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Letter from the Chairman by Kel Kronemeyer

WITHOUT A LESSON FROM HISTORY...MISTAKES ARE REPEATED

My last article was "LET'S THINK BEYOND OURSELVES - LET'S THINK COMMUNITY!" with reference to our failed golf course proposal and necessary future actions. Because I was not around at the time the golf course was purchased and did not know the history of this transaction, I asked Dawn Arndt, our historian and Chief Financial Officer, several questions, which she answered with a very thorough, documented written report, from which I draw for this article. Thank you Dawn!

From the Director's article in the Oct. 2000 Footprints, we learn that in the spring of that year, the board asked our park director to investigate the purchase of Lake Monterey Golf Course. Max Gibbs, in his article, states "After many months of investigating the golf course operation and financial situation, I reported to the board that the purchase of the golf course would be a worthwhile endeavor for our Park. The BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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Letter from the Chairman

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instructed me to make an offer to Mr. Jim Balding about a purchase agreement for the course. Mr. Balding accepted our offer, contingent on the vote of our membership. The bylaws state that only by the vote of the membership can the board purchase the property.”

The board approved the appropriate resolution to put before the members. The resolution included a \$65 assessment per member, for two years, for a down payment to purchase the course. It also included the date the vote would be taken, specifically Saturday, December 2, 2000.

Questions and answers were written in Max's article. “Q. How can we purchase the course for a two year \$65 assessment? A. The assessment will pay the down payment and start up costs. The remaining payments to pay off the total debt will come from the golf course operations. We have studied the last five years of financial statements and the payments and operational costs will come from the golf course income. Q. What happens if we do not purchase the golf course? A. Mr. Balding indicated that if we didn't purchase the course, he has another individual who wants to purchase the course. The land is very valuable and a developer could purchase the course and turn it into a housing development. The woods and water make it a very desirable site for homes. Q. If the golf course is profitable and can pay for itself, what happens when it makes extra money? Will that help to lower our dues? A. First, the golf course is profitable and will pay for itself. If it was not, we would not bring this proposal to our members. Second, the extra profit that we should be able to generate will go back into the course for improvements. Things such as blacktop golf cart paths and other improvements to make it a better place to play. Eventually, we could take the money and use it toward the operation of Sandy Pines. This is the way all our departments operate.”

There were other questions and answers, however, these were the significant ones. The vote was taken on Dec. 2, 2000. The results were 1147 votes for the purchase and 182 opposed with 67% of the total membership voting. Of our current membership, Dawn has done research and made some calculated estimates that approximately 485 of the eligible voters at that time are still in the park. We have had a 63.5% turnover since that vote was taken. (However, results of our recent survey of 849 respondents overwhelming indicated that they want to retain the golf course.) The course was officially purchased on Feb. 2, 2001, at a purchase price of \$900,000, plus costs of \$24,849 for a total of \$924,849. It was originally financed with \$600,000 Land Contract at 9% interest; \$75,000 sellers note at 9% interest; Phase 6 Capital Trust Fund Loan of \$250,000 at 6.5% interest, or the September Federal Long Term AFR rate.

Subsequent financial transactions:

- Mr. Balding refused to lower interest rates on Land Contract and note. Refinanced with Byron Bank May 2001. **The Capital Trust Fund Committee agreed to loan additional trust fund money to pay off bank as sale of the remaining Phase 6 sites became available. Thought was golf course could save money and Capital Trust Fund could receive a higher rate of interest.**
- **Amount loaned to pay off bank and pave golf cart path \$672,214.**
- **Interest only on the loan was paid in 2001, 2002, 2003. Interest was not paid in 2004 and \$33,611 was added to the principle of the loan to bring the balance to \$705,825.**

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We would like to wish
all of our members a

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& HAPPY NEW YEAR**



New SP Logo Design?

Our Marketing Committee feels that our current logo appears somewhat outdated, and we need a more contemporary look as we move into the future. One of our Graphic Artist members has created and gifted to us a new design...but we would like to ask if there are other graphic artists who may wish to submit their own logo design for consideration. Please send your design to kathy@sandypines.com by April 1, 2015. Thank you!

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- All interest since 2005 was written off/requirement to pay was removed.
- Amount of interest paid to The Capital Trust Fund 2001, 2002, 2003 was \$45,046. Amount of interest written off per resolution #221, dated Aug. 10, 2007, was \$69,182.07. Interest that would have accrued, based on Long Term ATF rates from 2007 through 2014 would have been \$209,489. Total interest not collected is \$278,671.
- Loan to golf course for equipment up to \$115,000, per resolution #279, via phone vote on March 1, 2011. Actual amount borrowed was \$93,687. A \$50,000 principal payment reduced the loan to \$43,686.73.

Total amount still owed for all loans \$ 1,016,027.

What is the point of all of these figures and this long article? You may draw your own conclusions. However, I will offer mine.

1. The golf course was purchased as a profit making investment, an enhancement and convenience to the golfing community, and a property investment value for every member. The first expectation was not realized. The golf course has not realized a substantial profit since it was purchased. The last two expectations have been realized. The intention of the purchase of the golf course was never to offer free golf to the membership.
2. The golf course has already been heavily subsidized, even before the recent four year \$125 per year per member assessment, by writing off interest requirements on existing loans and providing funds for the new club house (\$286,000 for Clubhouse, \$50,000 Irrigation Equipment, \$39,000 for clubhouse furnishings. Resolution #291 Sept 9, 2011 Executive Session.) The Golfing Community has been the recipient of these decisions and should be ready to pay back, and not demand more. Anything less than that is fiscally irresponsible.
3. The Capital Trust Fund is where most of the loan funds have come from, with an expectation of an interest repayment which never occurred. In the May 26, 1990 election to approve the development of Phase 6, which the Sandy Pines membership approved, they also approved the creation of a Capital Trust Fund that included that the principle could not be used without the approval of 2/3 vote of the membership. Therefore, the golf course loans must be repaid, unless they are forgiven by a 2/3 vote of the members.
4. In light of the above facts, any assessments on any ballot proposal/s that the board approves must be viewed as our fiscal responsibility as a member of Sandy Pines and owner of Lake Monterey Golf Course. It cannot be viewed as an entitlement to be offered free golf. That was a mistake. Let's not repeat it. To be fiscally responsible, any proposal must include pay per play for golfers, to give the golf course the best chance of eventually repaying the debt, becoming profitable, and possibly reduce the amount or even the need for the per member assessment. Anything less than that may eventually demand the sale of the golf course.



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My purpose in writing this article is to appeal to logical, fiscally responsible common sense, as this matter will come to another vote. Please don't depend on emotion and personal preference to determine your decision. My hope and prayer is that we will come together in a spirit of unity to overwhelmingly pass the proposal that will be in the best long term interest of Sandy Pines, and the profitability of Lake Monterey Golf Course.



Letter from the President

by Gene Van Koevering

With Thanksgiving recently behind us and Christmas ahead, this is a wonderful time of year when we are reminded to look back and be grateful for what we have been given, and to look forward in expectation and celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. Immanuel

(God with us) Fully God and Fully man!

It is with sincere gratitude that I ask you to consider joining me to express our thanks to God the Father, for His Grace and Mercy that is shown within these two times of celebration. Equally importantly, it is my hope that your Thanksgiving was filled with gratitude for the blessings you experienced this past year. Lastly, please join me as we look expectantly to celebrating the birth of Christ this December. I pray we will each experience His grace, mercy and eternal love, in our lives in a very personal way. Take the time with your family to read one of the accounts of Christ's birth in Luke 2. It will serve as a traditional reminder of the Reason for the Season!!

Even though the snow came early and winter is upon us here in Michigan, the work of planning for 2015 at Sandy Pines has already begun. With the things remaining to do, it's certain that the business of Sandy Pines will make the winter go fast!

I have a few things I want to bring you up to date on at this time, but plan to provide more detail as the winter progresses.

The grass and leaf dump has been cleaned out and looks much better. Ben Fifelski, Maintenance Manager, has made some changes to that area, so please read the signs before dumping to make sure you are dumping in the correct area. We hope to keep the grass and leaves separate from the wood and construction waste, to keep the cost of removal at a minimum.

Working with the Building and Grounds Committee, we have contracted with a firm to come in next spring and do a lake and fishery evaluation, with the end purpose of developing a long term management plan for both. This evaluation will include a number of things, a couple of which are a report of the water quality, and condition of the lake, including the weed control effectiveness.

The fishery report will include a survey of the different species in the lake, their health, their food sources and the balance of the types of fish. Their work will include an electronic shock method of checking for types of fish. During this survey they will be removing unwanted fish, such as carp, from the lake simultaneously. We hope to have a report from this firm by June, and from that report we intend to create the long term plan for managing the lake and fishery, as well as development of a plan for cleaning out Sailboat Cove, and any other critical areas of need in the lake.

We had additional work done on the softball outfield in an attempt to make that area safer to play on, at the request of the Building and Grounds Committee. Due to the fact that there is a drain field under that outfield area, we are told that we can't irrigate it, so consequently we have a hard time keeping healthy grass out there. We replaced part of it last spring, and this fall we replaced and reseeded the rest of that field, so hopefully the area will be safer and much improved for a period of time.

I have received several resumes for the Golf Manager position at the course. We are planning to continue to accept resumes through the end of December; however the interviewing process has been ongoing. It's our intent to fill the position by the end of January or February.

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The Golf Committee sent out a survey via email and US mail, and we have received well over 800 responses. If you have not taken the survey, please contact the Admin office and ask them to email you the link or to mail you a hard copy of the survey. If you'd still like to be part of that, we will be accepting surveys until the end of the year. I will report the findings to the Golf Committee for their use in the development of the 2015 Golf Course Funding Ballot, that will be on the Election Ballot in August. I would expect that the Committee will want to make the results of the survey available to the membership at the appropriate time.

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I have a short update for those Members of Phase 3: As you know we have been diligently attempting to encourage Salem and Monterey Townships to pave 136th for the last two years. I am grateful for the tremendous assistance we have received from Jim Pitsch, of Salem Township. Jim is the Township Supervisor, and he has indicated within the last year that Salem Township is ready and willing to include the township's financing half of the paving of 136th in their budget.

However, because 136th is a county line road, Monterey Township will also need to sign off on this project, and again, Jim has gone the extra mile to meet with Monterey in an effort to determine if, and when, this project could become a reality. The last word I have indicates that the earliest date may be 2016 for the construction of the road, and 2017 to pave it. These dates are not cast in stone, however it is a goal that this can become a reality within this time frame, if not sooner. We will remain close to the progress of this project and keep you informed of any new developments. It has not been forgotten!!



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I have been asked to remind all of you that are contemplating the sale of your membership to make sure you know that the commission on sales through our Sandy Pines Sales Department are no longer 10%, but have been reduced to 7 1/2 % in recent years. Secondly, I have been asked to remind you that Sandy Pines pays Finders Fees to those of you who fill out a form indicating your name, the new member's name, along with a few other pieces of information that won't take much of your time to fill out so that you receive a \$200 Finder Fee. So, if you are considering the sale of your membership, please consider listing your site with Kathy or Dale in Sales, and if you know of anyone you think would be interested in purchasing here at Sandy Pines, come in and fill out a form for a Finder's Fee, if they in fact do purchase a site!!

Finally, I want to thank you all for making 2014 another great year. In many ways it was a challenging year for many of us, but with the help and positive attitude of so many of you, 2014 was truly an amazingly great year!! A record breaking year...in all the right ways, and it could not have been done without you!! Thank you for allowing me to be in this position, at this time, with this Staff, and for this membership!!

Wishing you all a Happy Belated Thanksgiving and a Very Merry Christmas, from the Sandy Pines Staff!!

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Recreation Department News

by Mary Applehof

Hello to everyone! I wanted to get a note out to all of you with some of the summer dates for our 2015 Season! With the Color Run being so successful last summer, I wanted to get that date out to you right away - Saturday, August 1. Here are a few more important dates so that you are not totally surprised. On Saturday, June 13 (new to Sandy Pines) is the Highland Games. The Drive in Movies will be held on Saturday, June 20, July 18 and August 15. The Civil War Artifacts will be on display Saturday, June 20, and the Civil War Re-enactment will be held June 26-28. Family Day is scheduled for Saturday, July 18. Halloween will be Saturday, July 25th. We will also host the John Ball Traveling Zoo, as well as the 3 Disciplines Triathlon Race on July 25. Christmas in August is August 8. Please put these dates on your calendar for a great time at Sandy Pines.

Winterfest was a great success last year and we are hoping for another great day filled with... yes I will say it... "snow", food, and lots of winter fun! The date is Saturday, February 7th. If you are interested in being a part of the planning committee please email jeremyzeockvilas@gmail.com.

Now that you have some of the dates, I wanted to remind you of the ever important volunteer program that we have implemented at Sandy Pines. It is called Sign Up Genius. This is a wonderful program that will e-mail you all the dates and times of volunteer opportunities, and then you decide if you would like to be a part of that event. I do need your e-mail addresses though to sign up - so email that to me at recreation@sandypines.com. For those of you who signed up last year, your name will remain on the list, unless you ask me to remove you! Thank you in advance for your willingness to volunteer!

Just so you have something more to look forward to, we have built a new Disc Golf Course in Phase 3! We are still keeping the course in Phase 2 - and will work on making it a little nicer - but in Phase 3 is a new, beautiful course!

Blessings to all!



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New Disc Golf Course

A new disc golf course is coming to Sandy Pines in the spring of 2015. Located by the nature trails in phase 3, this new 9 hole course offers challenges and fun for players of all skill levels. Each hole offers something different... from uphill and downhill tee shots...to obstacles, like trees and water. All of the shots are here, from bomber holes to hitting the technical lines. The tee pads are made of pavers with excellent grip for the power throwers and the baskets are all Discraft Chainstars. This course is a real beauty and a great addition to Sandy Pines. Special thanks to Nick Brott and Elliot Gless for their design and creation of this course. Details will be forthcoming about when it will be open.

Member Services

by Mary Cooper

Winter Office Hours

Monday-Friday
8:30 am – 4 pm
Closed Saturday and Sunday

Holiday Hours:

The Administration Office will be closed December 22-26, December 31, January 1 and 2, to allow staff to celebrate the Christmas Season with family and friends.

Convenience Centers open this winter:

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CC#5 – Phase 3
CC#10 – Phase 4
CC#12 – Phase 5
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You should be receiving your renewal notice after the first of the year. Please take the time to look the form over and make sure all the information is correct. The back of the form gives you the option to make changes. Send the form back only if you make changes and we will send back a new form with the changes. This is not a bill. The total amount on the renewal will be billed to your account and sent out April 1st.

Reminder:

In January, April & July, you will have a quarterly electric charge on your account. This is an estimate, based on your total electric usage for 2014.

Flea Market Dates for 2015:

May 2, *May 23 (Memorial Day), June 6,*July 4, Aug. 8 (Christmas),*Sept. 5 (Labor Day) and Oct. 3. Reserving spaces can only be done online through the Member Web Access. The cost is \$30 per space. *Pancake breakfast at the Tee Pee picnic shelter.

Email Addresses:

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Florida Winter Gathering

Great News!! The Florida Winter Gathering WILL take place again this year!

Marc & Jan Yats have offered to pull this event together. Please mark your calendars for Tuesday, February 24th at 1:30 pm. It will be held at Miller's Dutch Kitchen, 3401 – 14th Street W, Bradenton, FL 34205. You can look it up at www.millersdutchkitchen.com. Please send an e-mail to myats1950@gmail.com to confirm attendance. Looking forward to another great gathering! Hope to see you there!

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Dear Members,

As you may know, the membership was presented a golf course funding proposal on the election ballot this past August, with the intent to request the membership to vote in favor of long term financial support for the operation and the capital needs of the golf course, as one of the many amenities we enjoy here at Sandy Pines.

As you may also know, the ballot proposal did not pass as it was written. Therefore, the Golf Committee will be working on additional proposals, some considerations have come from some of our membership, with some considerations coming from committee work sessions. However, as part of their research and development, the Committee is seeking your help and input by answering eight simple questions on the survey that has been prepared.

Please fill out and return the survey by January 1, 2015. Thank you in advance, for your input.

2014 Golf Ballot Survey

1. I believe Lake Monterey Golf Course (LMGC) is a valuable amenity for Sandy Pines Members.

Yes No No Opinion

2. Do you, a co-member, or any of your Associate Members play golf at Lake Monterey Golf Course?

Yes No (skip to question five)

3. I believe Lake Monterey Golf Course should...

Remain open to the Public Be closed to the public

4. I am a golfer and play...

1-10 rounds per season 15-30 rounds per season 40-50 rounds per season
 More than 50 rounds per season

5. I believe Lake Monterey Golf Course should be...

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 Open to the public. Adequately funded by Membership Fees. Free to members and Associates
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 Open to the public. Minimally funded by Membership Fees. No discounts to Members and/or Associate Members.

6. What method would you prefer to receive information about future proposals?

E-mail The Footprints Bulletin Boards Face to Phase Meetings
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7. I voted YES on the August 2014 Lake Monterey Golf Course Assessment Proposal because...

I thought it was fair and balanced I believe golfers should pay something to play
 Free golf is not allowed anywhere that I am aware of I wanted to retain the amenity

8. I voted NO on the August 2014 Lake Monterey Golf Course Assessment Proposal because...

The proposal was confusing I did not like the 50% green fee
 I prefer free golf for Members and Associate Members
 I did not like the idea of a permanent assessment I did not vote

Please feel free to write your comments and/or suggestions on the back side of this survey.



Happy Birthday Ben!

Congratulations to Ben Huizenga, who turned 95 on Nov. 2nd. Ben's birthday was celebrated with (l-r), Ron Corstange, Fred Faber, Ben Huizinga... Birthday Boy, Bill Reynolds and Mal Scott. Wishing you many more years of celebration, Ben!

Maintenance Department News

by Ben Fifelski

The Maintenance Department has been very busy! Winter showed up early, and we were forced to change some of our plans!

We got sidewalks poured at the Core/Ice Cream Shop area. The treadles in Phase Six have been repaired. We've painted the Water Park Slide and are currently working on upgrading some of the wells.

The Handicapped Boat launch has been installed, with a nice concrete pad leading to it – we believe you will really like this new addition!

The Campground Inspection has been received, and they are requiring a four foot cleared path around trailers. No buried hoses or extension cords will be permitted. These repairs will need to be made before our next inspection – if you are one of those who might need to do so.

CC#8 has been re-tiled and looks great! We are currently working on trimming trees at the dam. Wishing you all a Very Merry Christmas...and a Happy New Year! See you in 2015!

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Park Inspector News

by Ralph Smith

By the time you read this, we will all be into our very busy holiday season. I will not be in the office full time again until April 15th. If you need to get in touch with me, please e-mail me at inspector@sandypines.com. I check my mail daily, or you can call and leave me a message, voice mails are checked every couple days 616-896-7286.

If you are in need of a Permit, you can get one by stopping by the Ranger's Station, or you can also find the form on the Sandy Pines website homepage. Fill it out...get it back to me, and I will let you know if it is approved, so you can start your project.

Please check the contractor's list to see who will shovel roofs when the snow starts getting bad this winter. Be sure to read the Permits Section of the Rulebook so we all understand the rules and see what changes have been made.

Happy Holiday Season to all...and safe travels! Enjoy your winter!

Sales Manager

by Kathy Molner

As I write this, I am still amazed that the 2014 season went by so quickly! The sales office enjoyed yet another very successful year. We have been very busy! We thank those of you who have seen the value of using our office. It is a good source of revenue to ultimately keep the price of our dues lower.

I am in the process of preparing to go to two RV Shows this year. The Grand Rapids Show is held January 15-18, and I will also be traveling to Novi, on February 4-8. We have been doing these shows for many years. We spend time and money to showcase our beautiful Park, and are doing our best to keep the values of our lots up.

If you would have an interest in volunteering your time to work at either of these shows, now is the time to let me know, by calling 616-862-5971. We use several volunteers at each show. We don't like to impose on the same people year after year, so if you have an interest in helping out, please call me. Thank you, in advance.

*Sympathy is
extended to the
following members
and their families:*

Amanda & James Hughes, Site 693, on the passing of their grandfather, Bill Grill, on August 28th.

The family of Mary Ulrich, Site 612, on her passing, October 7th.

Carol Brower, Condo 3, on the passing of her father-in-law, Clarence Brower, age 91, on October 13th.

Mary Koster, Sites N-156 and N-185, on the passing of her husband, **James**, on October 24th.

Jerry & Ardie Dewall, K-64, on the passing of their mother, Elsie, on October 27th.

Earl Van Koevering, Site N-57, on the passing of his wife, **Leona**, November 10th. Sympathy is also extended to their daughter and son-in-law, **Linda & Jeff Smit**, Site N- 507, brother and sister-in-law, **Gene & Joyce Van Koevering**, Site D-67, and niece and nephew, **Kelly & Doug Nyhuis**, Site K-34.



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Country Café and Store News

by Craig Van Noord

The Country Café and Store are so quiet! We miss you guys.

We are already working on getting things organized and making some minor changes for next season. Many people are reporting that they have reached their winter destinations safely. For those who travel, as well as those that tough it out here in Michigan, we pray for a safe and healthy winter season.

Second Annual New Year's Eve Celebration/Potluck

Please join us for our **Second Annual New Year's Eve Celebration/Potluck!**

We would like to invite everyone to join us on Wednesday, December 31st at the Adult Recreation Center, beginning at 5:30 pm, for a potluck dinner. Please bring a dish to share and a non-alcoholic beverage of your choice. Coffee will be provided.

We had a wonderful time last year – and we are hoping that you will join us as we say 'Goodbye to 2014!' Questions may be directed to: jeremyzeockvilas@gmail.com.

Happy New Year

Safety Director Report

by Steve Deyarmond

Winter Weather: Western Michigan commonly has lake effect snow. As a result, Sandy Pines is more likely to have larger snow fall amounts than inland areas. It is wise to have a friend or neighbor check your camping units and porches throughout the winter for snow depths on porch roofs. The Park has also listed registered contractors that provide snow removal. Some snow removal contractors will periodically check snow load. Last year, we had numerous porches that failed, or were damaged from the snow load on porch roofs, golf cart garages and sheds.

Park Roadways: Sandy Pines plows the roadways in the Park in the winter. Please be sure to review the weather before you come to Sandy Pines. Drifting and blowing snow can fill roadways quickly within the Park. As a result, you may have problems getting to your site or leaving your site, in storm conditions. The Maintenance Dept. is closed on weekends. If you enter the Park and a storm passes through, you may be snowed in for the weekend. If you plan to stay at Sandy Pines overnight, please have your furnace checked for proper operation and ventilation.



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Please call **Kathy (ext. 113)** or **Dale (ext. 114)** at **616-896-8316**, for additional information or to schedule an appointment.

For Sale - Site 429 - Phase 1: 1999 Wilderness Trailer 29S (excellent condition) – 2 Bedrooms with 3 Season Porch and possible 1 golf cart. Site needs a little TLC. We have reduced the price to \$23,000. Close to CC, Ice Cream Shop, Beach, Store, Café, etc. Sun. pm to Thurs. pm call 616-942-8837. Fri. pm & Sat. pm call 616-635-3736.

For Sale - Site 785 - Phase 2: Two bedroom Park Model, one Master and one bunk room w/bunk bed and fold down bed. Master has Queen sized Seeley Pillow top. Newer Berber throughout and most furniture and all appliances included. Large lot on the

water with woods across. Great 'Up North' feel. Three year old 4-Season room w/insulated roof and walls. Floor is also insulated, full size hide-a-bed. Central air/heat ducted out to porch, propane fireplace with blower, 20' private dock with 40' of water frontage. Two golf carts, golf cart shelter plus 8x10 shed. Three tiered patio w/fire pit, close to Convenience Center. Asking \$79,900. Call: 734-915-1926 or 734-837-4415.

Wanted at Site 1076: Used porch roof panels, standard size, 3-4 inches thick. Call/text Dennis, at 269-217-4534.

For Sale - Site 1350: Two and one half sites

– with only one dues! 1999 Forest River trailer, 6 x 8 Shed and Golf Cart Shed. Great site with lots of possibilities for future Park Model, porch, etc. Must See! Asking \$32,000 OBO. Call: 269-751-8444 or see Jim at Maintenance.

For Sale - Site N-1 - Phase 4: NEW PRICE! \$105,500! On the lake, Islandview Trail. Canterbury Park Model with one bedroom, a double loft, and all furniture included. New air conditioning unit in 2012, 3-season porch with new vinyl windows and screens in 2014. Large deck facing the lake w/great view of the island, and your boat stake is right out front! There is also a brick patio with a fire pit and a stainless steel grill. A large golf cart garage with lots of storage, includes a lawn mower and a 2-seat electric golf cart w/charger. Call Sandy: 616-457-5739.

For Sale - Site N-53: Park Model in a choice location near the lake. New roof and garage, boat stake, move in ready! Asking \$69,900. Call: 941-720-0909.

For Sale - Site N-79: 1981 Wynona on a large lot, one bedroom in rear and bunk beds in front, new toilet installed in 2014, two recliners, end table, dining set, silverware, 9' attached porch, 8x8' shed in rear of lot, electric golf cart, front and rear deck, fire pit, gas grille, and beautiful location with green space for privacy in rear with a distant view of the lake and close to bath house in Phase 4. Clean and ready to use. Asking \$26,000 or BO. Call 309-339-5709.

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Wanted at Site N-104: Push lawn mower in relatively good condition. Call Diane at 616-240-2816.

For Sale – Site N-128: 2012 Canterbury, 1 bedroom w/large double super loft. Year old 3-season porch w/new mini-split AC/heat. Garage. Located close to Ropes Course, Indoor Pool and Golf Course on a nice cul-de-sac. Excellent condition. Asking: \$95,000. Call: 616-403-2361.

For Sale from Site N-214: 1999 EzGo Golf Cart, electric – two year old batteries, four passenger and cover. Asking \$1,895. Call: 616-437-1855.

Wanted for Site N-322: Park Model, newer than 2002. Call Larry at 269-217-2085.

For Sale – Site N-342: 2005 Canterbury w/Large Double Loft - centrally located by indoor pool/soccer fields - no maintenance lot with pavers & deck. Comes furnished, pantry & extra cabinets in kitchen for storage, extra large double loft w/built in cabinets for storage, tvs & lots of room. Queen size bed in master with built in storage. Tub/Shower unit. 3-season porch w/pergo flooring & A/C. 2 garages, Patio Furniture & Grill. Dues are paid for 2014 and includes a floating dock, by the indoor pool. Asking: \$74,900 OBO. Call or text for more info 815-603-5809.

For Sale from Site N-415: Double your entertaining space with a Westhouse built wood deck in excellent condition that wraps around the perimeter of any 30' porch with generous room for outdoor dining! The total capacity is approximately 682 sq. ft. and includes three sets of stairs and built in seating. Call Denise for dimensions at 248-737- 7263 or visit lot #N-415. Asking price of \$1,900 or best offer.

For Sale - Site K-19 – Phase 5: Great location, Lakefront lot, no wake zone on Sailboat Cove, across from the Water Park.

1989 Canterbury Park Model with 3 full sized beds and a 3-season porch. Furniture included, ready to move in...a must see. 18' Sweetwater Pontoon Boat w/cover and awning. Hummingbird fish and depth finder, boat stake and shared dock in front. Electric Club Car Golf Cart w/charger. 10x16 steel shed with workbench and tools. Lawn sprinklers, front and back, fireplace and firewood rack. New Price – Asking: \$119,800! Call: 419-382-6559.

For Sale – Site K-256: 2003 Tahoe with Jamestown 3-season porch with heat and air. Fully furnished with large master bedroom. Includes 11 X 18 golf cart garage with opener, fully finished with pegboard walls, vinyl floor, cabinets and workbench. EzGo electric golf cart and bbq grill included. Close to CC, low maintenance - move in ready. Asking \$59,900. Call 260-437-3772 or 260-341-4104.

For Sale – Site K-288: Lakefront! Beautiful 2002, one bedroom Dutch Park model on the "best kept secret part of the lake! Enjoy a huge green area with full view and access to the beach and lake! Spectacular view of the fireworks. Meticulously maintained with large custom kitchen, furnished in cottage décor. Screened porch, blinds, central air, and new refrigerator. Huge, partially maintenance free deck, with beautiful patio furniture, grill, landscaped patio, and shed. Golf cart, boat stake, and canoe included. Many summer time memories to be made in this charming spot. Asking: \$121,000. Please call Sandy Pines Sales office at 616-896-8315, Kathy @ ext. 113 or Dale @ ext. 114.

For Sale – Site K-396: 2007 Trophy Park Model – gorgeous home – must see! 9' ceilings in the 3-season sunroom w/transom windows, dark hardwood floors and cabinetry, surround sound, double loft w/built-ins, sleeps several. Nice staircase. Large deck (12x34) beautifully landscaped, view of lake, golf cart, storage shed and brand new furniture. Asking

\$95,000. Call: 623-512-6845 or 623-261-9692.

For Sale – Site K-444: 1999 Palm Aire Park Model with Loft available to be placed on your site. Call: 616-836-8217 for details.

For Sale – Site D-27: Dutch Park Model, one bedroom with 3-season porch. Sleeps eight comfortably. Boat stake, dock, 20' pontoon, two EZ Go Gas Golf Carts, New laminate wood floor, new patio beach side and garage. 2015 Dues are paid. Must see to appreciate – move in ready. Asking: \$122,000. Call: 269-806-8367.

Wanted at Site D-74: Deck Boat, Boat-motor-trailer in good condition, 90 HP or more Outboard. If you have one you want to sell, please contact Jim at lot D-74 or call 616- 240-3756 (Cell).

For Sale from Site D-100: MUST SELL - 35' Trophy Trailer with two tip-outs. 1984 Park Model w/full kitchen and bath, four bed bunk room on one end and Master bedroom on other end. Air conditioner, 30' wooden deck with enclosed porch included. A great value/deal. Asking: \$5,000, OBO. (If not sold, it will be scrapped in March, 2015). Call: 517-324-7080 or e-mail: cdknox@sbcglobal.net.

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