt was a team player and an acknowledged expert in team building, teaching graduate classes in this area. Busman said this was important because the middle school is organized around teacher teams.

"Craig is a visionary leader with a growth and improvement orientation. He is able to look creatively into the future to help anticipate issues and provide solutions. He has contributed to our student-centered approach to academic proficiency," Busman said.

Schmidt's training was at Western Michigan University and his master's degree was in educational leadership, with post graduate work at Michigan State.

Since coming here in 1975, his three children have attended Caledonia schools, with one still in high school.

The search to find Schmidt's replacement will begin as soon as his new position is made official.

TK senior party fund-raising continues

Fund-raisers for the TK Class of 2000 overnight graduation party fund are continuing. A sale was successful in November, selling more than 200 wreaths, with a fund-raising total of over $1,500. A few wreaths have not yet been picked up at Thornapple Floral, where Kris Selleck and her staff took part.

A meat raffle was also successful, as over $2,000 was raised, helped by donations from Rob and Sue Dykstra of Preferred Poured Walls, Greg and Cheryl Lydy of Greg Lydy Builder, Geukes Meat Processing, Tom and Jeri Otto at Tom Otto Turkey Farms.

Winners of the raffle were first prize, 1/2 beef, Dale and Deanne Crowley; second prize, 1/2 pig, Duane Weeks; third, 1/2 pig, Kris Sible; fourth, $50 turkey package, Bonnie Hanford; and fifth, $50 turkey package, Pat Moeller.

One ongoing fund-raiser this year is the group's volunteering at food booths for events at the VanAndel arena. This will be carried into the coming years, and could prove to be very lucrative in fund-raising efforts. Mike Bremer and Char Mello rounded up volunteers.

The latest fund-raiser began Friday, Dec. 17, with the sale of tickets for a vehicle raffle. The grand prize is the winner's choice of a 1999 Kawasaki Jet Ski, with trailer, valued at $6,500 or a 2000 Kawasaki Prairie 300 4x4 quad with trailer, valued at $6,400. These items are from Harrison Marine and Storage, on Chief Noonday Road, across from Gun Lake Community Church.

Tickets are $5 each or 6 for $25. Call for tickets: Jim and Lois VanVeghel (891-8421) or Wayne and Kim Parrott (795-8899). The drawing will be held on Feb. 25, at halftime of the TK varsity basketball game.

Holly Trolley, from front pg.

Methodist Church Choir and Bell Choir and Shannon Heynig will perform at the Erb home. Heart Song and the Degrooote and Wingeier families will entertain at the Duane and Pat Thatcher home.

Those waiting at the church for the next trolley departure or warming up afterward will be entertained by Faye and Barb Freeman, Don Wicks and Ron Bailey with guitar and piano music.

Groups volunteering on Dec. 22 include Boy Scout Troop 105 and Girl Scout Troops 769, 54, 1231 and 272.

Marianne Fritcher, the organizer of the local event, said she has been overwhelmed by the generosity and enthusiasm of local residents, ready to share the holiday with others. She and Jeri Otto, Middleville's representative on the Barry County Chamber of Commerce welcome the community to this event.

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The second and third grade students at Lee Elementary School overshot their goal to walk 2,000 miles between Nov. 22 and Dec. 17. With the help of good weather and guest walkerssuch as Santa and high school athletes the cumulative total was 2484 miles.

At Page Elementary School 434 fourth and fifth grade students, 27 staff members and guests read for 33 minutes (2,000 seconds) on Dec. 15. Helping them slip into 2000 were the slippers on their feet, good books and friends. Now, 434 plus 27 times 2,000 equals how many seconds...? By the way everyone wore something blue, azure, robin's egg, lapis lazuli, cerulean, navy, denim or royal in hue.

New youth pastor hired at Alaska Baptist Church

The Alaska Baptist Church recently has hired a new youth pastor, Vaughn Groen.

He and his wife, Maralee, have been married for 23 years and reside in Kentwood.

Groen began his ministry at Alaska Baptist Church on Oct. 4. Previously he had been a youth pastor at Faith Baptist Church, Kentwood, for almost six years. Other work has included five years at Honey Creek Christian Youth Homes, Lowell, and the past year at Wedgwood Christian Youth and Family Services as a youth counselor.

Maralee has been employed at Radio Bible Class, Grand Rapids, for 10 years. She is the "production coordinator" for Discovery House Music Publishing.

Groen said, "I look forward to seeing Alaska Baptist Church expand its ministry to families and teens in Caledonia and the surrounding communities."

He said his desire is to be a purpose driven, student led youth ministry that: exalts God through worship, exposes youth people to the Gospel of Christ through evangelism, equips young people to growth in Christ through discipleship, enjoys each other through fellowship and experiences God by ministering gifts and talents.

For more information, call Groen at the church (698-8104) or at his home (455-0931).

Vaughn and Maralee Groen

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Local grad studying abroad

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Samantha Choryan, a 1998 graduate of Caledonia High School, has been accepted in the MSU Documentary Filmmaking Study Abroad program she is involved with for three weeks this month.

She will be producing a documentary film while traveling to numerous cities in Mexico, including Mexico City, Puebla, Oaxaca, Taxco and Aca-pulco. The heaviest focus of the program is on video production, but it also will include intense Spanish speaking sessions.

Choryan is a sophomore at MSU, majoring in telecommunications. She has a media arts cognate minor with an emphasis in film studies. She has been studying video production classes, teaching steps involved from the planning stages all the way through taping and editing.

She is also a volunteer in the production of "Metro LIVE," a live broadcasted television show about urban affairs produced at TCI Cablevision of Mid-Michigan (now AT&T).

While in high school, Choryan also was involved in the Video Production program as well as the Performing Arts Center, in preparation for her emphasis in college.

Choryan recently was rewarded with $500 from the "Coca-Cola Foundation Study Abroad Scholarship," for her past experience and components of her application, a competitive scholarship, based on grade point average (3.7), experience, references and a written essay.

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Wood duck project grant is awarded

The Caledonia Education Foundation has announced that it is awarding a grant to fund the wood duck project, submitted by Duane Petroskey of the Caledonia Middle School.

The project was selected by the foundation because, in addition to meeting other requirements set forth by the foundation, it involves participation of community members, students and businesses.

An official presentation will be made to Petroskey on behalf of the wood duck project at the Caledonia Community Schools' next school board meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Caledonia High School Learning Lab.

For more information on this grant or the grant process in general, call Diana Milock at 752-8516.

The Caledonia Education Foundation was established in 1998 to help support a tradition of excellence in the Caledonia area. Its purpose is to provide funding in the form of grants for exceptional educational programs that would not otherwise be underwritten by Caledonia Community Schools. Requests for grant support can be made by an individual group, with special consideration given to initiatives that partner school, business and community resources to enhance educational opportunities.

The foundation is a not-for-profit, tax-exempt corporation governed by a volunteer board of directors. The board operates under an approved set of bylaws, and its key responsibilities are to raise funds, manage assets, review grant requests, and approve grant awards.

While the foundation is independent in organization and responsibility, it works closely with Caledonia Community School administrators, teachers, students, parents, and school board members. All contributions to the Caledonia Education Foundation are tax deductible.

For more information, call David Morrow at (616) 752-8516 or (616) 891-0390.

Teen New Year's party set at TK

"The Very Large Party" will be held as a New Year's Lock-In at Thornapple Kellogg High School.

The local band "Road Apple Pie" will perform in concert.

The evening will include pizza, snacks, N64s, door prizes, sports, refrigerator box sumo fights, swimming, and there are even rumors of jello wrestling.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and lock from 8 to 6:00 a.m. New Year's day. The cost is $5.

All high schoolers are invited.

The party is being sponsored by the Peace Church Youth Group.

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Obituaries

Dave E. Jeffery Jr.

MIDDLEVILLE - Dave E. Jeffery Jr., age 33, of Middleville, passed away Monday, December 13, 1999.

He was born on July 27, 1966 in Hastings, the son of David E. and Darlene (Powers) Jeffery Sr.

Dave was raised, and attended schools in Hastings and Middleville.

He was married to Debra Miller on May 24, 1994 in Wayland.

Dave was employed at Bradford White in Middleville, A-1 Asphalt and Schans Asphalt.

He was a member of Middleville United Methodist Church.

Dave was an outdoor enthusiast, with a special fondness for fishing and hunting. He enjoyed football, playing cards, and his family.

He was preceded in death by a good friend, Ken Wilson Jr.

Dave is survived by his wife, Debra Jeffery; children, Lydia Jeffery, and Joshua Jeffery at home; step-children, Danielle O'Connor of White Cloud, and Caroline O'Connor of Middleville; his parents, Dave and Darlene Jeffery Sr., of Middleville; sister, Kimberly Vanderiest of Grand Rapids; grandmother, Leone Jeffery of Saranac; several aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Funeral and Committal services were held on Thursday, December 16, 1999 at the Beeler Funeral Chapel in Middleville. Reverend Lee Zachman officiated.

Interment was at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Middleville.

In Lieu of flowers, a fund has been set up for the children at the State Bank of Caledonia in Middleville.

Arrangements were made by the Beeler Funeral Home in Middleville.

Esther M. Burd

MIDDLEVILLE - Mrs. Esther M. Burd, age 86, of Middleville, passed away Sunday, December 12, 1999 at home.

She was born on October 17, 1913 in Maple Grove, the daughter of Albert R. and Eva May (Walls) Green.

Esther was raised in Maple Grove until 13 years old, then moved to the Yankee Springs area.

She was married to Archie R. Burd on September 1, 1934 in the Yankee Springs area, where they continued to live the rest of their lives.

Esther was employed at Baby Bliss for three years.

She was a member of The Over 60's Club and attended church at Yankee Springs Bible Church.

Esther was a homemaker, a good cook, and enjoyed crossword puzzles, painting (country painting), swimming, reading, bird watching, sewing, and playing cards.

She was a caring, loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother (her grandchildren were the love of her life) always doing kind deeds for her family and friends.

Esther was preceded in death by her husband, Archie R. Burd; and son, Ronald A. Burd.

She is survived by her daughter, Mary Lou (Rod) Tietz of Middleville; one sister, Alberta (Marshall) Tripp of Middleville; one brother, Gordon L. Green of Bedford; five grandchildren; seven great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, December 15, 1999 at the Beeler Funeral Chapel in Middleville. Reverend Merritt Johnson officiated.

Interment was at Yankee Springs Cemetery in Yankee Springs Township.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Barry Community Hospice.

Arrangements were made by the Beeler Funeral Home in Middleville.

Frank D. Hirons

WAYLAND TOWNSHIP - Frank D. Hirons, age 64, of Wayland Township, passed away Sunday, December 12, 1999.

He retired from Bradford White of Middleville.

Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Marilyn in 1990.

He is survived by his children, Kevin Hirons & friend, Rebecca, Shirley (Steven) Garwolds, Ken Hirons & friend, Cheryl; step-children, Rick Johnson, Sue Johnson, Mick (Tona) Johnson, and Chris (Adney) McAnany; eight grandchildren; brothers and sister, Don, Katherine, Roy, James and Cleo; also, close friend, Ruth Casler.

Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 16, 1999 at the Archer, Hampel & Kubiak Funeral Home in Wayland. Reverend George Grevenstuk officiated.

Interment was at Elmwood Cemetery.

Arrangements were made by the Archer, Hampel & Kubiak Funeral Home in Wayland.

Sculpture revealed

Sculptor Don Williamson stands next to the sculpture of the former TK Middle School which will be the focal point of the "Reclaimed Spirit" project. Bricks from the old school will be applied to the base in the spring.

Peter Hernandez

MIDDLEVILLE - Peter Hernandez, age 68, of Middleville, passed away Friday, December 17, 1999 at home.

He was born on June 30, 1931 in Bebe, Texas, the son of Genaro and Frances (Sosa) Hernandez.

Peter was raised, and attended schools in Lake Odessa.

He married Helena M. Rohrbacher on April 3, 1960 in Chicago, Illinois.

Peter was a construction worker.

He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church in Caledonia, past Boy Scout Leader of Troop 65, Assistant Scout Master, and Scout Master, member of Order of Arrow and Wood Badge.

Peter was an outdoor enthusiast, with a special fondness for fishing, canoeing, camping, traveling, and he enjoyed gardening.

He was a caring, loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather, (his grandchildren were very special to him), always doing kind deeds for his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Helena M. Hernandez; five sons, Peter Paul Hernandez, Jeffrey H. Hernandez, Matthew J. (Jerica) Hernandez, Anthony L. Hernandez, all of Middleville, and Pete (Kathy) Hall of Oklahoma; two daughters, Rose Mary Sanchez of Chicago, Illinois, and Margaret A. Storey of Kentwood; 10 grandchildren; eight great grandchildren; one sister, Janie Galvan of Hastings; one brother, Jessie (Wanda) Hernandez of Freeport; many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 21, 1999 at 10:00 A.M. at the Beeler Funeral Chapel in Middleville with Reverend Father David E. LeBlanc officiating.

Interment will be at Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Hastings.

Donations may be given to the family to help with expenses.

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Library millage hike debated in Caledonia

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

John VanValkenburg, public relations director of Kent District Library made a presentation before the Caledonia Township Board Dec. 15 to ask support for a millage increase to support the Kent Library District.

VanValkenburg said the initial millage was for the purpose of organizing a library district, which was formed in 1994.

The new county-wide millage proposal will come up in February, on "2-22-2000," a number VanValkenburg stressed would be easy to remember. The current millage rate is .68 mill, which KDL is asking to be increased by .25 to .93 mills.

He said, "We have done well with .68 of a mill," and promised KDL could do much better with an increase.

He said KDL is in the top three libraries in the state, and has more use than the Detroit Public library, but is one of the few in the state that runs under one mill.

VanValkenburg said a family that owns a $100,000 home now pays $34 a year for library services at .68 mill. With the increase, they would pay $46.50 per year, or an increase of $12.50 a year.

Initially, books and materials cost $1.2 million per year, and that has increased now to $1,316,900, or 15 percent of the total budget.

Services have been upgraded. Overall attendance at the 18 branch libraries has increased by 37 percent. An increase of 43 hours per week have been added. A new branch in Spencer Township was added. Three of the larger libraries are open on Sundays.

Computer equipment has been steadily added. Technology for the blind has been added at all the branches. An automated telephone system and Internet service has allowed patrons to access the library without entering the library premises.

Electronic information allows all library branches to have access to the current version of Encyclopedia Britannica.

With the additional millage Feb. 22, KDL has promised to increase the number of open hours, phased in over the next six years, which is very important for the smaller libraries. Extra programs for both children and adults are planned. Even though federal funding for the blind and handicapped are being phased out, the district would still like to provide more services.

Trustee Fred Fleischmann commented that for .93 mill, Caledonia Township could build its own library, though he did not address the portion which KDL already provides for administration of library materials and services in Caledonia, building being considered would cost in the area of $2 million, whether purchased, renovated or leased.

Increases that have come from the increase in total state equalized valuation (SEV) have been invested in improvements in the relatively new library system, for books, programs, services and training of staff,

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Library programs also serve adults. Several people regularly attend the local Book Reading Club held once a month.

Deuce, the 20-year-old library cat, is beloved mascot to some, annoyance to others. Deuce meditates next to his very own web page, where he often receives messages.

The Kent District Library sponsors a variety of programs at the branch libraries in the area, such as well attended story hours for youngsters, complete with costumed characters, like Peter Rabbit. Tish Wells regularly reads to the children at Caledonia.

and at all branches in the district.

He added that KDL had received five Headlee overrides, and charged the district with being greedy. He said increases in SEVs had increased the district's revenues.

"In 1995, Kent County's SEV total was 10.5 million dollars. In 1999, this county's SEV is around $13 million, an increase of around 24 percent. It has held the tax rate steady, with KDL in effect collecting 25 percent more money. In addition, you are asking for .25 mill to build yourself a building."

He charged KDL with collecting 36 percent more money over six years in order to build an $18 million headquarters building.

Later, VanValkenburg explained the headquarters

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Caledonia Library is an indispensable resource for a great many home schooled children. Staff training, passed on in the form of computer assistance to users of technology in the library, allows the service to be fully utilized.

The book budget in the Caledonia library was $8,859 in 1995 and has increased to $34,045.04, including $6,444.44 for electronic database and discretionary funds. This represents an increase of 284 percent or $25,186.04

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VanValkenburg said.

VanValkenburg explained that Kent County had generously supplied the district with its headquarters building space for $1 per year. "The county is in essence evicting us. They need the space. It's their building and we have to move."

In the meantime, KDL has continued to pay for operating expenses, utilities, cleaning and maintenance of the county building, an amount that will be needed at the new location.

That arrangement with the county until now has allowed KDL to make a move toward the future. It has been setting that amount aside that would have applied to a lease. VanValkenburg said $700,000 had been set aside, and the county has agreed to come up with an additional $400,000 toward a future building, according to an agreement when KDL was formed.

Fleischmann said "You are literally asking for this millage renewal ahead of schedule to partly fund a new building which you don't have plans for yet. You don't even know what this building is going to look like. I think you are asking for too much."

VanValkenburg explained, "This increase in the millage rate is indeed not for that building."

Fleischmann said KDL wanted to levy more money while still receiving money for the last year of the current millage (through 2000.)

VanValkenburg replied that in 1994 no levy was possible, because the vote came too late, and applied to the next year. "We could not collect the first year of our millage."

He explained that KDL was taking steps to avoid that problem from being repeated by going for the millage in advance. If the request is refused in February, he said the district could have the millage on the ballot again in August in order to have it apply to the next year, or 2001.

"It is a five-year millage, and we are not a year early," he said.

VanValkenburg explained that only about 70 percent of the budget is funded through property taxes. He said state grants, fines and fees make up the other 30 percent of the budget. Ideally, however, the library district would like to reduce fees.

He attributed the need for increased funding for KDL to materials, services, and programs to the increased demand for and upon libraries throughout the district. When communities build new libraries, the increase in size necessitates an increased need for more staff, more hours, more materials, equipment etc. KDL contributes 1$ per square foot to the maintenance of each of the branch libraries. All these factors increase costs for KDL, none of which are related to headquarters, which is the reason for asking for the increase.

Caledonia, where circulation has increased 10 percent in the last year, represents part of those increased needs and benefits. Staffing went from three to four positions. Hours increased from 85 to 110.

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Fleischmann said the operating budget for Caledonia Township was less than the millage requested for KDL, at .93 mill. Clerk Pat Snyder verified the township operates on a millage of .7624. The rest of the 2.642 millage is earmarked for fire and police services.

In August of 1999, township officials determined that property owners pay about $3.98 less in taxes this year than in 1998 because of the increase in population and in SEV (property assessments) resulting in the township receiving more money in 1999, for a total increase of an estimated $11,714.

Township Trustee John Potter said, "It is a little short sighted to say we are subsidizing other libraries in the community when we can use all the libraries in the district." He said he didn't use the Caledonia Library, and mentioned the main branch was better equipped, and added "And partly because I am allergic to Deuce, the cat" (Caledonia Library cat).

Potter went on to read a letter from John Veneman and Diane Cutler,

"Dear Township Trustees,

"We received our tax bill and noticed our taxes from KDL were $45.50 and concluded the KDL millage was the best use for our tax dollars. To buy the materials they used from the library were estimated to be over $5,000 per year. They said they used about $3,600 worth of books on tape each year. Add to that services and on-line resources, we know we are getting our money's worth.

Potter commented "We know there is support in this community for the library."

A comment about banning Internet use in the Hudsonville library prompted a question about what KDL would do if faced with such a complaint over access to obscene sites.

VanValkenburg said, "Our first choice would be not to remove Internet access. That would take us ten light years backward. KDL is about giving information. The Internet is a valuable tool for us.It allows small communities to provide excellent library service.

"If confronted with such a problem, we would first offer the option of filtered access. But filters do not adequately prevent access to obscene sites, and may provide a false sense of security. They are not foolproof. Internet technology is light years ahead of the filters. The best filter is the parent.

"KDL has a policy of acceptable use, which does not allow obscene sites to be viewed in the library. We enforce our policy and that works for us," VanValkenburg concluded.

In other business related to the library, Pat Snyder mentioned the new library ramp had not been shoveled, and needed a non-slip surface.

A request to clean the carpeting and furniture was raised. A bid by Pride to

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Local students reach out

Girl Scouts, Daisies, Brownies and Juniors, from across the Middleville area met at Carveth village and raised their voices in song. Tom Lenartz and his guitar helped the girls stay in tune.

Students in the high school service team took time to create Christmas cards for the residents of Carveth Village and the Lincoln Meadow apartments. Here, sophomores Tasha Hoekstra and Jenny Wasikowski think about what they want to say.

Principles for raising a difficult child

By John Nielsen, MSW, Ph.D.
Pine Rest Caledonia Clinic

Here are some quick thoughts on parenting. If you wish to discuss any of them, please do not hesitate to contact a competent counselor.

- Take care of yourself.
- Praise, praise, and praise some more.
- Spend time one on one doing nothing but giving positive attention to your child (minimum weekly emotional requirement = 1 hour).
- Be specific about expectations and stick to them.
- Be specific about rewards and punishments and stick to them.
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- Seek out the middle ground: "neither drill instructor nor wimp shall I be."
- Act quickly, yak rarely.
- Practice forgiveness and re-commitment.
- Get good counseling and good support.
- Be knowledgeable about your child's problems.

(Adapted from David Palmiter)

Segment 2 driver's ed classes to start

Thornapple Kellogg High School will offer Segment 2 of the driver education curriculum Jan. 10, 11 and 12 from 6 to 8 p.m.

All students wishing to get their Level 2 drivers license are required by state law to take and pass this course before they can take their road test.

The Segment 2 curriculum will consist of three, two-hour classroom sessions and will focus on teaching "Defensive Driving Skills." Students are required by state law to attend all three sessions. Students who are absent from any of the three sessions will not receive their Segment 2 certificate. No exceptions will be made.

All student applications should be returned to the high school counseling office by Jan. 5. Since there will be limited space available for this session, openings will be appointed based on age.

Final enrollment will be posted in the high school counseling office on Jan. 6.

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clean the carpet for $514 and the furniture for $430 was submitted.

Apparently the township has not authorized cleaning since the carpet was installed in 1981. In spite of the 17 years without cleaning, complaints have been made about the extra cost of cleaning because of cat hair. Pat Snyder said the furniture would need extra cleaning at double the cost.

The carpeting and furniture are routinely vacuumed and cleaned by a service. Librarian Jane Heiss later said she and all the employees routinely clean and keep the space as tidy as possible.

Fred Fleischmann said the old carpeting was in such sad shape, he suggested it should be entirely replaced. Supervisor Bill Johnston said he would refer the matter to the facilities committee.

He added "Every time you have a meeting and lay down a paper on the table in the basement, the cat jumps up on the paper and takes a nap."

He said the cat was "a mascot to everybody, but is a problem. He really shouldn't be there, but..."

Potter said he wanted people to know he really does like cats.

Fred Fleischman said "He's a problem, but he's old," and suggested it might be best to wait for nature to take its course.

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TK schools to begin North Central Accreditation process

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Thornapple Kellogg Board of Education last week approved beginning the five-year North Central Accreditation process.

Assistant Superintendent Midge Pippel and TK Middle School Principal Mike Spahr described the "Transitions" process, which will lead to K-12 accreditation.

Dan Parker said that this was one of the goals he hoped to accomplish during his board tenure. He praised the administration's efforts to make this possible.

Kim Selleck told his colleagues on the board that he was impressed with how this will involve students and parents.

Spahr and Pippel said that the five-year process would concentrate on lifelong learning goals, include career education, improve communication between schools and staff and be a program designed for the district.

In other business, the board presented awards to the members and coach of the Class B state championship cross country team.

The board reviewed the audit report and heard a discussion of adult education and the General Educational Development (GED) test.

Dan Parker presents Thornapple Kellogg cross country coach Tammy Benjamin with a certificate acknowledging the team's state championship effort. All members of the team also received recognition at the Dec. 13 school board meeting.

The board went into closed session to discuss contract negotiation issues.

The next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting in Monday, Jan. 10, 2000.

Village, state honor TK cross country team

Honors continue for Coach Tammy Benjamin and the members of the state championship Thornapple Kellogg girls' cross country team. On Dec. 14, the squad received certificates, praise and applause from the members of the Middleville Village Council. On Dec. 17, State Representative Terry Geiger presented the team with a "special tribute" signed by Governor John Engler acknowledging their hard work and accomplishments. Geiger and State Senator Joanne Emmons noted that the teams' talent, hard work and determination helped them make their dreams come true.

Local financial planner attends conference

Money Concepts International, Inc., a worldwide network of financial planning centers, held its annual planning conference Dec. 8-11 in Jupiter, Fla.

Attending the event from Middleville was Susan A. Foster, owner of Thornapple Financial Center and a registered representative with the Money Concepts Financial Planning Centre in Middleville.

Money Concepts International Advisory Board members, Financial Planning Centre owners and associates from all across the United States, as well as Canada, Republic of Ireland, and England, attended.

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TK students share with less fortunate

Middle School Student Council members had fun counting money raised in the friendly competition, which raised more than $1,000 for Meals on Wheels

Here seventh grade middle school students show off some of the shoe boxes filled with gifts they donated to other children. Sixth and eighth grade students also filled boxes with gifts they would like to receive for children in Michigan and abroad, whom they will never meet.

These are just some of the gifts fourth-graders at Page Elementary School brought in for their three adopted families

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The Christmas season is a time of joy and sharing and students in the Thornapple Kellogg School district were examples of how working together individuals can make a difference.

All the schools participated in food drives for local food pantries. Students adopted families and middle school students competed to see which class could bring in the most pennies or strategies for putting other classes at a disadvantage.

The middle school raised more than $1,100 in pennies, silver and bills for the Meals on Wheels program of the Barry County Commission on Aging.

At Page, students in the fourth grade adopted three families instead of exchanging gifts, some fifth-graders gave presents to nursing home patients and created cards for them and the high school spent a week having fun while raising funds to help United Way, Love Inc., Christmas baskets for 70 families and the National Honor Society's Toys for Tots campaign.

Students in the district learned first hand that is better and fun to give to others.

Nicole Craven presents a check to Craig Kenyon, representing Middleville Area churches, for 70 Christmas baskets this year. In all, the high school raised $3600 for local charities during a week-long campaign.

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Apologies to TKHS students whose identities were reversed in last week' *Sun and News*. Pictured (from left) are Jennifer Piccard, Shawna Wagner and Ashley Ballard. These girls had fun raising money for local charities.

Village council approves first-grade cleanup project

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

It was standing room only at the Middleville Village Council meeting Dec. 14 when McFall first grade teacher Erb and her class attended the meeting to ask for permission to do a clean up project on First and Third streets in the Village.

Erb told council that the class hopes to make the village a little cleaner, learn about recycling and perhaps how not to litter in the first place.

Village Manager Bryan Gruesbeck will work with Erb on a sign that notes the student efforts.

The council also presented certificates to the members and coach of the Thornapple Kellogg girls' cross country team. The team was thanked for presenting a good image of the village with their skills and uniforms.

The council also approved changes to the sewer system ordinance, which will assist with water pollution reduction.

The board also approved a resolution setting rates for those from outside the village using village water to fill water tankers.

Barry County Sheriff's Department Sergeant Tony Stein reported that there will be increased patrols Friday, Dec. 31. Car radios and systems are Y2K ready.

Stein also discussed upgrading a patrol car that will be done by the Sheriff's department mechanic. It should cost less than $10,000 to update this vehicle. Council approved the update after considering alternatives such as the expense of purchasing a new vehicle.

Gruesbeck reported that the village systems are also Y2K compliant.

The hearing on the next budget is set for Tuesday, Jan. 25, and a hearing on the Community Development Block Grant will be on Dec. 28.

Jeff Moffat, the planner shared by the village and Thornapple Township, will be in the township on Mondays, Wednesdays and Friday mornings.

Moffat will be in the village offices on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday afternoons.

"He really knows what he is doing," Village President Lon Myers told council.

Following a discussion the board approved paying the additional fees needed to pay for the repairs to the Rapid Infiltration basins at the Waste Water treatment plant. The additional cost was needed because of a deep clay level which had to be removed.

Council set meeting dates for 2000 on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

Former Village police officer thanked council for giving him the opportunity to start his career there. "I am said to leave and appreciate all that you have done for me," he said.

The next meeting of the Middleville Village Council is Dec. 28 at 7 p.m.

Shout huzza!

James Knight encouraged students at the first Super Saturday event to cheer Squire Zach Bergsma, who modeled more than 100 pounds of chain armor. The students got to try on armor, learn medieval customs and ask questions. The next Super Saturday event is on Jan. 8 with Jennifer Ivinskas, who will lead a story telling workshop.

First graders came to the Middleville Village council meeting last Tuesday for permission to clean up trash from First and Third Streets.

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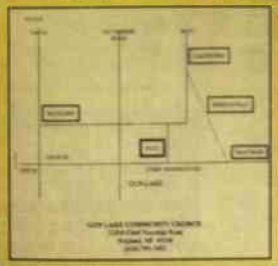

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Middleville woman named to COA board

Betty Moore

Betty Moore of Middleville was reappointed to a three-year term on the Barry County Commission on Aging Board.

Moore was reappointed by the Barry County Board of Commissioners at their meeting Tuesday, Dec. 14.

Also reappointed to three year-terms were Hastings residents Heidi Byrne and Jeri Weinbrecht.

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Girls' swim team OK'd for next year at TK High

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Thornapple Kellogg will have a girls' swimming club for the 2000-2001 academic year.

Athletic Director Tom Lehman last week presented the members of the TK School Board with an overview of the girls' swim team proposal. The board reviewed two proposals, one establishing a girls' varsity team and the other the swim club.

The discussion compared the cost, approximately $3,000 for the varsity team and $750 for the club, whether the school district can afford an additional program and using the pool to its best advantage.

Lehman explained that the club would have places to compete and that some scrimmages could take place at TK. The $750 cost to the school district is for transportation.

The parents and girls on the team would be responsible for their uniforms and other costs.

Superintendent Jay Cason asked the board to "go carefully" in their decision due to the upcoming contract negotiations with all the unions, recommendations of the citizens committee and gender equity issues. Cason also mentioned that raising ticket prices at football and basketball games should be considered.

The board approved establishing the competitive swim club and asked that the experience be evaluated.

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Maxey grabs gymnastic gold in Bay City

After all the scores had been tabulated, Angela Maxey found herself tied for first at the Dec. 4 USA Gymnastics State Meet.

But her 9.25 first place score in the vault apparatus put her over the top.

Maxey, 13, scored a 34.75 at State after tallying a personal-best 35 at the sectional event.

The 34.75 proved to be the best in her Level 5 age group and gave the Caledonia gymnast a gold medal for her efforts in Bay City.

Her 9.25 was just one solid score in a line of four. Maxey also tallied an 8.75 on the parallel bars, an 8.45 on the balance beam and an 8.3 in the floor exercise.

Maxey, an eighth grader at the Caledonia Middle School, has been competing in gymnastics since she was in kindergarten. She moved to the Caledonia area from Forest Hills in the sixth grade and has been training for the past two years at Middleville's Gymnastics in Motion.

Gymnastics has kept her interest throughout, mainly because there are always new tricks to master. After placing third at State the previous year, Maxey proved that she is still learning and growing as a gymnast.

"What I like most is all of the different tricks that there are to learn," Maxey said. "There are always different tricks; you never run out of things to learn."

The vault is not only her best event, but one of her favorites.

"I like the vault and the floor," Maxey explained. "I like the floor because I tumble more. The vault is fast and exciting... You fly through the air after your hands leave the vault."

At Gymnastics in Motion, Maxey calculates that she spends about seven hours per week perfecting her skills. With routines such as the bars and the floor, she said she tends to work on those even more than the others.

Angela Maxey is all smiles from what she achieved in Bay City. The Caledonia gymnast trains locally at Gymnastics in Motion.

Still, Maxey says her Bay City goal was to improve and not necessarily to win.

"I never really went into the competition to win," Maxey said. "I was just trying to do my best and see what I could do."

Her next big competition comes in January. Her sister Danielle, 12, will also be testing her talents at this particular invitational. The league State Meet is scheduled for the springtime.

Cathy Fairchild, the owner and coach at Gymnastics in Motion, has really helped Maxey to get the most out of her sport.

"She is really behind me, helping me to get my routines as good as I can," Maxey said. "She really encourages me and makes it fun."

The pressures of competing don't really seem to bother the Caledonia gymnast as she tends to keep the sport in proper perspective.

"I'm not very competitive; I try to do my best, but it's not the end of the world if I don't do well," Maxey said. "It's a lot more enjoyable not to have so much pressure."

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Advance payments needed for sewer use in Caledonia

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Village Council last Monday voted to require advance payments for sewer use.

A change in ordinance No. 95-1 governing sewer billing was needed.

Customers' bills will continue to be computed according to a rate per month per unit, as it was before. Charges will begin to accrue either on the date of issuance of occupancy or by the 150th calendar day after the sewer service connection permit application is filed with the village.

There will be a transition from billing in arrears to in advance. In the future, payment is due and payable on or before the first day of the second month in the quarterly billing period. A bill will be sent to the user on about the first day of the quarter, separately itemizing the sewer rates and charges to be paid. Payment of a miscellaneous customer fee will be due on the 10th day after the bill or statement is mailed.

A notice of the change to advance payment will be publicized, within 15 days after adoption of the ordinance. The schedule of billing and payment dates due may be included.

Quarterly bills mailed around April 1, July 1 and Oct. 1 of next year (2000) will be due on or before the 15th day of the second month in the quarter, according to the ordinance.

Initial billing of the user charge may include a prorated billing in arrears to the accrual date.

No late payments because of non-delivery of a bill or notice will be excused. Sewer rates and charges must be paid on or before the due date, or interest will be charged on the unpaid balance. Unpaid bills can result in placement on the tax roll and action to disconnect sewer and water service.

In other business related to sewers Dec. 13, a dissolved oxygen analyzer, metering equipment for measuring oxygen, ammonia and nitrates in the mixing tank of the sewer plant was approved. The D/O meter will cost $5,333, and the cost shared by the township.

Buff Rodgers, who operates the sewer plant, said another meter had been tried, but was not adequate, and then another one borrowed for several months. He said it provided a good profile, and new technology surpasses the borrowed meter, and would be an asset to the treatment plant. He expected the meter would last longer than five years.

Village President Daryl Penfold said the state requires the plant to be operated under certain standards, and the equipment was really not optional.

The Village Council discussed placing locked mail boxes in the lobby of the Village/Township Hall, and giving keys for the lobby door to council members and to planning commissioners. Keys to the village office would be limited.

Penfold said although there had not been a problem with open access in the past, this would prevent so many people having access to unsecured areas in the village office, where many records, files and computers are kept, and this would be a way to secure the office.

This would not prevent the public from access to information during office hours, he said.

Mailboxes would cost the village $420, plus a master commercial lock. No action was taken, but could come up on next month's agenda for discussion. Trustees Janice Soules and Marsha Humphrey were opposed to the idea.

Questions about legal fees were raised when a bill for around $8,000 was received from Mika Meyers, the legal firm serving the village. The firm charges close to $200 per hour.

Recent requests for amounts of time and nature of discussions have been made, and some of these requests have been honored.

Penfold said the average amount billed by the firm was within the budget, but much of the recent bill had been related to discussions about South Rodgers Court, where two parties were negotiating without much progress. Penfold said the village had approved $5,000 for that purpose, and when he learned the bill had reached $6,000, he ordered an end to discussions.

There also was a portion for sewer issues in the month's bill, he said. There were different funds in which legal services were allocated, he said.

Penfold supported the amount the village is paying for legal fees. He said because times were changing so much, it was more necessary to have legal guidance. He said attorney fees were a form of insurance to avoid litigation.

Penfold said the firm had worked with the village for many years, as far back as 1979. He said they had helped different councils through transitions and elections, offering a continuity through the years to the present. He said they had years of records and knew the background of many changes better than many of the council members did.

A clearer definition of hunting may be required in the village ordinance. A complaint about someone bow hunting between the sewer plant and the housing development was made. Hunting with a gun is prohibited if within 400 feet of any building, but nothing in the ordinance mentions bow hunting, or prescribes clear rules for target practice.

One council trustee said a target should have certain specific clearance distances behind it. The issue may come up at the next council meeting. Some wanted other community ordinances to use as a guideline.

Christmas tree pickup for recycling will be available to village residents. Trees should be free of all trimmings and placed at the curb, away from where garbage is picked up.

Synopsis Yankee Springs Township Board Meeting

Synopsis
YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
Regular Board Meeting
December 9, 1999

Meeting called to order by Supervisor London at 7:30 p.m. all present. Constable Misak and 30 visitors.

Approved minutes of November 11, 1999.

Approved Financial report as presented by Herold.

Supervisor Report: London presented water budget per calendar year. Water Department is on fiscal year budget same as Township's June 30, 1999.

Approved street light at Lynn Drive and Chief Noonday. Future lights at Shaw Lake Road and M37, also Payne Lake Road and Bass Road.

Board reappointments were approved as follows: Zoning Board of Appeals/Mary Cook representative from Board of Trustees, Planning Commission/Jack Finkbeiner representative from Board of Trustees, Dave VanElst and Al Schwennsen reappointed. Gypsy Moth Contract signed and approved for year 2000.

Planning Commission/Zoning Administrator Report: Rezoning request from AG to RR/to change the master plan. Veliquett property owner at 6015 Bassett Lake Road. Public hearing held 11-18-99. Concurred with Plan Commission's denial to rezone.

Rezoning request from AG to RR/will not change master plan. Meek property owner at 1401 Yankee Springs Road. Public hearing held 11-18-99. Concurred to approve recommendation from Plan Commission.

Approved parcel split and adding to property owned by Paul Nink Parcel ID #017-006-00.

Approved parcel split and adding to property owned by Bruce Teesdale Parcel ID#017-006-05.

Request for a subdivision of a parcel of land located North of the Channel 3 Tower owned by Bill Minch. Request approved.

Request for subdivision of a parcel of land located on Patterson Road owned by Tom Fischer.

Request approved.

Fire Committee Report: Herold has a committee of 8 individuals they will meet December 20th at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station. Finkbeiner is on the committee with Herold.

Water Tower Committee Report: Lippert held an informal meeting on December 6th. Possible sites for the tower were discussed. London is on the committee with Lippert. More sits are being reviewed.

Clerk's Report: Roof bids were received. A special meeting will be needed to award the bid.

DEQ and PCI permits presented. Announced Census interviews will be conducted at the Township Hall on Mondays 4-8 p.m. Encouraged residents to apply. Hour rate is $11.50.

Kent Intermediate School District will have summer school tax.

Barry County Clerk's Association proposed resolution for reimbursement of election costs for the Special Election held in August.

MTA annual educational conference will be held in Lansing this year. Attendees are Lippert, Finkbeiner, and Richard Buekema, and London.

Paid bills in the amount of $27,831.89 as presented. Paid payroll in the amount of $4,915.16.

Herold requested lease agreement be renewed on the fire station on an annual basis when required and to raise the budgeted amount of $5,000. Approved by all.

Meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Submitted by:
Janice C. Lippert, Clerk
Attested to by George London, Supervisor.

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TOWNSHIP BOARD
THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Boardmember Schad, supported by Boardmember Boysen, moved the adoption of the following ordinance:

ORDINANCE NO. 99-3

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE THORNAPPLE TOWNSHIP CODE OF ORDINANCES BY ADDING A NEW ARTICLE IV WHICH NEW ARTICLE SHALL BE DESIGNATED AS ARTICLE IV OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE.

THE TOWNSHIP OF THORNAPPLE ORDAINS:

Section 1. Addition of Chapter 4, Article IV, Section 4.4.1. The term "public place" as used in this Section shall mean any street, alley, park, cemetery, public building, any place of business or assembly open to or frequented by the public, and any place which is open to the public view, or to which the public has access.

Section 2. Addition of Chapter 4, Article IV, Section 4.4.2.

No person shall:

(a) Commit an assault, or an assault and battery on any person.

(b) Engage in any disturbance, fight, or quarrel in a public place.

(c) Be drunk in any public place or under the influence of any narcotic drug in any public place.

(d) Engage in any indecent, insulting,immoral, or obscene conduct in any public place.

(e) Insult, accost, molest, or otherwise annoy either by word of mouth,sign or motion, any persons in any public place.

(f) Jostle or roughly crowd persons in any public place.

(g) Loiter on any street or sidewalk or in any park, cemetery or public building or conduct himself in any public place so as to obstruct the free and uninterrupted passage of the public.

(h) Willfully destroy, remove, damage, alter or in any manner deface any property not his or her own.

(i) Engage in peeping in the windows of any inhabited place.

(j) Make any immoral exhibition or indecent exposure of his or her person.

(k) Engage in any act of prostitution or gross indecency.

(l) Solicit or accost any person for the purpose of inducing the commission of any illegal or immoral act.

(m) Attend, frequent, operate or be an occupant or inmate of any place where prostitution, gambling, the illegal sale of intoxicating liquor or narcotics, or where any other illegal or immoral business or occupation is permitted or conducted.

(n) Create any loud noises or use any loud speaker, sound amplifier or other electrical or mechanical device intended to increase the volume of sound at any place or places within the Township in such a manner as to disturb unnecessarily and without reasonable cause the quiet, comfort and repose of any person or persons between the hours of 12:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m.

(o) Permit or suffer any place occupied or controlled by him or her to be a resort of noisy, boisterous, or disorderly persons.

(p) Willfully use any physical or verbal conduct which obstructs, resists, hinders, or opposes any police officer, deputy, sheriff, state trooper, federal agent or Township official while that officer is acting in the lawful discharge of his duties.

(q) Knowingly furnish to any police officer or other official a false name, false address or false information in connection with any arrest or investigation.

(r) Knowingly make to any police office a fictitious report of the purported commission of any crime or misdemeanor.

(s) Enter or remain upon the property of another after having been forbidden to do so by the owner, occupant, or agent of the owner or occupant.

(t) Trespass or prowl about on the private premises of any person in the night time, without authority or the permission of the owner of such premises.

(u) Wrongfully throw or propel any snowball, missile or object from any moving vehicle or toward any person or property.

(v) Drive or park a motor vehicle on private property without lawful authority, knowing the same to be private, without the express consent of the owner or person in lawful possession of the premises. This subsection shall not apply to the parking lot of a business which is open to the public.

(w) Minor in possession of Alcoholic Liquors: No person under the age of twenty-one (21) years shall purchase, or knowingly possess, transport, or have under his control in any motor vehicle any alcoholic liquor unless said person is employed by a licensee as defined in Public Acts 1952, No. 222, as amended, and is possessing, transporting or have such alcoholic liquor in a motor vehicle under his control during regular working hours and in the course of his employment.

(x) Own or have charge, custody or control of a dog and permit such dog at any time by loud and frequent barking or howling to cause a nuisance or disturb the quiet, comfort, or repose of any person.

(y) By the use or means of telephone or internet perform any of the following:

(1) Disturb the peace, quiet, or privacy of any person or family by repeated calls intended to harass or annoy the person or family to whom the calls are made;

(2) Use obscene or offensive language, or suggest any lewd or lascivious act;

(3) Attempt to extort money or anything of value from any person;

(4) Threaten any physical violence or harm to any person;

(5) Repeatedly and continuously ring the telephone of any person with intent to disturb or harass such person.

Section 3. Addition of chapter 4, Article IV, Section 4.4.3. Any person, firm, corporation or other legal entity who violates any of the provisions of this Article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of not to exceed Five Hundred dollars ($500.00) and up to 90 days in jail, together with court costs. Each day that such violation occurs shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. Severability. Should any term, part or provision of this Ordinance be declared unlawful by a court of competent jurisdiction such determination shall not invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance and, to this end, this Ordinance is declared to be severable.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days following its publication in accordance with state law.

YEAS: Boysen, Stagray, Eaton, Eavey, Getty, Kelley, Schad

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ORDINANCE NO. 99-3 ADOPTED.

Donald E. Boysen, Supervisor

Donna Stagray, Clerk

I, Donna Stagray, the Clerk of Thornapple Township, Barry County, Michigan, hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Township Board of Thornapple Township held on December 13, 1999.

Donna Stagray, Clerk

Townships concerned about who pays for election

by Elaine Gilbert
Assistant Editor

Should the Barry County Board of Commissioners pay all the costs of the past Aug. 3 special election or should townships chip in part of the expense?

That's a question commissioners will discuss further at the County Board's Dec. 28 meeting.

A motion for the county to pay the entire cost of the election was introduced and later withdrawn by Commissioner Robert Wenger at Tuesday's County Board meeting because commissioners decided further study was needed, including the exact cost of the election, which Wenger said is in the neighborhood of $25,000 to $30,000.

County Board Chairman Jim Bailey suggested that the board wait until its Dec. 28 meeting to decide the issue when the board's yearend financial picture is known.

"We have one more finance meeting and one more Board of Commissioners meeting (this year) and that will give us an opportunity to figure out exactly where we are at with the budget. We nail it down daily now, between now and the end of the year to know what kind of surplus or deficit (the county will have)," Bailey said.

"I would not be in favor of doing it (paying for the entire election) if we run a deficit this year," he added.

"I would like some hard figures," Board Vice Chairwoman Sandy James agreed, noting the proposal has merit.

In the meantime, Commissioner John Barnett suggested that each township send the county an invoice of their expenses to determine the exact cost of the total election.

The Aug. 3 special election was originally scheduled when 911 officials requested an opportunity to ask voters to renew up to one mill to operate the county-wide Enhanced-911 emergency telephone and central dispatch system for five years.

Then at the request of the County Tax Allocation Board, which distributes the county's seven allocated mills, the County Board approved its fixed allocated millage proposal for the Aug. 3 ballot. The Allocation Board wanted voters to reconsider a previously defeated proposal to freeze for six years the individual amounts of millage the county, townships and the intermediate school district receive from that allotment.

The County Board is required to approve all county-wide ballot proposals before an election can be held.

About five townships also got on the Aug. 3 bandwagon and placed additional township-oriented proposals on the ballot.

All townships, the county and the Barry Intermediate School District benefited from voter approval of the fixed allocated millage proposal.

"It is the belief by a lot of people out there that this was a countywide election...," Wenger told the board. "This election had to be held by the county and that they (townships) wouldn't have to pay for it. Since we did not have any format of how to charge for this beforehand, I think that we're misusing the townships by asking them to pay their portion of it," Wenger said.

Commissioner Emmet Herrington said the three townships he represents have "voiced their disapproval" of paying for the election.

"When everybody knows up front, I don't have a problem," Wenger added, noting that the townships he represents also have expressed displeasure about paying for the election.

County Clerk Debbie Smith said five or six townships did not reimburse the county for their portion of the advertising and she has sent them a reminder.

Smith said state statutes regarding election reimbursement stipulate that townships or any other governmental entity are not re-

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Synopsis of Minutes
MIDDLEVILLE COUNCIL

Synopsis
VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE, MICHIGAN
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Village of Middleville, Michigan Council was called to order by its president, Lon Myers, at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 23, 1999 in the Council Chamber of the Village Hall. Members present: Mr. William Kenyon, Mr. Michael Lytle, Mr. Lon Myers, Mr. Floyd Bray, Mr. William Nesbitt and Mr. David Newman. Absent: Mrs. Marilyn Vanden-Berg. The minutes of the November 9 meeting were approved as read. The agenda was approved as presented with the stipulation that the agenda would be interrupted when Mr. Chad Curtis arrived. Mr. Clair Miller of Earth Tech presented his monthly report on the operation of the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Dave Kenyon asked for and received approval for the Wayland Snowmobile Association to drive through the Village as done in previous years with the exception of the trail through the developing Town Square Property.

ACTIONS TAKEN:

1. Presented Mr. Chad Curtis with a key to the city and a written resolution naming him an honorary citizen of the Village of Middleville.

2. Approved payment of invoices in the amount of $78,351.22 on the motion made by Mr. Lytle with the support of Mr. Kenyon.

3. Approved payment of an invoice from Dan Valley Construction Company in the amount of $69,575.00 to be paid by the Barry County Commission from the Utilities Improvement Project funds.

4. Approved a resolution by a roll call of six ayes to include Cannon Township in membership of the Grand Rapids Metro Council on the motion made by Mr. Newman with Mr. Lytle's support.

5. Selected Wade-Trim as the engineering firm to do the work required to improve Main, Grand Rapids, and Washington Streets on a motion presented by Mr. Bray with the support of Mr. Nesbitt.

6. Approved payment of $7,000.00 to Wade-Trim for survey work required to begin the improvements to the streets mentioned above on the motion made by Mr. Bray with the support of Mr. Newman.

7. Adopted a resolution to set the fee at 10 cents a copy for copying materials requested by citizens under the Freedom of Information Act. Motion made by Mr. Bray with the support of Mr. Nesbitt. The roll call vote resulted in six ayes.

8. Approved a request to increase Officer Seifert's rating from B2 to B4 MERS with the Village assuming liability for the increase for the years of Officer Seifert's service with the Village prior to his transfer to the Sheriff's Office. Mr. Bray made the motion with the support of Mr. Newman.

9. Adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m. on a motion presented by Mr. Bray with support from Mr. Kenyon.

Respectfully submitted,
Roselie Havens, Clerk

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

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VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE
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2000 MEETING SCHEDULE

The Middleville Village Council meets regularly on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, except as may otherwise be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Meetings scheduled for 2000 are on the following dates:

- ❑ January 11 & 25
- ❑ February 8 & 22
- ❑ March 14 & 28
- ❑ April 11 & 25
- ❑ May 9 & 23
- ❑ June 13 & 27
- ❑ July 11 & 25
- ❑ August 8 & 22
- ❑ September 12 & 26
- ❑ October 10 & 24
- ❑ November 14 & 28
- ❑ December 12 & 26

The Middleville Planning and Zoning Commission meets regularly on the first Tuesday of every month at 7:00 PM in Council Chambers, except as may otherwise be posted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act. Meetings scheduled for 2000 are on the following dates:

- ❑ January 4
- ❑ February 1
- ❑ March 7
- ❑ April 4
- ❑ May 2
- ❑ June 6
- ❑ July 5
- ❑ August 1
- ❑ September 5
- ❑ October 3
- ❑ November 7
- ❑ December 5

The Site Plan Review Committee, of the Middleville Planning and Zoning Commission, and the Middleville Zoning Board of Appeals meet on an as-needed basis in Council Chambers. Notices of all as-needed meetings and meeting changes for each of these bodies will also be posted at the Village Office in accordance with applicable laws. The public is welcome to attend and participate in any open session of any of these bodies.

Proposed and approved meeting minutes of each body, for either a regular or special meeting, will be available for public inspection in the Village Offices during normal business hours in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, the Freedom of Information Act, and other applicable laws and related Village policies.

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Farm Bureau rep. explains farm bill to OUR-Land

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Tom Wing, representing the local Michigan Farm Bureau, spoke to the OUR-Land Committee Dec.1 on issues related to intensive livestock operations, spurring debate over local control.

A policy statement was issued by the Michigan Farm Bureau about passage of Senate Bill 205, which has the intent of strengthening, clarifying and defining Michigan's Right to Farm Act. The bill, which passed the Senate on a 23-13 vote, limits a township's ability to develop agricultural standards, known as Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices (GAAMPs).

Ron Nelson, Michigan Farm Bureau legislative counsel, is working on the issue. The Farm Bureau believes townships should not have as much control over this issue, even though the state should take away local control in this case, Wing explained. He brought a handout quoting Nelson.

"Townships enact their own agricultural ordinances that are sometimes unrealistic, unreasonable and uneconomical for a farmer to comply with," Nelson said in the material. "By enacting over-restrictive ordinances, they are making it difficult and sometimes impossible for today's family farmers to adapt... to remain competitive."

Wing quoted from the handout, explaining a proposed amendment to the bill.

The amendment proposes GAAMPs include siting criteria for new agricultural facilities.

"We are not opposed to having input from townships on issues that make sense," Nelson said. "To have them sitting at the table when the siting GAAMPs are formed makes

Tom Wing

good sense. But to have township people determining appropriate phosphorus levels, animal units and manure management procedures, unless they are scientists and experts in those areas, doesn't make much sense."

Another amendment would discourage complaints involving any state department according to a summary of the bill. "A series of three or more combined complaints to any government agency should result in the complainant being required to pay for the cost of the investigation.

"What the bill does is create a standard for operation that is environmentally and socially sound. It provides protection for farmers that are following GAAMPs, as well as a deterrent for those that don't."

Wing said some farmers are also against Senate Bill 205, because, generally farmers like local control over federal and state government if they can get it.

He said "The bill says that where there are new or expanded feeding operations, over 1000 animal units, the farmer shall not be limited from operating as a farm where the requirements are met," Wing explained.

Another amendment would discourage complaints involving any state department according to a summary of the bill. A series of three or more combined complaints to any government agency should result in the complainant being required to pay for the cost of the investigation.

Provisions in the site plan for the location would be at a measured distance from any existing water courses on the farm.Wing said this must be stated in the design plans for new operations under the guidelines. A list is given. He said most farmers want to do the right thing.

Steve Bare, of the Conservation Service, who also was present at the meeting, said national guidelines are extremely strict on new facilities built under the Right to Farm rules. He said many farmers come to the authorities with the intention of following regulations and faced with the reality of enforcement. It is better to start right in the first place. "There are some that don't care, and who will break the laws anyway."

Enforcement is different than regulation, he explained.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service or the Midwest Plan Service or an agricultural engineer would approve the specifications of manure storage and treatment systems. Well water would be tested annually near the intensive feeding operations.

Wing said there are different problems in defining intensive animal operations. Wing said one problem is that different animals have different outputs. The output of piglets or turkeys is different than that of dairy cattle.

He said if the bill goes through, GAAMPs will enforce these definitions.

Roger Vilmont, another resident, expressed concern over the conflicting needs between farms and residential areas. A lot of laws were created to protect residents. If the state takes away control, the farmer can use agricultural land any way the farmer sees fit, even though adjacent to a residential area.

"If an intensive livestock operation is within a mile of a residential area, there will be a serious problem for them. It's a quality of life issue, like the smell." He said Bill 205 ignores a lot of those issues. Barry County will one day be residential if trends continue, he said. He said he was afraid intensive feeding operations would be allowed near urban areas, which would affect the quality of life.

Wing asked, "Whose property rights are we going to uphold?"

There is a problem when such choices must be made.

Vilmont concluded, "When there are impacts of what I do next to you, planning and zoning governs that. If that control is taken away, there is no way to address these problems."

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imbursed for any of their costs if they have their own issues on the same ballot in any special election.

Wenger said his proposal was a "one time" gesture for the county to pay all the costs.

Townships each spent anywhere from $400 to $1,100, depending on the number of precincts and workers hired.

Part of the misunderstanding that has surfaced was caused by some commissioners inaccurately stating publicly that the county was going to pay for the election, Bailey told the board.

RESOLUTION OF THE MIDDLEVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

December 14, 1999

WHEREAS; The Village of Middleville has ordained that Chapter 1042, "Sewer Fees, Rates, Surcharges and Penalties" of the Village of Middleville Code of 1998 as amended, be adopted, and

WHEREAS; 202.032 of the Village Code of 1998, as amended, permits the Village Council to amend or repeal portions of the Village Code by ordinance, and

WHEREAS; the Village Council has determined that it is necessary to make certain amendments to Chapter 1042 of the Village Code to more equitably assess fees and charges to the customers of the Village's water system.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. That the water system ordinance be amended as follows:

THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE ORDAINS:

An ordinance to amend the Middleville Village Code of 1998, as amended, by revising Sections 1042.07 and 1040.09 of said Code

Amend Sections 1042.07 and 1040.09 "SEWER DEBT CHARGE" and "SERVICE CHARGE OR READINESS TO SERVE CHARGE" respectively as follows:

(2) DEBT SERVICE CHARGE. The Debt Service Charge will be levied quarterly as part of the water bill. The Debt Service Charge for a residential customer, using a 3/4" or small meter, will be established by resolution of the Village of Middleville and adjusted by resolution as the needs of the system change. The total Debt Service Charge of each customer will be based on the water meter size needed to provide service or the number of Residential Equivalent Units, whichever is greater. In the instances where a customer installs a dedicated fire service only connection, this charge will not be applied to that connection. In order to qualify for this exemption, fire services installed after the effective date of this ordinance shall be separately metered and unmetered fire service connections must have meters installed at the time that the next building permit is taken out or the property is sold. A table of multipliers by meter size shall be established by resolution of the Village of Middleville.

(3) SERVICE CHARGE OR READINESS TO SERVE CHARGE. A water service charge will be levied quarterly as part of the water bill. The charge for a residential customer, using a 3/4" or smaller meter, will be established by resolution of the Village of Middleville and adjusted as the needs of the system change by resolution, and the total charge for each customer shall be based on the same premise as the Debt Charge, including the exemption for fire service only connections.

This ordinance shall become effective on January 1, 2000 and after it is published in a newspaper of general circulation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered by the Village Clerk into the official records of the Village of Middleville on this Dec. day of 14, 1999.

Moved by Mr. Bray, supported by Mr. Lytle, to adopt the foregoing resolution.

YEAS: Mr. Myers, Mr. Bray, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Lytle, Mr. Newman, Mrs. Vandenberg
NAYS: Mr. Nesbitt
ABSENT: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING Resolution was adopted by the Village of Middleville Council at a regular meeting held on the December day of 14, 1999.

Roselle Havens
Village Clerk
Village of Middlelville
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE

The Village of Middleville will hold a Public Hearing on December 28, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall, 100 E. Main Street, to hear public input regarding the Village's intent to apply for federal funds under the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Program. The public is invited to comment on the proposed development project and to express any related environmental concerns. In addition, the public is hereby given notice that a portion of the proposed improvements are planned to occur within a floodplain associated with the Thornapple River.

The project consists of four elements: (1) a new storm sewer along Main Street, between M-37 and the Thornapple River; (2) reconstructing Main Street to Class "A" status, between M-37 and the Thornapple River; (3) resurfacing Main Street between the Thornapple River and Grand Rapids Street, and (4) reconfiguring the intersection of Main Street and Grand Rapids Street.

Use of Community Development Block Grant funds requires compliance with federal Executive Orders 11988, Floodplain Management and 11990, Protection of Wetlands. The Village must consider all practicable alternatives to activities located in a floodplain or wetland and invite comments from the public. Public comments including factors to be considered in reviewing the project such as alternative courses of action of devoting special attention to certain impacts should be submitted to the Village Manager within 15 days from the date of this public notice.

The total estimated cost of these four elements is $725,000. These improvements are needed to support the $4,000,000 planned expansion of the Bradford White Corporation. This expansion is expected to create 50 new jobs over the next two years, the majority of which will be held by low and moderate income persons.

A detailed project location map is available for review at the Village Hall. For further information contact the Village Manger's office at (616) 795-3385.

Bryan Gruesbeck, Village Manager
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Caledonia to get a new aerial fire-fighting truck

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A year long search for just the right equipment ended when a new aerial Emergency I fire truck was approved by the Caledonia Township Board Dec.15.

The move was made upon the recommendation of a research committee.

According to a fire defense survey in 1989 by the West Michigan Fire Chiefs Association, the need for an aerial truck was noted because of growth expectations and homes of three stories.

The only other aerial trucks in nearby communities are in Kentwood, Wyoming and Hastings, which is really too far to make efficient use of cooperative fire efforts with such equipment.

It has taken since then to save enough for such an aerial device. The township has been setting funds aside for the firefighting equipment for several years.

In a presentation made by Chris Murphy and Brian Bennett, the features of the truck were outlined. Aerial equipment provides a lot of safety for citizens caught in a fire and for the firefighters trying to rescue them to get out of burning buildings.

The research included written materials and discussions with other fire departments with experience with aerial equipment.

Murphy said the possibility of obtaining used equipment was considered, until other departments explained maintenance of used equipment is very expensive and often outweighs the benefits of a lowered price.

Research on the type of equipment led to one best source; Emergency I out of Florida, because this manufacturer has the best safety record with no accounts of structural failure and no tip-overs. In addition, in cases where one company builds all parts of the equipment, the ladders, the chassis, etc., there is no question about who will cover a warranty.

In cases where parts are ordered from a variety of sources, and a repair is needed under warranty, experience of other departments has shown the different companies try to blame someone else for failure of the equipment. These disputes lead to down time for the fire department, Murphy said, as reported by other firefighters.

Portage Fire Department has three trucks, and one is Emergency I, which they recommended enthusiastically.

Research by the committee resulted in identifying several features the firefighters felt were important. One was an aluminum ladder, because steel requires maintenance, including burning off the paint, x-ray of the joints to assure structural integrity and then repainting. The cost for this refurbishing is up to $15,000.

The Emergency I ladder is very user friendly, Murphy said. Setting up the ladder took 45 seconds.

"We saw it done," he verified. "It is safer for firefighters because the ladder can be extended in any direction and extended at any degree, and will not tip over."

Caledonia firefighters had asked for three demonstrations, but "two trucks were sold before they got here."

Sales of demo models are on a first-come, first-served basis.

When the third demo truck was brought in, it was very close to the equipment they wanted, Bennett explained. There were only four features that were absent. He named a hose line on the front bumper, a foam tank, a directional light on the rear, and the size of the water tank, which they wanted to be about 200 gallons larger.

It was explained if a bigger tank was included on the truck, there would be a lot of other features that would have to be given up.

All these features were less important, or could be added later.

They asked the salesman for the discount price, which was $477,625. If the truck is custom ordered, it would take up to a year to be delivered, and would cost $577,575, nearly $100,000 more.

The committee recommended purchase of this aerial device plus additional required equipment for the truck, which would cost $17,970, and an amount for training to use the equipment. Firefighters must be certified for its use.

Supervisor Bill Johnston said he had met with Cascade and Kentwood firefighting officials, who had told him they thought this was a great truck.

In order to take advantage of the substantial savings, immediate action was required. The board first waived the competitive bid requirement, and moved to purchase the aerial emergency I truck for $477,625 and the supplementary equipment at $17,970. A phone call and a purchase order were required to reserve the truck until funds could be withdrawn from interest-drawing CDs

Bennett said he and Murphy had not worked alone. He said Jamie Durea, Bill Robertson, Jerry Smith and Butch Welton had all worked on the research together.

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TK Community Ed winter classes planned

Upcoming classes and events sponsored by the Thornapple Kellogg Community Education Department are:

• Snowmobile safety class – for students 12 through 16 who want to earn a snowmobile safety certificate, Monday, Jan. 17, 6:30 to 9 p.m. at the high school cafeteria. Call the Community Ed Office for information, 795-3397.

• Beginners Internet class two Wednesday nights, Jan. 12 and 19. Learn to browse, search and select information from the Internet.

• Word/publisher class – this more advanced class is designed for the more experienced student who would like to learn some of the Microsoft Word special features and explore the publisher program. Two night classes, Feb. 16 and 23.

Microsoft Word beginner program's classes - eight weeks of classes starting Monday, Jan. 10, through Feb. 28. Learn the basics of the Microsoft Word program.

• Excel Computer Class - eight-week class starting Jan. 12-March 1. Learn how to create useful spreadsheets and manipulate numbers.

Senior citizens' trip – Feb. 11 for a step back in history at the Voigt House in Grand Rapids participants will have lunch at the Schnitzelbank Restaurant. Call early to reserve a spot. Spaces are limited.

Call the Community Education office at 795-3397 for more information or to reserve a spot.

RESOLUTION OF THE MIDDLEVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

December 14, 1999

WHEREAS, The Village of Middleville has ordained that Chapter 1056, "Water Service Fees, Rates, Charges and Delinquent Accounts of the Village of Middleville Code of 1998 as amended, be adopted, and

WHEREAS; Section 1056.11 of said Code allows the Village Manager to recommend to the Village Council special rates for non-metered customers, and

WHEREAS; The Village Manager has determined that it is in the best interests of the Village of Middleville to collect a $75 fee for the filling of tankers from the Village's water system, and

IT IS THEREFORE RESOLVED:

1. That the Village of Middleville hereby charge residents desirous of using the Village water system to fill tanks a fee of $75.00.
2. This Special Rate is in addition to the Commodity Charge assessed when the tank is filled.

ATTEST:

This resolution was adopted by the Middleville Village Council at its regular meeting held on Tuesday, December 14, 1999. The motion was made by Mr. Nesbitt with support by Mr. Bray. The vote cast was as follows: Ayes: Mr. Myers, Mr. Bray, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Lytle, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Newman, Mrs. Vandenberg. Nays: 0, Abstain: 0, Absent: 0. This copy certified to be a true copy.

Roselle Havens
Village Clerk
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RESOLUTION OF THE MIDDLEVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL

December 14, 1999

WHEREAS; The Village of Middleville has ordained that 1040.04(a), "Abatement of Water Pollution" of the Village of Middleville Code of 1998 as amended, be adopted, and

WHEREAS; Chapter 202.032, "Procedure to Amend Code" of the Village Code of 1998, as amended, permits the Village Council to amend or repeal portions of the Village Code by Ordinance, and

WHEREAS; The Village Council has determined that it is necessary to make certain amendments to 1040.04(a) of the Village Code to protect the groundwater or the environment from actual or potential pollution by wastewater drainfields or other private sewege systems that exist within the Village; and

WHEREAS; The Village has caused to be constructed a public wastewater collection system for the general benefit of the Village and to protect the groundwater or environment from actual or potential pollution of the groundwater and environment.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED. That the sewer system ordinance be amended as follows:

THE VILLAGE OF MIDDLEVILLE ORDAINS:

An ordinance to amend the Middleville Village Code of 1988, as amended, by replacing Sections 1040.04(a) of said Code.

Replace Section 1040.04(a) "ABATEMENT OF WATER POLLUTION" with the following:

"1040.04 PROTECTION OF GROUNDWATERS AND ABATEMENT OF POLLUTION. Whenever a property, without a public sanitary sewer service, abuts a public right of way, in which a public sanitary sewer is located within 200 feet from an intersection of any line of the property with the right of way and has a building on it having sanitary facilities within 200 feet of the public right of way, the owner of the property must connect to the public sewer forthwith. Whenever the Manager determines from any investigation that there is a health or environmental hazard caused by sewage from any property being exposed to the surface of the ground, or into any ditch, storm sewer, lake or stream, or that the presence of any sewage on the property has an obnoxious or detrimental odor, or creates a public nuisance, the owner of the property shall forthwith construct, repair or replace the private sewage works so that the conditions that led to the determination by the Manager are abated."

This ordinance shall become effective when first published in a newspaper of general circulation.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, that this Resolution be entered by the Village Clerk into the official records of the Village of Middleville on this Dec. day of 14, 1999.

Moved by Mr. Bray, supported by Mr. Lytle, to adopt the foregoing Resolution.

YEAS: Mr. Myers, Mr. Bray, Mr. Kenyon, Mr. Lytle, Mr. Nesbitt, Mr. Newman, Mrs. Vandenberg
NAYS:0
ABSENT: 0

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING Resolution was adopted by the Village of Middleville Council at a regular meeting held on the December day of 14, 1999.

Roselle Havens
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Village of Middlelville
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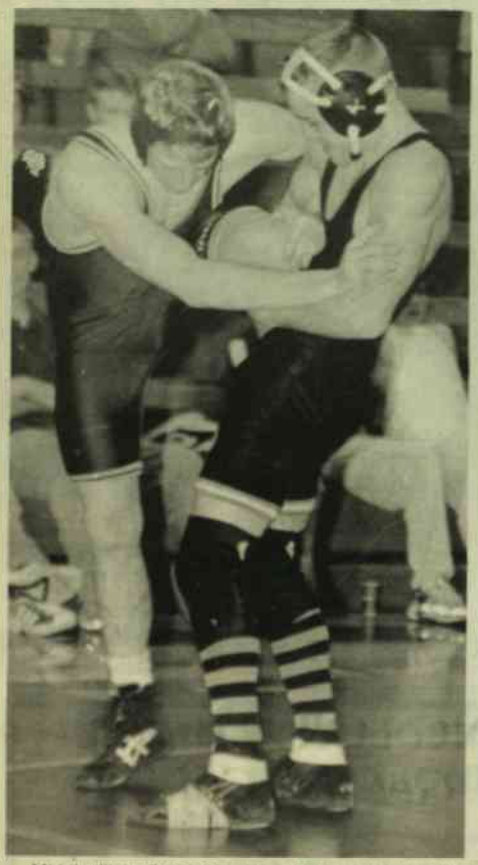
Middleville wins TK invite with super mat finish



Middleville's Chad Reil and Maple Valley's Jeff Rhoades battled it out in the 152-pound weight class final with Reil pulling out a 15-12 decision to grab first place honors.

Members of the Middleville squad and fans of the Trojans discus mat strategy at last week's TK Invitational.

MIDDLEVILLE — With a come-from-behind effort, the Middleville grapplers grabbed first place honors at the Dec. 11 TK Invitational.

Coach Tom Lehman's squad won by four points, 195-191, over a Portland team that led heading into the championship match round.

"We keep getting better," Lehman said of the second-week effort of his Trojans. "I knew that Portland and Northview would both be very solid. They (the Trojan wrestlers) keep working. We're still making adjustments to the lineup."

One adjustment had to made when star grappler Israel Rosales injured his shoulder in the first week wrestling at 145. Rosales hopes to be back in the lineup after the holiday break.

Northview finished third with 157 points, Fruitport

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Middleville's Bret Vernon won an 8-2 decision against Holland's Chris Gale at 275 to finish third at the TK Invitational.

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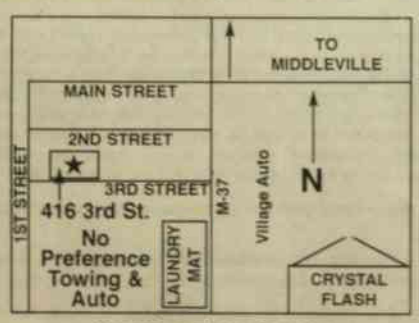

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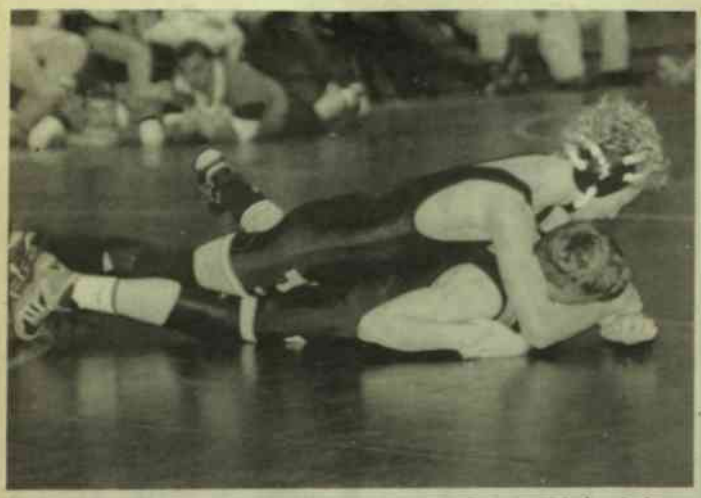

Pat McKeown, of the Middleville squad, reached the final at 112 before losing a 4-2 decision to Northview's Troy Pitsch.

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was fourth with 98 1/2, the Thornapple Kellogg B was fifth with 95, Holland was sixth with 83, Central Montcalm was seventh with 58, Maple Valley eighth with 46 and Olivet ninth with 30 points.

Winning weight class titles for Middleville were Bret Wiersma at 125, Jason Doyle at 140, and Chad Reil at 152.

Wiersma won on a 5:55 pin in the championship round over Portland's Brandon Guillard.

Doyle prevailed on an injury default against Northview's Brad Schonmaker.

And Reil's championship win came on a 15-12 decision versus Maple Valley's Jeff Rhoades.

Lehman said that all of his champs displayed great work, especially Reil who won a "very tough match."

Highlights for Maple Valley included Rhoades' second place performance at 152, Randy Silsbee's fourth place effort at 135 and Chad Spears fourth place effort at 171.

Silsbee lost his third place match to Northview's Brad VanderMelen on a 4:00 pin. Spears dropped a 7-1 decision to third place finisher Bill Romph from Middleville.

The Trojan wrestling program had one other who earned a weight class title, Mark Thompson at 135. Thompson, of the TK B team, beat Portland's C.J. Pulling 8-7 in his championship match.

Tom Haynes was second for the TK B team at 275, Pat McKeown was second for Middleville at 112 and Matt Erb finished second for Middleville at 189.

"Our kids wrestled well at the end of the day," Lehman said. "They came through and did a nice job."

Other wrestlers for the Middleville team were Marc Carter (fourth at 275), Brandon Schalk (third at 103), Kyle Fletke (third at 119), David Kiel (third at 130), Luke Egolf at 135, Shawn Reil at 145, Josh Strait (third at 160) and Brett Vernon at 215.

Competing for the TK team were Joe Brown at 103, Jason Austin (fourth at 112), Brian Bender at 119, Ben Sevald (fourth at 130), Cody Vanderbrink at 140, Joe Mancuso at 145, Adam Nieland at 152, Matt Thompson at 160, Kyle McKeown at 171, Erin Cuneo (fourth at 189) and Alec Belson at 215.

Also contributing to Maple Valley's mat efforts were Ben Swan at 275, Andrew Kenyon at 103, Nathan Carney at 112, Brandon Brooke at 119, Cole Hansbarger at 125, Tim Smith at 140, Josh Grasman at 189 and Matt Thorne at 215.

4-0 start achieved by JV hoop squad

The Fighting Scots held the Spartans to 31 percent shooting from the field.

Caledonia visits East Kentwood Dec. 26 at the Christmas Tournament.

Led by Nick Slot's 15 points, Caledonia improved to 4-0 in junior varsity basketball with a 55-35 win last Friday over Sparta. Not only are the Scots now 4-0, but they improved to 2-0 in the O-K Gold Conference.

Travis Slot tallied 14 markers and Mike Ogle 6 also for Scots who were playing at home.

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Yankee Springs planners discuss proposal for condos

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Members of the Yankee Springs Township Planning Commission discussed a planned unit development proposal by David Vanderslik at their Dec. 16 meeting.

This was a preliminary discussion of the 61-unit traditional condominium development. Topics of interest to the Planning Commission included open space, total acreage of the site on Bayview Drive, density of the development and width of cul de sacs.

Vanderslik said that there is a sign keeping residents from walking across property to the lake. He pledged that this will not be a "crackerjack" development, but that he will get the last unit in that he is allowed to.

In other business, the commission approved the request by John C. Lamb and Robert Boyle for a five-unit "site condominium development on what is know called Canalview Drive. Five single family homes will be built on this property. It complies with lakefront zoning requirements.

An updated letter of approval from the Barry County Health Department will be required before the final approval of this project. This project will go before the Yankee Springs Township Board Jan 13.

The Planning Commission delayed a public hearing on a request by Bill Minch for a special exception use permit for a small saw mill until the Jan. 20 meeting so he can attend to answer any questions about this project.

The next workshop session on zoning ordinances is Tuesday, Dec. 28, at 7:30 p.m. Tentative dates for January workshops are Jan. 4 and 25.

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Stars on hand for Scots' wrestling match

Those who made their way to Caledonia High School last Thursday night got to see more than just a great wrestling match.

Adding to the evening's excitement were the appearances of Ray Bentley, Adam Paarlberg and Josh Haywood.

The three signed autographs and spoke to the area fans. Here is some background information about the three:

• Bentley, a graduate of Hudsonville High School, went to be a star football player at Central Michigan University, with the Michigan Panthers and with the Buffalo Bills. In his senior year at CMU, Bentley won the Jefferson Award, given to the Most Valuable Player in the Mid-American Conference.

In 1982, he began his professional football career with the Michigan Panthers of the now defunct United States Football League. In 1983, he and the Panthers won a USFL championship, in 1984 he was named the team's "MVP" and in 1985 he was named to the all-league squad.

As a Buffalo Bill inside linebacker, Bentley earned two Super Bowl rings in 1990 and 1991. The Bills played the Washington Redskins in the 1991 championship and the New York Giants in the 1990 Super Bowl.

Currently, Bentley is an NFL broadcaster with FOX. He announced last Sunday's National Football Conference contest between the Chicago Bears and the Detroit Lions.

Ray Bentley is pictured here with Jim Maxim and the Caledonia High School wrestling team.

• Adam Paarlberg graduated from Caledonia in 1995. During his days with the Scots he was a varsity wrestler and played offensive guard and linebacker for the football squad.

At Hope College, Paarlberg played middle linebacker, made the all-Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association first team in 1998, played on a squad that won an MIAA championship in 1997 and was a member of the All-Academic MIAA team in 1996, 1997 and 1998. He received a degree in management from Hope.

Signing autographs and speaking with area fans last Thursday were Ray Bentley, Josh Haywood and Adam Paarlberg.

• Haywood graduated from Caledonia in 1997. He was a four-year wrestler for the Scots, was a State finalist and helped the Scots to win an O-K Gold Conference championship. Haywood holds the Scots' career football season record for tackles.

At Grand Valley, Haywood lines up at linebacker and was named the team's "Defensive Scout Team Player of the Year" in 1997. He is majoring in business.

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Trojans topple Hawkeyes in hoops

The varsity cagers at Thornapple Kellogg High School evened its season mark to 2-2 and 1-1 in the O-K Blue Conference with a 54-41 home triumph over Hamilton last Friday.

Coach Kurt Holzhueter said his squad had a "nice defensive effort from start to finish" and used plenty of motion to secure the victory.

"We played with a lot of intensity and aggressive play," Holzhueter said.

Ben Lucas led the Trojans with 16 points.

Nolan Miklusicak tallied 11 points and Erin Feirick added 9 markers.

Nine players scored for the Trojan team.

Feirick also made 4 steals and dished out 3 assists. Holzhueter called it his "best game of the year."

On the glass, the Trojans out-pounded the Hawkeyes 27-15. Lucas and Zac Truer each collected 8 caroms.

Defensively, the black and orange held Hamilton to just four points in the third quarter. TK led 13-9 after one quarter, 31-20 at half and 43-24 after three quarters.

Ryan Slagh scored 11 and Terry Peugh tallied 10 for winless Hamilton (0-4, 0-2).

The Hawkeyes resume its campaign Jan. 4 at Wyoming Rogers.

Scots beat Sparta

Four Caledonia cagers scored in double figures as the purple and gold pulled out a 65-47 win over Sparta last Friday at Sparta.

Nick Jenema and Matt Born both managed 14 points, Dan Bloemers scored 13 and Eric Richard 11 for the Fighting Scots' team that led 19-2 after one quarter, 31-10 at half and 47-30 after three quarters.

Jim Cochran led Sparta with 19 points and Mike Sidlauskas added 12 scores.

Caledonia's victory improved its record to 2-2 overall and 1-1 in the O-K Gold Conference. On Dec. 28 and Dec. 30 the Fighting Scots will play in the East Kentwood Tournament.

Lady Trojan volleyball team opens season

The Lady Trojan varsity volleyball team opened their season by going 2-2 at the Otsego Bulldog Classic on Dec. 11. Wins came over Schoolcraft (15-7, 15-1) and North Adams (15-10, 15-6). Defeats were to Hastings (16-14, 15-11) and host Otsego (15-5, 15-10).

In a 15-10, 15-5 loss to Wyoming Park Dec. 18, Erica Carter led the Lady Trojans with 8 kills.

When break concludes, the Lady Trojans travel to Byron Center on Jan. 8.

Barry County YMCA activities

Basketball Instructional Clinic - Middleville Site

Basketball for boys and girls in Kindergarten through second grade will be instructed at Lee Elementary in Middleville. Jennifer Shaw, TKHS Jr. Varsity girls' coach, will lead instruction. The program starts Saturday, Jan. 8, and continues through Feb. 5. Registration form and fee of $20 (includes a basketball t-shirt) are required by Jan. 31. Scholarships are available. Volunteers are needed each week to help with coaching. The schedule will be as follows: first grade, 9-10 a.m.; second grade, 10-11 a.m.; DK & kindergarten, 11 a.m.-noon.

Family Fun Nights

Hastings High School will be the site for family fun on Jan. 28 and Feb. 25 at 6:45-8:45 p.m. Activities include basketball, movies, crafts, and rollerskating (bring your own skates). The cost is $2 per person or the family rate of $6. crafts cost 25 cents.

Cheerleading Clinic

Girls 4 years of age through 6th grade are invited to participate in the cheerleading clinic at Northeastern School in Hastings. Tina Eaton, Callie Girrbach, and Samantha Snow will instruct the classes from 3:15-4:00 p.m. Cheerleaders will cheer during the Hastings JV game on Feb. 11th. The $15 fee includes a cheerleading T-shirt. The registration deadline is Jan. 12th.

Swim Lessons

In collaboration with Pennock Healthcare Services, the YMCA is offering swim lessons on Saturdays. The winter schedule starts Jan. 8th and will end on Feb. 26. Jackie Scholten will instruct the winter session. The registration form and fee of $35 will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. The classes fill fast. Polliwog, 11-11:40 a.m.; Guppy, 11:45 a.m.-12:25 p.m., class is full; Minnow, 12:30-1:10 p.m.; Fish/Flying fish, 1:15-1:55 p.m.

Indoor Soccer Instructional Clinics

The YMCA is offering three sites over the winter for youth indoor soccer. Boys and girls should wear play clothes, gym shoes, heavy socks, and shin guards are recommended. Soccer T-shirts are included with each registration fee. See below for information pertaining to each site.

Soccer Spirit League

The YMCA Soccer Spirit League offers players a team experience with practices and games. Boys and girls will play at Central and Star Elementary Schools in Hastings on Mondays and Wednesdays. The league schedule is as follows: Team Formation: January 10 at Central Gym; 5th & 6th grade, 4-5 p.m.; 3rd and 4th grade, 5-6 p.m.; Weeks 1 & 2, Practices; Weeks 3 and 4, Practices and Games; Weeks 5 and 6, Games.

The registration form and fee of $40 are due Jan. 5th. The fee also includes a soccer t-shirt. The soccer league also needs volunteer coaches for each league.

	Hastings	Lakewood	Middleville
Place	Hastings High School	Lakewood Middle School	Page Elementary
Saturdays	Jan.15-March 11 No 1/22, 2/5,2/19	March 4-25	Feb. 19-March 25
Instructor	Mark Carlson, Delton Soccer Coach	Brian Rayner	Steven Evans
Age Group 4 yrs. old	Time 8:30-9:15 a.m.	Time	Time
DK/Kdgn	9:15-10:00 a.m.		
1st/2nd grade	10:00-11:00 a.m.	9:00-10:00 a.m.	9:00-10:00 a.m.
3rd/4th grade	11:00-noon	10:00-11:00 a.m.	10:00-11:00 a.m.
5th/6th grade		11:00-noon	11:00-noon
Cost	$20-4 yr. olds-Kdgn $25 1st-4th grade	$15 for all participants	$20 for all participants
Deadline	January 5	February 23	January 31

Wrestling... In the Family...

Josh and Lynde Baltrusaitis take time to go over mat strategy and determine who is the best wrestler in the family during last Thursday's match between Caledonia and Cedar Springs. The host Fighting Scots won the O-K Gold Conference matchup. Lynde won by void at 103, while Josh prevailed on a 13-2 decision at 145. Lynde's current record is 14-2 and Josh's mark is 13-3.

In The Service

JoEllen S. Flory

Lieutenant Colonel JoEllen S. Flory, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Yoder of Freeport, retired Sept. 1 from the United States Army after 20 years of School and Butterworth School of Nursing.

She obtained her masters of science degree from the University of Southern Mississippi and worked as a preventive medicine officer for the last 10 years of service. At the time of retirement Lt. Col. Flory was the chief of preventive medicine at the United States Army Aeromedical Center, Fort Rucker, Ala.

Flory is married to Lt. Col. William A. Flory (retired). They have two children, Ryan, a student at University of Michigan and Daron, a junior at Northview High School in Dothan, Ala. Lieutenant Colonel JoEllen S. Flory (retired) is now an associate professor of nursing at Troy State University, Troy, Ala.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Chad Reil

Thornapple-Kellogg High School (Middleville)

Reil was one of three Trojan grapplers to win weight class championships at the Dec. 11 TK Invitational. Trojan coach Tom Lehman said that Reil had to win a "tough match" in order to take his first place. The Middleville squad finished first at the invitational with 195 points.

Seth Temple

Caledonia High School

Temple went 4-1 at the Kent City Classic on Dec. 11 and pinned his Cedar Springs opponent in 19 seconds wrestling at 130 on Dec. 16. The fighting Scots wrestling team beat Cedar in its league dual 39-27.

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Scots chop down Cedar on the mat

With his wrestling team ahead 33-27, Caledonia heavyweight Kevin Kinney knew he had to avoid being pinned last Thursday against his Cedar Springs foe if his team was to win.

Kinney, a senior captain, knew he could accomplish that, but he also had another goal.

"The coach said to go out there; (and) if you get pinned we lose," Kinney said. "I said that I wasn't going to get pinned and decided that I was going to pin this guy."

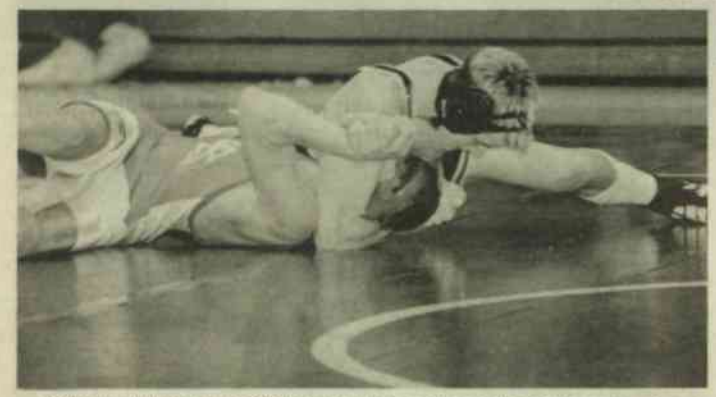
With fire in his eyes, Kinney managed his pin in 5:44 and gave his Fighting Scots' team a thrilling 39-27 O-K Gold Conference league-opening dual meet victory.

"It was a conference match and we needed to win it," Kinney explained. "We knew we had the talent to pull it off."

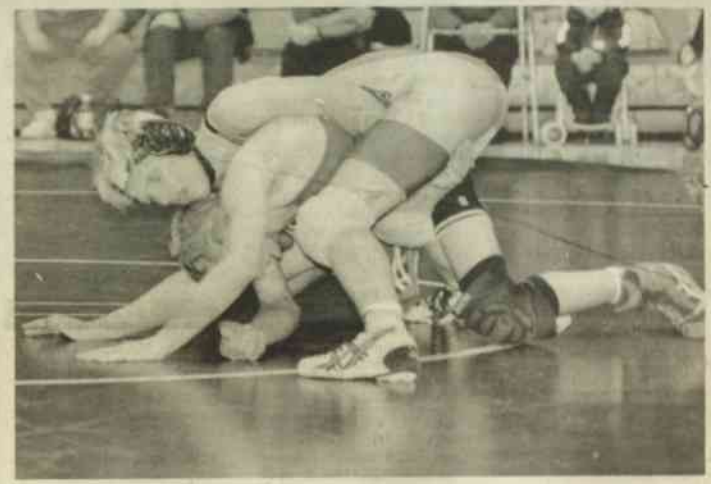
Cedar Springs and Caledonia (8-1 overall) are both considered two of the top grappling programs in the O-K Gold. Last Thursday, they proved why they are. As Kinney stated, "we knew that we would be in contention for a conference title."

A win over Cedar only makes coach Jim Maxim's Scots that much more confident as they attempt to achieve their season goals.

Caledonia's wrestling team found great reason to celebrate last Thursday as a solid team effort helped the Scots to pull out a close triumph over O-K Gold rival Cedar Springs.



Seth Temple's match at 130 lasted just 19 seconds as the Scot grappler pinned his Cedar foe.



Josh Baltrusaitis' decision at 145 helped the Fighting Scots to win a major league dual last Thursday at home.

Other winners for the Scots were Lynde Baltrusaitis at 103 (void), Chris Hanna at 112 (pin in 40 seconds), Seth Temple at 130 (pin in 19 seconds), Josh Baltrusaitis at 145 (13-2 decision), Ryan Haywood at 160 (8-2 decision) and Matt Pifer at 189 (6-2 decision).

Maxim said beating Cedar goes a long way in developing a solid all-around program.

"It's big because it was fun, it was the first match with our new (coaching) organization and it came against a good Cedar team," Maxim said. "It was fun to coach."

The fun actually had to do with a lot of things. On hand for the festivities last Thursday were former National Football League and Central Michigan University football star Ray Bentley, former Hope College and Caledonia High School athlete Adam Paarlberg and current Grand Valley State University and former Caledonia High School star jock Josh Haywood.

The new structured coaching organization at Caledonia High School includes six assistants (Dustin McFarlan, Doug Cook, Dan Simmons, Matt Tedrow, Scott Gnass and Chris Kinne), assigned to working with specific weight classes.

The Scots' winning effort was also aided by wrestlers who didn't necessarily win, but still wrestled well.

Chris Whipple, at 130, went up against a tough Cedar foe and did not get

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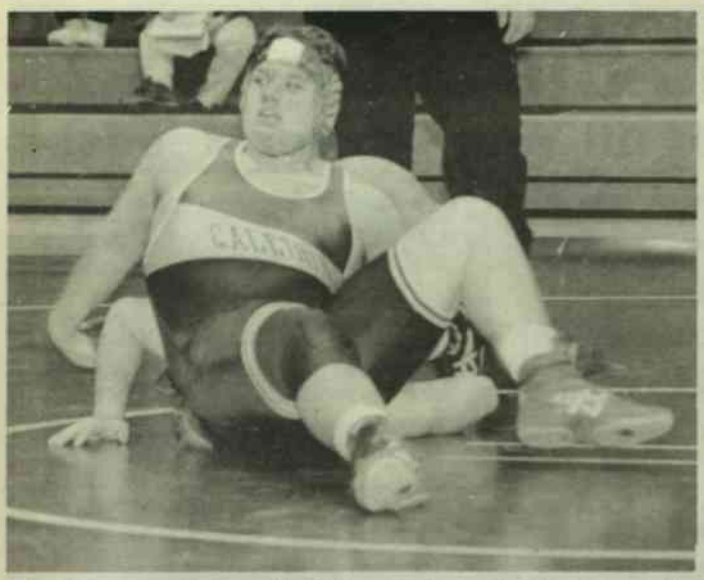

Kevin Kinney not only avoided being pinned against Cedar, but actually managed a pin of his own.

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pinned. The result was that the Scots still led 12-6 after he left the mat. Every point, as it turned out, counted.

And Maxim said that Hanna's pin, "got things fired up."

But, in the end, it was Kinney who stood out.

"Kinney has been working so hard this year; he is a good team captain," Maxim said.

And with Kinney and the rest of the squad working together, the prospects for many more Scots' mat triumphs appear bright.

"The team is back at Caledonia," Maxim said.

JV Scots beat Trojans on hardcourts

Caledonia's junior varsity basketball team won a 46-30 battle with Middleville Dec. 10 receiving 19 points from Travis Slot.

The win improved the team's record to 2-0 overall.

Caledonia led 27-9 at the half and ran away with the triumph.

Beside Slot, 10 players scored for the Fighting Scots.

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