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Top 10 seniors announced for Class of 2002



Miranda Farr.



Becky Guernsey.



Nathaniel Jarvie.



Christina Jackson.



Nicholas Jones.



Becky Scripter.

by Shawna Hubbarth
 Staff Writer

The academic Top Ten students of the Maple Valley High School Class of 2002 have been announced.

Maple Valley High School will graduate three valedictorians, all with a perfect grade point averages of 4.0.

Lizzie Sundrila, is graduating with a 4.0. Her parents are Cynthia Gatewood, and Thomas Sundrila.

Her academic achievements include four-year academic awards, annual citizenship awards, annual

scholarship awards, participation awards for all eight theater productions while in high school, recognition for outstanding MEAP scores, Michigan Merit Award, Charlotte Optimist Club Award, Presidential Scholarship to Saginaw Valley State University and SMAA academic awards.

Her extra curricular activities include Quiz Bowl Captain, Quiz Busters captain, band, various positions in band and student council, Honors choir, musical and drama productions, National



Lizzie Sundrila.



Bethany Swift.



Darin Thrun.



Camille Wieland.

Plans proceeding for car show

by Shawna Hubbarth
 Staff Writer

Plans are coming along nicely for the second annual Classic and Antique Car Show in Nashville.

The Nashville Car Club will be host for the event, scheduled for Saturday, June 15, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., which was a hit last year with more than 200 cars.

Ruth Hickey, one of the organizers, said this year they hope to have even more.

"We were pretty shocked to have that many last year, our first year, but we are hoping to have even more this year," she said.

Hickey said besides the same features last year, they will be having an hour of humor, featuring Virgil and

his variety show, put on by comedian Virgil Norgrove.

"It's family oriented comedy, and it should be fun," said Hickey.

Also during the event will be horse and buggy rides, city-wide garage sales, the Nashville Fire Department pancake breakfast (from 7 to 11 a.m.), '50s and '60s music, dash plaques for the first

200 cars, a 50/50 raffle, and more.

Money raised from the event will go to benefit Nashville's "Wish Upon a Star" program, which buys holiday presents and provides food to area residents in need. Last year the car club raised \$500 for the charity.

This year, said Hickey, the club is still looking to civic and school groups that would like to raise money and have booths at the event.

"We are looking for things like athletic boosters, band boosters, churches, whomever, to have a booth."

Interested parties can call Dan Kellogg at (517) 852-2319 or Ralph Rasey at (517) 726-0036, or Hickey at 852-0925.

Hickey said local merchants and business' are donating prizes and trophies. She said there is no charge to come to the event, and cars can enter for a \$5 entry fee.

"We are hoping for great weather and a good turnout," she said.

(NHS) and Spanish Honor Society and Spanish Club.

Sundrila is a 13-year Girl Scout, has tutored throughout 2001-02 school year, is a cadette teaching an honors level research paper class, and enjoys reading, writing, singing and planning for her future.

That future includes attending Saginaw Valley State University in the fall as a member of its university scholars program. She plans to major in secondary education to teach Spanish, and minor to teach history and English. She said she plans to live in or near Zilwaukee, Mich., as a high school teacher.

Nicholas Jones, son of Kelly and Keith Jones, also is graduating with a 4.0. He

is an NHS member, has been listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students (three years in a row), a scholar athlete, winner of the Michigan Merit Award, a recipient of Central Michigan University's (CMU) Outstanding High School Student Scholarship, SMAA Math Rally individual award winner and was a student of the month for the Vermontville Lions Club.

His extra-curricular activities include golf (all-conference 2001), basketball (1st team all conference junior and senior years, first team all-Barry County 2002, honorable mention Lansing State Journal 2002, co-cap-

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The Nashville Car Club has been busy planning this years 2nd Annual Classic and Antique Car Show for June 15.

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tain senior year) and Spanish Club.

Jones has been a referee for the Maple Valley Youth Basketball League, a volunteer coach for 2001 Youth Basketball of America team, a youth leader at Nashville Baptist Church, and active in his youth group and Sun-

day school at the church.

He plans to attend Central Michigan University and pursue a career in education or possibly broadcasting.

Christina Jackson, also graduating with a 4.0, is the daughter of Cheryl and Morris Jackson. Her academic achievements include sec-

ond team SMAA academic 1999-2000, first team SMAA academic for two years, HOBY representative '99-00, Charlotte Optimist Club award recipient, Michigan Merit Award recipient, four-year academic award winner, four-year knowledge master participant, math rally participant, citizenship award, and honor roll.

She has held office on the student council as secretary and class representative, is secretary for the NHS, president of the Spanish Honor Society, Spanish Club, active for three years in high school dramas and musicals, a member of the JV and varsity golf team and a recipient of an Art Excellence Award.

Her community service and hobbies include WRKR telethon participant, chore-

ographer for the Vermontville Little Miss Syrup Pageant '02, participated in Senior Youth Forums, blood drive worker and participant, she has attended Campbell Dance Studio for 14 years and has been involved in community theater.

This fall she plans to attend Purdue University to pursue a career in visual communication design.

Salutatorian **Darin Thrun** is the son of Terri and David Thrun. He graduates with a 3.977 GPA.

His academic achievements include first team all-conference at the SMAA math rally, citizenship award, member of 2000 academic all-state football team, nominated for the MHSAA scholar-athlete award, first team all-SMAA basketball and baseball, and second team all-SMAA football.

He is a member of the student council, the NHS, the Spanish Honor Society, the Spanish Club, the Ski Club, and four years each on basketball, football and baseball teams.

His community service and hobbies include being a member of PALS, reading buddy for elementary schools, participant in the Senior Youth Forum, has worked on fund-raisers for the athletic boosters, and has been a volunteer counselor at summer youth basketball camp.

In the fall he will attend Michigan State University in hopes of pursuing a career in sports medicine.

Bethany Swift, daughter of Sheryl and Kalen Swift graduates with a 3.887.

She was on the second team all-conference for academics, first team all-conference for softball, on the honor roll for four years, and received first, second, and third year awards for academic achievements.

Swift has played volleyball for three years and softball for four. She is a member of the Honors Choir, and a member of NHS.

Her community service in-

cludes Christmas caroling with the Honors Choir and giving blood at school blood drives. She also works with toddlers during nursery at her church.

She plans to attend Spring Arbor University to major in social work and minor in music. After college, she said she hopes to work with teens and children in her home and at work.

Rebecca Guernsey, daughter of Leslie and Robert Guernsey, graduates with a 3.882 GPA.

She has been a four-year academic award winner, recipient of the Scholastic Achievement and Citizenship award winner, All As, honor roll, SMAA academic all-conference second team for two years, participation awards for drama and musicals, Michigan Merit Award winner, awards of art excellence recipient, and Best Drum Major award winner at Myrtle Beach National Marching Band Competition in 2001.

She has participated in dramas and musicals for four years, varsity soccer, NHS member, band, jazz band, has been the high school drum major for two years, is a member of Earthwatch, in the Honors Choir, and a member of student council.

Her hobbies and community service include volunteering at school blood drives, participating in Senior Youth Forums, NHS activities, WRKR telethon participant, and has played the

piano for eight years.

She plans to attend Grand Valley State University in the fall to major in English and pursue a career in secondary education.

Nathaniel Jarvie, son of Kathryn and Mark Jarvie, graduates with a 3.881 GPA.

He has been on the all-As honor roll for three years, has received an academic letter, pin, and third year plaque and will graduate with high honors.

His extra curricular activities include NHS, Spanish Honor Society, Jazz Band, freshman and JV baseball, soccer and he has appeared in several dramas and musicals.

He has been a sixth grade camp counselor for three years, and loves sports and collecting baseball cards and sports memorabilia.

He will attend Central Michigan University.

Camille Wieland, daughter of Laurie Ruhstorfer, graduates with a 3.879.

She has been the recipient of four years of academic awards, selected four years for Who's Who in America's Youth, and takes classes in advanced placement history and physics on-line at school.

She has been on the volleyball team for four years, three years of cross country, one year of track, currently plays soccer on the school team, is a member of the Honors Choir, Jazz Band, two-year member of the

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Garden Club sets Bake Sale

The Nashville Garden Club will be holding a 2nd Annual Bake Sale this Saturday (May 11) from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. rain or shine. The money raised will be used to put more flowers, like these tulips, into the park downtown. Donations will also be taken at the sale to raise money to put banners on the poles in the village. The club meets every 2nd Monday of the month at Goodtime Pizza in Nashville and welcomes new members.

FROM OUR READERS

Local Citizens Speak Out On Issues

Every day is Poppy Day for vets in hospitals

To the editor:
For hundreds of long-term disabled veterans in Veterans Administration Hospitals and Domiciliaries and in State Veterans Homes, every day in VFW Buddy Poppy Day.

These are the men who assemble the Poppies, tie them in bunches in ten and pack them in boxes of 500, 1,000 or 2,000 for shipment

to the over 10,000 Veteran of Foreign War Posts and Auxiliaries throughout the nation.

Poppy assembly is a year-round project in some 10 veterans' facilities and a part-time program in others. Some are under the direction of the VFW organization in the state in which they are located, and others are supervised and directed by the National VFW Buddy Poppy Department.

The assembly procedure varies from facility to facility, depending upon the emphasis given to the various aspects of the program by the project director. The Veterans of Foreign Wars pays the disabled veteran for his work. In most cases, the money provides extra income for the disabled veteran to pay for the little luxuries, which make hospital life tolerable.

Sometimes the Poppy assembly is used as a therapy program, under direct supervision of hospital personnel, to provide exercise for fingers and hands crippled by wounds, disease, and the effects of old age.

One of the most successful adaptations of the Buddy Poppy assembly program is its use as a step toward the rehabilitation of psychiatric patients. The experience and

training in concentration and supervised work in assembling Poppies has led to more complicated duties and eventual discharge.

From the time it leaves the hospital until it graces the coat lapel or dress front of the individual citizen, the Poppy provides care for the widow and orphans of deceased veterans at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids, Michigan: It provides funds for veterans rehabilitation services on the state and national level; pays for direct relief to the families of needy and deceased veterans; and serves as a memorial to the dead of all wars of the U.S.

More than 16 million Buddy Poppies will be assembled this year and will be distributed by VFW Posts and Auxiliaries throughout the nation. Each of them will have traveled a long way and each will have helped to make someone happier.

The annual distribution of Buddy Poppies is the only public solicitation conducted by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The distribution in this area will be May 9-11.

Anne Marie Foote, Chairman, Buddy Poppy Sales, Auxiliary Junior Vice President, VFW Post 8260, Nashville

Eaton County 4-Hers take part in Style Revue

Eaton County youths had their moment in the spotlight April 13 at the Eaton County 4-H Style Revue.

Members involved in the personal appearance project had been sewing, knitting and crocheting for weeks in order to model their garments at the event.

During the day, participants were evaluated by judges Carolyn Worth of Hastings, Dorothy Bildner of Hillsdale, and Roberta Hamlin of Webberville.

In the evening, they modeled clothing for their family, friends, and community members at the Eaton Rapids High School Auditorium.

The purpose of Style Revue is to help youth learn to positively present themselves in public forums with ease and confidence.

The theme "Let The Flag Fly On Our Fashion Parade" set the stage for the evening Style Revue. Linda Glover of Grand Ledge was chairwoman for the event. Irma Harrison of Grand Ledge

was mistress of ceremonies and Hali Collins of Charlotte and Sydney Lipsey of Potterville were narrators.

Best of Show plaques were awarded to those whom the judges thought were the top 5 percent of the group. Style Revue pins were awarded to the next 10 percent, and Honor Group rosettes to the next 15 percent.

Best of Show plaques and certificates were awarded to Meghan and Erin Butler of Charlotte, Chelsey Dow, Mulliken, Taylor Funk, Olivet and Jesse Toburen of Eaton Rapids.

Receiving Style Revue pins were Kelsey Perry, Victoria Laginess, Danielle Meyer, Rebecca Schnepf, all of Eaton Rapids; Elizabeth Gehrig of Marshall; Whitney Droscha, Katie Edick, Hali Collins, Elizabeth Harris, Paige Britton, Sarah Lowe and

Sarah Harris, all of Charlotte.

Honor Group rosettes were presented to John Childs, Ashley Glover, Anna Benschel, Brittney Gonzalez and Emily Langenberg, all of Grand Ledge; Zoanne Siple of Vermontville; Lindsay Britton, Janae Haigh, Amber Sherman, Callie VanNeste, Emily Westfall, Paige and Chelsea Locke, all of Charlotte; Rebecca Olejownik and Christina Hicks, both of Eaton Rapids; and Kara Johnson, Olivet.

Graduating seniors were recognized with flowers. This was made possible through the Doreen Pratt Memorial fund. Members receiving recognition were Katie Edick, Hali Collins and Sydney Lipsey, all of the Boody Feeders 4H Club and Christina Hicks and Jesse Toburen, both of the We-R-A-R-4-H Club.

Student showcase is May 15

Maple Valley Jr.-Sr. High School will have a display of student work Wednesday, May 15, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Plans include an art show, performances by the jazz band and choir, industrial art displays, hands-on demonstrations, class projects, etc.

Displays will be located in the cafeteria, old gym and main hallways. The music program will take place in the auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend. This event is sponsored by the fine arts department.

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Seventh-graders study habits of goat

by Shawna Hubbard
Staff Writer

Pete the goat made an appearance at the Maple Valley Sr./Jr. High last week.

The goat brought to life the studies about mammals the students in seventh grade science class have been conducting.

Morgan said Pete is six months old and just weaning from a bottle.

"The art class also used the goat to draw pictures, so he has been used for more classes than just mine," said Martin.

Pete seemed to attract a lot of visitors throughout his stay for the day at the school.

"This is educational and fun for everyone," said Martin. "We are learning together and it's really fun to watch the kids around the goat. You can tell who is a 4-Her and who is not," she laughed.



Ricky Morgan brought his goat Pete into the classroom last week to bring alive a science unit the students were studying.

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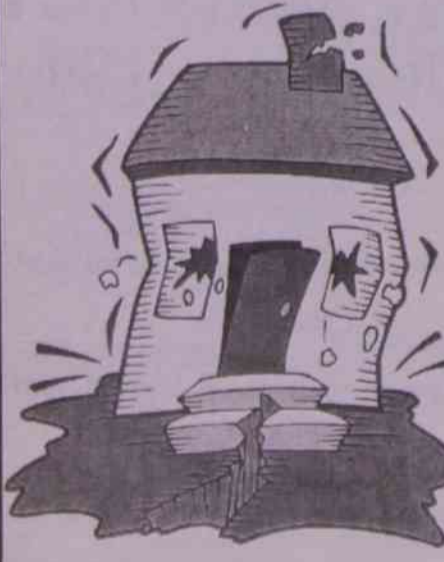
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Obituaries

Howard Jay Cole



BELLEVUE - Howard Jay Cole, age 90, of Lacey Rd., Bellevue, passed away peacefully Monday, April 29, 2002, at home on the farm he loved with his beloved wife of 64 years by his side.

Howard was born in 1911 in Assyria Township of Barry County. He attended the Briggs School and graduated from Battle Creek Central High School in 1929.

He married Leona N. Miller on July 25, 1937.

He raised beef cattle and hogs on his farm near Bellevue and took great pleasure in his large garden he planted each year to share with family and friends. He was an enthusiastic outdoorsman who loved to fish, hunt, trap and camp. He loved the Upper Peninsula and went on many wonderful trips with his family.

He was a member of the N.R.A., the National Trappers Association, the Southern Michigan Trappers Association and the Michigan Farm Bureau. He received the Southern Michigan Trappers Hall of Fame Award in 1987. He attended the Dowling Country Chapel of the United Methodist Church.

Mr. Cole was an extremely devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who was proud of his heritage and proud to be an American.

Mr. Cole will be greatly missed by his wife, Leona

N. (Miller) Cole and his children, Norene (Leonard) Fox of Bellevue, Nancy (Bill) Bivens of Parma and Steven (Joie) Cole. His 11 grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren were a great source of pride to him. Also survived by his sister, Lucile McClelland of Bellevue and his brother-in-law, Oral Miller of Battle Creek.

Mr. Cole was preceded in death by his parents, Jay & Kathleen Cole; his sister, Hazel Hoffman and his brother, Leon Cole.

Funeral services were held Friday, May 3, 2002 at the Dowling Country Chapel of the United Methodist Church. Pastor Dianne Doten-Morrison officiated.

Burial take place at Ellis Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Dowling Country Chapel of the United Methodist Church or Barry Community Hospice.

Arrangements are made by Wren Funeral Home in Hastings.

Roy C. Fuller



HASTINGS - Roy C. Fuller, age 75, of Hastings, died Friday, Jan. 11, 2002 in Thornapple Manor of Hastings.

Mr. Fuller was born on April 10, 1926 in Hastings, MI, the son of Evan and Claudia (Cole) Fuller. He was reared in Carlton Township of Barry County, attended the Rogers School and graduated 1944 from Hastings High School. He served 2 1/2 years in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He married Phyllis A. Hummel on June 10, 1950. He was employed at Hastings E. W. Bliss Co. for 38 years, retiring in 1982.

Survived by wife, Phyllis; sons, Kim Fuller of Pasadena, TX; brother, Gerald Fuller of Mason; sisters, Betty (Robert) Stowell of Grand Rapids, Claudia (Clifford) Ingersoll of Sparta; sister-in-laws, Dorothy (Michael) Martich of Battle Creek and Margaret Procissi of Florida; nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 14, 2002 at Welcome Corners United Methodist Church, (3185 N. M-43

Revival is May 12-25 at Nashville Assembly

The Nashville Assembly of God will have a revival May 12-15 with Evangelist W. Don and Martha Tennon.

The Tennions are an evangelistic team in the Assemblies of God's Decade of Harvest program. They previously were pastors for 20 years, the last 12 of which was at First Assembly of Radcliff, Ky., where they saw the church grow from 80 to more than 500. In May of 1988 the church experi-

enced a nationally reported tragedy when their bus was hit head-on by a drunk driver and burned, killing 27 Don and Martha was healed on ulcers so extreme the doctor wanted to replace her stomach with an artificial one.

The Nashville Assembly of God is located at 735 Reed St., call 852-9819 for more information. Sunday services will be at 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. and Monday-Wednesday services will be at 7 p.m.

'Bullying' presentation scheduled at high school

The Eaton Intermediate School District will have a one-night presentation on "Support for Victims... Help for Bullies... Tips for Parents" from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14, at Maple Valley High School.

During the presentation, parents will explore myths and facts about bullying, understand the characteristics of bullying behavior and those of victimization. They will also receive helpful tools for teaching and supporting their children against the harmful effects of bullying.

The class is free, and registration can be confirmed by calling Jennifer Kuchera at (517) 852-9275.

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Horse shows will be Saturday in Charlotte

The Eaton County 4-H Horse Development Committee is sponsoring a horse show at the Eaton County Fairgrounds in Charlotte Saturday, May 11, starting at 8:30 a.m.

Pleasure classes will be judged by Laura Lee Carrington and include halter, showmanship, English and western riding and trail classes. New this year will be a versatility class, and, as in the past, a stakes class will be offered.

The gymkhana classes will start no earlier than 4 p.m. following the pleasure classes and include barrel racing, Indiana flag race, speed and action, pole bending and keyhole. A stakes class will also be offered. Sharon Powell will judge the gymkhana portion of the show.

For more information please call 616-209-8183; 517-541-0376 or 517-726-

0251. Rough Riders 4-H Club will host a pleasure show at the Eaton County Fairgrounds Sunday, June 9, starting at 8:30 a.m. Classes will be judged by Charles Schroeder and include halter, showmanship, English and western riding, reining and two games.

For more information, please call (517) 646-6155 or 517-645-2352.

Maple Valley Riders 4-H Club will host a horse show at the Eaton County Fairgrounds on June 15, 2002 starting at 8 a.m. This show is a team fun show with casual dress preferred. Classes will be judged by Rick Weaver and include gymkhana and pleasure classes. Four-person teams can enter up to 20 classes with prizes being awarded to the high point team. Prizes are also awarded to teams made up of members of the

same family or members of the same 4-H club. For more information please call (517) 726-0251.

J&D Outlaws 4-H Club will be hosting speed shows at the Eaton County Fairgrounds on the following dates: May 18, June 8, July 20, Aug. 17 and Sept. 14. Classes for these shows include pole bending, speed and action, flag race, barrel race, keyhole, gymkhana and a mystery class (time permitting). All J&D Outlaws shows start at 4 p.m.

For more information, please call (517) 543-8107 or (517) 663-2479.

Proof of 2002 negative Coggins test is required for all these horse shows.



Little Miss Maple Syrup crowned

Ashley Weiler (left), daughter of Rob and Christy Weiler of Vermontville, was crowned Little Miss Maple Syrup Princess April 29 at the Vermontville Maple Syrup festival. Her talent was tap dancing. She received a certificate for "most ants in her pants." First runner up was Miranda Sprague, daughter of John Sprague and Penni Steortz of Nashville. Her talent was singing "Three Little Birds" and her certificate was for "most energetic." Second runner up was Jessica Kent, daughter of John and Denise Kent of Nashville. Her talent was dancing and her certificate was for "most excited."

Top ten, continued from page 2

FFA, and is an officer for the National Honor Society.

She was the 2001 Vermontville Maple Syrup Queen, and helps in the nursery and toddlers programs at Vermontville Bible Church.

She will attend Lansing Community College in the fall and plans to transfer to Cedarville University in Ohio in the fall of 2003. She would like to go into the field of medical laboratory work.

Miranda Farr, daughter of Susan Farr and Walt Farr, graduates with a 3.789.

She has been a two-year academic award winner, has had perfect attendance, has been on the honor roll, is a scholar-athlete and graduates with honors.

Her extra curricular activities include three-year varsity basketball and varsity volleyball member, first team all-conference, second team all-Barry County, fourth year varsity track, holds the indoor school record for pole vault, NHS member and three years in 4-H.

Her community service includes being a participant in the Senior Youth Forum, helped in Sept. 11 disaster relief fund-raising, participated in blood drives and fairground cleanup. She likes to ride dirt bikes, horses and play sports.

She plans to attend college, and hopes to play volleyball on the school team.

Rebecca Scripser, daughter of Janet and Bradley

Scott, and Edgar and Cheryl Scripser, graduates with a 3.748 GPA.

She is listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students, is a three-year academic award winner, and graduates with high honors.

She has been a cheerleader for the football and basketball teams, and is a member of NHS.

She plans to attend Baker College and major in legal administrative assistant.

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THE FAMILY OF SUSAN (LATTA) GUTCHESS

Would like to thank everyone who was so good to her during her long illness. Those who sent cards, offered prayers on her behalf and showed concern for her health.

After her death on March 4, 2002, we received an outpouring of cards, calls, flowers, food, money for contributions and prayers for her family.

We were pleased at all the people who attended her memorial service, especially former classmates of Susie and Gordon. We thank Pastor DeGroot for the lovely memorial service and the reminder of all the happy memories that Susie left to us.

Thank you to the ladies of Nashville Baptist for a very nice luncheon after the service.

Petie would like to thank everyone for cards and prayers when she had treatment for cancer in the fall, and Sherry would like to thank folks for their cards, prayers and support as she is now going through cancer treatment.

Student showcase to have art, music May 15

by Shawna Hubbarth
Staff Writer

Maple Valley Jr.-Sr. High showcase from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, May 15.



David Shaver and Oran McCauley (from left) work on a shelf in wood shop class that will be on display at the showcase.



Autumn Pierce concentrates on a dragon painting she is completing for the student showcase on May 15.

Donny Joppie works on a small baseball bat for the showcase in woodshop class last week.



The showcase will feature an art show, jazz band performances, choir performances, industrial art displays, demonstrations, class projects and more.

Art students were busy last week preparing for the show, which will highlight some projects that have been in the works for months.

Teacher Jeff Seavolt said, "We will have woodshop projects of various mediums, and a working demonstration, so the kids can show some of their talents and skills."

Seavolt said a few students who build speaker boxes plan to show the process from beginning to end.

"We are going to have a lot of nice laminated turnings, cabinetry and tables. We are using eight or nine different species of wood so we have some variety," he said.

Bill Kipp, metal shop teacher said, "We will have sheet metal work on display. There will be boxes, funnels, and examples of their welding and sandcasting projects."

The event is to showcase the talents and work the students have been completing this year, said organizers. The event is sponsored by the Fine Arts Department.

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Olivia Blakely and Amy Joostberns work on water color projects for the student showcase.

Raeleen Hapeman stands by her water faucet- such projects will be on display at the student showcase.



SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Elementary Schools
(Maplewood & Fuller)

Lunch Menu
Wednesday, May 8

Nachos, carrot sticks, applesauce, animal crackers, 1/2 pt. milk.

Thursday, May 9

Pizza, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, pretzel rod, 1/2 pt. milk.

Friday, May 10

Chicken nuggets, roll & jelly, french fries, pear halves, 1/2 pt. milk.

Monday, May 13

Corn dog, tater tots, fresh fruit, Teddy Grahams, 1/2 pt. milk.

Tuesday, May 14

Burrito, green beans, peaches, cookie, 1/2 pt. milk.

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

Maple Valley Jr./Sr.
High School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, May 8

Choose One - Hot pockets, pizza, chicken sandwich, deli bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, carrot sticks, applesauce, juice. Milk.

Thursday, May 9

Choose One - Club sandwich, pizza, cheeseburger, taco bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, broccoli, fruit mix, juice. Milk.

Friday, May 10

Choose One - Chicken nuggets, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, mashed potatoes, pear halves, juice. Milk.

Monday, May 13

Choose One - Corn dogs, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, french fries, fresh fruit, juice. Milk.

Tuesday, May 14

Choose One - Ham & cheese sub, pizza, cheeseburger, taco bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, green beans, peaches, juice. Milk.

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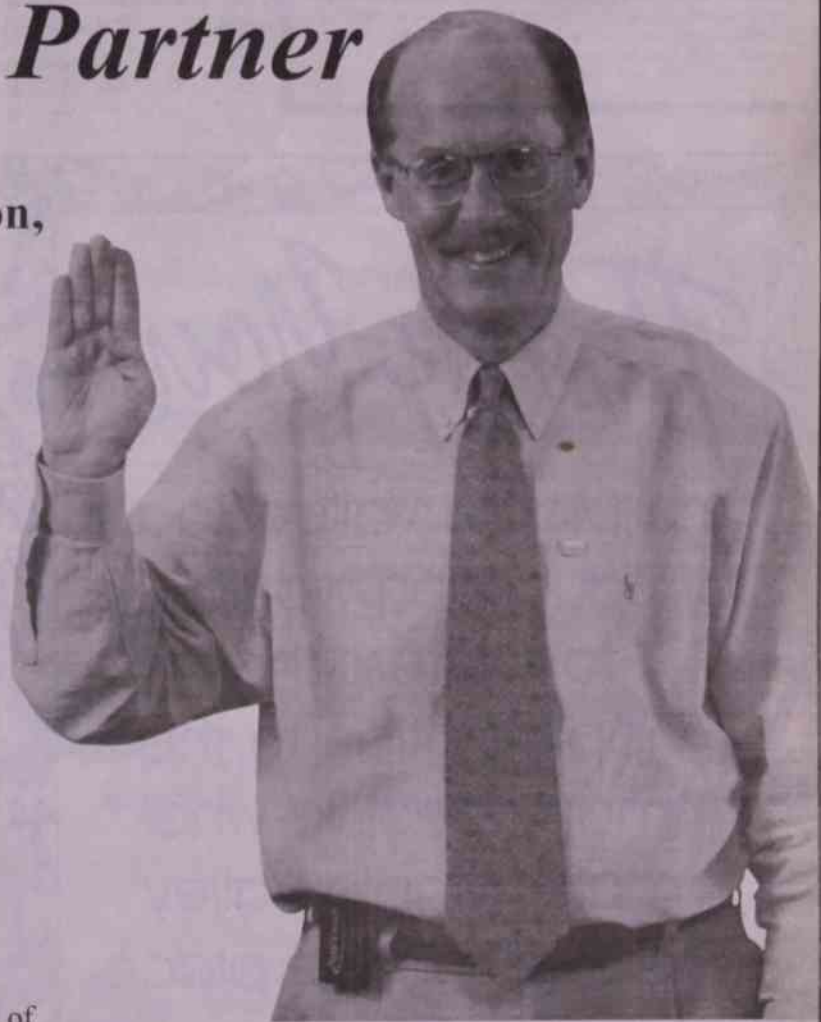
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Vermontville requests more police patrols

Residents in Vermontville will see more police patrols soon, as the village has contracted extra hours with the Eaton County Sheriff's Department for the upcoming year for \$3,000.

Council member Theresa Spagnuolo-O'Dell reported at last week's council meeting that she had turned in the hours requested to the department.

In other business at the meeting the council:

- Agreed to help fix any damage, along with the Ver-

montville Maple Syrup Festival organizers, caused by parking on village right of ways. The council said that property owners cannot put up signs saying no parking, or block off parking on the right of ways, as some did this year.

Some residents were at the meeting to voice their concerns that if they did not block them off, the grass would be torn up and they were left to maintain and fix the ruts from traffic parking on them.

- Approved contracting with payroll service ADA (Automated Data Processing) to some portion of payroll services.

- Heard from Patty Birkholz, who is running for state senate, 24th District, which includes all of Eaton, Barry and Allegan counties. She introduced herself and talked a bit with the council about her bid for the seat.

- Was asked by Gene Fisher, president of the syrup corporation, if there were any problems at festival. The council said there were not any problems, but asked if there was any other route the grand parade could be set up on to free the road for parking. Fisher said he did not see where else they could line up the parade.

- Approved two building permits in the village.

- Heard from Doug Kelsey that a resident had approached him about helping the village apply for sewer and water grants. Kelsey said that with the master plan being complete, that would help them fit criteria for grants.

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Poster contest winners announced

Earth Day poster contest winners have been announced at Fuller Elementary. They include Patricia Grinage, Hailey Bennett, Tony Keeler, McKenna Mater, Cassie DePriester, MacKenzie Reilly, Beth Richter, Mercede Dennis, and Rachel Howard.

Ping Pong to begin at United Methodist

An open night of ping pong will be held as part of the community outreach of the United Methodist Church of Nashville.

The program will teach

participants how to play ping pong and is open to all youth ages 10-17. It will begin Wednesday, May 8, from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church at

the corner of State and Washington Streets.

Karen Snyder, director of the program, shared that a recent Search Institute study shows that there are 40 developmental assets that help young people make wise decisions, choose positive paths and grow up competent, caring and responsible. This program is designed to address many of the skills needed to build those assets. All youth of the community are invited and encouraged to join the program on Wednesday evening.

Eaton County 4-H horse show planned

The members and leaders of the Eaton County 4-H Horse Development Council are planning their annual horse show for Saturday, May 11, at the Eaton County Fairgrounds in Charlotte.

The pleasure portion of the show will begin at 8:30 a.m. the Gymkhana Show will begin directly following the Pleasure Show and will start no earlier than 4 p.m. Both shows will be held rain or shine. Judges for the event are Lora Lee Carrington (pleasure) and Sharon Powell (gymkhana).

More than 60 classes will provide riders of all ages the opportunity to compete in a safe and fun atmosphere. Classes are planned for youth and adults and you do not need to be affiliated with 4-H in order to participate.

Money raised from this horse show is used to help pay for fair expenses such as judges and fair trophies.

Proof of a negative Coggins test is required in order to show. All 4-H horse

show rules apply.

For more information call Jeff Barker at 616-749-3075 or Heather Whitcomb at 616-763-9297.

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WHEN: THURSDAY - May 9th - 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
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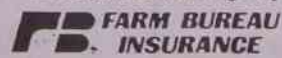
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TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular school election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 10, 2002.

THE LAST DAY ON WHICH PERSONS MAY REGISTER IN ORDER TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION CALLED TO BE HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 10, 2002, IS MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002. PERSONS REGISTERING AFTER 5 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING ON MONDAY, MAY 13, 2002, ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT THE REGULAR SCHOOL ELECTION.

To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office or your county, city or township clerk's office. Persons planning to register with the respective county, city or township clerks must ascertain the days and hours on which the clerks' offices are open for registration.

This Notice is given by order of the board of education.

Allison Avery, Secretary
Board of Education

Castleton Twp.

Synopsis
Castleton Township Board
May 1, 2002

Called to order by Supervisor J. Cooley.

All board members were present except P. Baker-Smith.

Nine people were in attendance from the public.

Approved the agenda as printed.

Public comment was heard.

Heard concerns on loud noises.

Approved recommending D. Fighter for the Planning and Zoning Board.

Minutes from the April 3, 2002 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was accepted.

Approved paying bills in the amount of 12,270.60.

Hired Ed Boldrey to clean the township hall.

A discussion followed on opening Greggs Crossing road.

Approved Orkin for pest control.

Committee reports were received and placed on file.

Set office hours were discussed.

Approved purchasing laser printers and a folding machine.

Approved leasing a postage machine.

There was no correspondence.

Topsoil and grass seed will be purchased for the back lawn of the township.

There were no board comments.

Meeting and adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Loma L. Wilson, Clerk

Attested to by

Supervisor J. Cooley

Girls' track keeps rolling

The Maple Valley varsity girls' track team beat Portland 84-53 on May 2.

First-place finishers: Sarah Cook in the 100 hurdles (17:49) and high jump (4-10); Micah Tobias in the 100 dash (14.31) and 300 hurdles (52.49); Megan Garvey in the 200 (28.52) and long jump (14-2 1/4); Miranda Farr in the pole vault (9-0); and Cashel Harp in the shot put (31-9 1/2) and discus (95-2).

The Lady Lions also won the 800 relay (Donna Cripe, Amy Abbott, Tobias, Garvey, 1:55.12) and the 400 relay (Cripe, Melissa Nisse, Tobias, Garvey, 54.93).

Second-place finishers: Abbott in the 100 hurdles (18.20); Cripe in the 100 dash (14.42); Jessica McMillen in the 1600 (6:09.05); Ashley Gordeneer in the pole vault; Meagan Halliwill in the shot put (31-1); Farr in the long jump (14-0); and Cook in the discus (93-9).

Third-place finishers: Gordeneer in the 100 hurdles (18.57); Kaitlyn Hammond in the 100 dash

(14.61); Abbott in the 400 (1:10.19); Cripe in the 200 (30.28); McMillen in the 3200 (14:09); Kelly Wilson in the shot put (30-5); Shelbi Cousins in the high jump (4-4); and Halliwill in the discus (89-7 1/4).

The Lions also beat Leslie and Lansing Christian and won the Olivet Relays. Those results will appear next week.

Pancake breakfast slated for Saturday

A pancake breakfast is planned for 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, May 11, at the Vermontville United Methodist Church.

All donations will be used to help send campers and staff to Crystal Springs Camp and to buy Bibles for the campers and arts and crafts activities to do during their stay. For at donation, one can eat pancakes, sausage, Texas toast, biscuits and gravy, eggs, juice and coffee.

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Draw with Bellevue leaves baseball race wide open

The Maple Valley varsity baseball team suffered its first conference loss of the season to Bellevue on April 29, but came back to salvage a split with a Broncos and leave the Southern Michigan Athletic Association title up for grabs.

"We are right in the middle of the league race," Ma-

ple Valley coach Bryan Carpenter said. "We have a tough league doubleheader with Olivet (at home on May 16), while Bellevue still has to face Olivet as well. It will come down to one of those three teams."

"If we take care of ourselves the rest of the way, the worst we can do is tie for

our second-straight league championship."

The Lions (10-7, 5-1 in the SMAA) hosted Dansville in a league doubleheader last night, and play another league doubleheader next Monday, May 13 at Lansing Christian (4 p.m.).

After the May 16 showdown with Olivet, the Lions close out the SMAA season with a doubleheader at Webberville on May 20.

Valley splits with Bellevue

A four-run rally in the top of the seventh inning fell a little short for the Lions in a 6-4 loss in the first game of a doubleheader against Bellevue on April 29.

Darin Thrun (3-1) struck out 10 but took his first loss of the season on the mound (6 IP, 6 R, 7 H, 2 BB). Ryan Grider (2-for-3, 2 RBI) hit a two-run homer to help spark Valley's late rally. Britt Leonard went 2-for-3, and Ryan Goris (1-for-3) knocked in the other two runs with a double.

The Lions won the second game 7-5. Leonard (4-0) got the win (6 1/3 IP, 5 R, 5 H, 2 K, 5 BB), and Thrun got a measure of revenge, returning to close the door on the Broncos and earn his first save of the year.

Jimmy Hirneiss (1-for-2, 3 RBI) hit a base-clearing single to key a five-run fifth inning for Maple Valley af-

ter Bellevue had taken a 3-1 lead. Jeremy Wisner went 2-for-3 with a double and two RBIs, and Grider went 2-for-2 with an RBI.

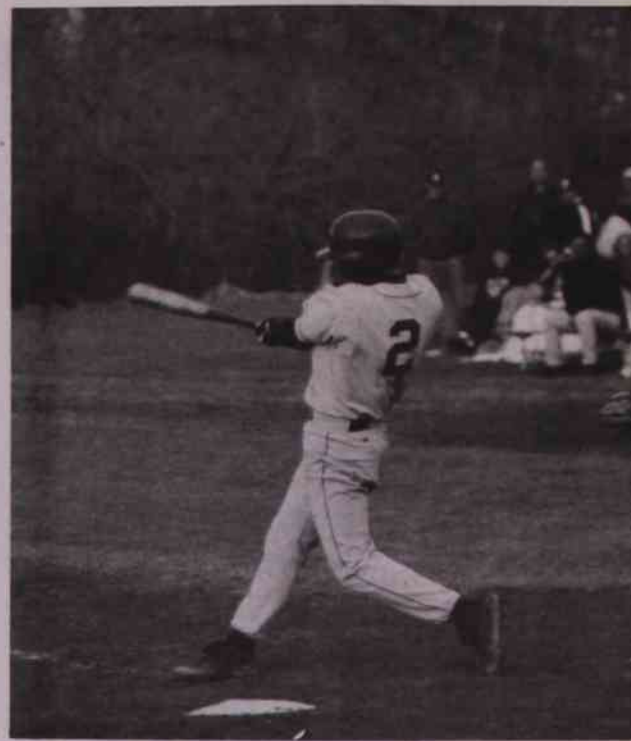
Thrun sets record, but Pennfield sweeps

The Lions played again the next day (April 30) and were swept by Battle Creek Pennfield, 3-2 and 7-4.

Ryan Grider (2-4) went the distance in Game 1 and pitched well (6 IP, 3 R, 3 H, 7 K, 3 BB). Grider, Mike Hirneiss, Mike Hill and Nick Burpee each had a hit.

Burpee (1-1) took the loss in Game 2 (6 IP, 7 R, 9 H, 4 K, 1 BB). Valley committed seven errors, but still managed to close to within one at 5-4 with three runs in the top of the sixth. Pennfield answered with two runs in the bottom of the inning.

Darin Thrun (3-for-4, 3 RBI) hit two doubles, giving him a school-record 14 on the season. Mike Hirneiss



Darin Thrun (2) hit a school-record 14th double of the season last week. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

went 2-for-4.

Bellevue and Pennfield are in our district (for playoffs). We know we can beat both teams. We just have to continue to get better and play our best games of the year against them."

\$10,000 hole-in-one highlights golf event

Housing Services for Eaton County (HSEC) will hold its second-annual charity golf outing on Friday, May 17 at Twin Brooks Golf Course in Charlotte. Foursomes tee off in a shotgun start at 9 a.m.

Proceeds from the event support HSEC programs for low- to moderate-income residents of Eaton County who are struggling with housing crises. Last year the agency served 474 households with 634 adults and 731 children.

Tickets are \$45 per person and include a cart, on-the-course games, and lunch. Tickets can be purchased from the HSEC office at 104 W. Seminary in Charlotte, or participants can mail a check made out to Housing Services for Eaton County to P.O. Box 746,

Charlotte, MI, 48813. Please include the names of your foursome.

HSEC is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit. A portion of your ticket is considered a donation, and receipts will be available.

A variety of prizes have been donated Eaton County merchants, including golfing, oil changes, car washes, dinner certificates and movie tickets. The morning's festivities include men's and women's contests with special prizes, and there is a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize.

A raffle will be held for other prizes, including a sailing trip on Lake Michigan, an overnight stay on Mackinac Island, golfing supplies, liquor and other items donated from the community.

Varsity soccer ties Covenant Christian



Maple Valley's Amber Strickland (left) deflects a Delton shot last week. (Photo by Shelly Sulser)

The Maple Valley varsity girls' soccer team tied Lansing New Covenant Christian 1-1 last Thursday at home.

Camille Wieland scored for the Lady Lions, and Laura Simpson scored for Covenant.

In its other game last week, Maple Valley lost 5-1 to Delton-Kellogg.

The Lions hosted Marshall last night and host Laingsburg on Wednesday at 5 p.m. They play at Lake-

wood next Monday, May 13 at 5 p.m.

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Sale to aid baseball player's trip to Oz

The friends and family of Maple Valley senior Ryan Goris have organized a huge garage sale over Mother's Day weekend to help raise money for his pending trip to play baseball in Australia.

Goris, a middle infielder for the Lions, was selected last summer to join a traveling team that will play baseball in "Oz" — the slang abbreviation used by folks Down Under — for two weeks in July. The family has been trying to raise money for the trip for nearly a year.

The covered sale will run from May 9 to May 12 at 4105 Assyria Road in Nashville, beginning at 8 a.m. each day. All manner of goods will be available, with all proceeds going toward the costs of the trip.

Goris was selected after tryouts at Western Michigan University last August held by Coast to Coast Amateur Baseball Stars, a nationwide group based in Marietta, Ohio that organizes international competitions for talented young athletes.

"(Ryan is) one of a very limited number of players chosen nationwide to receive this exclusive opportunity," said Chip Stahl, Baseball Program Director for Coast to Coast.

The program hires top coaches from around the United States to travel with the teams. In addition to coaching, Goris and his teammates will attend seminars about the college recruiting process, off-season conditioning and weight training, and the effects of performance-enhancing drugs.

In between a busy schedule of training and games, Goris and his teammates



Ryan Goris

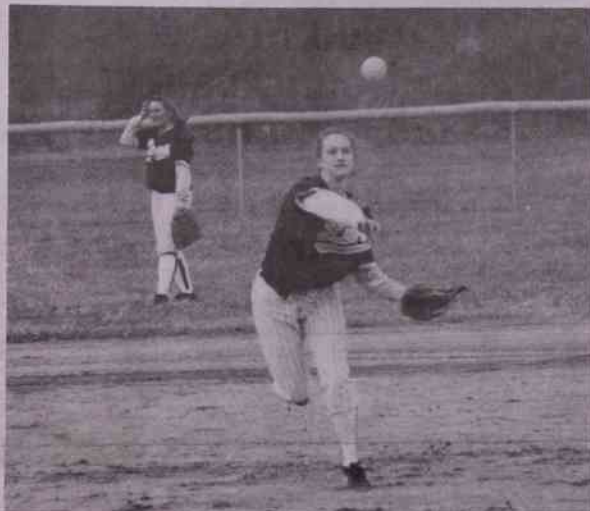
will have a chance to take in some sights and learn about the culture and history of Australia.

The family has also sought support from local businesses. Vermontville Hardware has stepped to the plate for Goris, donating a bike that will soon be raffled off to help raise money for the trip.

If you are unable to attend the sale this weekend but would still like to chip in, an account has been established at Hastings City Bank called "Ryan's Coast to Coast Traveling Baseball Savings Fund."

Supporters can make donations directly to the account from any Hastings City Bank location. Call your local branch or 1-888-422-4221 for more information.

Softballers split double-headers



Jessie Grant.

The Maple Valley varsity softball team went 2-2 in back-to-back doubleheaders last week, losing both games to Bellevue on April 29 before earning a sweep of Battle Creek Pennfield on April 30.

Against Bellevue, Lisa McElroy singled, tripled and had three RBIs. Jessica Cowell and Jamie Jones each had two singles and one RBI.

The Lady Lions swept Pennfield the next day, 17-2 and 12-7.

Jessica Cowell pitched the win in Game 1 (4 H, 1 K, 4 BB), and Kyndra Root took to the mound for the win in

Game 2 (7 H, 5 K, 3 BB). Jessie Grant (3 H, 5 RBI), Elisha Gibson (2 H, 2 RBI, 4 SB), Lisa McElroy (3 H, 2 RBI), Dawn Rhoades (4 H, 5 RBI) and Jennifer Grant (2 H, 4 RBI) led the 25-run explosion.

Maple Valley hosted Dansville last night. They are scheduled to play Lansing Christian on Thursday, with time and location to be determined.

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