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Students perform 'Michigan' production



Girls cheer on about the unique facts of Michigan during the musical at Maplewood last week.



Students touched on Native American history in Michigan with the song, "Anishnebek, The First People."



New flags appear in downtown Vermontville

The Vermontville Maple Syrup Corporation purchased these flags to fly in downtown for the next several months. The flags which advertise the syrup festival, will hang every year in March, April and May. Department of Public Works employee Monte O'Dell said Jim Samaan, Gene Fisher, and himself helped hang them up last week. The village built the rods that they hang on.



The signs as they are hung in town- announcing the coming of the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival, which is the last full weekend in April.

by Shawna Hubbarth
 Staff Writer

Maplewood Elementary fourth-graders presented "Michigan, Our Michigan," a musical by Ann Murphy Bloomquist, to students last Thursday during the day. At night, they performed the musical for their parents and families.

The production was di-

rected by music teacher Lori Thomas. The musical follows the history of Michigan, highlighting significant events and happenings in the past couple hundred years.

"The kids really have enjoyed it," said Thomas. "It's nice when we can incorporate something in music class that goes along with their curriculum and show-

case what they have learned."

Thomas said the daytime show for students prepped them for the show at night to their families.

Many of the kids wore costumes portraying Native Americans, fur trappers, pilgrims, and lumber jacks.

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Hastings City Bank officially hands over building to village

The Hastings City Bank last week officially presented its former facility in downtown Nashville to the village, which plans to use it for village offices.

Mark Kolanowski, president and CEO of the bank, said, "Hastings City Bank has been a part of our local communities for 115 years, and continues to have a strong presence in them. It is with this dedicated commitment that we will present our former bank building as a gift to the Village of Nashville."

In order to meet more of the community's needs, Hastings City Bank has built a new, full-service branch at 310 N. Main St., thus leaving the former bank building empty.

The bank is celebrating its 15th year in Nashville this year, having acquired the Nashville branch from Comerica Bank in 1987. The old building has a long history as part of Nashville's Main Street.

"With this gift the village will be able to use the building in manner that benefits the majority of the community, as well as have a historic place to house their offices."

- Mark Kolanowski,
 Hastings City Bank CEO

"With this gift, the village will be able to use the building in a manner that benefits

the majority of the community, as well as have a historic place to house their offices," Kolanowski said.

"With regards to keeping the building as part of the community, we want the citizens to

understand that we're a partner in their success and growth, and our on-going commitment to the community of Nashville will not cease. We are very pleased to give this gift to the village."

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Farmers, preachers and trappers told the history of Michigan in the musical.

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They ended the play with a line of girls cheerleading and calling out facts about Michigan that make it

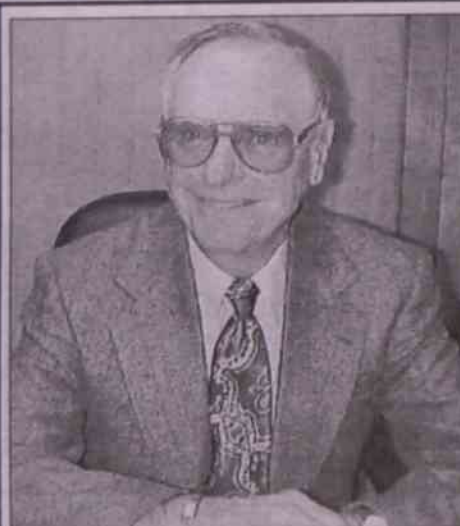
unique in a nation made up of many states. The last thing a cheer-

leader called out as unique about Michigan was "We are home of the Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival!"



Hannah Gardner, as the Marquette gives her speech.

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All families are welcome. No preregistration is needed, and families are invited to attend Toddler Time at any location.

The first week of April, the Eaton Intermediate School District will be closed for spring break. There will be no Toddler Time story hours April 1-5.

Toddler Time meets Thursdays in Vermontville from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at the Vermontville Library, 120 East First St. on April 11, 18

and 25.

For more information, please contact Liza Lenden or Merrill Evans at Early Childhood Connections, 400 S. Nelson, Potterville, MI 48876, phone 645-4500 (toll-free 866-215-KIDS).

Toddler Time will be canceled if the local school district is closed or delayed, or if CACS Head Start is closed.

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William R. Resseguie

NASHVILLE - William R. Resseguie, age 74, of Nashville, died Monday, March 18, 2002 at Ingham Regional Medical Facility, Lansing, MI.

Mr. Resseguie was born in Flint, MI on Oct. 26, 1927, the son of Freeman and Achsa (Mead) Resseguie. He attended Flint schools and served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War from Sept. 4, 1952 until Sept. 3, 1956.

He married Ella Jane Bennett on Jan. 25, 1958 in Flint. He worked at the Buick plant in Flint for 10 years and AE Hoover in Charlotte for 31 years.

Upon moving to the Vermontville/Nashville area

he served as an assistant scout master for 11 years in Vermontville. He was a member of the Nashville VFW Post, the Nashville Assembly of God Church and enjoyed jigsaw puzzles, working in his shop at home, fishing and deer hunting.

He was always a good husband and father and dearly loved his grandchildren. He touched many lives and truly was a good and honest man.

He is survived by his wife, Ella of Nashville; daughters, Linda (Lyle) Hill of Hastings and Lois (Skip) Thornsbury of Nashville; son, Dale (Tammy) Resseguie of Vermontville; six

grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Freeman and Achsa (Mead) Resseguie; son, Patrick Resseguie; grandson, Adam Wrigglesworth; mother-in-law, Nora Hine; sister, Phyllis Houle; and brother, Freeman, Jr.

Services were held Thursday, March 21, 2002 at Nashville Assembly of God. Pastor Glenn Branham officiated. Interment at Patterson Cemetery, Vermontville.

Memorial contributions may be made to the family or Maple Valley Scholarship Fund.

Arrangements were made by Maple Valley Chapel, Nashville.

Irving "Rosey" Rose, Jr.

HASTINGS - Irving "Rosey" Rose, Jr., age 79, of Hastings died Saturday, March 23, 2002 at home.

Mr. Rose was born on Nov. 10, 1922 in Hastings, MI, the son of Irving and Arvilla (Goodenough) Rose.

He was raised in Barry County and attended area schools. He served in the U.S. Navy for six years during World War II. His Navy service included the South, Central, Southwest and Western Pacific. He was commissioned to the USS Bunker Hill.

He was married to M. Ruth (Gross) Montague on Dec. 16, 1955 and she died Jan. 20, 1990.

He was employed at the E.W. Bliss Co. in Hastings for 31 years, retiring in

1983.

He was a life member of the Nashville V.F.W. Post #8260, avid outdoorsman enjoying hunting, fishing, taking pictures of wild life. His special friend Bob Chaffee made it possible for him to travel up-north yearly until his death.

Mr. Rose is survived by daughters, Barbara (Glenn) Powers of Nashville, Linda Colvin of Hastings, Teresa (Gus) Bryant of Indiana; step-daughters, Janet (James) McKinstry of Hastings, Laurie Thomas of Nashville; son, Douglas Rose of Hastings; step-son, Terry Montague of Hastings; 17 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Private family visitation was held at the Wren

Funeral Home per his request.

Full military graveside services will be held at 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2002 at Hastings Township Cemetery with honors by the Nashville V.F.W. Post #8260.

Memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

Arrangements were made by Wren Funeral Home of Hastings.

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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 Browne 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 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.

Annie M. Porter

NASHVILLE - Annie M. Porter, age 72, of Nashville, died Monday, March 18, 2002 at Penneck Hospital, Hastings.

Annie Porter was born in Sandusky, MI on Jan. 12, 1930, the daughter of Peter

and Isabella (Innis) Ferguson. She attended Decker-ville Schools and graduated from Hastings.

She married Howard Porter in Jackson, MI on May 14, 1950. She moved to Nashville in 1971 and worked at the Bahs Dairy Farm and Kentwood Packing in Grand Rapids. She was a past member of the Nashville VFW Auxiliary.

She enjoyed reading, crocheting, playing games and spending time with her grandchildren.

She is survived by daughters, Ruth (Ron) Smith of Nashville, Janice White of Nashville, Mary Fieri of Nashville, Karen (Rodney) Wallace of Hastings, Mildred (Walt) Thurlby of Nashville, Cherly (Tony) Woodmansee of Hastings, Brenda Downing of Nashville, and Flora (Al) Thornton of Hastings; sons, Howard Porter, Jr. of Ionia and Bill Porter of Nashville; brother, James Ferguson of Kansas City, MO; son-in-law, DJ White; 23 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Howard Porter (1987); son, Arthur Porter; grandson, Kenny Wallace (2000); and brothers, Keith and Kenneth.

Arrangements were made by Maple Valley Chapel, Nashville.

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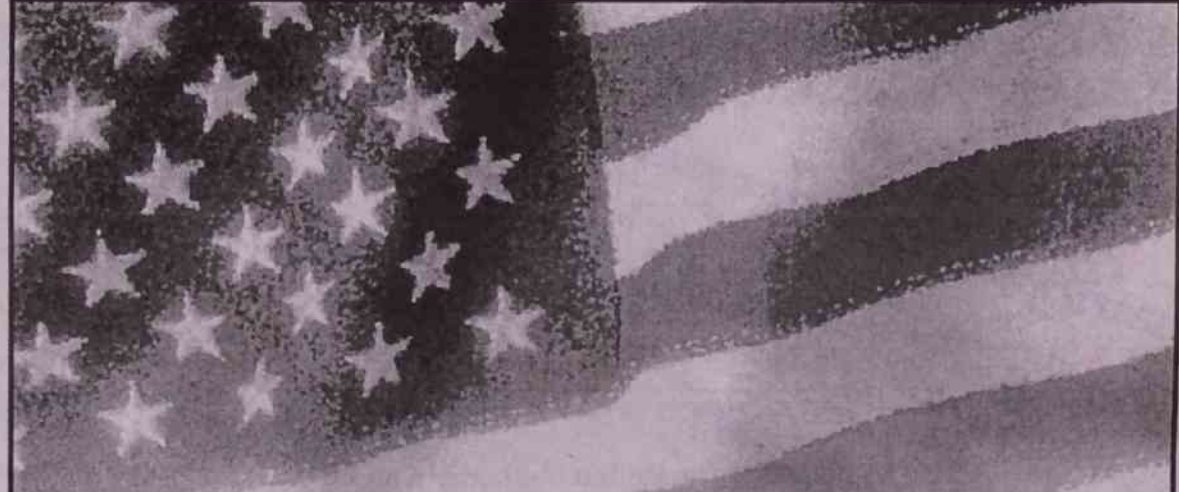
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Local Destination Imagination team to go to state April 13



This Maplewood group placed in fourth. They are, (from back row, left) Aleisha Strong, Jenny Curtis, Helena Kirchhoff, and David Terpening. (Front row, left) Jacob Kirk, Randy Henry, and Megan VanEngen.

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

The Maple Valley Junior
High Destination Imagina-

tion team qualified to compete at the state competition in April.

Several teams from Maplewood Elementary and the junior high took part this month in the competition, which is based on creative thinking.

Karen Kirchhoff, one of the team managers, said the competition went very well and all the teams were successful.

"Maple Valley is beginning to be recognized," she said. "A lot of the other kids competing remember seeing them from previous years and are stopping to say hi."

She added that more than 700 students were involved, and many new friends are made on the day of competition.

Destination Imagination is a competition that encourages problem solving, creative thinking, and spontane-



This junior high team will go to state competition April 13. They are (from front left) Brandi Walden, Bekah Welch, and Andrea Jarvie. (Back, from left) Garrett Van Engen, David Benedict, and Amanda Kirchhoff. (not pictured is Kelsey West)



The Stranded Problem team placed 7th out of 11 teams. (from back row, left,) Joey Smith, Chris Loveall, Aaron Curtis. (front, left) Nichelle Curtis, Sean Curtis, and Brandon DeMars.

ous and quick solutions to whatever is challenged of them on the day of competition.

"The junior high team did great, many of the students on that team have competed in the past years so they had experience. They placed second out of 11 teams."

Brandi Walden, on the junior high team, which included homeschooler Kelsey West, said her teams challenge was called "On Holiday."

"We had to research a country and portray a landmark, holiday or national event and portray it with a skit using humor. We also had to have different views of the same event."

Fellow team member Amanda Kirchhoff said, "This is my first time going to state competition, even though I have competed for five years- so we are all excited."

The state competition will be held at Central Michigan University Saturday, April 13.

Maplewood's group, "Art of Improv" placed fourth, and for their challenge they researched six different famous pieces of artwork. They brought the pieces to competition and one was randomly chosen. They then had 30 minutes to come up with a play or skit, complete with costumes and other unexpected things added by

judges. The team ended up working with Norman Rockwell's "Runaway."

Their team manager was Karen Kirchhoff.

Another Maplewood team worked with a stranded problem. They had to act as if they were stranded somewhere and use a device consisting of three simple machines to help unstrand them. They placed seventh out of 11 teams.

The team chose to be stranded on an asteroid and made a "brain itching machine." Their team manager was Wayne Curtis.

"We are really proud of our teams. They showed really good sportsmanship," said Kirchhoff. "The school board has been really supportive. They have indicated that they really want to support thinking competitions, not just sporting competitions, and this is a great competition that really encourages out of the box thinking."

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Fuller Elementary students caught doing good deeds

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

When the incentive committee was formed at Fuller Elementary, teachers and staff wanted to focus on rewarding students for good citizenship.

Too many times, said teacher Mary Jo Fralick, the focus is on bad behavior.

"Instead of constantly punishing kids for things they are not doing right, we wanted to focus on building better character within the kids," she explained.

So the idea for a tree to be painted in the hallway, a place to highlight students caught doing the "right

thing" was born.

Though Fralick painted most of the tree, she said the project was a group effort.

"I painted most of it, but Tammi King helped with the painting, and Mindy Otto came up with the idea, and the whole committee has been involved with making this idea work."

The idea is simple — teachers catch students doing something good, whatever the focus of the month is. This month, March, the focus is on kindness. The students then get their name on a leaf, or other seasonal shape, and the deed is also added to the tree.

"This month is was sham-rock — once caught doing something kind, we announced their name over the P.A. and we send a slip home to their parents. At the end of the month, all the names come down, and go into buckets and we have a prizes drawing for them."

"So, the parents know it, the student and school knows it, and they get entered into a raffle," she explained. "That's a lot of incentive to do the right thing."

Fralick said the tree took a little under ten hours to paint. In addition to the tree, the committee is looking at other ways to recognize good behavior.

"We have started hanging flags outside classrooms if the classroom has a nonviolent day. That includes verbal violence as well —



Becky Smith (from left), Ray Murphy, and Kelly Vorce stand by the newly painted tree that displays student acts of kindness in Fuller Elementary.

pushing, hitting, saying shut up, things like that. We are really focused on building better character in the kids and getting them to recognize these behaviors."

Easter Cantata set at Vermontville Bible Church March 31

The Vermontville Bible Church Choir will present the cantata "Lamb of God" on Easter Sunday, March 31, at 11 a.m.

It is a musical celebration, telling the most powerful story of love.

Everyone is invited to come and celebrate at Vermontville Bible Church, 250 N. Main St, Vermontville.

For more information, call the church at 517-726-0647.

Athletic Boosters will meet tonight

The Maple Valley Athletic Boosters will hold their monthly meeting tonight (Tuesday, March 26) at the Jr.-Sr. High School office conference room.

Meeting time is 5:30. The public is encouraged to attend.



Knolls to celebrate 30th wedding anniversary

Garry and Becky Knoll will be celebrating their 30th wedding anniversary on April 1, 2002.



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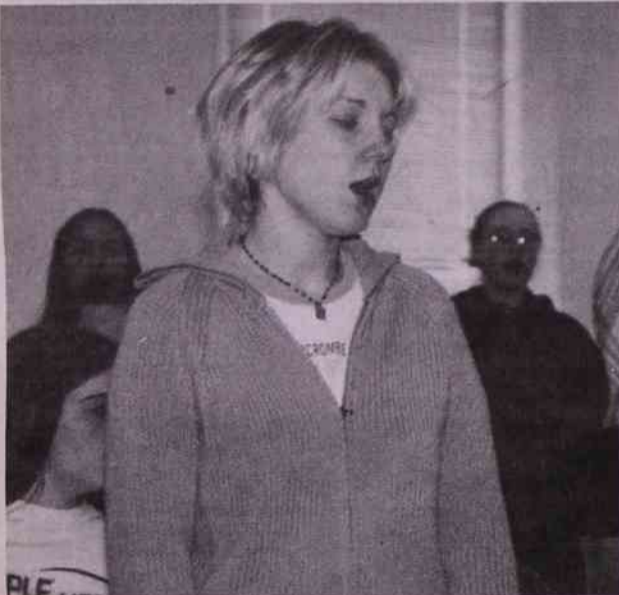
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Students practice for the choir concert that will be held tonight.



Hannah Cole belts out her choir solo during practice last week.

'Biggest choir concert ever' planned for tonight

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

Maple Valley Junior/Senior High will have its largest choir concert ever tonight, Tuesday, March 26.

Choir teacher Ryan Rosin said that four years ago, when he started in the schools, there was only enough student interest for one choir. The show tonight will highlight four choirs — the female honors choir, the male honors choir, the junior high choir and the high school choir.

"We have enough interest now to put on a good show," he said. "In the past we have only had the interest for one choir, and we finally have many more members, so we

are able to form several groups."

"We are excited about the show, we will be singing everything from Simon and Garfunkel to African American work songs to old time rock 'n roll to Broadway showtunes, and a lot in between."

Rosin said the choirs have been practicing the works since February, and many of the students will be performing solos.

The concert is slated at the high school auditorium at 7 p.m. and the public is encouraged and welcome to attend.

FROM OUR READERS

Local Citizens Speak Out On Issues

Young teachers affected negatively

To the editor:

I thought it was very important to communicate to you a situation you will be hearing more about concerning a contract dispute regarding overpayment to young teachers.

As a seasoned veteran teacher of Maple Valley Schools, I have seen many excellent young teachers come and then leave to go to neighboring school systems. Many are still good friends of mine.

Many veteran teachers have stayed, myself included, not for financial reasons, but for the unity of becoming a team player with a chance to make a difference in our young people.

All the residents of Maple Valley, teachers, and staff should be very proud of our young people that we nurture and strive to make ready for this world. We are proud of Maple Valley and are always striving to make it better for our young people, who will some day be supporting families of their own. We want these young people to have every tool for success, to make good choices and live by them.

Now let's talk about a problem that has me questioning ethical practices. The administration elected to immediately take back the salary step the younger teachers were given in their signed contracts in September. The board signed the original salary schedule as part of the teacher contract agreement.

Some young teachers have taken a chance that their wages would be correct and believed they could now start their financial planning by investing in their communities and/or receive a mort-

gage to buy a home or make other financial commitments. How would you or anyone here in the community feel being told by your employer that they made a mistake in your pay and now you will be paid less?

Teachers' salaries have been changed without any consideration of the commitments that the teachers have made financially. Maybe the young teachers has just bought a home or made a financial commitment to you.

Let's face it. It is a crisis in some of our young teachers' families now that they no longer can afford the house they bought in our community or pay for the debt they incurred. Knowing that they could pay their debts and now they cannot must not only be frustrating, but must shake their faith in the board and the superintendent's integrity.

We do need to think of the effects that administrative decisions have resulted or may result in:

- Loss of teachers... The ability to attract and keep quality staff has been damaged. A teacher shortage in the USA is under way.

- Some staff members are unable to fulfill financial commitments made based on what their signed contracts said.

- Staff morale has been critically damaged.

I'm saddened to think that the administration and the board could and did affect the lives of 33 of our young teachers without looking ahead to see the "domino effect!"

Hal Maxson
Speech Therapist,
Maple Valley Schools

La Leche League to meet Thursday

The La Leche League will meet at 10 a.m. Thursday, March 28, at 5777 Irish Road, Vermontville.

LaLeche League is a non-

sectarian, non-profit organization that encourages women to breastfeed their babies and offers them support and information. The name LaLeche means "the milk" in Spanish.

The group holds a series of meetings Thursday mornings in and around Barry County, including Vermontville, Clarksville and the Yankee Springs area. There essentially are four topics, with one being presented each month.

This month's topic will be "The Art of Breastfeeding and Overcoming Difficulties."

All women who are breastfeeding or are pregnant and interested in breastfeeding are welcome to attend the meetings. Babies and toddlers also are welcome. The group also has a lending library with topics on pregnancy, childbirth; child development and nutrition.

For more information about La Leche League and its meetings, or for help with breastfeeding, call Kathy Othmer at (517) 726-1264.

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Maplewood students enjoy book exchange



Students collect books for the book exchange at Maplewood School last week.

by **Shawna Hubbarth**
Staff Writer
Maplewood Elementary students, tired of their books at home, got a chance to trade with other students last week.

Teacher Vicki Williams was in charge of the week-long book exchange. She told each student to bring in

five books that they were finished reading and trade them for five new ones.

The table for trading was set outside the library and soon books filled boxes. Each student, after bringing in the books, signed in the number they had brought in.

Principal Fred Davenport said the exchange went well

with the students, and helped promote reading for fun.

On Friday, all the books were set out, for easy viewing in the gym, and students pursued them, looking for new titles to read.

Williams said it was a great opportunity for students to get new reading materials without the extra cost.

Synopsis of Meeting Castleton Twp. Board

Castleton Township Board
March 6, 2002
Called to order by Supervisor J. Cooley.
All board members were present.
Eleven people were in attendance from the public.
Approved the agenda as printed.
Public comment was heard. Minutes from the February 6, 2002 meeting were approved.
Amended the budget.
Accepted the treasurer's report.
Approved paying bills in the amount of 25,796.03.
Committee reports were received and placed on file.
Discussed the 2002-2003 budget.

Voted to have Foote and Lloyd for the township auditors.
Voted to have the township meeting on the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m.
Voted not to have a spring road tour.
Correspondence was viewed by the board.
Voted to approve a resolution that would allow the Village to re-annex the Mulberry Fore clubhouse property back into the village.
Heard from J. MacKenzie on county business.
Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.
Lorna L. Wilson, Clerk
Attested to by Supervisor J. Cooley.

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Jennifer Kent named Student of the Month



Lion's Club student of the month Jennifer Kent, with her family, sister Rebecca, mom Denise and father John.

Maplewood Elementary student Jennifer Kent is the Vermontville Lions Club's student of the month for March.

Jennifer is the daughter of Denise and John Kent. She is the first Maplewood student to be selected.

Teachers recommended Jennifer to the club.

One teacher wrote on the recommendation, "Jennifer never fails to show respect for the adults that have the privilege of being part of her life. When we think of Jennifer we smile. We know the world will be a better place because of her. The future is bright because of students like Jennifer are leading the way. We are extremely proud to be one of her teachers."

Kent and her family were honored at a recent Lions Club dinner in Vermontville.



Student of the month, Jennifer Kent, with Vermontville Lion's Club President Greg Szymanski.

HELP WANTED:

Castleton Township is looking for a person to clean the township hall on a regular basis.

For more information please contact the clerk at 517 852-9193 or 517 852-9479.

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Vermontville Township

...will be holding an annual budget hearing on March 28, 2002 after the regular monthly board meeting starting at 7 p.m. at the Vermontville Opera House. Copies of the budget can be obtained for inspection from the clerk by calling 517-726-0032.

Marcia K. Grant, Clerk

M.V. grad joins honors medical society



Maple Valley High School graduate Dr. Lisa M. Long, a third-year resident in Marquette General Hospital Family Practice Residency program, has been inducted into Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society.

Selections were made by a committee of Alpha Omega Alpha faculty who considered outstanding performance in a residency pro-

gram; evidence of scholarship as a resident house officer; and evidence of outstanding community service.

Dr. Long graduated from Maple Valley High School. She attended Michigan State University, graduating in 1995 from the Honors College and Lyman Briggs College with a bachelor of science degree in biology. She attended medical school at the University of

Michigan and was awarded the Terence C. Davies Award for Excellence in Family Practice.

Dr. Long, who will begin practicing at Nagaunee Medical Associates this summer, received the Outstanding Resident Award given by the faculty follow-

ing her first year of training within the program. She also received the Resident of the Year award, selected by her peers, after completion of her second year of training.

Dr. Long is married to Lee Ossenheimer and they are new parents to a son, Jesse Lee, born on Nov. 21, 2001.

CASTLETON TOWNSHIP

The regular board meetings of the Castleton Township Board are the first Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Castleton Township Hall located at 915 Reed St., Nashville, MI 49073. The meeting dates are as follows:

April 3, 2002	August 7, 2002	December 4, 2002
May 1, 2002	September 4, 2002	January 8, 2003
June 5, 2002	October 2, 2002	February 5, 2003
July 10, 2002	November 6, 2002	March 5, 2003

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MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION NOMINATING PETITIONS

School board nominating petitions may be obtained at the superintendent's office by anyone interested in being a candidate for a position on the Maple Valley Board of Education. The terms of Frank Dunham and David Favre expire on June 30, 2002.

The following terms of office are to be filled at the annual election to be held on Monday, June 10, 2002:

Two four-year terms—July 1, 2002, through June 30, 2006

Nominating petitions must be filed at the superintendent's office, 11090 Nashville Highway, not later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2002. Any candidate filing a nominating petition may withdraw only by filing written notice of withdrawal, signed by the candidate, not later than 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 11, 2002. The superintendent's office is open from 8:00-5:00 Monday-Friday through March 30. Office hours during Spring Break will be Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

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NOTICE Maple Grove Township

A public hearing on the proposed Maple Grove Township budget for the coming fiscal year, April 1, 2002, through March 31, 2003, will be held in conjunction with the annual meeting at the township hall, 721 Durkee St., Nashville, on March 30, 2002, at 1:30 p.m. Copies of the proposed budget may be obtained at the township hall.

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids, or services should contact Susie Butler, Clerk, by writing 9752 Ewart Rd., Nashville, or by phoning 852-1859.

A special meeting of the Maple Grove Township Board will be held immediately following the annual meeting.

Susie Butler
Maple Grove Township Clerk

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POLICE BEAT

Two men accused of home invasion in Maple Grove Twp.

Two homeless men are facing felony charges for allegedly breaking into a Maple Grove Township home March 14 and stealing guns, a gun case, beer and a rake, according to the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police.

"The victim had knowledge that the suspects were at his house the day before the break-in," said police.

Troopers later located Jeffrey William Vogel, 42, and his alleged accomplice, Johnny Ray Miller, 38, in the Nashville area.

Vogel is lodged in the Barry County Jail on \$60,000 bond while Miller is lodged on \$20,000 bond awaiting March 27 pre-exam hearings.

Both men are charged with one count each of first degree home invasion, receiving and concealing stolen firearms, using a firearm in the commission of a felony and with being habitual offenders.

Police are also seeking warrants for a third suspect. "Police located the missing weapon case from the woods," said police. "The weapons were not recovered. We presume they were traded for drugs."

Officers hurt while attempting capture of suspected fugitive

Police dispatched to a possible breaking and entering in an apartment on North Main Street in Nashville March 16 suffered some scrapes and bruises, but were able to capture a man wanted by Colorado authori-

ties, according to Nashville Police Chief Garry Barnes.

Barnes said James Christopher Votruba, 27, of East Lansing, fled the residence upon their arrival by leaping onto a balcony and then to the sidewalk below in his

bare feet.

Officers left the residence but said they spotted Votruba returning to the apartment where he had apparently been allowed to visit by the residents.

Police returned to the apartment in time to see Votruba flee through a side window and jump onto a garage roof before fleeing on foot, again injuring himself on the landing, Barnes said.

"I took off running around the corner and there was a parked car there, and I bumped my leg into it," said Barnes.

Meanwhile, Deputies Chris Yonkers and Nick Siefert suffered cuts and bruises when they tackled Votruba, said Barnes.

"They caught him and they all went to the ground," said Barnes.

All four men were treated at Penneck Hospital for minor injuries.

Votruba is charged in Barry County with resisting and obstructing police. He is also wanted on unknown charges in Colorado where he is expected to be extradited, Barnes said.



Mary Hebraea, an alchemist in first century Alexandria was known for her discovery of hydrochloric acid.

WRESTLING CLUB RESULTS

Maple Valley Wrestling Club results from a freestyle tournament Mar. 16 at Ionia High School:

Group 0:
Colyn Reed 2nd Place (37 lbs)

Landon Hess 2nd Place (58 lbs)

Group 1:
Nicholas Iszler 4th Place (40 lbs)

Alex Reed 2nd Place (49 lbs)

Paul Hosmer 4th Place (55 lbs)

Hunter Hess 2nd Place (61 lbs)

Andrew Lamance 4th Place (67 lbs)

Chantz McManamey 2nd Place (72 lbs)

McKenzye Corwin 3rd Place (72 lbs)

Colton Parish 3rd Place (80 lbs)

Group 2:
Cole Hess 2nd Place (70 lbs)

Levi Totten 3rd Place (87 lbs)

Group 3:
Ryan Brooke 1st Place (95 lbs)

Jesse Miller 1st Place (100 lbs)

Jorge Miller 1st Place (105 lbs)

Marcus Pearce 3rd Place (120 lbs)

Jesse Scott Miller 2nd Place (Hvwt)

Group 4:
Tyler Corwin 1st Place

Christopher James 2nd Place (100 lbs)

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POSITION OPENINGS MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOLS GENERAL AIDE Maplewood Elementary

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Application should be made to the Administration Office, Maple Valley Schools, 11090 Nashville Highway, Vermontville, MI 49096 by April 4, 2002.

Monday through Friday

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Screening key to catching colorectal cancer

(NAPS)—It's important for people to be screened for colorectal cancer. That's because doctors say if you're over 50, you're at risk for the disease.

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Colorectal cancer is one of the most treatable forms of cancer—but only if it is detected early.

most preventable cancers, especially when detected early. According to the American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ASCRS), men and women over the age of 50 are considered at "average risk" for

developing colorectal cancer and should get annual screenings beginning at age 50.

The key to stopping this killer is early detection. With today's screening techniques, colorectal surgeons can detect and remove pre-cancerous polyps before they become dangerous, and then can reduce colorectal cancer deaths dramatically.

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- What is my risk of developing colorectal cancer?
- What screening method is best for me?
- Are there any symptoms that I should be concerned about?
- How is colorectal cancer treated?

For a free brochure on colorectal cancer or to find a colorectal surgeon in your area, visit the ASCRS Web site at www.fascrs.org.



Vermontville home damaged by fire

Although it is hard to discern from this photo, significant damage was caused by a fire here last Monday night at 360 South Main in Vermontville. Assistant Fire Chief Monte O'Dell said the call came in at 9:39 p.m. and by the time the department got there, flames were shooting out the back of the home from the upstairs floor. Home owners Rod and Shirley Harmon (who is the village clerk) escaped safely, and Nashville Fire Department assisted in putting the fire out. O'Dell said the fire was out within a half hour, but not before significant damage was caused. The Fire Marshal is investigating the cause of the fire.

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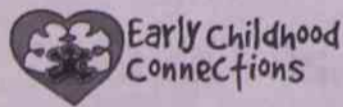
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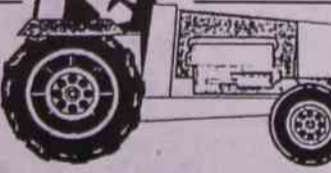
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Barry County MSU Extension Office

- 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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Hopefully this is a good omen for the upcoming National Hockey League playoffs: A team called The Red

Wings are the playoff champions for the Kellogg Floor Hockey League's 2002 season.

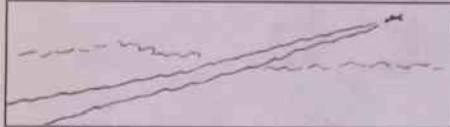
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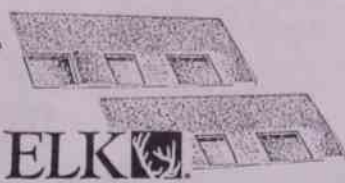
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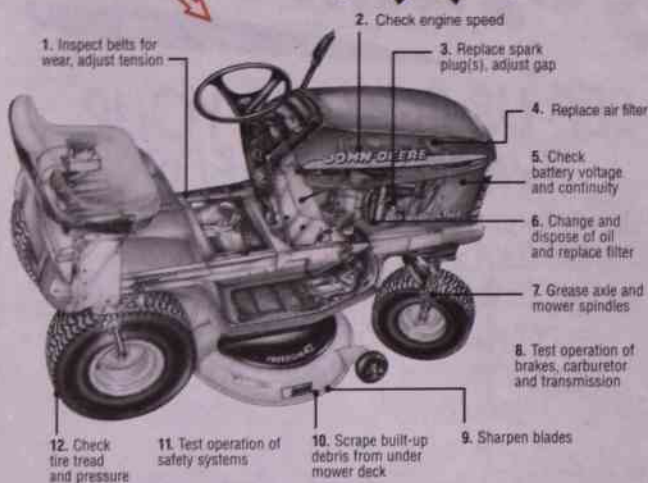
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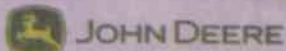
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