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## DPW Director resigns after 23 years on job in Nashville

by Shawna Hubbarth  
 Staff Writer

Nashville Department of Public Works Director Scott Decker has resigned effective March 1, after nearly 23 years with the village.

His resignation was accepted "with regrets" at last week's council meeting. Decker will stay on as a part-time employee on a monthly basis after March 1 to do water and sewer reports for the Department of Environmental Quality, and for consulting until a replacement for his position is found.

The two remaining DPW employees, Derrell Clements and Paul France, who have been employed for about two years, do not have the certification to operate a water and sewer plant.

Decker has left for a job as a salesman with Maple Valley Implement in Nashville. Staying on the job until March 1, he will be using up some of his sick time instead of being paid off for that time.

"An opportunity came up here (Maple Valley Implement) and I took it," explained Decker.

Decker worked his way up through the department in the nearly 23 years with the village. He said much has changed since he was



Nashville Department of Public Works Director Scott Decker is resigning after nearly 23 years of service with the village.

hired on in 1979, at the young age of 18 years.

"When I started working in the village there were a lot of gravel streets. Now there are none," Decker said. "There have been many other changes as well. Our sewer system was completely rebuilt in 1981, and our water system was expanded in 1993, when we put in a well and some line then. We have also made considerable upgrades in our equipment. When I started, I remember we did not even have a backhoe, we had to contract that work out."

Decker said that Nashville has always been his hometown and he has no plans of changing that. He said he had no plans of leaving the village "high and dry."

"I will be right here, and if the village needs me I won't be far away," he said.

Decker has also been very involved with the current almost \$3 million dollar water project.

"He will be greatly missed," said council president Frank Dunham. "He has been a tremendous asset with our grant applications and our water project."

"No one will really know just how much of his own time he has spent on this water project," said Dan Kellogg, council trustee.

"We are losing a lot of knowledge and experience," said Dunham. "Scott will be a hard individual to replace... we do have two excellent employees in the department and with his help in the transition, I am sure they can get through this."

Councilman Steve Wheeler said at the meeting, "I would like to express appreciation for his years of service with the village. On the one hand, I am sad to see him go. On the other hand, I am happy he has found a position that he thinks will be challenging and rewarding."

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Members of the Quiz Busters took Maple Valley farther in the championships this year than any other year.

## Local Quiz Busters go where no team has gone before

by Shawna Hubbarth  
 Staff Writer

The Maple Valley Quiz Busters this year took the school the farthest it has ever been in the competition.

The quiz team, made up of six students ranging from freshmen to seniors, played three rounds in the single elimination tournament which is broadcast through WKAR-TV channel 23 out of East Lansing.

In the academic competition, the team went head to head with other school teams on questions ranging from topics as trivia, history,

geography, and current events.

"This is the longest we lasted," said fourth year advisor Chris Pash. "The most we have gone back is the second time."

The team lost this past Thursday by only three questions to Stockbridge.

The game, said members is fun to play.

"They ask you all sorts of questions... they also play music and you have to guess what it is, stuff like that," said member Lizzie Sundrla. "The game starts quickly with 10 questions, and moves on from there. This is

my fourth year participating and this is the best we have done since I have been on it."

At the competitions the team said a lack of a team shirt hasn't hampered their style. Each competition they played they dressed a different style, one competition they all dressed in Hawaiian shirts.

First place team members who win the championship get a full year scholarship to Michigan State University.

Members include Matt Dunham, Andrew Gaber, Katie Eldred, Bizz Favre, Lizzie Sundrla, and Ray Hole.

# Raid nets 2 meth labs in Castleton house

by Shelly Sulser  
 Staff Writer

A Nashville man's failure to use his turn signal in Lake

Odessa early Thursday led to authorities raiding his Thornapple Lake Estates home and confiscating two

methamphetamine labs, four guns, ingredients for making the illegal drug, scales and a large amount of finished

product.

"I've lived here 25 years and I've never seen anything like this," said a neighbor who asked not to be identified.

Darrell Hobert Watson, 37, lives in the mobile home park with his wife, Autumn, 34, who was arrested on unrelated Eaton County charges, and their two, pre-teen children.

Watson is being held in the Ionia County Jail on \$20,000 bond on charges stemming from the traffic stop, including one felony count of methamphetamine possession and one misdemeanor count of marijuana possession.

Lake Odessa police officer Chris Hanson was on patrol at about 1:45 a.m. when he activated his overhead lights, causing Watson to pull over in the parking lot of the Emerson Manor Apartments.

"He found on Watson two

containers of crystal methamphetamine, one containing one-quarter gram and one with three-quarters of a gram," said Police Chief John Shaw. "He also found one-half ounce of marijuana."

In the back of the truck, Hanson found chemicals used in the production of methamphetamine, Shaw said.

"He (Watson) said he had left a bar in Charlotte and that he was on his way home," said Shaw, "which doesn't really add up, since he lives in Barry County."

Barry County authorities enlisted the help of the Southwest Enforcement Team (SWET) and the West Michigan Enforcement

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Officers wearing protective gear inventory toxic chemicals found in the home and shed where two methamphetamine labs were found. (Photo by Shelly Sulser)

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# Engagements

## Martin-Sheppard

Mr. and Mrs. William Martin of Vermontville, announce the engagement of their daughter, Bess Ann to Steven Sheppard of Stockbridge.

Bess Ann is a 1997 graduate of Maple Valley High School, has a general associates degree, and is attending Northwood University majoring in business management and marketing. She is currently employed with the Michigan Construction Industry Mutual Insurance of Lansing.

Steven is a 1997 graduate of Stockbridge High School, and is attending Lansing Community College working towards an associates degree in computer aided drafting. He is currently employed with Barrette Paving of Ann Arbor. Steve is the son of Gary and Judy Sheppard of Atlanta, Mich., formally of Stockbridge, Mich. The couple is planning a March 16 wedding.



## Christmas Baskets help 48 families

The Vermontville Women's Club again organized the Christmas Basket program for the community, and this year 48 families received assistance of food and 78 children received two toys each.

Thirty-five senior citizens also received poinsettia plants and cookies.

"This is a community coordinated effort," said Mary Fisher, club president.

The Cub Scouts and Maplewood Elementary students had a food drive, Grace Bible Church baked and wrapped the cookies along with sorting food. Many organizations and community people donated funds to assist with the program.

Volunteers picked up the food, sorted and packed it all at the Vermontville Bible Church and delivered the Poinsettia plants and cookies to the senior citizens.

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Corner of Baseline &amp; Church Roads (2 miles east of M-66 on Baseline)                  Sunday School ..... 9:30 a.m.                  Worship Service ..... 11 a.m. (Nursery Provided)                  Youth Groups, Bible Study and many other activities.                  Phone (616) 963-7710                  REV. GLEN WEGNER</p>	<p><b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b>                  301 Fuller St., Nashville                  Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.                  Sunday: ..... 11 a.m.                  A.M. Worship ..... 11 a.m.                  P.M. Worship ..... 6 p.m.                  Wednesday Evening: ..... 7 p.m.                  Worship ..... 7 p.m.                  REV. ALAN METTLER</p> <p><b>CHESTER GOSPEL CHURCH</b>                  3744 W. Vermontville Hwy.                  Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.                  Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.                  Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.                  Wednesday Family ..... 6:45 p.m.                  Night Service ..... 6:45 p.m.                  PASTOR MARC S. LIVINGSTON                  Phone: 543-5488</p> <p><b>FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH</b>                  110 S. Main, Vermontville                  Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.                  Church School ..... 10 a.m.                  Fellowship Time                  After Worship                  REV. ERIC LISON</p>	<p><b>SOUTH KALAMO CHURCH</b>                  Corner of Kalamo Highway &amp; Ionia Rd.                  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Main, Vermontville                  Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.                  Church Service ..... 11 a.m.                  PASTOR JEFF BOWMAN</p> <p><b>MOST HOLY ROSARY CHURCH</b>                  Roman Catholic Latin Mass                  314 Main, Middleville                  Sunday Mass ..... 9 a.m.                  616-795-9030                  FATHER PAUL ANDRADE</p>
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## Meth lab, from page 1

Team (WEMET) to obtain a search warrant.

The three agencies, along with Hanson and the Nashville fire and ambulance departments, executed the raid at noon Thursday after the children left for school. They were later turned over to family members.

"It's the only meth lab that we as a sheriff's department has taken off," said Undersheriff Don Ford. "SWET has taken some in Barry County but for us getting it and calling for assistance, this is a first."

Officers in full hazardous materials protective gear discovered the two labs inside the home located on lot 123 of the mobile home park, said police.

A large amount of chemicals and other production equipment was also found inside a shed next to the home, which includes an addition used as a drug lab, police suspect. A loaded handgun was among the items seized from the home.

"I can't image children living in that situation," said Ford, "but I also know it happens every day."

Young's Clean-Up from Grand Rapids, which specializes in hazardous material clean-up, was called to the scene to decontaminate the building, police said.

Though no Barry County charges have been authorized as of press time Friday



Officers wearing protective gear inventory toxic chemicals found in the home and shed where two methamphetamine labs were found. (Photo by Shelly Sulser)

pending completion of the investigation, police suspect the production was not for the Watson's personal use.

"No one makes this elaborate a set up for their own use," said Ford. Methamphetamine is a



Lake Odessa Police Officer Chris Hanson's arrest early Thursday of a motorist allegedly carrying methamphetamine led to the seizure of two labs from the man's Casleton Township home. Hanson, left, takes a gun found inside the home by undercover officers. (Photo by Shelly Sulser)

synthetic stimulant which has become a major problem across Michigan, according to the Michigan Department of Community Health.

"Other names for methamphetamine include speed, crystal meth, crank and cat," the MDOCH states.

The MDOCH has issued a reminder to farmers to lock and monitor their anhydrous ammonia tanks to deter theft by meth producers.

"Meth labs are very dangerous to you, your family, and your neighbors," the authorities said. "They can explode, injuring people and

animals nearby and they produce toxic waste."

Cookers often dump the toxic waste on the ground after making meth, said MDOCH, which offers a tip line, 1-866-METH-TIP.

"He (Hanson) did a good

job of picking up that he had the components of methamphetamine in the truck," said Shaw of Hanson's actions.

"We're pretty proud that our department had a role in taking this lab out of operation."

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## Solar power advocate brings Lions message

Area solar power advocate Bob Brown was guest speaker at the Nashville Lions Club's monthly fellowship meal Monday, Jan. 21.

Brown is a retired school teacher, having taught school at both Hastings and Lakewood Public Schools. He taught auto mechanics.

He became interested in many alternative ways of making electricity, solar energy, wind

mill energy, bio mass, which is use of manure, garbage, soybean oil and the like

to create fuel to burn in engines.

The Michigan Department of Energy gave him a \$5,000 grant to share his knowledge of alternative en-

ergy. He gives lectures to schools and organizations and recently was guest speaker at the First Friday forum in Hastings.

He owns several vehicles from a car to lawn mowers that are battery operated.

His lecture included demonstrations, concluding with several slides.

Nashville Lions President Dave Mace opened the meeting with remarks and announcements.

The pledge of allegiance was given to the American flag, a prayer was prayed, all present enjoyed a meal prepared by the Nashville United Methodist ladies.

Lion Howard Ludwig the Zone 1 chairman from

Delta, gave some update on Lion

zone activities. He talked about a new Sightmobile that had been purchased by the

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# Kathryn Carney January student of the month

The Vermontville Lions Club has announced Maple Valley High School sophomore Kathryn Carney as their student of the month for January.

Carney is the daughter of Shari Carney and the late Gary Carney. Interested in the arts, she participates in the theater productions at school, the Revue in Vermontville, and the Thornapple Arts Council's Youth Theatre Program. She has studied jazz and ballet for three years at Center Stage Dance Academy in Woodland and is a sixth year piano student.

Carney is academically at the top of her class and is a member of the honor's choir and has played softball for seven years. She is a member of the Maple Valley Leadership Class, and sits on the board of the Barry County Youth Advisory Council and is a student representative to the Health Education Committee. She has worked on several community service projects and recently took part in a "Roof Sit" to raise money for the new area Big Brother, Big Sister Organization.

She has set a personal goal to make at least one person smile every day.

Her future plans include travel, college and a focus on the fine arts.



Vermontville Lion's Club student of the month Kathryn Carney (left) with her mother Shari, sister Tricia, and brother Nathan.

AT RIGHT:

Vermontville Lion's Club President Greg Szymanski presents Kathryn Carney with the student of the month award from the Vermontville Lions Club.



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## Tax help available for low income, seniors

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Volunteers are trained to complete basic income tax

forms and answer tax questions. Since its start in 1968, AARP Tax-Aide has helped more than 30 million taxpayers and is a confidential service supported by local people. The program will start early next month.

The service will be offered in Nashville from noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Feb. 5 and 19 and March 12, at the Castleton Township Hall, 915 Reed St. Call the Nashville Village Office, 852-9544, for an appointment.

In addition to the current year's blank forms, taxpayers should bring a copy of year 2000 returns as well as information about year 2001 taxable income and deductions. This would include all W-2 forms showing salary and wages, unemployment compensation statements, SSA-1099 forms for social security benefits, 1099 forms showing pensions, interest, and dividends. If eligible for any Michigan tax credits, taxpayers should also bring information about year 2001 property taxes or rent, heating costs, and prescriptions and drugs.

John A. Panfil is the local coordinator for the AARP Tax-Aide program.

# Obituaries

## Raymond "Jack" Garvey

NASHVILLE - Raymond "Jack" Garvey, age 77, of Nashville, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2002 at his residence in Nashville.

He was born on Jan. 12, 1925 in Lansing, MI, the son of Bernard O. and Orpha (Barnum) Garvey. He spent his childhood in Lansing and later moved to the Nashville area. He attended area schools and earned his GED while serving in the U.S. Army from 1943-1945.

He married Ella Marie Hampton on May 11, 1948 in Nashville, MI.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1948 until his retirement 18 years later in 1965, retiring with the rank of E-5 Staff Sergeant. After retirement the family left Texas and returned to Michigan. He then engaged in the plumbing business and spent many years doing woodworking, hunting, fishing and gardening. He walked at least four miles each day, rain or shine.

Mr. Garvey was preceded

in death by his parents, Bernard O. and Orpha (Barnum) Garvey; brother, Bernard "Junior" Garvey; and grandson, Aaron Lee McIntyre.

Surviving are his wife, Ella Garvey, of Nashville; daughter, Linda (Hugh) Wolcott of Nashville; son, Ray and (Charlene) Garvey of Nashville; daughters, Kirsti (Darwin) McIntyre of Nashville and Rex-Ann (Dion) Rasey of Nashville, Kathy (Rock) Ludwick of Bronson; sister, Melva Turner of California; sister-in-law, Betty Garvey of Nashville; 16 grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

Services were held Saturday, Jan. 19, 2002 at Maple Valley Chapel. Pastor Glen Branham officiated.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Maple Valley Chapel, Nashville, MI.

## Child OK after being hit by car Saturday

A four-year-old Nashville boy was treated at Penneck Hospital in Hastings Saturday after he was struck by a car in a Sherman Street crosswalk at 11:45 a.m., according to the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police.

Trooper Donna Thomas said Daniel Ohler was following his mother, Mary Ohler, from south to north when the driver of a car turning east onto Sherman Street from southbound M-66 was blinded by "sun glare."

"She saw the mother but didn't see the child trailing about five feet behind," said

Thomas. "The two pedestrians happened to be in shadow."

A wheel well of the sport utility vehicle, driven by Sara Gulch, 27, bumped the boy on the head as he ducked down to avoid injury.

"He is fine," said Thomas. "The only injury he had was a small abrasion. He was mostly very scared."

Daniel Ohler was treated and released and Gulch was not issued a citation.

Woodland Township Police Chief Randy Yates assisted by responding to the accident and conducting the initial investigation.

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## Toddlers enjoy fun time at Vermontville library



Parent Educator, with Early Childhood Connections, Merrill Evans holds pictures of animals up for the children to identify.

by Shawna Hubbarth  
Staff Writer

Toddlers had a fun time doing crafts and reading stories last week at the Vermontville Library.

The story time was sponsored by Early Childhood Connections of Eaton County.

Parent educator Merrill Evans read a variety of stories to the youngsters. They also packed a suitcase with clothing for a bear who "was taking a trip on an airplane." After determining the bear would vacation in a cold place, children then had to choose the right wardrobe for the bear to take.

After that activity, children were handed glue sticks and construction paper suitcases to glue pictures of their own in.

Children sang songs and danced around between activities, and afterward enjoyed refreshments. The program will also meet next week at the library on



Merrill Evans reads a book to children at the toddler time story hour at Vermontville Township Library.

Thursday morning from 11 to 11:45. Parents with children preschool and younger are encouraged to attend.

## WMU dean's list includes nine students from area

Nine students from Nashville and Vermontville have achieved placement on the dean's list for the fall academic term of 2001 at Western Michigan University.

To be included on the honors list, students needed to have at least a 3.5 grade

point average on a 4.0 scale and had to have been enrolled in a minimum of 12 academic hours of graded coursework.

The students, their hometowns, parents (where made available) and major fields of study, were as follows:

- Hillary Cates of Nashville, daughter of Steven and Cay Cates, special education, mentally impaired-elementary.

- Jessica L. Hummel of Nashville, daughter of Steven J. Hummel, general business.

- Robb R. Rosin of Nashville, mathematics.

- Steven Phillip West of Nashville, production technology.

- Sarah J. Bentley of Vermontville, daughter of Larry and Sally Bentley, art teaching.

- Jason C. Carrigan of Vermontville, son of Thomas and Kathy Carrigan, computer science.

- Lauren A. Hansbarger of Vermontville, daughter of Douglas T. and Kathy I. Hansbarger, elementary group minors.

- Jennifer L. Mansfield of Vermontville, daughter of Robert C. and Vicki M. Mansfield, university curriculum.

- Melissa C. Mansfield of Vermontville, daughter of Robert C. and Vicki M. Mansfield, art teaching.



Manager of Vermontville Express/Kelly Fuels Catherine Knoll (from left) looks on while Maplewood Principal Fred Davenport accepts the \$500 grant from Kelly Fuels representative Willie Culp.

## Maplewood wins technology grant

Maplewood Elementary School has received a grant of \$500 toward computer technology from the Exxon-Mobil Educational Alliance program.

Catherine Knoll, manager of the Vermontville Express/Kelly Fuels, and Willie Culp with Kelly Fuels worked with Principal Fred Davenport to secure the grant, which is one of 3,000 available to schools across the country.

"We are proud to be part of the efforts by Maplewood school to continue to pro-

vide outstanding educational opportunities to the young people of Maple Valley," said Knoll. "We are committed to giving back to the

community that has helped build the business."

Davenport said he was excited about the grant, and thankful.

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- Fund. of Early Childhood Education - T 6:00-9:10 pm starts 1/29/02
- Positive Child Guidance - M 6:00-9:10 pm starts 1/28/02
- Intro to Legal Assistant - T 9:45-11:25 am starts 1/29/02
- Mathematics Clinic - TTH 5:55-7:20 pm starts 1/29/02
- Intro to Ethics - M 6:00-9:10 pm starts 1/28/02
- American System of Government - F 8:15-11:25 am starts 1/25/02 and TH 7:10-10:20 pm starts 1/31/02
- Intro to Psychology - TH 6:00-9:10 pm starts 1/31/02
- Developmental Psychology - T 6:00-9:10 pm starts 1/29/02
- Abnormal Psychology - TH 6:00-9:10 pm starts 1/31/02
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- College Reading & Study Skills - M 5:00-9:10 pm starts 1/28/02

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# Maplewood Elementary honor roll announced

**Maplewood Elementary School honor roll**  
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All As — Jordan Beachnau, Tyler Blodgett, Brandon Cosgrove, Leila Dean, Zac Eddy, Amanda Erwin, Shauna Frailey, Kaytlin Furlong, Hutch Joppie, Danielle Kellogg, Jennifer Kent, Chelsea Khouri, Ashley Laymance, Lanne Matheson, Brandy McKelvey, Amber Napier, Lydia Richards, Rob Richardson, Leslee Rigelman, Ashley Rodriguez, Brandon Sams, Matt Siple, Elizabeth Smith and Lauren Trumble.

A & B honor roll — Brandon Aiston, Kylie Bryans, Kyle Burns, Shelby Christopher, Stephanie Courtney, Marcus Eckhoff, Lindsey Fisher, Hannah Gardner, Victoria Hansen, Katelynn Kellogg, Dylan Latzel, John

Lison, Zach Melville, Brayana Rose, Shawdenae Rost, Adam Sears, Kayla Shaw, Martin Shilton, Matt Turner, Whitney Ulrich and Adam Zank.

### Fifth grade

All As — Kayla Chapman, Tyra Curth, Cheyenne Fighter, Jasmine Grinage and Christopher Rug.

A & B honor roll — Sheree Ahrens, MacKensye Ancona, Kinsey Bartlett, Kayla Bishop, Emily Boltz, Carl Bowling, Brooke Bracy, Lucas Brumm, Britney Brydges, Courtney Cady, Alisha Copenhaver, Brooke Cornwell, Dusty Cowell, Jennie Currier, John Currier, Amye Davis, Brooke Davis, Emily Dietrick, Dalton Donald, Brittney Eaton, Stacey Fassett, Kyle Fisher, Bailey Flower, Duston Frailey, Lucinda Gale, Jose Garza, Tawnie Griesmer, Traci Grinage, Aleena, Hamilton, Mike Harvey, Brandon Hoffman, Dustin Houghton, Paige Kaczanowski, Justin Kennedy, Nick Kirk, John Knox, Nate Konopinski, John Mater, April Matthews, Kevin McDonald, Jorge Miller, Kassandra Morgan, Erica Myers, Samantha Newton, Michael Paisley, Nick Parks, Amanda Paxson, Samantha Phillips, Kaylea Piercefield, Dustin Primm, Tasha Pur-

chis, Holly Rathburn, Autumn Rose, Nick Smith, Sara Smith, Stephanie Sparks, Olivia Sprague, Austin Tabor, Sara Truhn, Brandie Wenger, Nicole Woodman and Ashley Zander.

### Sixth grade

All As — Tony Corwin, Emily Eldred, Tori Ewing, Brittney Gardner, Lauren Pierce, Alisha Strong, Meagan VanEngen, Kathleen Welch and Jed Wieland.

A & B honor roll — Krys Berg, Jessika Brinckman, Chris Caldwell, Amber Cantrell, Danielle Christensen, Jacob Furlong, Aaron Cohon, Kylie Gardner, Allen Garrett, Brittany Garza, Ashley Gonser, Emily Gould, Nathan Hale, Matt Hamilton, Christin Hoffman, Justin Hoffman, Carnelle James, Scott Kersjes, Helena Kirchhoff, Jacob Kirk, Gerry Lambert, Erica Lightner, Chris Loveall, Rachel Mater, Deven Meade, Kayla Napier, Kelli Perry, Heather Primm, Della Quantrell, Chad Rhodes, Arron Root, Kaleb Root, Joshua Sams, Ryan Schroder, Jillian Simmons, Jared Smith, Joey Smith, Jordan Snyder, Chantel Soto, Josh Stafford, Britney Stambaugh, Kory Starks, Jon Stevens, Tyler Tefft, David Terpening and Noah Weatherwax.



## Hastings City Bank opens new Nashville branch office

Hastings City Bank employees, village officials, representatives from the Barry County Chamber of Commerce, and local business owners cut the ribbon at Hasting City Banks Nashville Branch bank opening celebration. The hours for the full service bank are Monday-Thurs 8:30 to 5 p.m. and Friday until 5:30, with Saturday hours from 8:30- noon for the drive through service, and 9-5p.m. Mon-Thurs (Friday until 5:30), and 9-noon on Saturday for the office. Marketing and Training Director Lori Wiswell said, "We are excited about our new branch and we would like to thank the Barry County Chamber of Commerce and the volunteers of Castleton-Maple Grove-Nashville Fire and Ambulance Department for helping with our ribbon cutting ceremony and celebration."

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## MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

**Maple Valley Elementary Schools (Maplewood & Fuller) Lunch Menu**

**Wednesday, Jan. 30**  
Macaroni & cheese, broccoli, peach, fortune cookie, 1/2 pt. milk.

**Thursday, Jan. 31**  
M.W. Hungry Howies. Pizza, tossed salad, pear halves, cookie, 1/2 pt. milk.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
Chicken fries, whole kernel corn, pineapple, birthday cake, 1/2 pt. milk.

**Monday, Mon., Feb. 4**  
Mini pancakes, sausage link, potato wedge, apple-sauce, 1/2 pt. milk.

**Tuesday, Feb. 5**  
Chicken sandwich/dill chips, carrot sticks, apple-sauce, cookie, 1/2 pt. milk.

**Monday, Jan. 4**  
**Choose One** - Macaroni & cheese, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, broccoli/cheese, pear halves, juice. Milk.

**Tuesday, Feb. 5**  
**Choose One** - Club sandwich, pizza, cheeseburger, taco bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, whole kernel corn, grape push-up, juice. Milk.

**Friday, Feb. 1**  
**Choose One** - Chicken fries, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, mashed potatoes, pineapple, juice. Milk.

**Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School Lunch Menu**

**Wednesday, Jan. 30**  
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# Ex-village president says more local interest needed

by **Shawna Hubbarth**  
Staff Writer  
Former Village President Carroll Wolff attended last week's council meeting to discuss several matters. Wolff said he is concerned about the state of the

village with the Department of Public Works Director resigning and the lack of interest in the several open seats for the March council elections. Wolff himself resigned his village seat last year.

He said he felt it should be publicized that there is a need for people in the village to run for the council seats, and asked if there were write-in candidates.

Village Treasurer Lois Elliston said she knew of two people who showed interest, one who turned in the papers. Candidates for write-ins have until the Friday before elections to file.

Wolff also asked about compensating Elliston for the time and work she has put into the office during the transition time of hiring a new village clerk.

Councilman Steve Wheeler said he is working

on a proposal to do just that.

Wolff also questioned the council members about when they moved to go into closed executive session to strategies about how they would continue to run the village with the resignation of Scott Decker from the DPW.

"It's public information," he said. "I think we have a serious situation in our community when we don't get people to run for office, and we have lost a 20-year dedicated employee who did a great job."

He said he did not think the council should deliberate in closed session.

"As a citizen, I want to know what's going to be done in the future. You have people in the community who want to know what's going to happen," he said.

Dunham said it was within the council's rights to go into closed session to discuss as personnel matter and said it was up to the council members, who then voted to do that.

"Thank you, we do appreciate (your comments), but I feel in order to conduct business we need to be able to discuss the options and to carry on a discussion of fees and amounts, and I feel it's not going to be advanta-

geous to do that publicly for those reasons," said Dunham.

In other business the council:

- Heard from Janet Jarman who asked about the cell phone tower south of town. She asked why it was built and "you still cannot use a cell phone in town."

- Dunham said the tower was in Maple Grove Township and it would be nice to have a cell phone provider. The tower is owned by Sprint and has yet to be activated. She asked if the village had done anything about it and Dunham explained that it really wasn't the council's job to look into it because it was outside the village limits.

- Repeated calls to Sprint by the Maple Valley News were not returned.

- Heard from Wolff who is on the Cemetery Board and said a new tractor is needed for the upkeep of the cemetery. Council Trustee Steve Wheeler said to have the board look into three different prices and come to the council with a recommendation.

- Agreed to allow Elliston to carry 73 hours of vacation time into the next budget year.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Barry County Extension Calendar of Events

- Jan. 30 Trail Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office.
- Feb. 4 Barry County Homemakers Adv. Council, 5:30 p.m. at Ext. Conf. Room on Retirement Planning
- Feb. 7 Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center
- Feb. 7 RUP Training, 9-12; Examination, 12:30-3 p.m., located to be announced
- Feb. 11 4-H Horse Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., HHS Cafeteria
- Feb. 18 Dairy Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- Feb. 18 Rabbit Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Hastings High School Cafeteria.
- Feb. 18 Goat Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Hastings High School Cafeteria.
- Feb. 18 Poultry Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Hastings High School Cafeteria.
- Feb. 19 Barry County FINAN, Call for an appointment.
- Feb. 20 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- Feb. 21 Fair Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Expo Center.
- Feb. 22 Clarksville Crops Update, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Clarksville Experiment Station.
- Feb. 25 Small Animal Sale Committee Meeting, 8 p.m., HHS Cafeteria.

Please Note: The Extension Office will be closed during lunch hours on Fridays from 12 noon to 1 p.m. - Until further notice.

## VERMONTVILLE TWP. LIBRARY NEWS

The library would like to invite families with infants and toddlers to attend "Toddler Time." "Toddler Time" is held each Thursday from 11:00-11:45 a.m. Children and their parents participate in sing-a-longs, finger play, stories and games. A snack is also served. This program is presented by Early Childhood Connectors of Eaton County, and will continue through the spring.

Story hour continues to be popular. Children meet on Tuesdays beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the library for stories read by librarians and community volunteers. If you would like to read to the children, please call the library to be added to the schedule.

Adult Fiction: Return to Chipping Sodbury, by Phyllis Martin; Journals of Kate Cavanaugh: Add One Dead Critic; A Culinary Mystery, by Cathie John; Heaven and Earth, by Nora Roberts; Shooting Stars #5: Falling Stars, by V.C. Andrews; Destiny's Daughter, by Rebecca Bradne-wyne; Valley of Skulls, by Jake Logan; Tom Clancy's Net Force: Cybernation, by Steve Perry; Dana's Valley, by Janette Oke and Laurel Oke Logan; Starting Over, by Robin Pilcher; Sharpe's

Prey, by Bernard Cornwell; Thursday's Child, by Sandra Brown; To Trust a Stranger, by Karen Robards; Under Fire, by W.E.B. Griffin; Basket Case, by Carl Hia-assen; The Cat Who Went Up the Creek, by Lillian Jack-son Braun; Kaleidoscope, by Dorothy Gilman; Smoke in Mirrors, by Jayne Ann Krentz; Kiln People, by David Brin; The Million-aires, by Brad Meltzer; One Door Away from Heaven, by Dean R. Koontz.

Adult Non-Fiction: The Book of Mormon, published by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Joseph Smith and the Beginnings of Mormonism, by Richard L. Bushman; The Michigan Divorce Book: A guide to doing an uncontested divorce without an attorney, by Michael Maran; Three Steps to Weight Loss, by Lawrence J. Cheskin; The Human Genome, by Carine Dennis; Kiss and Make-Up, by Gene Simmons; The Essential Catholic Handbook.

Junior Fiction: Barney's Colors, by Christine Mc-Adam; Pixie Tricks: The Wicked Wizard and Double Trouble Dwarfs, by Tracey West; Goosebumps: Night of the Living Dummy, by R.L. Stine; Junie B. Jones Has a Peep in Her Pocket, by Barbara Park; The New Adventures of Mary-Kate and Ashley: The Case of the Game Show Mystery, by Jim Thomas; Fearless: Twins, by Francine Pascal; Pony Pals Super Special: The Fourth Pony Pal, by Jeanne Betan-court; Thoroughbred: Ash-leigh: Winter Race Camp, by Joanna Campbell; Love Stories: The Older Guy, by Rachel Hawthorne; Scooby-Doo! Valentine's Day Dognapping, by Gail Her-man; Bud, Not Buddy, by Christopher Paul Curtis; The Case of the Buried Treasure:

A Jigsaw Jones Mystery, by James Preller; The Box Car Children: The Mystery on Blizzard Mountain, by Gertrude Chandler Warner, A Visit to the Dentist, by Eleanor Fremont.

Junior Non-Fiction: Michigan, The Wolverine State, by Rachel Barenblat; Daily Life Strategies for Teens, by Jay McGraw; A is for America, by Devin Scillian.

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**Nora A. Mishler**  
Air National Guard 1st Lt. Nora A. Mishler has gradu-ated from specialized under-graduate pilot training (SUPT) at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss. The pilots earned silver wings and received an aeronautical rating of pilot in the Air Force.

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Mishler is the daughter of Judith A. Mishler of Nash-ville.

She is a 1992 graduate of Gull Lake Christian High School, Hickory Corners, and a 1998 graduate of Emory-Riddle Aeronautical University, Daytona Beach, Fla.

## NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

The Vermontville Village Council will hold a public hearing on February 7, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the village office, 121 Eastside Dr., Vermontville, MI. The purpose of the public hearing is to consider the request from Michigan Magnetics, 203 Third St., for a tax abatement (Industrial facilities tax exemption). A copy of the application is available at the village office for viewing upon request.

**Shirley Harmon**  
Village Clerk

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## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING VILLAGE OF VERMONTVILLE, EATON COUNTY

The Village of Vermontville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft Master Plan on February 19, 2002, at 6:30 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to accept public comments on the draft plan as it being considered by the Planning Commission for adoption. A copy of the draft plan is available for public inspection at the Village Office during regular business hours. The hearing will be conducted at the Village Office located at 121 Eastside Drive, Vermontville, Michigan. All Village residents are encouraged to attend the hearing and express their opinions.

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NOTICE OF LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION FOR THE ELECTORS OF THE VILLAGE OF VERMONTVILLE, EATON COUNTY, MICHIGAN.

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Electors who wish to vote in the general election must be registered no later than Monday, February 11, 2002. To register, visit any secretary of state branch office, the county clerk's office or the village clerk's office.

If you wish to register at the village clerk's office, please call ahead for business hours.

**Shirley Harmon**  
Vermontville Village Clerk

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## COMMISSION ON AGING MENU, SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Commission of Aging, Hearty Meals**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 30**  
 Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, diced peaches.

country potatoes, spiced apples, orange juice.

**Lite Menu**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 30**  
 Chicken pasta salad, corn O'Brian, applesauce, dinner roll.

**Thursday, Jan. 31**  
 Cottage cheese, diced peaches, Spanish bean salad, muffin.

**Events**  
**Wednesday, Jan. 30** - Hastings, crafts/nails; Nashville, puzzle day; Woodland, puzzle day; Delton, birthday party.

**Thursday, Jan. 31** - Hastings, music; Nashville, bingo; Delton, Swim Day.



## 'Wizard of Oz' begins Friday

The Revue takes to the stage this weekend and next with the time loved story "The Wizard of Oz." Showdates are set for Feb. 1,2,3,7,8,9, and 10 at the Vermontville Opera House. For ticket information call (616) 367-4455.

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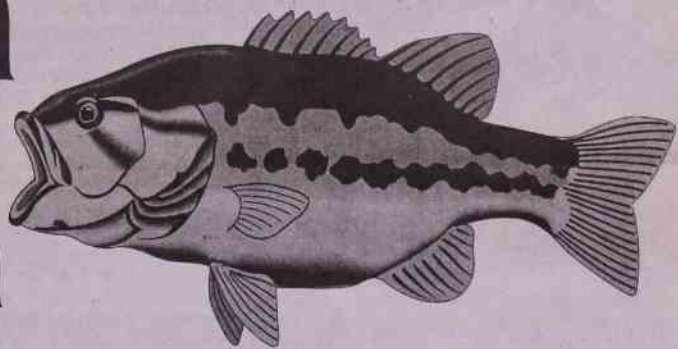
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The map sold extremely well - until it was lost several years later. Incredibly, the printer entrusted with the original drawing and printing plates, declared bankruptcy, then carelessly hauled Higbee's 30 years of work to the landfill.

The few remaining dog-eared copies became a prized fisherman's possession. Professor Higbee was offered \$400 for one of his last maps. And state agencies were forced to keep their copies under lock and key.

The experts had always told Professor Higbee that reprints were impossible, because the maps were printed in non-photographic blue. Then, in 1991, at the age of 91, Howard Higbee's dream came true. Computers made it possible to reprint the map. Holding an updated map, Howard said, "I never thought I'd live to see this day."

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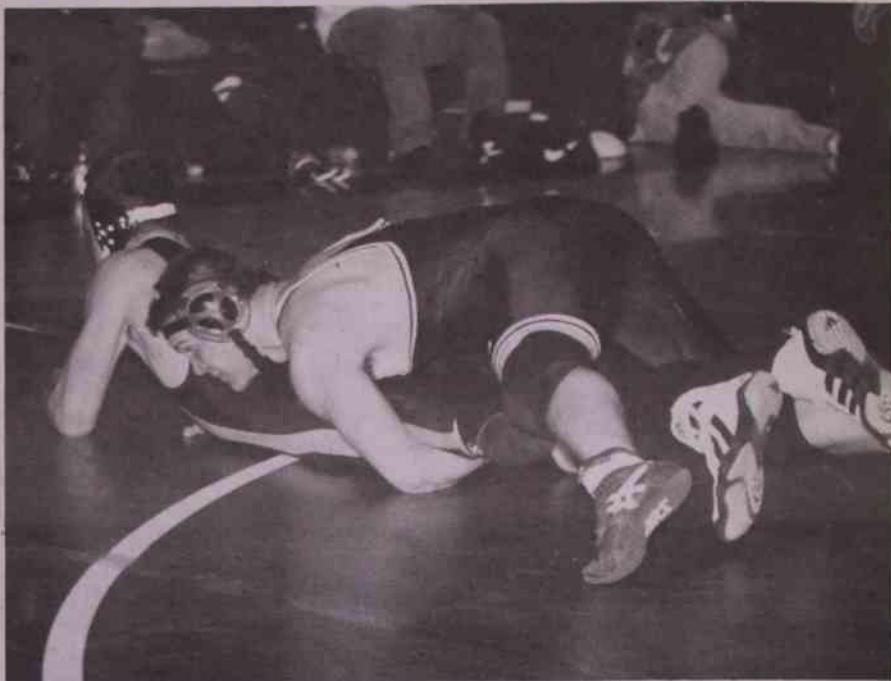
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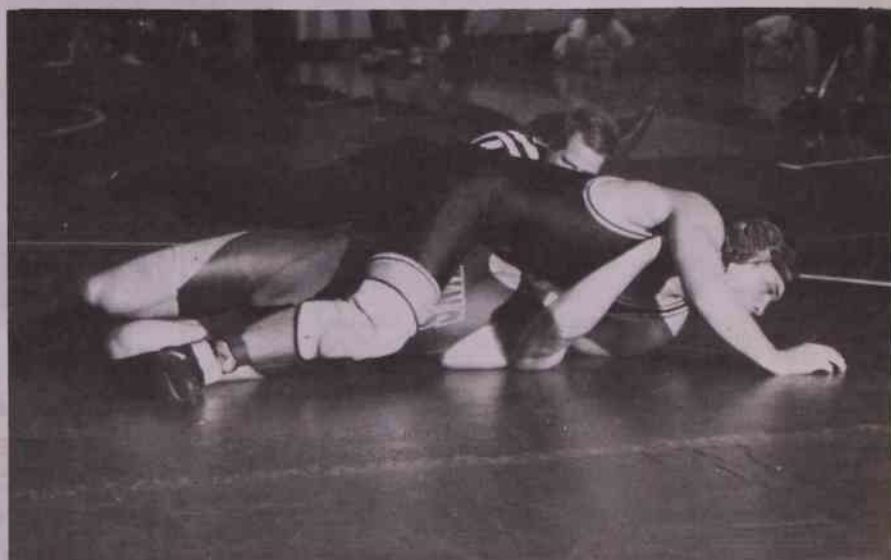
# Wrestlers third at Bellevue Invitational



Matt Brumm (top).




Paul Felder.



Jason Silsbee.

**Maple Valley WRESTLING**



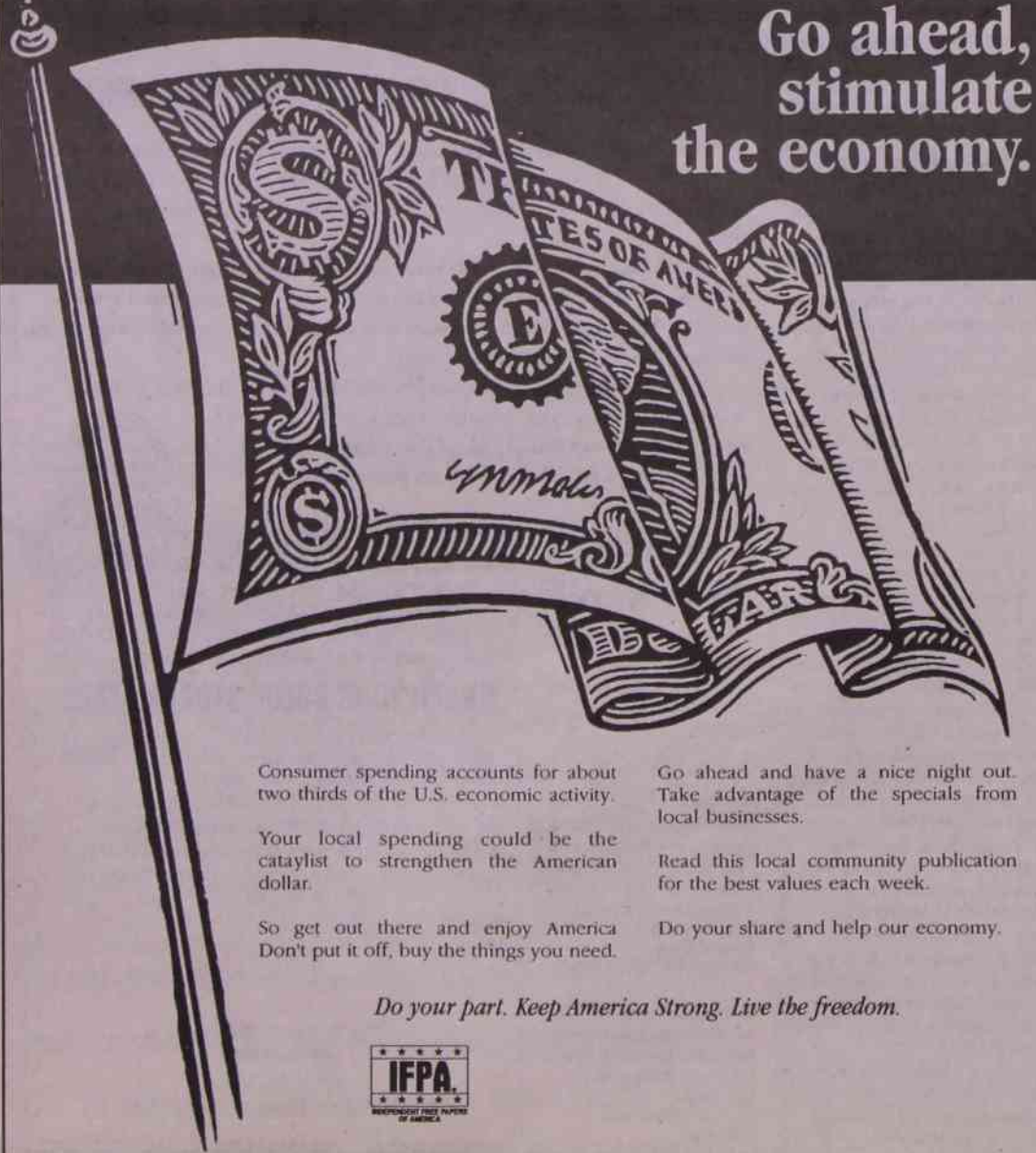
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In one of its best efforts to date, the Maple Valley varsity wrestling team placed third at the 15-team Bellevue Invitational on Saturday. Olivet placed first and Athens took second.

"We wrestled pretty good," Maple Valley assistant coach Tony Wawiernia said. "Our older kids wrestled more consistent and finally placed better."

Brandon Brooke won the 125-pound class for Maple Valley, and four Lions placed second: Ben Boss (130), Jason Silsbee (160), Paul Felder (189) and Josh Grasman (215).

"Felder wrestled the best he has all year, and Grasman lost a great match 9-6 (in his final)," Wawiernia said.

Kevin Fassett, wrestling as a non-scoring extra at 119 pounds, surprised everyone and finished third in the weight class in a great effort. Andrew Gaber placed fourth at 112.

Laura Trumble went 0-2 at 103 but wrestled extremely well in her match against Potterville, Wawiernia said. Matt Brumm (145) and Chris Morris (152) both wrestled well and just missed the finals of their classes.

On Thursday, the Lions travel to Dansville for a tri-meet including Bellevue, then the JV team wrestles at Charlotte on Saturday.

**Leslie 52, Valley 30**  
**Olivet 42, Valley 30**

The Lions suffered two conference losses to frontrunners Leslie and Olivet last Thursday.

Valley winners against Leslie were Brandon Brooke (pin at 125), Ben Boss (pin at 130) and Ben Swan (pin at heavyweight). Jason Silsbee (160) won by void.

Boss, Silsbee and Josh Grasman (215) all won by pin against Olivet. Brooke and Laura Trumble (103) both won by void.

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## Food For Thought

TIPS ON TASTE NUTRITION & HEALTH

### Ask The Dietitian

(NAPS)—Answers From The American Heart Association To Common Heart-Healthy Eating Questions.

Q: My goal is to eat healthier. What do you recommend?

A: Making small, specific changes is the best method. The American Heart Association suggests eating a moderate amount of a wide variety of foods that are low in saturated fat and cholesterol. This plan can help reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke—the number one and three killers in this country. Eat plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, which are naturally low in saturated fat and cholesterol. Remember that frozen fruit or fruit canned in its own juice can supplement what is available in the produce department. Low-salt canned and frozen vegetables can also be quick, easy and heart-healthy if you avoid varieties with added butter and high-fat sauces.

• Look for whole grain products including oatmeal, rice and whole grain breads. Read the label to be sure you're buying whole grains;

• Use low-fat or no-fat dairy products on a daily basis. Try low-fat or no-fat cottage cheese, yogurt, cheeses and milk for a wide variety of tastes. Be sure to read labels to check the fat content;

• Choose lower-fat protein sources such as skinless poultry, fish, legumes and lean meat. Limit the amount to four ounces of meat or poultry in a meal—about the size of a deck of cards (no more than six ounces a day, total).

Q: I am trying to watch what I eat when it comes to fat and cholesterol, but reading food labels in the grocery store is confusing and time consuming. What can I do to make finding heart-healthy choices quicker?

A: The American Heart Association has a vivid red and white heart-check mark to help consumers quickly



and reliably find foods that are low in saturated fat and cholesterol. Shoppers can be assured that every product bearing the heart-check mark meets the American Heart Association Food Certification Program's nutritional criteria and can be part of a heart-healthy meal plan.

These items are not only low in saturated fat and cholesterol, they also include at least 10 percent of the Daily Value per reference amount of at least one of six nutrients: protein, dietary fiber, vitamin A, vitamin C, calcium or iron.

Q: I tend to make nutritious meals—but I fall off the healthy eating wagon when it comes to snacking. How can I satisfy a snack attack and still eat healthy?

A: Most traditional snacks, like cookies and chips, are high in fat and "empty calories," meaning they provide little nutritional value. Try to substitute low-fat, low-cholesterol snacks for those traditional high-fat snacks. Try baked tortilla chips and salsa or fruit and low-fat yogurt dip. Fresh vegetables and low- or no-fat dressing or dips are also a good choice. Got a sweet tooth? Try low-fat angel food cake with berries or a few low-fat graham crackers. Look for snacks bearing the American Heart Association heart-check mark.

Q: I'm frustrated by the weight I've gained over the past few years. How can I lose it for good?

A: To lose weight, make sure the amount of calories you eat is less than the number you burn each day. Read labels and measure portions to make sure you know exactly how many calories you are consuming. Getting physically active for 30 minutes each day can help you use more calories, lose weight and build long-term heart-health.

Q: Where can I learn more about heart-healthy eating?

A: To learn more about reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke through nutrition, visit the American Heart Association Web site at [americanheart.org](http://americanheart.org) or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 for a free copy of the "Shop Smart with Heart" brochure.

## Top ten foot care tips

(NAPS)—Take the right steps in the New Year to take better care of your feet. The American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA) has created the following 10 resolutions for better foot care this year:

1. Don't ignore foot pain, it is not normal. If any pain persists for more than a week, see a podiatric physician.

2. Have new shoes fitted periodically to make sure you are wearing the correct size. Don't just rely on the size you have "always been," but get fitted and be sure.

3. Inspect your feet regularly. Pay attention to changes in color and temperature of your feet. Look for thick or discolored nails, and check for

cracks or cuts in the skin.

4. Wash your feet regularly, especially between the toes, and be sure to dry them completely.

5. When you come in from out of the cold don't use hot water to warm your feet. Start out with tepid water and increase the temperature slowly to avoid burning your feet.

6. Alternate shoes—don't wear the same pair of shoes every day.

7. Avoid walking barefoot; your feet will be more prone to injury and infection.

8. Select and wear the right shoe for the activity that you are participating in (i.e., running shoes for running).

9. Be cautious when using home remedies for foot ailments; self-treatment can often turn a minor problem into a major one.

10. If you are a person with diabetes, it is vital that you see a podiatrist at least once a year for a check-up. For more information on foot care please visit [www.apma.org](http://www.apma.org) or call 1-800-FOOTCARE (366-8227) for a free brochure.

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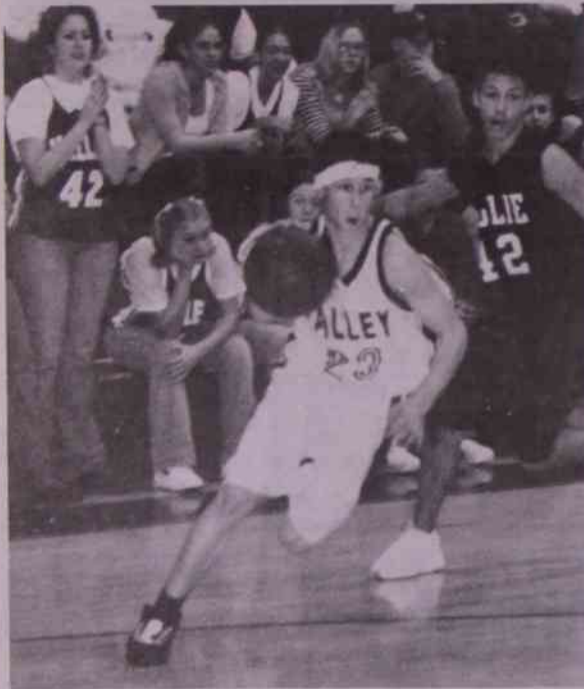


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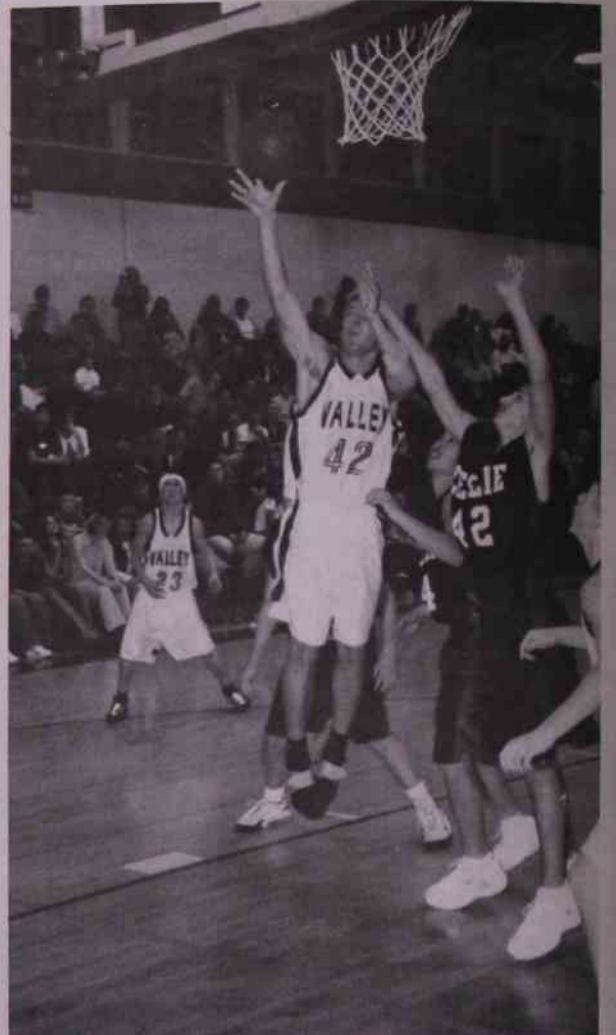
# Cagers 7-0 in SMAA, Olivet in hot pursuit



Jim Hirneiss (23). (File photo by Perry Hardin)



Devin Phenix (21). (File photo by Perry Hardin)



Eric Smith (42). (File photo by Perry Hardin)

The Southern Michigan Athletic Association boys' basketball championship is turning into a two-horse race.

Maple Valley remained unbeaten in the conference at 7-0 with a 71-58 victory at Webberville on Friday night. The Lions' fifth win in a row maintained a one-game lead over the Olivet Eagles (6-1), who kept pace with a 66-54 decision over 0-7 Morrice.

Meanwhile, Dansville's 71-69 overtime win over Leslie locked those two teams in third place, three games back with 4-3 records.

Against Webberville, Valley went way up early and

led 20-6 after one quarter. Webberville rallied in the second and almost returned the favor in kind, closing to within four at the half, 30-26.

The Lions came out of the break and put together an 11-0 run to retake control. Valley ultimately led 55-35 at the end of the third and cruised from there.

Maple Valley was impressively balanced again, with four scorers in double figures and contributions from all over the floor. Nick Jones led the way with 17 points and five assists. Darin Thrun scored 16 points and had six assists.

Eric Smith had 12 points, and Devin Phenix hit a dou-

ble-double with 11 points and 10 rebounds. John Terberg had eight rebounds, and Jim Hirneiss picked off six steals.

Maple Valley (8-3 overall) plays a nonconference game 7:30 tonight at Portland St. Patrick. On Friday, the Lions play at Morrice.

## Valley 59, Portland 49 by Jon Gambee

Maple Valley went on a 23-2 run in the second quarter to come from behind and go on to beat a pesky visiting Portland squad 59-49 last Tuesday night. It was the team's first nonconference win of the season and its fourth in a row overall.

The Lions trailed the Raiders 11-8 after a boring first quarter in which neither team seemed able to gener-

ate either excitement or offense. The only bright spot for Coach Jeff Webb's Lions was the play of senior forward John Terberg, who scored five of his team's eight points.

"I think after that first quarter, we picked up our intensity," Webb said after the win. "We played a little quicker, made better decisions and were able to take advantage of their mistakes."

Most of Portland's mistakes were caused by confusing pressure from the Maple Valley defense, a clamping half-court trap that saw the Lions double-team the ball and force a number of turnovers that resulted in points.

Down 20-10 with 4:59 left in the first half, Justin Sealy hit a pair of free throws, Terberg ran the

baseline for two and the Lions were on the prowl.

Less than a minute later, Terberg scored back-to-back baskets and Jeff Taylor, who came off the bench to help spark the comeback, scored off a steal and assist from Terberg to put Maple Valley up 21-20. They would never trail again.

The only Portland basket during that stretch was by Matt Seal with 2:36 left in the half. Otherwise it was all Maple Valley down the stretch.

The Lions iced it in the final 35 seconds of the half when Nick Jones hit a pair of three pointers to make it 33-22 at intermission.

While the fans listened to the music of Maple Valley's excellent jazz band at halftime, Webb was working to keep the intensity level high with his Lions.

"John (Terberg) definitely provided the spark we needed in that second quarter," Webb said, "and we felt that it was John's night."

"That's kind of how this team has been all year. We find the player with the hot hand and we stay with him. Tonight it was John."

That made things a little testy when Terberg picked up his third foul with 6:26 left in the third quarter and his team ahead by only eight (35-27), but his teammates responded with him forced to the bench for the rest of the period.

Devin Phenix was one reason. He scored four big points and grabbed two huge rebounds in the final stages of the quarter, while teammate Taylor again came in to add his mark. He put the Lions back up by 12 with a three and then finished off the scoring for the quarter with a neat baseline move with time running out.

Terberg came back to start the final quarter and

picked right up where he left off, scoring two quick baskets. Unfortunately, he also picked up his fourth foul and had to go back to the bench for a time. When he came back in with 2:42 left to play the outcome was all but decided.

Terberg led Maple Valley with 17 points and 13 rebounds, while Taylor and Jones each finished with 10 points. Phenix contributed eight points and 12 rebounds. Darin Thrun had five points and five assists.

Seal led all scorers with 20 for Portland. The Raiders fell to 2-8 on the season, while Maple Valley ran its overall record to 7-3.

## JV Report

The JV squad had 13 players score in a 71-39 win over Olivet on Jan. 18.

Dustin Powers led the way with 12 points, followed by Josh Cook and Josh Hulsebos with 10 each.

Cook recorded a double-double with 11 rebounds, and Derek Ripley pulled down seven boards. Josh Beardslee had a team-high three blocks to go with four rebounds.

Lansing Christian beat the JV 65-44 on Jan. 15.

No Lion scored more than 10 points and the team committed 31 turnovers in the loss.

Dansville made 19 free throws in the second half to outdistance the Valley 50-45 on Jan. 11.

Dustin Mead and Derek Ripley each scored eight points. Dustin Powers had seven rebounds.

The JV traveled to Hopkins on Jan. 8 and came away with a 53-41 win.

Dustin Mead and Josh Cook scored 14 points each. Mead also led the team in assists and steals.

Dale Platte and Dustin Powers were the leading rebounders with five each.

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