

Maple Valley Schools welcome new teachers



Heather Chapman

When students arrived for their first day of school last week, they may have noticed a few new faces at Fuller Street Elementary and Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School.

Maple Valley Schools added seven new staff members to fill vacancies left by teachers and staff who either retired or left to accept positions in other school districts.



Erin Gilding

There are three new teachers at Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School. For two new staff members, Jill Smith and Christine Smith, this will be their first full year of teaching.

Christine Smith, who is the new seventh and eighth grade math and science special education teacher, was a long term substitute for that position last year.

Christine is a life-long



Andrew Peabody

resident of Nashville and a graduate of Maple Valley High School. She earned her bachelors degree from Cornerstone University with a major in early elementary education and a minor in general education. Christine did her student teaching at Fuller Street and Maplewood Elementary.

She is a mother of four children, one who is attending Central Michigan Uni-



Jill Smith

versity and three who attend Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School.

Jill Smith will be teaching seventh and eighth grade math and English. She is from Portland (Mich.) and received her degree from Michigan State University with a major in elementary education and a minor in mathematics and English. Jill did full year of student teaching at C. W. Otto Mid-



Christine Smith

dle school in Lansing.

"I am a first year teacher and I am very excited about the upcoming year," she said.

Jill, who said she enjoys all sports, will be coaching seventh grade girls basketball.

Heather Chapman is a teaching high school special education science and United States history.

Chapman graduated from Olivet College with a major in science and a minor in social studies. Duska Brumm was Chapman's cooperating teacher for science and Chris Pash for social studies when she did her student teaching in Maple Valley.

Since then Chapman has taught eighth grade science and U.S. history at



Kelly Van Dorpe



Pat Wilson

Lakeview Junior High School in Battle Creek.

Chapman currently lives in Charlotte with her son Drew.

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Ionia Road work near completion

by Sandra Ponsetto
 Staff Writer

Ionia Road, south of Nashville Highway in Vermontville, will be open to through traffic by mid-September.

Paving is scheduled to be complete by mid-October according to Blair Ballou, the engineer-manager of the Eaton County Road Commission.

Ionia Road between Nashville Highway and Lawrence Road has been

closed since early-July when the Road Commission began work on the intersections of Ionia and Kinsel Highway and Ionia and Valley Highway.

At both locations, hills are being cut down and roads raised due to safety issues, said Ballou.

"We wanted to improve sight distance on all three roads at those intersections," said Ballou. "Over the years the traffic on those roads has increased and even though

there hasn't been any serious accidents, the potential was there."

Prior to the road improvements there had been signs near both intersections warning of limited sight distance and a posted speed limit of 35 miles per hour.

"At the intersection of Kinsel and Ionia, a person traveling at 30 miles per hour would have no time to stop if there was a car stalled in the intersection. There is limited sight dis-

tance because just before the intersection there is a dip in the road," said Ballou.

"Ionia Road was paved in the 1950s, but no improvement had been made to the road that had been laid out by the farmers in 1850," he added.

The earth work and grading is scheduled to be completed in mid-September and is being done by Mead Brothers, contractors from Springport, Mich.

Once the grading and earth work is done the road will once again be open to through traffic.

However, motorists are cautioned to drive carefully and pay attention to warning signs until the paving is done. Both Kinsel and Valley are gravel roads and the intersection on Ionia Road will still be unpaved.

"We'll have signs up warning people to slow down," said Ballou.

Paving isn't scheduled to be complete until mid-October. Spartan Asphalt of Lansing will pave the intersections including approximately 500 to 600 feet of Kinsel and Valley highways on either side of Ionia Road.

The total cost of the project is \$290,000 and comes from the Road Commission's maintenance budget.



Ionia Road just south of Vermontville is closed to through traffic while the Eaton County Road Commission finishes work due to be completed in mid-October.

Vermontville man found dead after quad crash

A Vermontville area man who failed to show up for his job Monday at East Jordan Iron Works was found dead Tuesday behind his home in the 9000 block of Bismark Highway, according to a report by the Eaton County Sheriff's Office.

Lance Albert Ainsworth, 29, was last seen on his quad runner late in the evening

Saturday, Aug. 24, police said.

Officers said a concerned acquaintance called police Tuesday to file a missing person complaint, which led to a search of the property by family friends.

"A family friend found Ainsworth a half mile off

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At Fuller Street Elementary, Pat Wilson has joined the staff as a full-time social worker.

Wilson is originally from Green Bay, Wis., and is currently living in Novi with his wife, Dian.

"We are looking forward to moving to this area and becoming members of the community," he said.

Wilson earned his bachelor's degree in social work from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

His interests range from horticultural therapy to all types of sports, including NASCAR.

Erin Gilding has joined the staff at Fuller as a special education teacher.

Gilding earned her degree

with an emphasis on emotional impairment from Western Michigan University last April. She did her student teaching in Battle Creek, one semester in the emotionally impaired resource room in Battle Creek Public Schools and another in a regular education classroom at Lakeview School.

Gilding lives in Bellevue and graduated from Olivet High School.

Her interests include miniature golf, swimming, ice skating, movies and cross stitch.

Andrew Peabody is Fuller Street's new first grade teacher. A lifelong resident of Sunfield, Peabody graduated from Lakewood High School in 1997.

After attending Adrian College for one year, Peabody transferred to Olivet College where he earned a bachelor degree in May 2002. He majored in English and minored in health, physical education and recreation (HPER) while earning an elementary education certificate.

Peabody did his student teaching at Willow Ridge Elementary in Grand Ledge in a first grade classroom. He also taught summer school in Grand Ledge last year.

Peabody is active in a Sunfield volunteer organization called SPY's. As the director of youth of young members, Peabody is in charge of many tasks re-

garding Sunfield youths and raising money for sports programs in Sunfield.

During high school, Peabody participated in a variety of sports, including three years of varsity football and two years of varsity baseball.

Peabody is very interested in coaching football in Maple Valley in the fall of 2003.

In his spare time, Peabody volunteers, watches and plays sports, and does weight training.

Peabody said he loves watching children grow and is very excited to be a part of Fuller Street Elementary's teaching staff.

Hillary Van Dorpe joins the staff at Fuller as a second grade teacher.

Born and raised on a dairy farm in Olivet, Van Dorpe received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Olivet College with a major in health, physical education and recreation and a minor in social studies.

This fall she will begin a master's program at Western Michigan University studying elementary literacy.

"I'm extremely excited to become an active member of the teaching team at Maple Valley Schools," said Van

Dorpe. "I feel that my experiences and training will help me to become an enthusiastic and dedicated educator."

During the last three years, Van Dorpe has focused her training on literacy.

"Literacy is the most crucial part of development," she said.

This month Van Dorpe will have completed the Michigan Literacy Progress Profile (MLPP) training. She has also taken Guided Reading training, HOSTS Learner Link, Michigan Model and Making Cents Economics.

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the road," said police. "He was at the back of a soybean field."

Investigators determined that the front tire of the off road vehicle he was riding struck a ditch, causing the vehicle to flip over on him, police said.

Ainsworth was not wearing a helmet and alcohol is believed by police to be a factor in the incident, according to deputies.

"Ainsworth was riding alone at the time of the accident," deputies reported.

Co-worker and acquaintance Doug Schrauben said Ainsworth worked third shift as a product handler driving forklift at East Jordan Iron Works in Sunfield for about three years.

Another third shift worker and friend of Ainsworth became concerned when Ainsworth did not show up for work Tuesday, Schrauben said.

Just three months earlier, the company suffered a loss with another man who failed to arrive at work and was found dead two days later at his home.

"So when Lance didn't show up, they got worried,"

said Schrauben.

Ainsworth was known for being punctual and "if he was going to be five minutes late," he would call.

"Everybody was real shocked," said Schrauben.

Ainsworth, an avid hunter, had mentioned at work that he had heard turkeys on or near his property and was thinking about taking up turkey hunting. Acquaintances speculate that he had been looking for turkeys on the night of the accident.

"He liked the outdoors and he was about to go to

Wyoming on a hunt," said Schrauben. "He was going to hunt big game on vacation and was looking forward to it. He was going to leave next week."

Schrauben, who is a salesman for East Jordan, said Ainsworth "had a good sense of humor" and that "he was easy to get along with."

Ainsworth was on the Lakewood High School wrestling team before graduating in 1992.

His funeral was Friday at the Sunfield United Brethren Church.

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Early 4's program starts up for new school year



Zachary Wolcott, Erin French and Cameron Pifer play with trucks and blocks at Maple Valley Early Fours Preschool.

Maple Valley Early Fours Preschool, located behind the Kellogg Center at the corner of Middle and Gregg streets in Nashville, still has openings for fall.

The program is scheduled to start its fourth year on Monday, Sept. 16.

Early Fours enrollment is open to children who will be 4 years old by Dec. 1, 2002. The preschool is a Michigan School Readiness Program and receives its funding from the state.

Tuition is free for families that qualify by meeting at least two of a long list of criteria, some of which include living in a rural community (Maple Valley Schools), being a stay-at-home parent, a divorced or single-parent family.

The program has two purposes. First, it serves the community of the Maple Valley School District by providing a pre-school experience that will enhance the development of children and their successful transition to school. Second, it provides a

nurturing school atmosphere where children can grow socially, emotionally, cognitively, creatively and physically.

Early Fours Preschool offers a morning and afternoon session Monday through Thursday. The morning session is from 8 to 10:45 a.m. and the afternoon is from noon to 2:45 p.m. These times are approximate; the actual times are determined by the bus schedule. Busing is available for children within the Maple Valley School District.

The staff, lead teacher Sarah Marion and associate teacher Jennifer Lundquist, are excited about the new materials for the preschool. The new playground is completed and features a new swing set, a space shuttle, bicycles with helmets, large tunnels, a trampoline and roller blades.

The staff also purchased \$1,000 worth of children's CDs, including foreign language, and musical favorites by Raffi, Greg and Steve and many more.

Lundquist said that the preschool tries to take the children on one field trip a month. In previous years field trips have included

Caleb's Cider Mill, the Grand Rapids Children's Museum, roller skating and a visit to a senior citizens' center in Hastings.

The field trips are usually tied into the programs theme calendar, which includes such subjects as friendship, good health habits, Pilgrims, colors, Christmas, nursery rhymes, insects, and grandparents to name a few.

A typical day at Early Fours starts with arrival, puzzles and games, next there is greeting and calendar, story and explanation of centers, open centers, cleanup, music and large group activities, small group activities and outdoor activities (on cold days the preschool may use the gym at the Kellogg Center).

Centers are areas of the classroom that are set up for various activities such as dramatic play, blocks, math and science, open art, books and puzzles, snack, computers, writing table, wood working, flannel board, water and sensory table, music station and puppet stage, which are tied into that week's theme.

Early Fours encourages parental involvement and offers many opportunities for



Early Fours children gather around the horse Jesse Brown's mom brought in during last year's "Farm Week."

parents to participate in the classroom. The program offers supportive ideas for parents to help their child grow academically at home as well as at school.

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Teen gets youthful trainee status on drug charge

by Shelly Sulser
Staff Writer
Kenneth Lamoin
Mitchell's attorney blamed immaturity for his actions last spring which led to Mitchell's April arrest by the Southwest Enforcement

Team for selling marijuana out of his Fuller Street home. "Ken takes responsibility for what occurred and his actions prior to this arrest," said defense attorney Jim Goulooze. "He has acknowl-

edged that he engaged in some sales, but it wasn't for profit." Instead, Mitchell, 19, of Nashville, was providing marijuana to his friends for recreational purposes, said Goulooze Thursday in Barry County Circuit Court.

"These fellas were sharing in the supply and giving him reimbursement," he said. "From that evening of his arrest, he's been clean. He was tested at the time he attended his pre-sentence interview and he was clean. If he were to be tested today, he would test clean today."

Goulooze added that Mitchell is "very remorseful" for what occurred. "He placed his future in jeopardy as well as his girlfriend," who also had to serve some jail time, said Goulooze.

A child was also in the home at the time the SWET team executed a search warrant and found three-quarters of a pound of marijuana in the safe, authorities indicated.

"It was a big mistake,"

said Mitchell. "I feel bad that my girlfriend had to go to jail. She told me to get rid of it. I told her I did. I was hiding it from her. I'd like to apologize to her and the rest of my family."

Mitchell was granted Holmes Youthful Trainee Act Status on the delivery and manufacture charge, which will keep the felony conviction off his record if he abides by all the terms of probation for two years.

He also was ordered to spend four months in jail with credit for one day served and the last 90 days suspended upon payment of \$2,500 court costs.

Also sentenced Thursday was Brian Jeffrey Hunt, 44, of Nashville, on his conviction

of taking a motor vehicle without permission, which occurred April 2 in Baltimore Township.

Hunt was ordered to spend three years on probation and the first seven months in jail. The jail time, however, will be suspended upon payment of over \$1,000 in fines and costs including \$200 for drug court. He was also ordered to attend two AA meetings per week.

Hunt was arrested after he allegedly drove the car while under the influence alcohol and crashed the vehicle.

"He had a closed head injury," said his attorney, Amy Kuzava. "He'd broken his neck."

Hunt, however, appeared fully recovered in court last week.

Kuzava explained that the Barry County Prosecutor's Office would make no deals regarding his sentence.

"But he's been working on his substance abuse issues since this happened," said Kuzava. "He had a problem with crack a couple of years ago but he didn't realize alcohol was going to cause him the same problems."

She added that, "he realizes he's lucky to be alive."

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Vermontville Twp. Library to host 'Creative Kids'

Now that the summer reading program has ended and the older kids are back in school, the library is ready to present its "Creative Kids Corner."

Creative Kids Corner was made possible by a grant from Eaton County's Early Childhood Development.

There are hand puppets and Big Books, which have their own display stands, as

well as vinyl take home backpacks. These materials encourage interaction within the family. The library is striving to empower parents and caregivers by providing these tools to stimulate, educate and entertain children up to age 5.

The library has received a generous donation of cookbooks. The titles include: Great Recipes for Good

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The library has received the new rotation of audio books. New titles include: Black Friday, by James Patterson, Blood Test, by

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The Wedding, by Danielle Steel.

Videos: K-Pax, Collateral Damage, Spy Game, The Fast and the Furious and Disney's Neverland.

Adult Fiction: Uncommon Heroes: True Devotion and True Valor, by Dee Henderson, Though None Go With Me, by Jerry B. Jenkins, Written on the Wind, by Judith Pella.

Obituaries

Lance Albert Ainsworth

VERMONTVILLE - Lance Albert Ainsworth, of Vermontville, passed away Tuesday, Aug. 27, 2002 at his residence at the age of 29.

He was born June 12, 1973 in Charlotte, son of Albert K. and Nancy B. (Edick) Ainsworth.

Lance graduated from Lakewood High School in 1992.

Lance was employed at East Jordan Iron Works as a fork lift operator.

He was a member of the Eagles, was an avid hunter, and loved fishing, moto cross quad racing, the outdoors, and enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He also enjoyed his special relationship he had with his niece and nephew, Lauren and Logan.

He was preceded in death by all his grandparents.

Surviving are his parents, Albert and Nancy Ainsworth of Mulliken; sister, Darcy (Lance) Hazel of Woodland; niece and nephew, Lauren and Logan Hazel; many

aunts, uncles and cousins, and numerous friends.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that contributions be made for an education fund to be established for his special niece and nephews, c/o RFH, P.O. Box 36, Sunfield, MI 48890.

Funeral services were held Friday, Aug. 30, 2002 at the Sunfield United Brethren Church in Woodland. Rev. Darrel Bosworth of the Kilpatrick United Brethren Church in Woodland officiating.

The pallbearers were Lisa, and Todd Pearson, Eric Boom, Dave Brace, Chris Makley, and Jon Makley.

The funeral arrangements were made by the Independent Family Owned Funeral Home in Sunfield, Rosier Funeral Home, Mapes-Fisher Chapel, Sunfield, Michigan. An interment service followed at the Sunfield Cemetery.

For more information, please log onto www.legacy.com.

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"Toddler Time," an infant-toddler story hour, will meet Thursday mornings.

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The story hour is funded by a grant from the Michigan Department of Education, and there is no charge. No preregistration is needed, and families are invited to attend Toddler Time at any location.

Toddler Time meets in Vermontville from 11 to 11:45 a.m. at the Vermontville Library, 120 East First St., Sept. 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Farm bill information meeting set

A public meeting on the new farm bill will be held Monday, Sept. 9, in Nashville.

Producers seeking information on the ne farm bill; including direct and counter cyclical payments, updating crop bases and yields, conservation provisions, and milk income loss contracts are invited to the meeting, which will take place at the Castleton Township Hall, 915 Reed St., Nashville.

The meeting will begin at 1:30 and conclude at 4 p.m.

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Vermontville teen has designs on fashion career



by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

When Hillary Grant of Vermontville couldn't find exactly the right dress for a formal a couple years ago, she took matters into her own hands.

Armed with six years of sewing experience and a lot of creativity, she designed and created her own formal gown.

The two-piece red satin dress with beaded trim around the bottom of the bodice was her first foray into turning her fashion sketches into reality.

"Basically, I took a pattern and altered it a lot," said Grant.

Since then she has designed and created a more gowns special occasions as well as more casual everyday wear.

Grant recently finished sewing a couple of dresses for her boyfriend's 6-year-old cousin.

"I made her a simple little pink sun dress and another one with a puffy skirt," said

Hillary Grant poses with her prom date, Jack Holden, in this 2001 photo. Hillary designed her own formal gown when she couldn't find one in stores that she liked.

Accompanied by Jack Holden, Hillary Grant models another of the formal gowns she has created.

Grant. "She was very complementary, she said, 'I look just like Barbie!'"

Grant, who graduated from Maple Valley High School in June, is taking classes this fall at Kellogg Community College.

"Once I get the basics out of the way, I plan to go to MSU (Michigan State University) and study fabric design," she said.

While she will be busy with her studies and working part-time at Bell Cleaners in Hastings (where some of her designs are on display in the window), Grant said she has approximately 10 hours a week that she would like to use to design and sew formal dresses for homecoming and other formal occasions.

"I'd like to let the high school girls know that I am here and I can make homecoming or prom dresses," said Grant.

Grant said that she could create whatever her client wants and in whatever fabric they would like.

Grant started sewing at 9 years old, when she made a



vest and western-style skirt as a 4-H project in the Vermontville Junior Farmers Club. She completed the ensemble with a cowboy hat and boots and took the blue ribbon in the fashion revue at the county fair.

Grant said that in the future she would like to open her own shop.

"I'd like to have a small shop where I could work with the customer and make exactly the kind of dresses they want," she said.

For more information call Grant at (517) 726-0032.

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J-Ad Graphics names newest sports editor

Brett Bremer is starting his first full week as sports editor for the Lakewood News, Maple Valley News, the Sun and News, and the Hastings Banner.

A 1996 graduate of Thornapple Kellogg High School, he went on to earn a bachelor of science degree in journalism from Central Michigan University.

Bremer was an all-conference selection after his junior season on TK's tennis team and played midfielder for the Trojans' soccer squad.

"The Sun and News was the place you looked to find your name in the paper," Bremer said. "You knew you weren't going to be on TV or anything."

"Now I work there and I'm trying to give new kids that same respect and recognition. Now I'm writing the stories that moms are cutting out of the paper and saving to pull out at graduation parties."

Bremer's mother, Kathy Kenyon, and grandmother, Lois Bremer, both worked at the Sun and News when it was in Middleville.

"I always remembered the smell of the newsroom visiting them at the paper. I didn't know I'd ever be back. It's going to be tough at first, but I hope it'll end up being a lot of fun."

Bremer succeeds Matt Cowell, who left earlier this month to pursue other career



Brett Bremer
J-Ad Graphics Editor

David T. Young said, "We certainly will miss Matt, but we think we were very lucky to find a young man of such capabilities and potential as Brett. We also really like the fact that Brett grew up in this area, so he knows his way around. We've known his dad, Mike (director of parks and recreation in Middleville) for quite a while."

Bremer now lives in Wyoming, but hopes to move closer to where the action is as soon as possible.

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In My Own
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by Sandra
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It could be worse!

The sickening crunch of metal filled my ears and I felt searing pain as my knees slammed into the dashboard and my seat belt jerked across my chest.

When the dust settled and I saw the entire front end of my car smashed and another car on the side of the road with similar damage.

I knew my car was totaled. Worse yet, I knew it was my fault. That meant paying a fine, points on my license and higher insurance rates. These are things that I can not afford with my family's present financial circumstances.

My husband was laid off from his job three months ago and he has yet to find a new position. His severance pay had just run out, despite tight budgeting and my full-time job. Plus, my 12-year-old car only had PL & PD, so there would be no insurance money to replace my car.

Still, in the same brief second that all this flashed

through my mind, I knew that I was very lucky.

Despite the pain in my chest and legs, I didn't have any serious injuries and the police officer who witnessed the accident (boy, when I make mistakes I really make them) told me that the other driver wasn't seriously injured either.

The rest of the afternoon proved to me exactly how much I have to be grateful for.

The driver of the other car, instead of hurling insults and accusations like they do in the Flint area where I grew up, hugged me and asked me if I was OK! I

swear this could only happen in West Michigan!

The EMT who responded to the scene said she appreciated my honesty when I told her exactly what happened and didn't try to lie my way out of it (like it would have done me any good when a police officer was a witness)! She also said I looked younger than my 40 years which was quite a compliment since I felt like I was at least 140 years old at that particular moment.

The police officer who witnessed the accident was polite and considerate and concerned. It was probably

more than I deserved, considering that I was the one who created the whole mess.

My good friend and co-worker, Shelly Sulser, picked me up at the accident scene and took me to the hospital emergency room. She also called my husband who was up in Grand Rapids at the skating rink with our daughters and stayed with me until he arrived.

Thea Kaetzel, another good friend, and a dedicated skating mom, brought Katie

home to Hastings after her lesson, despite the fact that she lives in Holland — a 45-minute drive west of Grand Rapids!

I left the hospital that afternoon assured that I hadn't broken any ribs, I was tired, stiff and sore, but infinitely grateful; I was alive and I lived in a community where people really do care about each other.

Later that evening, I was talking to a friend on the phone and I told her about

the seatbelt-shaped Technicolor bruise I had across my body.

"That seat belt saved your life," she said.

"Yeah, it was a good seat belt," I mumbled numbly, my mind fuzzy with pain pills and muscle relaxers.

As I hung up the phone and hobbled back to the couch, I couldn't help but think that my life had been saved by something, or rather someone, much stronger than a seat belt.

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CASTLETON TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS AUGUST 7, 2002

- Called to order by Supervisor J. Cooley.
- Approved the agenda.
- Heard public comment.
- Approved rezoning Wagner property from A to AR.
- Minutes from the July meeting were approved as printed.
- Amended the budget.
- Approved the bills in the amount of \$21,298.51.
- Discussed Greggs Crossing Rd., summer help, election results, audit, lawn care, revenue sharing issue.
- Approved putting the proposed ambulance station addition up for bids.
- Clerk and Treasurer will be attending workshops on summer tax collecting and election accreditation.
- Adjournment.
- Lorna L. Wilson, Clerk
- Attested to by Supervisor J. Cooley.

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Nashville woman ending term as Hastings Jaycees president

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

When Tammy Pool of Nashville became the president of the Hastings Jaycees last year she was determined to increase the organization's declining membership.

"The previous year they didn't have a president, they had rotating board members (serving as leaders) and this year I felt that something needed to be done," said Pool. "I think that the lack of leadership may have caused a decline in membership and I felt something needed to be done."

"Nobody wanted the position last November, but I felt that the buck has to stop somewhere; so, I decided to run for president and my husband Rob was very supportive," she added.

When she took office, Pool set a goal of recruiting 10 new members.

"Our retention rate is 75% and we added 17 members this year," said Pool.

Pool said that another of her goals was to get the Jaycees' name out into the com-

munity and increase active membership.

"Some of our members were 'paper members,' while others were the ones who were involved in doing everything.

Pool said she has tried to increase participation by offering more member socials and finding out what activities members were actually interested in being involved with.

To that end, the Jaycees will not be having the traditional haunted house. Instead, they will be hosting a masquerade ball at the Hastings Country Club on Saturday, Oct. 26. The time, price of tickets and other details are still being worked out.

A portion of the proceeds from the ball will go to the nationally sponsored Jaycee Family Aids Network (FAN). FAN provides a place for parents of children with AIDS to stay while their children are in the hospital.

In November the Jaycees will also do "Traveling Turkeys."



Tammy Pool of Nashville has been the president this year of the Hastings Jaycees.

"After Thanksgiving we get a list from the COA (Barry County Commission on Aging) and we get donated food and assemble and package meals and deliver them to the elderly," said Pool. "I like this one because we get to take our kids along with us and they get to meet the older folks."

It was working for and with children that initially drew Pool to the Hastings Jaycees.

"The Jaycees do a lot for kids and I'm a big kid person. I like doing things with kids," said Pool who is the mother of two children, Austin, 9, and Haliegh, 5.

Until January, when her husband was laid off from his job, Pool was a stay-at-home mom, running a home day care business. Now she works full time as a receptionist at E.W. Bliss and

helps her husband with his new business, Enduring Designs Screen Printing, which he bought from Sandy Salyers.

Pool said she and her husband joined the Jaycees two years ago when Ron and Chris Silverman, parents of one of the children in her day care, asked her why they weren't members.

"They invited us to come to the fishing contest and we got hooked. Then they paid our first year membership," said Pool.

The Jaycees are open to anyone between the ages of 21 and 40 and teaches leadership skills through community activities, setting up and serving on committees, arranging and handling finances and more.

Pool describes herself as a quiet person by nature, but said she has really grown through speaking at meetings, and attending the state conference.

"I love meeting new people," said Pool. "There were more than 5,000 people at

the state convention and I got to meet a lot of people. The Jaycees are a very diverse group."

Pool said that she really appreciates how diverse the membership of the Jaycees is.

"We have lawyers, stay-at-home moms, salesmen, bankers and business owners," she said.

Pool said that she is glad she joined the Jaycees.

"There is a lot of camaraderie and I've made friends that will last a lifetime."

At 30 years of age, Pool says she has 10 years left in the Jaycees. But, she says she plans on becoming a lifetime member.

"They offer a lifetime membership and I would like to sponsor new members if needed or even work in Lansing," said Pool.

Pool noted that Bonnie Ballinger of Nashville was the first woman to serve as the state president of the Jaycees, a position that has also been held by Janie Bergeron of the Hastings

Jaycees.

Pool also noted that 40% of the Hastings Jaycees don't live in Hastings.

"A majority of that 40% are from Nashville," she said. "Others are from Delton, Middleville, Vermontville and even a few from Charlotte, even though they have their own chapter there."

Right now Pool said she is working on her goal of finding someone to replace her as president in November.

"It's the president's job to oversee, encourage and recruit members, deal with things at the state level and just give order to things," she said.

The Hastings Jaycees meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the community room in Main Street Bank in Hastings.

"Everyone is welcome to join or just come and see what we do," said Pool.

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Police Beat

Driver cited in accident with van

One person suffered minor injuries and two others were unhurt when a car collided with a moving van at 6:05 p.m. Aug. 23 on M-79, 10 feet west of Thornapple Lake Road in Castleton Township.

Police said Robert James Boyle was cited for improper passing after he allegedly tried to pass several

vehicles while driving in the east bound lane and then collided with a moving van that was turning left.

The impact caused the moving van to partially overturn.

Boyle, 19, was wearing a seat belt and was not hurt in the collision.

The van driver, Nathan Reese, 21, of Kalamazoo,

was not hurt, while passenger Gerald Turner, 28, suffered a minor injury.

'Got ya!' note left by burglar

A Huff Road woman returned home in Assyria Township from work Aug. 21 at 5:45 p.m. to find that someone had walked into her house through an unlocked sliding glass door, took a fifth of whisky and some change from her bedroom before leaving a note behind stating "Got ya!"

"The whisky was on the night stand and the coins were on the bedroom dresser," said Sgt. Kym McNally of the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police. "Many other valuable items were left untouched."

Police have no suspects and the incident is still under investigation.

Five teens cited for MIP at party

Deputies responding to a complaint of a loud party at the Thornapple Lake Trailer Park issued tickets to five underage drinkers, all of whom are Nashville teenagers who confessed to drinking from a bottle of Black Velvet whiskey Aug. 21.

Cited was an 18-year-old girl who registered a .09 percent on a preliminary breath test for alcohol, a 19-year-old girl with a .06 per-

cent PBT, a 16-year-old boy with a .02 percent PBT, a 16-year-old girl with a .04 percent and a 15-year-old girl with a .03 percent bodily alcohol content.

A 14-year-old boy from Vermontville who also confessed to drinking from the bottle registered a .00 on the breath test.

All six teens were turned over to their parents.

BRUSH PICK UP

The Village of Nashville will have brush pick up on September 16, 23, 30 & October 7, 2002. Please place all brush limbs, grass and garden clippings at the curb side for these pick up dates. Nothing in bags, please. **PLEASE DO NOT PUT LEAVES OUT UNTIL OCTOBER 28 AS WE WILL NOT PICK UP LEAVES UNTIL THEN.**

Nashville DPW

Marshall to host Historic Home Tour September 7-8

Plans are well underway for the 39th annual Marshall Historic Home Tour. The houses are freshly painted; the shrubs are pruned; the flowers are abundant (even with the dry summer weather); and now the windows are being washed and the furniture polished in anticipation of Sept. 7 & 8.

Some things are always the same as Marshall gears up for its annual event. One of the things that does change is the selection of homes open to the public each year.

Marshall's National Historic Landmark District ensures that there is always a wide range of homes to choose from when the selection committee goes to work. This year's tour will feature several favorites from previous tours as well as four homes never before opened to the public on one of the oldest home tours in the Midwest.

The two miles of Michigan Avenue through the National Historic Landmark District have been designated as an Historic Michigan Heritage Highway by the Michigan Department of Transportation.

Marshall's Home Tour was voted "The Best Home Tour in Michigan" last fall by the readers of AAA's *Michigan Living* magazine. The variety and quality of the homes shown over the years certainly contributed to this selection.

The community has also been selected as The Prettiest Painted Place in the Great Lakes Region by the Paint Quality Institute of America.

The words "variety" and "quality" certainly describe the eight private homes "on tour" in 2002. There is a dif-

ference of almost a century in age of the homes. There are many different styles of architecture and interiors represented. Every size one could want will be featured. Yet for all the differences between the homes the quality in each is outstanding. This is truly one of the best tours offered by the community of Marshall in a long time.

Trinity Episcopal Church will be the featured church this year. The ladies of Trinity were responsible for beginning the tour. They started it as a kitchen tour with a bake sale. In 1964 one of them suggested they open the entire house. The response was "Who would want to look at these old houses?" It was decided to try it for one year. Attendance doubled and in 1967 they gave the event to the Marshall Historical Society to run as a community-wide event.

This year there will be three antique shows, two craft shows, one quilt show and a used book sale. New this year will be the Civil War Ball at the Masonic Temple and a dinner theatre production of Noel Coward's "Blythe Spirit" at the Marshall Civic Center. There will also be a free concert at the Presbyterian Church on Saturday evening at 8 p.m.

Two businesses will be featured. What was often a private home on the tour will be opened as a commercial structure for the first time this year. The old Perrett

home is now American Express Financial Services. The other business structure is Stuart's Law Office located in a Marshall Sandstone Greek Revival building celebrating its 150th birthday this year. It should also be noted that the building has been in the same family since it was built in 1852.

Food service will be available at most of the churches in the downtown area as well as several of the homes, the Middle School, and the Honolulu House Museum.

If it hadn't always been referred to as "The Home Tour" one could truly call the weekend after Labor Day Marshall's oldest festival. The entire town takes on a festive persona for the entire weekend!

It doesn't matter if one's house isn't one of the featured homes. Everyone scrubs, mows, edges and shines. Helping to make the neighbor look good is important to Marshall's old house owners! Even the city gets into the act and sweeps all the streets and scrubs the sidewalks downtown.

Sept. 7 and 8, Marshall is the place to be. The 39th Annual Historic Home Tour promises to be a great time for all lovers of old things. Tickets are available at each of the entrances to the city, at the Honolulu House and at the front door of each of the homes. The cost is \$13 until Sept. 1 and \$15 after that. Advance Tickets may be purchased from the Chamber of Commerce. The telephone is 1-800-877-8163

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Orange juice can be start of healthy diet for kids

In many ways, the nation's children have never been healthier. According to National Institute of Child Health and Human Development's annual report card on children in the United States, released last July, more than 80 percent of children are in good or excellent health.

However, one area that continues to concern researchers is the diet of American children. The study reported that just 27 percent of children eat a healthy diet. The main culprits are too much fat and too little calcium. While it is recommended that children eat five fruits and vegetables daily, the reality is

that they are only eating two a day.

"Two-thirds of all 6 to 12 year-olds do not get enough calcium," says Carla McGill, PhD, RD, a nutrition scientist for Tropicana Products, Inc. "And we find that their diets are low in antioxidants like vitamins A, C and E, as well as Folate (a B vitamin)."

NUTRIENT NEWS

Parents are not unaware of the possibility of nutrient deficiencies. In fact, at least 93 percent of moms surveyed by Tropicana expressed concern about their children getting enough nutrients, specifically calcium, vitamin C,

vitamin E and vitamin A. Here's a brief look at other areas of concern in children's nutrition today:

- * 91 percent of kids 6 to 11 years old are not eating five servings of fruit and vegetables daily.
- * A recent report from the USDA on children's diets found that intake of vitamins meet the RDA except for vitamin E, folate and vitamin zinc. Only one-third of 6 to 11 year olds meet the RDA for vitamin E2. HK is an excellent source of vitamin E and a naturally good source of folate.
- * Two-thirds of all 6 to 12 year olds do not get enough calcium.
- * Median intake of vitamin A is low in children under 13 and vitamin A is one nutrient that moms think their kids are getting too little of.
- * Order of importance of vitamins and minerals to moms is vitamin C, E, A and calcium.

WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

Family eating patterns have changed dramatically over the past three decades.

There are fewer family meals eaten together; no set meal times; more meals eaten out; more takeout food eaten in; bigger portions, and a much greater frequency of kids cooking or at least microwaving their own meals, according to Williams.

"Unfortunately, these newer habits have a negative impact on health and nutrition," Williams says. "Families who eat meals together tend to eat more vegetables. People who eat meals at set mealtimes tend to snack less and have proportionately lower intakes of saturated fat and calories."

Additionally, says Williams, parents should focus more on the nutrient density of foods rather than total calories. "For example, a glass of 100 percent orange juice contributes a significant percent of the child's daily requirements for vitamin C, potassium, several B vitamins, and—if a calcium-fortified juice is chosen—as much calcium as a glass of milk. Yet, the calorie 'cost' is similar to a comparable amount in many other beverages which provide no nutrients."

'ORANGE' YOU GLAD YOU Poured A GLASS?

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends 4 to 6 ounces of juice daily for children ages 1 through 6, and 8 to 12 ounces daily for children ages 7 through 18.

In fact, Tropicana now offers a new orange juice specifically designed with children in mind. Tropicana Pure Premium Healthy Kids is fortified with a scientifically sound package

of vitamins A, C and E—essential antioxidants that promote a healthy immune system, enhancing the body's natural resistance to disease—calcium plus other nutrients inherent in orange juice. Plus, it's pulp-free, so kids won't mind enjoying two glasses every day—each of which equals a fruit serving as set by the USDA.

"This is an easy way to increase a child's fruit intake," said Williams. "Since a serving of 100 percent orange juice is equal to one fruit serving. It is just one of the small, easy steps

parent's can take to help their children choose nutritious foods that will fuel their day, support their growth and development, and help them grow up without risk factors for serious chronic diseases."

1. USDA Report, Children's Diets in the Mid-1990s: Dietary Intake and Its Relationship with School Meal Participation, 2001.

2. USDA's Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals 1994-96, 1998.

3. 1997 Gallop Study of Pre-Teen Children's Eating Habits and Nutrition.

Give immunization a shot

(NAPS)—With school systems across the nation getting tougher about insisting that students be immunized, parents have an even greater incentive to learn how best to protect their kids from measles, mumps, polio and other dangerous diseases.

Immunization is one of the most effective ways of preventing disease. Prior to widespread immunization in the U.S., infectious disease killed or disabled thousands each year.

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Lion gridgers march to season opening win

by: Jon Gambee

The sun was in the west, the moon lurked behind the clouds like a thief in the night and the Maple Valley football team was grinding out yards like a runaway freight train. In other words, it was just another Friday night in Lion Country. Powamo-Westphalia came into town with a reputation but like so many before them, left with a bruised ego and another defeat on their sterling record.

A year ago the Pirates started the season with an 8-6 loss to the Lions and then went on to win 11 in a row before falling in the State Semifinals to Muskegon Catholic Central. This year they again begin with a loss, this time a more convincing 30-8 hammering at the hands of Gunther Mittelstaedt's Lions.

There are no surprises when you play Maple Valley. Expect the Lions to run right at you and this game was no exception. Maple Valley threw only twice in the game, both completions. The rest of the time they did what they do best, run the

ball right down the field into the endzone.

"I was really pleased with the play of the offensive line," Mittelstaedt said after the victory. "In our scrimmage last week, we had trouble moving the football and it was a concern coming into this game. But our kids up front were terrific tonight and they played hard all night long."

Maple Valley piled up 264 yards on the ground and scored all their points via the run. Utilizing nine players to carry the ball, the bulk of the work was accomplished by Jimmy Hirneiss and Eric Smith, a devastating tandem. Hirneiss finished with 16 carries for 131 yards and two touchdowns and Smith also carried 16 times, finishing with 80 yards and one

touchdown.

Maple Valley's other touchdown was scored by Bryan Dunlap. Hirneiss scored two extra points and Smith one.

Quarterback Britt Leonard threw only twice, connecting on both for a total of 27 yards.

"This was two very good football programs and we knew it would be a good game," Mittelstaedt said afterwards.

It was for a half, with the Lions scoring on their first possession. They won the toss and let the Pirates have the ball first, stopping them on three plays and forcing a punt. The Lions took possession on the Pirate 44 yard line, following Hirneiss' 17 yard punt return and moved down the field in only eight

plays. Dunlap went the final yard with 6:15 left in the opening quarter and Smith ran in the extra point to make it 8-0 early.

Then in the second quarter, Maple Valley scored again, this time on an 88 yard drive that took 11 plays. Hirneiss did the honors with a two yard dive with 5:01 left in the half.

The drive was set up by a picture perfect defensive goal line stand that saw the Lions shut out the Pirates who were threatening to get back into the game. Powamo had the ball on the Maple Valley 13 yard line with fourth down and two to go when the defense rose up and stopped running back Ryan Weber a yard short, taking the wind out of the Pirate sails. The defense rose up again on the next series, forcing Powamo three plays and out. When the center snap went sour, Josh Beardslee tackled punter Terry Schneider short of the first down. Maple Valley took over 42 yards from the endzone and two plays later

Hirneiss went around the left end taking up the final 40 yards in one fell swoop. The 22-0 half-time score was enough, but Maple Valley was not finished quite yet.

In the third quarter, the Lions added their final score, taking the kickoff and marching 43 yards in nine plays, with Smith going the final 10 yards to put the game out of reach.

Powamo finally scored late in the game. With just over five minutes left Cole Feldpausch put the Pirates on the board with a nifty 16 yard scamper around left end, but it was a matter of

too little, too late.

"This was a good test for us," Mittelstaedt said. "After our scrimmage we were a little concerned, but we were without two of our running backs and one of our starting offensive linemen. We had everyone healthy and ready tonight and that was the difference."

Maple Valley finished the game with 291 yards of total offense, while Powamo Westphalia finished with 151 yards rushing and 45 passing for 196 total yards of offense.

The Lions will take their 1-0 record to Morrice this week.

Frailey-Jones to wed Sept. 14

William and Sally Thayer of Nashville, Mich. wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Jody Kay Frailey to Matthew Brett Jones, son of Richard and Carolyn Jones of Delton,



Mich. Jody is a graduate of Galesburg Augusta High School and is currently employed at Thornapple Manor.

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- Sept. 12 4-H Shooting Sports Committee Leader's Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- Sept. 14 4-H Judged Trail Ride.
- Sept. 23 Rabbit Developmental Committee Meeting.
- Sept. 30 Goat Developmental Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office.

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Lions fall in second half of season opener

by Jon Gambee

Maple Valley played even up with one of the top Class D basketball teams in the state Tuesday but a slow second half haunted the Lions and cost them a 78-64 victory in the first game of the season.

Led by Megan Garvey, Maple Valley was up at the half, 44-41, but the Shamrocks outscored the Lions 22-11 in the third quarter using a stifling press and full court defensive pressure.

Garvey had 22 points at

the half and finished the game as the leading scorer with 32, but Portland's Jamie Schneider answered with 29 of her own as the Shamrocks pulled away in the final two quarters. It was Portland's ability to shut down Garvey that paved the way for the Shamrock victory.

Jessie Grand finished with 12 for Coach Craig Kitching and Brieann Treloor added 11.

For Portland, Caitlin Hitchcock had 16 and Amanda Weber had 12.



Brieann Treloor takes off looking for two points. (photo by Perry Hardin)

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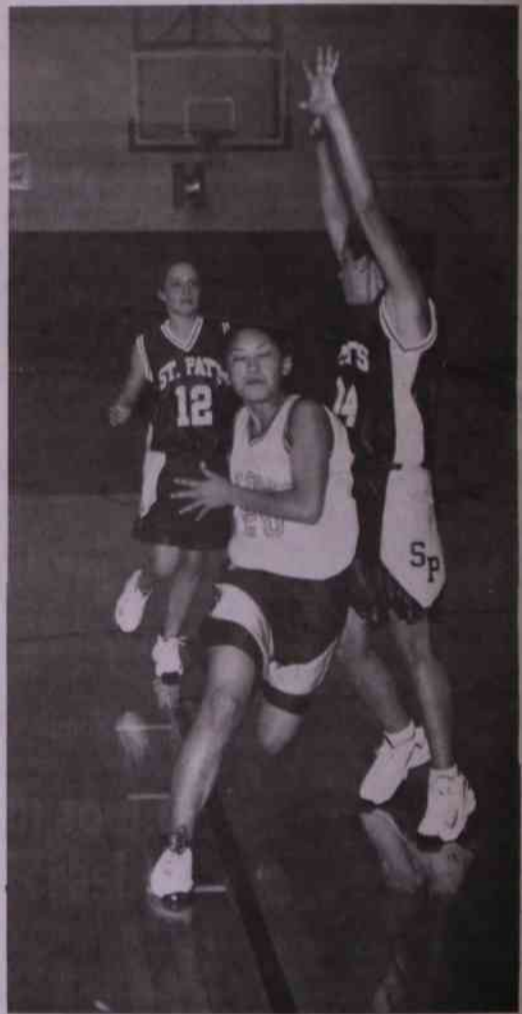
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