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Vermontville receives Summerfest donation

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

Ron Felder, organizer of the Vermontville Summerfest, presented the Vermontville Village Council with a check for \$200.

"I would like to thank the village for letting me put on the Summerfest with the car show," said Felder. "The band that puts it (Summerfest) on and myself would like to donate \$200 to the park fund."

Margaret Felder said that if possible they would like the money used for another bench for the park.

The Felders reported that the car show brought more than 110 entries.

"It has been growing every year," said Margaret. "We had a guy come in all the way from Detroit and he stayed here from morning to night. People are hanging around. It's bringing new people into town."

"The merchants did real good and the establishments that stayed open said they were packed too," added Ron. "It's bringing additional revenue into the village."

The council approved a

motion to set Aug. 10, 2003, as the date for the fourth annual Vermontville Summerfest and Car Show.

In other business:

Heard a report on their 2001 audit from Kathy Sheldon of Walker, Fluke and Sheldon. Her strongest recommendation was that the village adopt a credit card policy as required by the state. The policy would cover who keeps the card, who is authorized to use it for what purpose. Other recommendations involved details of book keeping and data entry.

Approved renewing their membership in the Michigan Municipal League at the

cost of \$883. The village receives its workman's compensation insurance

throughout the MML. Tabled a request on behalf of the MML. **See donation, page 2**

Fred McCauley hired by Vermontville DPW

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

Citizens of Vermontville saw a new, but familiar face at Vermontville's Department of Public Works (DPW), in Fred McCauley, a long-time Vermontville resident.

He will take on the duties previously fulfilled by Monte O'Dell, who was promoted to street administrator last month.

McCauley and his family have lived in Vermontville for nine years. He and his

wife, Lydia have two children, Megan, who graduated from Maple Valley High School last year, and Oran, who is a sophomore this year at Maple Valley.

Since their arrival, McCauley has been involved in a variety of community activities. He coached Little League baseball for six years and is a trustee at the United Methodist Church.

"An artist is what he really is," said O'Dell.

Long before McCauley

signed on with the DPW, he was doing his part to spruce up Vermontville. Three years ago, McCauley painted the mural of the man collecting sap which adorns the front of the festival stage downtown.

McCauley, who is married and has two children, said the early hours spent doing street sweeping and snow removal won't bother him.

"It's the same kind of hours I've been working all along," he said.

Indeed, McCauley a native of Royal Oak once worked for the DPW in his hometown.

McCauley moved to Lansing during the 1970s to accept a position as a research assistant with the United States Forest Service. When budget cuts led to his termination, McCauley found other work in the area.

He said he moved to Vermontville with his family nine years ago, "because it was quiet and nice."

McCauley who recently worked for Al Green in Lansing said that he jumped at the chance to work for Vermontville's DPW.

"I've known Monte a long time, I used to coach his son in Little League and it's really handy living two miles from work."

Fred McCauley is now working for the Vermontville DPW along with Monte O'Dell, who is the village's new street administrator.



Two officers injured in scuffle with suspect

by Sandra Ponsetto

A 46-year-old Nashville man was arrested for drunk driving and a variety of other charges after a scuffle which left two police officers injured in Nashville last Thursday evening.

According to Nashville Police Chief Garry Barnes, Nashville Police Officer Bill Gutschke was backing up a Michigan State Police trooper on the investigation of a suspected drunk driver near the corner of Reed and Middle streets in Nashville when he noticed a reported suspicious vehicle drive by.

An employee of a party store on Thornapple Lake Road previously had reported the suspicious vehicle with three occupants was parked outside the store for an extended period of time.

Gutschke followed the vehicle to a house on the 500 block of Middle Street, where he was able to speak with the driver.

According to Barnes, Gutschke was trying to administer a field sobriety test when the suspect fled inside the house.

"One thing led to another and the suspect ran into the

house and barricaded himself inside," said Barnes.

Barnes said that Gutschke was able to talk the man into coming back out onto the porch where the suspect once again refused to comply with the sobriety test. A scuffle ensued and Gutschke and a state police officer received minor injuries.

Barnes said the suspect was arrested and is lodged in the Barry County jail awaiting arraignment Saturday on charges of resisting and obstructing arrest, fleeing and eluding, drunk driving and assaulting a police officer.

Ground broken for new Nashville funeral home



Owners, investors, builders and local politicians were on hand last week when ground was broken for the Daniels Funeral Home. Pictured are (from left) Union Bank Assistant Vice President Sandy Boyer, Melissa Daniels, Karsyn Daniels, Scott Daniels, Nashville Township Supervisor Justin Cooley, Harold Stewart, Build Masters LLC and Union Bank President Jerry Collison.

Ground was broken last week for Daniels Funeral Home a new family-owned business on M-79 west of Nashville.

The funeral home features a one-story, handicapped accessible design. Plans call for a 250 seat chapel that can be divided. The parking lot will be large enough to accommodate 80 vehicles.

A special feature of Daniels Funeral Home will be a children's area with television sets and more, designed specifically for children to use during visitations.

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Local fire departments plan fire prevention week events

The Vermontville and Nashville Fire Department will have open houses and



will visit local schools to promote awareness during National Fire Prevention Week Oct. 6-12.

The Nashville, Castleton, Maple Grove Fire Department will be serving light refreshments at its open house this evening, Tuesday, Oct. 8, from 5 to 8 p.m. Representatives from the Nashville EMS, Police Department and Department of Public Works also will be on hand.

"We'll have some infor-

An EMT does a blood pressure check at last year's open house in Nashville.



The Castleton, Maple Grove and Nashville Fire Department, The Nashville EMS and Police Department were on hand for last year's emergency services night. This year Nashville's DPW also will be on hand at the fire station's open house.

mation about fire prevention on hand, but primarily we want people to come down to the station and see how their tax dollars are being spent," said Fire Chief Bill Wilson. "With everyone from the EMS, the police department and the DPW there, both children and adults will get the idea that

everyone is there to help in our community."

There will be cider, doughnuts, games for the kids and a demonstration of the "Jaws of Life" when the Vermontville Fire Department holds its open house Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 5 to 8 p.m.

Representatives from both

fire departments visited Fuller Street Elementary School in Nashville Monday (Oct. 7). They showed the students their fire fighting equipment and talked to them about fire prevention and safety. They are planning a similar visit to Maplewood Elementary in Vermontville on Wednesday.

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half of Steve Pung for a two year permit to construct Chassy Lane, a gravel cul de sac which would serve a six lot subdivision off of Allegan Road. As presented to the council by Vermontville Street Administrator Monte O'Dell, Pung would install the road, water and sewer at his expense and turn it over to the village upon completion. The request was tabled until the village receives a letter or a written request from Pung.

Heard from O'Dell who wanted to clean the basement of village hall and dispose of police evidence that has been stored there for years.

Council member Theresa Spagnuolo- O'Dell said that

all tagged evidence must be disposed of through the Sheriff's Department auction. If the basement is cleaned, those items should be put aside until next year's auction.

Heard a report from O'Dell that the village will be flushing hydrants at 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9 and Thursday, Oct. 10.

Approved a motion to have approximately ten of the water meters within the village to be rebuilt, which would be save \$20 per meter over the cost of replacement.

Discussed contacting Fleis & VanDenbrink regarding the maps and paperwork they prepared last spring for a proposed water expansion project for the

village.

Heard from Village Council President Sue Villanueva that she would be setting up a meeting with Russ Raymer, the village ordinance enforcer. Raymer has reported to Villanueva that he has had difficulty matching the names on complaints with addresses, and the meeting would help to clarify which properties he needs to look at.

Discussed surveying the town square during the next budget year, which begins March 1, 2003. Council member Charlie Viele was concerned that part of the alleyway that encircles the town square has been blocked off and needs to be reopened.

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PASTOR DANIEL E. SMITH

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
Church Service 11 a.m.
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Jacobs to celebrate 30 years of marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Jacobs will be celebrating 30 years of marriage with a color tour of upper Michigan and visiting with family and friends.

Cleo (Jake) and Doris were united in marriage on October 14, 1972. Together they have five children: Julie (Jon) Eddy of Charlotte, Mike (Sue) Jacobs of Kalamazoo, Gary McVey of Lansing, Deborah (Wayne) Kruger of Charlotte, and Virginia Wager of Hastings. They also have nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Please join us in wishing them a Happy 30th and many more wonderful years together.



Reids to celebrate silver wedding anniversary

Gordie and Vickie Reid were married on October 15, 1977. In honor of their 25 years together, an open house will be hosted by their children - Logan and Marcie Southfield, and Scott and Nicole Lewis. The open house will be held on Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002, at the Nashville VFW Post 8260 in Nashville, Mich., 7 p.m., hors d'oeuvres, refreshments and dancing. No gifts, please.



Roystons to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Lyle and Shirley Royston will be celebrating their 50th anniversary on Oct. 25, 2002. They were united in marriage in 1952 in Charlotte, Mich. Their children include Yvonne (Gary) Stults of Bellevue, Mich. and Melvin (deceased).

They have three grandchildren, four great-grandchildren and three step-grandchildren and spouses.

To send them a card, please mail to: 9020 Elm Road, Clarksville, Mich. 48815.

Reid-Lewis exchange vows



Nicole Reid and Scott Lewis were married on Aug. 17, 2002, at St. Rose Catholic Church with Father Al Russell officiating. Nicole is the daughter of Gordie and Vickie Reid of Hastings, and Scott is the son of Dale and Debbie Lewis of Manitoba, Canada.

Attending the bride, Marcie Southfield, matron of honor, sister of the bride, and bridesmaids were Sarah Mapes, Katie McDougal, Heather Lewis and Nicole Swift.

Grooms attendants were Vince Owen, best man, Jim Dube, Rob Lightfoot, Jon Rogger and Kevin Swider. Ushers were Greg Terhune and Logan Southfield.

Annie and Mikayla Swift were flower girls and Dakota Gaskill, cousin of the bride, was the ring bearer.

The newlyweds traveled to Manitoba, Canada for a second reception on Aug. 24, 2002, before returning to their home in Hastings.

MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOL MENUS

Elementary Schools (Maplewood & Fuller)

Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Chicken nuggets, roll and honey, mashed potatoes, cherry push-up, 1/2 pt. milk.

Thursday, Oct. 10

M.W. Hungry Howies. Pizza, tossed salad, peaches, pretzel rod, 1/2 pt. milk.

Friday, Oct. 11

Corn dog, potato wedges, pineapple, bread stick, 1/2

pt. milk.

Monday, Oct. 14

Chicken sandwich, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, potato sticks, 1/2 pt. milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Hot pocket, french fries, applesauce, cookie, 1/2 pt. milk.

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

Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Oct. 9

Choose One - Chicken nuggets, pizza, chicken sandwich, deli bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, broccoli, cherry push-up, juice. Milk.

Thursday, Oct. 10

Choose One - Lasagna, cheeseburger, pizza, taco bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, whole kernel corn, peaches, juice. Milk.

Friday, Oct. 11

Choose One - Corn dog, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, potato wedges, applesauce, juice. Milk.

Monday, Oct. 14

Choose One - Macaroni and cheese, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, carrot sticks, fresh fruit, juice. Milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 15

Choose One - Hot pocket, cheeseburger, pizza, taco bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, baked beans, apple, juice. Milk.

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THE TUXEDO (PG-13)

1:00, 3:00, 5:00, 7:20, 9:15

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Syrup Queen, alternative join celebration of 4-H

Vermontville Maple Syrup Queen Samantha Mater and Alternate Jessica Cowell are taking part in celebrating with thousands of fellow 4-H members around the United States. "4-H 100th Commemorative Year."

In recognition of both girls being 10-year members, the Vermontville Syrup Association donated 21 pint size bottles of maple syrup and candy to Eaton County 4-H Agent Tonya VanBuren. The syrup is being put into baskets being put together by all the 4-H counties in the Southwest Region of Michigan with products representing each county and 4-H members. On Wednesday, Oct. 9, at a breakfast in Lansing these baskets will be handed out to state legislators in celebrating 4-H.

Mater said she is happy to be a part of this organization.

"My life has personally been greatly molded because of the 4-H experience I've received. You'd never believe it, but when I was younger I was very quiet and shy. But with each year and

experience I would gain confidence with myself and learn to jump in and get involved. I was literally shoved out of my small comfort zone more times than I can count, which resulted in a learning experience while having a blast at the same time. I learned numerous skills from sewing, to showing a chicken, to how to talk in front of large groups of people.

"I have held many offices in my 4-H club, the Advisory Council and becoming a part of the junior fairboard. I have also been on a number of committees and involved in many projects from 'Make a Difference,' to writing and receiving a \$1000 grant for the landscaping project for the new entrance to the exhibit building of the

fairgrounds.

"I've experienced many educational opportunities, including spending four days on the campus of MSU for Exploration Days, Peer Plus Conference at Kettunen Center in Tustin, Leadership Training on MSU Campus numerous times and traveling as an ambassador to other county 4-H fairs as their guest for the day to learn about their fair.

"Jessica and I both would like to thank everyone who supports the 4-H programs. It does make a difference in many youth's lives. On behalf of all 4-H members, we appreciate what 4-H has done for us in the past, present and for things yet to come in the experiences, skills and leadership we have obtained."



Alternate Jessica Cowell (left) and Syrup Queen Samantha Mater present maple syrup bottles to 4-H Agent Tonya VanBuren.

Maplewood student planners aid in organization and safety

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer
At the beginning of the

school year each student at Maplewood Elementary received a student planner they can use throughout the school year as an organization tool, a method of communication and a hall pass.

Inside the planner is a copy of the school's rules and regulations, tips for setting goals, time management, study strategies and more. There also are weekly, monthly, and daily calendars and a hall passport.

"We can up with this idea to help students organize themselves better," said Maplewood Principal Fred Davenport. "One thing we have been finding at school is there are a whole lot of kids who are disorganized and it gets in the way of learning. We have some really brilliant kids who, if they had some direction in how to organize themselves, would get much higher grades."

Davenport said that each student was given a planner at the beginning of the year. It is up to the teacher in each classroom to determine how the planner will be used by

his or her students.

However, all students have to carry their planner when they are in the halls at Maplewood. In the back of each planner is a hallway passport. If a student needs to leave class to go to the office or run an errand, his teacher will fill out the date, time and where the student is going.

"It's one more way we are seeking to create a safe environment in our schools," said Davenport.

The planners also can help parents keep track of what their child is doing in school on a daily or weekly basis.

To encourage students to use their planners, Davenport checks their planners when he encounters them in the hall or the classroom.

"If it looks like they are using them, well, I give them one of the little erasers that I carry around in my pocket," he said.

Before the program started, Davenport said their was some anxiety that students wouldn't be able to keep track of their planners and would lose them con-



Maplewood Principal Fred Davenport presents Cam Eldridge with an eraser as a reward for carrying and using his planner.

stantly. However, that hasn't been the case. Davenport said that only a few students have had to replace their planners.

"We give them one at the beginning of the year; but, if they lose it, they have to buy the next one," he said.

In the month since school

began, Davenport said the planners have proven to be a success.

"The teachers have told me that they have been very helpful in achieving the goals we set forth. And, for myself, I am very pleased with the way it is going," he said.

Thank You

The family of Lance Ainsworth would like to take this opportunity to say "thank you" to everyone who made the effort to come and comfort us at the time of Lance's tragic death.

Thanks for all the cards, food, telephone calls, letters and beautiful flowers and contributions made toward Lauren and Logan's education fund, and also for contributions of your choice. Special thanks to Terry Garrison for his wonderful tribute to Lance, through song.

To Rev. Darrel Bosworth—you made us laugh and made us cry, but most of all for the beautiful sermon.

Thank you to David Rosier, of Rosier Funeral Home of Sunfield, for all your help.

To everyone who came in camouflage, Lance would have been proud.

Robert Schultz—thank you.

May God Bless, Albert & Nancy

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Monthly slate of activities at Putnam library

At a meeting on Sept. 24, local residents chose the event calendar for the following meetings and activities that the Putnam Library is offering. All events will be at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Public is welcome.

- Oct. 8 - Genealogy Workshop.
- Oct. 15 - Writers Workshop.
- Oct. 22 - Friends of the Library.
- Oct. 23 - Senior Coffee and Donut Hour (10:30-11:30 a.m.).
- Oct. 29 - Book Club.

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In My Own
Write by Sandra Ponsetto

'Simple Gifts'

Last week I celebrated my 41st birthday. There was no cake and candles, no expensive store-bought cards or fancy presents wrapped in brightly colored paper and ribbons. For my birthday, I received the best gifts of all — simple gifts.

I grew up in a family that didn't believe in making a big fuss over birthdays or holidays, so the days passed largely unmarked. As a young married couple in college, and now as we struggle to raise our family on a tight budget, my husband and I often do without gifts on our birthdays, preferring to save our money to buy things for our daughters.

Somewhere along the way, many years ago, in a fit of pique over yet another dismal, uneventful birthday, I hopped in my car and went for a drive — just me, my car, and the open road.

I don't know why I love to drive so much; perhaps it's

in my blood because my grandfather was a truck driver. All I know is when I slip behind the wheel of my car, the road seems to stretch before me into a world of endless possibilities and adventure.

That day as I drove down the road, flipping through the radio stations, I happened upon a classical music station playing Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring."

As I continued down the road, the soft, sweet strands of the opening movement wrapped around my heart. I drove past golden fields filled with lazy cattle and beneath canopies of red and gold leaves dancing against a sky of crystalline blue. The music seemed to swell and grow inside me until my heart seemed ready to burst with the beauty of the music and the day, which had become miraculously one.

It was what some would call a transcendental moment — brief interval of time when we are exquisitely awake and aware. I returned home that day filled with joy, convinced I had been given a rare and beautiful gift.

Since then, every year on my birthday I take a special drive — just me, my car, the open road and, Aaron Copland's "Appalachian Spring," and this year was no exception.

As I drove down State Road on my way to Vermontville, the evocative strains filling my ears, I felt

all my cares slip away and float out the window behind me. An incredible sense of peace and well being rose up once again as I drove over hills and through valleys filled with the lush, vibrant colors of autumn.

Copland included the Shaker hymn, "Simple Gifts" in his "Appalachian Spring." As that light joyous song grew toward a triumphant trumpet fanfare, the trees overhead let loose a shower of gold that swirled against the steely sky before dancing down onto my car.

Suddenly I was in the middle of my own personal tickertape parade, just me, my car, and all of God's creation. Entering into the exultant spirit of the moment, I waved and blew kisses to the trees that swirled and bowed as I drove past. I threw my head back and laughed out-loud from the sheer giddy joy of the moment.

I laughed and rejoiced in all the gifts I had been given: my life, my husband, two beautiful and intelligent daughters and a job that allows me the freedom to savor the world around me.

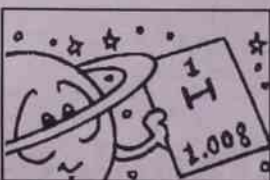
What more could I want? As I drove on, the leaves swirling behind me, the words of the old Shaker melody filled my mind, "Tis the gift to be simple, 'Tis the gift to be free, 'Tis the gift to come down where you ought to be, And when we find ourselves in the place just right, 'Twill be in the valley of love and delight."

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Lake O police chief charged with illegal entry

by Shelly Sulser
Staff Writer
Lake Odessa Police Chief John Henry Shaw, 35, of Vermontville, has been charged with one count of misdemeanor illegal entry (without the owner's permission) for allegedly pushing an air conditioner into the home of a Woodland

woman July 19, entering through the window and appearing in her bedroom doorway.
Shaw entered a not guilty plea in Barry County District Court Sept. 25 when an Oct. 8 pretrial hearing was set.
Lake Odessa Village Manager Bill Yost refused

to comment on the matter Wednesday, saying only that Shaw has been placed on administrative leave "until I finish my investigation into another matter."

He would not say whether the "other matter" also was a criminal complaint or the allegations made by Officer Christian Hanson in a Whistleblowers Protection Act lawsuit filed against Shaw and the Village of Lake Odessa late last month in Ionia County Circuit Court.

"That's my statement," said Yost when questioned further.

When asked Sept. 11 about the alleged break-in, Shaw said, "Didn't happen," and asked, "what else did I do? Did I rape somebody, too?"

He could not be reached for further comment Wednesday, however. Village President Randy Klein also could not be reached for comment.

According to a report by



John Shaw

the Hastings Post of the Michigan State Police, Det. Sgt. Terry Klotz was contacted by a Woodland man who said Shaw entered his North Main Street home in the early morning of July 19 without permission while he was lodged in the Ionia County Jail for non-payment of child support.

The man's pregnant girlfriend was in bed with her two children when she allegedly heard a noise downstairs between 1 a.m. and 1:30 a.m., heard her bedroom door open, then saw a figure in the doorway, police said.

The couple told Klotz the bedroom light was switched on, then immediately turned off and that when she got up to investigate further, she turned on a light in the hall where she found Shaw, whom she claimed was intoxicated.

The victim told Klotz that she recognized Shaw and that when she asked him how he got into the house, he told her he had removed an air conditioner from a first story window.

Shaw reportedly left through a side door to the home.

The victims also told police they believed that Shaw had parked his truck behind a nearby church and that

they did not report the incident until Aug. 27 because they learned that a relative knew about the incident.

"She's worried that if (cousin) knows, others in the small community would have heard it, too," Klotz reported. "They talked about it and agreed to report it."

Klotz told Shaw on Sept. 9 that he wanted to talk to him about going into the victim's home.

"He said, 'no,'" reported Klotz.

When Klotz asked Shaw if he knew about the alleged incident, Shaw said, "nope," adding that he had heard rumors he had broken into the woman's house.

"When I told him prints had been taken, he said, 'no,'" Klotz reported. "He said (woman's boyfriend) was in jail and that he went over to see her, he knocked and she let him in."

He also made a comment to Klotz that "It's a tough one," and that he is now in a dilemma because "this report will be public knowledge."

"He said there is a coalition in Lake Odessa that is after him and that he is not worried about his job..." Klotz said. "When I asked

him if he would take a polygraph, he said, 'probably not.'"

Shaw told Klotz he was let in the front door and that he left through a side door.

"He said he would not take a polygraph test because he needed to protect himself," Klotz reported.

Shaw did agree, however, to provide a set of fingerprints to Klotz for comparison to prints taken from the air conditioner, according to police but he did not appear for an appointment Sept. 11 to provide the prints.

According to Klotz, because the charge is a 90-day misdemeanor, Shaw was not booked, fingerprinted or lodged in jail. He was instead notified of the warrant and ordered to contact the court.

"It's treated more like a ticket," said Klotz. "You don't fingerprint and mugshot them for that."

Klotz declined to comment on a possible motive for the alleged incident. He also declined to release information reported to him about other alleged incidents for which Shaw has not been charged.

Shaw remains free on \$500 bond.

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Nashville man arraigned on counterfeiting charges

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer
Jeff Purchis, 31, of Nashville was arraigned Sept. 26 on two counts of uttering and publishing and attempting to pass counterfeit bills and one count of being a habitual offender.

Purchis is accused of trying to pass two counterfeit bills at the C-Store in Nashville on Wednesday, Sept. 11. A third bill was passed at Carl's Market by an unsuspecting woman who had earlier given Purchis change for a \$100 bill, police said.

At the time the Nashville Police Department sought a warrant for the arrest of Purchis, he was already lodged in the Eaton County jail on charges of absconding by failing to report to his parole officer, according to Nashville Police Chief Garry Barnes.

Purchis is currently in the



Jeff Purchis

Barry County Jail awaiting his hearing Wednesday, Oct. 9, on the charges of uttering and publishing, passing counterfeit bills and being a habitual offender.

Bond was set at \$2,500 and had not been posted at press time.

Nashville man steps on woman's stomach

An intoxicated 45-year-old Nashville man was arrested Sept. 29 on a domestic violence charge after he allegedly grabbed his live-in girlfriend around the throat while she was on the telephone.

Michigan State Police trooper Brad Martin reported the man is also accused of shoving the woman off the couch, pushing her to the ground and then stepping on her stomach.

The man was lodged in the Barry County Jail and arraigned on the charge Sept. 30 in Barry County District Court.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Nashville will hold a public hearing on October 10, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

SUBJECT: To hear public discussion on increasing the cost of regular parking tickets to \$10/\$15/\$20 and handicap parking tickets to \$50/\$75/\$100 (Ordinance #2-23-78 & 3-27-69), also the designation of handicap parking spots (Ordinance #12-15-54). If you would like to comment in writing please drop off or send them to the Village Office, 206 N. Main, P.O. Box 587, Nashville, MI 49073, by 5:00 p.m. on 10-10-02.

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Reptiles visit Kellogg school

Two students at Kellogg School in Nashville brought in their unusual pets to show Rose Hahn's science class.

Bobbie Wood, a high school student at Maple Valley Alternative Education, brought her Asian water monitor lizard as part of her science project for this marking period.

"By showing the class first hand about her project, it brought both excitement and appreciation for such an animal," said Hahn.

Wood told her classmates that the lizards are smart, curious, can grow up to seven feet long, have powerful tails and eat meat.

She also said that the liz-

ards need to be handled frequently in order to become, "people friendly."

"Most people in the class had never seen a lizard like this and most hadn't even heard of it," said Hahn. "Bobbie certainly made her project come alive to us all, by her demonstration and show."

Jesse McDiarmid, a student at Maple Valley Junior High Alternative Education brought in his ball python to show is teacher, Landon Wilkes, his fellow classmates, and Hahn's class.

McDiarmid said snakes are his hobby and he also keeps a corn snake at home. Although boas are normally docile, according to McDi-



Bobbie Wood holds an Asian water monitor lizard.



Jesse McDiarmid holds his pet python.

armid, he said his boa has attempted to bite him several times.

McDiarmid told the class that they are called "ball pythons" because when they are frightened, they coil their bodies around their heads to form a ball.

McDiarmid said he named his boa Apocalypse

and his corn snake is called Sunny.

Hahn said that she really appreciates McDiarmid bringing his snake to her classroom. "Our school didn't have to go someplace special because Jesse made our school special for the day by sharing his snake stories with us."

Vermontville syrup going to Capitol

The Eaton County 4-H program recently received from the Vermontville Syrup Association a donation of 21 pint-size bottles of maple syrup and candy. This Eaton County commodity will be traveling to the Capitol, along with several other goodies, for an Oct. 9 breakfast with the Southwest Regional Legislators. This event will correspond with the observance of the 100th Commemorative Year of 4-H and National 4-H Week.

Legislators will be presented with a basket of commodities gathered from the Southwest region of Michigan and will hear from 4-H Youth Ambassadors as

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Local senior citizen lunch scheduled

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NEWEST CITIZEN

GIRL, Mattie Melissa Pennington, born at Pennock Hospital on Sept. 26, 2002 at 1:46 p.m. to Matthew (deceased) and Melissa Pennington of Nashville. Weighing 9 lbs. 1 3/4 ozs. and 22 inches long.

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Alternative ed gets donations for photo lab

Maple Valley Alternative Education's students helped clean out a section of the basement at Kellogg School last year and set up a dark-room for developing black and white photographs.

Teacher Rose Hahn said that she is grateful for the donations received from people in the community.

"Ron Bracy of Nashville donated his Bessler enlarger to us last year, along with other photographic equipment, which has helped make this black and white photo lab a favorite class for students in our program," she said.

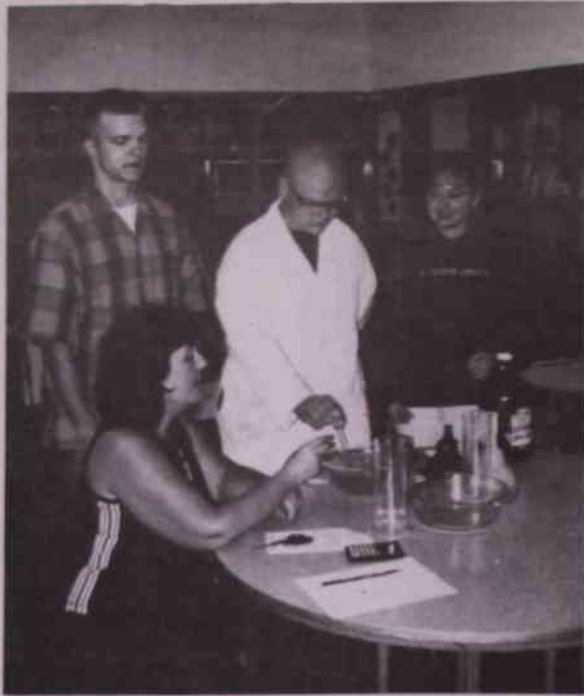
Hahn says she also appreciates Pat Powers and Kim Hanson for installing the stainless steel sinks in the photo lab. "They are perfect and helped make our wish

come true for having a wet area in our lab."

Photography brings many dimensions to the alternative education program, according to Hahn.

"Photography has given them a form of communication, art, science and therapy that helps balance their daily lives," she said.

Casey Mayes and Josh Lewis observe as Herb Spivey II (center), a photography assistant at Maple Valley Alternative Education, is helping teacher Rose Hahn (seated, left) mix a stock solution of Dextol, a developing solution.



Obituaries

Dorothy B. Tirrell

NASHVILLE - Mrs. Verna Marie Bowden, age 88, of Nashville, MI and formerly of Muskegon, MI and Macon, GA died Saturday, Oct. 5, 2002 at Tendercare in Hastings, MI.

Mrs. Bowden was born Jan. 10, 1914 the daughter of Ben H. and Zula R. (Kemp) Roberts in Macon, Ga.

A long time resident of St. Paul's Apartments in Macon, Ga.; she lived at Brookhaven Nursing Home in Muskegon, MI following

a stroke six years ago and moved recently to the Nashville/Hastings, MI area.

She managed a number of restaurants and food service operations during her 60 year career, starting with a roadside sandwich stand as a teenager.

She was preceded in death by her husband Roy Jefferson Bowden and a son James Ronald Bowden who died in Vietnam in 1968.

Survived by son, Harry J. "Jeff" Bowden of Nashville, MI; daughter-in-law, The Rev. Dianne Bowden of Nashville, MI; granddaughter, Theresa (David) Johnson of Nashville, TN; granddaughter, Chaplain Jennifer Bowden, Lt. jg US Navy, Guam; great grandsons, Kellum Neal Johnson and Wesley Bowden Johnson of Nashville, TN; brother, Harry Roberts of Clearwater, FL; sister, Virginia Sarver of Greenville, SC; six nieces, six nephews.

She was a member of Centenary United Methodist Church in Macon, GA.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 12, 2002 at the Centenary United Methodist Church in Macon, GA with Rev. Edwin Smith, Rev. Rick Landis and Rev. Dianne Bowden officiating. A memorial service will be held in Muskegon, MI at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Nashville, MI Methodist Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

Arrangements are by the Maple Valley Chapel in Nashville, MI.

Area Obituaries

Dorothy B. Tirrell

CHARLOTTE - Dorothy B. Tirrell, 99, of Charlotte, Michigan, died Tuesday, Oct. 9, 2002.

Mrs. Tirrell was born Nov. 25, 1902, in Kalamo Township, Michigan, the daughter of Bert and Myra (Shellenbarger) Bell.

She was a school teacher at the Munson Country School and the "Old" Washington School. She attended Eaton County Normal School and Western Michigan University.

She was a member of the Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church where she was a Sunday School Teacher and Church Membership Secretary. She was a member of the I Go-U-Go Club, Charlotte Grange, and Eaton County Farm Bureau - Loyal Suburbanites.

She loved visiting the folks in the area foster care homes and volunteered at Eaton Manor Nursing Home.

She is survived by sons, Donald (Donna Jeanne) Tirrell of Charlotte, Jack (Marian) Tirrell of Charlotte; six grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, E. Kenneth Tirrell in 1982; grandson, Allen Tirrell in 1988; and sister, Beulah Wilson in 2000.

Funeral services were held Friday, Oct. 4, 2002 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte. Rev. Karen Wheat officiated. Interment was in Maple Hill Cemetery in Charlotte.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church, Eaton Community Hospice or Maple Knoll Manor.

Further information available at www.prayfuneral.com.

Arrangements were made by Pray Funeral Home.

NOTICE

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Aggies provide another feast for football Lions



Jimmy Hirneiss (23) wraps up the legs of Aggies' wing back Ken Russell (2) in the second half of Valley's 50-26 win. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



Lions' coach Don Roscoe (white shirt) instructs the defense while an official explains a phantom foul call against senior end Ryan Grider (87). (Photo by Brett Bremer)

By Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Even mother nature wanted to see Valley's football Lions get their fifth victory of the season last Friday night.

After a day of rain and

wind, while other football programs waved their white flags and decided to wait 'til Saturday, the Lions took the field under sunny skies.

As the clouds moved out and the sun went down the sky turned Maple Valley Blue.

But it wasn't only aesthetic, in the fourth quarter the wind started howling in the face of the Aggies, as if Valley wasn't a strong enough foe.

The Lions didn't need any help from the wind this week however.

The Lions already led 44-20 when the forces of nature started hinting to the Aggies that it was time to go home.

The Lions attempted only one pass, it was picked off and returned about 25 yards for Dansville's first score. Lions coach Guenther Mittelstaedt decided that that was enough of that, and the Lions went on to rush for 431 yards in the ball game.

The interception return cut Valley's early 16-0 lead to 16-6, for a split second it was almost a ballgame, but only for a split second.

On the ensuing kickoff the seas parted right up the middle for returner Jimmy Hirneiss and he carried the pigskin 80 yards for a touchdown, turning the Dansville kicker in circles at mid-field.

It put Valley up 22-6, but they didn't stop there.

Two plays after Dansville got the ball back, Bryan Dunlap found a Dansville pass in his hands. It was one

of four interceptions by the Maple Valley defense on the night, that seemed to get their hands on more passes than the Dansville receivers.

It took Eric Smith only two carries to move the ball into the endzone from the Dansville 32-yard line, suddenly it was 28-6 Valley.

Dansville moved to within 14 points after a long drive against the Maple Valley defense got the Aggies another touchdown and two-point conversion.

Mittelstaedt said, "offensively we played great. The intensity was way up there. We had a little trouble on D."

Dansville gained 232 yards on the ground, 316 for the night. Which might sound like a lot, but Valley did steal the four interceptions and many of the rushing yards were racked up in the second half against the Lions' defense which was on the field most of the evening.

Mittelstaedt said that he thinks he's had better defenses in the past, but a lot of that can be attributed to the fact that his offense scores so fast nowadays.

Instead of three yards and a cloud of dust, Valley scored on runs of 65 yards, 64 yards 33 yards, 20 yards, 19 yards, plus the 80-yard kick return.

Only their final score of the game, a one-yard plunge by sophomore fullback Bill

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Maple Valley golfers win SMAA championship

By shooting a 322 Saturday at the El Dorado Golf Course in Mason the Lions varsity boys' golfers bested second place Leslie by ten strokes to take home the SMAA championship.

"Our kids did a fine job. They were very excited," said Lions' coach John Hughes, "that was one of our goals and we achieved it."

Adam Gonser paced the Lions with a 79. Seniors Nick Burpee and Nathan Carney were right behind Gonser shooting an 80 and an 81.

Freshman Garrett VanEngen shot an 82 in his first SMAA season finale.

The Lions finish a very successful season, where

they won five of six conference jamborees. Ironically, they finished second in the Jamboree they hosted.

Valley's team boasted four of the top 10 golfers in the conference this season.

Burpee and VanEngen earned All-SMAA honors, as well as teammates senior Collin McLean and sophomore Todd Cupp.

On Monday Sept. 30 the Lions took one of the final steps towards their conference crown by winning the jamboree hosted by Lansing Catholic Central.

Maple Valley was led at Ledge Meadows by their four all-conference winners.

VanEngen paced the Lions with a 39. McLean shot a 40. Shooting 42's were Burpee and Cupp.

The Lions won by five strokes over conference runner-up Leslie, 163-168.

Hughes says his guys are in a tough Division III regional at Duck Lake Golf Course in Olivet on Friday Oct. 11.

"We'll really have to have a good day" to be in the top three, and advance to the State Finals, said Hughes.

Lansing Capital Circuit League powers Lansing Catholic and Jackson Lumen Christi are probably the two favorites say Hughes.

Nashville area teen still recovering from injuries

A 13-year-old area boy is listed in stable condition at Pennock Hospital in Hastings with injuries suffered when he was run over by a car in a Nashville driveway Sept. 27. Nashville police have said.

Austin Taber was reportedly among a group of people in the driveway area of a Casgrove Street home at about 10 p.m. when the accident occurred, police said.

"It appears to be an accident in a driveway where people lost track of where everybody was standing."

said Sgt. Jeff Miller Oct. 3. "I still have to make contact with the party that was operating the motor vehicle."

Taber was taken to Pennock Hospital in Hastings by private vehicle but he was unable to get out of the car on his own, according to a preliminary report.

Chief Garry Barnes had no other information was available at press time Monday and the accident remains under investigation by Miller.

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Hawblitz, came on a long drive without the benefit of a huge play. Of course the drive started with a huge interception of the night.

Hawblitz's score put the Lions up 50-20. Dansville added a late TD to make the final 50-26.

Valley took an 8-0 lead on a 33-yard run by Dunlap.

Dansville's ensuing drive was cut short by Grider, Brandon Schantz, and Eric Turner.

A Turner sack on second down, one of two for him on the night as part of his team leading 10 tackles, pushed the Aggies into a passing situation.

On third-and-17 Grider deflected the Aggie pass, and Schantz pulled it out of the air at the Dansville 45.

The Lions moved right down the field and scored on a 20-yard Dunlap run.

Smith added the two point conversion runs on Valley's first two touchdowns for a 16-0 lead.

A 64-yard TD run by Smith, and a 65-yarder by Hirneiss in the third quarter effectively slammed the door for the Lions.

Smith led the Lions with 160 yards on 12 carries. Dunlap had nine for 124, and Hirneiss had 7 for 96.

Zack Vorce had nine tackles for the Lions and Schantz added eight tackles to go with his two interceptions.

Tail back Lewis Rashid led the Aggies ground attack rushing for 184 yards on 24 carries, most of them in the second half on plays where he took a direct snap after the Lions knocked out two Aggie quarterbacks.

Mittelstaedt says his grid-ers have three tough weeks ahead of them while the look for their sixth win and a berth in the playoffs.

The first "tough" one is at Bellevue Friday night at 7.

The 2-4 Broncos lost to Leslie last Friday 39-7.

Bellevue has invited the Lions to their homecoming, and Valley will head to town with their 5-1 record overall looking to bust up the party.

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Athlete of the Week

Nick Burpee

Maple Valley High School (Nashville) Golf



Senior Nick Burpee shot a 40 at a jamboree, then a 80 at the SMAA final tourney while earning All-Conference golf honors for the Lions.

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Cagers rebound in second half, twice

The Lions' varsity girls' basketball team rebounded from a couple of slow starts last week to rack up two more league wins and remain undefeated in the SMAA.

Lions' coach Craig Kitching said that his team's pressure defense starts to take its toll on opponents after two or three quarters, and it did in both games last week.

Valley had its hands full with Lansing Christian, and their star Tiffany Shibbes, on Thursday Oct. 3 in a battle between two of the top teams in the league.

After falling down 12-0 after about a minute and a half of play the Lions pulled to within 9 halftime.

Mostly due to their defensive pressure forcing turnovers and then converting them into scores the Lions outscored Christian 36-11 in the second half, including 14-2 in the fourth, and went on to a 52-38 win.

The Lions "kept playing at another level, and turned what looked like it might have been a disaster into a win," said Kitching.

Jessie Grant led the Lions in their second half comeback, scoring 12 of her team leading 16 points in the half. Grant also had six steals and five assists to go along with her scoring.

Briann Treloar had 15 points, nine rebounds, and five steals, and Megan Garvey added 12 points with a couple of big threes.

Kitching said that Ashley Gordeneer did "a real good job inside on D."

Christian, led by Shibbes was doing a real good job of penetrating and getting the ball inside early, but Gordeneer worked real hard to take that away. Shibbes scored 21 points on the

night, five short of her average, but Kitching said that most of them were in the first half.

Lion teammates Tessa Robles and Chayla Robles did a good job of defending outside and taking away some of those driving lanes said Kitching.

Tuesday Oct. 1 the Lions trailed Dansville by four at the half, but again the Lions' pressure defense wore down the opponent.

Kitching said that he couldn't even recognize if his girls were running the offense in the first half, but in the second half they really brought their game up to an excellent level. "It was like the difference in night and day." His girls refocused in the second half and out scored Dansville 30-12.

"All of a sudden they start making big turnovers. It was like a dam breaking," said Kitching of the way the Dansville offense was finally worn down by the Maple Valley defense.

The Lions left Dansville with a 53-39 win.

Many of the Lions had all around good games, as usual.

Garvey led the Lions with 15 points. She also had eight



"Floor leader" Jessie Grant (10) finds an opening in the Lansing Christian defense. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

rebounds, five steals, and four assists.

Treloar had 13 points, nine rebounds, two steals, and two blocked shots.

Jessie Grant scored nine of her 11 points in the second half, and also swiped seven steals.

Gordeneer contributed eight points, and had a team high ten rebounds.

When asked about the slow starts, Kitching said, "I don't know if we can afford to do that against Olivet."

Pack up the kids and get on the road, coach Kitching says it should be a whale of a ballgame when Olivet hosts Valley on Tuesday Oct. 8. Olivet is undefeated so far this season, and the Lions suffered just a lone non conference loss to Portland St. Pats so far.

"It's a tough matchup, but I think we're up to the challenge," says Kitching.

After Olivet the girls have a week off before facing Webberville at home Tuesday Oct. 15.



Tessa Robles (12) battles in the paint, but can't quite get her finger tips on the rebound against Lansing Christian. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Lion girls' harriers in 1st place in SMAA

The Maple Valley girls' cross-country team remains in first place in the Southern Michigan Athletic Association after another first-place finish in a league jamboree.

The boys' squad, meanwhile, is tied for third place with Webberville.

The SMAA jamborees are like league invitationals, in which all of the teams take

part. Last Tuesday at Charlton Park, the Lions' home course, Maple Valley ran ahead of the five-team pack with a team score of 30. Bellevue was second with 51, Leslie third with 73, Olivet fourth with 82 and Webberville fifth at 102.

Kari Emerick placed second individually with a time

of 23:04, Muriel Wieland was fourth in 23:16, Dhanielle Tobias fifth in 24:03, Jessica McMillen sixth in 24:16 and Michelle Silsbee 13th in 26:07.

Coach Gary Hamilton said "being healthy is the most important factor" in winning the SMAA crown.

The Lion boys scored 81 points to finish fourth in last

Tuesday's SMAA jamboree. They had finished third in the first league running, so they and Webberville now are tied for fourth.

Leslie won with 26 points, Bellevue had 62, Webberville 71 and Olivet 115.

Andrew Kenyon was fifth for Maple Valley with a time of 19:02, Jason Wymer was just a second behind him in sixth, Jordan Bursley was 20th in 20:43, Dustin Jones 23rd in 21:04 and Zeke Wieland 29th in 22:14.

Both the girls' and boys' teams finished seventh at the Lakewood Invitational Thursday. Lansing Eastern was the winner, with Lakewood runner-up in both races.

Muriel Wieland led the Lady Lions with a 14th-place finish in 21:56.66. Jessica McMillen was 15th in 21:58.2, Dhanielle Tobias

was 22nd in 22:26.9, Summer Hill 41st in 24:59.23 and Michelle Silsbee 42nd in 25:24.4.

Kari Emerick, usually the Lions' top performer, was unable to run Thursday because of an injury.

Jason Wymer and Andrew were neck-and-neck for the 29th spot overall, and Wymer prevailed by a slim one-third of a second, 19:13.44 to 19:13.79. Jordan Bursley was 34th in 19:34.85, Dustin Jones was 35th in 19:43.31 and Zeke Wieland was 40th in 20:49.26.

Hamilton noted that Jones' time was his best this season.

The Lion boys' and girls' teams will compete in the Greater Lansing Invitational at Grand Ledge Saturday and in the final SMAA jamboree next Tuesday, Oct. 15, at Leslie.

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