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CALENDAR

September 16 Caseville INTERCLUB. Alex Rapanos.
September 19 Adopt-A-Highway pickup, 9 a.m. at the Community Center. Dick Jellum.
September 22 Kiwassee Foundation Board of Directors meeting, 1 p.m.. Duane Townley.
Oct. 2,3,9,10 Eagle Village Work Projects. Duane Townley.
October 4 CROP WALK, Carol Rumba and Joe Downey.
October 13 Deadline for gifting Travel and Adventure tickets to charitable organizations.
October 27 Deadline for selling Travel and Adventure tickets.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS

***Jack Higgins pointed out the new placemats advertising the Travel and Adventure programs (thanks to the good work of Cal Hoerneman!!) The mats will be used by Shirleen's, Lil Chef, Bob Evans, and the Big Boy restaurants. Ads for local businesses (including several by Kiwassee members) more than covered the costs. Jack also reported ticket sales to date total a little over \$4,000. He urged us to get out and sell.

***Dave Young , speaking for Joe Downey, said donation envelopes are available on each table for support of CROP WALK on October 4.

***Duane Townley scheduled a Kiwassee Foundation Board meeting for 1 p.m. on September 22. Duane also said that Eagle Village work projects are scheduled for October 2, 3, 9, and 10. Cars will leave the MCFTA parking lot at 8:30 a.m. and return about 5:30 p.m.. Primary work project will be painting cabins.

***Dick Jellum circulated sign up sheets for the Adopt-A-Highway pickup on September 19. Meet at the Community Center at 9 a.m..

***Roger Briggs reported that Dow and Midland High School Key Clubs are now meeting. He will circulate sign up sheets next week for volunteers to attend the meetings.

***Alex Rapanos scheduled an INTERCLUB for Caseville on Wednesday, September 16. Please let him know if you would like to attend.

OFFICER CHRIS WENZELL AND THE MIDLAND SWAT TEAM

Mike Feider introduced Midland Police Officer Chris Wenzell who is a member of the Midland SWAT Team. Officer Wenzell said that the first SWAT team was formed by the Los Angeles Police Dept. in 1968, following the University of Texas Bell Tower incident two years earlier when a shooter shot 31 people, killing 14. Midland's team was formed in 1976 (most people don't realize we have one) when six officers were sent to Quantico for training. The team is now a Midland County organization consisting of ten officers and a negotiator. Several are also qualified as snipers. The State maintains a SWAT training school in Alpena, and basically all Michigan communities have access to a SWAT team. Team members are required to have eight hours of training each month in addition to a week of training at Alpena each year. The SWAT team concept was started to enable local law enforcement agencies to deal quickly and effectively with hostage as well as "active shooter" situations. Officer Wenzell said the team is also used to assist narcotic officers in making drug arrests. A new program, he said, will involve the team in working with Dow and Dow Corning employees to receive special training by Homeland Security for threat prevention of Chemical facilities. Members of the team carry pagers and are "on call" 24/7. They currently average about 12 to 15 calls per year—most of them to assist narcotic officers. Approval of both the Midland Police Chief and the Midland County Sheriff are required to activate the team.