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Holly Trolley a big hit in Middleville

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

The first visit by the Holly Trolley to Middleville left residents wanting more.

The snow and cold only added to what some called the "Norman Rockwell" atmosphere of the town.

From Santa singing silly songs on the trolley (driven by not Dasher or Dancer but Bruce) to the sweet strains of "Away in the Manger" next to the Living Nativity on the lawn of the Middleville United Methodist Church, it was the best of holiday times.

Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and local musicians braved the cold to assist those waiting for the trolley. From the first run at 6 p.m. until after 8 o'clock there was never a trolley leaving the church that wasn't full with a crowd waiting for the next departure.

The visit of the Holly Trolley to Middleville was sponsored by the Barry County Area Chamber of Commerce. Jeri Otto, the

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Shannon Heynig (left) and Tanya Bluhm were two of the tuneful artists entertaining Holly Trolley passengers. They were stationed on the Erb home porch. Other musicians filled the air with harmony at the Thatcher home, on street corners and at the Methodist Church

The Holy Family, Wise Persons with gifts, and a shepherd welcomed visitors to the Christ Child.

Girls from Junior Troop 769 and Brownies from Troop 272 and 599 sang carols at The Scoop and for those waiting for the next Trolley.

Caledonia Township discussing new storm water ordinance

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The Caledonia Planning Commission last week discussed a new storm water ordinance that eventually will go before the Township Board for approval, though no date has been set.

Leading to creation of a township ordinance was the township accepting both township engineering letters of recommendation, and approval by the County Drain Commissioner. Though there was no township ordinance, with two reviews, sometimes the results were not totally in agreement, creating confusion.

The ordinance also will allow more timely enforcement of problems and infractions, which the county is under staffed to do adequately.

Many other townships do not forward their reviews to the county, Township Engineer Randy Wilcox said.

The township opted to create its own ordinance and observe the input of the County Drain Commissioner, where a county drain was actually involved. In addition, the general standards required by the Drain Commission were incorporated into the ordinance, and in consideration of the larger drainage pattern of the county, so Caledonia would be compatible with the regional perspective.

Under the ordinance, the township will set up a district. The township will continue to do all the things that were done before, following a check list, and working directly with the developer without the extra step with the Drain Commission. Certification by the engineer is required to show facilities are built according to the plans.

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Long term maintenance within the development continues under township jurisdiction once the developer is gone. Easements will be included so the township can take care of maintenance if the development association does not. The township is empowered to charge the development.

Release rates of volume and rate are to be maintained at the same levels as before the area was developed. In some cases, this may require a second detention facility within the area, because additional paving, roofs, and parking lots create impervious surfaces so absorption of water is reduced.

The largest source of pollution is from sediments and erosion.

Muddy waters often flow downstream to the river. During the building process, the area is opened up often for long periods with no remediating facilities. Even two-acre lots under construction are causing downstream sedimentation. As the ordinance is written, single family homes would be exempt from erosion prevention measures. The Inland Lake and Stream Act is a state

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Thornapple Township planners recommend storage ordinance

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Local farmers and residents were in the audience when members of the Thornapple Township Planning Commission agreed to recommend proposed storage ordinances.

First Todd Hendricks, representing Dick and Duke Suwyn, presented the case for allowing local farmers to provide storage areas for household and recreational items in vacant agricultural buildings.

The Suwyns own property on 108th Avenue which is no longer being used for agriculture. Buildings on the site have been renovated to provide storage for boats, campers and household items.

The commission decided to consider only the revised ordinance written by its ordinance committee. The Suwyns said that they could abide by the additional restrictions of the ordinance, including the owner having to be present when items were removed.

Local farmers Bob and Phil Wenger supported the new ordinance as giving them options in what is often a difficult agricultural economy.

Planning Commission member Jack Spencer said

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statute that pre-empts local laws related to such erosion, but authorities don't enforce the law, discussion revealed.

Regional detention facilities in subdivisions created under the Land Division Act may be needed, and would be earmarked by the township every time a new public or private road is built. Chairman Roger Keating asked if such problems and pollution prevention measures could be dealt with in the ordinance.

Commissioners asked to be advised as to state rules governing flood plain areas, so it was clear what the standards are for storage, volumes and which materials may be stored in flood areas. The township could have its own language to cover such situations.

Other issues such as animal waste, ditches, etc., affected by the Right to Farm Act, are governed under state laws as well.

Keating said some planned mineral removal (PMR) operations were supposed to revegetate the areas, but they were not doing it.

The Stormwater District and ordinance would empower a charter township to enforce situations like this. Attorney Jim Scales said it is very expensive to administer such rules, and he advised against it.

Penalties and fines for willful infractions will likely be raised for subsequent offenses. Some developers have willingly paid a fine for pollution to gain time, and allowed tons of soil to erode into public waterways. Commissioners want the penalties to be stiff enough to make infractions costly.

The township manager is empowered to issue a stop work order. But if severe damage occurs, fines may be levied, but do not go to the township, but to the court system and do not compensate owners downstream who have suffered losses due to infractions happening upstream.

Another way to deal with such problems of environmental damage and enforcement is to require a letter of credit, with an escrow deposit. If the township orders repairing damages created by developers, the cost could be drawn against their credit and give the township more negotiating power. This might be more effective than fines and might help remediate damages.

Public comment likely will be received at the Township Board discussion, though requirements for a public hearing have been met.

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he was concerned that the ordinance being considered would reward someone who had deliberately flouted township regulations.

Planning Commission Chairman Mark Sevald moderated the discussion and stressed the need to provide for a way for barns to remain a charming and attractive part of the landscape. He praised the members of the commission for their ability to discuss their differences with civility and without acrimony.

The commission voted 5-3 to recommend that the Thornapple Township Board members approve this ordinance at their next meeting in January.

Geoff Moffat, the shared planner with the Village of Middleville was introduced.

The commission elected Sevald as chairman, Richard Reyff as vice chairman and Wes Van Rhee as secretary.

The next meeting of the Thornapple Township Planning Commission will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17.

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Barbara Zylstra watches as Tom VanderLugt explains the safety mechanism on the clasp of the bracelet.

Local woman wins diamond bracelet in drawing

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Barbara Zylstra was overcome with excitement when she received a call one Monday night after work, telling her she had won a bracelet, the grand prize in Swierenga's drawing, where 16 prizes were given.

"When Tom called me, I think I yelled so loud I made him deaf for a few minutes afterward," she recalled with a smile.

She said she has been smiling almost constantly since she found out she was the grand prize winner of the drawing Dec. 11.

"I came in on my lunch hour and got it the next day," she said. She called her son and daughter, and as she ran into friends, she made sure they saw her prize.

"I never won anything before," she said.

Her best friend told her she could never say she never won anything again.

How does one win such a treasure? Zylstra said she was a regular customer at Swierenga's for several years, and after the establishment moved to Caledonia recently, her visits have increased. Every time she came in, she filled out a ticket.

Zylstra said she is happy Swierenga's has come to Caledonia.

"It's a beautiful store... very elegant. Tom did a wonderful job with it, and I wish him all the best. The people who work here are so helpful and friendly."

The prize, a diamond tennis bracelet valued at $2,000, is set with stones that total three carats, jeweler Tom VanderLugt of Swierenga's explained.

VanderLugt said most of the other top winners were from Caledonia and Middleville. He said there will be another drawing in late February.

Swierenga Jewelers is located at 9369 Cherry Valley SE in Caledonia. The phone number is 891-5750.

Barbara Zylstra models her new diamond tennis bracelet.

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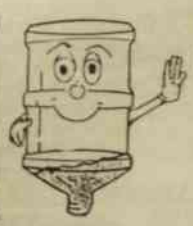
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Jan Heyboer opens new salon in Yankee Springs

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Jan Heyboer has brought her talent and skills to a hair salon she has opened in her home on Payne Lake Road.

Heyboer moved recently from Coopersville, where she operated a salon in her home for 11 years.

Her 20 years of experience has allowed her to offer personalized service by appointment only six days and three evenings each week.

She offers haircuts, perms, coloring, foil and cap high lighting, eyebrow waxing and paraffin dips. She also works at a Grand Rapids area salon two days a week.

"You're never too old to learn," Heyboer says. She keeps up her skills at workshops and classes. She likes the personalized service she can provide in her home salon and the view of nature right outside the window is great.

She moved from Coopersville in August with her husband, Bob. They have been married for 30 years and have two grown daughters, Sandy Sedric and Chris.

Heyboer says, "I owe my great success to my family. The girls help with the computer and business suggestions. Bob is the repairman.

Many of her clients from Coopersville enjoy the drive to Middleville. Heyboer hopes to soon have Middleville area residents taking advantage of the personalized and professional service she has to offer.

For information or to make an appointment call Heyboer at 795-1268. The salon is located at 1787 Payne Lake Road.

Jan Heyboer hopes that clients at her new salon will enjoy the view out the window as much as she does.

Caledonia engineering student named one of the best

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

The National Engineering Honor Society has named Josh Finkbeiner, a 1997 Caledonia High School graduate, as one of the top eighth of junior engineering students in the nation.

The society picks only the top 20 percent of seniors, and if Finkbeiner continues in his efforts, he may well be picked next year too.

The honor assigns the students named with a prestigous standing, and invites students to membership in the society. The society, known as Tau Beta Pi, was founded in 1885 to recognize engineering students of superior scholarship and outstanding character, and engineers of eminent achivement. An emphasis on integrity, breadth of interest both inside and outside engineering, adaptability and unselfish activity are stressed in assigning the standing.

There have been more than 400,000 members initiated into the society.

Finkbeiner attends the Illinois Institute of Technology and is studying aerospace engineering. Students are picked on the basis of grades and character.

Finkbeiner is hoping to be picked to work for NASA in the summer of 2000, and hopes for a career in the field one day.

Joshua Finkbeiner

Being invited to join the society identifies those named as distinguised individuals and as outstanding engineers. Prospective employers recognize membership as a mark of excellence and the honor is regarded as a boost toward a future career.

Opportunities for fellowships are granted through membership.

Joshua is the son of Beth and John Finkbeiner of Caledonia.

CORRECTION: One of the wrestling coaches at Caledonia High School is Mark Tedrow. In a story on page 22 of the Dec. 21 *Sun & News* he was refereed to as Matt Tedrow. The *Sun & News* regrets the error.

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Monday, Jan. 3
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Tuesday, Jan. 4
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Thursday, Dec. 30
Holiday vacation.
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Tuesday, Jan. 4
Rib BBQ Sub or corn dog, baked beans, fruit cocktail, milk.
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TK students has hearing on bomb threat

A 13-year-old female Thornapple Kellogg Middle School student had a preliminary hearing Dec. 21 on the Nov. 4 bomb threat at the middle school.

The case was one of seven bomb threats in the Thornapple Kellogg School District this year.

The girl has been expelled for the school year, her parents must pay restitution and she must write an essay.

Probable cause was found at the hearing and the girl was bound over for detention. Her parents posted bond and she is now on at home detention. She is visited several times a week by a probation officer.

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Athletic Advisory Council being formed in Caledonia

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Commenting that the Caledonia school board was meeting for the last time in this millennium, Dan Clark also presided over what may have been the shortest meeting of the decade.

Athletic Director Matt Fronimos reported on the formation of an Athletic Advisory Council made up of 12 members. The council will include coaches, boosters, parents, athletes and high school staff members. The council will report on a quarterly basis, providing updates on the athletic department to the Board of Education.

Superintendent Doug Busman, reporting on the strategic plan, said the committee hoped board members would become more acquainted with the plan. He said the committee

Craig Schmidt is in a difficult phase of the planning process.

"As a part of the strategic plan we need to find a way of measuring our progress," he said.

Busman said the administrative team and staff have found common definitions and descriptions of quality to use to measure and report on progress in implementing the strategic plan.

They worked with charts adapted from the Malcom Baldridge Award Program for Quality Business Management. Each chart describes one of the seven characteristics of the "highest quality. system for learning."

The team identified seven characteristics of this learning system: information and analysis, student achievement, quality planning, professional development, leadership, partnership development and continuous improvement and evaluation.

A rating system uses a continuum from 1 to 5 in which students are rated, in a school has not begun to improve (1) to a (5) rating in which a school has moved almost to "world class quality.

A personnel change was approved involving around ten people. The transfer involving Craig Schmidt from deputy superintendent to middle school principal was noted.

David Johnson was hired as a bus driver in a period when finding drivers is exceptionally difficult. It was noted his enjoyment of kids had resulted in Johnson driving his bus in full Santa costume this week.

A well known school board member also appeared as Santa Claus at one of the schools, but his anonymity is being protected.

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Suzanne Knight presents Duane Petroskey with a big check for middle school students to build wood duck boxes.

Middle school kids win grant to build wood duck nest boxes

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A grant of $3,614 from the Caledonia Education Foundation has been awarded by Suzanne Knight to Duane Petroskey for a Caledonia Middle School Wood Duck Project.

Petrosky said the students plan to place about 80 nesting boxes into wetland habitat sites in southern Kent County and northern Barry County in March. The project is planned to span five years, and will involve participation by students, community members and businesses.

"We are real pleased about the project, and plan to get started in January," Petroskey said. "Its a great opportunity for the kids. The kids who signed up are real excited."

With the grant, the purchase of materials supplies and equipment for the construction of the wood duck nesting boxes will allow the work on the 80 boxes to begin next month.

The budget for the eighth hour programs at the middle school do not provide the funding the program would require.

The plans for the first year of the project will include getting community groups involved with funding and support. Students plan to learn about the natural history of the wood duck, and work with Ducks Unlimited biologists to speak to the students about nesting programs for this species.

Students want to write an article about their project and learn about possible box locations from community people. They also plan to construct a web page, so that other schools can network with Caledonia students about the project, or similar projects going on in other places.

In March the students hope to place the boxes, in time for nesting season in April. They will begin to collect data on the birds, maintain the boxes yearly, and use the information to write reports.

Students will not only build and maintain the boxes, but will learn about the life cycle of this native bird, collect data about nesting success rates and participate in the management of wildlife. The project will also show students the impact of habitat on waterfowl populations.

Petroskey expects the project will increase the participant's interest in waterfowl and wildlife. This interest will hopefully become a life- long area of commitment and participation in ecology. By learning the importance of protecting the environment, students will have a head start on being advocates for wildlife management for the future.

Another outcome will be the creation of a partnership between students, businesses and organizations, which will provide an opportunity for working together to improve nesting conditions for area wood duck populations.

The Caledonia Education Foundation was established in 1998 to help provide funding for exceptional educational programs that would not otherwise be underwritten by Caledonia Community Schools. Requests for grant support can be made by any individual group.

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. It key responsibilities are to raise funds, manage assets, review grant requests, and approve grant awards. The Foundation works closely with Caledonia Community School administrators, teachers, students, parents and school board members. Contributions to the foundation are tax deductible.

Information about the foundation may be learned by calling David Morrow at 752-8516 or 891-0390.

Christian education director named at Leighton Methodist

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

"I've come home to a family," Norman Knorr says of his new position as Christian education director at the Leighton United Methodist Church.

All 360 members of this "family" seem equally enthusiastic about him.

He has been like Moses with three careers — businessman, farmer and now a shepherd with a church flock. He graduated from Grand Rapids Baptist Seminary in May with a master of religious education degree with a concentration in Biblical counseling.

He worked as feed mill production supervisor with Wolverine Feeds and Buckeye Feeds and at the Caledonia Farmers Elevator and Martin mills.

His 1998 trip to Israel was a life changing experience, which he uses in his work with the youth of the church. This visit to the Holy Land gave him the opportunity to "walk around Jerusalem," which he uses to teach the next generation.

His life has been enriched from working with Pastor Raymond Townsend. Even though he was raised a Lutheran and received his education from a Baptist seminary, the Leighton Methodist Church is home.

"I really like the mission orientation of the church. It really is a lighthouse in a cornfield, shining out to the world," he said.

The mission efforts of the church include a youth group team going to Kenya in July and a group of adults going to Honduras in February.

He uses his Bible everyday and is looking forward to working with young people on making good life choices.

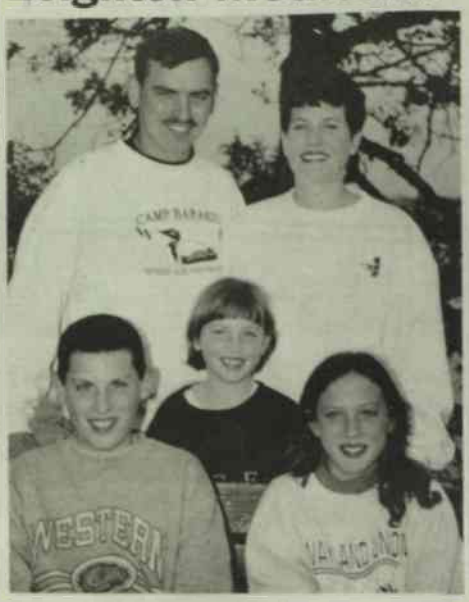
"It's important to get into kids' lives," he says.

He is already working on programs including work on this summers "Things Down under" Vacation Bible School. He and the youth groups will be developing service projects this year.

He lives in Wayland with his wife Patty and children Andy, Missy and Keleigh. Patty is a Steeby and the Steeby farmstead is just up the road from the church.

"Everyone has been very welcoming," Knorr concluded.

Knorr can be contacted at the Leighton United Methodist Church at the corner of 142 Avenue and Second Street. Call 891-8028 for information.



Norman Knorr and his family are enjoying his work with the Leighton Methodist Church. Shown here (from left, standing) are Knorr and his wife Patty. Seated are children Andy, Keleigh and Missy .

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Party time at Caledonia Elementary schools

Santa came to Kettle Lake Elementary and stopped long enough for a group shot with a group of third graders.

Elizabeth Shrewsbury's second grade games edged out into the halls at Kettle Lake when hoola hoop contestants Drew Donnell and Katie Kazemier held out in a feat of endurance.

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Parent John Domer read stories to Mary Jane Campione's second-graders at Dutton Elementary.

Dan Lenartz (left) works next to Ken VandenBout, who helps daughter Angie VandenBout make a gingerbread house project during a Gayle Ott's third grade party activity at Kettle Lake School.

Shelly Abel's fifth grade decided to hold a formal dinner party at Caledonia Elementary.

Bingo holds the attention of second-graders in Kristi Cooper's class at Dutton Elementary.

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Diane Blain demonstrates using pastry tools to decorate a candy house with her third-graders at Kettle Lake.

A different kind of exchange was made in Lisa McBride's fourth grade class at Caledonia Elementary, when the children brought in cookies of all kinds and exchanged them, wrapped them and took them home to share with family and friends.

Secret Santa gave Jacob House candy and junk food galore in a gift exchange. He shared his loot with other fifth-graders in his Caledonia Elementary class.

Caledonia Elementary fifth grade teacher Shirley Timmer received a gift from a fourth grade class, which made brownies.

Sarah Barney and Lisa McBride posed with Miss Piggy who came ornamented for Christmas to visit their fourth grade class. Sarah drew Miss Piggy's portrait, just above.

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Leighton church plans Y2K party

The Leighton United Methodist Church will be host for a Y2K family celebration on Friday, Dec. 31, beginning at 7 p.m.

The festivities will begin with a free pig roast, followed by a worship celebration at 8 p.m. Beginning at 9:30, the building will echo with excitement with the music, karaoke and games planned for all ages.

At midnight, participants can welcome the new millennium with friends. They can win door prizes as well.

Child care and quiet spaces will be provided for young children who can't stay up quite so late.

Anyone who wonders where they'll be when the Y2K clock strikes midnight can call the Leighton United Methodist Church at 891-8028. The church is located at the corner of 142 Avenue and Second Street.

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Holly Trolley a big hit in Middleville, from front page

Carolyn, Amber and Rachel Klinge got into the holiday spirit duting their ride on the Holly Trolley.

Trolley visit organizer Marianne Fritcher (left) takes a breather during festivities. She worked closely with Laurie Brinks organizing the Boy Scouts and Jody Pratt, who helped with refreshments and many details.

Boy Scouts from Troop 105 sold tickets and helped people cross the street during the visit to Holly Trolley

Troop 769 leader Debi Wilson stirs the hot chocolate as scouts Rebecca Daining and Alexa McClain prepare for the next group of cold and hungry comes for refreshments.

Middleville representative, praised the hard work of local organizer Marianne Fritchter.

Fritchter said, "I am amazed at how well the community came together. It has just been awesome."

Music ranged from the dulcet tones of the Methodist Church's bell choir, the seasonal harmony of a mixed voice choir, accomplished singers with guitar and microphone to the enthusiasm of young Girl Scouts on street corners.

Their festive apparel cheered up Marianne Fritcher and Girl Scout leader Debi Wilson as they worked hard to make the visit of the Holly Trolley a success.

Richard and Susan Reyff sang the lullaby "Away in a Manger" at the Living Nativity Scene on the lawn of the Middleville united Methodist Church.

Stalwart Troop 105 Boy Scouts made sure that everyone could cross the street safely as they traveled from front porches to churches. Most drivers courteously waited for people to cross the street.

Church members were happy that their downtown building could serve the community. The members playing the roles of the Holy Family, shepherds and Wise Persons enjoyed meeting people and the animals liked the attention.

From the decorated windows painted by local artists, the haybale snowman, The Scoop serving as a way station for carolers and the generous contributions from local businesses and farmers and all those rejoicing in the season, the visit of Holly Trolley to Middleville was a success.

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Presents created with care by TK children

Page students sort chunks of stone for their hand crafted picture frames.

Parent volunteer Mary Dammen helps students as they pound in the nails and ribbon on their long wall hangings.

McFall PTO volunteer Michelle Powell (standing on right) gives a first-grader a helpful hint and more glitter as students create gift bags.

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Students in the three Thornapple Kellogg elementary schools created gifts for their parents this month.

These creative activities were sponsored by the Thornapple Kellogg PTO.

Volunteers and teachers even got up to their elbows in hammers, glue, glitter and even smashed rocks for the crafts. Over the past five years PTO members have designed age appropriate crafts for students to create.

At McFall, students created snow shaker scenes using empty baby food jars and glitter. Tissue paper and even more glitter were used as students decorated the gift bags for their gift.

At Lee, goggle wearing students wielded hammers as they pounded nails into a wall hanging with ribbons and bells. Some teachers really helped and all the volunteers took extra aspirin to ward off headaches.

At Page the parent volunteers were able to work off lots of frustration smashing marble and granite to prepare chunks of stone for picture frames.

Whether volunteers were up to their elbows in plaster or praising student creativity all had a really good time. The volunteers received many hugs and thank yous from students.

These pictures and story were held at *The Sun and News* until after Christmas so that there could be a surprise on Christmas morning. (Some students couldn't wait to show their gift.)

The PTO welcomes suggestions from parents about the winter craft for the next school year. For information about the PTO, contact the individual school or attend the next general PTO meeting on Jan. 11 at 6:30 p.m. at Page.

These students in Sue Brummel's first grade class show off their gift bags. Students created homemade snow globes to go inside the bags as well.

Hearing is Jan. 3 on Garbow rezoning proposal

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

A public hearing is scheduled for Jan. 3 on a request from Paul Garbow, owner of a 39.6-acre parcel at100th Street and M-37, to rezone the agricultural classification to a planned unit development (PUD) with commercial and multi-family housing units.

The informal PUD proposal brought in October was met with more enthusiasm than a previous rezoning request. Planning commissioners said the uses suggested, for assisted living and or retirement condominiums would provide a buffer from commercial areas to what would probably become residential units where agricultural zoning now exists.

Specific open space hasn't yet been designated, but it was stated that nearly 50% of the total available acreage would be left open, including plans to preserve the good trees on the property, and to create a serene setting for the residents, with wooded buffers between housing and areas to the east, and to the rail-trail.

The Garbow development would create a buffer between the village and the Clearview industrial park to the south, approved earlier this month.

The rail-trail forms a boundary between the two properties. Both owners have documented the soils in the area are unsuitable for agriculture due to soil type and the need for irrigation to farm it.

Several potential commercial businesses would be encouraged along M-37 and 100th Street, which would be complementary to the type of housing proposed. This could include restaurants, office retail, doctors' offices, insurance offices, child care, convenience stores, medical retail, supplies and services, a bike shop or other specialty stores.

Both the Planning XCommission and the developer would like to have public sewer available before the development proceeds. An application for sewer already has been made, whenever the system is extended. Spokesman Rick Pulaski and Township Manager-Planner John Wallace said the township expects plans for expansion of the sewer south of 100th Street within the next few months.

Wallace said a phased plan for a PUD could allow development to go ahead, but to wait on parts of the construction until sewer became available.

Wallace wanted to encourage businesses that would minimize the impact and not divert business away from existing village downtown and area shopping centers.

AA meeting set

Caledonia - 100th and M-37. AA meets Tuesdays 6:30 a.m.; Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. Open Discussion Meeting. (Al-Anon meets Tuesday and Thursday at noon.) 9964 Cherry Valley #3, Caledonia. Contact Jerry R. at 437-9452.

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OUR Land hears program on water quality management

by Ruth Zachary
Staff Writer

Anthony (Tony) Groves, consultant to the Four Township Water Resources Council, presented "Watershed Management Planning,- What Works/What Doesn't," in Hastings Dec. 15 to the Water Quality Action Group, organized within the OUR Land Committee.

Groves made a slide presentation explaining projects protecting lake water quality at Hamlin Lake near Ludington. Other projects were covered as well, but experiences related in this project offer a lot of ideas.

Hamlin Lake is bounded by Ludington State park on the east, which is a large recreation and tourist area. The lake is 5,000 acres in area, with a depth of 80 feet. Though the Big Sable River runs into the lake, and water flows through it to Lake Michigan, it has a seven-month water residence, or time required for all of the water to replace itself.

The lake has a shoreline length of 32 miles. Shape factor relates the shoreline to the shape of the lake. A round lake would have a shape factor of 1. With a shape factor of 3.2, Hamlin Lake allows for a lot more shoreline development.

The watershed area supplying water to the lake is 178 square miles, less than 23 times the size of the lake. The Big Sable River and its watershed is 24 miles to the headwaters, starting in Lake County and encompassing a large part of Mason County, a very large land area.

Prior to 1900, lumbering had a big impact on the lake. Besides cutting the trees, huge expanses of shore line were denuded of vegetation. Logs were floated in the lake. Hamlin Lake dam was formed in 1859. Downstream, logs were carried by millcarts out to Lake Michigan, where posts still remain where boats were docked.

The Hamlin Lake Improvement Board was formed under the Natural Resources Environmental Protection Act in the early 1990s.

A Planning Commission with the Lake Association was disbanded and the board was formed. The board included a Drain Commissioner, a County Commissioner, a representative from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), a representative from each township, and the Lake Association president. Governmental authority gave the group a vehicle to finance the project.

The board received funding from the Environmental Protection Agency in the amount of a $35,000 grant, with matching funds from homeowners around the lake. They created a study to diagnose the problems, and identify what would manage the situation in phase one of the project.

A sampling program was set up to measure water nutrients. Of primary concern is the nutrient phosphorus, which accelerates lake aging. Often it is associated with agricultural runoff. With phosphorus readings, the health of a lake can be assessed.

Data was collected from 1991-1992. A concentration of 20 parts per billion was found, along with a lot of lake plant growth and algae. If a lake surpasses 20 parts per billion, which is considered to be the threshold of what lake water can handle, it begins to show serious problems.

Researchers tried to determine the sources of phosphorus in the watershed. Septic contributions were about 3%, 9% fell on the lake surface. Runoff from the forest was low, 8% came from residential runoff and 17% was attributed to agriculture. A lot of forest and state land on the lake helps to catch pollutants around the lake.

It was determined that about 50% of the phosphorus came from the river watershed; most from agricultural activity close to the river and tributaries in that watershed.

Theoretical analysis projected that if phosphorous concentrations of 19 parts per billion were increased by 10%, the lake would have serious problems, with development of algae and plant growth, as well as a reduction of clarity.

The data was used to develop phase two, the Hamlin Lake Management Plan. $350,000 was needed. A grant from EPA brought in $175,000, The Michigan Recreational Improvement Fund contributed $25,000, and assessments on the properties around the lake provided the balance needed, which cost residents about $50 per property per year over a five-year period.

The project has been ongoing since 1994.

They developed a computerized Geographical Information System with mapping for the entire watershed. This information is used in planning and zoning by the county.

They worked on planning and zoning of the townships around the lake to consider protection. They worked with the Soil Conservation District, Natural Resources Conservation Service, advocating best management practices, working with farms in the watershed, and carried out other efforts such as water quality monitoring in the lake.

Groves said to gain support, a very large scale information dissemination program was carried out. This included information on landscaping, the proper use of fertilizer around the lake, on septic system maintenance, and information on wetland protection. This was given to people over a five-year period.

Watershed management is the key to protecting the health of a lake system. An inventory of 57 severe erosion sites was identified by the soil conservation staff.

Though natural processes at work in streams also undercut and erode stream banks, the original process of logging removed vegetation from a lot of sites, and continued traffic by people on the slopes for fishing and boat launching have contributed as well.

The Conservation Resource Alliance worked on the the worst sites and tried to stabilize them. Thirteen sites totalling 3,200 linear feet were stabilized by laying stone to stop the erosion, which helped prevent sand deposits in the lake. Vegetative plantings and terraces were put in. The work cost $60,000 to $70,000.

This work and this plan are now being applied to other Michigan sites, in road crossings and streambed stabilization, where erosion is often bad. This is an example of how to take one project and use it to get additional funds.

One of the achievements of the group was to present a unified effort against a proposed plan to lease lands under Ludington State Park, and allow slant drilling from private lands to extract oil and gas. The real estate division of the DNR had the plan ready to go.

The Michigan Land Use Institute mobilized, and went to Lansing before the Natural Resources Commission which oversees the DNR to make a direct plea to put a ban on all industrial lands around the state park based on the fragile ecosystem of the dunes. The dunes are located between Lake Michigan and Hamlin Lake.

A moratorium was placed on these bases, and the group hopes the ban will become permanent. The commission has reconsidered the mining, but probably due to the dunes drawing more than 700,000 visitors to the park per year, which adds another commercial value to the area, the moratorium was maintained.

Groves said that as oil prices climb, the oil industry increases the pressure to reconsider. So the Michigan Land Use Institute and the Lake Association made a formal petition to the Natural Resources Commission to establish the State Land Use Act, which would allow the state to make environmentally sensitive lands off limits to oil and gas development.

The NRC has made a recommendation to the State Legislature to pass the act. The commission used the GIS information to document the extent of the dune areas in Ludington State Park, a total of 640 contiguous acres of land. Wetlands were also documented.

"We also had a number of endangered species, which helped the NRC to take the request to the State Legislature," Groves said.

The various groups hope there will be formal action taken in both the senate and the House.

Groves said, "You would not expect to have to fight the DNR over a watershed management issue, but in this case that's exactly what we ended up doing."

He said Ludington State Park may be the first park protected under the act if passed, and Jordan River residents are doing something similar in that area.

Groves branched into the need for storm water management in areas where dense development is occurring.

"What we want to do when we have a watershed is to pro-actively manage

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Page Geography Bee winners announced

Fourth grade teacher David Hyde praised the 10 finalists competing in the Page Geography Bee. Once the dust settled David McMahon had survived to be declared winner, Nate Marklevitz was the runner up. From left are in the front row Mike Gray, Chris Hammonds, Nate Marklevitz, David McMahon and Eric Dettmann, Standing are Jacob Lenartz, Nate Runnels, Joanna Dugan, Alesha Ward and Elena Gormley, Chris gets to take a long geography test to see if he will be one of the state finalists.

Water quality, from previous page

the property rather than react to it."

"We developed a method by which we would implement storm water management practices as development occurred, paid for by private funds as opposed to public funds. As the properties are developed, a storm water management infrastructure is required as part of the development.

The board worked with the County Drain Commission, mostly in Mason County. Because most was in one county, it was more successful. "It would be extremely difficult to do this piecemeal," he said.

"We took the soil erosion control ordinance of the drain commission and piggybacked the stormwater regulations on to it. Developments must handle storm water on the site, and the rate of flow must not exceed pre-development rates. Storm water is required to infiltrate into the ground, returning it to the water table.

The idea for this came from Grand Traverse County, which had the first county-wide storm water management plan.

"This is a very effective way to address a problem pro-actively," he said.

Another action taken was to protect vegetation along the shoreline.

"We got information out to Hamlin Lake property owners and explained a natural vegetation zone along the shoreline was needed. It provides a natural barrier around the lake to provide excellent natural cover for wildlife, bird species, frogs, turtles, and others which have been lost due to this lack of cover needed for them to survive."

It is still possible to provide recreational use with low maintenance on the property and minimize the runoff, he explained.

Hamlin Lake now has zoning ordinances providing for a waterfront overlay district. Residents are only allowed to clear cut 25% of the shoreline and 75% must be left in natural vegetation 35 feet back. There was still a lot of undeveloped property along the streams and lake shore. This was a way to protect the vegetation by township regulation.

Township approves nuisance ordinance

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Members of the Thornapple Township Board have approved a nuisance ordinance.

Barry County Commissioner Robert Wenger asked why the Planning Commission had written the ordinance and if most of the topics were covered by state law.

Bill Campbell reported that the state police had requested an ordinance so they could act on it. At the previous Planning Commission meeting there was a discussion of having something in writing "with teeth in it" for enforcement.

Township Supervisor Don Boysen told Wenger that the Township Board asked the Planning Commission's ordinance committee to work on this. Everyone on the board "really appreciates the work and research they put into the effort."

The township will be talking to Consumers Energy representatives to get more information on the replacement of gas pipeline in the township this summer.

The repercussions of last year's vandalism at Mt. Hope Cemetery continue to be felt in the township. The 16 replacement stones were set before the onset on winter weather. Replacing the two destroyed obelisks is next.

The next meeting of the Thornapple Township Board is the quarterly meeting on Jan. 3, beginning at 1 p.m. The timeline for budget planning will be on the agenda.

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REGULAR MEETING
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Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Supervisor.

Board members present - 7; others present - 8.

Agenda approved as amended.

Minutes of the November 8th meeting approved as amended.

Current bills of $30,677.97 approved by roll call vote.

Treasurer's report accepted.

Discussion on proposed Nuisance Ordinance. Motion passed by roll call vote to adopt An Ordinance to amend Article IV of Chapter 4 of the Code.

Motion passed to change proportions of sewer use fee between O & M and Debt funds.

Motions passed to appoint Robert Kenney, Walter Eavey and Mike Kelley to Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission, representing Thornapple Township.

Next Parks and Recreation Commission meeting is Dec. 21.

Consumers Energy will install street light at Stimson & M-37 when State approves plan.

Motion carried by roll call vote approving resolution to establish a Trust & Agency Fund.

Supervisor presented YMCA Annual Report to the board.

Emergency Services report showed 81 calls for November.

Planning and Zoning report accepted as printed.

Cemetery report showed 16 replacement stones have been set.

Supervisor informed board, pipe stored at county gravel pit will be used to replace gas pipeline through township next year.

Meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m.

Submitted by,
Donna Stagray, Clerk
Attested to by,
Donald E. Boysen, Supervisor
(A complete text of township minutes is available during regular office hours at the township offices.)

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE AMENDMENTS AND SUMMARY OF REGULATORY EFFECT THEREOF

(1) VILLAGE SANITARY SEWER CONNECTION, USE AND RATE ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 13, 1999, the Village Council of the Village of Caledonia adopted Ordinance No. 99-33, which amended certain provisions of the Village Sanitary Sewer Connection, Use and Rate Ordinance No. 95-1 (the "Sewer Ordinance"). The following is a summary of the amending Ordinance:

Advance Billing. Section 703 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to provide for billing in advance of the user charge, and to provide a transition period from the current system of billing in arrears. Commencing January 1, 2001, all rates and charges will be billed in advance. Corresponding changes were made to other provisions of the Sewer Ordinance to reflect the transition to billing in advance.

Accrual Date. Section 703 of the Sewer Ordinance is also amended to provide that user charges begin to accrue on the earlier of the date of issuance of an occupancy permit, or 150 calendar days after the sewer service permit application is filed.

Billing and Collection. Section 708 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to reflect that customers will be billed on or about the 1st day of the first month in each calendar quarter. Payment is due on or before the 1st day of the second month in the quarterly billing period, except that, for 2000, the April 1, July 1, and October 1 quarterly bills are due and payable on or before the 15th day of the second month in the quarterly billing period. Miscellaneous customer fees are due 10 days after the bill or statement is mailed. Non-receipt of a bill is not an excuse for nonpayment. The Village reserves the right to bill monthly, or stagger billings if desired.

Late Payments. Section 709 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to indicate that a time price differential of 5.0% per quarter is charged on the unpaid balance until the rates and charges are paid or certified for placement on the tax roll.

Remedies. Section 710 of the Sewer Ordinances is amended to make reference to the disconnection of public water by the Charter Township of Caledonia, as a mechanism to enforce the payment of sewer rates and charges for premises connected to both public water and sewer.

Delinquent Rates and Charges. Section 711 of the Sewer Ordinance is amended to provide that rates shall be considered delinquent if unpaid for 90 days. Sewer rates and charges and time price differential which are delinquent as of April 1 each year, plus a penalty of 5.0%, will be reported to the Village Treasurer and placed on the Village tax roll for the premises served.

Effective Date. Ordinance No. 99-33 shall be effective immediately upon this publication.

(2) VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that on December 13, 1999, the Village Council of the Village of Caledonia adopted Ordinance No. 99-36Z, which amended certain provisions of Chapter 15 of the Village Zoning Ordinance concerning signage. The following is a summary of the amending Ordinance:

Temporary Signs. Ordinance No. 99-36Z amended the Zoning Ordinance to prohibit portable and temporary signs in the C-1, C-2 and I-1 districts. Portable signs may be permitted for a period of up to 30 days per year in the Agricultural and Residential Districts on lots used for religious, governmental or educational purposes to advertise special events. Signs may be illuminated only as provided in Chapter 15, and shall not contain flashing or blinking lights, except for electronic message boards as regulated.

Commercial/Industrial Districts. Section 15.3 of the Zoning Ordinance is amended with respect to maximum permissible sign area, allocation of area among signs, and height of signs in the C-1, C-2 and C-3 Districts. In the C-1 and I-1 Districts, total sign area may not exceed 80 square feet, except that an additional 12 square feet of wall signage is permitted for each tenant in excess of five in a multiple-tenant building. In the C-2 District, total sign area may not exceed 150 square feet, except that an additional 24 square feet of wall signage is permitted for each tenant in excess of four in a multiple-tenant building.

PUDs. Section 15.4 of the Zoning Ordinance is amended to provide for signs in the PUD District. Unless otherwise provided in the ordinance establishing a particular PUD, signs in a residential planned unit development must comply with Section 15.2 of the Zoning Ordinance, signs in a commercial or office planned unit development must comply with the provisions of Section 15.3 for the C-2 District, signs in an industrial PUD must comply with the provisions of Section 15.3 for an industrial district, and signs in a PUD for institutional or governmental uses must comply with provisions of Section 15.3 for the C-1 District.

Effective Date. Ordinance No. 99-36Z shall be effective immediately upon this publication.

Ordinances Available for Public Inspection. Complete copies of Ordinance Nos. 99-33 and 99-36Z are available for public use, inspection and copying at the office of the Village Clerk, 250 S. Maple Street, Caledonia, Michigan 49316, during regular business hours.

Dated: December 13, 1999

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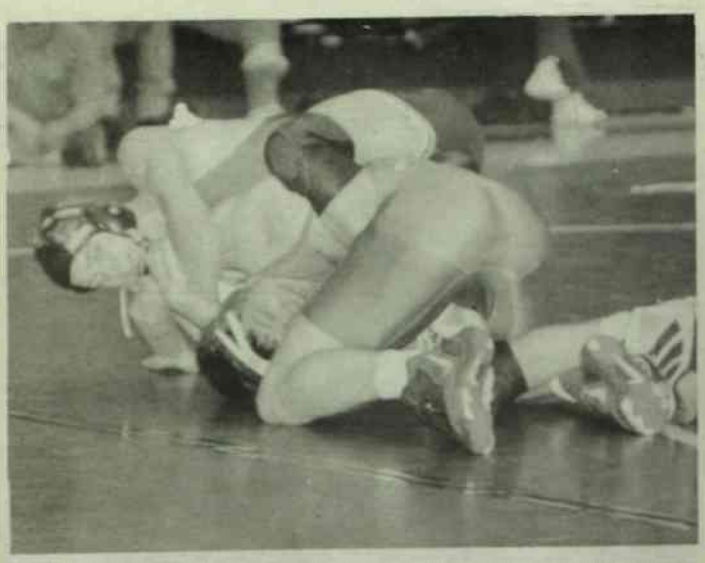
Area mat men shine at Snow Invitational

Fighting Scot Chris Whipple wrestled his way into the finals at 125.



Todd Maines grabbed Caledonia's lone weight class championship with his triumph at 140.

VERMONTVILLE — Jeff Rhoades did the host wrestling team proud Saturday, Dec. 18 at the Jesse Snow Memorial Invitational.

Rhoades, a 152-pound weight class mat man from Maple Valley High School, scored first place honors by beating Caledonia's Ryan Haywood with a 7-1 decision in the championship round.

To get to the finals, Rhoades pinned Comstock Park's Ryan Smith in 1:13 and pinned Lakewood's Ryan Terry in 5:38.

Haywood's Fighting Scot teammate, Todd Maines, was a weight class champion at 140. Maines managed a 14-second pin over Hopkins' Ryan Ringle, a 3:38 pin versus Comstock Park's Chris Bice and a 4:45 pin over Carson City Crystal's Kyle Cashen.

Carson City Crystal won the team championship with 186 points. Comstock Park was second with 161, Caledonia third with 148, Lakewood fourth with 130 1/2, Gull Lake fifth with 87 1/2, Concord sixth with 86, Grand Rapids Catholic Central seventh with 78 1/2, Central Montcalm eighth with 77, Maple Valley ninth with 56, Fennville 10th with 33 1/2 and Hopkins was 11th with 26 points.

Lakewood earned three second places, including one from a former Hastings grappler, Greg Seeber.

Seeber won a 17-0 decision against Maple Valley's Brandon Brooke, beat Carson City Crystal's Shawn Thomas on a 4-2 decision and had to sit out of the championship with Comstock Park's Pat McCarthy because of a minor injury.

The other two Viking runners-up were Willie Fyan at 215 and Andy Eastridge at 171.

Fyan beat Gull Lake's Ken Stratman with a pin 1:41, pinned Maple Valley's Matt Thorne in 1:39 and lost to Concord's A.J. Harr on a 1:39 pin.

Eastridge pinned Gull Lake's Austin Harris in 52 seconds, scored a pin in 4:57 over Comstock Park's Eric Smith and lost to Carson City Crystal's Matt Halfman on a pin that took 42 seconds.

Three seconds were grabbed by the Fighting Scots' Lynde Baltrusaitis at 103, Josh Baltrusaitis at 145 and Chris Whipple at 125.

Lynde Baltrusaitis pinned Central Montcalm's Robert Oestrike in 25 seconds, won an 11-6 decision over Carson City Crystal's Ken Crawdell's and lost a tough 3-0 decision to Comstock Park's Ryan McCarthy.

Josh Baltrusaitis, Lynde's older brother, won over Comstock Park's Karl Steinmeyer, prevailed over Grand Rapids Catholic Central's Ed Scott when Scott withdrew and lost to Central Montcalm's Justin Ritter in the championship round on a 14-2 decision.

Whipple beat Lakewood's Andy Wiltshire with a pin that took 37 seconds and lost to Comstock Park's Ben Fidler that took 3:42.

The Jesse Snow Memorial Invitational is held each year to honor a former Maple Valley High School wrestler who died in a car accident July 28, 1993. Snow qualified for regionals in his senior year and was always regarded as a team player and a team leader by his coaches and teammates. Each year a wrestler is awarded the Jesse Snow Memorial Sportsmanship award, an honor that is about more than mat wins.

"The winner of the plaque won't necessarily be the one who wins every match, but who shows superior sportsmanship and other attributes that Jesse demonstrated when he wrestled," Maple Valley wrestling coach Chris Ricketts said.

The winner of the 1999 award was Carson City Crystal's Jason Cooper, the winner of the 189-pound weight class.

Other results of wrestlers from Maple Valley, Lakewood and Caledonia high schools are listed below:

275: Ben Hake (Lakewood) pinned Paul Felder (Maple Valley) in 1:12, was pinned by Dan Heintz (Grand Rapids Catholic Central) in 1:46, pinned Mike Clason (Fennville) in 34 seconds, and won a 15-1 decision over Kevin Kinney (Caledonia) for third place; Kinney pinned Matt Dawson (Concord) in 1:52, was pinned by Will Holcombe (Comstock) in 2:36, won a 13-5 decision over Duane Mocherman (Comstock), lost to 15-1 decision to Ben Hake for fourth place; Felder (was pinned by Hake in 1:12, was pinned by Mocherman in 3:22.

103: Ben Wickham (Lakewood) was pinned by Ryan McCarthy (Comstock) in 49 seconds, pinned Kathy Meynard (Fennville) in 2:07, was pinned by Ken Crawdell (Carson City Crystal) in 36 seconds; Nathon Carney (Maple Valley) was pinned by Crawdell in 4:42, pinned Robert Oestvike (Comstock) in 2:59, was pinned by Kyle Hollern (Grand Rapids Catholic Central) in 4:55.

112: Brandon Brooke (Maple Valley) lost a 17-0 decision to Seeber (Lakewood), pinned Dan Nash (Grand Rapids Catholic Central) in 2:58, pinned Chris Hanna (Caledonia) in 2:10, lost a 6-1 decision to Shawn Thomas (Carson City Crystal) for fourth place, Chris Hanna (Caledonia) pinned Kirk Williams (Hopkins) in 1:22, was pinned by Pat McCarthy

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Caledonia coach Jim Maxim goes over strategy with his 103-pound grappler, Lynde Baltrusaitis.

FFA Students of the Month

Bobbi Meyer (l.) was selected FFA Student of the Month in October, while Jenny Workman (r.) was designated November FFA Student of the Month.

The students were voted most active in their FFA chapter, then were interviewed by 10 officers before being selected as representatives.

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(Comstock) in 4:56, was pinned by Brooke in 2:10.

119: Ben Best (Lakewood) was pinned by Marty Best (Comstock) in 5:56, pinned Cory Kilmartin (Caledonia) in 2:23, was pinned by Marty Best in 25 seconds for fourth place; Cory Kilmartin (Caledonia) won a 12-1 decision over Zack Bartz (Grand Rapids Catholic Central), was pinned by Rich Thomas (Carson City Crystal) was pinned by Ben Best (Lakewood) in 2:23.

125: Wiltshire (Lakewood) pinned Cole Hansbarger (Maple Valley) in 1:26, pinned Brian Meredith (Concord) in 25 seconds, pinned Geoff Zarzecki (Grand Rapids Catholic Central) in 2:40 for third place. Hansbarger was pinned by Zarzecki in 31 seconds.

130: Seth Temple (Caledonia) won a 6-2 decision over Travis Tobey (Concord), lost a 14-4 decision to Matt Ryan (Carson City Crystal), pinned Josh Reminga (Comstock) in 2:39, was pinned by Dave Leblanc (Gull Lake) in 45 seconds for fourth place; Tommy Pett (Lakewood) lost a 10-4 decision to Dave Leblanc (Gull Lake), pinned Dan Hollern (Grand Rapids Catholic Central) in 1:49, was pinned by Reminga in 3:52.

135: Tyler Gamelin (Caledonia) pinned Jason Vanderbrink (Fennville) in 4:58, was pinned by Jeff Essenmacher (Concord) in 2:26, was pinned by David Moore (Lakewood) in 3:41; Randy Silsbee (Maple Valley) pinned Aldhonso Haynes (Grand Rapids Catholic Central) in 2:32, was pinned by Chris Ryan (Carson City Crystal) in 5:06, pinned David Moore (Lakewood) in 3:52, lost to Tom Jasiak (Gull Lake) on a 6-1 decision for fourth place; David Moore pinned Kevin Fitzgerald (Comstock) in 4:46, lost to Jasiak on a 15-0 decision, pinned Gamelin in 3:41, was pinned by Silsbee in 3:52.

140: Tim Smith (Maple Valley) was pinned by Ryan Ringle (Hopkins) in 3:35, was pinned by Dan Alexander (Comstock) in 57 seconds; A.J. Eckert (Lakewood) lost to Kyle Cashen (Carson City Crystal) on a 10-0 decision, pinned Travis Hutchins (Fennville) in 1:52, lost to Alexander on a 10-2 decision.

145: Trent Brummette (Lakewood) was pinned by Ed Scott (Grand Rapids Catholic Central) in 57 seconds, won a 9-3 decision over Karl Steinmeyer (Comstock), was pinned by Scott Ehlert (Carson City Crystal) in 2:08.

152: Ryan Terry (Lakewood) pinned Rafesi Cabrera in 2:57, was pinned by Rhoades in 5:58, lost to Kurt Mead (Carson City Crystal) on a 13-6 decision.

160: Ryan Harmer (Lakewood) pinned Jake Perez in 41 seconds, lost to Josh Shimkas (Concord) on an 18-9 decision, pinned Jon Bailey (Comstock) in 53 seconds, pinned Rich Scoville (Gull Lake) in 1:16 for third place; Eric Carpenter (Caledonia) lost to Tom Baramoski (Comstock) on pin in 2:37, lost to Bailey on a 1-0 decision.

171: Caleb Zandstra (Caledonia) pinned Rusty Stevenson (Comstock) in 1:46, was pinned by Eric Smith (Comstock) in 3:48, pinned Casey Merren (Hopkins) inn 3:23, won a 6-4 decision over Austin Harris (Gull Lake), was pinned by Josh Lewis (Concord) in 50 seconds; Chad Spears (Maple Valley) lost to Josh Lewis (Concord) on a pin in 1:41, pinned Stevenson in 4:08, pinned Anthony Sheffrey (Grand Rapids Catholic Central) in 1:42, lost to Smith on 6-1 decision.

189: Josh Grasman (Maple Valley) was pinned by Tedd Parm (Hopkins) in 1:13, was pinned by Mark Lavengood (Comstock) in 3:48; Matt Pifer (Caledonia) pinned Joe Fryer (Fennville) in 5:01, was pinned by Jason Cooper (Carson City Crystal) in 55 seconds, lost to Mike Weaver (Grand Rapids Catholic Central) on a 12-11 decision.

215: Pat Huver (Caledonia) was pinned by A.J. Harr (Concord) in 1:31, won when Aron Bir (Grand Rapids Catholic Central), pinned Tyler Hillmen (Fennville) in 12 seconds, beat Matt Thorne (Maple Valley) when Thorne withdrew, was pinned by Ken Stratman (Gull Lake) in 1:53; Matt Thorne (Maple Valley) pinned Bob Hull (Comstock) in 1:50, was pinned by Fyan in 1:39, lost to Huver when Thorne withdrew.

Recreation Commission assigns new planner work

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Geoff Moffat hasn't officially begun his shared planning and zoning enforcement position with Thornapple Township and the Village of Middleville, but he already has an assignment from the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission.

Mike Kelley, who represents the township on the commission, recommended that the commission assign Moffat the responsibility for updating the recreation plan.

"The original was written by Jason Cherry, who did a really professional job. I think we need a professional to do the update with our input," Kelley said.

Moffat suggested that instead of trying to complete the recreation plan update and the grant proposal before the April 1 DNR deadline, it might be better to wait until the August deadline for proposals.

"This would give us time to get public input on the recreation plan and input on the proposal. We would have enough time to do a really good job," Moffat concluded.

Gary VanElst suggested that a future public library and community center be included in the plan. No specific details are available, but this would be an asset to the community, he said.

Final adjustments to the contract were discussed and a $5,000 annual maximum payment for the plan was included. Any costs over the $5,000 will have to approved by all three boards before they can be implemented.

At the next meeting Jan. 19 the time line of what needs to be done, list of priorities to be presented at a public meeting and input to the recreation plan will be discussed.

Commission President Tom Lehman encouraged the members to "look at what you'd like to see included as soon as possible, as well as future developments.

Kelley and others said that this commission will "plant seeds which will grow and fruit for future generations."

Thornapple Parks and Rec. posts filled

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Mike Kelley, Walt Eavey and Robert Kenney were appointed to fill three seats on the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission by the Thornapple Township Board of Trustees.

Kelley and Eavey serve on the township board. Kenney is active with the Middleville American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO) and with the YMCA youth baseball program.

Eavey also will serve as the treasurer on the Thornapple Area Parks and Recreation Commission.

Planning Commission president Mark Sevald reported to the Thornapple Township Board that the opening on the commission left by the retirement of Regina Stein still needs to be filled.

Township Supervisor Don Boysen would like to hear from anyone interested in filling this position.

Alto student to join honors program at IWU

Courtney Lynne Wiersum, daughter of Charles and Janie Wiersum, of Alto, has been accepted as an honor student at Indiana Wesleyan University in Marion, Ind. for the 2000 fall semester and will study elementary education.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

Erica Carter
Thornapple-Kellogg High School (Middleville)

Carter led the Lady Trojans with 8 kills at the Otsego Classic for prep volleyball teams on Dec. 11. Middleville went 2-2 at Otsego with wins over Schoolcraft and North Adams.

Todd Maines
Caledonia High School

Maines won a weight class championship for the fighting Scots at 140 at the Dec. 18 Jesse Snow Memorial Invitational at Maple Valley High School. Maines pinned Carson City Crystal's Kyle Chashen in 4:45 during his championship match.

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Great Lakes Energy's CEO, COO step down

The board of directors of the Great Lakes Energy Cooperative has announced that it has accepted the resignation of Edgar L. Doss, chief executive officer, and concurrently has accepted the resignation of Robert L. hance, chief operating officer.

Steven L. Boeckman, chief financial officer, has been appointed interim CEO. The board will embark immediately on a national search for a new CEO.

The announcement was made at the monthly board meeting in late December.

Michael R. Wood, board chairman, made the following statement:

"Ed and Bob both indicated that new leadership likely would provide greater value to customers and employees. They positioned this company exceptionally well through a series of mergers and diversification strategies, but they felt a change in leadership would create the opportunity to take the cooperative to the next level.

"While we regret Ed's and Bob's decision, the board remain committed to its goal of improving customer value by offering reliable, economical electricity and propane, and providing professional heating and cooling, electrician and other energy services.

"Equally important, we recognize the strength of our employees who are committed to their responsibilities and dedicated to moving the cooperative forward. They deserve new and revitalized leadership."

Doss, of Waters, joined the former Top O'Michigan Electric Company in October 1996. He worked 31 years for Consumers Energy in various natural gas and electric positions. Top O'Michigan Electric, Western Michigan Electric Cooperative and Great Lakes Energy merged January 1999 to create the new Great Lakes Energy.

Hance, of Newaygo, joined the former O&A Electric Cooperative in 1974 and was named general manager in 1990.

Based in Boyne City and Newaygo with 14 customer service locations and 12,300 miles of power line statewide, Great Lakes Energy is the customer-owned power company for 110,000 homes and businesses in 24 counties from Kalamazoo to Mackinac. It serves the western portion of Barry County.

Obituaries

Grace M. Campbell

HASTINGS - Mrs. Grace M. Campbell, age 77, of Hastings, passed away Sunday, December 26, 1999 at home.

She was born on December 22, 1922 in Detroit, the daughter of James and Sarah Marie (Londeaux) Queen.

Grace was raised in Redford, and graduated from Redford High School.

She married Lane W. Campbell on July 31, 1948 in Napoleon, Indiana.

They lived in Freeport until 1967, then moved to Algonquin Lake in Hastings.

Grace was a member of the Freeport O.E.S. #457, and the Women of the Moose, Hastings Lodge, and attended the Hastings Presbyterian Church.

She was a homemaker, a good cook, enjoyed cooking, baking, reading, babysitting, and crossword puzzles.

Grace was a caring, loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother, always doing kind deeds for her family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Jim Queen; and several nieces and nephews.

Grace is survived by her husband, Lane W. Campbell; two sons, Duane C. (Amy) Campbell of Delton, Kirk D. Campbell of Hastings, Rainell C. (Bob) Wieland of Bay City; three grandchildren, Valorie (Andy) Smith of Hastings, Melissa (Brent) Cisler of Middleville, and Kaileigh Campbell of Allegan; and four great grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 29, 1999 at 11:00 A.M. at the Beeler Funeral Chapel in Middleville. Reverend Willard H. Curtis will officiate.

Interment will be at Mt. Hope Cemetery in Middleville.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were made by the Beeler Funeral Chapel in Middleville.

Laura Ann Lyons

WAYLAND - Mrs. Laura Ann Lyons, age 35, of Wayland, passed away Thursday, December 23, 1999 at home.

She is survived by her husband, James E. Lyons; her mother; and four children of Colorado.

Private family services were held at the Beeler Funeral Home in Middleville.

Dr. Frederick Hauser, D.V.M.

HASTINGS - Dr. Frederick Hauser, D.V.M., age 81, of Hastings, passed away Wednesday, December 22, 1999 at Thornapple Manor.

Dr. Hauser was born on November 29, 1918 in Detroit, the son of Frederick & Anna (Reed) Hauser.

He was raised in the Mulberry, Indiana and Middleville areas, and attended the Powers rural school near Middleville and graduated from Middleville High School.

Dr. Hauser went on to attend Michigan State University, receiving his Doctor of Veterinary Medicine from the School of Veterinary Medicine at Michigan State University.

He married Jean Lietzke, and she preceded him in death on September 15, 1998.

Dr. Hauser moved to Hastings in 1945 and established the Hauser Veterinary Clinic which he operated for nearly 55 years.

His memberships and activities included the American Veterinary Medicine Association, First United Methodist Church, Hastings Country Club, Hastings Elks and Rotary Clubs, the Humane Society, Barry County Fair Board, National Association of Christmas Trees, and Hastings Downtown Development Authority.

Dr. Hauser was also preceded in death by his parents; sisters, Marguerite Brown, Dorothy Harrison, and Alice Orck.

He is survived by brother, Charles (Ester) Hauser of Middleville; three daughters, Freddy (Dave) Kietzmann of Hastings, Arne (Tom) Havens of Niles, and Janis Ferris of Hastings; seven grandchildren, Dana (Timothy) Hall of Gaylord, Cristine Kruko of Hastings, Tyler Havens of Port Huron, Erin Havens of East Lansing, Matthew Havens of East Lansing, Andrew Ferris of Hastings, Benjamin Ferris of Middleville; four great grandchildren, Katie Hall of Gaylord, Tease Hall of Gaylord, Riley McLean of Hastings, and Theron Heniser of Hastings; and several nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be Wednesday, December 29, 1999 at 1:00 P.M. until funeral time at Wren Funeral Home, and at a reception at the Hastings Moose Lodge immediately following services.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, December 29, 1999 at 2:00 P.M. at Wren Funeral Home in Hastings. Reverend Mark Patchett will officiate.

Burial will be at Irving Township Cemetery in Barry County.

Memorial contributions may be made to Barry County Animal Shelter Building Fund.

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