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Caledonia woman pleads guilty to lying during campaign finance probe

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A Caledonia woman entered a plea of guilty this week to a charge of providing false information to authorities during an investigation of a campaign finance issue dating back to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sandra Baxter, a 65-year-old Republican fundraiser, admitted to giving a false statement to a peace officer during a criminal investigation. Her guilty plea carries a potential sentence of up to one year in prison, with a sentencing hearing set for Aug. 13 in Ingham County Circuit Court.

The case stems from a campaign finance complaint filed in 2021, during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic. A movement known as Unlock Michigan sought to place a ballot proposal before voters that would repeal the 1945 Emergency Powers of the Governor Act, which Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, used to issue emergency orders throughout the pandemic.

State campaign finance laws require that the names of donors contributing to ballot initiatives be made public to avoid dark money donations. However, a complaint was filed alleging that donors circumvented this requirement by contributing first to nonprofit organizations, which then donated to the campaign.

Baxter solicited donations for a nonprofit called Michigan! My Michigan!, which reportedly had ties to former State Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey and the group, Michigan Citizens for Fiscal Responsibility.

During the investigation, Baxter was asked about her role in fundraising. Under oath, she allegedly claimed that she did not have a working relationship with

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Members of the Yankee Spring Township Fire Department attended the Yankee Springs Twp. meeting on June 12. Pictured are (front row, from left) firefighter Kyle Ritsema, resource probationary firefighter Nikki Mendez, firefighter and EMT Makayla Konecny, (back row) Deputy Chief Doug Katsma, Chief Dan Miller, Captain Al Bouma, Lieutenant Skylar Henion and firefighter Daniel Ramey. **Photos by Deb Mousseau**

Yankee Springs officials share updates, swear in fire officers at township meeting

Karen Turko-Ebright
Staff Writer

Over 35 attended the Yankee Springs Township meeting on June 12 and watched history in the making at the swearing-in of four fire officers.

Everyone paused for the solemn moments conducted by Yankee Springs township Clerk Tom Hopkins as he administered oaths to Fire Chief Dan Miller, Deputy Fire Chief Doug Katsma, Captain Al Bouma and Lieutenant Skyler Henion.

"This is big having our own fire department and swearing in our team," said Yankee Springs Twp. Supervisor Rob Heethuis. "That's a milestone for this board and our community."

The board also introduced Daniel Ramey, the township's newest firefighter, who recently graduated as valedictorian of his academy class.

"It makes all of us at the Yankee Springs Township Fire Department (YSTFD) feel good to be able to get Yankee Springs Township to have their own Fire Department now," Miller said. "We have command officers from chief, deputy chief, captain, lieutenant and temporary training officer. Other positions to be filled will be health and safety officer and training officer."

Miller has been in fire service for a little over 50 years. He said there are currently 20 personnel who are firefighters, EMRs (Emergency Medical Responders) or both for the YSTFD.

"We have great personnel who have gotten us where we are currently at to serve the public in time of need," Miller said.

All current Yankee Springs firefighters can apply for the health and safety officer position and the training officer position. Miller said the first step in applying is to write a letter of commitment and drop it off at the Yankee Springs Township Fire Department or email it to danmiller@yankeespringstwp.org.

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Developer seeks change in permit process to speed up construction timeline

James Gemmell
Contributing Writer

The developers of the 82-acre Prairie Wolf Station mixed-use project in Gaines Charter Township would like to get the first residential building completed by the spring of 2026.

But, representatives of the Kendall Property Group say a new township zoning ordinance adopted this spring potentially could delay the start of construction for the $120 million town center development by several months. At its June 9 meeting, members of the township board listened to a request from the development group to amend the building-permit section of the zoning ordinance that requires municipal utilities to be installed before construction can begin on a site.

The developers first pitched the Prairie Wolf Station town center concept to Gaines Township trustees five years ago.

But, the township board rejected the project on a 5-4 vote in February 2022, citing concern about traditional farmland being used for a massive, urban-type development on 84th Street, just east of Kalamazoo Avenue. Concerns about increased traffic and the impact on neighbors and local schools were also cited by board members and citizens at a series of public hearings.

The developer then filed a $4 million lawsuit against the township, stating the project was allowed by master and future land use plans that were in place at the time. A Kent County Circuit Court judge agreed and eventually negotiated a consent agreement between the two sides.

In exchange for the township allowing the Prairie Wolf development to proceed, the developer dropped the lawsuit.

J.R. Kendall, president of the Kendall Property Group, told the township board he just learned last month of the change in the zoning ordinance pertaining to the building permit process that could be problematic.

"We're preparing and getting started finally with our project, and it came to our attention that you (now) require roads and utilities to be installed prior to issuing building permits," Kendall said. "So, my goal here tonight is to open the discussion and see if you would be willing to consider amending that ordinance to kind of bring it more in line with what we've seen in other municipalities."

Township Manager Rod Weersing said he has had conversations with township engineer Jeff Gritter about the feasibility of tweaking that section of the ordinance.

"Jeff's big thing is just making sure we have the right (legal) guard rails in place to protect both the infrastructure that's going in and the township for any future situation," Weersing said.



Dirt is being compacted for the Prairie Wolf Station development along 84th Street, east of Kalamazoo Avenue, in Gaines Township. **Photo by James Gemmell**

Community development director Dan Wells said he has received positive feedback about the Kendall Group and its partner firm, American Kendall Properties of Zionsville, Indiana.

"They're very organized, they're very confident, they know what they're doing," Wells said. "I can understand their concern about the timeline.

"To a developer, time is money. Having those foundations placed and being able work on those projects quickly and efficiently, from their viewpoint, is important."

According to the development company, Prairie Wolf Station will have a retail center, 127 single-family homes, 36 condominium units and 11 townhome buildings with 44 dwelling units. It also will have eight upscale "Haven" apartment buildings with 116 dwelling units, nine Parkway Flats apartment buildings with 91 dwelling units, 11 Canal Flats apartment buildings with 67 dwelling units, and 34 dwelling units over the retail space.

In addition, Kendall said plans call for commercial, office and retail buildings consisting of about 20,800 square feet, one senior living building with 110 living units, and two future commercial lots with undetermined building sizes.

A sanitary lift station will be installed, as well.

The developer is constructing about 1,600 feet of 16-inch water main along 84th Street. Once completed, the water main will be available for connection and use by adjacent property owners.

"We sold 53 acres to Eastbrook Homes, who will be starting the single-family townhome portion of the project," Kendall added. "We just recently placed about 4.8 acres under contract with a senior living developer out of Indianapolis, the Neil Brown Group.

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"Dan has been with us for almost 30 years. He is well respected by our citizens," Heethuis said. "Being sworn in as fire chief is a crowning honor."

In other business on Thursday, Treasurer Deb Mousseau presented a comprehensive financial report. The board unanimously approved six detailed budget amendments affecting general operations, fire equipment, weed control, veterans' memorials, and liquor law enforcement. All adjustments were adopted by roll call votes.

The board also approved a new audit services contract with Siegfried Crandall at a cost increase of $150.

Thornapple Kellogg Varsity Cheer Coach Madelynn Lula proposed a community pickleball tournament fundraiser for August 2 at Thursday's meeting. The event would be held at the township park and include other family-friendly activities. The board expressed support and will formally consider the request at its July meeting.

Gun Lake Improvement Board representative Bill Bryker reported upcoming treatments to combat invasive aquatic plants in Gun Lake.

The board unanimously approved a new pond ordinance, the first in township history, to regulate pond creation and avoid misuse for gravel mining.

Planning Commission updates shared last week included discussion on a revised master plan, short-term rental approvals and a pending gravel ordinance.

Other zoning matters included that a Barry County judge has ordered the VanderKam property on M-179 into full compliance by October. Enforcement benchmarks are in place to ensure fulfillment.

Township infrastructure updates were also given last week. A special assessment district was approved for Deer Sight Drive at approximately $52,000 along with an application for another for Payne Ridge Drive, with strong support from affected residents.

A large accounts payable amount of nearly $70,000 was approved, attributed to fire department payroll and the initial phase of park renovations.

Renovations on pickleball and basketball courts are expected to be completed by June 23.

The recycling committee recommended adding a bin and pad to avoid frequent "dry runs," supported in part by a $4,000 mini-grant.

The Clean Water Committee is set to meet on June 17 to discuss capacity issues and a proposed housing development that may require major water system upgrades.

Several residents voiced concerns over township financial reserves, transparency and public input during Thursday's public comment period.

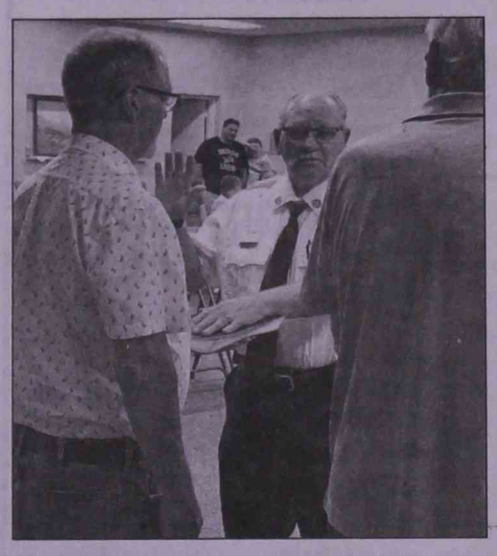
Resident Mike Cunningham urged the board to reduce the general fund balance and called for putting trail planning on the ballot.

He and others, including Precinct Delegate Robin Laansma, asked the board to reinstate two public comment periods and live stream meetings.

"We've removed a valuable opportunity for the public to speak before decisions are made," Laansma said, echoing a broader call for accessibility and civic participation.

Key upcoming dates include a budget workshop on June 18 and a public hearing for final budget adoption on June 25.

"Tonight felt special," said Trustee Dave VanHouten. "A lot of hard work went into getting our fire team to this point. I'm really proud of what we've built."



Pictured here, Yankee Springs Township Trustee Dave Van Houten (left) and Yankee Springs Twp. Clerk Tom Hopkins (right) administers the oath to Dan Miller (middle) who was being sworn in as the Yankee Springs Township Fire Chief at the June 12 meeting.

Caledonia schools board approves 2025-26 budget

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The Caledonia Community Schools Board of Education unanimously approved a budget resolution for 2025-26 at its meeting Monday, June 16, while also passing a third amended budget for the current 2024-25 fiscal year.

Both budgets were presented to the school board by Sara Devries, the district's chief financial officer.

According to CCS officials, the 2024-25 amended budget showed an increase in overall revenues of $1,326,886. That's compared to an amended budget plan approved in December of last year. Expenditures in the budget also increased, but by only $216,129.

As a result of the changes, the ending fund balance of $11,843,578 for the third amended budget was $1,110,757 higher than what was projected in a second amended budget.

The 2025-26 budget includes revenues of $71,566,106, a slight decrease of $501,772 from 2024-25.

The two largest components of revenues continue to be from state funding – totaling $46,991,551 – and $16,567,928 from local property taxes.

Additionally, the upcoming budget also projects a slight decrease of $295,327 in expenditures. Total expenditures for the year are anticipated to be $71,994,897, including $39,778,876 for teachers' salaries and instructional expenses.

The second-largest expenditure line item on the budget summary is operations and maintenance, totaling $7,114,338.

Based on the budgeted revenues and expenditures, the fund balance is estimated to be $11,414,787 as of June 30, 2026.

The budget plans and video of the school board meeting are available through links on the district website, calschools.org.

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Fire station to host blood drive

The Yankee Springs Fire Station, located on South Payne Lake Road, is hosting a blood drive on Monday, June 30, from 2-6:30 p.m.

Across the state of Michigan, firefighters are encouraging their communities to support local blood drives by making appointments at participating fire departments.

To donate blood, an individual must be over 17 years old and weigh more than 110 pounds.

Those participating in the blood drive will receive a $25 e-gift card, when providing a valid email address.

To register or for more information, persons may call 866-642-5663 or email versiti.org/MI. — *DM*

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The June 16 meeting opened with roll call and the secretary's report. There is one new fish in the fishbowl.

Virginia's program came from the June 2 Women's World magazine titled "My Amazing Cravings Cure." The article was on Carney Wilson's journey through weight loss. She lost 160 pounds by having bypass surgery. She still had arthritis, GI issues, bloating and bathroom issues. Her doctor thought she might be sensitive to grain. After living with these issues for a good part of her life, she started by cutting down on sugar, having healthier portions and then stopped wheat. She went gluten-free with rice, corn and potatoes. Her hunger decreased, cravings for white flour lessened, and her GI troubles and arthritis got better. Studies show that those with low gluten intakes will see energy improve, weight going down and gut health improved.

Linda lost the Ha-Ha Box.

TOPS, a weight-loss support group, meets every Monday at Lincoln Meadows in Middleville. Weigh-in is from 3:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., followed immediately by the meeting. Press the white buzzer for entry.

The chapter is looking for anyone interested in a group that supports weight-loss journeys without shame.

Anyone with questions may call Virginia, 269-908-8036, or Maryellen, 616-318-3545. The first meeting is free.

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Shirkey, which investigators found to be false.

Because of that false statement, Baxter was originally charged with perjury, a more serious offense that carries stricter penalties. She ultimately pled guilty to the lesser charge.

Meanwhile, Heather Lombardini, 47, of Okemos, who also helped raise funds for the initiative, is facing charges and has been bound over for trial.

"Knowingly providing false information during an investigation undermines the integrity of our legal system," Michigan Attorney General Dana Nessel said in a prepared statement. "This plea makes clear that those who attempt to deceive investigators will be held accountable.

"My office remains committed to uncovering the truth and prosecuting individuals who obstruct justice," the Democrat AG added.

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And, then they'll be in front of you, hopefully, here in the coming months."

Kendall said excavation of the site will probably take 60 to 90 days, with contractors to start installing underground utilities in July. Extension of municipal water lines began last winter, with the developer constructing about 1,600 feet of 16-inch watermain along 84th Street.

"Right now, now we're looking at getting started," Kendall said. "And if we can get foundations going in order, as we typically do, we can have foundations in toward the end of the summer and be going vertical this fall. And have buildings under a roof that we can work on through the winter."

However, the building-permit process was changed in the new zoning ordinance to protect the township in case a developer ever walks away from a project before it is completed. The ordinance stipulates that installation of utilities should be completed before construction begins, so the township does not end up having to pay the cost.

The township previously had a rule in place that allowed early construction starts for multi-family projects. But Kendall said a staff memo cited three reasons for recommending the rule be replaced last year.

Township officials stated it is easier to repair damage to utility lines if building construction is not taking place at the same time. And, storage of building materials on site while utilities are being run creates hazards for workers.

But Kendall said the utility line testing would take place at the same time as construction.

"Our utilities are ready to be connected as soon as the building's done," he said, adding that the Kendall Group has its own on-site superintendents.

Wells said he discussed the matter with Gritter, township water and sewer administrator Tracy Lawrence and the Byron-Gaines Utility Authority.

"There (are) some financial things that we could put in place to make sure that, if for some reason a project goes belly up – I'm not talking about (Prairie Wolf Station) but any project that involves multi-family – that there could be an ability to take that land back," Wells said. "We wouldn't have to finish buildings."

To get the building section of the township zoning ordinance amended would require two readings by the township board.

"The first read, we get to look at it," Wells said. "We get the staff's opinion both from my perspective and Jeff's perspective, plus the fire (department), BGUA, all of it. So, then you can kind of decide how you want to go about it."

All 30 building permits would be submitted at once.

"They would have to present some language which would be vetted by staff just like any other normal process," Wells said. "It would be presented to you as an ordinance amendment."

Gaines Township Supervisor Bob Terpstra added, "We adopted an ordinance but we also said (at the time) that, as things come up, we may need to amend it. My take is, we can find a way to have us do our job and they do their job."

The first reading of the proposed amendment will be at the township board's July 14 meeting, with the second reading on Aug. 11.

"Something sounds like the same song, second verse," board member Rob DeWard said.

"The biggest thing was the wording from the original ordinance that was pulled out," Weersing said. "It was not a strong protection for the township. It was very loose."

Jason Matthews, a maintenance technician and Kendall's vice president of construction, said he did not understand the township board's concern.

"I'd like to talk through the process and work with you to get you to some place where you're comfortable with what your liabilities or concerns are," Matthews said. "But then also facilitate the means to our end of getting this development done in a cost-effective, efficient way."

He added that he would like to get construction going as soon as possible.

"I've got to make hay when the sun's out," Matthews said. "So, getting as many of the foundations in place before snow flies is a big-ticket item for me."

Prairie Wolf Station will be the Kendall Group's seventh development in Michigan. It has developed two projects in the City of Wyoming, two in Holland, one in Kalamazoo and one in Grand Rapids.

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Budnik wins annual Diemer 5K Run, O'Neil finishes as top woman

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Spectators lined 68th Street on a sun-splashed morning with comfortable temperatures and local bands – including a drumline – playing music, as 28-year-old Ryan Budnik of Charlotte won the 35th annual Brian Diemer 5K Run in Cutlerville on Saturday, June 14.

According to event spokesman Rob Hyde, 617 people participated in this year's Brian Diemer Family of Races. The races included not only the 5K run and walk, but also a 5K Handcycle Race, a My Team Triumph race, a Virtual 5K, a Kid's Run and a Junior Jog.

Most of the events were run on 68th Street in Byron and Gaines townships, although the kids' run and optional steeplechase course were set up behind Legacy Christian School.

Hyde said Budnik posted a chipped time of 15 minutes, 28.57 seconds, with a clocked time of 15:30:22.

The runnerup was 41-year-old Joel Conn of Okemos (15:39:73 chipped time, 15:41:80 clock time), with 16-year-old Sean Ryan of Grand Rapids finishing third (15:46.82 chipped, 15:50.18 clocked).

The top female finisher was 29-year-old Megan O'Neil of Rochester, who came in 20th overall with a chip time of 16:48:56 and a clocked time of 16.50.87.

The complete results for the various races are posted at diemerrun.com.

The top male and female runners each received $550 cash prizes out of an overall prize purse of about $7,000. Finishing in second place in the men's and women's open was good for $400 and third place earned $300.

In the masters women and men's events for those 40 and older, the prizes for the winners was $450 each. The grand masters women and men's winners each received $100 for first place. In the Handcycle Women/Men's Open, the first-place finisher received a $300 prize, and second and third place finishers won lesser amounts.

In the 5K Handcycle Race, 40-year-old Casey Falkner of Stevensville came in first (8:03.24 clocked, 8:00.18 chipped).



Ryan Budnik of Charlotte and Megan O'Niel of Rochester were the top male and female finishers in the Brian Diemer 5K Run on Saturday, June 14, in Cutlerville. **Courtesy photos**

He was followed by Steve Chapman, 60, of Cedar Springs and 75-year-old Tom Weaver of Grand Rapids.

A portion of the proceeds from the Brian Diemer Family of races will go to benefit local charities.



Former U.S. Olympian Brian Diemer stands over the top three finishers in Saturday's 5K Handcycle Race, along with Casey Falkner (middle) of Stevensville, Steve Chapman (left) of Cedar Springs and Tom Weaver (right) of Grand Rapids.



CCS announces new school year starts Aug. 25

Caledonia Community Schools (CCS) administration announced in a letter to families this week that kids will go back to school for the 2025-26 school year on Aug. 25.

"We know many of you are eager to make plans, and we appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to finalize the remainder of the school calendar," read the letter. "This process involves close collaboration with our union staff to ensure alignment and support for all members of our school community."

CCS administration will share the full calendar with school families as soon as it is finalized.

"In the meantime, thank you again for your continued support and flexibility," the letter said. — *KTE*

Corewell Health announces summer blood drive schedule

Corewell Health, in partnership with Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, is hosting a series of 26 blood drives scheduled throughout West Michigan in June, July and August. The summer schedule includes a variety of available appointment times, including mornings and evenings, designed to fit into busy summer plans.

In Hastings, blood drives will take place during the following dates and times:

• Wednesday, June 11, from noon to 6 p.m., at Corewell Health Pennock Hospital, Health and Wellness Building, 1009 W. Green St., Hastings

• Thursday, July 3, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Pennock Hospital, Health and Wellness Building, 1009 W. Green St., Hastings

• Wednesday, July 16, from noon to 6 p.m., at Corewell Health Pennock Hospital, Health and Wellness Building, 1009 W. Green St., Hastings

• Wednesday, Aug. 20, from noon to 6:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Pennock Hospital, Health and Wellness Building, 1009 W. Green St., Hastings

Other Corewell blood drives in West Michigan include:

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• Wednesday, June 11, from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., 4700 60th St., Grand Rapids, Versiti Mobile Bus

• Wednesday, June 11, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Grand Haven Center, Community Room, 15100 Whittaker Way, Grand Haven

• Thursday, June 12, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Corewell Health Blodgett Hospital, YAW Conference Room, 1840 Wealthy St. SE., Grand Rapids

• Friday, June 13, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, at Corewell Health Greenville Hospital, Versiti Mobile Bus, 615 S. Bower St., Greenville

• Thursday, June 19, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, at Corewell Health Big Rapids Hospital, Big Rapids Classroom, 605 Oak St., Big Rapids

• Thursday, June 26, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital, Room 1710 EF, 100 Michigan Ave. NE., Grand Rapids

• Tuesday, June 24, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Reed City Hospital, Versiti Mobile Bus, 300 N. Patterson Road, Reed City

• Wednesday, June 25, from noon to 4:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Cardiovascular Services – Bradford, Heart Cafeteria, 2900 Bradford St. SE., Grand Rapids

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Wednesday, July 2, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., at St. John Episcopal Church Fellowship, 124 S. Sullivan St., Fremont

• Wednesday, July 9, from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Grand Haven Center, Community Room, 15100 Whittaker Way, Grand Haven

• Thursday, July 10, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Corewell Health Ludington Hospital, Versiti Mobile Bus, One Atkinson Drive, Ludington

• Tuesday, July 22, from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Blodgett Hospital, YAW Conference Room, 1840 Wealthy St. SE., Grand Rapids

• Tuesday, July 29, from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Corewell Health Zeeland Hospital, Conference Room AA, 8333 Felch St., Zeeland

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• Wednesday, Aug. 6, 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., at St. John Episcopal Church Fellowship, 124 S. Sullivan St., Fremont

• Wednesday, Aug. 13, from 9 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Grand Haven Center, Community Room, 15100 Whittaker Way, Grand Haven

• Thursday, Aug. 14, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Corewell Health Blodgett Hospital, YAW Conference Room, 1840 Wealthy St. SE., Grand Rapids

• Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Zeeland Hospital, Conference Room AA, 8333 Felch St., Zeeland

• Wednesday, Aug. 20, from 8 a.m. to noon, at 4700 60th St., Grand Rapids, Versiti Mobile Bus

• Thursday, Aug. 21, from 7:30 a.m. to noon, at Corewell Health Big Rapids Hospital, Big Rapids Classroom, 605 Oak St., Big Rapids

• Thursday, Aug. 21, from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Corewell Health Reed City Hospital, Versiti Mobile Bus, 300 N. Patterson Road, Reed City

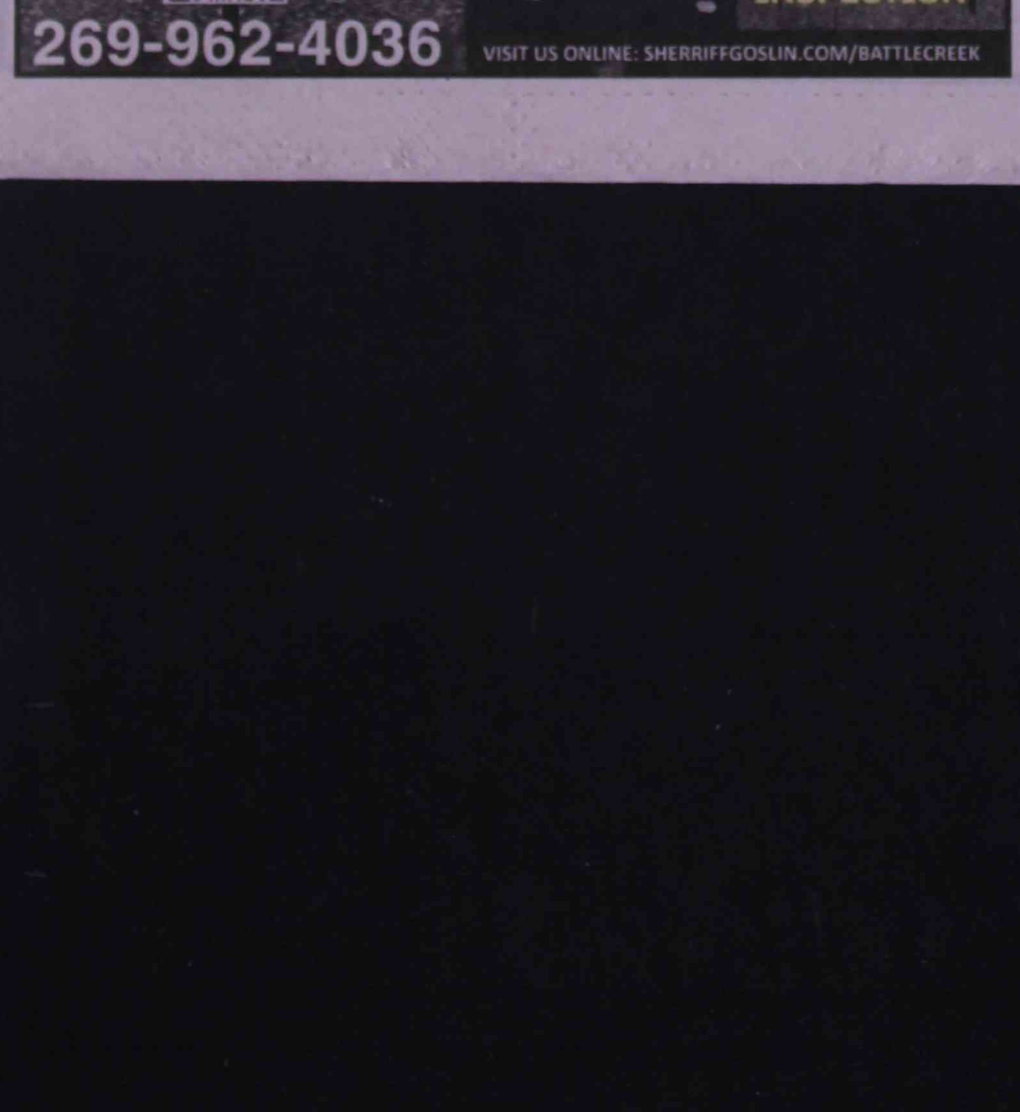
• Friday, Aug. 22, from 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Corewell Health Greenville Hospital, Versiti Mobile Bus, 615 S. Bower St., Greenville

• Thursday, Aug. 28, from 10:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., at Corewell Health Butterworth Hospital, Room 1710 EF, 100 Michigan Ave. NE., Grand Rapids

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2024 Water Quality Report for Village of Middleville

Water Supply Serial Number: 4360

This report covers the drinking water quality for the Village of Middleville for the 2024 calendar year. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2024. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 4 groundwater wells, each over 78ft deep. Two of which are located near the water storage tower on the west side of town. A third well is located off Irving Rd. near the Village limits. Production well # 6 on Irving Road and production well # 3 on the west side are built to a depth of 78 feet and utilize unconfined sand and gravel aquifers. Production well # 4 on the west side is built to a depth of 352 feet and utilizes the Marshall Sandstone aquifer. Well # 5 is located to the west of Bryanwood Estates Development near the Thornapple River. This well is built to a depth of 197 feet.

There are no significant sources of contamination included in our water supply. We are making efforts to protect our sources by testing all our drinking water sources and distribution system along with implementing our well head protection program.

If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Alec Belson, Village of Middleville, 100 E. Main St., Middleville, MI 49333. He can also be reached at 269-795-3385, or belsona@villageofmiddleville.org. More information about this report can also be found at www.villageofmiddleville.org.

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. U.S. EPA/Center for Disease Control guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.



In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the U.S. EPA prescribes regulations that limit the levels of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Federal Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2024 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 through December 31, 2024. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- Treatment Technique (TT): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- N/A: Not applicable
- ND: not detectable at testing limit
- ppm: parts per million or milligrams per liter
- ppb: parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- ppt: parts per trillion or nanograms per liter
- pCi/l: picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity)
- Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Our water supply has 72 lead service lines and no service lines of unknown material out of a total of 1299 service lines. If you would like to know more about this report, please contact: Alec Belson, The Village of Middleville, 100 E. Main St., Middleville, MI 49333. He can also be reached at 269-795-3385 or belsona@villageofmiddleville.org. This report is also available at www.villageofmiddleville.org.

Monitoring and Reporting to the Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) Requirements: The State of Michigan and the U.S. EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety. We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2024.

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at the Village of Middleville main office located at 100 E. Main St., Middleville, MI 49333. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The Village of Middleville Council's regular meetings are held on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00pm at Village Hall. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Alec Belson at 269-795-3385 or at www.villageofmiddleville.org. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. EPA at http://www.epa.gov/safewater.

1Monitoring Data for Regulated Contaminants

Regulated Contaminant	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Nitrate (ppm)	10	10	4.49	0-13.3	2024	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	.16	0-0.39	2024	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Sodium[1] (ppm)	N/A	N/A	29.33	5.05-28.1	2024	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
TTHM Total Trihalomethanes (ppb)	80	N/A	0.0156	0.00081-0.156	2024	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
HAA5 Haloacetic Acids (ppb)	60	N/A	0.00202	0-.00202	2024	NO	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorine[2] (ppm)	4	4	.62	0.03-1.18	2024	NO	Water additive used to control microbes
Alpha emitters (pCi/L)	15	0	.77	0-0.77	2021	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined radium (pCi/L)	5	0	1.12	.387-.735	2023	NO	Erosion of natural deposits
Total Coliform	TT	N/A	N/A	N/A			Naturally present in the environment
E. coli in the distribution system (positive samples)	See E. coli note[3]	0	0	N/A	2024	NO	Human and animal fecal waste
Fecal Indicator – E. coli at the source (positive samples)	TT	N/A	0	N/A	2024	NO	Human and animal fecal waste

[1] Sodium is not a regulated contaminant.

[2] The chlorine "Level Detected" was calculated using a running annual average.

[3] *E. coli* MCL violation occurs if: (1) routine and repeat samples are total coliform-positive and either is *E. coli*-positive, or (2) the supply fails to take all required repeat samples following *E. coli*-positive routine sample, or (3) the supply fails to analyze total coliform-positive repeat sample for *E. coli*.

Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS)							
Regulated Contaminants	MCL, TT, or MRDL	MCLG or MRDLG	Level Detected	Range	Year Sampled	Violation Yes/No	Typical Source of Contaminant
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid (HFPO-DA) (ppt)	370	N/A	N/D	N/D	2024	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities utilizing the Gen X chemical process
Perfluorobutane sulfonic acid (PFBS) (ppt)	420	N/A	4.1	0-4.1	2024	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS) (ppt)	51	N/A	N/D	N/D	2024	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorohexanoic acid (PFHxA) (ppt)	400,000	N/A	N/D	N/D	2024	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA) (ppt)	6	N/A	N/D	N/D	2024	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; breakdown of precursor compounds
Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) (ppt)	16	N/A	N/D	N/D	2024	NO	Firefighting foam; discharge from electroplating facilities; discharge and waste from industrial facilities
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) (ppt)	8	N/A	N/D	N/D	2024	NO	Discharge and waste from industrial facilities; stain-resistant treatments
Inorganic Contaminants Subject to Action Levels (AL)	Action Level	MCLG	90th Percentile[4]	Range of Results	Year Sampled	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminant
Lead (ppb)	15	0	3	0-8	2023	0	Lead service lines, corrosion of household plumbing including fittings and fixtures; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm)	1.3	1.3	0.1	0-0.2	2023	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

[4] Ninety (90) percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

Lifetime Scot, Miedema, takes over as new Cal A.D.

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Phil Miedema was announced as the new Caledonia High School athletic director Friday, June 13.

He takes over for Fred Townsend, who is retiring after a tenure as the leader of the district's athletic program that began in 2019.

Miedema graduated from Caledonia High School in 2001. After earning his degree in K-12 Physical Education from Grand Valley State University in 2009, he returned to Caledonia and taught Physical Education, Health, and Speed & Strength for thirteen years at the high school. He also completed his Master's in Educational Leadership in 2017 and recently earned his Certified Athletic Administrator (CAA) credential in spring 2025.

"Ever since graduating from Cal and then working for Caledonia and the athletic department, whether in game management or whether in the athletic training department, it's always been a dream to be in Caledonia to stay in Caledonia with that. I think once my wife and I started having our kids and being in Caledonia it was cemented for me that I would love to stay in the Caledonia system because of our family, our kids, our community and our history. My wife and I are both from Caledonia originally."

Miedema and his wife, Andrea, are raising their three boys, Hudson, Landon, and Gabe in Caledonia. All three are active in youth sports, including the Caledonia Youth Football Association (CYFA), the Caledonia Youth Basketball League (CYBL), the Caledonia Baseball/Softball League (CBSL), and Caledonia Youth Lacrosse. The whole family can often be found cheering on Cal teams at home games throughout the year.

Over the years, Miedema has played a key role behind the scenes in the athletic department. He worked alongside the Fighting Scots' athletic trainers, took on event management, and helped lead the department through major changes. When Townsend came on board, Miedema moved into the assistant AD role.

"Phil is a servant leader who understands the heart of Caledonia Athletics because he's lived it," said Superintendent Dirk Weeldreyer. "His vision aligns with our focus on developing well-rounded students who show leadership, responsibility, and pride in everything they do. We are thrilled to have such an outstanding individual leading our athletic program and continuing to build on the long tradition of excellence here at Caledonia."

Miedema said he would eat, drink and breathe soccer growing up. He was a junior on the 1999 Caledonia varsity boys' soccer team that reached the MHSAA Division 3 State Championship match and was a team captain his senior season the following fall.

Caledonia has grown a lot since then. The varsity soccer field was in the same spot physical place at that point, but hadn't yet been emblazoned with the "Scotland Yard" moniker and was still a grass field. Lacrosse wasn't a varsity sport at that point. There certainly wasn't a YMCA with a pool across the street. Since then, the Caledonia programs have sped up to the Division 1 level for MHSAA tournament competitions in most sports.

Townsend helped develop the #WeAreCAL brand, expanded athletic opportunities, and emphasized student-first values. Under his guidance, Caledonia athletics gained strength, structure and renewed pride. He watched as his son He championed innovative training models, built strong community partnerships and fostered a foundation to support future generations of athletes.

He also guided the man who would be the new AD.

"Fred, for the past six years, has just mentored me a ton in looking at the big scope and the big picture," Miedema said. "Obviously, looking at details and individual cases and talking with athletics and coaches, and dealing current issues and any events. But also in how do you run an effective athletic department in terms of bringing it extra sources of revenue or sponsorships to help offset costs and to give our student athletes our coaches the materials, equipment, training that they need to be successful on and off the field."

During Townsend's tenure there have been numerous structural improvements to Caledonia athletics. The Cal Community Center project finally came together and massive improvements have been made to Ralph E. Myers Stadium, with construction ongoing this summer. Those are just a couple of the most obvious projects.

Townsend also looked on from an end zone seat in Ford Field in Detroit as his son Brock, now at Central Michigan University, helped the Caledonia varsity football team to an appearance in the 2021 MHSAA Division 1 State Championship. That was one of numerous on-field successes during the past six years.

Miedema looks forward to rolling on with the #WeAreCal mentality.

"We're trying to all go in the right direction, all pull in same direction from our youth sports all the way through our middle school sports to our high school sports, and we give our kids opportunities and our coaches opportunities, and in our community as parents and as members supporting our student-athletes we want to give them opportunities to showcase what makes Cal great."

"Fred's motto was 'be great, and work at being great,'" Miedema added. "We want to continue that. We want to work to be great at everything we do."



New Caledonia High School athletic director Phil Miedema

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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF CALEDONIA
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PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Commission of the Charter Township of Caledonia will hold a public hearing on Monday, July 7, 2025 at 7:00pm at the Caledonia Township Hall, 8196 Broadmoor Avenue, SE, Caledonia Michigan, 49316.

The request is for special land use for a vehicle wash establishment with oil change use, Drive and Shine, at 6949 Broadmoor Avenue SE on parcel: 41-23-07-276-001. The use will occupy approximately 4 acres in the north east corner of the parcel.

All interested persons may attend the public hearing and comment on the proposed request. Written comments concerning the request may be submitted to the Township office, at the above-stated address, up to the time of the public hearing.

Dated: June 18, 2025

PLANNING COMMISSION
OF THE
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
CALEDONIA



Chris Jacobs kicks off Caledonia Concert Series

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

With a variety of guitars and sounds rolling from bluegrass, to blues to rock and roots, Chris Jacobs Band opened the 2025 Caledonia Summer Concert Series at the Community Greenspace Amphitheater Tuesday.

Jacobs, a Baltimore native who released his most recent album "One of These Days" in 2024, played some tunes from the new album, some older releases, and a couple covers including Lucinda Williams' "Fruits of my Labor" during his 90-minute set on a hot, sunny evening..

Jacobs pulled out a three-string, cigar box guitar for a couple of tunes, and played "Poor Davey" a song where Jacobs is joined on his album by bluegrass superstar Billy Strings – who just happened to be scheduled to play at the Charlotte Bluegrass Festival at the Eaton County Fairgrounds June 19.

The roads across Barry County Charlotte weren't the next path for the Chris Jacobs Band though. The band was set to play in Buffalo Thursday evening and then back to Michigan for a show at The Ark in Ann Arbor Friday, June 21.

Next up on the schedule for the Caledonia Concert Series is a visit from Chain Station Tuesday, June 24.

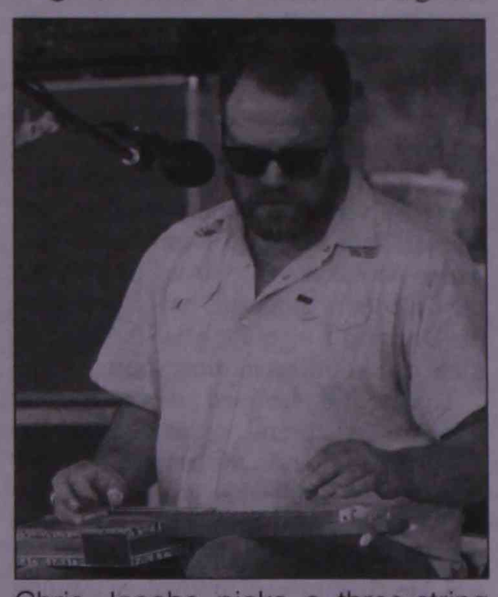
"Chain Station is a 4-piece, high-energy, get 'em out on the dance floor string band from Denver, Colorado," according to the group's online bio. " Their music is well-steeped in Americana roots, with vocal harmonies that are high, lonesome, and tight. Their picking ranges from lightning-fast to mountain mellow. They are a bluegrass band that would satisfy a picky old-timer and delight fans of newgrass, a delicate balance indeed."

Michigan singer/songwriter Lexi Adams opened the show Tuesday, accompanied by Calvin Hinds on guitar. Adams mixed her own tunes like "Mountain Mama" as well as "Livin' the Dream" inspired by her time going to school and working to be a song writer in Nashville, Tenn.

Zylstra Door Inc. sponsored Tuesday's performances.

Event organizer Adam Stauffer is really looking forward to the rest of this summer's line-up. He continues his goal to avoid repeats and to keep bringing uber talented performers to the stage in Caledonia.

The rest of this summer's slate includes Sentimental Gentlemen July 8, Johnny & the Yoooahoos July 15, Time Sawyer July 22, the Soul Syndicate Aug. 5, and Ashes & Arrows Aug. 12.



Chris Jacobs picks a three-string cigar box guitar as he plays his headline show during the first edition of the 2025 Caledonia Concert Series at the Caledonia Community Green Amphitheater Tuesday evening.
Photos by Brett Bremer



Opening act Lexi Adams looks over at Calvin Hinds as she sings a ballad during the first night of the summer Caledonia Concert Series Tuesday at the Caledonia Community Green Amphitheater.

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NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCES
TOWNSHIP OF YANKEE SPRINGS
BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN

TO: THE RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS OF THE TOWNSHIP OF YANKEE SPRINGS, BARRY COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AND ANY OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the following is a summary of Ordinance No._____ which was adopted by the Yankee Springs Township Board at a regular meeting held on June 12, 2025.

ORDINANCE – ZONING ORDINANCE TEXT AMENDMENT - PONDS

SECTION I — AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XII. This section amends Article X by adding Section 12.17 "Ponds" which provides standards for the requirement of permits to build a pond, and sets for standards for the construction and maintenance of private residential, agricultural, and farm ponds.

SECTION II — SEVERABILITY. The provisions of this Ordinance are severable.

SECTION III — REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES/EFFECTIVE DATE. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed and this Ordinance shall take effect eight days after publication after adoption

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the full text of both Ordinances has been posted in the Office of the Township Clerk at the address set forth below and that a copy of the Ordinance may be purchased or inspected at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular working days following the date of this publication.

YANKEE SPRINGS TOWNSHIP
Tom Hopkins, Clerk
284 N. Briggs Road
Middleville, MI 49333
(269) 795-9091

Caledonia officials issue 'important notice' to local water customers

Officials with Caledonia Township and the Village of Caledonia issued an "important notice" to local water customers on Thursday, June 19, announcing restrictions on the use of sprinklers "effective immediately."

"This plan is in place to help limit the impact of heavy water demand periods on the township's water supply and is essential to help ensure optimal water and fire protection service to your home or office," officials with Caledonia Township Utility Department said in a prepared statement issued Thursday.

According to the announcement, Caledonia Township and Caledonia Village sprinkling restrictions are as follows:

- Residents and businesses with an even numbered address may sprinkle on even numbered days; and
- Residents and businesses with an odd numbered address may sprinkle on odd numbered days.

Officials stated households or businesses with private wells, as well as the hand-watering of gardens and trees using a watering can or hose, are exempt from the water restrictions.

Officials also stated that the restrictions will remain in effect until further notice and that local residents are encouraged to follow the township's website, caledoniatownship.org, for updates or contact Caledonia Township by calling 616-891-0070 with any questions or concerns. — *DM*

Trojans celebrate their college-bound athletes

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Many of them just finished their sporting days with the Trojans.

Brooklyn Harmon on the medal stand at the MHSAA Lower Peninsula Division 1 Track and Field Finals, and Jacob Draaisma cruising around the track there at the finals in Kentwood too.

Kylee Hoebeke pushing Wayland to the limit as the TK varsity softball team worked to try and upend the Wildcats for a district championship.

Thornapple Kellogg High School honored a group of 18 senior student athletes who will continue their playing days on the collegiate level during the annual senior signing day event last month.

Harmon and Hoebeke are headed to Grand Valley State University, Harmon to run the hurdles for the Laker Women's Track and Field team and Hoebeke to play for the Laker Women's Softball team. Ava Crews, another track and field and cross country stand-out for TK, will join Harmon in the GVSU running programs.

Draaisma is the lone member of the group headed to a university competing on the NCAA Division 1 level with his decision to join the Chicago State University Men's Track and Field program.

Draaisma, who didn't start running competitively in high school until the spring of his junior season, was the OK Gold Conference Champion, the Barry County Meet Champion and an individual state qualifier in cross country as a senior, his lone season of running varsity cross country at TK. His junior track and field season he was the OK Gold Conference runner-up in the 1600-meter run and a Division 2 state qualifier in the 800-meter run. This spring, Draaisma won the 800-meter run and the 1600-meter run at the OK Gold Conference Championships, placed fourth in the 3200-meter run.

"Initially, I just emailed a bunch of schools around and kind of see saw who would respond," Draaisma said. "They called me back and I talked to them and I went on a visit there. I love the area, kind of getting out of the smaller town just to feel it for college. It seemed like a great place to go."

Harmon, who became the Trojans' first ever Division 1 state medalist this spring with a seventh-place finish in the 100-meter hurdles at the track and field finals, is looking forward to progressing with her technique and speed a little closer to home.



Thornapple Kellogg High School celebrated its senior athletes who have earned the chance to compete in collegiate athletics in the high school auditorium with a signing day event last month. The group included (front from left), Abby Dumond, Aubrey Hawks, Kylee Hoebeke, Lydia Schilthroat, Brooklyn Harmon, Kenzie Bouma, Lucas McNabnay, Jacob Draaisma, (back) Ava Crews, Emma Gibson, Ailana Leos, Hunter Tietz, Isaac Ruth, Jacob Davis, Bradley Moreman, Brody Wiersma and CJ Lennert. Missing from photo is Simeon Biltawi. **Photo provided**

"I didn't want to go super far away from home just because my family and I are really close," Harmon said. "So I felt like it was a good fit. I can be away, but still super close. They have a really good track program and the facilities are super nice, and I love their coaches."

Crews earned all-state honors in cross country last fall, and Draaisma just missed that honor. Hoebeke was named honorable mention all-state at shortstop in Division 2 this spring for the Trojan softball program.

Harmon and fellow 2025 graduate Brody Wiersma were named this year's OK Conference Athlete of the Year award winners at TKHS. Wiersma, who missed out on competing in football, basketball and baseball throughout his senior season due to an injury sustained on the Trojans' first offensive drive of the fall football season, is look-

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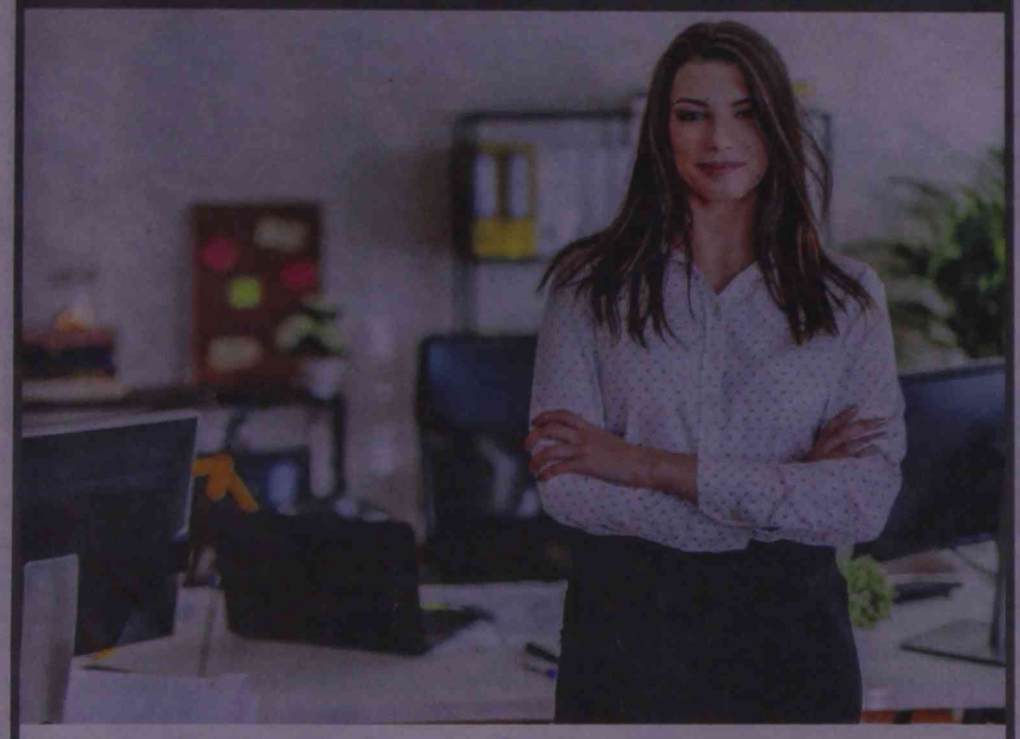
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Youngsters work on cardboard projects during the Thornapple Kellogg Schools and Community Library Cardboard Construction Extravaganza Tuesday, part of the 2025 summer reading program in Middleville. **Photo provided**

Summer library events begin with Cardboard Extravaganza at TKHS

Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Forts, vehicles, desks, suits of armor, robots and more rose from the mountains of cardboard strewn from one side of the Thornapple Kellogg School and Community Library in Middleville Tuesday.

The annual summer reading challenge kicked off June 9 and the first event of the summer was Tuesday's Cardboard Construction Extravaganza.

Cardboard, duct tape, scissors, glue, streamers and more were provided for youngsters to use their imaginations to construct anything they would like during the morning event.

Plans are for a a Cup Stacking event June 25; 4th of July Crafts the week of June 30; Mini Golf the week of July 7 and the annual Water Fun Spray Day with the Thornapple Township Fire Department July 22 in the south parking lot of the high school.

An Ice Cream Social is on the slate for July 29, during Prize Week. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m on Mondays and Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays this summer.

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ing forward to getting the chance to return to the baseball field next season for the Aquinas College Saints.

Wiersma is one of three TK baseball players headed to the next level, joined by Bradley Moerman (Trine University) and Jacob Davis (Alpena Community College.)

The Trojan group also included CJ Lennert (Olivet Nazarene University Football), Lucas McNabnay (Aquinas College baseball), Aubrey Hawks (Alma College swimming), Abby Dumond (Alma College diving), Hunter Tietz (Davenport University swimming), Mackenzie Bouma (Grace Christian University softball), Lydia Schilthroat (Grand Rapids Community College basketball), Isaac Ruth (Grand Rapids Community College soccer), Simeon Biltawi (Grace Christian University soccer), Emma Gibson (Albion College wrestling) and Ailana Leos (West Florida University golf).

The list includes all-conference honorees, captains, all-state award winners and more.