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## Vermontville children enjoy visit of 'Amazing Arthropods'

by Sandra Ponsetto  
Staff Writer

Arachnids, insects and more, oh my!

More than 30 Vermontville area children and their family decided no to let the heat bug them and enjoyed a presentation of "Amazing Arthropods" in air conditioned comfort at the Vermontville Opera House last week as part of the Vermontville Library's summer reading program.

Gary Dunn from the Young Entomologists' Soci-

ety and Minibeast Zooseum and Education Center in Lansing gave a 45-minute presentation about arthropods. Arthropods are animals formed of joined sections such as insects and spiders.

Dunn involved the children in uncovering many interesting facts about arthropods.

"Do your insects have skeletons?" asked Dunn.

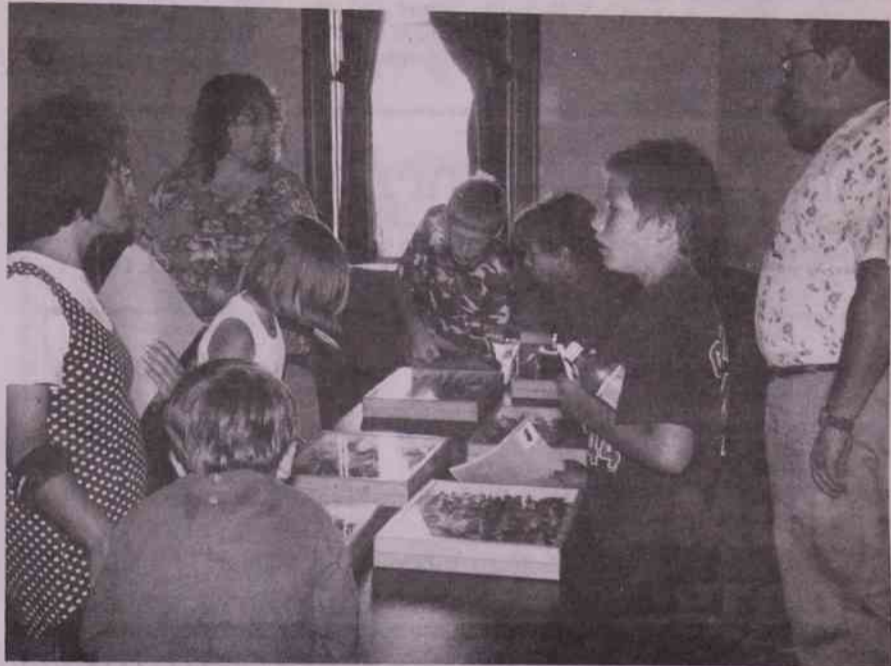
The audience seemed evenly split on the answer to that one.

"Insects do have skeletons," said Dunn. "They have what is called an exoskeleton. Their skeleton is on the outside of their body."

"If an insect looks at us they would think we were made inside out because our skeleton is on the inside."

Their (insects') skeletons are on the outside and that's what holds everything on the inside together," said Dunn. "A insects abdomen is just a big sack of guts."

Using a large plastic model of a grasshopper



Parents and children talk with Gray Dunn as they examine the insect collections.

Dunn pointed out distinct features of an insect. He noted that an insect has three distinct body parts, a head, a thorax and an abdomen.

"The thorax has the wings and legs. Insects have how many legs?"

"Six!" responded the enthusiastic audience.

Dunn pointed out that

grasshoppers have holes in the sides of their abdomens, which they use to breathe.

"They use their mouths for eating not for breathing," he said.

He asked the children what features an insect had on its head.

"Antennas!" responded the children.

"Yes," responded Dunn. "They use their antennae to smell, to hear and to touch."

Next Dunn asked about insect's eyes.

"Do you think they have eyes like ours?" he asked. "Insects have compound

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## Mulberry Fore breaks ground for banquet hall

Tad Davis and Orvin Moore broke ground last Monday, July 29, for Mulberry Gardens, the new banquet facility addition to the Mulberry Fore Golf Course complex in Nashville.

"It will be a real asset for the community," said Moore.

"When people come to the banquet hall for weddings and such they will also visit other local businesses," added Davis. "We've already got bookings for this

year."

The 6,600-square-foot banquet hall will seat 250 people and be available for wedding, graduation, office parties and more by mid-November.

The facility features a kitchen for catered parties, cathedral ceilings, drywall with wood trim, carpeting and a dance floor, a new parking lot that will be used by both the banquet hall and the golf course, a valet entrance, a full basement, and

French doors opening to patio gardens on the east and west sides that could be used for wedding photos and all windows on the east, north and west sides of the building.

"The view is going to be the big draw," said Davis. It's going to be right behind the 18th, 17th and ninth green. It's a great view."

For more information call (517) 852-0760.



This sketch shows the front elevation of Mulberry Gardens, the new banquet facility at Mulberry Fore.



Del Seat, general contractor; Doug Flessner from Union Bank in Lake Odessa; Nancy and Orvin Moore and Tad Davis, Mulberry Fore developers, and Mike Slater break ground for construction of the new banquet facility.

## Vermontville hires ordinance enforcer

by Sandra Ponsetto  
Staff Writer

The Vermontville Village Council voted unanimously last week to hire Russ Raymer of Charlotte to enforce ordinances within the village on a 120-day trial basis.

Raymer will be paid at a rate of \$20 per hour. He has told the council that the estimates it will take about 30 hours for the first month or so. But after he has got things under motion, the hours will "drop right off to a few hours here, a few hours there," according to Village President Sue Villanueva.

Villanueva said she spoke with Raymer last week, at which time he said the junk, weed, noise and barking dog ordinances, as they are currently written, are enforceable.

Theresa Spagnuolo-O'Dell said that there are currently 53 active ordinance violations complaints.

Complaints about ordinance violations or questions should be directed to the village office.

In other business, the council set the next meeting of the Village Planning Commission for Tuesday, Aug. 20, at 7 p.m. At that meeting the commission will discuss creating an ordinance regarding semi-truck and recreational vehicle parking within the village

limits.

Owners of semis and large recreational vehicles are invited to come to that meeting to discuss the proposed ordinance. Afterward, the Planning Commission will make a recommendation to the council for action on the matter.

The next regular meeting of the council is scheduled for 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 5.

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eyes and we have to use our imagination and pretend to be insect scientists and figure out what insects see.

Donning a hat outfitted with a pair of large antennae, attached set of foam legs to his side and last, to the delight of his audience, a pair of goggles made out of small kitchen sieves to simulate a bugs eyes.

"My eyes bulge out of my head, so I can see in all directions," said Dunn. "I can see up, I can see down, backwards and forwards — wouldn't moms and dads like to have eyes like that?" quipped Dunn. "Insects can see all around them, that's why they are so hard to sneak up on."

Dunn said that scientists

figure that an insects vision looks, "something like a jigsaw puzzle, made up of a bunch of different pieces."

"Why do bugs need eyes like this?" asked Dunn.

The audience offered a lot of answers.

"Danger."

"Bats."

"Spiders."

"Getting stepped on!"

"Yeah, a number 10 sneaker could definitely be dangerous if you're an insect," said Dunn.

Moving on to spiders, Dunn noted that they are both similar and different than insects.

"Spiders have only two body parts, a head and an abdomen. They have an exoskeleton but no antennae, no

wings. They have compound eyes and eight legs instead of six," said Dunn.

He pointed out other special features of a spider, including the spinnerets it uses to make webs.

Dunn told the audience how spiders use webs as homes, catch food and to travel.

"Baby spiders will send up shoots of silk and the wind will catch them and transport them to another field or woods, or wherever the wind takes them that day," he said. "It's called parachuting."

Dunn asked the audience why insects are important.

"They eat things."

"Bats eat them."

"They help crops grow."



Maple Valley youngsters get a close look at live tarantulas during last week's "Amazing Arthropods" presentation at the Vermontville Opera House.

"They make honey."

Those were just a few of the responses from different members of the audience, who participated enthusiastically throughout the program

Dunn also thrilled members of the audience with live specimens including two types of tarantulas, a cicada killer wasp and a tiger millipede.

"With 200 legs the tiger millipede has more legs than any other animal in the world," said Dunn.

But, it was the large, hairy tarantulas that really captured the audience's interest.

Dunn noted that contrary to popular belief tarantulas weren't really dangerous.

"They only bite to eat or for protection. So if you don't do anything to scare them, they won't bite you," said Dunn handling a blonde tarantula, native to Texas, New Mexico and Arizona.

One specimen Dunn brought was approximately 16 years old. He said that tarantulas can live up to 30 years.

He also had a zebra tarantula which is native to Costa Rica.

"The hotter the climate the bigger the bugs," said Dunn. "If you don't like in-

sects, Alaska, northern Canada and Siberia would be good places to live. They have colder weather, so they don't have as many bugs and they are relatively small.

"In Michigan we have both hot and cold weather so we have both big and little bugs," he added.

After the presentation, the audience had a chance to take a closer look at the live insects and spiders and collections from the zooseum, and enjoy a snack provided by the Vermontville Women's Club.

"I really like coming to these summer programs," said Dunn after the program. "There's a higher level of interest because they had to convince their parents to bring them here. And, unlike in school, they're usually not afraid to show how

smart they are."

For more information about the Young Entomologists' Society, call (517) 886-0630.



Gary Dunn from the Young Entomologists' Society in Lansing dons some visual aids to explain how insects see.

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PASTOR DANIEL E. SMITH

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In My Own

Write

by Sandra Ponsetto

## Too much too soon

For the past two weeks the news in Maple Valley has been dominated by the tragic death of 14-year old Corbin Gardener when he lost control of the car he was driving and plunged into the Thornapple River. The accident is still under investigation but early reports indicate that alcohol was a factor.

I don't want to cause any additional pain for Corbin's family and it is not my intent to assign blame, but Corbin's death is a warning to us all. Something went tragically and horribly wrong and a young man, a child actually, had access to alcohol and a car.

It was too much too soon. We try to prepare our children for each phase of their lives and giving them the information that they will need without overwhelming them. But sometimes that isn't enough.

We need to protect them. We can't put temptation in their way and expect them to resist it.

It reminds me of when my daughters were younger and I would buy them new school clothes. If I didn't put their new sweaters, jeans and winter coats away in a closet where they couldn't find them, I would wake up in the morning to find them togged out in all their new clothes and sweating profusely in the 90 degree heat.

They were too young to be able to make sensible deci-

sions about what kind of clothing was appropriate for the season. All they knew was that they had access to something new and exciting and they wanted to enjoy it.

The same can be said for young teens. They are given more freedom and responsibility than they had as children or pre-teens, but they don't always have the judgment necessary to make good decisions. That is why

they can't take drivers training until they are 15 or take a drink until they're 21. By those ages we hope that they have developed the ability to make sound decisions.

Kids need to be kids. They need us to protect them from having to make decisions that they aren't ready to handle; and if that means locking up the liquor cabinet, hiding the car keys, or telling them they can't go to a friend's house, so be it.

State Rep. Susan Tabor...

Speaks Out



## Child care bill does the checking

Many Eaton County parents are concerned about the quality and safety of child care.

Despite taking every precaution, such as meeting with the owner or manager, speaking with other parents or getting a referral, there is no sure way of knowing the background of every day-care employee. Even day-care providers can have difficulty verifying the history of their employees.

Child-care providers hold a special position of trust. For that reason, I recently introduced legislation to implement better background checks on child-care employees. This was the result of a careful examination of ways to better protect children. The legislation gives parents peace of mind and makes it easy for child-care providers to remain in compliance.

House Bill 6202 prohibits child-care centers from employing people with prior convictions for child abuse or neglect or a violent felony. Volunteers with a history of violence also would be prohibited from having contact with children at child-care centers.

The legislation is based on the findings of the bipartisan House Childcare Background Check Work Group. The panel, which I chaired at the request of Speaker of the House Rick Johnson, discussed ways to improve child-care safety and met with staff from the Michigan Department of Consumer and Industry Services, State Police and Family Independence Agency. It is part of a four-bill package that:

- Creates a voluntary background check system based on incentives with certain minimal standards;
- Establishes a more extensive mandatory system utilizing the state Family Independence Agency, Consumer and Industry Services and Michigan State Police;
- Revises guidelines for releasing information out of the Central Registry for child abusers to facilitate background checks.

The House has already approved this legislation and it is currently under consideration in the Senate. If you have any comments or experiences you would like to share regarding it, contact me toll-free at 1-877-71TABOR or email me at [stabor@house.state.mi.us](mailto:stabor@house.state.mi.us).

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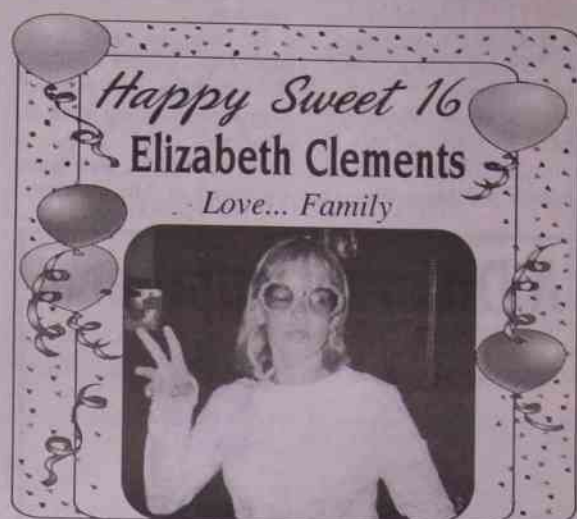
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# Area Obituaries

## Edward Johannes Suntken

OLIVET - Edward Johannes Suntken, 96, of Olivet, died Monday, July 29, 2002 at his residence.

Mr. Suntken was born Sept. 10, 1905 in Mason County, Ill., the son of Johannes and Mary (Eilers)

Suntken.

He was an avid deer hunter and trapper until his 93rd birthday and enjoyed many years farming north of Charlotte.

Mr. Suntken was also employed at Motor Wheel

until his retirement in 1966.

He is survived by his wife, Beulah (Guy) Suntken; sons, Lawrence (Jill) of Charlotte, Lavern (Marilyn) of Olivet, Loyal of Brighton, LaGrand of Charlotte; six grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; and sister, Marie Shafe of Olivet.

He was predeceased by brothers, William, George, Paul and Victor.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Aug. 1, 2002 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte. Scott Brood officiated. Interment was at Gresham Cemetery.

If desired, memorials may be made to Eaton Community Hospice or Ainger bible Church.

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## Eloise Ione Link

HOWELL - Eloise Ione Link, 82, of Howell, Mich., died Tuesday, July 30, 2002

Mrs. Link was born Sept. 23, 1920 in Vermontville, Mich., the daughter of Earl and Irene (Hager) Hadden.

She is survived by her husband, Lewis; grandson, Thomas (Kristina) Darling of Howell; granddaughter,

Kimberly (James) Frisbie of Howell; stepson, Robert Link of Manistee; two sisters, Norma Atanasoff, Mary Ohlemacher, both of Lansing; and son-in-law, Dr. Francis Darling.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Connie Darling, March 2, 2001.

Family and friends were

invited to share in the Family Affirmation Services on Friday, Aug. 2, 2002 at the Pray Funeral Home. Interment followed in the Woodlawn Cemetery in Vermontville.

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

## Daniel "Sleepy" Bolton II

FLORAL CITY, FLORIDA - Daniel "Sleepy" Bolton II, age 30, of Floral City, Florida, died Sunday, June 16, 2002 as a result of a residential fire.

A native of Nashville, Mich., he was born on Jan. 28, 1972. He moved to Florida in 1980 from Nashville.

He was a block mason in the construction industry.

He was preceded in death

by his brother, Timothy Bolton.

Surviving him are his mother and step father, John and Lila (Fenner) Sokol of Floral City; daughter, Jacqueline Lee of Illinois; step sister, Jessica Anne Sokol of Floral City, FL; maternal grandmother, Joyce Moon of Nashville; three uncles, Edwin of AZ, Thomas of Nashville, MI, Edward of Madison

Heights, MI; four aunts, Valorie of AZ, Tammy of Hastings, Katrina of Nashville, Kimberly of Nashville; 19 cousins and friends.

For condolences please contact Mrs. Lila Sokol, 7277 S. Baker Ave., Floral City, FL 34436.

Arrangements were made by Chas. E. Davis Funeral Home with Crematory, Inverness.

## Lloyd E. Bartholemew

MECOSTA, MI - Lloyd E. Bartholemew, age 79, of 259 S. Franklin St., Mecosta, MI, formerly of Vermontville, passed away on July 27, 2002 at Altercare of Big Rapids, MI.

Lloyd was born on Sept. 11, 1922 in Charlotte, MI to Noice and Irene (Calkins) Bartholemew. On July 27, 1941 he married Kathryn Northrup in Angola, IN, who survives.

He is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Dianna (Richard) Bennett of Mecosta; one grandson, James E. Hewlett Jr. of Mecosta; his mother-in-law, Leta Nagle, of Mecosta; one sister, Jean (Michael) Appleman, of Nashville, MI; and one brother, Dale (Beverly) Bartholemew of Venice, FL; several nieces and nephews and one very close friend of the family,

Faith Miller and her boys, Frank Miller and Roger Miller and their families of Mecosta, MI.

Cremation has taken place and according to Lloyd's

wishes there were no services.

A gathering of family and friends was held on Aug. 1, 2002 at the Franklin residence.

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# Obituaries

## Dennis L. Watrous

HASTINGS - Dennis L. Watrous, son of Myrton and Luella (Hunt) Watrous, formerly of Nashville, MI died Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002 at Thornapple Manor in Hastings.

Dennis was born Sept. 17, 1948. Since 1971 he has resided in an Adult Foster Care Home in Barry County. He attended the Barry County Special Education School, worked at EBI and in recent years went each day to the Barry County Day Care Center at Algonquin Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his step-mother and guardian, Nyla (Norman E.) Stanton of Dowling and a host of caring and loving

caretakers, friends and extended family.

He was a happy, gentle and loving person who loved music and his friends.

Funeral services will be held 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 6, 2002 at the Wren Funeral Home in Hastings with the Rev. Kenneth R. Vaught officiating. A visitation will also be held Tuesday evening 6 p.m. until funeral time. Private burial will take place at the Lakeview Cemetery in Nashville, MI.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Barry County Day Care Center at Algonquin Lake.

Arrangements are by the Wren Funeral Home of Hastings.

# Anthropods infest local library

Tuesday, July 30, brought an infestation of bugs to the Vermontville Township Library, as its summer reading program "Join the Winner's Circle - Read!" continues.

A presenter from the Young Entomologists Society of Lansing spoke with a crowd of about 50 children and parents about insects. Dressed as a bug, he explained the body structure of insects, and demonstrated how their compound eyes affect their vision. He had a vast display of mounted insects, and brought along a few living specimens for the children to observe.

After the presentation,

refreshments were served, and everyone was entered into a door prize drawing. Winners of the drawing were Darrin Reid, Cody Olmstead, Schuyler Foster, Noah Heuser and Angela.

The summer reading activities conclude with Group Game Day Tuesday, Aug. 6. Activities begin at 2 p.m. on the back lawn of the library.

Also nearing conclusion is the reading for prizes part of the program. Children should bring in their reading log and collect their tokens

by Saturday, Aug. 10 at 3 p.m.

The Winner's Circle Store

will open Aug. 13, and children can turn in their prizes for tokens at that time.

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## Vermontville senior citizens to meet Aug. 21

The Vermontville Senior Citizens will have a potluck lunch at noon and their August monthly meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 21, at the Vermontville United Methodist Church.

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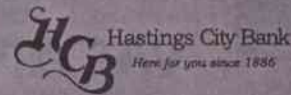
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# Farmer's Picnic is 4-day affair

The Sunfield Farmer's Picnic will begin festivities Wednesday, Aug. 14, with ball games at 6 p.m., the pig roast Thursday at 5, crafts on Friday and the grand parade on Saturday at noon.

The four-day festival will include many of the favorites and two new events.

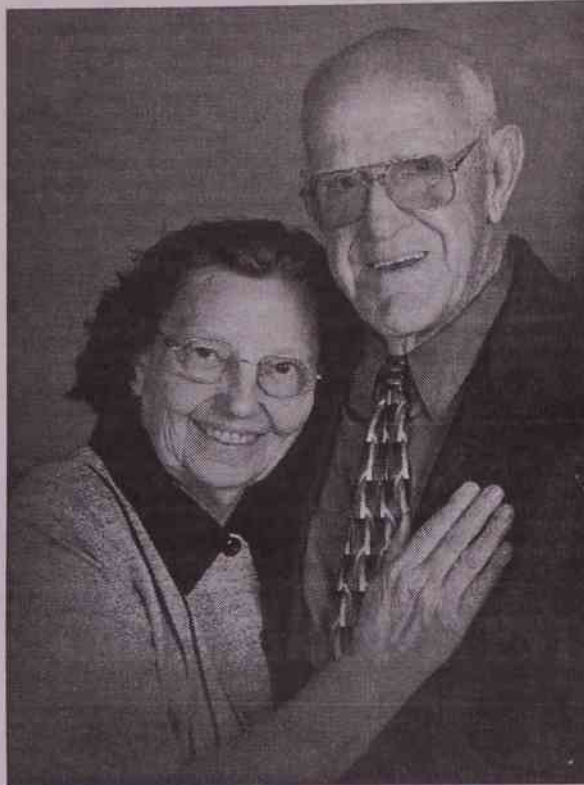
On Friday, from 8 to 11 p.m., there will be an open mike night featuring local youth and young adults. There will be a solo performance by Erik Rishel, duets by Amanda Wells and Elizabeth Smith and duets by Casie Rogers and Elizabeth Smith. There will be local bands David and Daniel Benedict, Garrett VanEne, Enok and Walter Ego and the Pocket Protectors.

There also will be a reunion performance of Red Cord.

There will be a community church service at 11 a.m. Sunday and the Poor Man's Tractor Pull at 2 p.m.

This year's grand marshals are Edward and Eunice Black. Both are native to the Sunfield area. Edward graduated from Woodland High School and Eunice from Sunfield High School. They will be celebrating their 54th anniversary this August. They have seven children, Paul (Vicki) Black, Ann (Kathy) Black, Gary (Joyce) Black, John (MaryJo) Black, JoAnn (Jerry) Gibbs, Rita Black and Gene Black. They have many grand children and great-grandchildren.

Edward is a life-time farmer and is now retired from the State of Michigan. He is a World War II veteran, having served in England as a flight engineer on a B-24 bomber. There are many war stories he can share. One night his plane had to make an emergency landing. The crew just made it into Sweden where he was interned for part of the war.



Eunice and Edward Black are the Grand marshals.



## Deckers to celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

The children of Scott and Teresa Decker will hold an open house to celebrate their 25th anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. It will be held at 9351 M-79 Highway in Nashville at their home.

Teresa and Scott were married on July 30, 1977 in Charlotte, Michigan.

The couple have two children - Raymond of Nashville and Angela of Ionia, and two grandchildren, Cole and Alicia Decker. No gifts, please.

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He said when the plane was going down, the crew was faced with two choices — either ditching the plane in the ocean or trying to make it out of German territory. The crew was greatly relieved to find they had landed just inside the Swedish border.

Eunice worked for Michigan Miller and the Michigan Farmers Magazine before they were married. After they married, she worked for Peabody Tax Service nearly 30 years. She was also busy a home raising the seven children.

They are both active in the community and their church. Eunice has served as choir director and is now the membership chairman of the Lakewood United Methodist Church. Edward serves as the head usher.

Eunice was a den mother for the Cub Scouts. Edward has helped build many sets for the Lakewood High School musicals and for the Living Stones, a performing youth group at Lakewood Methodist.

For many years, Edward has brought his collection of arrowheads to show the Sunfield second-graders. These are relics his family has collected near the family farm.

Both have served as volunteer tutors at the high school.

Eunice has been active in the Sunfield Daughters of Union Veterans (DUV). She has served in many official roles for the DUV, including secretary and presidents at both the state and local level. She helps organize school visits to the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR) Hall for the Sunfield children.

Every Memorial Day, Eunice helps plan Sunfield's service. She also helps place flags on the graves of the veterans.

The Blacks love to travel and get together with friends.

## GFWC Vermontville book review is Aug. 8

The General Federation Women Club Vermontville, in conjunction with Vermontville Library, will hold its book review at the Methodist Church Thursday, Aug. 8, at 7 p.m.

Discussion will be on a novel by John Irving "A Prayer for Owen Meany." Starting in the summer of 1953, two 11-year-old boys, best friends, are playing a Little League baseball game in Gravesend, New

Hampshire; one of the boys hits a foul ball that kills his best friend's mother.

The boy who hit the ball doesn't believe in accidents. Owen Meany believes he is God's instrument. What happens to Owen — after that 1953 foul ball — is extraordinary and terrifying.

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# 4-H Community Spirit

(NAPS)—While young people today seem to grow up faster than ever, they still yearn for mentoring and the support of parents and other role models. In addition, today's youth desire programs that allow them to serve as leaders in their communities. These are among the key findings of "The National Conversation on Youth Development in the 21st Century," a series of forums where youth and adults discussed ways to build a positive future for America's young people.

Sponsored by 4-H to mark its 100th anniversary this year, the Conversations began in communities in the fall of 2001, followed by the State Conversations in the late fall and early winter. The process culminated with the National Conversation in Washington, D.C. on February 28 to March 1, 2002. More than 1,600 Conversations engaged 50,000 youth and adults of various backgrounds that represented 600 youth and community organizations from all 50 states and Puerto Rico.

Participants focused their discussions on how to develop a positive future for youth in their communities. The final report outlines ideas at national levels where various organizations, corporations and government can collaborate to provide youth life skills programs, build adult/youth partnerships and participate in community service. The key findings include:

- Establish youth advocates within each federal department and agency;
- Design programs and educational opportunities that promote ethnic diversity;
- Increase compensation and opportunities for youth development professionals;
- Maximize resources by creating procedures that improve coordination and eliminate duplication across youth development organizations and agencies;
- Expand the use of mentoring, work-based and community service learning, safe and innovative after-school programs, and technology so each young person reaches his or her full potential.

The findings of the National Conversation correspond with the findings of the Local and State Conversations but focus on a broader approach. The Local and State findings include recommendations tailored to the specific needs of youth in their communities. Some local examples include building community centers, increasing after-school programs, receiving school credit for community service, increasing scholarship opportunities or electing a youth representative to school boards or other community advisory committees.

"Two comments struck me as I listened to the Conversations," said Don Floyd, National 4-H Council presi-

dent and CEO. "First, the frequent refrain of 'I didn't know 4-H did that,' and second, the observation that, 'We need to work together on that program.' For me, these voices call us to a higher standard of collaboration and communication to ensure the maximum effectiveness of our youth programs."

"If young people are provided with the personal and community assets needed for positive development, they can overcome adversity," said Floyd. "The young people who participate in youth development programs are not typically the ones who drive up negative statistics. Nevertheless, they are often impeded from having full access, equity and opportunity."

According to Floyd, the



Carla Archibeque (Texas 4-H), Don Floyd, president and CEO, National 4-H Council and Gary Davis, executive vice president of JCPenney Co. present the National Conversation report to Secretary of Agriculture Ann Veneman.

they can implement these ideas at the local and state levels. This grassroots effort is what 4-H calls its "birthday gift to the nation."

4-H currently has seven million members, 50 million alumni and a program in every county nationwide. To learn more about the National Conversation and view local, state and national reports, visit [www.4hcentennial.org](http://www.4hcentennial.org).

next step is for the participants to work with their communities and meet with youth, adults and community leaders to determine how

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Aug. 7 Livestock Developmental Committee meet, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
- Aug. 10 State Dog Show, MSU Pavilion, East Lansing.
- Aug. 16-18 State Horse Show, MSU Pavilion.
- Aug. 18 Judged Trail Ride, 8 a.m., Lux Arbor.

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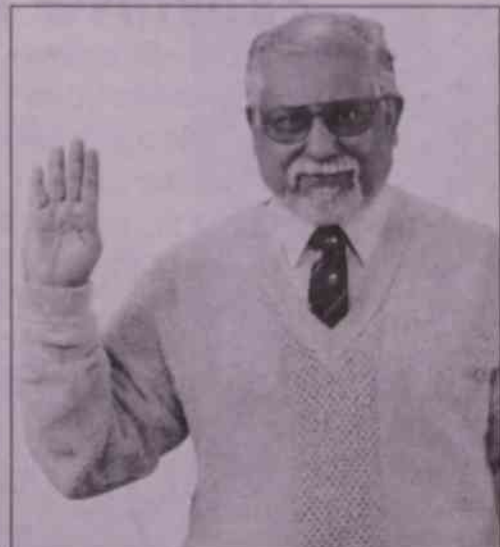


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He is the son of Lori and Barney Silsbee of Nashville and Dan Taggart of



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Jacob is a 2000 graduate of Maple Valley High School.

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values and traditions. Stuber is the son of Robert Stuber of 4653 N. Mulliken Road, Charlotte, and brother of Laura Reese of 99 Cookie Drive, Lansing. He is a 1998 graduate of Maple Valley High School.

**Three area students on Ferris list**

Three area students were named to the academic honors list for the winter semester at Ferris State University, Big Rapids.

To be eligible for listing, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale and carry a full-time academic load.

The students, grouped by their home towns, were:

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The Nashville Zoning Commission will hold a public hearing on August 15, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. The purpose is to hear comments on a zoning variance request by Nashville Ambulance to erect an addition to the rear of the existing building located at 324 N. Main Street. This request did not meet the requirements of the rear lot line. Any written comments can be sent to the Village Office at 206 N. Main, Nashville, MI 49073, and must be received by August 12, 2002.

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## Lady Lions 8-1 at MSU team basketball camp

The Lady Lions finished as runners-up in the competitive division of the MSU team basketball camp with an 8-1 record.

Maple Valley posted victories over Traverse City Central, Portage Northern, Allen Park, Cadillac, L'Anse Cruese, Davison, Lapeer West and Glen Lake, all of which are Class A and B schools.

In addition, the Lady Lions won the Overtime Tournament championship, which consisted of a two-minute overtime period

which was played immediately after each game. Maple Valley finished the Overtime Tournament with another 8-1 record, which was the best in the Competitive Division. As a result, the team will receive complimentary tickets for the Michigan State women's basketball game of their choice.

"This was Maple Valley's first year in the tournament, and all of the girls contributed a wonderful effort," said Michael A. Sparks, athletic director at Maple Val-

ley Jr./Sr. High School.

Those who participated in the camp were Megan Garvey, Jessie Grant, Chayla and Tessa Robles, Meagan Putnam, Ashley Gordeneer, Donna Cripe, Briann Treloar, Jennifer Grant, Kortney Ewing and Kyndra Root.

The Lady Lions open their season at home against two-time state champion Portland St. Patrick Tuesday, Aug. 27. Varsity game time will immediately follow the junior varsity contest, which is scheduled to begin at 5:30 p.m.



## Maple Valley Implement wins Pee Wee League

The Maple Valley Implement softball team won the Nashville and Vermontville Girls' Pee Wee League this summer with a 9-0-1 record, going 7-0-1 to top the league standings and 2-0 to win the season-ending tournament. Front row (from left): Beth Richter, Chelsea Moran, Kelsey Bodenmuller, Ashley Lesage, McKaily Bodenmuller, Kaitlyn Peterson, Nicole Phenix. Middle row: assistant coach Kevin Rost, Brayana Rose, Shawdenae Rost, Darcey Turner, Kaytlyn Furlong, Rachel Howard, coach Beverly Rost. Back row: assistant coach Andy Phenix, assistant coach Mike Turner. Not pictured: Emily Franks.

## Bellevue Community Theatre announces auditions Aug. 25-26

The Bellevue Community Theater has announced that auditions for its next musical show, "The Will Rogers Follies," will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday and Monday, Aug. 25 and 26 at Bellevue High School.

Needed are 35 to 40 adults, teens, and some children. Singing and dancing roles for children and adults are available.

Bill Reynolds from The Revue of Vermontville will be the director/musical di-

rector/choreographer of the production.

Show dates are scheduled for Oct. 25-27 and Nov. 1-3. Rehearsals will be Monday, Tuesday and Thursday evenings and some Saturday mornings.

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# MV Track Club summer meet results

Pole Vault - female - kdg.-3rd division, Haley Pool, 3'; 4th-6th division, Erin Shoemaker, 4'; 7th-9th division, Jenny Ellison, 6'; 10th-12th division, Tara Gordenski, 8'; male - 4th-6th division, Austin Pool, 6'; 10th-12th division, Richie Wilson, 11'.

High Jump - female - 7th-9th division, Jenny Ellison, 4'6"; 10th-12th division, Tara Gordenski, 3'8"; male - 4th-6th division, Eric Reed, 4'; 7th-9th division, Devin Jones, 4'; 10th-12th division, Dustin Jones, 4'10".

Long Jump - female - kdg.-3rd division, Jenna Whitaker, 7'11"; 4th-6th division, Kelsey Kuiper, 8'6"; 7th-9th division, Kayleigh Browne, 13'8"; 10th-12th division, Tara Gordenski, 11'11"; male - kdg.-3rd division, Gregory Hamilton, 10'8"; 4th-6th division, Eric Reid, 10'1"; 10th-12th Division, Dustin



Micah Kuiper, Kevin Franklin, Ethan Clark and RJ Browne race in the 55-meter hurdles.

Jones, 14'8"; adults, Jon Kenyon, 17'5"; veterans, Gary Reid, 16'10".

Shot Put - female - 4th-6th division, Tiffany Allwardt, 10'5"; 7th-9th division, Kayleigh Browne, 29'7"; male, Kdg.-3rd division, Tommy Hamilton, 8'11"; 4th-6th division, R.J. Browne, 16'9"; 7th-9th division, Devin Jones, 31'11".

Discus - female - 7th-9th division, Kayleigh Browne, 64'11"; male - 4th-6th division, R.J. Browne, 37'8"; 7th-9th division, Dustin Justin, 74'2".

55M Hurdles - female, Kdg.-3rd division, Carly Coleman, 11.81, 4th-6th division, Ana Byrens, 10.78;

male, Kdg.-3rd division, Gregory Hamilton, 9.78, 4th-6th division, Kevin Franklin, 9.89.

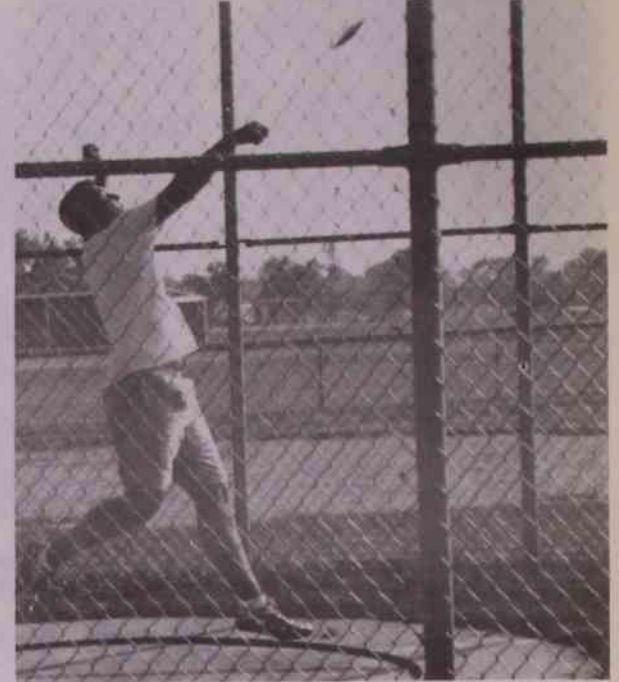
1600M Run - female, 4th-6th division, Erin Shoemaker, 8:59; male, 4th-6th division, Ethan Clark, 8:19, 10th-12th division, Andy Franklin, 6:01.

70M Dash - female, Kdg.-3rd division, Carly Coleman, 12:67; 4th-6th division, Melissa Browne, 11:06; male - kdg.-3rd division, Garrett Reid, 11.30; 4th-6th, Eric Reid, 11.16.

100M Dash - female, 7th-9th division, Kayleigh Browne, 14.85; adult division, Tiffany Seitz, 14.21; male - 7th-9th division, Devin Jones, 14.41, 10th-12th division, Dustin Jones, 13.73, adult division, Jon Kenyon, 12.36, veterans, Mark Rickerd, 11.98.

400M Relay - male, adult division, Clark C. Rickerd, M. Rickerd, Eddy, 51.49.

400M Dash - Kdg.-3rd division, Caitly Coleman, 1:38.99, adult division, Tiffany Seitz, 1:17.48; male, 4th-6th division, Kevin Franklin, 1:26, 10th-12th division, Andrew Kenyon, 58.94, adult division, Nick Blakely, 1:12.69, veteran, Michael Clark, 1:05.85.



Josh Grasman launches the discus.

200M Hurdles - Kdg.-3rd division, female, Aimee Hamilton, 50.13; male, 4th-6th division, Austin Pool, 43.00.

200M Dash - female, Kdg.-3rd division, Caitly Coleman 43.17, 4th-6th division, Ana Byrens, 41.10, 7th-9th - division, Brita Kuiper, 31.79, 10th-12th division, Tara Gordenski, 33.52; male, Kdg.-3rd division, Greg Hamilton, 34.69, 4th-6th division, Eric Reid, 35.38, adult division, Jon Kenyon, 25.48.

3200M Run - female, 10th-12th division, Summer Hill, 17:38, adult division, Tiffany Seitz, 16:43; veterans, Cindy Allwardt, 15:17; male, adult division, Ryan Rosin, 15:50, veteran, David Franklin, 14:40.

800M Relay - male, adult division, J. Kenyon, Blakely, Seitz, A. Kenyon, 1:53, veterans, C. Rickerd, Clark M. Rickerd, Eddy, 1:47.

800M Run - female, 10th-12th division, Summer Hill, 2:46; adult division, Tiffany

Seitz, 2:50; male, 10th-12th division, Andrew Kenyon, 2:48.

1600 M. Relay - male, veterans, Clark, C. Rickerd, M. Rickerd, Eddy, 4:15.

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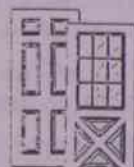
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- Football — Monday, Aug. 12, 8 a.m. at the high school.
- JV basketball — Monday, Aug. 12, 8 a.m. at the high school gym.
- Varsity basketball — Monday, Aug. 12, 9 a.m. at the high school gym

Cross country, cheerleading and soccer also will begin Aug. 12. Please call the high school at (517) 852-9275 for details on starting times.

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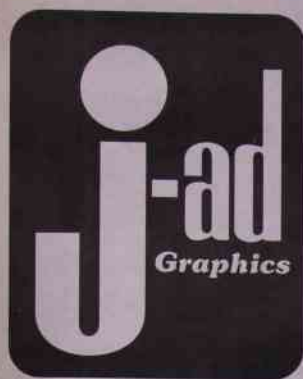
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# Vermontville to have 3rd annual car show Sunday

by Sandra Ponsetto  
Staff Writer  
More than 200 cars expected to turn out for the third annual Vermontville Summerfest Car Show Sunday, Aug. 11, from noon until 7 p.m. in downtown Vermontville.

"It's a good family day," said Margaret Felder. "There are all kinds of activities being planned, even more than what we have listed on the flier." In addition to the car show, the flier lists music (a different band every hour),

wagon rides, arts and crafts, community-wide garage sales, a ping pong tournament and a variety of other games, a pig roast and an ice cream social, a street dance and a performance by the Thunder Cloggers.

The event is planned and organized by the Country Harvest Band, a well-known local group that has been playing together for 20 years. The band will kick off the festivities at noon from the stage set up in the park.

Felder says her husband, Gary Felder, is the driving force behind Vermontville's Summerfest Car Show.

"I'd say the band does 95% of the promotion," she said. "The village lets us use



A variety of cars like such as classic Corvette will converge upon Vermontville this Sunday for the third annual Vermontville car show.

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the streets and the park." Felder said she anticipates this year's car show will be bigger and better than ever. "The first year we had 70 something cars. The second, we had 100 something cars, this year I'd say we'll have more than 200." "Every year we do this, we learn something," she added. "This year I adver-

tised it in a car magazine, and I've had lots of calls from all over. We also had people post fliers at GM (General Motors) and other places. We've had a great response." Felder said that they are expecting at least four or five car clubs to participate as well.

"We've had responses from the Lansing club, the Streets of Battle Creek and a couple of clubs in the Detroit area," she said. Registration begins at noon and there is a \$10 entry fee for each vehicle entered in the car show. However, the event is free to the public.

Dash plaques will be given to participants and local merchants will be awarding the trophies this year. "We talked to people at the car clubs and they said they liked it better when the merchants give the awards, because it's more objective; you don't get people voting for their buddy's car," said Felder.

Another highlight of the car show is a wood carving by local artist Mark Myers. His work has been featured in newspapers and on CNN. Each year Myers donates one of his sculptures to be given away as a door prize at the car show.

All types of vehicles are welcome to enter the car show. "Bring anything to the show. It doesn't matter, cars, trucks, hot rods, etc." said the flier put out by Felder last month. For more information call the Felders at (517) 726-0986.

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