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County board follows planners vote to deny Nashville rezoning

by Elaine Gilbert
 Assistant Editor

With a vote of 5-3, the Barry County Board of Commissioners denied a request to rezone 28 acres from agricultural, rural residential to a general commercial district on M-79.

The property is less than one-fourth mile west of the village of Nashville.

Property owner Scott Decker of Nashville requested the rezoning because he wants to sell some of the land to an individual interested in developing a new business.

The land, currently a hay field on the southside of the highway, is west of the former Sandyland Park, which has been vacant for many years.

Commissioners who favored granting the request were County Board Chairman Jeff MacKenzie, Vice Chairwoman Sandy James and Ken Neil.

When Commissioner Tom Wing, chairman of the County Development Committee, made the motion to deny rezoning, he said, "This was after a lot of discussion and not without some controversy."

The issue was first aired before the County Planning Commission, which voted 6-1 to recommend that the

County Board deny the rezoning request.

County Planning and Zoning Director Jim McManus recently told the County Board that the Commission denied the rezoning request because it did not conform with the goals of the county's current land use plan. A lack of utilities in the area was another concern, he said.

When the Planning Commission makes a decision, it has to look at all the possible uses within that zoning district, McManus said.

avor of the rezoning when the County Planning Commission held a Nov. 26 public hearing on the matter. Members James Kinney and Ron Gossman, however, said they thought changing the designation would be considered spot zoning without a good purpose. Surrounding properties are zoned agricultural, rural residential or residential.

MacKenzie, who also serves on the Planning Commission, cast the only vote against denying the request at the Planning session be-

"I think the danger (in approving the rezoning) is that the Planning Commission made a recommendation to deny... If you negate what the (master) plan states, then you're negating the plan and that can lead to very significant problems down the road..."

— Jim McManus, Barry County Planning & Zoning Director

"Not what a specific use is... It really doesn't hinge on what the use is..."

The individual who wants to purchase property in the area Decker wanted rezoned intends to apply for a special use permit if the county denied rezoning, McManus said.

No one from the public spoke in opposition or in fa-

cause he doesn't believe the commercial zoning would be offensive along a heavily traveled corridor like M-79.

Jud Cooley, supervisor of Castleton Township, where the land in question is located, said he wondered why the county ordinance is "so ambiguous," treating Castleton and Maple Grove Township differently.

Maple Grove may have made specific requests when the land use plan was being developed, while some townships did not participate, McManus noted.

MacKenzie read several letters the board received from Walter Ollson, Decker and Cooley in favor of the zoning change.

"...The local people, to my knowledge, are unanimously in favor of this..." MacKenzie told his fellow commissioners. "What danger are we running by doing a rezoning that people in the community are in favor of?"

"I think the danger is that the Planning Commission made a recommendation to deny... If you negate what the (master) plan states, then you're negating the plan and that can lead to very significant problems down the road, not necessarily in Castleton Township but in other areas..."

"So the plan is iron clad..." MacKenzie said.

"I think the plan can be amended after a rezoning is

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Community ministers and other community leaders talk before lunch.

New school programs outlined at luncheon

by Shawna Hubbarth
 Staff Writer

Area ministers and community members met recently to hear briefings of new programs Maple Valley school district is involved with, and to see how they can contribute.

Superintendent Clark Volz spoke to the group, which met for lunch at Good Time Pizza, about three new programs, and implored the group to become involved and help bridge the gap between the district and the community.

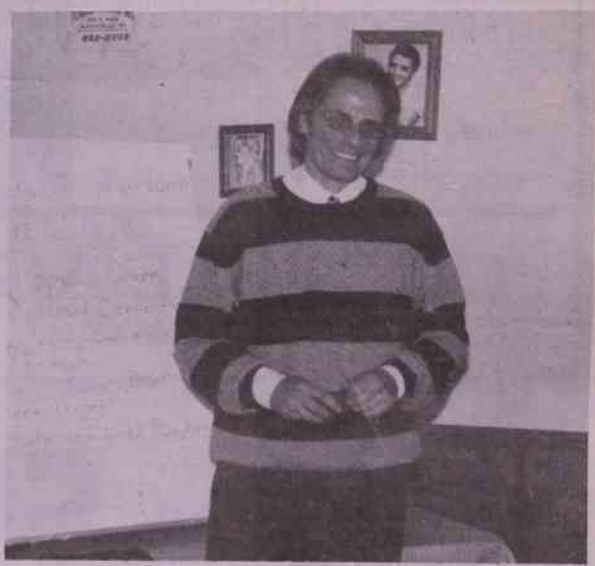
Volz covered the programs and their details.

Early Childhood Connections, which is a county-wide program geared to helping young children get a good start, is a community, district and social help program aimed at providing options for parents and young children who need help.

The program, said Volz, is funded by a large grant, and seeks to bring many aid programs together under one umbrella, making it easier for parents to connect with the services they need for their children.

The program is headed up in the district by Joan Leos and Cindy Krolak.

Volz mentioned Youth Friends, a mentoring project that is just starting in the district. The program seeks mentors to volunteer their time and help out school children. The program will take place on school grounds and will help children who need academic and other help.

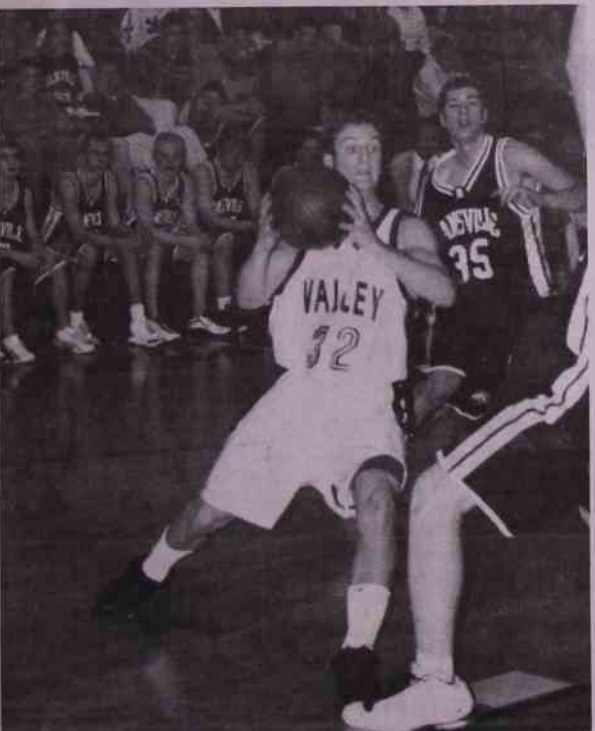


Superintendent Clark Volz talks about the new programs in the district.

He also covered a new 4-H program that will seek involvement from community members and students after school.

After the presentations, the group enjoyed a lunch

of pizza and talked about they ways they might get involved. Volz said the day was about drawing community leaders together to provide better opportunity for the students in the area.



Lions face Leslie tonight

The SMAA leading Lions (7-0) travel to face Leslie (5-3) in varsity hoops action tonight. For the story on the Lion's game against Portland St. Patrick see page 12. Pictured is Darin Thrun (32). (File photo by Perry Hardin)

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considered... We're in the process of updating the plan...," McManus said.

Cooley said he did not envision seeing the village of Nashville extending sewer lines to Castleton Township in the near future.

"What you're doing is restricting the growth of Nashville," he said of the rezoning denial.

McManus said the special use process looks at individual requests on a per use basis.

"If you rezone it, then anything would be automatically allowed to be considered by the Planning Commission," he said.

"...I think it's a matter of law more than anything,"

Wing said. "I just wonder if we've been this strict with other (requests)..." MacKenzie commented.

"We have so far," McManus said, since 1997.

Commissioner Tom Wilkinson said the county should not deviated from its master plan.

If a master plan is wrong, "we need to change the master plan and proceed from there."

"All of us are in favor of the man having a commercial enterprise. We're very curious why this area wasn't zoned commercial in the beginning..." Wilkinson said.

"If we deny the rezoning, is he (the prospective buyer)

likely to get a special use permit?" Commissioner Clare Tripp asked.

"I can't guarantee (it)...I think it will be strongly considered," McManus said.

A master plan isn't an ordinance and should be changed if it is in the best interest of the community, said Commissioner Ken Neil.

"Ultimately it's the Planning Commission's responsibility solely to make that determination," McManus said.

Applying for a special use permit takes the same amount of time as a rezoning request, between six to eight months, McManus said.

MAPLEWOOD ELEMENTARY HONOR ROLL STUDENTS

Editor's Note: Last week's honor roll from Maplewood Elementary included a number of errors and omissions. The honor roll is being reprinted here in its entirety:

Fourth grade:

ALL As — Tyler Blodgett, Leila Dean, Amanda Erwin, Kaytlin Furlong, Jennifer Kent, Chelsea Khouri, Brandy McKelvey, Lydia Richards, Leslee Rigelman, Brandon Sams, Ross Smith and Lauren Trumble.

A/B Honor Roll — Brandon Aiston, Jorden, Beachnau, Kylie Bryans, Kyle Burns, Shelby Christopher, Brandon Cosgrove, Stephanie Courtney, Marous Eckhoff, Zac Eddy, Lindsey Fisher, Shauna Frailey, Hannah Gardner, Victoria Hansen, Ben Holt, Hutch Joppie, Danielle Kellogg, Katelynn

Kellogg, Ashley Laymance, Dylan Latzel, John Lison, Lanne Matheson, Zach Melville, Amber Napier, Rob Richardson, Ashley Rodriguez, Brayana Rose, Shawndenae Rost, Tony Roy, Adam Sears, Kayla Shaw, Martin Shilton, Matt Siple, Elizabeth Smith, Matt Turner, Whitney Ulrich, Adam Zank

Fifth grade:

ALL As — Kayla Chapman, Tyra Curth, Cheyenne Fighter, Jasmine Grinage and Christopher Rugg.

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, Britney 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 Matter, 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 Purchis, 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 — Krysa Berg, Jessika Brinckman, Chris Caldwell, Amber Cantrell, Danielle Christensen, Jacob Furlong, Aaron Coohon, Kylie Gardner, Allen Garrett, Brittany Garza, Ashley Gonser, Emily Gould, Nathan Hale, Matt Hamilton, Christin Hoffman, Justin Hoffman, Carnelle James, Scott Kersjes, Helena Kirchoff, 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.

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Generator stolen from construction site in Maple Grove Township

Police are investigating the disappearance of a gas powered generator worth more than \$500 from a construction site in the area of Assyria and Lawrence roads in Maple Grove Township.

Trooper Donna Thomas of the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police welcomes phone calls from anyone with any information about who may have taken the generator, which is described as a red, Honda 3500. It was discovered missing on Jan. 24 by the contractor who owns the equipment, said Thomas. Thomas can be reached at 948-8283. Or, calls will be accepted by Silent Observer at 1-800-310-9031.

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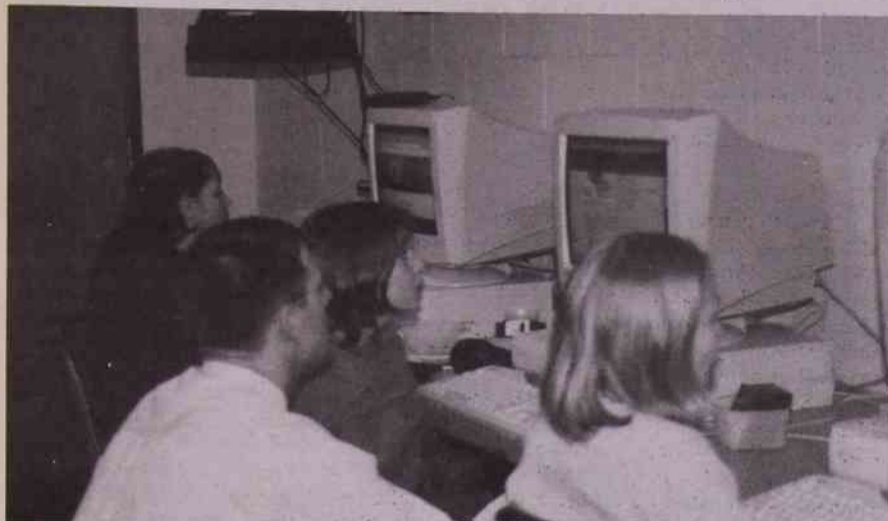
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Maplewood 5th-graders use internet to learn history



Teacher Josh Meersma helps his fifth grade students navigate the website.



Students surf the PBS website learning about history.

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

Josh Meersma's fifth grade Maplewood class is using the technology of today to learn about stories of yesterday.

Meersma said his students have been figuring out how to use the Internet to learn about events that happened many years ago.

"We are working with the interactive PBS program, 'The Road to the Revolution' and it has been really successful," he said.

"PBS has really been adding a lot to their site," he said. "On these websites you can go in so many different directions. The site starts

with questions and as you answer them you advance through the site. There are also options of things called chronicles, where you have a chance to go into detail about a more specific event. The links are highlighted and they can take students even further into a topic for exploration."

Meersma started his class up on the program last week and told them, "This is an example of using different sources to get the full picture. In history, because of all these things happening so long ago, we want to make sure we are getting the full scoop."

Also on the site are links to click on that allow students to watch videos pertaining to history topics they are studying.

"This reinforces the studying that's taken place and collects common themes for the kids...it has everything, even colonial maps to explore."

Meersma said the computer exploration is a balance between instruction and letting the kids explore on their own.

"The first two times we got on the site, I directed them, because I wanted them to go on a certain theme, and then the third time, they have been allowed to take the directions that interest them about the events. They seem to really like the videos and the special effects. In addition to gaining computer skills they are also learning and using the computer positively."

MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Maple Valley Elementary Schools (Maplewood & Fuller)

Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Nachos, whole kernel corn, bread stick, grape push-up, 1/2 pt. milk.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Fuller Hungry Howies. Pizza, tossed salad, peaches, cookie, 1/2 pt. milk.

Friday, Feb. 8

Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pear halves, animal crackers, 1/2 pt. milk.

Monday, Feb. 11

Cheeseburger, whole kernel corn, peaches, graham crackers, 1/2 pt. milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Cheesie bread sticks, spaghetti, fresh fruit, brownie, 1/2 pt. milk.

Note: Maplewood Elementary will be serving breakfast this year starting the first of the school year.

Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Feb. 6

Choose One - Nachos, pizza, chicken sandwich, burger bar. Choose Two - Garden salad, whole kernel corn, grape push-up, juice, Milk.

Thursday, Feb. 7

Choose One - Cheesie bread sticks, cheeseburger, pizza, taco bar. Choose Two - Garden salad, green beans, peaches, juice, Milk.

Friday, Feb. 8

Choose One - Chicken nuggets, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. Choose Two - Garden salad, cheesie potatoes, raspberry sherbert, juice, Milk.

Monday, Feb. 11

Choose One - Corn dog, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. Choose Two - Garden salad, California blend veg., pear halves, juice, Milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 12

Choose One - Lasagna, cheeseburger, pizza, taco bar. Choose Two - Garden salad, whole kernel corn, peaches, juice, Milk.

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Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Heilman of Charlotte, Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kenyon of Nashville and Mr. Charles Sheldon of Charlotte are pleased to announce the engagement of their children, Krista A. Heilman to Rob E. Sheldon.

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Rob is a 1994 graduate of Maple Valley High School and is employed at Flexfab Inc. in Hastings.



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Christy Wendorf stands by some of the merchandise at the new Vermontville variety store.

New Vermontville variety store opens

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

Greg and Christy Wendorf have opened a new variety store in Vermontville, after listening to the community about what their retail needs were, said Christy.

The store, across from Vermontville Hardware, a store they also own, used to be a laundromat. The Wendorf is decided to open a store that carried all sorts of products and odds and ends that were not offered for sale in other stores in Vermontville.

"We listened to a lot of what the community was telling us and we would

have people come into the hardware and ask for things we did not stock over there and so we put our heads together and came up with this idea," said Christy.

The store stocks all sorts of stuff, from toys to hunting knives, beauty supplies for men and women, dolls, wall decorations, party supplies, kitchen ware and candles, among other things.

"So far it has been a good idea," said Christy. "We have a full-time girl who works for us, Stacey Dickson, who you will see here more than me."

Hours for the store are

Monday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

"Every day someone comes in and asks us to stock other stuff, craft supplies and things like that, and we listen and try to accommodate," Christy said. "The reaction from the community has been pretty good so far, and it's nice to be filling a need in the community."

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'Wizard of Oz' to wrap up production this week



Dorothy tries to find her way home and encounters many obstacles in "Wizard of Oz" on-stage at the Opera House in Vermontville this weekend.

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

This is the last weekend to catch "The Wizard of Oz" onstage by the Revue Feb. 7, 8, 9 and 10 at the Opera House in Vermontville.

The musical involves about 40 members, some new to the stage and others veterans. The musical has cast members age 2 and up.

Last year over 1,300 people saw "Fiddler on the Roof" and this show might break the record, said director and producer Bill Reynolds. Cast members come from Nashville, Vermontville, Hastings, Charlotte, Grandledge and Sunfield.

The Thursday-Saturday shows are at 7 p.m., and Sunday matinees are at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children under 12, and \$7 for seniors.

Tickets are available at the door or can be reserved by calling (616) 367-4455, or e-mail therevue1@yahoo.com

The show is made possible with the support of Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and Arts Council of Greater Lansing, Inc.



All the favorite characters of "Wizard of Oz" will be on-stage this weekend at the Opera House.

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Sunfield Boy Scouts set recycling for Feb. 9

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- The scouts will accept:
- Newspapers — tied or in grocery bags.
 - Glass — clear, clean, no caps.
 - Aluminum — with no paper or plastic coating.
 - Tin cans — flattened, clean, with no labels.
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Scouts ask that items not be dropped off early.

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Local MOPS group to meet Feb. 19

Those who have an infant, toddler or preschooler (through kindergarten) are invited to drop in on the next meeting of the Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) in Vermontville.

A morning of rest and relaxation is promised Tuesday, Feb. 19, from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

A typical MOPS morning includes a continental breakfast, speaker, discussion time and craft time. All this takes place while children are cared for in age-appropriate classes in the "MOP-PETS" program by loving caregivers.

MOPS is not a Bible study, but principles relating

to motherhood, friendships, marriage, hospitality, etc. are taught from a Biblical perspective.

There is a suggested donation of \$4.

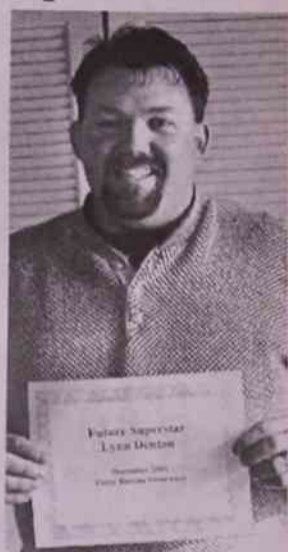
For more information about MOPS, call Sarah Gurd at (517) 852-1893. Vermontville Bible Church is located at 250 N. Main St. in Vermontville.

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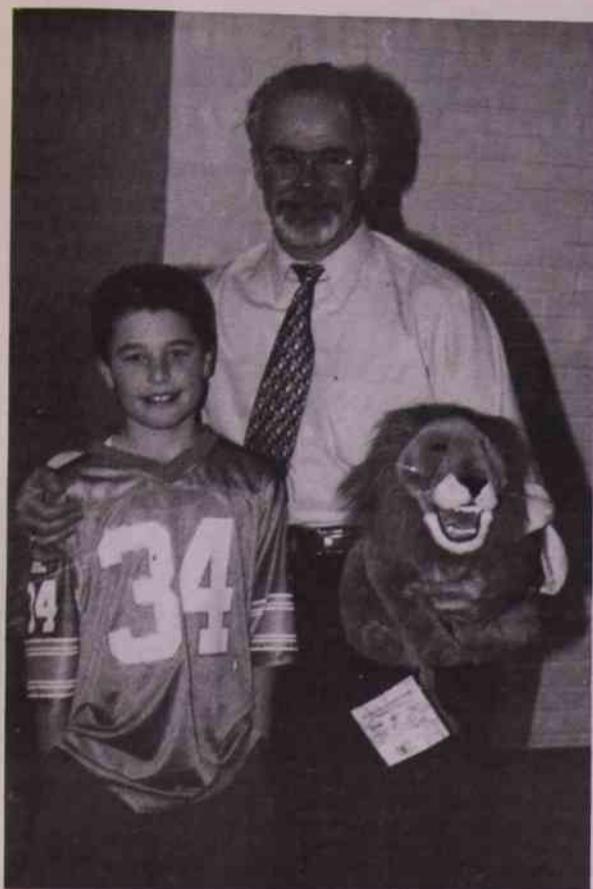
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What do you call a lion?

Students at Maplewood have officially named their school mascot after a contest was held to find a name for the growing stuffed lion. Principal Fred Davenport said that Leo won by popular vote. He is shown here with student Zach Melville. Davenport said he uses the lion to greet students in the beginning of the day.

February Toddler Time held Thursdays

February Toddler Time, a story hour for infants and toddlers with parents or other caregivers, will meet in five area communities for stories, songs, finger plays and games.

On Thursday mornings, Toddler Time will continue with its Vermontville program from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at the Vermontville Library, 120 East First St. (Feb. 14, 21, 28).

All families are welcome. They story hours is held on a drop-in basis. No preregistration is needed. Families are welcome to attend Toddler Time at any location.

For more information, contact Liz Lenden or Merrill Evans at Early Childhood Connections, 400 S. Nelson, Potterville, MI 48876, phone 645-4500. If the local school district is closed or delayed, Toddler Time will be cancelled.

Local church slates men's breakfast

The Vermontville United Methodist Men will be hosts for a community breakfast, Saturday, Feb. 9 from 7 to 10 a.m.

The men will include eggs any style, biscuits and sausage and gravy, pancakes, French toast, Texas toast, orange juice and coffee. Milk will be on the menu.

The cost is a free-will offering.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Barry County MSU Extension Office

- 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. 13 Horse Judging Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Hastings High School Ag Room
- 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.

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Academic Display Night held at basketball games

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

The first annual Academic Display Night was held more than a week ago and was a great success, said

High School Principal Todd Gonser.

The event, held between the Friday night junior varsity and varsity basketball games, had tables and dis-

plays set up all throughout the hall, featuring academic achievements and projects.

Parents and community members strolled through the hallways to check out the different tables and the information.

The displays included the junior high doing power point presentations on the computer, the agriculture class displayed their hydroponic plants they are growing, displays from journalism and photos from the leadership class, among many others.

The woodshop and building trades display was really popular, as students carved off trinkets for kids, and passed out wooden key chains.

Gonser said the night was open to all the schools, but the elementaries had shorter notice of the event and were unable to have booths. Next year, he said they would all be participating.

"We had been thinking about doing a show department wise, and it just wasn't happening, so we (the administrators) just decided to have an all-encompassing event on one night. We planned it around the bas-



Young and old alike get involved in some of the hands on displays.



FFA members (from left) Heather Ruffner, Amanda Ketchum, Katie Eldred and Advisor Aaron Saari were on hand to show some of the interesting things the group is working on, like hydroponic plants.



Kelly Wilson works on a chemistry demonstration.

drama, and we want the community and parents to know what we are doing academically, and this was a great way to showcase that," he said.



Jonathan Denton chisels off a key chain with the woodworking table.

ketball event, knowing that we would get the maximum community exposure then."

Gonser said it was just a step in highlighting the academic achievements at Maple Valley.

"Most of our exposure comes through sports and

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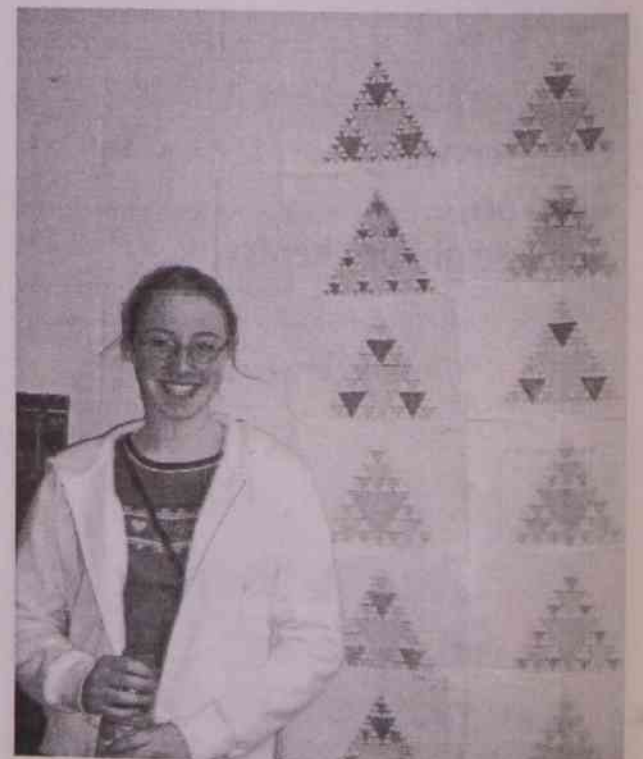
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Student Shanna Shoemaker stands next to a Geometry display.

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Vermontville woman joins leadership training

Pam Kihn of Vermontville was one of 26 Eaton County residents who gathered to begin a three-month commitment in leadership training Jan. 12-13.

The project is called Leadership Eaton 2002.

"This is the second year we have been able to offer this leadership program," explains Mona Ellard, director of the MSU Extension and co-leader with Jon Tomlanovich, superintendent of the Eaton Intermediate School District.

At the kickoff retreat, participants learned how behavioral styles impact effectiveness with others and how to use and control these styles to be more effective at work and with community groups.

Special leadership skill information on public speaking and conducting community meetings was also shared.

Those attending were Connie Boucher, Sharee Burdick, Claudine Hannold, Nat King, Janet May, Shelley Maycroft, Laraine Owens, Sherry Pabst, Lisa Pyne, Tamra Ross, Suzalyn

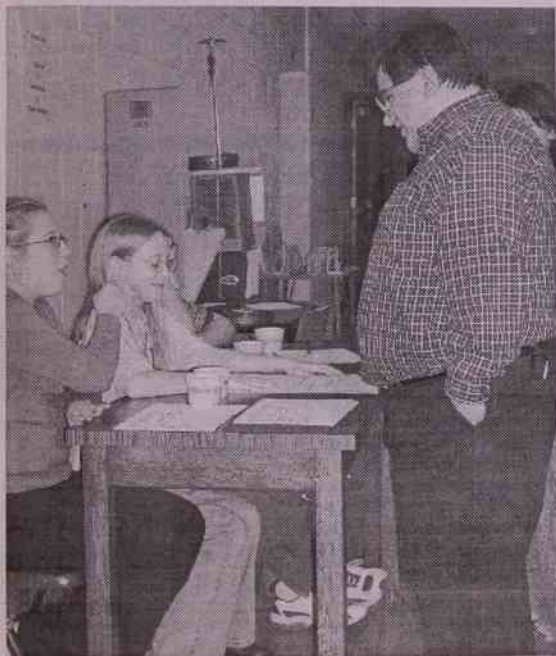
Nelson, Cindy VanSingel, Terry Wellman, Karen Richards, Karen Wilson, Ashley Wood and Michelle Yoder of Charlotte; Karen Dunham, and Jo Lehman of Potterville; Pam Kihn of Vermontville; Sarah Leitch and Tamilyn Nixon of Grand Ledge; Dave Mateer and Courtney Quinn of Lansing; Peggy Parrott of Olivet and Raymond Dutcher of Dimondale.

The Leadership Eaton 2002 project continues over the next two months, offering specific programs on grant making and fund raising, how to develop a community team, finding and keeping volunteers, exploring public education issues and what it takes to run for public office. The programs will be held in different locations across the county.

Leadership Eaton is sponsored by Eaton Intermediate School District and Eaton County MSU Extension with funds provided in part by Charlotte CAN DO, Spartan Motors and Lansing Community College.



Photo displays were popular with the crowds that mingled through the hallways at the first annual Academic Display Night.



Students mingle with staff and parents telling them about their booth.

COA MENU

Lite Meals
Wednesday, Feb 6
 Cold chicken thigh, pork and beans, peaches, dinner roll.

Thursday, Feb. 7
 Ham salad spread, marinated vegetables, applesauce, whole wheat bread.

Friday, Feb. 8
 Hard boiled eggs, potato salad, mixed fruit, whole wheat crackers.

Monday, Feb. 11
 Ham and pasta salad, pickled beets, diced pears.

Tuesday, Feb. 12
 Roast beef w/cheese, pea and cheese salad, Mandarin oranges, whole wheat bread.

Lite Menu
Wednesday, Feb. 6
 BBQ Ribette, green beans, cornbread stuffing, country potatoes, pineapple.

Thursday, Feb. 7
 Turkey-ala-King, Harvard beets, biscuit, fruit crisp.

Friday, Feb. 8
 Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, peaches.

Monday, Feb. 11
 Chicken-Broc-Chez-Casserole, corn, fruit crisp, dinner roll.

Tuesday, Feb. 12
 Pea soup w/ham, country potatoes, applesauce, crackers.

Events

Wednesday, Feb. 6 - Hastings, crafts/nails; Nashville, puzzle day; Woodland, Shine, Mary; Delton, blood pressure day.

Thursday, Feb. 7 - Hastings, music; Nashville, bingo; Delton, popcorn day; Hastings, taxes 8:30-12:00.

Friday, Feb. 8 - Hastings, bingo; Nashville, popcorn day; Woodland, bingo day; Hastings, Taxes and State.

Monday, Feb. 11 - Hastings, music; Nashville,

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Nashville boy OK after being struck by SUV

A 4-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.

NEWEST CITIZEN

GIRL, Kayne Malakie Rathburn, born at Hayes Green Beech in Charlotte on Jan. 22, 2002 at 2:51 p.m. to Kenneth Harold Rathburn and Misti Blue Jones of Vermontville. Weighing 9 lbs. 13 ozs. and 19 1/2 inches long. Grandparents include Kay Rathburn, Sandra Hawkins and Gary and Carla Jones.

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game day; Woodland, bring a friend; Delton, bring a friend.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 - Hastings, Our Favorite Kids, Pac, exercise; Nashville, Kinship Care, 7:00; Grandma Kids.

Pointers For Parents

Free Produce Advice Available On The Web

(NAPS)—Did you know that fresh fruits and vegetables should only be washed with clean drinking water? Or that diets rich in fruits and vegetables have been shown to reduce blood pressure? If you have questions about produce, a helpful Web site may provide the answers.



A fact-filled Web site produces plenty of answers for people with questions about produce.

Created by the Produce Marketing Association, the site—aboutproduce.com—now includes an "Ask the Experts" feature where visitors can submit questions about fruits and vegetables and receive answers within 10 business days. Frequently asked questions (FAQs) are also posted on the site for the convenience of both new and current visitors.

In addition, a site-wide search engine has been added to allow visitors to search the entire site or limit searches to specific sections. The site also features a free e-mail recipe club, a food and nutrition dictionary, a searchable database full of fresh fruit and vegetable information, and more.

In 2000, aboutproduce.com won the bronze award in The World Wide Web Health Awards Program, which is organized by the Health Information Resource Center, a national clearinghouse for consumer health information programs and materials. This Web-based health award is an extension of the HIRC's National Health Information Awards, the largest program of its kind in the United States.

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Make A Nutrition Resolution

(NAPS)—Each January, tradition dictates that you make a resolution to do something different or better in the new year. For many people, that resolution involves improving their health and appearance by eating better.

"Doctors and dietitians agree the best way to improve your diet for the long haul is to make small, specific changes," says Rebecca Mullis, R.D., Ph.D., a member of the American Heart Association's nutrition committee and head of the University of Georgia's Food and Nutrition Department. "Fad diets are simply quick fixes and some can actually hurt you in the long run. Remember the food pyramid you learned in grade school? Believe it or not, this is still a good guide for your diet."

The American Heart Association (AHA) suggests eating a wide variety of foods that are low in saturated fat and cholesterol to help reduce the risk of heart disease and stroke—the number one and three killers in this country. However, finding foods that are heart healthy can be confusing amid all the product claims on grocery store shelves.

"The American Heart Association developed its 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 its familiar red heart with the white checkmark meets its nutritional criteria and can be part of a heart healthy meal plan," says Dr. Mullis.

In addition to looking for AHA's heart-check mark, Dr. Mullis suggests that shoppers consider the following tips in order to fulfill any "nutrition resolutions":

- Fill your shopping cart with plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables, which are naturally low in saturated fat and cholesterol. Consider fruit that



Healthful resolutions should include a sensible diet and exercise plan.

is frozen or canned in its own juice and low-salt canned and frozen vegetables to supplement what is available in the produce department. Look for varieties without added butter or other high-fat sauces;

- Read labels to find whole grain products including oatmeal, rice and whole grain breads;

- Include low-fat or no-fat dairy products on a daily basis. Read labels to determine 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);

- Substitute low-fat, low-cholesterol snacks for traditional high-fat, empty-calorie snacks. Try baked tortilla chips and salsa or fruit and low-fat yogurt dip; and

- To lose weight, make sure the amount of calories you eat is less than the number you burn each day. Getting physically active for 30 minutes each day can help you use more calories, lose weight and build heart health long-term.

To learn more about reducing the risk of heart disease and stroke through nutrition, visit the AHA Web site at americanheart.org or call 1-800-AHA-USA1 for your free copy of the "Shop Smart with Heart" brochure.

NOTICE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION Village of Nashville RESIDENTS

Notice is hereby given that any legal voter, who is not already registered to vote, may register with their respective Clerk on Monday, February 11, 2002, **THE LAST DAY TO REGISTER**. Clerk office hours are from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., to be eligible to vote in the March Village General Election to be held on Tuesday, March 11, 2002.

NOTICE

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

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Shirley Harmon
Vermontville Village Clerk

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ATTENTION VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE RESIDENTS NOTICE PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for February 7, 2002, at the Regular Council Meeting at 7:30 p.m. at the Vermontville Village Office, for the purpose of discussing adoption of the 2002-2003 Budget. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office at 121 Eastside Drive.

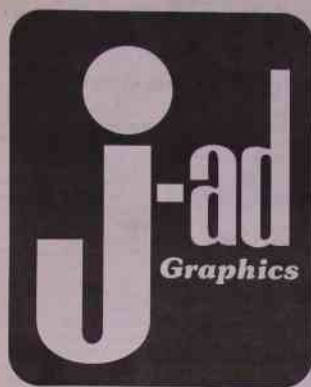
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Cooking Up Some Happiness Can Be Easier Than You Might Think

(NAPS)—Whether it's an ordinary weeknight or friends are stopping by, creating the delicious taste of a real home-cooked meal—and having some fun while cooking that dinner—may be easier than you think.

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To make this delectable dish, preheat the oven to 375°F, cut butter or margarine into slices and place in a 13 x 9-inch baking dish. Next, add hot tap water, stir in the rice or stuffing packet and the seasoning packet. Place four or five boneless, skinless chicken breast halves (1 to 1 1/4 lb.) on



What can you do with 30 extra minutes? Many cooks are trying a dinner that cooks itself in 30 minutes and finding new ways to enjoy an extra half hour.

top and then drizzle the sauce over the chicken. Finish off with a sprinkle of crumb topping and it's ready for the oven. Thirty minutes later when the house is filled with the mouth-watering aroma of a traditional home-cooked dinner, take it out of the oven.

The six-serving, dinner-time stand-out is made in one baking dish, making after-dinner clean up very easy.

Because you use boneless, skinless, chicken breast halves, there's no messy cutting or chopping. Unlike "skillet dinners" that require constant attention, after this dinner is popped in the oven, there's 30 minutes for "never-enough-time" fun activities. Here are five ways to get things cooking while dinner's

in the oven:

- **Jam-A-Rama.** Turn on the stereo and get everyone singing along. Music is a great way for everyone to unwind.

- **Sit Up!** Step on the treadmill and pop in that exercise video. Start stretching. You don't need a marathon workout to start looking and feeling better.

- **Take On The Clutter.** Straighten the area of your home that bothers you the second you walk in. Enlist the kids and make it a family project.

- **Call a Friend.** When was the last time you called an old friend just to say hello? Today, take 30 minutes to catch up. You'll be surprised how good it feels just to laugh with a buddy.

- **Seize the day.** Relax, put your feet up for 30 minutes, close your eyes and enjoy the wonderful smell of your own home cooking. It's a tranquil end to a busy day and a wonderful start to the evening.

The new Stove Top Oven Classics can make dinner time easier and more fun. This mealtime solution makes delicious dinners with Sunday taste, Tuesday effort, any day of the week.

Internet Shopping Tips

Simple, Safe Ways To Save

(NAPS)—Online shopping offers a great way to save money. There are several ways to get great deals online from shopping services that are thriving while making your wallet fatter. Checking out the following sites' offerings can help you see how to save online:

Going Once, Going Twice

Auction sites such as ebay (www.ebay.com) have gained fame for helping people locate hard-to-find items. They're also a fantastic way to bargain hunt, especially if you don't mind purchasing consignment items. On ebay, shoppers can nab everything from electronics to cars to plane tickets for mere fractions of retail prices. For instance, one recent trip to ebay turned up a year-old, 18K gold Tiffany's bracelet that originally retailed for \$1,100. After a couple rounds of online bidding, a shopper got the bracelet for only \$500.

To take the savings one step further, check out BidXS (www.bidxs.com), a site that allows you to monitor numerous items on separate auction sites simultaneously. With a little patience and online savvy, shopping on auction sites can be a huge payoff.

Online Rebates—Toss out the Scissors and Stamps

Just as old-fashioned coupons and rebates have brought savings to cost-conscious shoppers for years, online coupons and rebates offer a great way to save online. Ebates (www.ebates.com) is one such site that offers consumers up to 25 percent cash-back on purchases made through its 400-plus partner sites. By simply starting the shopping process at Ebates, shoppers receive a quarterly check reimbursing them for a percentage of what they spent at the retailers' sites, with no membership fees and no strings attached. Ebates doesn't charge higher prices or additional shipping and handling fees. When shopping through Ebates you pay what you would normally at your favorite online retailer—sale and regular prices—but then you get cash back on every purchase. The savings are good at popular sites—big names like Nordstrom, Dell Computers, Walmart, Gap, J. Crew, Old Navy, CDNow, 800.com, Barnes & Noble and hundreds more.

Another nice thing about a site like Ebates—for those who like to bundle their bargains—is that it honors manufacturers coupons and



Auction and rebate web sites help consumers buy once, save twice.

rebates. For example, if you have a coupon good for 20 percent off at an Ebates merchant partner, you can add it to the available Ebates savings (up to 25 percent) to save even more.

With more than 400 partners to choose from, it might be difficult to keep track of all the Ebates' merchants. Ebates makes it easy to remember with its downloadable "Moe Money Maker." This feature presents a pop-up window that alerts customers when they are at an Ebates merchant site but didn't go through Ebates first—or when they've reached a partner's competitor's site when they could instead be using the Ebates partner to earn rebates. It's a way to ensure you don't miss

a single opportunity to save. **Comparison Shopping in**

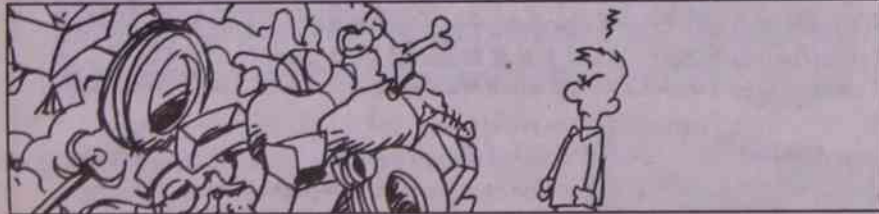
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Price comparison sites such as MySimon (www.mysimon.com), DealTime (www.dealtime.com) and Pricegrabber.com help you compare products, prices and stores across a host of retail categories. Simply type in the product or brand you're looking for and let these sites search through thousands of online retailers to locate the least expensive options. Planning a vacation? Today's travel sites are more comprehensive than ever. The new Orbitz site (www.orbitz.com) uses advanced technology to search more than 450 airlines and over 2 billion possibilities to come up with the best fares for your travel.

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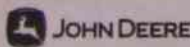
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NEWS OF HEALTH

Implantable Drug Pump Provides Pain Relief For Cancer Patient

(NAPS)—In 1997, Patricia Kossie-Boliver, a 38-year-old mother of three living in Houston, Texas, was diagnosed with stage four breast cancer, the most severe kind. Though aggressive rounds of chemotherapy were used to treat the cancer in her breasts, a year later the cancer had metastasized to her sternum, ribs, spine, lower leg and hips. As the cancer spread, Kossie-Boliver began experiencing severe back pain.



For cancer survivor Patricia Kossie-Boliver, an innovative pain management method helps her "keep pushing."

"The pain in my ribs and sternum would come and go but the back pain was constant," she remembers. "When I was in pain, I couldn't move. I couldn't walk. And all the medications I took for the pain made me too sleepy to do anything."

Because the medication was proving to be ineffective at alleviating the pain, Kossie-Boliver's oncologist, Dr. Daniel Booser of MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, referred her to his colleague, Dr. Allen Burton, an anesthesiologist and pain management specialist with MD Anderson.

"When I first saw Patricia, she had been on fentanyl patches for a year, but they made her constipated and sleepy," says Burton. "When we tried methadone, her pain actually increased. Our back-up plan was an intrathecal trial to see if she would find relief with an implantable system."

The Medtronic SynchroMed[®] infusion system consisting of a programmable pump and flexible catheter, is surgically placed under the

skin to deliver pain medication directly to the fluid-filled area surrounding the spinal cord. The therapy provided great pain relief without side effects. The trial went so well that Burton proceeded with the procedure to implant the pump.

After the procedure, Kossie-Boliver experienced some initial discomfort due to the incision in her back, but Burton told her that the pain would subside—and by the end of the week, she felt much better. So good, in fact, that less than a week after the procedure she boarded a bus headed for Orlando with her family and church group.

"Patricia's biggest concern post-op was whether or not she would be able to go to Disney World with her family," recalls Burton. "Four days after the procedure, off she went to the Magic Kingdom."

"It wasn't the smartest thing I could have done," says Kossie-Boliver of the trip. "I just didn't want to disappoint

my family (husband Robert, son Marcus and daughters Patricia and Elaine). But I survived."

She not only survived the trip, she's also surviving with cancer. "Before, if I walked from my house to the street, my back would be throbbing," she explains. "Now I don't have that problem. That's a big relief to me."

She's also relieved to be free of the side effects caused by her previous medicines, especially the constant drowsiness.

"Before I had the pump implanted, it didn't matter how much sleep I got at night because the medication caused me to fall asleep all the time," she says. "Now I can stay up all day!"

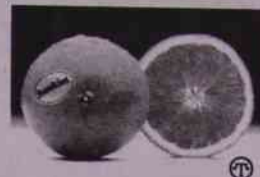
Results with this therapy vary. Not every patient responds to intrathecal pain therapy the way Kossie-Boliver did. In addition, while Kossie-Boliver does not experience any side effects with the therapy, they are possible. Because the pump and catheter are surgically placed, infections may occur. Problems may also occur with the pump or catheter. Some patients also experience drug-related side effects.

"Before the pump, I would often forget to change the [medicine] patch until I started feeling pain," she explains. "Then it would take a few hours for the medication to get into my system. By that time, I would have to sit down because my back was aching. The implantable pump gives me freedom to do more."

"I don't like depending on people," Kossie-Boliver admits. "When I need to do something, I do it. I keep pushing. That's what the pump enables me to do. Before, with me hurting, I wasn't able to push myself to keep going. Now that I don't have the pain, I can keep pushing. As long as I'm not hurting, I can make it."

To learn more about intrathecal pain therapy and the SynchroMed infusion system, visit www.medtronicpain.com, or call Patient Services at 1-800-510-6735.

Surprising Facts About Oranges



Eating two navel oranges a day can lower your chances of disease and boost your health.

(NAPS)—Nutritionally speaking, adding navel oranges to your daily diet offers many health-related benefits, including lowering your chances of cardiovascular and age-related diseases.

Here's more juicy news about these tasty fruits from the experts at Sunkist.

Flavonoids: Oranges contain flavonoids, one of the largest groups of dietary antioxidants which act as free radical scavengers. Scientists agree that oxidative damage caused by free radicals may play a pivotal role in the onset of many diseases, including cancer. The best way to prevent oxidative damage, experts advise, is to increase daily intake of antioxidants.

Vitamin C: Oranges are an excellent source of vitamin C, another powerful antioxidant that helps fight off the signs of aging and related diseases. Studies show that diets high in vitamin C substantially cut the risk of most cancers and heart defects. This essential vitamin is also crucial for a strong immune system, especially important during the cold and flu season.

Folic Acid: Oranges are a

natural source of folic acid, a vital B vitamin. A new study sponsored by the Federal Drug Administration (FDA) published in the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*, suggests women who don't metabolize folic acid properly have a greater risk of having a child with Down Syndrome. The U.S. Public Health Service has advised all women of childbearing age to ensure an adequate intake of folic acid. A deficiency in this water-soluble vitamin can cause serious neural tube defects, such as spina bifida, which causes lifelong disability, and anencephaly, leading to death soon after birth. Emerging research also suggests boosting folic acid intake may benefit all of us—not just mothers-to-be. According to a variety of studies, folic acid may help prevent fatal age-related diseases

such as heart disease, cancer and even Alzheimer's.

Carbohydrates: One medium orange contains 16 grams of carbohydrates in just 70 calories. Carbohydrates provide important fuel for the body, particularly the brain, as well as energy during exercise. During a workout, your muscles use stored carbohydrates called glycogen to fuel daily activity. Replenishing glycogen by eating carbohydrate-rich foods such as oranges ensure a speedy recovery after a workout.

Fiber: Eating fiber-rich foods such as oranges, which boasts 12 percent of the Daily Value, keeps the intestinal tract healthy and regular, in addition to warding off colon cancer. Studies show that the type of fiber found in oranges, called water-soluble fiber, helps lower blood cholesterol levels and reduces risk for heart disease. Water-soluble fiber also helps suppress feelings of hunger—good news for dieters.

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Six JV Lions win mat medals

Maple Valley ninth- and 10th-graders went to the Chuck Barrus Invitational in Charlotte with six grapplers and five medaled for the Lions.

Mark Shoemaker wrestled at 103 pounds and took second place with a 1-1 record. At 119, Kevin Fassett was 1-2 and finished sixth despite suffering an injury in the championship round.

Joe Desrochers wrestled at 125 and was 2-2 on the day, good for fourth place, while 132 pounder Chris Morris was 3-2 (fifth place) and Matt Conklin at 152 was 2-3 (sixth place).

On Febr. 5 the team will be at Lakewood and on Feb. 7 they will wrestle a makeup against Dansville and Bellevue on the Dansville mats.

On Saturday, Feb. 9, they will wrestle in the SMAA League meet at Olivet and on the 13th they will enter the District Team Tournament at Olivet. Afterward, they will return to Olivet for the Individual District Championships.

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Lions cruise past St. Pat, face tough stretch

The Maple Valley varsity boys' basketball team sailed through a 66-39 nonconference win at Portland St. Patrick last week, but the SMAA stretch run will be a choppy voyage, beginning with a big game tonight at Leslie.

Leslie gave the Lions some breathing room in the league by beating Olivet 56-44 on Friday night, but now the Blackhawks are looking to do the same to the Valley and tighten the SMAA race. Valley sits on top at 7-0, followed by Olivet (6-2), Leslie (5-3) and Dansville (4-3).

The Lions did not play on Friday due to the weather. Their game at Morrice (0-7)

has been rescheduled for Feb. 19.

After a 12-10 deficit in the first quarter, Valley shut down St. Pats and ran the Shamrocks ragged, holding them to six points in both the second and third quarters while piling up a 49-24 lead. "We played pretty well," Maple Valley coach Jeff Webb said. "We got off to a good start and we were solid the whole night. Our defense didn't give up many good looks."

"Now, it gets rough again (at Leslie)."

Darin Thrun led the Lions with 22 points. Nick Jones scored 10.

John Terberg had eight

points and 10 rebounds. Eric Smith scored eight. Jim Hirneiss six and Justin Sealy five. Devin Phenix had four points and eight boards.

Maple Valley (9-3 overall) hosts Bellevue on Friday night.

JV Report

The JV Lions ripped Webberville 83-53 on Jan. 25.

Down 16-15 after one quarter, the JV put together totals of 22, 21 and 25 points in the last three to run away with the game.

All 14 players scored for the Valley. Josh Beardslee had 14 points, eight rebounds and two blocks. Josh Cook had 13 points and nine rebounds.

Dustin Powers and Dale Platte each scored 10. Dustin Mead was well-rounded with eight points, five assists and five steals.

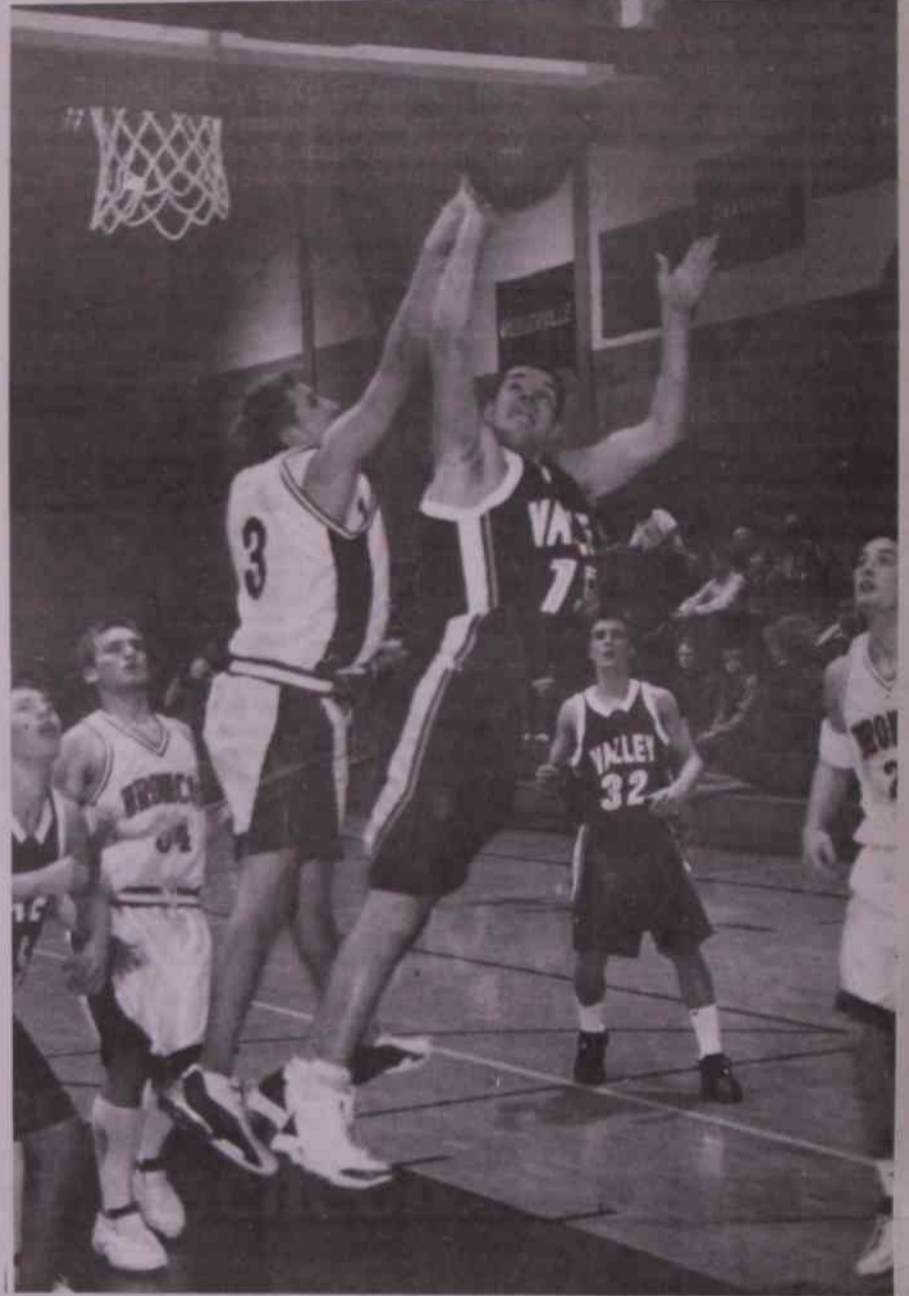
Portland beat the Valley JV 61-49 on Jan. 22.

The Lions led 34-27 at the half, but Portland outscored them 34-15 over the last two quarters.

Dustin Mead had 16 points, four rebounds and two assists. Josh Cook recorded a double-double with 12 points and 10 rebounds. Josh Beardslee came off the bench to pull down 10 boards of his own.



John Terberg (40). (File photo by Perry Hardin)



Justin Sealy (15). (File photo by Perry Hardin)

Nick Jones (5) gets hacked in the Lions' first game against Leslie, a 64-56 win back on Dec. 14. (File photo by Perry Hardin)



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