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Mater, Cowell wear 2002 maple syrup crowns

by Elaine Gilbert
Assistant Editor

Two friends, who have been longtime Vermontville residents, will be spending a lot of time together this year promoting their hometown area's pure maple syrup products.

Samantha Mater reigns as the 2002 Vermontville Maple Syrup Queen and Jessica Cowell, the alternate queen.

They were selected for the titles last week at a community program, sponsored by the Vermontville Lions Club.

The young women will represent the Vermontville Maple Syrup Association in 12 to 14 parades around the state. They also will reign over the Vermontville Syrup Festival, to be held the last weekend in April.

Both juniors at Maple Valley High School, Samantha, who turns 17 tomorrow, is the daughter of Jim and Jeri Mater, and Jessica, 16,

is the daughter of Ken and Sue Cowell.

They were chosen from a field of six candidates and were the contestants who had the most first-hand knowledge of making maple syrup products.

The annual competition is open to all junior girls who attend Maple Valley High. Samantha will receive a \$500 scholarship and Jessica, \$250.

Queen Samantha has hoped to hold the syrup queen title ever since her sister, Sarah, was queen in 1995.

"It's going to be a lot of fun...When I walked around with her (Sarah) and was up on stage with her and at all the parades, I wanted to be up there wearing the crown," Samantha said.

Maple syrup cotton candy is the best product made from maple syrup, Samantha believes.

Her first experience in



Samantha Mater (right) is the new Vermontville Maple Syrup Queen for 2002. With her is Alternate Queen Jessica Cowell.

making syrup was at the age of nine.

"We went tapping and collecting with the Haigh family, and my family and I helped them throughout the entire syrup making process...I do remember how much fun I had running around in the woods and watching the sap boil in the sap house," Samantha said.

"What really sticks out in my mind is the sweet taste of the hot dogs we boiled in pure sap!"

She also learned a lot about syrup as a ninth grade student and member of the Maple Valley FFA Chapter. She helped the group tap maple trees in Nashville and collect the sap after school for the Nashville Maple Syrup Association.

"Last year, I helped tap, collect, boil and can syrup with the Vermontville Maple Syrup Association. That was the most rewarding experience I have had so far

when it comes to the syrup making process...After school we were out there carrying heavy buckets of sap to the sap tank. We also got up early Saturday mornings, but it was all worth it. Plus, I got plenty of samples of fresh, warm maple syrup," Samantha said.

A member of the National Honor Society, she is very active in school activities and 4-H.

At school, she plays alto saxophone with the Senior High Band and tenor saxophone with the Jazz Band. She's appeared in school musicals and has taken a leadership class.

With the Vermontville Junior Farmers 4-H Club, Samantha is the group's reporter and has served as past secretary, treasurer and historian.

She previously has served as president for two years of the Eaton County 4-H Advi-

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Winter homecoming has a happy ending

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

A week of Maple Valley homecoming activities culminated with a 73-63 basketball win over Lansing Christian last Friday.

Students participated in a wide variety of spirit related games and special days leading up to the game.

The theme this year was superhero's each class dressed in the superman, spiderman, ninja turtle or X-men theme on Thursday.

Each class also competed for points in games during the lunch hour. The games ranged from backward free throw to a bow and arrow contest on Valentines Day, when students had to shoot arrows into a heart shaped target.

The pep assembly Friday was emceed by Christina Jackson, Becky Guernsey, and Jeremy Wisner.

Students played different games, watched competitive cheer, and held a slam dunk contest. One of the highlights of the assembly was the class dance. Each class had to come up with a three-minute long dance about their class color or superhero.

Activities were organized by the leadership class this year. Teacher for the leader-



2002 Homecoming King and Queen Alesia VanEngen and Devin Phenix. (photo by Perry Hardin)

ship class, Norma Jean Acker, said that there was a lot of excitement and participation for the events.

"Each year we organize it,

I think it gets better and the level of participation goes up," she said.

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Sewer extension to Mulberry Fore still under consideration

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

Verbal approval to extend sewer at to a future development north of town was tabled last week at the Nashville Village Council meeting.

Tad Davis and Orvin Moore, co-owners of Mulberry Fore Golf Course, plan to add a banquet facility by the clubhouse. Davis said the facility should seat up to 250 people. They also plan to develop eight preliminary residential lots, and eventually hope to develop a total of 42 lots, all surrounding the golf course.

Davis and Moore visited the council over a month ago, to present an idea of their preliminary plans and to tell the council that if things went right, they would be back asking for permission to extend sewer services to the development.

The development is currently in Castleton Township, and at this time they are seeking an intergovernmental agreement with the village to provide sewer services, with eventual prospects of annexation into the village.

At the council meeting they were asking for verbal approval that the village would provide services, with the cost of connecting to the

system paid by the developers.

A couple of council members seemed reluctant, however, and wanted more time to consult the village attorney and Castleton Township.

Davis told the council they could still at any time nix the idea, and that this was only the first step. He said they were only requesting allowance for the sewer to be run north of town, past the boundaries to develop eight of the lots and the banquet hall.

"We checked into capacity and we do have the capacity," said Village President Frank Dunham.

Acting Department of Public Works Director Darrell Clements said that with new homes there, the output would be at 86%, and that

the lift station would have to be updated, but it would have had to be updated anyway because it's old.

Clements said the village would most likely pay for the updates, and the developer for the laterals to hook it up.

Councilman Ralph Kirk said if the village had to update the lift station because of the increased use, then the developers should have to pay for the updating.

Council Trustee Karen Betts asked about the time frame of the project.

"We would like to have the hall done by late summer, early fall, the eight lots in two years, and the whole 42 lots in five years," said Moore.

Davis said they would sell according to demand.

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MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Maple Valley Elementary Schools (Maplewood & Fuller)
Lunch Menu
Wednesday, Feb. 20
 Fuller: Sloppy Joe; MW, Hot Pocket. Carrot sticks, pineapple, gingerbread, 1/2 pt. milk.
Thursday, Feb. 21
 Pizza, tossed salad, apple crisp, pretzel rod, 1/2 pt. milk.
Friday, Feb. 22
 Nachos, green beans, pear halves, fortune cookie, 1/2 pt. milk.
Monday, Feb. 25
 Hot dog, potato sticks, baked beans, cherry push-up, 1/2 pt. milk.

Tuesday, Feb. 26
 Ham and cheese sandwich, tater tots, applesauce, cookie, 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. 20
Choose One - Wet burrito, pizza, chicken sandwich, pasta bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, carrot sticks, pineapple, juice, Milk.
Thursday, Feb. 21
Choose One - cheeseburger, pizza, taco bar.

Choose Two - Garden salad, whole kernel corn, apple crisp, juice, Milk.
Friday, Feb. 22
Choose One - nachos, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, green beans, pears, juice, Milk.
Monday, Feb. 25
Choose One - Double dogs, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, baked beans, cherry push-up, juice, Milk.
Tuesday, Feb. 26
Choose One - Spaghetti, pizza, cheeseburger, taco bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, green beans, applesauce, juice, Milk.

Kyle Pash is Vermontville Lions' Student of Month

Kyle Pash, a seventh grade student at Maple Valley Schools, is the "Student of the Month."

Vermontville Lions Club President Greg Szymanski presented Kyle with a plaque in honor of the award at last week's community program to select the 2002 Maple Syrup Queen and her alternate at the Vermontville Congregational Church.

Seventh grade teachers said Kyle is an "excellent candidate to represent Maple Valley Schools," according to a letter written by teacher Ruth Craven.

Kyle "approaches any task with a smile of enthusiasm and a positive attitude," she said.

Active in the Revue several times, Kyle has been in *Pinocchio*, *Wizard of Oz*, *Snow White and Annie*. Some of his other activities include floor hockey, band, piano, youth choir and cross country. He enjoys traveling, reading and video games.

"Even with his busy schedule, he maintains a high grade point average," Craven said.

Kyle "is one of the reasons many of us continue teaching," she said.



Vermontville Lions Club President Greg Szymanski presents the "Student of the Month" award to Kyle Pash.

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"Well, I would feel better if we reviewed this with our legal counsel to make sure we are not committing ourselves to something we don't want," said Kirk. Betts agreed.

Dunham said agreements like this happen in other communities, and there was nothing unusual about it.

"I'm not in favor of it until we get everyone hooked up in our village," said Kirk.

Trustee Ed Sheldon said that he thought the council should be more supportive of the project.

"It's only for the good of the village... I don't know what you people are scared

of," he said.
 A vote was taken to hold on a decision until the village attorney was contacted, Castleton Township contacted, and a letter of recommendation from the engineering firm Fleis and Vandenberg was written.

The motion passed with Dunham and Sheldon voting nay.

Sheldon then asked for a vote for the gathering of this information to be done in a timely manner, by next meeting.

The motion passed, with Steve Wheeler and Ralph Kirk voting no.

Segment II driver's ed series set

The Maple Valley Driver's Education Department may offer Segment II classes the week of March 18.

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The new Maple Syrup Queen, Samantha Mater, is flanked by her parents, Jim and Jeri Mater.



Alternate Queen Jessica Cowell is pictured with her mother, Sue (left), and grandmother Charlotte Cowell. Father Ken was home with a broken leg.

sory Council and is vice president of the Junior Fair Board. She still serves on the Advisory Council and also is a past secretary/treasurer.

Samantha has done volunteer work at the 4-H office and written and received grants for the Junior Fair Board landscaping project.

During Fair, she has been assistant superintendent of "Barn Awards," has helped

register animals at the start of Fair Week served as clerk for non-livestock judges.

In 2001, she was the recipient of the "I Dare You" award and the Outstanding Teen Leader award.

She has been a facilitator at a "Character Counts!" workshop and helped the "Make a Difference Day" cause.

Raising rabbits, poultry and sheep are among her hobbies as well as reading and enjoying the outdoors. She has been involved with Girl Scouts, too.

Currently employed as a waitress at Good Time Pizza, after high school graduation Samantha hopes to attend a local community college and pursue a career as a dental hygienist.

Jessica remembers going with her father to help gather sap at the Merle Martin sugarbush when she was "a little girl."

"I gathered and handed the buckets to them when I wasn't busy playing in the snow," she said. "A few years ago, I also helped him bottle his sap into his cans for him so that it could be sold."

She is anxious to tell people how good maple syrup tastes, what can be made with it and what the uses are.

Also a member of the national honor society, Jessica's extracurricular activities include Jazz Band, volleyball and softball.

"I've really been working hard with my studies and I've moved up two class

rankings and I taught myself how to play two instruments," she told judges.

Her hobbies also include those two sports, church band and 4-H. She has won many trophies through her 4-H experiences.

After high school, Jessica is considering a career as a physical therapist or massage therapist.

"I'd like to work with the teenage age, with people who have sports injuries because I'm really dedicated to my sports and I know what it's like to go through an injury," she said.

Judges of the queen competition base their selection on the candidates' first hand experience and knowledge of making maple syrup and their understanding of the importance of the festival. The candidates also have to know some facts about the history of the quaint New England-style village, founded by pioneers from Vermont. Also taken into consideration are appearance, poise, speaking, ability to represent the community and the content of an essay each candidate has to write concerning personal experiences of maple syrup making.

Judges were David Wayne Huva of WLCM Radio in Charlotte, Daniel Holmes of Community Newspapers in Charlotte, and Elaine Gilbert of J-Ad Graphics in Hastings.



Gathered around the new maple syrup royalty are the 2001 queen and alternate. From left, they are Caimille Wieland, Samantha Mater, Jessica Cowell, and Jessica Ripley.

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Applications are available at Room B-17 at the high school.

Any student wishing to be considered for membership must complete an application and return it on or before Friday, Feb. 22.

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Singing telegram provides unique Valentine's Day gift



Members of the Water Wonderland Chorus serenade Dale Wendorf at the Vermontville Hardware store last week.

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

After 46 years of marriage, Mary Wendorf of Vermontville has given just about every sort of Valentine's Day present to her husband, Dale.

This year though, she said she stumbled onto something new to her — a singing telegram.

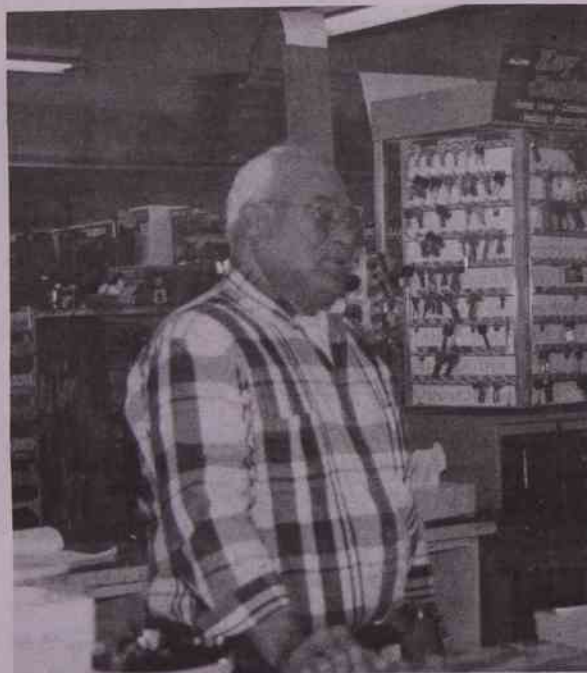
So friends and family quietly assembled at the Vermontville Hardware store and watched as Dale was surprised by members of the Water Wonderland Chorus, who serenaded them with love songs.

Dale had been out back in the store, checking inventory when the group arrived.

"I was pretty surprised," said Dale afterward. "I have gotten some interesting things through the years, but this one takes the cake."

Mary said she ordered the singing telegram when she read about it in a newspaper.

"I just thought it would be a great idea. The group that



Dale Wendorf listens to his Valentine's sing a gram with a smile on his face.

does it splits up into small groups and raises the money for their group through the

service. They are a pretty large group and I called them in January to set it up," she said.

"He (Dale) likes music, so I thought he would get a kick out of it," she said.

Four members of the musical group, Mary Crispin, Chris Brown, Liz Reves and Rebecca Baughan serenaded Dale with songs, one about Valentines Day.

"We have 21 to do today," said Crispin. "We practice for a couple of weeks beforehand and then get



Dale and Mary Wendorf stand with members of the Water Wonderland Chorus after the sing a gram ordered by Mary surprised Dale.

started at 8 a.m. on Valentines Day, traveling all over to deliver them. It's a pretty busy time, but it's wonderful to see the reactions of some people," she said.

Crispin said the reactions can vary from women getting misty eyed, to gushing

and saying things like, "No one has ever done anything like this for me before."

"We absolutely enjoy it," said Crispin. "We just really enjoy bringing a smile to peoples faces."

Altogether, the group performs more than a hundred

sing a grams a year.

The Wendorfs have four children, "a ton of grandkids" and three great grandchildren.

"I think this is a gift he won't soon forget," said Mary.

Three free parenting classes set

Three free parenting classes at the schools will be offered in February, March and April by Maple Valley social workers.

The first class is "Instilling the Desire for Success in your Child," offered Tuesday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at Fuller Elementary.

"Ways Busy Parents Can Help Children Succeed in School" will be offered Thursday night from 6 to 7:30 p.m., March 14 at Maplewood Elementary.

"Bullying... Support for Victims, Help for Bullies, Tips for Parents," will be offered Tuesday, April 16, at the Maple Valley High School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Registration for the classes is limited. To register for the earliest two classes call Stephanie Hirschert-Walton at (517) 726-0283. To register for the April class call Jennifer Kuchera at (517) 852-9275.

A free dinner will be served a half an hour prior to class time to be provided by the Maple Valley PTO, and babysitting will be provided during classtime.

Engagements

Jarrard-Williams

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jarrard of Nashville would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Rosemary Jennifer to Corey Ryan Williams, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Rick Williams of Vermontville.

Both 2001 graduates of Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School.

Rosemary is working at Waverly Chiropractic Center in Lansing. Corey is attending Lansing Community College to earn his technology degree in automotive.

The couple will settle in



Lansing. A Sept. 7, 2002 wedding is planned.

Haley-Graham

Mr. and Mrs. Brian Haley of Vermontville and Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Graham of Vermontville are pleased to announce the engagement of their children: Brianne Dee to Travis Eric.

Brianne is a 1998 graduate of Maple Valley High School, and is currently attending Davenport University majoring in accounting. She is currently employed at Ramblewood Apartments, in Wyoming, Michigan.

Travis is a 1995 graduate of Maple Valley High School, and graduated from IIT Technical Institute in 1998 with a bachelors degree in automation. He is



currently employed at Quality Design Services, in Okemos Michigan.

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Winter carnival set for Saturday

The Maple Valley PTO is inviting the community to join them in a day of carnival of fun at Fuller Street Elementary for the Winter Carnival Saturday, Feb. 23, from 1 to 4 p.m.

Lots of fun is planned, including games, a space bounce, face painting, balloons, a cake walk, and things to each, such as popcorn, hot dogs and cotton candy.

Ticket can be purchased the day of the carnival for 25 cents each or 25 tickets for \$5. Game costs range from one to two tickets each, with prize tickets being awarded at nearly all games. Prize tickets can then be redeemed for prizes.

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Area Obituaries

Bernita D. Wollston

BATTLE CREEK - Bernita D. Woolston, age 76, of Battle Creek, died Monday, February 11, 2002 at Mercy Pavilion in Battle Creek.

Miss Woolston was born on November 5, 1925 in Hastings, MI, the daughter of George and Leone (Coville) Woolston. She was raised in the Yorkville, MI area and attended Yorkville schools, graduating in 1942 from the Old W.K. Kellogg High School in Hickory Corners.

She has resided in Battle Creek for the past 17 years. She previously lived in the Cascade, Lowell, Harrison and Yorkville

areas. Bernita was employed at the Michigan Litho Company in Grand Rapids for over 30 years before retiring from there. Previous employment included, Superior Printing and the Shakespere Co. in Kalamazoo.

Miss. Woolston enjoyed knitting, crocheting, reading, old movies and various collectibles.

She is survived by a brother, Garth (Elaine) Woolston of Vermontville; eight nieces; six nephews; several great nieces and nephews; and a sister-in-law, Joan Woolston of Battle Creek.

She was preceded in

death by her parents; brother, Desmond Woolston in 1993 and a step-brother, Charles Eggleston.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 15, 2002 at Wren Funeral Home in Hastings. Rev. Kenneth R. Vaught officiated. Mr. Don Reid organist.

Burial was at Hastings' Riverside Cemetery

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or American Diabetes Association.

Arrangements made by Wren Funeral Home, Hastings.

Betty Jane Garvey (Stewart)

NASHVILLE - Betty Jane Garvey (Stewart), age 76, of Nashville, unexpectedly passed away Tuesday, Feb. 12, 2002 in Florida.

The daughter of the late Henry and Thelma (Schnepp) Stewart, Betty was born on June 30, 1925 in Lansing.

She graduated from Bellevue High School in 1944 and married her high-school sweetheart, Bernard Junior Garvey on Jan. 30th of the same year.

In 1946, after Bernard returned from WWII, they bought their life-long home in Nashville and moved in with their newborn daughter, Diana. They then added to their family, daughters Brinda and Nancy and son, Bernie.

Betty enjoyed entertaining and cooking for family and friends, playing the guitar and singing with her twin

sister, Barbara, collecting dolls, sewing, being a member of the VFW Auxiliary, Eastern Star and the Young Mother's Club, wintering in Florida, and The Wheel of Fortune.

Together, Betty and family spent summers at their cottage, winters snowmobiling, square dancing, micro midget racing and spending time together.

She will be remembered as a dedicated and loving wife, mother, grandma and friend; especially for the exceptional care she gave Bernard in his time of need.

She is survived by her children, Brinda and Dave Hawkins, Nancy and Richard Byrd, Bernie and Donna (Decker) Garvey, all of Nashville; grandchildren, Heather (Allen) Bross, Stacey (Scott) English, Marcee (Brian) Chaterdon, Retha (Steve) Fox, Mindy

(Dennis) Downing, and BeeGee Garvey; great grandchildren, Alex and Colyn Reed and Jacob Bross; her twin sister, Barbara (Raymond) Barlund; brother, Harold (Bessie) Stewart; sister, Judy (Bob) Bigford, Bill (Anita) Stewart; sisters-in-law, Melva Turner and Marie Garvey.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Bernard Garvey Jr.; parents, Henry and Thelma (Schnepp) Stewart; daughter, Diana Garvey.

Services were held Sunday, Feb. 17, 2002 at Nashville Baptist Church. Pastor Lester DeGroot officiated. Interment at Lakeview Cemetery, Nashville, MI.

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

Roger Earl Wells

SEBRING, FLORIDA - Roger Earl Wells, 69, of Sebring, died Monday, Feb. 4, 2002 at his home.

A native of Grand Ledge, Michigan he had been wintering in Florida since 1995 from Mulliken, MI.

He was a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean Conflict receiving the Occupational Medal and General Commendations. He was a Past Master and Life Member of Nashville Lodge #255 F.&A.M., Nashville, MI. He was a member of Kalamo Chapter #399, O.E.S., Kalamazoo, MI.

He was a member of the Scottish Rite; American Legion, Vermontville, MI; Life Member of V.F.W. Post #8260, Nashville, MI; and Knights of Columbus.

He was preceded in death by Nancy Eastma Wells, wife of 44 years; sister, Peg Ypms and brother, James Wells.

He is survived by his wife, Hazel M. Conner Wells, Sebring, FL; son, Timothy E. (Lynda) Wells, Vermontville, MI; two daughters, Kimberly A. (Garry) Bakos, Stanton, MI, Toni T. (Steven) Cambric, Stanton, MI;

two brothers, Alton Wells, Jerry Wells; three sisters, Marjorie Guy, Marilee Fullerton, Salliann McConnell; eight grandchildren, Tressa Carter, Travis Carter, Marci Bakos, Carmen Wells, Patrick Wells, Erica Finch, Gabe Ulrich, and Erin Cambric.

Services were held Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002 at Vermontville Bible Church. Roger was laid to rest in Sunfield Cemetery.

Arrangements by Fountain Funeral Home, Avon Park.

Mildred N. Wills

CRYSTAL - Mildred N. Wills, age 92, of Crystal, MI, died Tuesday, February 12, 2002 at her home.

Mildred was born June 1, 1909 in Barry County, Michigan to Erven and Glenna Pearl (Tobey) Troxel.

She married S. Oren Wills on May 28, 1931 in Pottersville, MI.

Mrs. Wills taught school in the Barry County area for several years.

Mildred and her husband spent several summers in Cedarville, MI where they enjoyed fishing.

She is survived by a son, Duane (Duke) and Doreen Wills of Hastings, MI; daughters, Janice Knickerbocker of Wellston, MI, Doreen and James Anderson of Crystal, MI; 16

grandchildren; and 21 great grandchildren; and two great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by parents, Erven and Glenna Troxel; husband, S. Oren Wills; one brother, Gaylord Troxel; son-in-law, Norman Knickerbocker.

Funeral service was held Friday, February 15, 2002 at the Lux and Schnepf

Funeral Home in Crystal, MI. Rev. Ried Martin of the First Congregational Church officiated.

Interment was in Crystal Cemetery, Crystal, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Donors Choice of Charities.

Arrangements made by Lux and Schnepf Funeral Home, Crystal, MI.

Elton W. Lawrence

VERMONTVILLE - Michael A. Sparks, age 38, of Vermontville died Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002 at Pennock Hospital in Hastings.

Michael A. Sparks was born March 12, 1963, the son of Henry and Ann (Gautney) Sparks in Florence, Alabama.

On May 11, 1981 he married Jacqueline Norrell in Houston, Texas.

Five years later, the couple moved to the Vermontville area to the closer to their family.

After completing high school, he was employed as an iron worker for many years while he pursued his college education.

In 1995 he earned an associates degree in nursing from Kellogg Community College; and began a career as the director of nursing for area long term care providers.

He was an avid hunter and fisherman, who also enjoyed coaching hockey, and softball. He was a great friend, and a great father and will be missed by all.

Surviving Mr. Sparks is his wife, Jackie Sparks, Vermontville; daughters, Tiffany Sparks, Vermontville, Stephanie Sparks, Vermontville; mother, Ann Symonds, Killen, AL; sister, Tammy Yates, Morristown, TN; step-brothers, Bill Sy-

monds, Mike (Beth) Symonds, Brian (Sally) Symonds; step-sisters, Sharon (Richard) Craven; nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his father, Henry Sparks; brother, Marlon Sparks; and step-father, John Symonds.

Services were held Monday, Feb. 18, 2002 at Maple Valley Chapel. Pastor Don Roscoe officiated. Interment was at Lakeview Cemetery, Nashville, MI.

Memorial contributions to the family for the Michael A. Sparks memorial college fund.

Arrangements were made by Maple Valley Chapel.

Alton "Al" A. Olmstead

BATTLE CREEK - Alton "Al" A. Olmstead, 57, of Battle Creek, Michigan, died Feb. 14, 2002.

Mr. Olmstead was born Aug. 19, 1944 in Lansing, Michigan the son of Chester P. and Ruth (Abbott) Olmstead

He was a truck driver and

loved to hunt and fish. He is survived by his wife, Linda (Harmon) Olmstead; daughter, Barbara (Stephen) Forrest; son, David (Anna) Olmstead; step-daughter, Wendy Piffer, all of Vermontville; 11 grandchildren; two great grandchildren;

brother, Robert Richardson

of Mulliken; and half-sister, Illa Cogswell of Manton.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Chester Olmstead in 1996.

Memorial services were held Monday, Feb. 18, 2002 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan. R. Raymond Rossell officiated.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the family.

Further information available at www.prayfuneral.com.

Arrangements were made by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

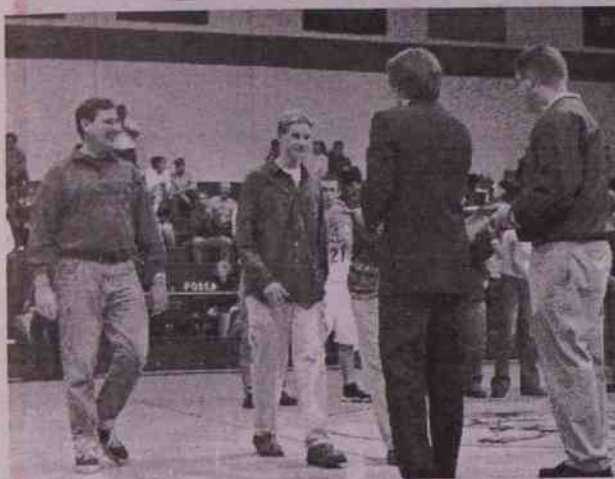
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Samantha Curtis with parents Robert and Rachel Curtis.



Jason Hoffman with mom Bonnie Valerio.

by Shawna Hubbard
Staff Writer

Maple Valley High School students and their parents were honored for their academic achievements a week ago, during halftime of the varsity basketball game.

The students were given academic letters for qualifying for the first year, pins for second year, pin and three-year plaques for third-year qualifiers and four-year plaques and pins for fourth-year qualifiers.

To qualify as a freshmen, students had to have a 3.9 grade point average throughout two semesters, as a sophomore, 3.8 for four semesters, junior, 3.65 through six semesters, and for seniors, 3.5 gpa for seven semesters.

"This year we gave away quite a few awards," said high school Principal Todd Gonser. He explained that in the fall, the rest of the academic awards are given, but it's done in the spring for the seniors because next fall they would be gone.

"The kids do a great job of maintaining their gpas," said Gonser. "It's a big night because we call the parents to come out and be honored with their kids and it's a great way to honor both the student and the parents."

Those who qualified for a first-year award are Kenneth Hayes, Bethany Adams, Jeremy Wisner, Samantha Curtis, Devon Augustine, Hillary Grant, Paul Felder, Nikki James, Brandy Ojala, Michael Stron, Brandon Hopkins, Jason Hoffman and Andrew Krolik.

Miranda Farr and Jessica Ripley have qualified for their second-year awards, Becky Scripter, Nate Jarvie, Bethany Swift and Devin Phenix for their third year.

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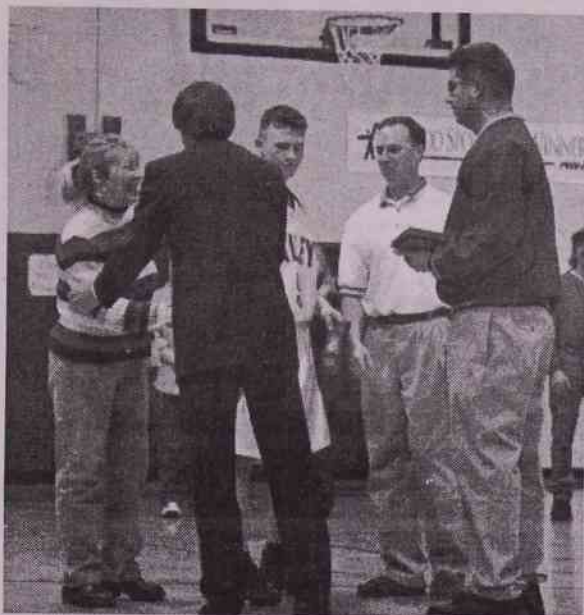


Andrew Krolik with parents John and Cindy Krolik.

From previous page

Qualifying for their fourth-year awards are Christina Jackson, Nicholas Jones, Lizzie Sundria, Camille Wieland, Darin Thrun, and Rebecca Guernesy.

"It was a great night," said Gonsler. "This is all about highlighting the students for their academic achievements and not just for their extra-curricular achievements, which often are more covered."



Nick Jones with parents Keith and Kelly Jones.

Lion matmen finish third in SMAA meet

The Maple Valley wrestling team finished third Saturday in the Southern Michigan Athletic Association meet at Olivet.

Leslie captured top honors and the host school was second.

Ben Boss took first place in his weight division and Jason Silsbee was runner-up. Finishing third in their weight classes were Andrew Kenyon, Brandon Brooke, Sergei Mikhaylov, Matt Brumm, Chris Morris, Josh Grasman and Ben Swan.

Also winning medals by taking fourths were Laura

Trumble and Paul Felder. Last Thursday night the Lions won twice in a double dual with SMAA opponents. They beat host Dansville 56-24 and Bellevue 60-18.

Brooke had two pins, Gaber won by a pin, Trumble pulled out an overtime decision and won by a default, Kenyon won by a technical fall, and Boss won by a forfeit and a decision.

Two nights earlier, Maple Valley defeated Jackson County (Parma) Western 39-33 and lost to Lakewood's "B" team 45-39.

Winning twice were Boss,

Brooke, Silsbee and Grasman. Silsbee pinned both of his opponents. Breaking even at 1-1 for the evening were Trumble, Gaber, Kenyon, Jeff Totten, Brumm, and Swan.

The Lions will compete in the team district tournament Wednesday night at Olivet. They'll take on Bellevue in the opener and, if they win, will advance to the finals against the winner of a match between host Olivet and Climax-Scotts.

Individual districts were held at Olivet Sat., Feb. 16.

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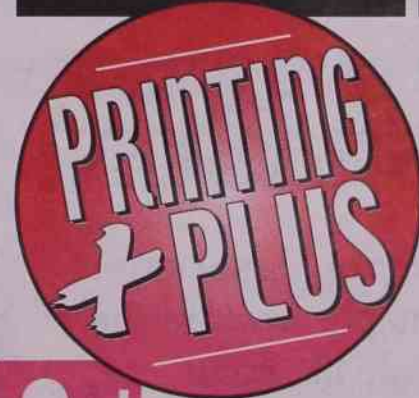
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Clements named acting DPW director

by Shawna Hubbard
Staff Writer

Darrell Clements was named acting director of public works and acting street administrator at last week's Nashville Village Council meeting.

Clements also received a pay adjustment that brings his pay up to \$15.15 an hour.

"We feel Darrell has demonstrated a strong work ethic and he has knowledge of our systems and tests," said Village Trustee Steve Wheeler.

Clements has been employed with the DPW for about two years now.

The motion to hire him



Darrell Clements

passed, with trustee Karen Betts voting no. In other business, the

council:

- Agreed to send Ron Harris II a letter asking for his resignation from his seat on the council. He has not attended the last four meetings and has not been in contact with the council.

- Approved spending \$44,000 in engineering fees with Fleis and Vandenbrink to work up sewer improvements on various streets around town. The total cost estimate on improvements is \$330,000.

- Adjusted village treasurer and part time office clerk Lois Elliston's wage to \$12.50 per hour, retroactive to Oct. 21.

Wheeler said there was a

two-month stretch where Elliston worked pretty much on her own in the job transition of the village clerk, and that Elliston as a part-time employee does not receive other forms of compensation, such as insurance.

- Tabled a proposal to buy a tractor for the cemetery board. Trustee Ed Sheldon said he believed there might be a conflict of interest buying one from Maple Valley Implement and mentioned he thought there were rebates that the council was not aware of.

- Approved a request from the Nashville Car Club to put in a flag pole in Riverside Park.

Woman pleads guilty to abusing 3-month-old

A 20-year-old Nashville woman pleaded guilty in Barry County Circuit Court Thursday, Feb. 7, to grabbing her three-month-old daughter and squeezing the child hard enough to break several bones.

Carrie Snell of 6405 Thornapple Lake Road is accused of inflicting the injuries between Aug. 1 and Aug. 21, 2001 in Castleton Township.

The injuries were discovered Aug. 21 at 11:39 p.m. when Snell took the child to Pennock Hospital where the healing of six ribs, a thigh bone and lower leg bone were detected by x-ray, said police.

According to a report by Det. Sgt. David Oakland of the Barry County Sheriff's Office, Snell took her only child to Pennock Hospital because she had been vomiting, was eating very little food and was "fussy."

"Doctors said rib fractures in a three-month-old were highly suspicious," reported Oakland, who said the injuries are believed to have occurred three weeks before the baby was taken to the hospital.

A hearing was held in Barry County Probate Court Aug. 24 to remove the child from the home. She is now in foster care and the parents are allowed weekly, supervised visits which take place at the Family Independence Agency.

"Abuse and neglect proceedings are occurring now," said Hawkins. "The parents have to meet certain criteria before they can have

her back."

Snell and her husband allegedly told three different stories of how the injuries might have happened before Snell confessed.

"She stated she started to have mood swings during her pregnancy," Oakland reported, "and that it just got worse. She said when this happened, it was the worse that it has ever been as far as being mad."

Police said Snell told of one particular night during which she had not slept for several hours and that the baby was crying and would not sleep. Snell told authorities she put the baby in a

"bouncer" swing but that the baby still cried.

She allegedly pulled the baby up and out of the bouncer but the child's leg became caught in a strap "and she started screaming even more."

Snell said she held the baby a lot tighter than usual and that after she put the baby to bed, the screaming became even louder.

"Carrie said she was pushing down on (baby's) chest and she stopped crying," Oakland reported.

The baby screamed for two weeks straight, Snell told investigators. She reportedly said on another oc-

casional, she held the baby too tight and pushed her down into the bed out of anger.

Snell was originally charged with first degree child abuse, a 15-year felony, but pleaded guilty to the lesser charge of second degree child abuse in exchange for the more serious charge being dropped.

Hawkins said there is no agreement regarding Snell's possible sentence, which will be handed down by Judge James Fisher March 7 at 8:15 a.m.

She could be sentenced to serve a maximum of four years in prison on the conviction.

Castleton couple charged in methamphetamine raid

A couple suspected of operating two methamphetamine laboratories in their Thornapple Lake Estates home in Castleton Township were arraigned Tuesday on charges related to the alleged operation seized by police in a Jan. 24 raid.

Darrell Hobert Watson, 37, is accused of operating and maintaining a drug lab involving firearms, operating a drug lab in the presence of children, being a felon in possession of a firearm and using a firearm in the commission of a felony. He is free on \$10,000 cash bond awaiting a Feb. 20 preliminary examination.

Autumn Watson, 34, is free on \$25,000 personal bond and is also scheduled for a Feb. 20 preliminary examination on charges of operating and maintaining a drug lab in the presence of a minor and using a firearm in the commission of a felony.

The couple has minor aged children who also lived in the mobile home where the methamphetamine labs were located, said police.

Officers in full hazardous materials protective gear discovered the two labs inside the home on lot 123 of Thornapple Valley Estates Mobile Home Park after Watson was stopped by police in Lake Odessa earlier that morning. Officer Chris Hanson allegedly found crystal meth and production

chemicals in his vehicle.

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 and three other firearms were seized from the home.

Castleton Township Taxpayers

Personal and Property Taxes are due February 15, 2002. The last day of collection is February 28, 2002.

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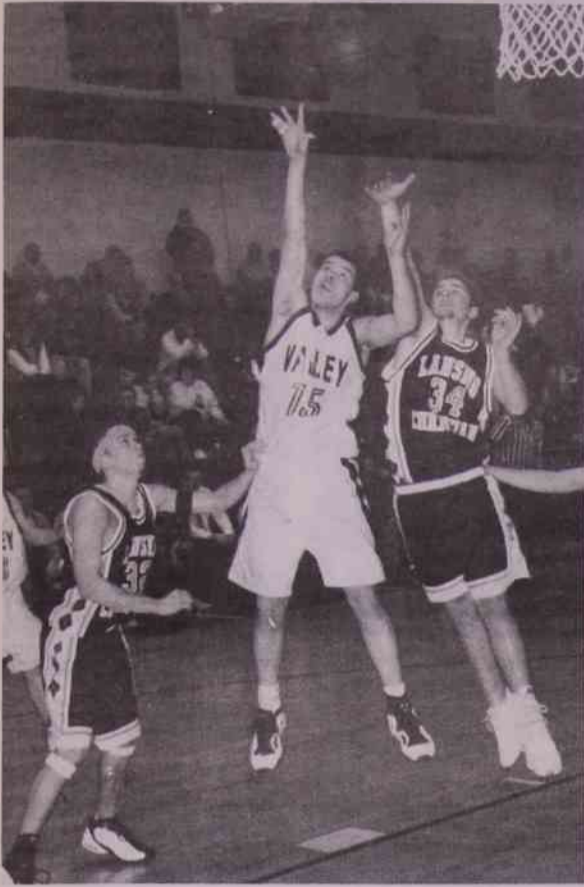
A Public Hearing has been scheduled for February 28, 2002, at the Regular Council Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Nashville Village Office, for the purpose of discussing adoption of the 2002-2003 Budget. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office at 206 N. Main Street.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing.

Penny J. Ruff
Village Clerk

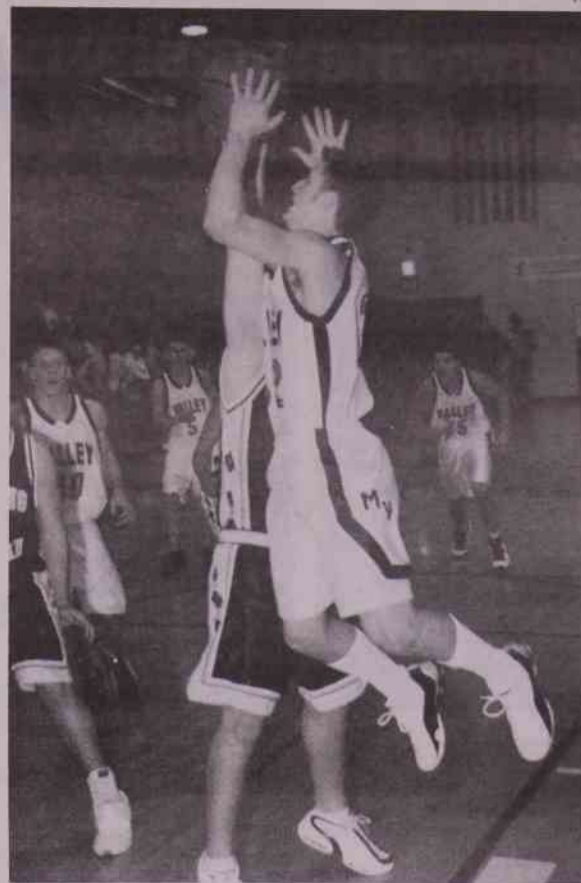
Lions still leading SMAA hoop race



Justin Sealy (15) move in for a close-up bank shot against a Lansing Christian defender. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Maple Valley stayed atop the SMAA basketball heap Friday with a convincing 73-63 victory over Lansing

Christian. "We jumped out early and stayed ahead most of the night," said Coach Jeff



Darin Thrun (32) finds the going tough inside against an unidentified Lansing Christian defender. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Webb. "We were up by 17 at one point and by 10 just before halftime." But it was a big second half that sealed the victory as the Lions scored 24 points in the third and another 20 in the final quarter. "They played a little better in the second half and

started to cut into our lead a little, and we stepped it up real well," Webb said. "I we really pleased with our defense tonight. We held them to only 21 points in the entire first half and I think our kids worked real hard and it paid off." Maple Valley used full court pressure the whole night.

"I think our pressure kind of wore them out," Webb said, "and we were able to take advantage of their mistakes."

Darin Thrun led the way for the Lions with 21 points. Devin Phoenix scored 14, Nick Jones 10 and Jimmy Hirneiss eight.

Patrick Bisher led Lansing Christian with 21. Maple Valley is now 11-5 overall and 9-2 in the SMAA. Next week they will travel to Morris Tuesday and will travel to Olivet Friday for what could be the deciding game in the league race.

Coaching positions approved by board

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

The Maple Valley Board of Education approved winter and spring coaches at its regular meeting last week.

Former junior varsity baseball coach Bryan Carpenter will become the new varsity head coach, and filling the spot of junior varsity baseball coach will be Mike Booher.

In other business at the meeting, the board:

- Approved the annual school board election resolution. Frank Dunham and David Favre's seats will become vacant as of June 30. They are four-year terms. Deadline for filing petitions is during the first week in April.

- Accepted two bids on old vehicles last Monday night at the meeting. Board members accepted a bid of \$661 from Kalamazoo Metal Recyclers for a 1986 bus, and \$600 for a 1978 4x4 pickup truck from Richard Gorman.

- Was introduced to 12 foreign exchange students by counselor Ward Rooks. Rooks, who said the school was hosting a larger number than in the past, introduced each of the students and told a bit about them to the board.

Heard from Teresa Aiken who said she thought that children walking to school and crossing the drive at Fuller Elementary were in a potentially dangerous situation. Volz said that the transportation department and principal would fix the problem.

Approved a senior trip to Washington D.C. for March 20-25.

Approved Mary Miller to be hired in as a bus driver, approved maternity leave for Sarah Marion from April 8 to the end of the school year, and approved medical leave of one to two weeks for Kelly Vorce.

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Student Transition Conference slated

Parents of Eaton County students in high school special education programs are invited to attend Eaton ISD's annual Student Transition Conference.

High school students from Charlotte, Eaton Rapids, Grand Ledge, Pottersville, Maple Valley and a small

group from Clinton County, will be attending the conference with their teachers on March 6 and 7 at Olivet College's Mott Center.

The parents program, planned for Wednesday morning, March 6, will provide parents with information about the vocational, educational and recreational opportunities awaiting students after high school. The morning begins at 8:30 with continental breakfast and time to visit the exhibits.

A keynote speech by Duncan Wyeth, of the Michigan Department of Career Development, follows at 9 a.m. Later break-

out sessions will give practical information on post-high school opportunities and challenges and how they can best support students in planning for the transition to adulthood. Lunch will be provided, along with time to network with other parents.

To register for the free conference, call the Parent Advisory Committee Hotline, (517) 484-2929 or (517) 543-5500, ext. 3000, and leave your name, phone number and school district. For more information, call Maria Peak at Eaton Intermediate School District, (517) 535-5500 or (517) 484-2929, ext. 1132.

FFA Alumni to meet Feb. 25

The Maple Valley FFA Alumni will have a meeting Monday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. in the agriscience room at Maple Valley High School.

On the agenda for the meeting will be FFA State Convention, FFA leadership teams, and adoption of a constitution and bylaws.

The Maple Valley FFA Alumni is open to any per-

son who is interested in helping the Maple Valley FFA chapter members in their activities. Members do not have to be former FFA members. Parents and other community members are welcome to join the alumni.

For more information, call Maple Valley FFA Advisor Aaron Saari at 852-9971.

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VERMONTVILLE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF REVIEW

The Vermontville Township Board of Review will meet at the Opera House, S. main St., on Tuesday March 5, 2002 at 700 p.m. to organize the board and review the tax roll for 2002.

Public hearings will be held:

Mon., March 11 • 9 am to Noon, 1 pm to 4 pm
Tues., March 12 • 1 pm to 4 pm, 6 pm to 9 pm

Any property owners wishing to examine their assessment and to show cause why the 2002 valuation should be changed are urged to attend at these scheduled times.

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By board resolution residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 5, 2002.

PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NOTICE

The Township will provide necessary reasonable service to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon (3) days notice; Contact Supervisor Russell Laverty (517) 726-1115, 6967 N. Ionia Rd., Vermontville, MI 49096.

William Crittenden, Assessor
Russell Laverty, Supervisor

Four Lions wrestle into regionals



Ben Boss (top). (File photo by Perry Hardin)

Ben Boss placed first at 130 pounds and three other Lions placed in the top four in the individual district tournament at Olivet on Saturday, all of them earning spots in the individual regional tourney this Saturday at New Lothrop.

Brandon Brooke (125) and Jason Silsbee (160) placed third, and Andrew

Kenyon wrestled to a fourth-place finish at 119 pounds.

Valley 2nd in team district

A solid performance by the Maple Valley varsity wrestling team fell short in team district competition last Wednesday as the Lions lost to host Olivet in the finals, 43-36.

Valley made the finals

with a 65-18 win over a shorthanded Bellevue team in the first round.

"We wrestled overall pretty well," Maple Valley assistant coach Tony Wawiernia said. "We fell one match short of taking Olivet but it didn't happen."

Against Bellevue, the Lions got quick pins from Brandon Brooke (125 pounds) and Josh Grasman



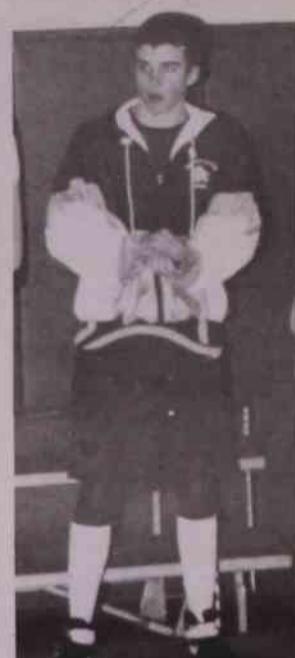
Brandon Brooke. (File photo by Perry Hardin)

(215) and a technical fall from Ben Boss (16-1 at 130). Eight voids accounted for the rest of their points.

Maple Valley kept close to Olivet with four pins by Brooke, Boss, Jason Silsbee (160) and Grasman. Olivet also voided matches at 103 and 125, but pulled out five pins of their own to squeak out the win.



Jason Silsbee. (File photo by Matt Cowall)



Andrew Kenyon. (File photo by Perry Hardin)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Feb. 19 Barry County FINAN, Call for an appointment.
- Feb. 19 State 4-H Awards Workshop, 7 p.m., Courts and Law Building, Community Rm.
- Feb. 20 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- Feb. 20 Trail Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office.
- Feb. 21 Fair Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Expo Center.
- Feb. 21 Horse Judging Clinic, 6:30 p.m., John and Donna Berend's Farm, Middleville.
- 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.
- Feb. 27 4-H New Leader Orientation, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- Feb. 28 Non-Livestock Developmental Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office. Superintendents, resource people, leaders and teens welcome.
- Mar. 4 Barry County Homemakers Advisory Council Meeting, (Low Blood Sugar/Cholesterol).
- Mar. 4-8 ANR Week, MSU Campus.
- Mar. 5 Master Gardener Class begins, 6-10 p.m., Extension Office.
- Mar. 7 Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
- Mar. 11 Horse Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., HHS Cafeteria.
- Mar. 12 Master Gardener Class, 6-10 p.m., Extension Office.

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The class schedule is:
 • Monday, Wednesday and Friday, March 25, 27 and 29.
 • Monday, Wednesday and Friday, April 15, 17 and 19.
 • Monday, Wednesday and Friday, May 6, 8 and 10.
 • Monday, Wednesday and Friday, May 20, 22 and 24.
 Classes will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. for a total of six hours of instruction in the

Sheriff Department Training Room, 1025 Independence Blvd., Charlotte.

Classes are free of charge and enrollment is limited to a minimum of 10 students and a maximum of 30 students per class.

To be eligible, students must be at least 12 years of age anytime during the boating season. Please call Jerri Nesbitt at 543-3512, extension 390, and 372-8217, extension 390, to register.

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Lion spikers lose to Olivet, go 1-7 in tourney

The Maple Valley varsity volleyball team lost a two-set dual match last Thursday night to conference rival Olivet, 15-9, 15-12.

Jessica Mansfield led in service points with six, Chayla Robles had five and Miranda Farr three. Farr also came up with eight digs and two kills; Jessie Grant had two blocks, two kills and two digs; Robles two digs and one service ace; Ashley Gordeneer three kills, two

service points, an ace and two digs; Krystal Root four assists and three digs, and Mansfield also had an ace and two digs.

Maple Valley won only one of eight games in pool play Saturday at the Dansville Invitational, a 21-point rally tournament. The Lions lost to Lansing Christian 21-9, 21-2; to Dansville 21-18, 21-10; to Vandercook Lake 21-12, 21-15 and split with

Saranac 19-21, 23-21.

Ashley Gordeneer had eight kills and camille Wieland added six and Jessie Grant and Miranda Farr five each.

Farr, Holly Clouse and Krystal Root had four service aces apiece. Farr led in digs with eight, Chayla Robles had four and Michelle Silsbee three and Robles, Grant and Wieland each had four blocks.

GFWC Michigan President visits Vermontville women

Janet Kohn, Michigan General Federation Women's Club President, was guest

speaker at the February meeting of the GFWC-Vermontville. Kohn, who lives in Edmore, spoke about the different projects the federation sponsors.

A lot of discussion was about the Hugh O'Brien Youth (HOBY) Leadership Award at Maple Valley High School. The Vermontville club has in the past sponsored two students to attend the leadership conference at Michigan State University. Club President Mary Fisher reported the local high school is not participating this year with the program. Club members ex-

pressed disappointment because it was of no cost to the school and the students gained so much from it. Kuhn said it is not too late to award students to be part of the program.

Fisher said she will contact the school.

Valentines were brought in by members to send to patients at Battle Creek Veterans Hospital.

For Legislation Day, Wednesday, Feb. 13, in Lansing, members Mary Fishe, Sandy Haas and Sylvia Williams represented the club.

Members are planning the March 4 meeting at the Vermontville United Methodist Church for the birthday banquet. Church members will

be serving the dinner.

Refreshments were served by Margaret Graham, and Elsie Wolever ended the meeting with the Valentine heme.

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Wednesday, Feb. 20

Seafood pasta salad, carrot raisin salad, cole slaw.

Thursday, Feb. 21

Cottage cheese, pea and peanut salad, plums, dinner roll.

Friday, Feb. 22

Egg salad, cucumber salad, pears, whole wheat crackers.

Monday, Feb. 25

Chicken pineapple salad, potato salad, mixed fruit, dinner roll.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Cheese spread, marinated vegetables, applesauce, rye krisps.

Hearty Menu

Wednesday, Feb. 20

Beef stew, winter squash, biscuit, fruit crisp.

Thursday, Feb. 21

Baked chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, stuffing, brownie.

Friday, Feb. 22

Cheese ravioli, corn, broc-

coli, fresh orange.

Monday, Feb. 25

Bean w/ham soup, asparagus, cinnamon applesauce, crackers.

Tuesday, Feb. 26

Sliced turkey, mashed potatoes, carrots, stuffing, pudding.

Events

Wednesday, Feb. 20 - Hastings, crafts; Nashville, blood pressure day; Woodland, Kathy on MMAP; Delton, trivia.

Thursday, Feb. 21- Hastings, music; Nashville, bingo; Delton, popcorn day.

Friday, Feb. 22- Hastings, bingo; Nashville, popcorn party; Woodland, birthday party.

Monday, Feb. 25 - Hastings, music; Nashville, bring a friend; Woodland, bring a friend.

Tuesday, Feb. 26 - Hastings, Our Favorite Kids, exercise; Nashville, Grandma Kids.

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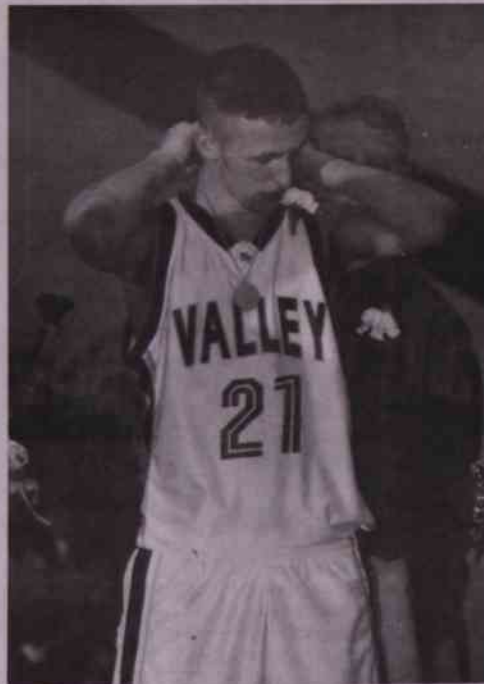
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Winter homecoming, continued from page 1



Alesia VanEngen is crowned homecoming queen. (photo by Perry Hardin)



Devin Phenix is crowned homecoming king during half time last Friday. (photo by Perry Hardin)



Teacher Duska Brumm as Hercules and student Jonathan Denton as a Ninja Turtle.



Sophomores Sarah Todd (from left), Summer Hill, Megan Garvey, and Stephanie Joostberns dressed as their class superhero Thursday- Spiderman.



Brandon Holton retrieves his arrow after shooting pretty close to the target during lunch time games.



Bryan Dunlap aims to shoot Thursday towards the Valentine's target.

Ground Chuck \$1.69 lb (10 lbs. or more \$1.59 lb)	Sirloin Tip Roast \$2.29 lb	Country Style Spare Ribs \$1.39 lb
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