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Kinross Computer Lab Reconnected By Lighthouse

Kinross, Michigan, June 14, 2005 – After weeks of planning between the Kinross Charter Township Supervisors office and Lighthouse (lighthouse.net), the computer lab located at the Kinross Recreation Center will reopen on June 15th, 2005 between the hours of 6:00PM and 9:00PM.

The previous funding for the computer lab, through a “Power Up” grant, ran out last month and the Township had been searching for alternatives. “When we approached Lighthouse with the idea of providing the service to our community we received a very positive response.” said Joe Paczkowski, Deputy Supervisor, Kinross Township.

The existing “Power Up” grant provider would only continue our service if we agreed to pay \$400 a month. As most Township residents know by now, our budget will not support that.

“We worked out some details in regards to our present wireless agreement with Steve Mason, General Manager of Lighthouse. Steve agreed to provide us with up to 1Mb of bandwidth for use by our computer lab” said Jason Oberle, Supervisor, Kinross Township.

Mr. Mason later wrote the following “Lighthouse is proud to be a part of improving the recreation center for the areas youth. Our partnership with Kinross Charter Township enables us to offer more opportunities for faster internet access in the eastern Upper Peninsula.”

Our Goal is to have the computer lab open on a voluntary supervised basis Monday through Friday from 6:00PM to 9:00PM.

To volunteer or to check on availability, call DeeDee Frasure, Kinross Recreation Director at 495-5350. To see more pictures of the lab go to the Kinross Charter Township web site at kinross.net.

Picture Cut 1: From left, Joe Paczkowski, Steve Mason, and Rich Walker show the kids the new internet connection!

Picture Cut 2: Recreation Director DeeDee Frasure works with the kids.

Picture Cut 3: Kinross kids have multiple work stations to work from.