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Nashville residents upset about construction project

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

The Nashville Village Council fielded questions, comments and complaints from the community about the inconvenience caused by current construction projects in Nashville.

Many of the village's residential and commercial streets have been torn up as it replaces or repairs water and sewer lines, makes street repairs and Consumers Energy lays cable.

Darrell Clements, street administrator and interim director of Nashville's Department of Public Works, reported that construction was

moving along and everything is, "right on schedule," with plans to have the first topcoat down on Reed Street by the middle of the week.

Charles Seaton, a resident of Phillips Street, expressed his concern that the construction will cause traffic problems, particularly during the car show and other events.

"The main problem that I have is that I feel that this may not have been planned appropriately with this upcoming weekend," said Seaton.

He said that he is concerned about the safety of children in the area as peo-

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— Charles Seaton

ple use the side streets trying to avoid construction zones.

Village Council President Frank Dunham responded that while certain neighborhoods will be inconvenienced during the project, the construction crew has been very good about work-

ing with the village to see that routes are available during special events such as graduation.

"I'm sure they'll try to keep things as low key as possible for this weekend," said Dunham. "They are working well with us and

doing a real good job."

Jaret Morris, also of Phillips Street, seconded Seaton's concerns and said he felt that the village could do a better job of informing the public about the project.

"I feel the forewarning could be better. Like when they did the gas mains... I came home one day and my yard's got a trench in it. They broke my sidewalk... the chunk was left in my yard. No care was given to cleaning up after their job."

Councilman Ralph Kirk noted that it was a Consumers Energy project and the village was not responsible.

"I still don't understand

how it's not somebody's responsibility to leave the ground as they found it," replied Morris.

"I can't speak for Consumers," said Dunham. "But I believe they are in the process of repairing sidewalks in sections where they did have to remove them. As far as the lawn repair, they will probably forgo doing the lawn repair knowing that the water project is coming right behind them. The lawn repair will be done when everything is done on that street."

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911 dispatcher saves baby's life via phone

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

When Ryan Agee's fever hit 104, his family knew he was very sick. When he went into febrile seizures

and started turning blue, they knew they had to do something fast, so they called 911.

Ryan's mother, Wendy Merica, was working that

day, and his uncle, Kerwin Bumford, was baby-sitting the 11-month-old baby from Nashville.

Cody Merica and his girlfriend Jana Pretzel had just

returned to the house after a shopping trip in Lansing and looked in on Ryan.

"I could tell he was running a fever, so we took his temperature and it was 104," said Pretzel. "I ran to get him some Tylenol and we put a lukewarm wash cloth on his forehead to try to bring down the fever."

After about 15 minutes, Pretzel reports that Ryan's eyes rolled back in his head, he became rigid and he started turning blue.

"First his lips turned blue and then it seemed to spread from there," she said.

Bumford ran across the street to get their neighbor EMT, Chelsea Wetzel, while Pretzel laid the baby on the floor and Cody called 911.

Dispatcher Roxanne Volosky was on duty that afternoon. When she heard that the baby was turning blue, she knew exactly what to do. She grabbed her EMD cards and started talking Merica, Ryan's 19-year old uncle, through infant CPR.

"They advised me that the baby wasn't breathing," said Volosky. "Of course I was kind of scared because it was baby and he wasn't breathing, but I got out the EMD (Emergency Medical Dispatch) cards so I could help them get the baby to breathe again."

Cody said it was difficult to talk on the phone and do CPR but he was focused on trying to save his nephew.

The following are excerpts from a tape recording of the 911 call:

Cody: "My one year old nephew quit breathing. He's

not breathing."

Roxanne: "Is there someone there who can give him mouth to mouth?"

Cody: "Yes."

Roxanne: "He needs to be on his back on a hard surface."

Cody: "We laid him on the kitchen floor."

Roxanne: "With his head slightly tilted back, completely cover the baby's mouth and nose, blow two soft puffs of air into his lungs... are they doing that?"

Cody: "Trying."

Roxanne: "Is he breathing?"

Cody: "Barely, not much."

Roxanne: "Is that the baby I hear making noise?"

Cody: "Very little."

Roxanne: "Is his color getting better?"

Cody: "His lips aren't quite as purple as they were."

(Cody says Ryan had had a fever last night, still has a fever, then says the woman who lives across the street is here, "Chelsea.")

Roxanne: Chelsea Wetzel?

Cody: "Yeah, Chelsea Wetzel."

(Roxanne recognizes the name as a Nashville ambulance EMT and 911 dispatcher and lets Cody off the phone in Chelsea's care until the ambulance arrives.)

Also during the call, Roxanne verified the address three times.

Wetzel arrived just as the baby was starting to show signs of recovery and she was checking his vital signs when the ambulance came to transport him to Penneck Hospital in Hastings.

Roxanne had received the call at 12:39 p.m. and the baby was reported to be breathing again at 12:43. The ambulance was toned at 12:40 p.m., was in service at 12:43, was on scene at 12:44, was en route to the hospital at 1 p.m. and arrived at the hospital at 1:13.

Ryan's family was told by the doctor that the high fever

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911 dispatcher Roxanne Volosky holds, 1-year old Ryan Agee. When the baby quit breathing last month, Volosky talked his uncle through CPR.

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Morris still contended that residents should have been given more advanced warning.

"Did you even know that they were coming in to replace those lines?" he asked.

Dunham said that the council knew and contacted Consumers more than a year ago to inform them that they would be doing major water and gas main repairs and since the streets would be torn up, it would be a good time for them to do their work as well.

Morris persisted that there should have been more notice given about the work, whether it be through the newspaper or other methods.

"It's been represented in the newspaper for quite

some time," said Dunham.

"Personally, I don't recall any time frame or dates," said Morris.

Dunham responded that it had been announced that the project would begin in the spring and proceed through the summer and there was a map in the village office that detailed which areas would be affected by the work.

Morris again asked for a time frame and Dunham replied that summer is the general time frame.

Clements said that he only knew of the work two days in advance and that he doesn't know how he could get the information to residents quickly enough, other than by radio or television.

"With a project this big,

it's kind of hard to get exact dates and times for when they're going to do something," Councilman Ed Sheldon said. "They go at their own pace, some are ahead of schedule, some are right on where they want to be."

In other business the council:

- Set a public hearing for the Mulberry Fore development with the Planning and Zoning Committee on Tuesday, July 2, at 7 p.m. and a public hearing before the Village Council on Tuesday, July 11, at 7 p.m..
- Heard a report for Police Chief Garry Barnes that there has been an increase in larceny and domestic disturbances. He also stated there had

been a few reports of bad checks and five reported cases of retail fraud. Parking citations were down. The department is being lenient because construction has made it difficult for many people to get into their driveways to park.

- Voted to write a letter to Luella Dennison, management analyst in the Barry County Administrators office, expressing the village's support for the high speed Internet grant, but no financial contribution would be

made to the matching fund at this time.

- Approved the installation of a high pressure sodium light at the boat launch.

- Designated Frank Dunham as the authorized representative for the water project.

Granted tentative approval to a request to close the block of Phillips Street between Washington and Sherman for a neighborhood block party on either Satur-

day, July 27, or Saturday, Aug. 3. Residents will work with Clements to ensure there are no conflicts with construction.

- Heard a report from Dunham that at the last police committee meeting there was discussion about policy regarding parking ordinances such as enforcing time limits and handicapped parking. There was also discussion about raising parking fines to \$5 across the board.

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was caused by a viral infection that just needed to run its course.

About two weeks after the incident, Volosky had an opportunity to meet Ryan, his uncle and all the other people at the other end of the line that day.

"It's good to see that he's doing so much better," Volosky told the family.

Volosky will be receiving a citation for her handling of the call. She said her boss has already told her, "Congratulations on a job well done."

"She asked all the right

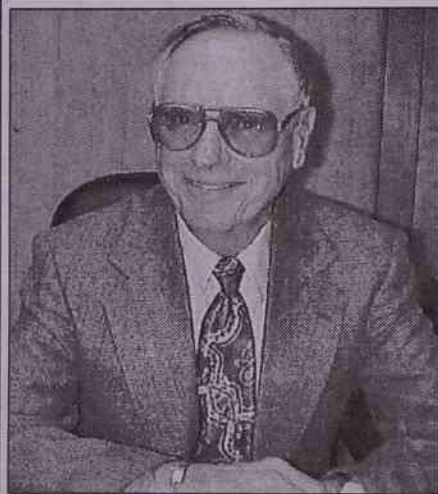
questions," said Barry County Central Dispatch Director Charles Nystrom of Roxanne's handling of the call. "In any emergency, whether its police, fire or EMS, you must get that address. When you call 911, you have that assumption that we know where you are. She verified that address. She identified what the problem was, and she started the procedure like clockwork. She made sure the baby was on a hard surface,

she had them tilt the head back.

"She did such a marvelous job," Nystrom said of Roxanne. "The baby's out of the hospital. They (dispatchers) do it every day as a course of business and they do the best job they can."

As Pretzel said after meeting Volosky, "It's always good to know that there's someone at the end of the line that can help you when someone is in trouble like this."

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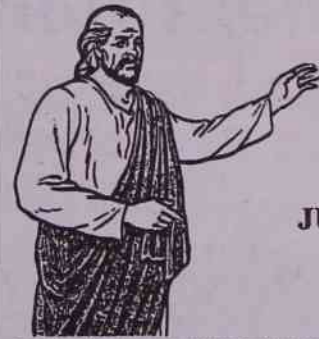
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MVHS fills three varsity coaching vacancies

Maple Valley High School has hired new head coaches in three varsity programs for the 2002-03 school year.

The new coaches include Craig Kitching for girls' basketball, Josh Meersma for boys' soccer, and Janel Pena, Kristi Priddy and Amanda Hansen for cheerleading.

Girls' basketball coach Craig Kitching hopes to lead the Lady Lions to the top of the SMAA. He inherits six returnees from last year's team, which went 14-7 and finished third in the conference behind Olivet and Dansville.

A 1975 graduate of Southern Oregon State College, Kitching has over 25 years of successful high school coaching under his belt, including the last seven on the staff of legendary Lansing coach Paul Cook at Lansing Catholic Central High School.

Since joining the staff at LCC, Kitching has compiled an overall record of 121-12 as head coach of both the freshman (1995-96) and junior varsity (1997-2001) teams.

Boys' soccer coach Josh Meersma will lead the Lion Soccer team into their third season as a varsity sport.

The team returns nine members from last year's 8-8-1 team.

Meersma, a 1997 Hope College grad, was a two-sport athlete for the Flying Dutchmen, lettering in both soccer and basketball. An Academic All-Conference soccer player in 1996 and 1997, he plans on taking the team to a new level through intelligent play and improved fundamentals.

Three former Maple Valley cheerleaders return to lead the football, basketball and competitive cheerleading squads. Janel (Hansen) Pena (class of '91) will be the varsity football cheer advisor, Kristi Priddy ('96) will head up the basketball squad, and Amanda (Starnes) Hansen ('96) will coach the competitive cheer team.

Pena and Priddy worked with the competitive team last year, while Hansen was most recently the head cheerleading coach at Ferris State University (2000-01).

Despite the three different titles, they will all work together to breathe new life into the cheerleading program, with plans to start a pep club and a goal to "improve school spirit."

Lower-level coaching positions are still available in the girls' basketball program. Interested parties should contact athletic director Mike Sparks at 517-852-1889.

Intoxicated man scares motorists

A man reported by motorists to be jumping from a bridge into the roadway on Charlton Park Road near Bridge Park Road June 7 was arrested after a struggle with Michigan State Police troopers.

As officers tried to arrest the man for disorderly conduct and indecent exposure for urinating in public, he began to shout profanities and kick at the troopers.

"And it appears he tried to use bribery avoid being arrested," said Sgt. Bill House. "He was offering them \$20 not to arrest him."

The 22-year-old Nashville man admitted to drinking whiskey before the incident and registered a .20 percent bodily alcohol content on a preliminary breath test.

The man was charged with bribery and resisting arrest in addition to the other charges.

His name was not released pending arraignment.



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MEAP score results reported

The Maple Valley Board of Education last week heard presentations on Michigan Education Assessment Program results from Maplewood Principal Fred Davenport and Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School Principal Todd Gosner.

Davenport reported that Maplewood spent a lot of time preparing for the MEAP tests and, in most areas, the students scored above the state average. But Davenport expressed concern for students whose scores fall into the lowest percentile.

"For the reading test the number of test scores in the 0-25 percentile is way below the state average; but, it's higher than last year (for Maplewood)," said Davenport in a later interview.

Last year 9.7% were in the lowest percentile, this year it was 11.9%.

Overall, Davenport feels that Maplewood's MEAP reading scores are, "heading the right way," and, "bucking the trend."

While the state average has gone down in reading, Maplewood's scores have gone up in recent years.

52.3% earned satisfactory reading scores in 2000, 59.2% in 2001 and 62.4% in 2002.

Davenport also said the school is looking carefully

at the writing scores, which were lower than last year's.

"Traditionally we have been above the state average in the writing area; this year the scores have dropped significantly," said Davenport.

This year only 31.7% scored satisfactory; in 2001 it was 48.1%.

"I'm going to talk to the teachers and see if they feel the scores are valid. It will be something that we will want to target for next year. It will be a priority to find out what specific area needs improvement," said Davenport.

Davenport said the fifth grade social studies scores are "right about average," with 13% testing at level 2 (meets Michigan standards) or above in 2001 and 18% in 2002.

The seventh grade reading and writing MEAP scores demonstrate an upward trend. In 2001, the 44.7% scored satisfactory on the reading test, compared to 46.9% this year. In 2001, 48.1% tested proficient in writing, in 2002 the number was 51.2%.

Eighth grade social studies scores on the MEAP test also show an upward trend. In 2001, 27.2% tested at level 2 or above, in 2002, 30.8% tested at level 2 or above.

Gosner also reported that

"Our emphasis is not on how many score at the upper level, but how many we can pull out of the bottom level."

- Todd Gosner

Maple Valley teachers put a lot of time into preparing students for the MEAP. Gosner himself goes around to each classroom and tries to get the students pumped up by telling them that they can earn an extra \$500 in scholarship money if they do well on their junior high MEAP test to add to the potential \$2,500 in scholarship money they can earn for their high school MEAP scores.

"Our emphasis is not on how many score at the upper level, but how many we can pull out of the bottom level. We've pulled more out of level four than ever before," he said. "But, with the test changing every year, and the kids changing every year, it can be a real challenge."

Superintendent Clark Volz, who presented the board with a summary of this year's MEAP scores, said later that staff and administrators are never satisfied with the results.

"We always find that have work to do," he said. "When you have radical fluctuations it usually has something to do with changes in the testing-what's included or excluded in the scoring."

Volz noted that special education students were included in the scoring and that may have caused some of the fluctuation.

"Still, teachers will be looking at important items," he said. "The MEAPs seem to be a large part of what drives our curriculum and we're not always happy

about that."
In other business, the board:

- Heard a report from Fuller Street Elementary Principal Judy Farnsworth report that while the All Day/Alternate Day Kindergarten surveys are not completely tabulated yet, comments are mostly positive.

- Recognized Frank Dunham for his five years of service on the board. Superintendent Clark Volz praised Dunham for his commitment to community service, as well as the school board, and presented him with a clock to mark his tenure on the board.

- Watched Volz present MV Pride pins to three people in recognition of their contributions to the district. Andrew Gaber received a pin for his work as a volunteer in the Fun Zone program. Steve Cates also was recognized for his work with Fun Zone and Chris Dunham was recognized for his many accomplishments and awards received as a wrestler at Olivet College, as well as his contributions to the wrestling program at Maple Valley by volunteering his time and bringing his college teammates to work with Maple Valley wrestlers.

- Heard a report from Tate Mix that there will be building upgrades at Nashville-Kellogg school over the summer.

- Set a date for a special meeting of the board Monday, June 24, at 7 p.m. at the junior-senior high school.



Taylor to celebrate golden wedding anniversary

Rev. Robert and Naomi Taylor will be celebrating their 50th anniversary at an open house on Saturday, June 29, 2002 from 1 to 5 p.m. at the home of Eugene and Rita Miller, 2354 Arbor Road, Vermontville, Mich. They were married June 28, 1952 in Central Lake, Mich.

This special occasion will be hosted by their children, Dale and Roberta Thompson, Ron and Billie Taylor, Eugene and Rita Miller, and Richard and Lynda Taylor. Please come share this special celebration with us.

Clara Pennock to celebrate 80th birthday



The family of Clara Pennock of Nashville invite her relatives and friends to the Good Time Pizza on Sunday, June 23, from 2 to 4 p.m. to celebrate her 80th birthday. No gifts, please.

If you are unable to attend, please send a card to Clara Pennock, 100 Lentz St., Nashville, MI 49073.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Barry County MSU Extension Office

- June 18 Citizen's Planner, 6-8:30 p.m., Fehsenfeld Center, Kellogg Comm. College.
- June 18 Poultry Showmanship Clinic, 6:30 p.m., the fair grounds.
- June 19 4-H Advisory Council 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- June 19-20 Barry County Homemakers Bus Trip.
- June 20 Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
- June 24 Small Animal Sale Mandatory Meeting.
- June 24 4-H Fair Shooting Competition, Barry County Conservation Club, 8 a.m.-12 noon.
- July 6 Open Horse Show, 8:30 a.m., Expo Center.
- July 7 Speed Horse Show, 10 a.m., Expo Center.

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Vacation Bible school set at Maple Grove Bible Church

It's vacation Bible school time again at Maple Grove Bible Church, beginning Monday, June 24. The church is located five miles south of Nashville on M-66 and a half mile east of Cloverdale Road.

"Elisha, Prophet of the Faithful God" is the theme of the school this year, with Bible lessons emphasizing the faithfulness of God and the absolute certainty that He will keep His Word.

Children ages 4 through 12th grade are invited to the sessions from 9:30 to 11:45 each morning, Monday through Friday. Parents and friends are invited to the closing program, which will be presented at 7 p.m. Friday evening, June 28.

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Maple Valley news welcomes new reporter, wants to hear your story

It's been said that everyone has a story to tell, and with that in mind, the Maple Valley News will be running a series of feature stories this summer. Many of the subjects will be chosen at random from the local telephone book.

"I'm hoping that by selecting names at random, I will get a real cross-section of society. It will give me a chance to get to know the people of Nashville and Vermontville a little better," said Sandra Ponsetto, reporter for Maple Valley News. "And, who knows? Maybe it will give people in the community a chance to learn more about their friends and neighbors."

After a ten-year hiatus to raise her family, Ponsetto recently returned to J-Ad Graphics to work as re-

porter. She will be taking over the Maple Valley News post vacated by Shawna Hubbarth, who ironically left to spend more time with her children.

"I loved staying home with my children; I wouldn't have missed it for the world," said Ponsetto. "But, now that I have returned to the full-time work force, I can't imagine anything that would interest me more than reporting."

When she worked for J-Ad Graphics previously, Ponsetto wrote for The Banner and Reminder, covering Hastings Area Schools and Rutland and Hastings Charter Townships. A relative newcomer to the area at that time, she learned a lot about her community on the job.

"I don't know of a better way to get to know a town,



Maple Valley News reporter Sandra Ponsetto will be writing a series of feature stories on people in the Nashville and Vermontville area.

and the people in it, than to work as a reporter," said Ponsetto. "It really puts you in the thick of things. If you don't know what's going on, you find out fast."

Ponsetto said that she looks forward to learning more about Nashville and Vermontville.

"The Maple Valley area is probably the one corner of Barry County that I haven't spent a lot of time in," she said. "I'm enjoying getting to know a new area and the people who live there. It's a process that's always exciting and full of surprises."

For Ponsetto reporting is more than a job.

"My family and I have put down roots in Hastings and Barry County. I feel a real commitment to the area, and reporting is my way of serving and making a contribution to the community. I feel that, by keeping people informed, I can make a difference," she concluded.

Maple Valley News is interested in doing a feature

story on anyone who may have an interesting story, collection or hobby. If you have an idea for a feature story please call Sandra Ponsetto at J-Ad Graphics (616) 945-9554.

COA MENU & EVENTS

Hearty Meals

Wednesday, June 19
Salisbury Steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, peaches.

Thursday, June 20
Chicken pasta salad, pea and peanut salad, pineapple, muffin.

Friday, June 21
Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli, winter squash, fresh apple.

Monday, June 24
Beef stew, Brussell sprouts, biscuit, fruit crisp.

Tuesday, June 25
Chicken fettuccini, California blend, diced beets, cookie.

Lite Menu

Wednesday, June 19
Tuna salad, poppyseed corn, mandarin oranges, pita bread.

Thursday, June 20
Peanut butter and jelly, cole slaw, diced pears, English muffin.

Friday, June 21
Cheese/macaroni salad, three bean salad, tropical fruit.

Monday, June 24
Chicken pasta salad, marinated vegetables, fruited jelly.

Tuesday, June 25

Sliced turkey, Spanish bean salad, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread.

Events

Wednesday, June 19 - Hastings, crafts, nails; Nashville. Grandparent Rights; Woodland, trivia; Delton, trivia.

Thursday, June 20 - Hastings, foot care, b/p, music; Nashville, bingo; Delton, popcorn social.

Friday, June 21 - Hastings, bingo; Nashville, birthday party; Woodland, birthday party.

Monday, June 24 - Hastings, music; Nashville, Nashville 5; Woodland, games; Delton, exercise.

Tuesday, June 25 - Hastings, Line Dancing, exercise, Our Kids; Nashville, Grandmas Kids, crafts.

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Syrup Queen visits Capitol

Maple Syrup Queen Samantha Mater with State Representative Susan Tabor on the House floor during legislative session Wednesday, May 22. Rep. Tabor had invited Samantha and her parents to visit her at the Capitol Building in Lansing.

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Potluck recognizes retiring secretary, volunteers



Fuller Street Elementary volunteers (from left) Lena Mueller, Melissa Leinhart, Julie Khouri, Mindy Schriver, Sylvia Hamilton, Michelle Rockwell, April Heinze, Gina Reid, Tammy Brumm, Ella Allwardt and Sherry Eldridge hold their certificates of appreciation.



Schools Superintendent Clark Volz poses with retiring secretary Pat McClelland and Fuller Street Elementary Principal Judy Farnsworth, during a celebration honoring McClelland for her years of service.

Staff members from Maple Valley schools came together last week to recognize retiring secretary and paraprofessional Pat McClelland after 28 years and to honor the volunteers who served at Fuller Street Elementary during the past school year.

Maple Valley staff, friends and family of Pat McClelland gathered in the Fuller Street gym for a potluck luncheon to celebrate her retirement from the school system.

There was a lot of laughter, as about 70 people joined together to recount their memories of times spent with McClelland. Her tenure at Maple Valley Schools included 22 years as a paraprofessional in the junior-senior high school and six years as the secretary at Fuller Street.

Superintendent Clark Volz, made a toast to McClelland, noting that her caring attitude brightened any day that he spoke to her and this same attitude and her commitment are what the community appreciates so much when they come to Fuller Street. He also recounted the past and present, while wishing Pat a fulfilling retirement.

"Pat will be missed," said Joan Leos, administrative assistant to the principal at Fuller. "She is an advocate for children, a good listener for staff and parents, and she made the Fuller Rainbow Room a cheerful part of the building."

"Pat lent her consistent, positive decorum to everything she did — right down to decorating for each season and special event."

"We wish Pat health and happiness in her retirement," concluded Leos. "We hope to see her through the coming years. Pat compliments wherever she is so well!"

The same day, Fuller staff

recognized the many volunteers who have helped throughout the school year.

"Fuller Street Elementary has a lot of activities and a lot of tasks to complete each and every week of the school year. All this cannot be done by staff alone. We are so fortunate to have volunteers from 'the Valley' community to assist us," said Leos.

Volunteers do everything from making copies and working in the classrooms to making popcorn for special events. In conjunction with the PTO, volunteers organize and coordinate to work the Fall Fund Raiser, Secret Santa Workshop, Book Fair and the Spring Carnival.

This year, the Fuller school "memory book" was compiled by volunteers. They have sponsored movie nights; help with the picture day at Fuller — combing hair and organizing them for picture taking. They also help with individual student needs.

"We thank each and all of them for all they have done to make the 2001-2002 year so successful," said Leos.

The following people were volunteers at Fuller Street this year: Melissa Leinhart, Mindy Schriver, Sylvia Hamilton, Ella Allwardt, Mary Ann Curth, Sherry Eldridge, Julie Khouri, Janice Dixon, Michelle Schaffer, Sarah Gurd, Angie Davis, Lena Mueller, Connie Porter, Gina Reid, Trudy Mater, Cass Ramey, April Heinze, Michelle Rockwell, Tammy Brumm, Tammy Hilton, and Carleen

Wood. Volunteers at were served light refreshments, awarded thank you certificates and a "volunteer of the year" key-chain. Leos spoke to the group, thanking them for all they do and assuring them of how much their services to the school are appreciated by everyone in the school community.

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According to a spokesperson for Phillips Gulf Corporation, the exclusive North American distributor of Bio-Rex 3000, the company is considering additional studies in order to get federal approval to make pharmaceutical claims. Currently, weight loss claims for the Bio-Rex 3000 supplement are limited. However, with the requisite approval, the company could say that Bio-Rex 3000 decreases sugar cravings, increases metabolism and interferes with the body's ability to produce excess fat.

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School election quiet

Maple Grove Township Clerk Susie Butler accepts Tom Taylor's registration at the Nashville-Kellogg Alternative Education building in Nashville last week. In the background are election workers Junia Jarvie and Emily Mater. The Headlee Override was approved 77 to 37, which will give the district an additional \$13,200 for the next school year. The two seats on the Maple Valley School Board were filled by incumbent David Favre 99 votes and Mark Shoemaker, 100 votes.

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Because of a recent donation of books, we offer these R.L. Stine titles for young adults; Fear Street series, The Confession, Dead End, Cat, Lights Out, Halloween Party, The New Boy, Haunted, Broken Hearts, The Deadly Fire, The First Evil, The Evil Lives!, The

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New videos are Harry Pottery and the Sorcerer's Stone and Oceans 11.

Due to popular demand, the library has already printed a sign-up sheet for all kids who are interested in taking part of this year's summer programs.

The theme of this year is "Join the Winners Circle," so the emphasis will be on sports and games. The fun starts officially on Tuesday, July 16, and ends Saturday, Aug. 10, 2002.

One very special program will be when The Young Entomologist's Society Inc. brings its Mobile Museum and Tabletop Zoo to the library on July 30. This program, called "Amazing Anthropods," is free and children of all ages are encouraged to attend.

Refreshments will be provided by the Vermontville Woman's Club.

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Twenty-eight tobacco retailers were randomly selected throughout Eaton County including Bellevue, Eaton Rapids, Mulliken, Olivet, Sunfield and Vermontville.

Deputy Bruce Yelvington of the Community Services

Division escorted a 17-year-old volunteer to each retailer in an attempt to purchase cigarettes. Only three clerks sold to the female volunteer, who had to present a pictured driver's license to make a purchase. Those three clerks were given a verbal warning and educated about the need to be more thorough in the future.

The penalty for a person who violates this act is a misdemeanor, punishable by a fine or not more than \$50

for each offense of selling, giving or furnishing any cigarette, cigar, chewing tobacco, tobacco snuff or tobacco in any other form.

Sheriff Rick Jones and the E.I.S.D. said they were very pleased with the results of the check, indicating that the majority of the relatives are checking identification and not selling to minors.

For more information, call Nancy Bernthal at the Eaton Intermediate School District, (517) 543-5500 ext. 1167.

Blessing of the Animals scheduled for June 23

For many years, Our Lady of Great Oak Catholic Church has been celebrating the animals that live with and amongst us. So, due to appreciation and requests, Our Lady is preparing for a blessing of the animals service to take place Sunday, June 23, at the 8:30 a.m. mass. Any creature that lives amongst us is welcome. Young, old, tiny to large is acceptable.

"This is a memorable event, one that all enjoy. Families come from far to visit us with their animals and it seems each year more people and animals attend. Despite a bit of barking and a few hisses, all the creatures are peaceful, we haven't had any problems yet. Even the resident mourning doves coo during the service. It is quite a blessed and spiritual happening," said Kay Doyle, service coordinator.


The service has its historical roots in Catholic tradition with St. Francis of Assisi and the blessing of the animals. By paying respect to the creatures with whom we live our lives, we remember all life - all creatures great and small, and the plants and trees, the soil, the water, the air - all the different elements that make up the earth out of which we humans take our place.

All are welcome to attend even those who do not have an animal. Children delight to be present with their animals and to see the other

creatures. Those who bring animals are asked to simply look after and be in control of them.

The blessing of the animals service will take place outdoors in the tree lined churchyard overlooking the rolling countryside. Our Lady of Great Oak is located 10 miles north of Battle Creek (between North Avenue and M-66 on Lacey Rd.) Fr. Richard Valls will officiate. Come and enjoy coffee and rolls after the service. For more information call Kay at 616-758-3116. In case of inclement weather, the service will be cancelled.

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The Board may not adopt its proposed 2002-2003 budgets until after the public hearing. Copies of the proposed 2002-2003 budgets are available for public inspection during normal business hours at the Administration Office, 11090 Nashville Highway, Vermontville, MI.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.
Allison Avery, Secretary

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The four-person scramble begins with a shot-gun start at 2:30 p.m. The cost is \$50 per person which includes 18 holes of golf, a cart and dinner.

There will be a \$10,000 hole-in-one prize for the third hole. Prizes for a hole-in-one at the other par 3 holes are a set of Ping irons, and a Ping titanium driver. Other prizes include \$220 for the first place team, \$200 for second, \$120 for third, \$100 for fourth and \$40 for

the fifth place team. There also will be door-prizes, goody bags and a 50/50 drawing.

All proceeds from the outing will go into the Maple Valley Athletic Boosters general fund.

The Boosters held their annual organizational meeting last week.

Mike Sparks, Maple Valley High School's athletic director, said that he was excited to have some new people join the organization.

"We hope to do more things," he said. "We hope to get more people involved to help us out."

The group has begun mak-

ing plans for a special "kick off the school year" program for the athletes. Tentative plans include a speaker and tailgate party for athletes and their families.

"It's something we've never done before," said Jim Leonard, president of the athletic boosters.

The next athletic boosters will hold their next meeting Thursday, June 27, in the high school office conference room. Anyone interested in joining the boosters or helping out with their fund-raisers is welcome to attend.

Six local students make dean's list at Western

Six local students have been named to the dean's list for achieving at least a 3.5 grade point average of a possible 4.0 for the winter term at Western Michigan University.

The students, their hometowns, parents where information was made available and major fields of study were:

- Hillary Cates of Nashville, daughter of Steven and Cay Cates, special education, mentally impaired, elementary.
- Jessica L. Hummel of Nashville, daughter of Steven J. Hummel, undecided business.
- Robb R. Rosin of Nashville, mathematics.
- Jason C. Carrigan of Vermontville, son of Thomas and Cathy Carrigan, computer science.
- Jennifer L. Mansfield of Vermontville, daughter of

Robert and Vicki Mansfield, university curriculum.

Vermontville, daughter of Robert and Vicki Mansfield art teaching.

• Melissa C. Mansfield of

Obituaries

Carroll A. Lamie

NASHVILLE - Carroll A. Lamie, age 85, of Nashville, died March 26, 2002. Services will be held Saturday, June 22, 2002 at 1 p.m. at Lakeview Cemetery, Nashville, MI.

Doris Ilene Rockwell

CHARLOTTE - Doris Ilene Rockwell of Charlotte, died Saturday, June 15, 2002 at the age of 90.

Mrs. Rockwell was born Feb. 8, 1912 at the family home in Vermontville, the daughter of Herman and Sylvia (Briggs) Gusey.

She retired from the State of Michigan, Personnel Office in 1975, was a homemaker and assisted on the family farm. She was a former member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Kalamo.

She was preceded in death by her husband Elam M. in 1982 and is survived by son Elam "Rocky" (Diana) Rockwell, daughter Audrey

(David) Starr, grandchildren Kevin Rockwell, Shawn and Damian Starr, great grandchildren Heather and Travis Rockwell, all of Charlotte.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, June 18, 2002 at the Vermontville Bible Church with Rev. Dan Smith officiating. Interment will be at the Hastings Township Cemetery in Barry County.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society.

Further information available at www.prayfuneral.com. Arrangements were made by Pray Funeral Home.

NOTICE

The Barry County Board of Commissioners will hold the second meeting of June at 7:00 p.m. on June 25, 2002, at the Woodland Township Hall, 156 S. Main St., Woodland, Mich.

All interested citizens are encouraged to attend.

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WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR THE VILLAGE OF VERMONTVILLE June 2002

This report covers the drinking water quality for the Village of Vermontville, Michigan, for the calendar year 2001. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2001. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from 3 groundwater wells located at 159 Third St. The wells are in an aquifer about 180 feet deep in gravel pack. The Village of Vermontville has a State approved Wellhead Protection Program (WHP). The company of Fleis and VandenBrink did the work on the program to get it approved with the State. We have a citizen advisory panel composed of citizens, Council Members, Township and County Officials.

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general populations. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of Drinking Water: The Sources of drinking water (both tap and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring mineral. In some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
 - **Microbial Contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
 - **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial and domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
 - **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
 - **Radioactive contaminants**, which are naturally occurring.
 - **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2001 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1-December 31, 2001. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

- Terms and abbreviations used below:**
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
 - **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
 - **N/A:** Not applicable **ND:** Not detectable at testing limit **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter **PCU/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radiation).
 - **Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant that, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Contaminant	MCL	MCLG	Our Water	Sample Date	Violation Y/N	Typical Source of Contaminant
Arsenic	50 ppb	None	3 ppb	Aug. 2000	N	Erosion of natural deposits orchards, glass
Barium	2 ppm	2 ppm	0.22 ppm	Aug. 2000	N	Discharge of drilling wastes & erosion of natural deposits
Fluoride	4 ppm	4 ppm	0.2 ppm	Aug. 2001	N	Erosion of natural deposits aluminum & fertilizer factories
Unregulated Contaminant						
Sulfate	N/A	N/A	36 ppm	Aug. 2001	N	Erosion of natural deposits
Contaminant	Action Level		Sample Date	Our Water(*)	Number of Samples Over Action Level	
Lead	15 ppb		July 2000	2 ppb	0	
Copper	1.3 ppm		July 2000	0 ppm	0	

(*) 90 percent of samples at or below this level

The State allows us to monitor for some contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants do not change frequently. Some of our data, though representative, is more than one year old.

Unregulated contaminant monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Is our water system meeting other rules that govern our operations? The State and EPA require us to test our water on a regular basis to ensure its safety.

We met all the monitoring and reporting requirements for 2001.

We are committed to providing you safe, reliable and healthy water. We are pleased to provide you with this information to keep you fully informed about your water. We will be updating this report annually, and will also keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they may happen.

For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact Tony Wawiernia at the Village Garage or call 726-1444.

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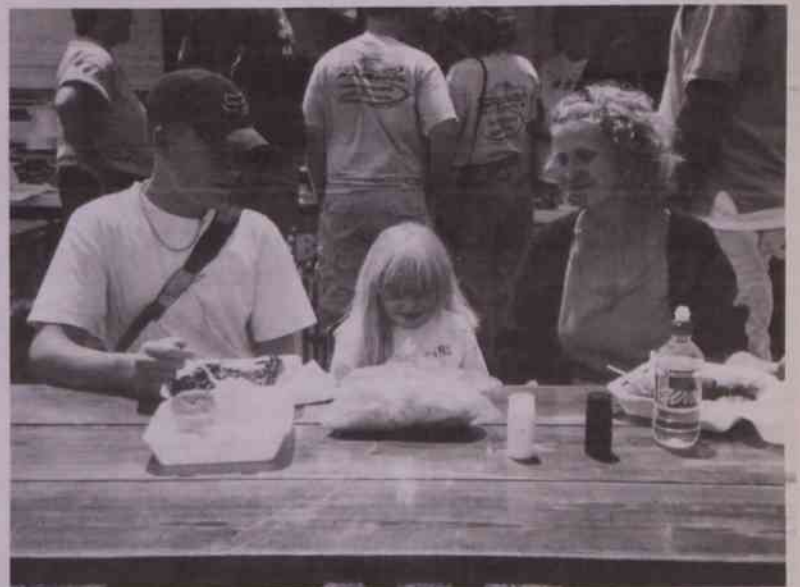
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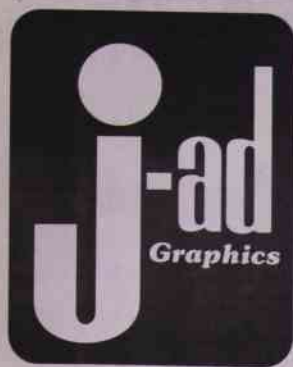
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Eaton Special Riding Volunteer Assn. marks 25th year

Eaton Special Riding Volunteer Association is celebrating 25 years of providing horseback riding instruc-

tion to students involved in Eaton Intermediate School District. An open house is planned at the arena behind

Meadowview School on Packard Highway on June 23, at 2 p.m. Michigan obtained a grant



In picture: 1978 Riding session. (Left to right) Edy, Christy Miller, Kim Buckmars and Nola Buck.

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to develop a 4-H Horseback Riding For Handicappers with the support of W.J. Kellogg and CS Mott Foundation in 1975. The grant was used to purchase equipment to loan to pilot programs and to train instructors at Cheff Center. Eaton County piloted such a program in 1976 with two horses, Richard Hill and Jan Tirrell from the Eaton County Cooperative Extension introduced the program at Meadowview School with the assistance of teacher Sally Bouchard. Sessions were held east of the Eaton Intermediate Building where there is now a parking lot. During the construction of the parking lot in 1978, riding sessions were held at the Fowler's field where Kmart is now located. At that time the program had 38 students, two instructors, and 30 volunteers.

In 1979 ESRVA purchased enough equipment from Cals Western Store to outfit

six horses. A Go-a-Thon and a Garage Sale were held to pay for the equipment. Students began showing at the Eaton County Fair.

In 1980 The Eaton County Mounted Division donated money to finance a riding ring of wooden posts and rubber webbing and to send an instructor to school. The Circle C 4-H horse club helped construct the ring. The Eaton County Association of Retarded Citizens presented the Charles T. Mitchell award in recreation to ESRVA.

Through the years the Lions Club, the Shriners Club, the Knights of Columbus, and the Eaton County Draft Horse and Pony Club have also supported ESRVA. Students rode in parades and gave demonstrations at Special Olympics.

In 1985 The Tri County Volunteer Task Force recognized the program. Upon receiving \$200 to pay for architectural drawings for an arena, the arena was built in 1986. Michigan Youth Corp

did the construction with supplies purchased from Big L Lumber. An addition of horse stalls and a tack room was added in 1991. Electricity was added in 1993.

Oliver Student Council recognized ESRVA in 1994 and the program received the JC Penny Golden Rule Award in 1995. Upon the urging of a student, Janet Clough, the cart-driving program was instituted. Students have shown their cart driving skills at the Eaton County Fair and their riding skills at the state 4-H Horse Show. The Eaton County Education Association recognized ESRVA in 1999.

ESRVA, a PEP (Proud Equestrian Program), now serves approximately 36 students per session. They regularly use 12 horses and have about 36 volunteers assist with the sessions. A board elected annually governs the program. Any one with questions about this special program is invited to call Sam Colegrove at 517-663-8536 or Dorothy Childs, Instructor, 517-627-8888.

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