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## Vermontville master plan presented to Village Council

by Shawna Hubbarth  
Staff Writer

Vermontville Planning Committee member Monte O'Dell presented the village council with its master plan at last Thursday's Village Council meeting.

The committee had been working on the master plan for more a year with Lucas Hill of Williams and Works.

Council president Sue Villianueva thanked O'Dell and the committee for all their work on the plan.

The next step will be developing village ordinances.

In other business at the meeting, the council:

\*Took care of some safety concerns for the upcoming OSHA inspection. They included installing auto stop return on the garage doors, and inspecting the Department of Public Works facilities each quarter of the year.

\*Heard from village resident Russ Bennet through a letter. He said he was concerned about the house at 292 South Main. He previously owned the house and was ordered by the county to do some repairs. He could

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not do the repairs by the deadline because he was working in another part of the state at the time so he sold the house. He is now concerned that the house which is in disrepair will detract from the other two houses he owns on Third Street. The matter was turned over to the village attorney.

\*Decided to draw up a bid proposal for auditing services needed by the village.

\*Heard from a member of the audience about getting sewer and water hookup. Council informed him that the expense was paid by the owner, and that the water and sewer committee work with the owner to discuss the matter.

\*Approved a building re-

ferral for Jeff Seavolt, who is tearing off a back portion of his house and replacing it and adding a bedroom.

\*Heard from council member Tom Williams that there needs to be a shut off at 204 and 206 W. Main. It was approved that the Department of Public Works draw up a proposal to get bids and bring it back to council.

\*Approved a request for a girl in the village limits to have a rabbit as a pet, if the cage is kept clean.

\*Requested the clerk call Archer's Tree Service about starting tree removal in the village and also get updated bids from Slagel and S & K Construction for sidewalk work.

## Dunn receives state FFA Outstanding Junior Award

Maple Valley FFA sent nine students and its advisor to Michigan State University last week for the 74th state FFA convention and came

home with some recognition.

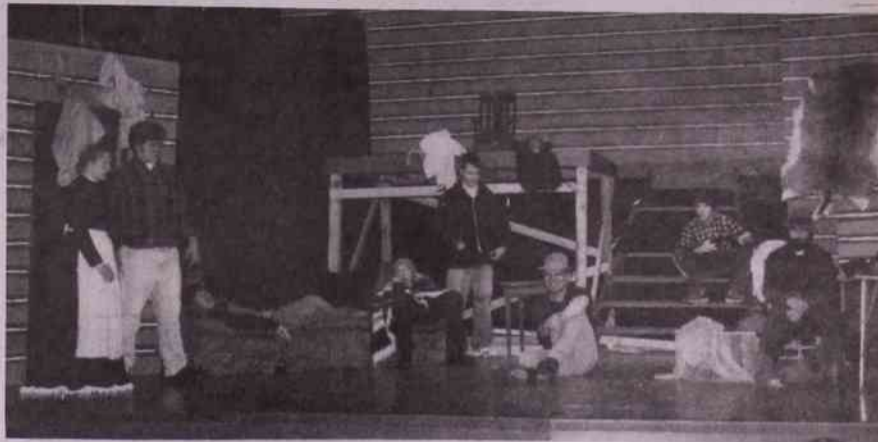
Jennifer Dunn received the Michigan Outstanding Junior Award for the state.

Ashley Fox received her state degree. Amanda Rumsey was also a member of

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Sheila Dunn, Jennifer Dunn and Danny Dunn at the Outstanding Junior Award Ceremony at last week's state Convention.



The musical, which is filled with song and dance, is on stage this weekend at the high school.

## 'Seven Brides for Seven Brothers' onstage this weekend

by Shawna Hubbarth  
Staff Writer

Maple Valley High School thespians are gearing up in rehearsals for performances of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" this weekend.

Ryan Rosin is directing the musical production.

"Its set in the 1840's in Oregon, in a period when dating was much more conservative," Rosin said. "Its got some comedy and its a love story at the same time-it's a fun show."

This is Rosin's first time directing. In the past he has done the musical directing. He is learning a lot, he said.

"The students have had to step up and assume some of the traditional director responsibilities, and they have done an outstanding job."

The musical contains many dance and song numbers, said producer Norma Jean Acker.

The show is described as a "boisterous and fun" romance from the 1850s. Millie is a young bride in the Oregon wilderness who plans to marry off her six rowdy brothers-in-law to ensure the success of her own marriage. Her plan backfires when the brothers in their enthusiasm, kidnap six women from a neighboring town to be their brides.

"This is the first time the show has been produced at Maple Valley," said Acker. "It's an action packed show and I think the audience will be particularly impressed with the dance and song numbers."

The cast, and the young people who will work behind the scenes, include Ben Smith, Paul Felder, Ray Hole, Nate Smith, Jordan Volz, Andrew Krolik, Andrew Burns, Becky Guern-

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The central theme in "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" is love in the Oregon wilderness.

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sey, Rachelle Drallette, Christina Jackson, Lizzie Sundra, Mariel Wieland, Kathryn Carney, Aleisha Van Engen, John Terberg, Justin Sealy, Devin Phenix, Matt Jarman, Andrew Cook, Chris Andrews, Jonathan Yenger, Nathan Carney, Hannah Cole, Nate Jarvie, Bizz Favre, Jake Goodner, Chris Patrick, Mark Shoemaker, Beth Mulvaney, Shanna Shoemaker, Karla Rasey, Bethany Swift, Bethany Adams, Erin Hummel, Bethany Wenger, Tara Yenger, Dan Mace, Christain

Vanderhoef, Derek Musser, Bill Reynolds, Betsy Parish, Jason Graham, Matt Dunham, Megan Pierce, Emily Doyle, Travis Doyle, Micah Tobias, Bethany Swift, Bethany Adams, Ashley Gardner and Jeff Byrne.

Show dates are set for Thursday through Saturday evenings, March 14, 15 and 16, at 7 p.m., and Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. The March 16 show is subject to cancellation if Maple Valley wins the basketball districts.

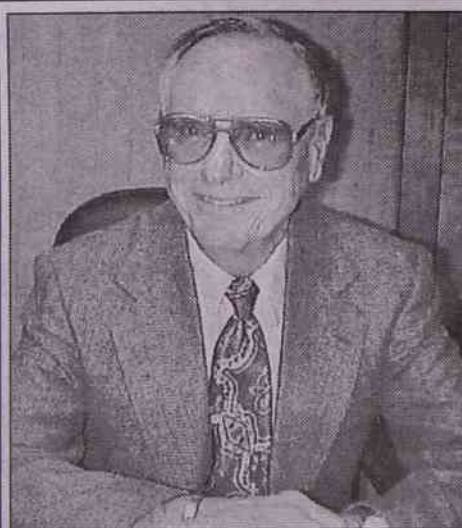
Ticket prices for all shows are \$4.



"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" has a cast of nearly 40 students.

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The musical, set in the 1840's focuses on seven lumberjack brothers who are looking for wives.

### Maple Valley grad makes Olivet list

Lorna M. Symonds, a Maple Valley High School 2000 graduate, has made the dean's list for the fall semester at Olivet College.

Symonds, a freshman, is majoring in child psychology. She received a 3.921 grade point this semester. She is the daughter of Jeff Symonds.

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REV. ALAN METTLER

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Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.  
Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Family  
Night Service ..... 6:45 p.m.  
PASTOR MARC S. LIVINGSTON  
Phone: 543-5488

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Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.  
Wed. Evening Service ..... 7 p.m.  
AWANA ..... 7-8:30 p.m. Wed.  
PASTOR DANIEL E. SMITH  
ASST. PASTOR LES ANDERSON

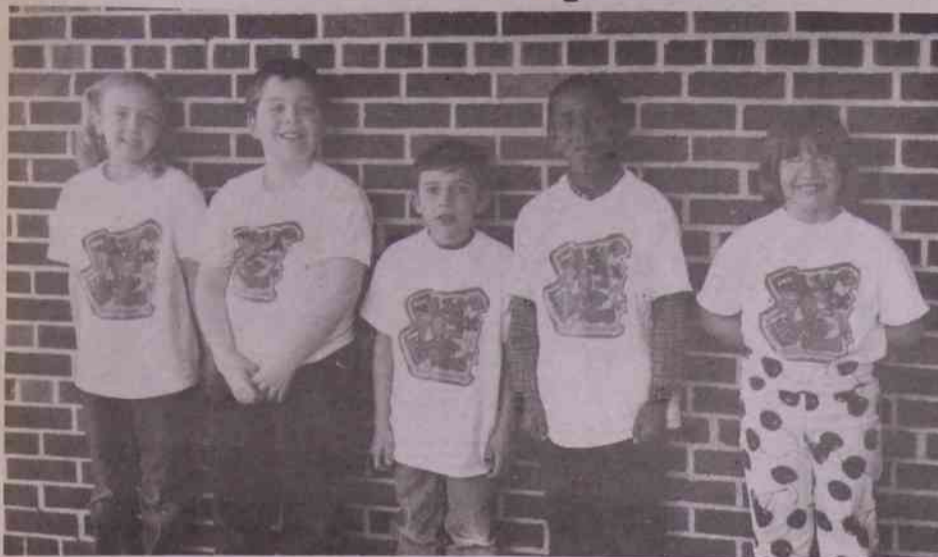
### VERMONTVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

108 N. Main, Vermontville  
Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.  
Church Service ..... 11 a.m.  
PASTOR JEFF BOWMAN

### MOST HOLY ROSARY CHURCH

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314 Main, Middleville  
Sunday Mass ..... 9 a.m.  
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# Math marathon benefits St. Jude's Hospital



Top money raisers for St. Jude's included Tiffani Alwardt, Alexander Hill, Cody Sivyer, Micha Watherwax, and Danielle Rosenberger.

by Shawna Hubbarth  
Staff Writer

Fuller Elementary students raised over \$4,000 to help support the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital.

Organizer Sue Doozan

said students participated in a math marathon to raise money.

"We do this every year. It's fun for the kids and it also really helps out a good cause," said Doozan.

This is the 10th year the students have been doing the fundraiser, she said. Ten year totals come to \$23,687.24 raised for the hospital.

Top money raisers this year were Tiffani Alwardt, who is a third grader. She

raised \$378.75. Her fellow third grade student Alexander Hill raised \$333.84.

Top money raisers in the second grade included Cody Sivyer with \$300, Micha Watherwax for \$200, and Danielle Rosenberger with \$200.

"They really did a great job this year," said Doozan. "The cause is good. It's a children's cancer treatment and research hospital in Memphis. It's a hospital that doesn't turn anyone away."



Nearly 50 students raised the over \$4,000 that was donated to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital this year.

# Two local students graduate at CMU

Two local students were among the some 2,750 students who graduated last December at Central Michigan University.

The students, their hometowns and their types of degrees were:

- Stephanie K. Rohdy of Nashville, bachelor of ap-

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- Jacquelyn K. Weller of Sunfield, bachelor of science.



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Charles and Chloe Martin of Vermontville will celebrate their 55th anniversary on March 19, 2002.

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# Local senior citizens get cookie surprise from 4-Hers

by Shawna Hubbarth  
Staff Writer

Residents of Nashville Park Apartments were pleasantly surprised recently when they were given cookies by a local 4-H group.

The Maple Valley Lightning Bolts, a recently formed 4-H group in Nashville, planned the gift as one of their service projects, said leader Bonnie White.

"The kids wanted to do something nice for people in the community, and they came up with this idea," she said.

Each child in the group made a batch of cookies and decorated a box to hold them.

They turned up at the apartments and in a community meeting room, residents had a chance to make mix and match cookie boxes.

White said the residents were all happy with the thoughtful gesture.

"Each child did the cooking and the decorations themselves, and I think they (residents) were pretty surprised. It was just a nice thing to do."

White said the 4-H group just formed in the past year, but already is growing strong. Each year, she said, the group will perform community service projects.



All in all, twenty boxes of cookies were packed and decorated.



The table was set with all different types of cookies for the residents to choose from.



Residents at the apartment complex socialize with the 4-Hers after receiving their cookies.

## Scholastic Book Fairs planned later this month

Scholastic Book Fairs will come to Maplewood and Fuller Street elementary schools later this month.

The fairs will include books and educational learning products from more than 150 publishers to readers of all ages. Preschoolers, home schoolers, students and their families, and anyone else interested are welcome.

At Maplewood School the fair will run during school hours Monday, March 25, through Thursday, March 28, and a family event is planned for 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 28.

At Fuller Street Elementary

School, the fair will run Friday, March 22 through Thursday, March 28, during school hours, and will include a family event on Wednesday, March 27, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday, March 28, from 1 to 7 p.m.

The Book Fair will feature traditional children's favorites and new works by popular authors and illustrators. Visitors can purchase and donate requested books for any classroom and library.

The Book Fair helps Maplewood and Fuller promote learning while raising money for "March is Read-

ing Month" activities. The Maple Valley PTO also will use the funds raised to ensure that each student and classroom receives at least one book from the Book Fair. Any checks and donations can be made out to the MVPTO and sent to either school. Scholastic also accepts credit card purchases. (Look for details at the Book Fair.)

Volunteers are needed to help at the Book Fair as well. Anyone who can help is asked to call event coordinators at 726-1353, 852-9830, 726-0970 or 726-0748.

## Eaton County dog licenses now cost \$25

People living in Eaton County who own dogs are advised to obtain a 2002 dog license by the Eaton County Animal Control Department.

The deadline for obtaining a 2002 dog license without a late penalty charge has passed and the cost of a dog license is now \$25.

Animal control officers are now canvassing the county in order to determine who has not complied with the licensing requirement of their dog(s). If a person cannot show proof of current license, they will be issued a failure to show dog license

citation. Once the requirements of the citation have been complied with, the citation will be dismissed. However, if the person fails to comply, the citation will be forwarded to the District Court where a fine of at least \$45 could be assessed.

Persons will be given a reasonable opportunity in which to comply before the citation is forwarded to District Court.

Dog licenses may be

obtained at the Eaton County Animal Control Department located at 1085 Independence Blvd. in Charlotte. A valid rabies vaccination certificate must be presented at the time of purchase.

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**Schedule of Events**

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Welcome: Mayor David C. Hollister	9:00am-9:15am
Keynote: "Building Children's Brains" Dr. Joan Lessen-Firestone	9:15am-10:30am
Workshops: Session A	10:40am-11:55am
Lunch & Displays Open	12:05pm-12:50pm
Workshops: Session B	1:00pm-2:15pm
Closing: "Parent Power" Dr. E. Sharon Banks	2:25pm-3:00pm

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# Area Obituaries

## Susan Kay (Latta) Gutchess

CLACKAMAS, OREGON - Susan Kay Gutchess, 53, of Clackamas, Oregon and formerly of Nashville, went to be with her Lord on Monday, March 4, 2002 after long battle with cancer.

Susie was born Dec. 14, 1948, the daughter of Mildred (Petie) (Hinckley) Latta and Ernest Latta.

She attended Nashville schools and graduated from Maple Valley School in 1967. She attended Michigan State University for one year.

She married her high school sweetheart, Gordon Gutchess, on Sept. 14, 1968. Gordons work took them to Atlanta, Ga., Dallas, Tx., California and then to Clackamas, Ore.

Susie was a homemaker and devoted wife, mother and grandmother.

She is survived by hus-



band, Gordon; daughters, Jennifer of Milwaukie, Ore., Ashley of Tualatin, Ore. and Lauren at home; grandsons, Andrew and Keith; her mother, Petie Latta of Nashville; father, Ernest Latta of Kalkaska; sisters, Sherry (Wayne) Gould of Nashville, Mary Rose of

Rough and Ready, Calif.; brother, John Latta of Grass Valley, Calif.; half sisters, Thelma and Linda; half brothers, Ernie and Chester; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gary and Margaret Gutchess of Grand Ledge; many cousins, nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a baby brother, James Edward; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Ray and Grace Gutchess of Vermontville.

Memorial services were held Sunday, March 9, 2002 at Spring Mountain Bible Church in Oregon.

Memorial services will be held on Sunday, March 24, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. at Nashville Baptist Church.

Memorial contributions can be made to any local Hospice or cancer organiza-

## Marion E. Middaugh

NASHVILLE - Mr. Marion E. Middaugh, 69, of Nashville, died Monday, March 4, 2002, at Bronson Methodist Hospital in Kalamazoo.

Mr. Middaugh was born March 17, 1932 in Buckley, Mich., a son of Vernon and Ursula (Clark) Middaugh. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict and a retired employee of Oldsmobile.

Surviving are his wife,

Joyce; one daughter, Julia (Kenneth) McArthur of Lake Odessa; two sons, Michael (Julie) Middaugh of St. Johns and James (Rena) Middaugh of Charlotte; nine grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Floris (Everett) Miller and Alice Faye Dukes, both of Lansing; one brother, William (Marc) Middaugh of Fowlerville; several nieces and nephews.

Services were held

Friday, March 8, 2002 at Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken, with William Horton, minister, officiating. Interment was in Delta Center Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Lester Altoft, Richard Cole, Cory Hale, Kenneth McArthur, Mark Middaugh, Don Wiggins and Randall Wooley.

Arrangements were made by Barker-Leik Funeral Home, Mulliken.

## Mildred Clements

LAKE ODESSA - 2002. Mildred Clements, age 91, of Lake Odessa, formerly of Charlotte, died March 8,

Mrs. Clements was born May 29, 1910 in Olivet, Michigan, the daughter of

Charles and Ida Mae (Griffin) Royston.

She and her husband were lifelong residents and farmers in the community.

She was a member of the Crossroads United Brethren Church and a volunteer at Eaton Manor from 1991 to 1996.

She is survived by daughters, Wilma (Doug) Crossan of Lakeland, Fla., Karen (Rick) Rickerd of Lake Odessa; sons, Harold (Donna) Clements of Charlotte, Darrell (Marlyn) Clements of Charlotte; 19 grandchildren; 46 great grandchildren; six great great grandchildren; and sister, Marie Albright of Lyons, Mich.

She was preceded in death by husband, Paul, in 1991; three brothers; two sisters; one great grandson and one great granddaughter.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte, with Reverends Mark Beers and Harold Cherry officiating. Interment will be at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Crossroads United Brethren Church or Ionia Hospice.

Further information available at www.prayfuneral.com.

Arrangements were made by Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte.

## SERVING OUR COUNTRY

Jeremy R. Nash

Jeremy R. Nash has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

The enlistment gives the new soldier the option to learn a new skill, travel and become eligible to receive as much as \$50,000 toward a college education. After completion of basic military training, soldiers receive advanced individual training in their career job specialty.

Nash, a student at Ionia High School, Mich., will report to Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., for basic training.

He is the son of Harold Nash of 7874 Whitehall Road, Whitehall, Mich., and Kristi Nash of 7011 Assyria Road, Nashville, Mich.

## CALENDER OF EVENTS

### Barry County Extension Calendar of Events

- Mar. 12 Master Gardener Class, 6-10 p.m., Extension Office.
- Mar. 13 Horse Judging Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HHS Ag Room.
- Mar. 15 Trophy Sponsors names due to Expo Center to go in Fair Book.
- Mar. 17 Horse Judging Clinic - Mock Competition, 2 p.m., Sam Schroder's.
- Mar. 18-22 Fair Book Proofreading, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Expo Center.
- Mar. 18 Dairy Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- Mar. 18 Proud Equestrians Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Camp Manitou-Lin.
- Mar. 20 Fair Book Proofreading, 5-9 p.m., Expo Center.
- Mar. 20 4-H Advisory Council, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- Mar. 21 Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
- Mar. 25 Rabbit Development Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., HHS Ag Room.
- Mar. 27 Horse Judging Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m., HHS Ag Room.

Never tell people how to do things. Tell them what to do and they will surprise you with their ingenuity.

—George S. Patton



"Stewardesses" is the longest word that is typed with only the left hand.

**Happy 4<sup>th</sup> Birthday BRIELLE!**

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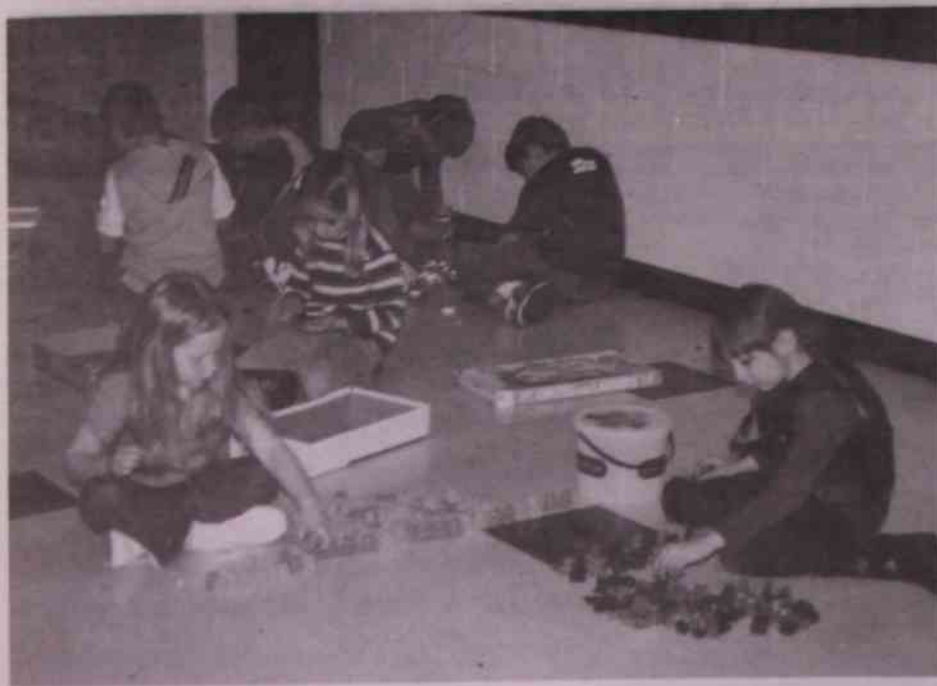
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## Local man forming local deer management chapter

by Shawna Hubbarth  
Staff Writer

Hunter Tony Smith of Vermontville is forming an Eaton County chapter of the Quality Deer Management Association, in hopes of promoting hunter education and stewardship.

Smith said the national group is based on several principals such as education to build quality deer herds, making sure there is an adequate taking of adult does, restraint in taking young bucks, and enhancing the public image of hunters.

"It's about stewardship, not just caring about the recreational value of the resource," he said.

In Smith's estimation, the buck-to-doe ratio in Eaton County is 1 to 8, or 1 to 10. So even though there may be a lot of deer, the population is skewed. A very large percentage of deer that are harvested, he said, are only a year and a half old, so that targeted killing makes certain age deer less likely to survive and balance the herd out.

"So this means that every buck is involved in breeding, not just the strongest and best of the breed, and that's unnatural. Through proper management you can balance this out a bit, and bring it to the optimal level of 1 to 2."

"We advocate the harvesting of does when they are out of check to bring about this balance, in addition to harvesting certain age bucks" he added.

Smith said there is a group of hunters in Vermontville that are already practicing this somewhat, including 1,200 acres along the Thornapple River.

"We are encouraging the harvest of does and going to an eight-point rule to help balance things," he said. "We haven't seen the fruits of that yet. It's an ongoing process."

"The biggest obstacle is the opinion that some hunt-



Tony Smith, of Vermontville, is starting a local chapter of the Quality Deer Management Association to promote stewardship of deer hunters in the area.

ers have is that if I don't shoot the buck standing in front of me, it will just go to my neighbor. So, we advocate neighbors and associations putting together loose rules to achieve what everyone wants.

"If hunters don't care about the resource, no one will," Smith said. "As hunters, we are responsible for giving deer the chance to reach their best optimum capabilities. We basically ask that every time you pull the trigger, it should be a man-

agement decision - more deer does not mean better deer.

Smith said the new chapter will be called the Eaton County Chapter, but anyone interested is invited. At the April 6 meeting, guest speaker Perry Russo, who is president of the thumb area chapter, will give a slide presentation and answer questions. The meeting is at the Eaton County Fairgrounds in Kardel Hall. For further information contact Smith at (517) 726-2825.

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# Franklin Well Drilling is realization of dream



Doug Franklin, owner of Franklin Well Drilling.

by Shawna Hubbarth  
Staff Writer

Realizing a lifelong dream, Doug Franklin has gone into business for himself, with Franklin Well Drilling out of Vermontville.

He has close to 15 years experience with well drilling and going into business for himself was always something he wanted to do, said his wife Jody.

Doug said the business drills for new houses or

businesses, replacement wells and handles repairs, which might include screen changing and pump repair.

"We offer complete hookup services" he said. "It's harder to find people doing the service aspect of it. There is more money in the new well drilling, so the repair end of it tends to get put on the back burner. But if we can fix your well we will do it."

Doug said he has done some side work in the past

four to five months, but is now opening the business on his own.

"It's always something I wanted to do," he said about working for himself. "It's just an advancement and I really enjoy the work and helping people."

Doug said the business takes emergency calls, which happen, he said, in farm situations.

For more information, call (517) 726-0387.

# Free dinner, class to benefit children of busy parents

In celebration of March is Parenting Awareness Month, the PTO and area social workers are sponsor-

ing a spaghetti dinner and parenting class on "Ways busy parents can help children succeed in school."

The dinner and class will be held Thursday, March 14, in the Maplewood cafeteria, with dinner starting at 5:30, and the class at 6 p.m., ending at 7 p.m.

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# Maple Valley cagers stopped by Olivet

After surviving in overtime against district host Springport and surviving a defensive struggle against Leslie, the Maple Valley basketball team was playoff-tested and battle-hardened for a third showdown with Olivet in Friday's district finals.

The one thing the Lions were not, however, was any taller than when the season started, and Olivet pounded the ball inside for a 51-36 win.

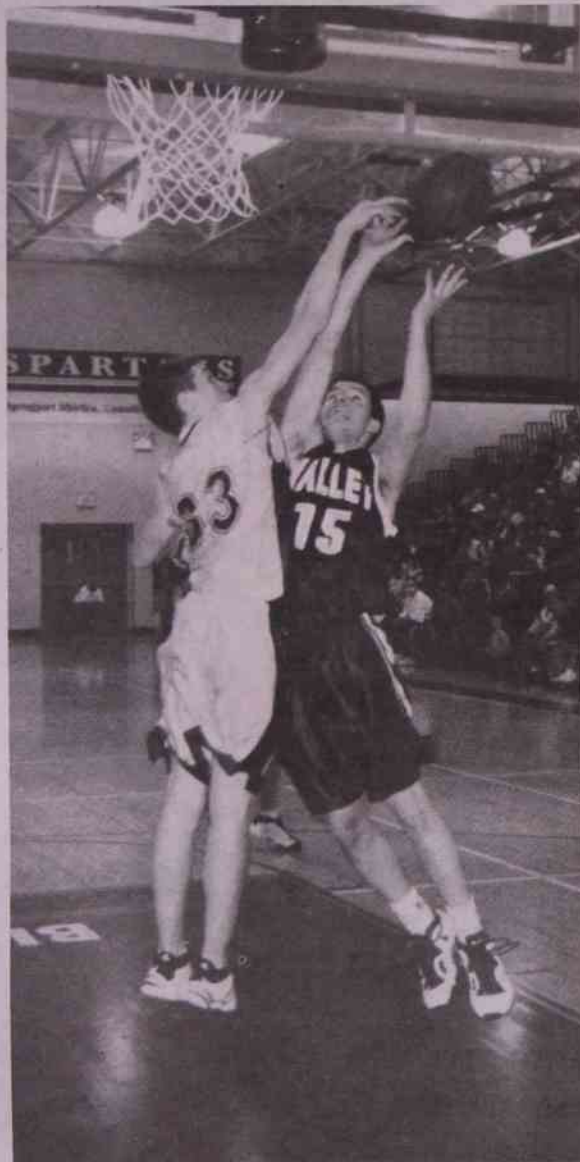
"I thought both teams were prepared," Maple Valley coach Jeff Webb said. "We knew them and they knew us. We just didn't have an answer for their big guy and we didn't execute like you would hope."

After Olivet took a 16-5 lead out of the first quarter, the Lions were never really in or out of the game. They did manage to cut the lead to 6 just before halftime, but the Eagles stretched it back to 10, 24-14, by the break. The gap hovered around 10 points for most of the second half.

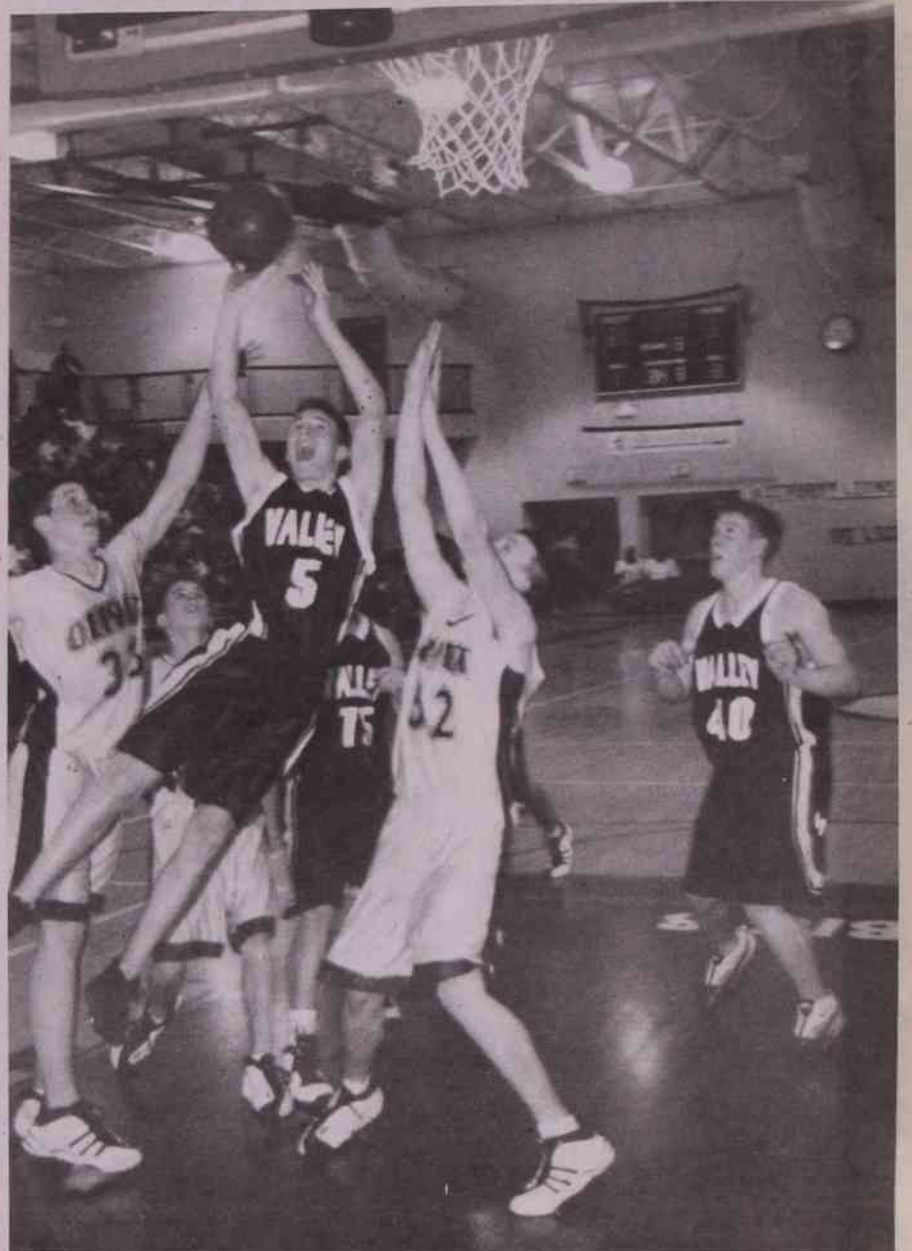
Seniors Darin Thrun and Nick Jones each scored 11 points for the Lions. Jones pulled down six rebounds.

"My heart really goes out to our seniors," Webb said of a group that includes

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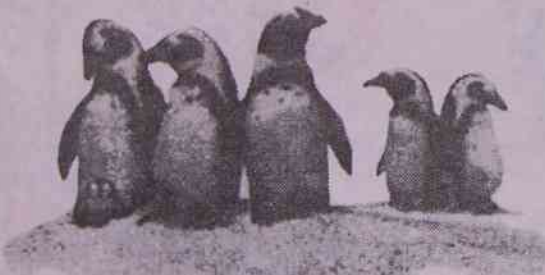
Justin Sealy (15) draws a foul on Friday night. (Photo by Perry Hardin)



Nick Jones (5) puts a shot off the glass against Olivet. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

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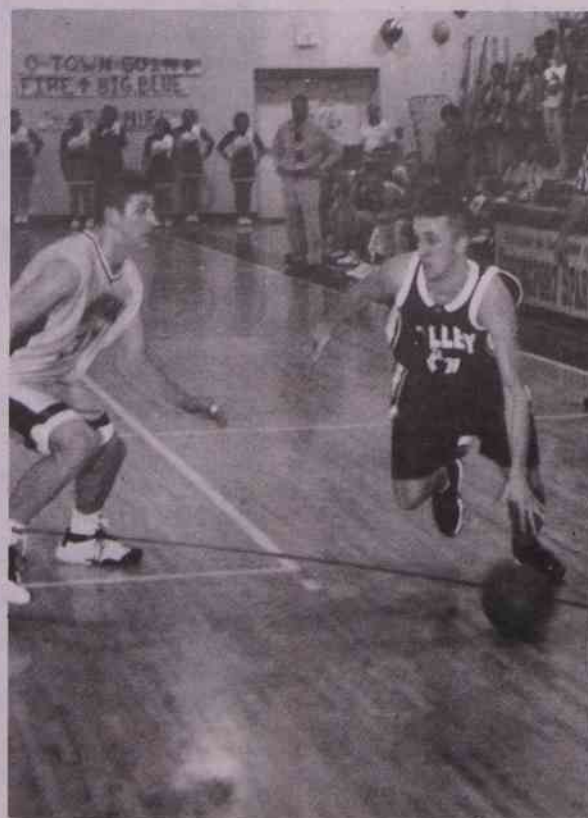
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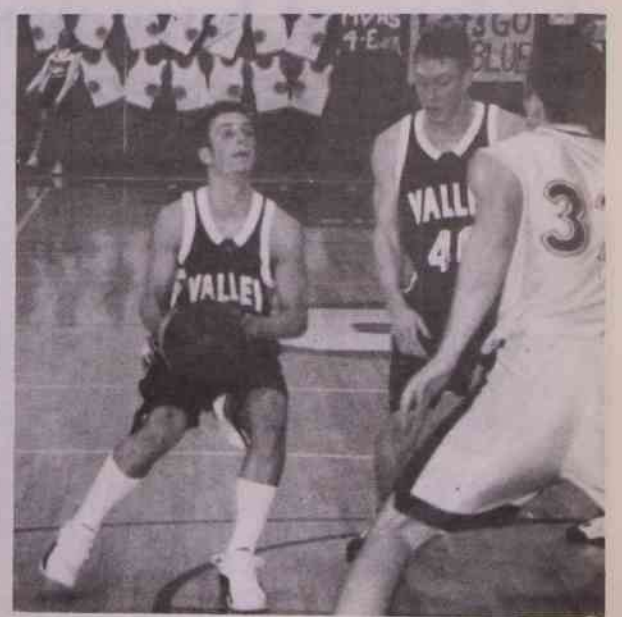
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Darin Thrun comes off a pick from John Terberg (40). (Photo by Perry Hardin)



Devin Phenix (21) tries to shake an Olivet defender. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

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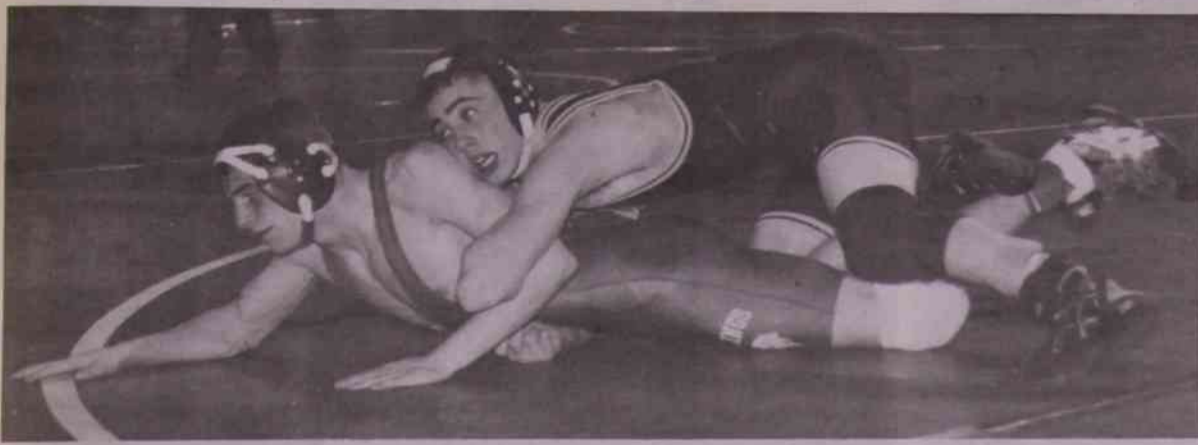
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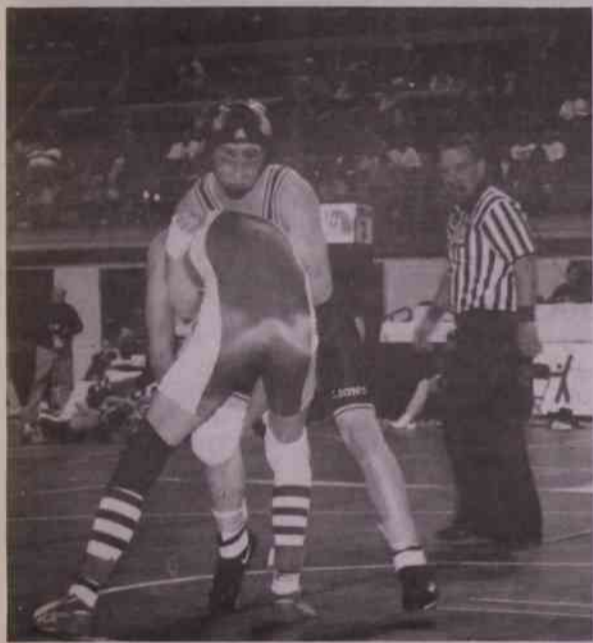


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# Brooke, Boss compete at Palace



Ben Boss.



Brandon Brooke.

Maple Valley wrestlers Brandon Brooke and Ben Boss competed in the State Individual Championships over the weekend at The Palace of Auburn Hills, representing the top 16 wrestlers in each weight class.

Brooke, a 125-pound junior, lost his first match of the tourney to Josh North of Montague (13-7), won with

a quick pin over Kipp Christlieb of Bronson (0:37), and lost to Josh Steinacker of East Jackson (11-3). He finished the year 36-7.

Boss, a freshman wrestling at 130, had a 43-11 record on the season. He lost to Jerry Salenbien of Dundee (pin in 5:22) and to Phil Goodrich of Union City (8-4).

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### Cagers, from pg. 8

Thrun, Jones, Mike Hirneiss, Justin Sealy, Devin Phenix and John Terberg. "They've gone farther than a lot of Valley teams. They're a special group of good student-athletes that show a lot of character."

"They'll be very, very hard to replace in the future."

The Lions ended the season 16-7.

#### JV Report

The JV squad closed out the season with two wins to finish 9-11 overall and 7-7 in the SMAA.

The JV beat Springport 71-63.

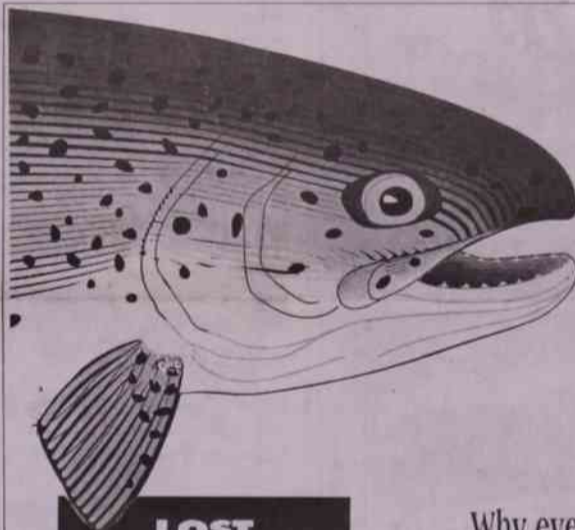
Josh Cook scored 19 and pulled down nine rebounds.

Dustin Mead had 14 points and three assists, Dustin Powers had 13 points and seven rebounds, and Josh Beardslee had 10 rebounds and two blocks.

In the season finale, the JV beat Webberville 53-45.

Josh Cook had 11 points and eight rebounds, and Dale Platte and Dustin Powers each score 8. Josh Beardslee had 6 points and eight rebounds.

In award voting by players and coaches, Josh Cook and Dustin Mead tied for Most Valuable Player honors, and Josh Beardslee was selected as the Most Improved Player.



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## FFA awards, continued from page 1



Ashley Fox and her family at the State FFA Convention celebrating her receiving the State FFA Degree.

this year's State FFA Band.

There were approximately 2,000 attendees at the convention, including Maple Valley participants Jeremy Dunn, Ben Owens, Ashley Fox, Amanda Ketchum, Ni-

cole Cantrell, Tommy Griffin, Jennifer Dunn, Amanda Rumsey, Micah Tobias, chaperone Darlene Rumsey and advisor Aaron Saari.

While at the convention, members attended sessions

with several motivational speakers, attended the annual FFA State Dance and Pizza Party, watched state competitions, and attended state FFA career show.



From left at the top are Tommy Griffin, Micah Tobias, Jeremy Dunn, Ben Owens; (front row) Amanda Ketchum, Amanda Rumsey and Nicole Cantrell.

## Struggle with officers results in charges

A man found hiding under a vehicle at the home of a woman who had previously obtained a personal protection order against him was not only arrested for the violation but also faces charges of assaulting police during his incarceration.

Jason Thomas Dexter, 22, of Nashville, was arraigned Tuesday on two counts of assaulting a prison employee and two counts of resisting and obstructing police and was later released on bond.

Officers had been called to the woman's home after the occupant heard someone knocking on the windows.

After finding Dexter under the car in the 1000 block of Wintergreen Drive, Dexter allegedly had to be

pulled out when he refused.

"I could detect a strong odor of intoxicants from Dexter's breath," Officer Dennis Lajcak reported. "Dexter mentioned that he just wants to talk with (the woman). Dexter explained that he has been drinking and is on heroin. Also, Dexter stated that he has tested positive for AIDS."

After being arrested for the PPO violation and placed into the police

cruiser, he allegedly became upset and slammed his head against the divider/cage in the patrol vehicle several times, Lajcak reported.

At the jail, Dexter allegedly mentioned that he was going to kill himself and refused to cooperate with officers when asked to remove his personal items from his pockets.

Police said Dexter again began slamming his head, this time against the wall of the booking holding cell.

While then trying to place Dexter in a restraint chair, he allegedly flailed his arms and struck Lajcak in the ribs and appeared to be preparing to punch the officer.

A pre-exam hearing is scheduled for March 13 in Barry County District Court.

## Man with drug lab arrested

A 41-year-old Brooks Drive man was arrested in Castleton Township by the Southwest Enforcement Team Friday for allegedly operating a drug production laboratory involving a firearm, using a firearm in the commission of a felony and possession of marijuana, habitual offender, third offense.

Robert John Scholma was arraigned on the charges Tuesday when a \$750 cash bond was set. He is also charged with violating probation and was released Wednesday on \$25,000 cash bond.

Information was not available from the Southwest Enforcement Team, an undercover drug enforcement agency, before press time Wednesday.

A pre-exam hearing on the charges is set for Wednesday, March 13, at 8:30 a.m.

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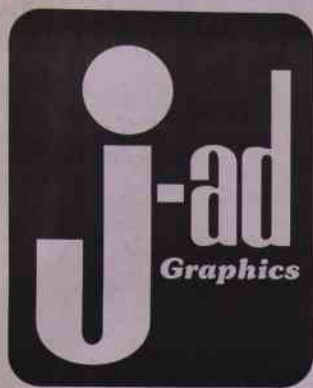
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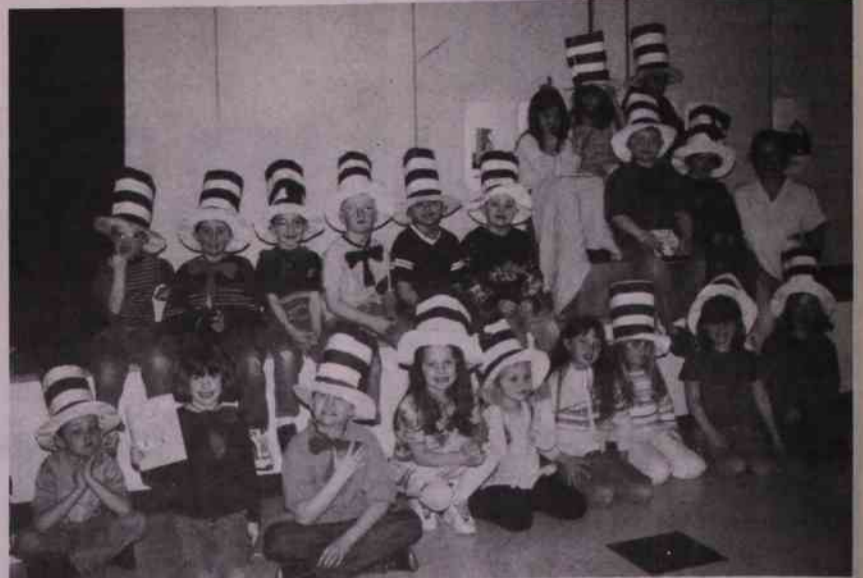
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# Green eggs and ham enjoyed by students

by Shawna Hubbarth  
Staff Writer  
Tammi King's first grade class had a chance to eat

green eggs and ham as part of their Dr. Seuss birthday celebration last Thursday. King said the class has

been reading a lot of Dr. Seuss books lately, celebrating March is Reading Month.



Students in Tammi King's first grade class celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday last week at Fuller Elementary.



Students enjoy reading Dr. Seuss books.



Part of the celebration was making and wearing Dr. Seuss hats.

"It was his birthday, March 2, but that was on Saturday, so we picked today to celebrate," King said. Her students came to school in their pajamas, brought blankets and pillows to read on, and made green eggs and ham. As part of the celebration, they made Dr. Seuss hats to wear all day.

"They had a great time," said King. "We all read a lot, and watched a Dr. Seuss movie." When asked about their favorite part of the day, the kids replied with a resounding approval of the food. "Green eggs and ham is cool!" said one student.

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