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# Wolff, Wheeler returned to council with write-ins

by **Shawna Hubbarth**  
 Staff Writer  
 Village elections in Nash-

ville and Vermontville had low turnouts last week, despite last minute write-in fil-



Kristina McCallum, a student from the Maple Valley Student Leadership class helped out with elections in Vermontville last week Monday. She said the experience was educating.



Mary Coll.



Chelsea Wetzel.



Steve Wheeler.



Carroll Wolff.

ings in Nashville, making the trustee race a contest. Both former Village President Carroll Wolff and

Councilman Steve Wheeler decided to run at the last minute as write-in candidates, and both won seats,

with newcomers Chelsea Wetzel securing a one-year trustee's seat, and Mary Coll winning a two-year seat.

village president pro tem, stepped up to fill the vacancy.

## Hastings City Bank donates old facility for new Nashville village hall

by **Shawna Hubbarth**  
 Staff Writer

Describing it as equal to winning the Publisher's Clearing House drawing, Nashville Village Trustee Steve Wheeler last Thursday night presented a deal from Hastings City Bank, which donates the old bank on Main Street to the village.

Hastings City Bank built a new facility here this past summer, leaving empty the old bank, just across the street from village hall.

"With this gift the village will be able to use the build-

ing in a manner that benefits the majority of the community as well as have a historic place to house their offices," said Mark Kolanowski, president and chief executive officer of Hastings City Bank.

"We want to be a part of the growth of the city" Kolanowski said. "We have done this in Middleville also, so the precedent has already been set."

He said he was looking to June to get papers signed and drafting the deed.

Hastings City Bank will

celebrate its 15th year in Nashville this year. They acquired the Nashville branch from Comerica Bank in 1987.

"We want the citizens to understand that we are a partner in the communities success and growth, and our on going commitment to the community of Nashville will not cease," said Kolanowski.

After the meeting, President Frank Dunham said the donation could not have come at a better time.

"We had been looking into acquiring the property

and thought maybe we might be able to get it at a discounted price, but this is just beyond our wildest dreams," said Dunham. "This is a real blessing because we just had our ADA (American Disabilities Act) evaluation and we would have had to do a lot of costly updating here. It's really cost prohibitive to do updating on these older buildings, but I bet a lot of it is already done over there and it's a lot nicer building."

Dunham said he had no idea how much it would cost to move and do any renovations that need to be done, if any. He thanked Wheeler for pursuing the deal.

Wheeler said the village offices, meeting space and possibly the police department could move over as soon as this fall.

They agreed that what remains to be done with the current offices remains to be seen.

Wheeler suggested at the meeting that perhaps they could be sold, and funds from the office, which was donated from the Putnams, could be put into the Putnam Library.

The deal comes with a few stipulations. There will be a plaque commemorating the donation on the building, and no other financial institution will be allowed to purchase the property, and the use should benefit the majority of the population in the village.

Results of the elections were President Frank Dunham with 57 votes, Chelsea Wetzel with 51, Steve Wheeler with 45, Carroll Wolff with 41, and Mary Coll with 25. Incumbent Karen Betts did not secure a seat with 14 votes, nor did newcomer Josh Guthrie, who had 11 votes.

Both Wolff and Wheeler filed to run on the last day possible — the Friday before the election.

Wheeler said the last-minute decision was made because, "Basically I have some unfinished projects, like the ambulance building addition, the new old Hastings City bank building being donated, and the construction around town... I hate to leave a job in the middle of it."

Wolff said, "One of the things I was on when we started was the water project and Reed Street... and I knew the possibility with the bank. Those were factors that encouraged me to do it again."

Last year, Wolff had resigned as president mid term, and Dunham, then the

Dunham said of the elections, "I am looking forward to serving, and I am hoping to get a lot done. The water project is basically finished

"One of the things I was on when we started was the water project and Reed Street... and I knew the possibility with the bank. Those were factors that encouraged me to (run for Village President) again."

— Carroll Wolff

on our side of it, and I want to move on to other things, like what work can be done on the parks and buildings. I think the (newly elected) council knows what's going on and where we are, and so we won't have to spend a lot of time bringing everyone up to speed."

In Vermontville, there were no contests. Sue Villanueva was voted in again as president with 20 votes, Shirley Harmon as clerk with 20, and trustees Jim Samann with 23, Charles Viele with 21, Don Martin with 19 and Theresa Spagnuolo-O'Dell with 25.



Hastings City Bank President Mark Kolanowski (middle) talks about the bank building donation at the council meeting last Thursday.

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## Lavertys 'honored citizens' for Syrup Fest

For their dedicated efforts in coordinating the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival's grand parade for the past seven years and serving the community in many ways, Russ and Bonnie Laverty will be in the spotlight at the 2002 festival the last weekend of April.

The Lavertys have been named "Honored Citizens" for this year's festival.

They have multiple years of service in scouting, 4-H

leadership and teaching religious education at St. Cyril's Catholic Church in Nashville.

Russ, a graduate of Michigan State University, works for the Michigan Department of Transportation and oversees the operation of 12 public transit systems in Southwest Michigan. He has served the Vermontville community as township supervisor for the past 12 years and is an active mem-

ber of the Vermontville Lions Club.

Bonnie is a graduate of Henry Ford Hospital School of Nursing and Western Michigan University. She currently works as a registered nurse case manager at Sparrow Hospital's Emergency Room.

The couple's hobbies are spending time with their three children and their spouses and five grandchildren and going four-wheel-

ing.

The Lavertys said they "have greatly loved the friendly feeling and family cohesiveness of Vermontville" and wish to thank everyone "for the privilege of being part of this community."

The Lavertys have passed the festival's grand parade leadership to the Don Mulvanny family.



Russ and Bonnie Laverty

## Barry United Way allocates 2001 dollars

Allocations are completed for money raised in the 2001 Barry County United Way fund-raising campaign. Twenty-eight local programs, including five new

agencies, will receive funds to assist them in providing services to Barry County residents.

In charge of the allocations decisions were 28 local residents representing many sections of the community. The allocations panel divided into groups of eight, and each met with 2-3 agencies to hear about their programs. Each of the agencies was required to prove that all previously allocated dollars provided services within Barry County. After considering all of the information they received, the allocations panels awarded the following 28 agencies funding:

- Barry County 4-H \$30,685
- American Red Cross \$22,129
- Big Brothers/Big Sisters \$1,764
- Born Again Home Furnishings \$1,000
- Court Appointed Special Advocates \$7,518
- Catholic Family Services/The ARK \$1,422
- Child Abuse Prevention Council of Barry County \$7,979
- Commission on Aging Meals on Wheels, in-home

- services \$15,707
- DARE \$990
- DISTANCE \$6,000.
- Emergency Funding \$5,000
- Family and Children's Services \$31,873
- Food Bank of South Central Michigan \$4,070
- Gerald R. Ford Boy Scouts \$11,954
- Glowing Embers Girl Scouts \$6,543
- Habitat for Humanity \$3,802
- Healthy Families \$11,565
- Barry County Hospice \$9,796
- Information and Referral Services \$15,000
- Nashville Wish Upon a Star and Christmas Baskets \$1,851
- SAFE Place \$1,091
- Salvation Army \$2,388
- Barry County Substance Abuse \$8,075
- Thornapple Recreation Association \$6,800
- VALUES \$3,500
- Victim Service Unit \$2,504
- Volunteer Center of Barry County \$25,000
- YMCA of Barry County \$106,450

According to Allocations Chairman Matt Thompson, the allocations committee "did a fantastic job of looking at the needs of the community and funding programs to meet these needs."

In addition to the allocated funds, Barry United Way also will distribute \$38,000 designated by donors to specific non-member agencies of the donors' choice. These designations are as follows:

- \$3,200 to local agencies in Barry County
  - \$3,800 to statewide agencies such as Paws with a Cause, American Cancer Society and National Kidney Foundation
  - \$9,300 to other United Ways across America
  - \$5,500 to out-of-county programs such as Allegan Boy Scouts and Lakeshore Center for Independent Living
  - \$16,400 to various agencies related to the September 11 tragedy
- Barry County United Way was able to allocate funds to five new programs.
- Big Brothers Big Sisters will soon be hiring a full-time senior caseworker for the mentoring program that will operate in Barry County. It has been about 10

years since a local program has been available for kids 5 to 17 years of age who would benefit from a caring adult friend.

Born Again Home Furnishings receives used furniture, appliances and household items donated by the general public and distributed to those in need free of charge when referred by local agencies such as Love, Inc., Victim Service Unit or the American Red Cross. United Way dollars will be used to help pay for the cost of keeping this valuable program available to Barry County residents.

DISTANCE is a school/police liaison program that operates in all area junior high schools. A sheriff's deputy is assigned to assist schools in reducing truancy, delinquency, violence and other juvenile issues.

The VALUES program (Violence Against Loved Ones Ends Soon) is a program of the Victim Service Unit. The primary function is to ensure domestic vio-

lence victims' safety and rights throughout the criminal justice process.

The Thornapple Recreation Association provides youth sporting events, family fun nights, summer playgrounds and a variety of other recreational events in the Middleville and Freeport area.

According to Lani Forbes, executive director of Barry United Way, "We allocate dollars to five specific funding areas: preparing youth to become accountable adults, supporting families to achieve well being and success, helping senior adults find support and maintain independence, impacting people through positive change, and addressing urgent needs in Barry County. Through the generosity of our donors, we are able to continue assisting local agencies in meeting these needs and helping to make Barry County a great place to live and raise our families."

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## Annual school election June 10

The annual election for the Maple Valley school district will be held Monday, June 10. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. at Kellogg Community Center in Nashville, and Maplewood School in Vermontville.

The board has two, four-year positions to be filled, and anyone interested in running should contact the superintendent's office at (517) 852-9699. Petitions are available at the office and the deadline for filing is 4 p.m. Monday, April 8.

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# Vermontville will get water system upgrade

by Shawna Hubbarth  
Staff Writer

The Vermontville Village Council is gearing up for water system upgrades that will raise water bills from \$6 to \$30, depending on the project chosen.

The village has contracted with the engineering firm Fleis and Vandenbrink to figure out what needs to be upgraded on the system, project choices, and to apply for grants.

The project as it's now proposed, is broken into three choices. Department of Public Works Supervisor Tony Wawiernia and Village President Sue Villianueva both agree that improvements must be made, as does the evaluation from the Department of Environmental Quality. At the last

DEQ evaluation the village water system slipped from "satisfactory" in 1998 to "marginal" in 2001.

"Our well capacity is being overworked right now," said Wawiernia. "The state has recommended that we get additional pumping capacity, storage and start replacing old undersized water mains."

He said that the village currently runs four-inch water pipes, and the state minimum is six-inch for all new mains.

Wawiernia said the current pumps are pumping more than 17 hours a day, which is working more than double what they should.

"We are pumping more water than our tank is holding," said Villianueva.

The current water tower

is 55 years old, and has outlived its expectancy because of good maintenance, they said. It holds about 60,000 gallons, and 67,000 gallons are being pumped a day. The DEQ has recommended the village build a new tank with a 200,000 gallon capacity, which they say would provide better fire protection.

The three choices break down like this:

- Proposal One would add a new well, well field, and a building and wiring. This would cost approximately \$479,200, and would increase water bills by \$5.96. With a project so small, there would be no opportunity for grants, they said.

- Proposal Two would include the new well, and a new water tower with

200,000 gallon capacity. This would cost about \$1,186,300, and raise rates about \$14.75.

"The grants available for a water project do not really come into play until you hit the 2 million cost," said Wawiernia.

- Proposal Three, which would be eligible for grants and low interest loans, would include the above, and replacing the village's four-inch water mains with eight-inch mains to give better pressure, better water taste and quality and exceed state regulation, he said.

This proposal would in-

crease water bills by \$30.20, but that is without grant money. The village would be able to pursue a Rural Development grant for this project which could bring the cost down significantly, and a low interest loan/grant from the Drinking Water Revolving Fund.

Wawiernia said that while the village could do the project a little at a time, it would end up costing a lot more because none of it would be grant funded, it would all be full price.

"If we do it all at once, there is a good chance half of it will be for free," he

said. He also added that the village can pursue the grants with the larger project and if they do not get the grants, then they can cut back to a smaller project, or just do the well.

The deadline for the grant application is in May, and a public hearing on the proposals will be held Thursday, April 4, at 7 p.m. before the regular council meeting. The public is encouraged to come and voice their opinions, they said.

Anyone with questions on the project can call Wawiernia at 726-1444 or Villianueva at 726-0566.



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# Recommendation for girls' basketball coach questioned

by Shawna Hubbarth  
Staff Writer

A packed room at the school board meeting last Monday night (March 11) had residents with concerns ranging from the recent teachers' contract issue to the proposed girls' varsity basketball coach.

Tony Joostberns, varsity assistant girls' coach, approached the board about his concerns with the proposed hire from Athletic Director Mike Sparks. Sparks has recommended Craig Kitching for the job. The position was filled last year by Doug Cook.

"Many of us in this room have spent years building a girls' basketball program. We want to be assured whoever takes this position will continue to promote the same values and ideas we have been building in our girls," he told the board.

"I believe before we bring someone in from outside our community that we get answers to the right questions and that the right people are asked those questions. I have made some inquiries and talked to coaches and parents and have found that more work needs to be done before making this decision. We are not asking for a no vote, we are just asking that you table it until we can dis-

cuss concerns."

Joostberns said he has discussed his concerns with Sparks twice, "but he has continued to disregard these concerns."

Parent and teacher Cindy Grant spoke in support for Sparks, saying that she has witness first hand his commitment to athletes, and saying that though he knew his recommendation might not be popular, she believed that he was looking out for the best for the athletes.

"He is a strong link we have in our schools, and I believe and fully support his decision," Grant told the board. "He cares and supports these girls, and when he made this decision I know he had the girls best interests in mind."

Later in the meeting, Volz requested to table the coaching recommendation, not from what was said at the meeting, he said, but because Sparks, who was unable to attend the meeting said he would like to come and answer any questions the board had about the matter.

Several teachers showed up to protest the dispute over what Superintendent Clark Volz said was a mistake on 33 teacher paychecks. Volz said the 33 teachers were overpaid, the

teachers' union claims they were not and the board has broken the teachers' contract.

Teacher Jeremy Tuller told the school board, "This is not a situation I ever wanted to be a part of. They say that nearly 40% of teachers quit in the first five years and what you are doing to the teachers in Maple Valley is why teachers quit."

He said he envisioned retiring from Maple Valley one day, and purchased a home in the area, and his wife was expecting their first child in the next couple of weeks.

"If this is how the future of Maple Valley is going to be, I don't want a part of it," he said. "You broke my contract and my trust in Maple Valley... I have sent letters to you and not one of you has sought me out to talk to me..."

Tuller said the situation has caused him to look elsewhere for a job.

*In other business at the meeting the school board:*

- Approved logging 448 trees off school property, that are dying or old, for a payment of \$26,600.

- "It's healthy for the property," said Volz. "It brings sunlight in for the younger trees and also gives us money to proceed with Jeff's (teacher, Seavolt) vision (in which he would like to purchase and operate a sawmill for the trades class)."

Seavolt said the move was not clear cutting, and that conservation had been stressed for the cutting.

- Approved new carpeting for two wings in Fuller, Elementary School and the back hall at Maplewood. The big was awarded to Key Cleaning for \$15,892.44



The school board meeting last week Monday had a packed crowd with concerns ranging from the proposed new girls varsity basketball coach to teacher contracts.

## Applications available for women's education grant

The Women's Education Coalition (WEC) is currently accepting applications for educational grants to be made this summer for the 2002-03 academic year.

Women residing in Allegan, Barry, Calhoun, Kalamazoo, St. Joseph and Van Buren counties are eligible to apply for financial assistance for part-time or full-time study.

Application deadline is May 15.

The WEC program provides renewable grants to adult women who have had a significant break in their education and can demonstrate how post-high school education will help them attain increased financial independence. Women may enroll or already be enrolled at the institution of their choice in any educational curriculum or program or professional development opportunity which leads to employment or improved employment. Priority is given to underemployed working mothers.

This program is the only one of its kind in southwest Michigan to provide significant support for tuition, fees, books, child care, transportation and education needs of non-traditional women students. There is no maximum or minimum award, and grant recipients may apply to renew their awards as

long as they are in good standing at their educational institution and continue to demonstrate need.

Each applicant is asked to provide a statement of goals, a personal work history, letters of recommendation and financial information that demonstrates the need for financial assistance. The selection committee also looks at any special circumstances which impact the applicant's ability to finance her education.

The Women's Education Coalition is a cooperative venture of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.; Kalamazoo Network; and the YWCA of Kalamazoo in partnership with the Kalamazoo Community Foundation.

Information about the program is available from financial aid offices of area colleges and universities, lo-

cal social service agencies and coalition member organizations. Applications may be obtained by writing or calling the Kalamazoo Community Foundation at 151 South Rose Street, Suite 332, Kalamazoo, MI 49007, phone (616) 381-4416.

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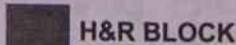
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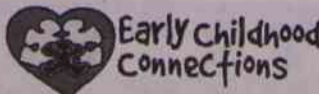
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# Teachers taking 'Success makers' computer training



Teachers undergo computer training for Success Makers at Maplewood.

by **Shawna Hubbarth**  
Staff Writer  
Teachers at Maplewood school on computers underwent training last week on computers to explore the

"Success Makers" program. The program is for students who need extra help in certain subject and can get that help on the computer, said Principal

Fred Davenport. "Next year we want all students participating in the program to increase scores in all curriculum areas," he said.

"The program is for student help with math, language and the arts and is computer based... it gives us clear read outs of how the students are doing and thorough evaluations. It's a supplementary program."

Certain teachers were trained in the program Thursday, and will then in turn train their fellow teachers at each respective grade level.

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## VERMONTVILLE TWP. LIBRARY NEWS

The library was recently visited by two special guests. On Thursday, March 7, Leona the Lion from the PBS show "Between the Lions" visited with the children during Toddler Time. Twenty-five children were present to meet Leona, share stories, songs, and crafts. On Friday, March 8, 16 children visited with "Mouse" from the story "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie," by Laura Joffe-Numeroff. After each program, snacks were served, and all the children were presented a bag of goodies, which included books, a t-shirt, and many ideas to help parents help their children become readers, to take home. A drawing was held at each program, and four lucky children won prizes. The goodie bags, and drawing prizes, as well as Leona's and Mouse's visits, were provided free of charge by the Early Childhood Literacy Coalition.

Spring improvements are underway at the library. A new lighting system has been installed. A new table and chairs purchased by funds from Kathryn Bosworth-Hauck from the Young Adult section has arrived and is ready for use. A generous donation from former Girl Scout Troop 313, in memory of Mildred Allen, has allowed the purchase of a set of 8 "cube" chairs, which adjust to two different heights, and can also be used for tables.

April 15 is right around the corner. The library still has a generous supply of tax forms on hand, as well as the reproducible book for the hard to find forms. We can also help you access the IRS website for more information.

New Videos: Planet of the Apes, Hannibal, Scooby-Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf, The Princess Diaries, A Knight's Tale, O Brother, Where Art Thou?, Tora! Tora! Tora!, Moulin Rouge, Highlander Endgame, American Pie, Land Before Time-The Big Freeze, Shirley Temple: Curly Top, Wee Willie Winkle, The Little Colonel, Bright Eyes.

Adult Non-Fiction: Fodor's 2002: Cancun, Cozumel, Yucatan Peninsula, the Healing Power of Pets, by Dr. Marty Becker, September 11, 2001: A Collection of Newspaper Front Pages Selected by the Poynter Institute, Relationship Rescue, by Phillip C. McGraw, Ph.D., Ophelia's Mom: Women Speak out about loving and letting go of their adolescent daughters, by Nina Shandler, Ed.D., One Nation: America Remembers September 11, 2001, by Life Magazine, Lewis & Clark: Voyage of Discovery, by Stephen E. Ambrose, The Essential Guide to Prescription Drugs 2002, by James J. Rybacki, Dr. Spock on Parenting, by Benjamin Spock, M.D.

Adult Fiction: Nightmare at 20,000 Feet, by Richard Matheson, Star Wars: The Approaching Storm, by Alan Dean Foster, Tishomingo Blues, by Elmore Leonard, Shadowninger, by L.E. Modesitt, Jr., Conflict of Interest, by Nancy Taylor Rosenberg, The Silent Lady, by Catherine Cookson, Separation of Power, by

Vince Flynn, The English Assassin, by Daniel Silva, Safe Harbor, by Luanne Rice, Ordinary Life, by Elizabeth Berg, Star Light, Star Bright, by Katherine Stone, Hunting Season, by Nevada Barr, Peaches and Screams, by G.A. McKeveit, The Fourth Perimeter, by Tim Green, Miracle at St. Anna, by James McBride, Shadow Warriors, by Tom Clancy, The Oath, by John Lescroat, Darkson Rising, by L.E. Modesitt, Jr., Vitals, Greg Bear, The Cottage, by Danielle Steel, Fallen Dragon, by Peter F. Hamilton, Gruel and Unusual Punishment: A Pennsylvania Dutch Mystery with Recipes, by Tamar Myers, The Summons, by John Grisham, Irish Stew! by Andrew M. Greeley, 2nd Chance, by James Paterson, Three Weeks in Paris, by Barbara Taylor Bradford, Eureka, by William Diehl, The Book of Shadows, by James Reese, Junior Fiction: The Germ Busters, by Rosemary Wells, Franklin Says I Love You, by Paulette Bourgeois, Awful Orge's Awful Day, by Jack Prelutsky.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Barry County Extension Calendar of Events**
- Mar. 18-22 Fair Book Proofreading, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., Expo Center.
  - 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.
  - April 3 Livestock Development Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m. at the Expo Center.
  - April 4 Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
  - April 8 Sheep & Swine Nutrition Workshop, 6 p.m.
  - April 8 Horse Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., HHS Cafeteria.
  - April 13 4-H Babysitting Classes start 9 a.m., Extension Office.
  - April 17 4-H Advisory Council, 7 p.m.
  - April 18 Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
  - April 18 Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting, 7 p.m.
  - April 22 Rabbit Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., HHS Ag Room.
  - April 27 4-H Judged/Comp Trail Ride (Ionia)
  - April 29 Mandatory Fair Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.

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Delivery all over Barry County

# Nashville can expect mud, noise and traffic woes soon

by Shawna Hubbarth  
Staff Writer

Village President Frank Dunham said the water project is under way and residents from now on can expect "mud, noise, streets blocked off — the whole gamut" this summer, as the project continues.

Complicating matters is that Reed Street will be redone starting in April, with slated completion in September.

Dunham said with the two projects going on, things will get dicey and there will

be many detours in town.

The council discussed access to Carl's Supermarket on Reed Street and Darrell Clements of the Department of Public Works said people would still be able to get through, but at one time it might be a "scenic route."

The council decided at the meeting to spend \$2,800 for lighting improvements on Reed Street, which will be cheaper because the street will be torn up anyway.

The money will purchase lighting upgrades, including bulbs that cost less per

month to run and are more efficient, and also will add eight new lights on the street to help what Dunham called "a potentially dangerous pedestrian situation at dusk and dark."

*In other business at the meeting the council:*

• Reported that some members had met with Castleton Township officials about the proposed Mulberry Fore development, and found the township more favorable to the village annexing a portion of the develop-

ment that previously had been a part of the village rather than doing an inter-governmental agreement.

"In the short term this means re-annexing in a part of the property that at one point was part of the village... this would include the proposed banquet hall and the four properties that are in the village," said Trustee Steve Wheeler.

The four other proposed properties to be developed will remain outside the village to be discussed at a further date, said Dunham.

"They will pay for the sewer and water hookup," said Dunham.

Dunham referred to an ordinance on the matter that was drafted in the past couple of years.

"Mrs. White put a lot of time into that ordinance and I think her hard work on it at the time is paying off for the village," said Wheeler, who referred to past trustee Bonnie White.

• Approved purchase of a tractor for the cemetery board for \$7,375 from Maple Valley Implement. Ed Sheldon voted no.

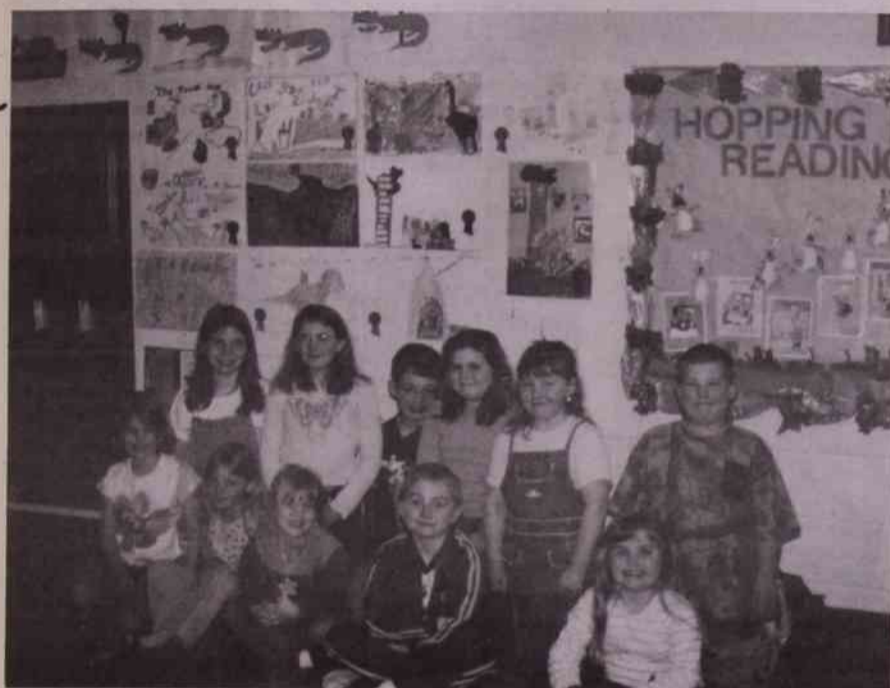
"The bid was \$76 more than the Vermontville, but it came with hydraulics, and it would cost more than \$76 to add hydraulics to the tractor," said Councilman Ralph Kirk.

Dunham voted yes, but said he thought payment should come out of the equipment fund rather than the general fund.

Heard from Ron Ohler, in

the form of a letter to council, of some of his concerns regarding the Mulberry Fore project. He said he was opposed to taxpayers paying money for private developments.

• Heard from Mulberry Fore project developers Orvin Moore and Tad Davis that they would not be supplying the village with property appraisal information, as the council requested. They said the village could get the information from the assessor's office if they wanted.



## Contest winners announced

Poster contest winners for March is Reading Month at Fuller Elementary were announced. Winners for third grade were 1st place Chandralyn Thornton, 2nd place Allissa Miller, 3rd place tie between Cody James and Brianna Rood. Second grade winners were 1st place Marley Nighbert, 2nd place Nathan Aldrich, and 3rd place Garrett Reid. First grade winners were 1st place Halley Bennett, 2nd place Abby Richards, 3rd place Heather Kenyon. Kindergarten winners were 1st place Emily Wilbur, 2nd place Courtney Walker, and 3rd place Troy Allen.

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## Dulcimer Club meets Saturday

A Thornapple Valley Dulcimer Club meeting will be held Saturday, March 23, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Maple Leaf Grange on M-66 South of Nashville. All non-electric string instruments are welcome. This musical jam session is open to the public. Those who don't play are invited to come and listen. There will be a short, busy meeting at 2:15 and finger food refreshments will be served. All beginners are welcome. For more information, call (517) 852-1869 or (616) 721-3404.

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# Area Obituary

## Ross J. Markle

CHARLOTTE - Ross J. Markle, age 81, of Charlotte, died Monday, March 11, 2002 at Thornapple Manor in Hastings.

Mr. Markle was born in Bad Axe, MI, on March 9, 1921, the son of Wallace and Katherine (Graham) Markle. He attended area schools and graduated from Bad Axe High School in 1938.

After graduation he began a career as a bus driver for Indian Trails. After his retirement from bus driving, he moved to Arizona where he married Marjorie Graham in 1987 in Bullhead City, Arizona. They moved back to the Charlotte area in 1996.

He enjoyed golf, fishing, walking the dogs, driving bus and being a driver for the Amish in the area.

He survived by his wife, Marjorie Markle of

Charlotte, MI; son, David (Faith) Markle of Hartsville, S.C.; daughters, Megan Markle and Trudy Arrigoni, both of San Francisco, CA; sister, Pauline Houston of Port Huron, MI; stepson, William (Donna) Hess of Charlotte, MI; stepdaughter, Robin (Bob) Keech of Lakeview, MI; two step grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Wallace and Katherine (Graham) Markle; sister, Irene; and brothers, Ray and Earl.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 16, 2002 at the Nashville Baptist Church. Pastor Lester DeGroot officiated.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Nashville Baptist Church.

Arrangements were made by Maple Valley Chapel.

## Elsie Mary Smith

CHARLOTTE - Elsie Mary Smith, 73, of Charlotte, Mich., died Thursday, March 14, 2002.

Miss Smith was born Dec. 4, 1928, in Benton Township, Mich., the daughter of Joseph F. and Mary Anna (Vrbensky) Smith.

Elsie graduated from Charlotte High School in 1946 and earned a degree from the Lansing Secretarial School. She was a bank teller for Union Federal Savings and Loan in Lansing before she retired in 1981. She was a former member of the Denise Business Sorority and member of St. Mary Catholic Church.

She took an interest in all of her great nieces and nephews.

She is survived by her mother, Mary A. Smith; sisters, Frances Madry of Charlotte, Anne (Gerald) Kent of Nashville, Mary

(Donald) Wadsten of Southfield; nieces and nephews, Mary (Glenn) Shook, Kristine (Jeff) Hynes, Teresa (Tom) Gloden, John (Denise) Kent; great nieces and nephews, Joseph and Glenn Shook, Stephanie and Kelly Hynes, Rebecca and Jennifer Kent and Kiel and Brett Gloden.

She was preceded in death by her father Joseph Smith in 1957 and brother-in-law, Louis Madry in 2000.

Funeral Mass was held Monday, March 18, 2002 at St. Mary Catholic Church with Father Denis R. Spitzley celebrating. Interment was at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte, Mich.

Further information available at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com).

Arrangements were made by Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte.

## Wayne F. Woodbury

DELTA JUNCTION, ALASKA - Mr. Wayne F. Woodbury, age 58, of Delta Junction, Alaska, died Sunday, March 10, 2002.

Wayne was born on October 23, 1943, in Marion, Michigan. He started flying at 15 and had his pilot's license at 16 and his own airplane at 19. After graduating from high school in Vermontville, Michigan, he joined the Air National Guard and earned his Link Instructors Certificate.

In 1965, Wayne transferred to the U.S. Army Warrant Officer Helicopter Program; later serving in Vietnam. After being stationed, at Fort Wainwright, Alaska, in 1967, he fell in love with

Alaska and decided to make Fairbanks his home.

Wayne flew for Bureau of Land Management and Frontier Flying Service; meeting a lot of people and making a lot of friends. He owned and operated his own air service out of McCarthy, Alaska, for several years.

In 1983, Wayne moved to Delta Junction, Alaska, to enjoy the remoteness and mountains. He was most recently employed with Guardian Security as a security guard. Wayne was a longtime member of the NRA and AOPA.

Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, Oswell O. and Verna Woodbury.

He is survived by his wife, Mary L. Woodbury of Delta Junction, Alaska; his daughter, Michelle (Bryce) Covington of Simpsonville, South Carolina; his son, Kenneth Woodbury of Waterloo, South Carolina; his daughter, Terral Woodbury of Simpsonville, South Carolina; his brother, Lester Woodbury of Vermontville, Michigan; his sister, Phyllis Smith of Charlotte, Michigan; and his brother, Boyd Woodbury of Potterville, Michigan.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 P.M., on Tuesday, March 19, 2002 at the Nashville Baptist Church in Nashville, Michigan.

Interment was in Delta Junction, Alaska.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Woodbury family or to: American Heart Association, 1057 W. Fireweed Lane #100, Anchorage, AK 99503.

Arrangements cared for by Fairbanks Funeral Home.

Family statement: "He's now flying again, the love of his life, along with fishing, hunting and snowmachining."

## Leland Phillip Frantz

HASTINGS - Leland Phillip Frantz, of Hastings, formerly of Sunfield, Mich., passed away Thursday, March 14, 2002 at Pennock Hospital in Hastings, at the age of 81.

He was born Feb. 8, 1921 in Sunfield Township, the son of Ora F. and Opal E. (Green) Frantz. Leland was born and raised in Sunfield, MI. He graduated from Sunfield High School in 1939, where his basketball team was the runnerup state champions in 1939.

Leland married Eileen S. McIntyre on April 19, 1942. The couple had been married 60 years.

When the couple retired, in 1979 they moved to Podunk Lake in Hastings. Leland enjoyed fishing, gardening, and woodworking.

Mr. Frantz was preceded in death by both his parents, and a son-in-law, Thomas A. Robel in 2001.

He is survived by his wife, Eileen S. Frantz; three children, Diana Kay (James) Mullen of Virginia, Darlene Lee Robel of Florida, and Randy Leland (Lois) Frantz

of Hastings; six grandchildren, Matthew J. Mullen, Craig, Kevin, and Michelle Robel, Sarah, and Nicole Frantz; brother, Morrell (Lefty) Frantz of Florida.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 16, 2002 at the Rosier Funeral Home, Mapes-Fisher Chapel, Sunfield, MI, with Fr. Charles McCabe officiating. A interment service followed at the Sunfield Cemetery. The pallbearers were Craig T. Robel, Kevin A. Robel, Matthew J. Mullen, Karl Roll, Al Dean and Rick Makley.

For those wishing, contributions may be made to the Sunfield Area Sponsors of Programs for Youth Scholarship Fund in memory of Mr. Frantz, aka S.P.Y.'S Scholarship Fund c/o Rosier Funeral Home, P.O. Box 36, Sunfield, MI 48890.

The arrangements were made by the Independent Family Owned Funeral Home in Sunfield, Rosier Funeral Home. For more information, [www.legacy.com](http://www.legacy.com).

## Mildred Clements

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

Mrs. Clements was born May 29, 1910 in Olivet, Michigan, the daughter of Charles and Ida Mae (Griffin) Royston.

Mildred married Paul Clements in 1928 and enjoyed 64 years together.

She and Paul 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, Florida, 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, Michigan.

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

Funeral services were held Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Reverends Mark Beers and Harold Cherry officiated.

Interment was at Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte.

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

## Dorothy B. Franks

VERMONTVILLE - Dorothy B. Franks, age 90, of Vermontville, died Thursday, March 14, 2002 at Thornapple Manor of Hastings.

Dorothy was born on the Pease family farm on Pease Road in Kalamo Township on Sept. 11, 1911 to Edward Robert and Carrie (Bowen) Pease.

She attended Bowen County School and married E. Raymond Franks on Feb. 25, 1938 in Bellevue, Mich. They were life long farmers in the community. He preceded her in death in 1999.

Dorothy was a past member of the Kalamo Order of the Eastern Star and enjoyed spending time at her cottage on Middle Lake, and being with her grandchildren and

great grandchildren.

Dorothy is survived by her sons, Virgil (Kathy) Franks of Bellevue and Robert (Barbara) Franks of Vermontville; brother, Edward Pease of Charlotte; sister, Mary Eisenlord of Battle Creek; four grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward Raymond Franks, two sisters and five brothers.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 16, 2002 at Maple Valley Chapel. Rev. Roger Salisbury officiating. Interment at Hillside Cemetery, Kalamo Township.

Arrangements were made by Maple Valley Chapel, Nashville.

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# Optimist Club honors Maple Valley students

The Charlotte Optimist Club honored Maple Valley students, along with Charlotte and Potterville students, at its Youth Appreciation Night recently.

Dinner was served at the First Baptist Church for the students and their families.

Maple Valley Superintendent Clark Volz presented proclamations to each student, along with presentations by State Representative Susan Tabor. The proclamations were signed by Tabor and Governor John Engler, and one from Charlotte City Mayor Bill White.



Olivia Sprague from Maplewood.



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Victoria Ann Ewing from Maplewood.

Cheryl Starr, youth appreciation chairperson, presented each student with a \$10 gift certificate.

Those from Maple Valley schools honored at the dinner included Victoria Ann Ewing, Christina Jackson, Amanda Scramlin, Olivia Sprague, Lizzie Sundrla, and Lacey Ward.

# Area Obituaries

## Forrest Babcock Sr.

NASHVILLE - Forrest Babcock Sr., age 92 of Nashville, passed away Thursday, March 14, 2002 at Tendercare in Hastings.

He was born March 2, 1910 the son of Horace and Sarah (Buckner) Babcock in Elk Rapids, MI. He spent his early childhood years in the Traverse City area, attending local schools until the family moved to the Nashville area in 1926. He continued his schooling in Nashville, and, as a teenager worked part time at the old Star Theatre.

He was a well known and respected businessman in the Nashville community where he spent over 50 years as a business owner on Nashville's Main Street. Mr. Babcock's career began more than half a century ago when he owned and operated the Standard Service Station on South Main. In 1942 he built a new Texaco station at the intersection of North Main and Reed. When most would be considering retirement, Mr. Babcock remained employed and in 1992 at the age of 82 was awarded Cappon's "Employee of the Year" for his prompt, dependable, and



reliable service at the Cappon's Quick Mart on Main Street.

Mr. Babcock was a man of achievement whose life's work has contributed to the betterment of the Nashville community. For 70 years, Mr. Babcock has lived in Nashville and during that time gave 38 years of service to the Nashville Fire Department, 12 of those as the chief. He served four two-year terms on the Nashville Village Council, being a member of the Police, Public Works, and Parks Committee. He was also the founding member of the "Meals on Wheels"

program in Nashville. Mr. Babcock was a heart-warming inspiration to many; working for over 70 years in and for the citizens of Nashville.

He is survived by sons, Forrest "Tink" (Carolyn) Babcock Jr. of Lansing, Jim (Sharon) Babcock of Grand Rapids; sons from previous marriage, Rev. Robert Babcock of Montana and Richard Babcock of Potterville; and a very dear friend, Edna Edwards; six grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Janet Kenyon; grandson, Kevin Babcock; and brother's Ferrell, Ivan and Vercil.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 19, at the Maple Valley Chapel, Nashville, MI with honors provided by the Nashville Fire Department. Committal service will immediately follow at the Lakeview Cemetery, Nashville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nashville Fire Department.

Arrangements were made by Maple Valley Chapel, Nashville.

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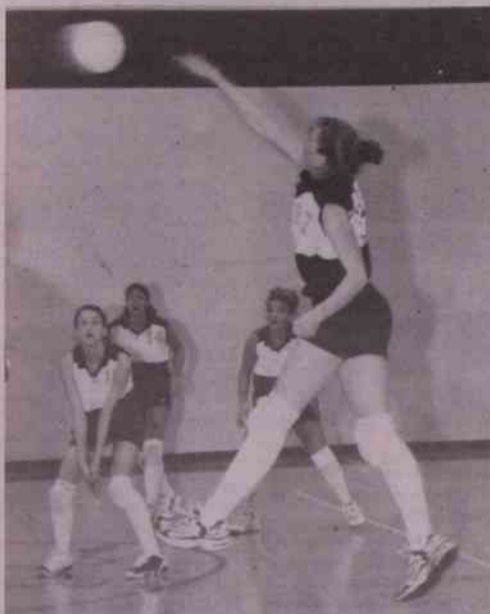
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# Lions represented on All-SMAA squads



Camille Wieland. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

The final All-SMAA teams have been announced for the winter season, and Maple Valley athletes are represented in every sport.

Seniors Darin Thrun and Nick Jones were named to basketball's First Team. Senior John Terberg was Honorable Mention, and junior Eric Smith was Spe-



Ben Boss.



John Terberg (40). (Photo by Perry Hardin)



Eric Smith (42). (Photo by Perry Hardin)

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cial Mention. The volleyball First Team includes senior Miranda Farr

and junior Jessie Grant. Senior Camille Wieland received Special Mention.

Freshman Ben Boss earned All-SMAA honors by winning the conference wrestling title at 125 pounds.

*The Vermontville Fire Department would like to thank the following for their generous donations to the Fire Department and Fire Dance.*

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Despite the wintry weather, the turn out was excellent. Kids and adults alike enjoyed the skating, fellowship, and fun that afternoon.

From beginners such as Cody Hall and Whitney Martin to Dave Mace skating circles around everyone else, the skating was thrilling for everyone. Even those who didn't skate had fun.

Sandi Christie and Pastor Dianne Bowden made sure that they got film footage of the fancy footwork. The trip was requested by youth in the congregation and it sure was a success!

Pastor Diane and other NUMC leaders are already excitedly planning the next outing.

For more information about the Nashville United Methodist Church and its



programming, please contact the church office at 852-2043.

### Nashville Lions Club selling roses through April 4

The Nashville Lions Club will participate in Rose Day again this year with other Lions clubs.

Members of the club will sell roses from now through April 4 for \$20 per dozen.

Profits will go for local projects and Welcome Home for the Blind, located in Grand Rapids.

Roses will be delivered to the homes April 20 by the club members.

### Vermontville senior citizens to meet

Vermontville senior citizens' luncheon will be held at the United Methodist Church noon Wednesday, March 20.

Those attending are asked to bring a dish to pass.

### Correction:

Catara Briggs was inadvertently omitted from the fourth grade A-B honor roll list in a recent edition of the Maple Valley News.

#### Lost & Found

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## PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Nashville Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on March 21, 2002 in the Council Chambers at 7:00 p.m. to hear comments on a variance request from Jay Rice. Property located at 417 1/2 Reed Street. Needs to comply with zoning ordinance 15.03 sec. xv. restoration and repair. All written comments can be sent to Village of Nashville, 206 N. Main St., Nashville MI 49073 by March 20, 2002.

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# School board views kids' machine projects



School board member Wayne Curtis looks over some of the machines the Maplewood students built.



Cameron Eldridge with his "Twilight Zone Tower of Power."



Matt Siple with the pulley he made.



Lanne' Matheson with her pencil chopper.

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by Shawna Hubbarth  
 Staff Writer

Maple Valley School Board members toured Maplewood school prior to the board meeting last Monday, and were particularly struck with a set of machine projects by fourth-graders.

The students, in Laura Smith and Dave Hustwick's class, had been studying simple machines for a science unit, Smith said.

"Each student was assigned to make a machine using some of the things we had studied like pulleys, wheels, levers, gears, and so on," she said.

"The students then gave speeches about their projects and what they made, usually with the help of dad or mom."

Smith said the students had two weeks to complete the project and they were very creative. The display filled the hallways at Maplewood Elementary last week.

"One boy, had a really neat one — Justin VanVleet — he made a circle and attached funnels with it, and with the help of a fan, propelled the wheel to turn."

Cameron Eldridge made "The Twilight Zone Tower of Power" which is, he said, based on a scary elevator ride in the MGM studios at Walt Disney World.

Eldridge said he recently went to Walt Disney World in Florida and had a great time.

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