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Bank donates building to Village of Nashville



Gina Blough, assistant vice president of branch administration for Hastings City Bank, turns over the keys to the old bank building to Village Council President Frank Dunham.

Gina Blough, assistant vice president of branch administration for Hastings City Bank, last Friday presented Nashville Village Council President Frank Dunham with the keys to the bank's former building located at Main Street in downtown Nashville.

Hastings City Bank built a new full service office last winter on the corner of Main and Washington. Officials from the bank announced in the spring that they would be donating their former building to the Village of Nashville.

Bank officials have said that the donation is a gesture of their ongoing commitment to the people of Nashville.

"We have a terrific relationship with the Nashville community and want to be a partner for the future," said Mark Kolanowski, president and CEO of the bank. "The building donation was an opportunity to demonstrate our commitment."

Dunham said the Village Council is excited about the new building.

"It (the old bank building) has a lot of advantages," he said. "It will be much easier



to make it ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant than it would have been with our current building. It would have been very costly to even consider it."

Dunham said that he isn't sure when the village will move its offices and chambers into the new building. Council members are cur-

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Hastings City Bank donated its old Nashville office building to the village of Nashville last week. Posing near the plaque commemorating the gift are (from left) Hastings City Bank President and CEO Mark Kolanowski, Customer Service Representative Lisa Lapham, Hastings City Bank Vice President of Branch Management Gina Blough, Hastings City Bank Marketing and Training Director Lori Wiswell, Nashville Village Council President Frank Dunham, Council Members Carroll Wolff and Steve Wheeler and Hastings City Bank Nashville Branch Manager Jane DeBat.

Fuller School pulls together in principal's absence

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer
Staff members at Fuller

Street Elementary School have pulled together in recent weeks to ensure that all

of the school's programs are running smoothly while Principal Judy Farnsworth has been on leave.

Administrative Assistant Joan Leos, has temporarily assumed the helm while Farnsworth has been out of town dealing with the death of both her parents during the past month.

Leos notes that despite her absence, Farnsworth is still very involved in what is happening at Fuller Street.

"Judy has been conferring with us and working with us to help ensure that both students and staff are having their needs met," said Leos.

Leos said she has received a lot of support from the Maple Valley Schools administration

"Clark Volz (the Maple Valley Schools superintendent) has been working very closely with me to ensure that the programs are consistent."

The school's newly implemented discipline plan and full-time social worker

also have helped keep things running smoothly, according to Leos.

"The discipline plan is working beautifully and we've had very few incidents. And, Pat Wilson, our new full-time, social worker has helped implement the program.

"Pat is there for families that need additional help for their children. He does home visits and talks with the families and does whatever is needed. He and I work closely with parents to ensure that the most challenging situations can be met," she added.

Leos said she also owes a debt of gratitude to the office and teaching staff at Fuller.

"Our new secretary, Kelly Tobias, and our long-term secretary, Brenda Hawkins, and all of the teachers and para-professionals have stepped up to the plate to make things work at Fuller," she said. "Everyone has been very flexible to allow

me to do two jobs. I have essentially been wearing two hats while Judy is gone, and keep all of the programs up and running.

"I really appreciate all of the support of the school and the extended community and we all want to extend our sympathy to Judy and her family in this time of unbelievable loss," said Leos.

Leos said that she anticipates Farnsworth will return soon to the helm at Fuller

Street Elementary.

"I know that she is looking forward to returning to Fuller and picking up all of her tasks," said Leos. "But we, of course, understand that she has been through a very stressful time."



Joan Leos, the administrative assistant at Fuller Street Elementary, has been filling in during the absence of Principal Judy Farnsworth.

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Fitness exercise classes start in Charlotte Oct. 17

The Wellness Center at Hayes Green Beach Hospital in Charlotte, will offer a free sampler for the Basic Ball-Cardio Lite class Tuesday, Oct. 27th, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

The eight week course will run every Tuesday and Thursday morning from

8:30 to 9:30 a.m. beginning Oct. 31 through Jan. 9, with no class Nov. 28 and the week between Christmas and New Year's Eve.

The Basic Ball-Cardio Lite program includes functional fitness exercises using the Ball equipment with weight training for both the

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This class attracts a diverse age group of adults and is enjoyed by both men and women. The goal is to help each participant to maintain or regain strength in order to live an independent lifestyle, all in a non-competitive setting.

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NEWEST CITIZEN

GIRL, Rachel Kaitlyn McClure was born to Mike and Cara (Spoelstra) McClure at Georgetown Healthcare System in Georgetown, Texas on Aug. 12, 2002 at 2:44 p.m. Rachel weighed 8 lbs. 14 ozs. and was 20 1/2 inches long.

Rachel was welcomed home by her sister, Lauren, and her brothers, Cody and Jason. Proud grandparents are Ted and Marie Spoelstra of Nashville, MI and Gary and Beverly McClure of Paragould, AR.



In My Own

Write

by Sandra Ponsetto

Life in the slow lane

"I won't bother teaching you parallel parking because it is rapidly becoming obsolete," said my driver's training instructor.

Yeah, right.

Twenty-five years later, his words echo ironic in my ears as I struggle to park my car in downtown Nashville or Vermontville.

Actually, I have to admit that I have become quite good at finding a nice open spot where I can slide my car in easily. So parking isn't necessarily the problem — getting out is.

I don't know how many times I have returned to my car to find two large pick-up trucks parked close to each bumper. Don't get me wrong, I have nothing against trucks, but you have to admit that they make rather effective barriers and they're kind of hard to see around when you drive a small car.

Still, I usually manage to dislodge my car after a few minutes of jockeying my car back and forth (it only seems like an eternity).

Driving in West Michigan is an entirely different experience than it is on the east side of the state.

Whenever I wanted to go somewhere, I just hopped on the expressway and was there in a matter of minutes.

I never drove two-lane highways. They were too slow, there was too much farm machinery, too many twists and turns that would force me to slow down.

Needless to say I was in for a bit of culture shock when I moved to Hastings

13 years ago. It takes at least a half an hour on the road to get to an expressway, and the only way to get *anywhere* is (gasp) on a two-lane highway!

Now I work in Maple Valley where the *biggest road is a two-lane highway!*

I used to get really upset when I got behind a piece of slow-moving farm machinery. Didn't people realize I had places to go, people to see, things to do? And, why did these things always seem to pop up on the road just as I entered a no passing zone?

Fortunately, after 13 years of living in Barry County I have begun to adapt to my environment.

Now I always leave at least 15 minutes early for all my appointments. So now, when I get behind farm machinery in a no passing zone, I simply slow down and enjoy the scenery.

The few times I have ac-

tually been late for an appointment, I just apologize and say I got stuck behind some farm machinery.

Invariably people respond with an understanding smile and a shrug. That's life in a small town.

Sometimes I have to laugh. It's hard to believe that I'm the same person who once tore up the expressways between Flint and Detroit at 70 mph. When I tell my friends back home about my adventures on the road in Maple Valley, many of them shake their heads in disbelief.

Me, I just smile and shrug. That's life in a small town (otherwise known as life in the slow lane) — and I love it!

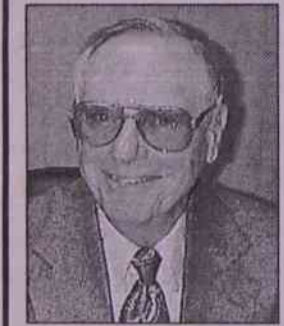
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Fuller pre primary students learn of 'community helpers'



Wyatt Bowen (center) shows off his bandaged arm as other classmates, Brooke Cosme and Marie Rodriguez (background), play "going to the doctor" in the pre primary impaired class at Fuller Street Elementary.



Kadin McIntyre, Skyler Mullens and Brooke Cosme dress up in medical garb.

The pre primary impaired elementary School has spent about "community helpers" the last two weeks learning such as doctors, dentists,

firemen and police officers.

"We began our unit with dentists and doctors. We've learned about the tools they use and how help us," said teacher Valerie Johnson. "One of our favorite activities has been 'going to the doctor's office' at the pretend play center."

Last week the students learned about how police officers and firemen help the community, which coincided with a visit to the school by the Vermontville and the Castleton, Maple Grove and Nashville fire departments on Monday and a visit from a police officer on Thursday.

Each unit on community helpers also featured stories, songs, finger plays and classroom projects that revolved around the same theme.

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Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Taco, whole kernel corn, peaches, churro, 1/2 pt. milk.

Thursday, Oct. 17

Pizza, tossed salad, pear halves, Goldfish crackers, 1/2 pt. milk.

Friday, Oct. 18

Chicken rings, roll and honey, baked beans, applesauce, 1/2 pt. milk.

Monday, Oct. 21

Cheeseburger, potato wedge, pineapple, applesauce cake, 1/2 pt. milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

Cheese bread sticks, spaghetti, peaches, pretzel rod, 1/2 pt. milk.

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

Choose One - Chili and crackers, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, carrot sticks, pineapple, juice, Milk.

Tuesday, Oct. 22

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

Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School Lunch Menu

Wednesday, Oct. 16

Choose One - Turkey tetrazzini, pizza, chicken sandwich, breakfast bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, whole kernel corn, peaches, juice, Milk.

Thursday, Oct. 17

Choose One - H.W. Howies, Pizza, cheeseburger, taco bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, green beans, pear halves, juice, Milk.

Friday, Oct. 18

Choose One - Chicken rings, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, mashed potatoes, gravy, applesauce, juice, Milk.

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Blood hound Bella joins emergency response unit

by Helen Mudry
Staff Writer

Lake Odessa and Nashville area residents have a new recruit on their EMT emergency response teams — Bella the dog.

Bella's canine predecessor "Roo" was hit by a car last July.

Bella is a 15-month-old blood hound. Her owner, Rob Fisk of Lake Odessa, said he got Bella from the Midwest Blood Hound Rescue in Chicago. Fisk said Bella's first owner got her from a "puppy mill." She was abused and neglected and ended up in a foster care kennel in Cincinnati.

Fisk has been working with her, teaching her how to track and find people. Unlike many police dogs or the high school canine units,

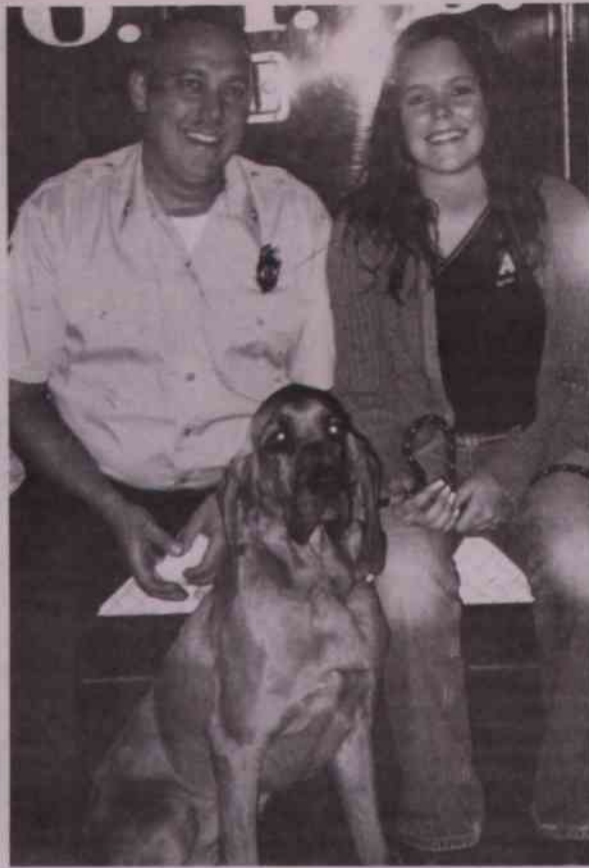
Bella is not trained to locate alcohol, drugs or explosives, just people.

"If we are on the track of a lost child or adult, we don't want her stopping and howling if she finds a spent gun shell or an empty beer can."

Fisk said she has become part of the family. He knows her barks. He can tell if she is barking "hello" to someone or if she is barking more threateningly to some she doesn't know. When she lets out a real blood-hound howl, Fisk said you can hear it a mile away.

Bella is being taught commands in Italian and English. Fisk is also teaching her to respond to hand signals and to tones.

He explained there are times when he wants to be



Rob Fisk and his daughter Ashley Fisk welcome Bella the blood hound to the rescue team.

able to tell the dog what to do and not necessarily let other people know what the dog is up to.

Sleeper-Orton exchange vows

Bethany Anne Sleeper and Chad Allan Orton were married June 29 at the Nashville Assembly of God with Paston Glenn Branham officiating.

The bride is the daughter of LeRoy and Barb Sleeper of Vermontville and Bill and LuAnn Orton of Leonidas, Mich.

Maid of honor was Leah Sleeper, of Lansing, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Zanita Hobby, friend of the bride and groom; Karen Branham, friend of the couple; and Jennifer Sleeper of Gaylord, sister-in-law of the bride. Flower girl was Anna Sleeper of Gaylord, niece of the bride.

Best man was Timothy Krueger, of Ceresco, friend of the bride and groom. Groomsmen were Adrian Pietrancia of Glendal, Calif.; Donald Orton of Constantine, and Shaun Orton of Leonidas. Usher was Richard Thayer of Battle Creek, friend of the couple. The ring bearer was Zachary Branham, a friend of the



couple.

A reception was held at the Vermontville Opera House.

The couple took a wedding trip to West Michigan in the Lake Michigan regions. The newlyweds now are living in Vermontville.



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The program, sponsored by Early Childhood Connections of Eaton County, will feature a nutritious snack, free educational information and materials for parents to promote school readiness, plus games and activities for

parents and their children.

The program is designed to give parents an opportunity to get ahead by preparing their child for kindergarten. The children and their parents will have an opportunity to visit the school and meet the teachers.

"There will be no testing or assessments done at this time, just snacks freebies and fun," said organizers. "We hope you will come and join us!"

To register call (517) 852-9468.

Sunfield Scouts recycling planned

Sunfield Boy Scouts will have recycling at the west end of Carl's parking lot in Sunfield from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 19.

The scouts will accept:

- Newspapers — tied or in grocery bags.
- Glass — clear, clean, no caps.
- Aluminum — with no paper or plastic coating.
- Tin cans — flattened, clean, with no labels.

• Magazines — tied or in grocery bags (no Reader's Digest).

Scouts ask that items not be dropped off early.

The next recycling date will be Dec. 14.

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rently looking into what, if any, remodeling will need to be done before village operations can be moved to the new site.

Councilman Steve Wheeler, whose mother was a 40-year employee at the bank, said he is very happy about the donation.

"With all the negative press businesses get, it's good to see a local business invest in a community with a new building and then thinking enough about that community to donate the old building to the community for its use," he said.

Wheeler added that the new building gives the village a lot more space.

"We will have the potential to have a lot more activity under the same roof and a secure place to store our records," he said, noting that the bank vault will provide a secure, fire-proof place to store village records.



Waldens to celebrate 50th wedding anniversary

Alex and Beverly Walden were married on Oct. 20, 1952. To honor their golden anniversary, an open house will be held at the Maple Grove Township Hall in Nashville, Mich., from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 20, 2002. Friends and neighbors welcome. No gifts, please.

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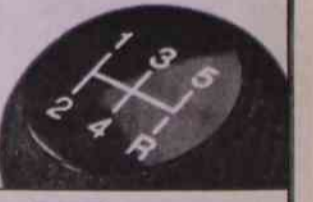
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Pointers For Parents Halloween "Survival" Guide

(NAPS)—When planning for Halloween, how can you make the day parent-friendly and kid-fun? The answer may be simple—throw a "spook-tacular" bash for your little ghosts and goblins. Here are some tips to get you started:

The Planning

Be sure to involve your child in the planning process—from selecting the guest list to choosing party favors, food and decorations. Take a trip to the store together and pick out Halloween favorites such as plastic spiders, scary music and cobwebs. By involving your child, you'll not only spike his or her interest, you'll get some help as well.

The Food

A focal part of any childhood party is the food. While it's important to prepare delicious and scary snacks for the kids, Halloween doesn't have to be a dentist's nightmare. Healthy treats can be just as much fun as traditional Halloween foods and will set your child's party apart from the others around town. Treats such as Spooky Sprinklins Parfaits actually provide vitamins and minerals for the kids, but with the Halloween fun they expect.

Here's what you'll need:

- Parfait glasses
- DANNON® Sprinklins® lowfat yogurt (For Halloween, the white, vanilla-flavored yogurt will spookily turn either black or orange)
- Whipped cream
- Orange and black jelly beans
- Gummy worms and/or licorice

Instructions:

Alternate jellybeans and special Halloween Sprinklins in a parfait glass (kids can have fun mixing up the yogurt and seeing what color they get). Top the parfait with whipped cream. Make spiders out of licorice or use gummy worms to finish it off.

The Games

You'll also need some kid-friendly activities to bring that special spooky something to the party. One Halloween favorite is Ghost Hunters.



Split the group into teams. Make "ghosts" by covering lollypops in tissue paper tied with a ribbon and giving them eyes and a spooky mouth. Write a letter on the back of each ghost. Team members put the ghosts together and work to decipher their mystery Halloween word. Possible words include: witch, haunt, scary and grave. The team that uncovers its word first wins the prize.

The Spooky Stories

The library is a great resource for more Halloween ideas. Many libraries have

Halloween story-time gatherings where children can wear their costumes and play games; this is a great way to spark your imagination and think up activities for your guests. The story-telling session may also help you choose

a spooky tale to read at your party.

The Costumes

A Halloween party is not really complete without a costume contest. Have the children vote on their favorite picks for most original, best

imagination and the silliest. Give out prizes such as spooky award certificates and candy bags.

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Band, athletic boosters building concession stand

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

The Maple Valley Band Boosters and the Maple Valley Athletic Boosters and other interested parties recently decided to undertake a joint effort to raise funds to build a restroom and concession stand building at the athletic field behind Maple Valley High School.

"We hope to have it completed by next fall," said Mike Sparks, Maple Valley High School's athletic director and community services director. "The school district has committed to matching the funds raised by the boosters."

"The district has also committed to buying lights for the field. They will come out of this year's budget and be installed by next year," he added. "It's our goal to have the entire facility completed by next fall. But, with a project this size, you never know."

Sparks said the Maple Valley school Board decided several years ago to make the high school athletic field the site for all home football

games. "We've been using the football field behind Fuller Street Elementary for over 50 years, and I think we've over-extended our stay," said Sparks.

Sparks noted that the field at Fuller Street lacks locker rooms for the athletes and officials, as well as adequate parking and seating.

The district's original plan to move football games to the high school had three phases, according to Sparks.

Phase 1 was the installation of home bleachers, which seats about 560 spectators, and a press box at the athletic field. Phase 2 is the installation of lighting for the field and visitor bleachers, which would seat approximately 800. Phase 3 would be the construction of the restroom/concession facility and the completion of the home bleachers.

"We're kind of compressing things right now," said Sparks. "The school is already working to finalize the lights and the (visitor) bleachers. And the boosters are going to start work on



The football field behind Fuller Street Elementary School is the current site of all home games for the Maple Valley Lions football team.

the concession stand."

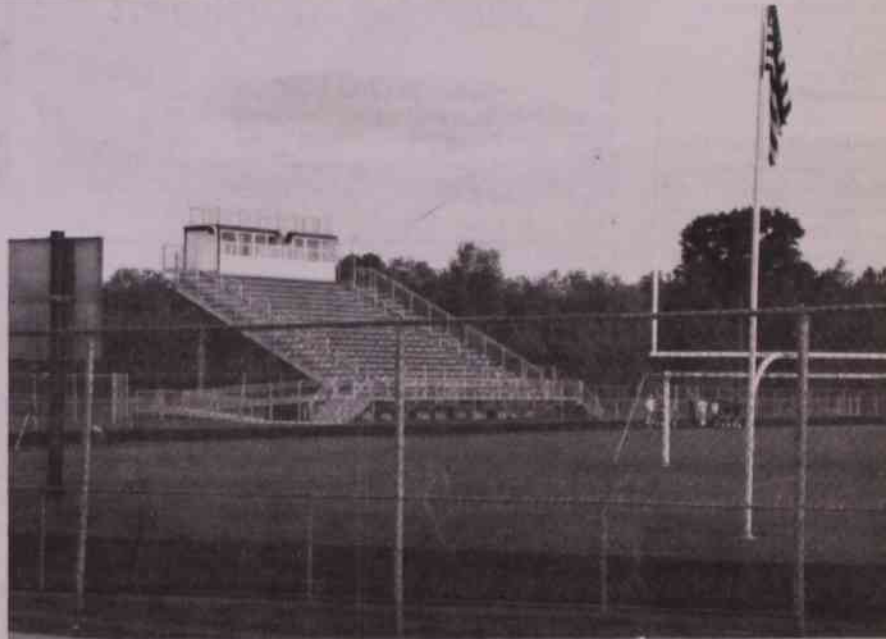
Sparks said that he is also looking at putting bleachers in the end zone for the band.

When the project is completely finished, the home stands could seat between 1,000 and 1,500 spectators.

With a facility that size, Sparks said he hopes Maple Valley could become a neutral playoff site for other districts, which would bring additional revenue to Maple Valley school district.

"When you host playoffs you get to keep a certain percentage of the gate and 100% of the concessions," he said. "That would garner extra revenue for the boosters and the athletic department. Plus, when you host an event like that, it is an opportunity to show other districts the great things that are happening in our school system."

Many people in the community have been reluctant to see the football games moved to the high school because it was a community



The Maple Valley Band and Athletic Boosters are working together to raise funds to build a restroom and concession facility at the athletic field behind Maple Valley High School.

sponsored project when the field was built at Fuller many years ago.

Sparks said he wants to reassure the community that the field at Fuller Street will still be a vital part of school and community sports for years to come.

"The future plans for the field at Fuller Street are to use it for both boys and girls soccer and Little League Football," said Sparks, who noted that the little league team already uses the field on weekends.

Sparks said that he does not know yet how much it will cost to build the concession stand and restroom facility.

"We're still in the initial planning stages, so we don't have any idea of the cost. I do know we will have to meet some very strict health department guidelines for the concession stand and the capacity for the restrooms."

Sparks said he doesn't have all the details about how funds will be raised yet, but there have been several ideas.

"Right now I think we are leaning toward a 'Buy a Brick' campaign," he said. "But we'll welcome any

suggestions that people may have."

For more information call Sparks at (517) 852-9275.

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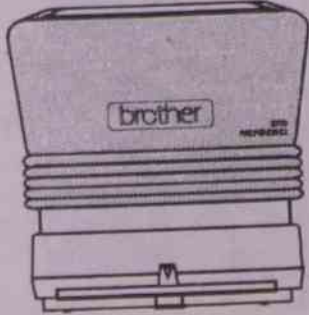
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Nashville parking fines to increase

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

The Nashville Village Council voted unanimously Thursday to change three local parking ordinances, increasing fines for parking violations and designated spaces for handicapped and 15 minute parking.

The change means a \$5 increase in fines overall. The

cost for parking violations is now \$10 if paid within 10 days of the violation, \$15 if paid in more than 10 but less than 29 days after the violation, and \$20 if paid more than 29 days after the violation.

"We're trying to get some of these people to pay the tickets and get it taken care

of," said Council Member Carroll Wolff.

Nashville Police Chief Garry Barnes said there is currently a large number of unpaid parking tickets.

"We've sent letters out and a lot of them have paid and a lot of them haven't," said Barnes. "Bill (Nashville Police Officer Bill Gutschke) is working on it along with ordinance violations."

The exception to this rule is the fine for parking in a designated handicapped space without a permit. The fine for that violation has been set at \$50, if paid within 10 days of the violation, \$75 if paid in more than 10 and less than 29 days after the violation and \$100 if paid more than 29 days after the violation.

The amendments designated the following locations for handicapped parking only: the handicapped space on the east side of Main Street (M-66), first parking space south of Washington St.; handicapped parking space located on the north side of Washington, first parking space west of Main Street (M-66); handicapped parking space located on the south side of Washington Street, at the corner of Water and Washington; handicapped parking space located on the west side of Main Street (M-66), second parking space south of Washington Street; handicapped parking space located on the east side of Main St. (M660, first parking space south of Maple St., handicapped parking space located on the east side of Main, first parking

space north of Maple Street and the handicapped parking space located on the west side of Main, first parking space north of Sherman Street.

The following locations were designated for 15-minute parking only: the 15 minute parking space on the west side of Main St. (M66), first parking space south of Washington, and the 15 minute parking space on the east side of Main, second

parking space north of Maple.

"Unfortunately, some (people) are not going by the 15 minutes and are staying much longer," said Wolff. "The idea was that people could stop there and quickly go into the post office or do whatever business they might have in that area and then leave and someone else could use that location," said Wolff. "But, it hasn't always worked out that way."



Hearty Meals

- Wednesday, Oct. 16**
Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, dinner roll, peaches.
- Thursday, Oct. 17**
Chicken and dumplings, cauliflower, spinach, jello.
- Friday, Oct. 18**
Tuna noodle casserole, broccoli, winter squash, fresh apple.
- Monday, Oct. 21**
Chef special.
- Tuesday, Oct. 22**
Chicken fettucini, California blend, diced beets, cook-
ie.

Lite Menu

- Wednesday, Oct. 16**
Tuna salad, poppyseed corn, mandarin oranges, pita bread.
- Thursday, Oct. 17**
Peanut butter and jelly, cole slaw, diced pears, English muffin.
- Friday, Oct. 18**
Cheese/macaroni salad, 3-bean salad, tropical fruit.
- Monday, Oct. 21**

Chicken pasta salad, marinated vegetables, fruited jello.

Tuesday, Oct. 22
Sliced turkey, Spanish bean salad, mixed fruit, whole wheat bread.

Events
Wednesday, Oct. 16 - Hastings, crafts, nails; Nashville, Nashville x5; Woodland, blood pressure, social; Delton, Exercise.

Thursday, Oct. 17 - Hastings, Line Dancers 9:30-11:30 a.m.; Nashville, puzzle day; Delton, crafts/puzzles.

Friday, Oct. 18 - Hastings, bingo; Nashville, birthday party; Woodland, crafts.

Monday, Oct. 21 - Hastings, Lara Anderson, 10:00; Nashville, game day; Woodland, crafts Delton, crafts.

Tuesday, Oct. 22 - Hastings, line dancing, 9:30-11:30; Sweetest Day, Moorehouse Kids; Nashville, crafts/bingo, Grandmas Kids.

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Pay period change causes controversy

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

A change in payroll policy adopted by the Nashville Village Council last month, and a break down in communication created a controversy at last Thursday night's meeting.

Last month the council approved changing the pay period for village employees from Friday to Thursday to Monday to Sunday.

At that time, some council members expressed concern that the change, which was slated to take effect Oct. 7, would mean a short pay-

check for employees and asked that they be notified of the impending change.

The controversy arose when Council Member Carroll Wolff questioned Nashville Police Chief Garry Barnes about why there were so many police officers on duty Sunday, Oct. 6.

"Is there anything unusual that went on Sunday that the council should know about?" he asked, noting that a couple of people had asked him about the police coverage on Sunday, saying that they thought we had a lot of officers on duty.

Barnes responded that he had already discussed the matter with Village Council President Frank Dunham.

"There was a big lack of communication and due to the pay period change and there was confusion," said Barnes. "I talked it over with Frank and he understands where we were coming from and I understand what he was saying."

"I think we got it hashed out," said Dunham.

Council Member Ralph Kirk also expressed his confusion over what happened on Oct. 6.

"I know nothing about this, and as a council member I would like to know what went on and what happened," he said.

Dunham, taking partial blame for the situation, explained that a memo was not sent to department heads to

remind them that there would be a change in the pay schedule as of Oct. 7.

"In an effort for the employees to get a 40-hour check, the department heads basically scheduled their employees to work 40 hours during that four-day period," said Dunham.

"I remember at the last meeting I specifically asked about that because they would have a check that would be short on hours, and did we want to make one jump or did we want to make it over a few weeks and everybody said, 'We can survive on a short paycheck and then have a check that would be normal from then on.'" said Kirk. "Now you're telling me we've had a little activity going on to make sure they had 40 hours in a short week."

Dunham and Council Member Mary Coll said that the police department was not aware of the change because they were not at that council meeting.

"It was an honest mistake. People make honest mistakes," said Coll.

"I would expect if I were an administrator and I was met with something like that, I would probably want to get with somebody and see what was really going on before I gave in to the whole crew and say, 'We'll work extra hours to get your 40 hours in before the times up,'" said Kirk.

Dunham said that Barnes had pointed out to him that as full-time employees they are guaranteed "x amount of hours per pay period."

"Per standard pay period of seven days, not four," said Council Member Steve Wheeler.

"To me it smacks of just saying, 'Well, we'll work the extra time and less days to have a full paycheck,'" said Kirk. "This month they're going to have more pay periods than normal."

"It's something that hap-

pened and we basically can't take it back. They worked the hours," said Dunham.

"I'm a little bit miffed about the idea that, 'It's all been handled...' we're not bringing it out in the daylight," said Kirk.

"It's not that at all, Ralph. I'm sorry you feel that way," said Dunham. "That's not what we were doing. We did have a discussion, that was not necessarily friendly at the time, but he understands where I'm coming from and I understand what he was thinking at the time. Communications should have been better between me and myself (Barnes)."

Kirk explained that at last month's meeting he wanted it made clear to employees that they would receive a short paycheck when the pay schedule changed and, "If there was a problem, let's talk about it on the council. Let's try and see if we can come up with something. Then we go off to our creative bookkeeping system of our own, without the department head asking the president of the council, or making any requests as to what is the purpose, what is going on?"

"We've had some creative bookkeeping. And, I'm sorry but that's the way I figure that is," said Kirk.

"It sounds like you're trying to say they scammed it," said Coll.

"I'm saying they loaded it," said Kirk. "In gambling that would be loading the deck."

"You're saying that was the plan?" asked Coll.

"At this point in time, do you think you want to do a reprimand of a department head? Then they should have the opportunity to request..." said Dunham.

"I don't know, I haven't thought about that because this is the first time I've heard about it," replied Kirk. "I just don't like the idea of trying to sweep it under the

table." "Nobody is trying to sweep it under the table, Ralph," said Dunham. "If you would like to do, then I think we move to make that decision..."

"I'd like to think about because this is not the type of leadership I think we should be getting," said Kirk.

"It's unfortunate this happened with the change over," said Wolff.

Later, during the council's roundtable discussion, Coll said that she did not appreciate the disrespect shown to Barnes during the earlier discussion.

"It was wrong. If there are concerns the concerns should not be brought up on public TV. The man has an office, the man has a telephone," she said. "This is the third time I have sat here and watched him be disrespected. I have never once disrespected anybody like you guys do him on camera. It's not fair."

Wolff responded that he only questioned Barnes because people in the village had approached him about the matter.

"Would you want your pay, your personal business broadcast on TV?" asked Coll. "If you have a problem, that's what he has an office for."

"I didn't question him about his personal business," said Kirk. "I questioned him about having three 10-hour shifts on Sunday. I hadn't been done before; but, it was done when the short pay period was there."

"But you accused him of..." said Coll.

"...Creative bookkeeping. You're right," interjected Kirk.

"Oh, that sounded good," said Coll. "I'm not going to go there."

Wolff said that he tried to

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Castleton Twp. Board

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Called to order at 7 p.m.
All board members were present.

Nine people in attendance from the public.

Approved the agenda.

Public comment was heard.

Approved the minutes from the September meeting.

Did not accept the treasurer's report.

Amended the budget.

Approved paying the bills in the amount of 31,043.43.

Committee reports were given.

Approved moving the pension plan to a new program.

Approved not to capitalize any purchases less than 2500.00 for auditing purposes.

Correspondence was viewed by the board.

Heard from board member D. DeMond that some work should be done at the Stoney Point/Warner Cemetery next year.

Meeting was adjourned.

Lorna L. Wilson, Clerk

Attested to by:
Supervisor J. Cooley (101)

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The following is the addition to Ordinance 12-15-54 that was adopted at a regular council meeting by the Nashville Village Council on 10-10-02, a copy of this ordinance in its entirety is available at the Nashville Village Office:

PARKING-MAIN STREET DISTRICT:

RULE 6. The following locations will be for 15-minute parking only:
"5" minute parking space located on the west side of Main Street, (M-66), first parking space south of Washington Street.

"15" minute parking space located on the east side of Main Street, (M-66), second parking space north of Maple Street.

RULE 7. The following locations will be for handicapped parking only:

(a) Handicapped parking space located on east side of Main Street, (M-66), first parking space south of Washington Street.

(b) Handicapped parking space located on the north side of Washington Street, first parking space west of Main Street, (M-66).

(c) Handicapped parking space located on the south side of Washington Street, at the corner of Water Street and Washington Street.

(d) Handicapped parking space located on the west side of Main Street, (m-66), second parking space south of Washington Street.

(e) Handicapped parking space located on east side of Main Street, (M-66), first parking space north of Maple Street.

(f) Handicapped parking space located on the east side of Main Street, (M-66), first parking space north of Maple Street.

(g) Handicapped parking space located on the west side of Main Street, (M-66), first parking space north of Sherman Street.

Motion by Kirk, supported by Edinger, that this ordinance be amended as written.

Ayes: Wheeler, Kirk, Wolff, Coll, Edinger, Sheldon, Dunham

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ordinance No. 12-15-54 revised and adopted on October 10, 2002.

This revised Ordinance shall become effective on November 10, 2002.

I, Cathy Lentz, do hereby certify that the above revised Ordinance is a true copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Nashville Council on October 10, 2002.

Cathy Lentz
Village Clerk

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ORDINANCE 2-23-78

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE PARKING OF VEHICLES ON VILLAGE STREETS DURING CERTAIN HOURS.

WHEREAS, it is deemed advisable by this body to prohibit parking of vehicles on Village streets during certain hours.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village of Nashville ordains:

1. No vehicles shall be parked on any street in the Village of Nashville between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. EXCEPT as otherwise provided herein.

2. No vehicles shall be parked on Main Street in the Village of Nashville between Washington Street to the north, and Sherman Street to the south, between the hours of 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m.

3. Any vehicle parked in violation of this section may be impounded by the Police Department or its authorized representative, and may be reclaimed by its owner upon paying the full cost of said impoundment.

4. Violation of this ordinance shall be punished by a fine of \$10.00 if paid within 10 days of violation, \$15.00 if paid more than 10 days, but less than 29 days after violation, and \$20.00 if paid more than 29 days after violation.

5 This ordinance shall become effective upon publication February 28, 1978.

Motion by Kirk, supported by Wolff, that this ordinance be amended as written.

Ayes: Wheeler, Kirk, Wolff, Coll, Edinger, Sheldon, Dunham

Nays: None

Absent: None

Ordinance No. 2-23-78 revised and adopted on October 10, 2002.

This revised Ordinance shall become effective on publication, October 15, 2002.

I, Cathy Lentz, do hereby certify that the above revised Ordinance is a true copy of the Ordinance adopted by the Nashville Council on October 10, 2002.

Cathy Lentz
Village Clerk

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contact Barnes at the office and on the phone, but has not been able to reach him.

No action was taken by the board regarding the matter and Dunham directed discussion back to the agenda.

In other action last Thursday night, the board denied a request made by Sheldon, on behalf of the parks and recreation committee, for \$5,000 to be added to the parks and recreation budget to purchase new playground equipment for Putnam Park.

During the past two months Sheldon has presented the council with materials detailing the equipment he proposed purchasing for the park for the park, and asked for their input as to what kind of equipment they would like to see installed in the park.

Last Thursday, Sheldon showed the council brochures for three different play structures made by Kid Time: The Toddler 6, for \$3,976, The Toddler 5 for \$3,910 or The Toddler 2 for \$2,500. Sheldon noted that each play structure was being offered at a \$1,000 discount and would come with an additional \$750 rebate if purchased before Nov. 1. The play equipment is geared to children of toddler age through 7 years old.

Sheldon said that the play equipment at Putnam Park is geared to children 8 years old and up. He said that the new equipment would increase the park's appeal to families with smaller children.

Sheldon also discussed fencing in the new toddler play area, adding sand boxes with handicapped accessible sand diggers, drinking fountain handicapped accessible and adding a couple new charcoal grills.

Council members Ronda Edinger, Coll and Sheldon voted in favor of the budget amendment. Kirk, Wolff, Dunham and Steve Wheeler cast, "no," votes.

Dunham said he voted against the budget amendment because he was not sure exactly of how the village's finances balanced out due to all the recent construction projects.

"If you came back to the council with a list of what you want to do and a fixed dollar amount, then we can amend the budget to cover that," he said. "I think you have a pretty good feel of where the council is at this time. And, we should know a little better about where we're at (financially) in the next few weeks."

During the round table discussion at the end of the meeting, Sheldon expressed his disappointment over the council's decision.

"I'm pretty upset that we couldn't come up with \$5,000 for our youth," he said. "It's pretty bad that we can spend a great big amount of money because we're scared of losing something or getting in trouble; but we can't spend \$5,000 to get playground equipment to develop our youth. I'm at a loss for words. I think it's pretty pitiful."

"I've done a lot of review, I've done a lot of work and I don't think it was too much to ask to get that much money put in there (the parks and recreation budget)," he added. "Everybody else comes in here and it seems like the money will just go, go, go. But, you when you try to put it to good use, people just flush right down the toilet."

Wheeler said that Sheldon's proposal should have been more specific.

"You can't just come in and ask for a blank check," said Wheeler. "If you come in with a proposal and ask for a specific piece of equipment, you will probably have a chance."

"I did. I asked for the playground equipment, I asked for the drinking fountain, I asked for this and I asked for that," said Sheldon.

"You didn't make the motion for that," said Wheeler. "You made the motion for \$5,000 and then you would get together (with the parks and recreation committee) and then you'd decide how to spend it."

"All I wanted to do was get some things up there. Everybody knew what we wanted to get," said Sheldon. "If we could get the money, the \$5,000 we could make the final decision because there was a whole bunch of things..."

"If you knew what you wanted then why didn't you make a motion for those things?" asked Wheeler.

"Because everybody changed their ideas... \$5,000 stinking dollars for our community... I'm just going to shut up," said Sheldon concluding the discussion.

In other business the council:

• Heard a report from the Darrell Clements Jr., the Interim Director of Nashville's Department of Public Works. Clements stated that all the water main is in the ground and sewer extensions are also in the ground but not hooked up. He also reported that many of the streets in the village are being repaved.

Clements also told the council that the water tower is out of service until Wednesday or Thursday because cathodic protection is being installed. Cathodic protection involves installing rods which emit low voltage electrical currents which draws the iron and rust particles in the water away from walls of the water tank. Clements said the water must be tested before the tower can be put back into service.

• Heard a monthly report from Barnes. He stated that there were three parking violations for the month. He said that the officers were being lenient about writing tickets for parking violations due to the construction on many of the village streets. He reported that citations issued included nine speeding tickets is, two for lack of insurance, one equipment violation, one ordinance violation for loud music, one expired drivers license, one expired registration, one driving on a suspended license

and two minors in possession of alcohol.

Barnes also reported that the Police Department's hay ride on Saturday went well, but attendance was low. He recognized the Murphys, Russ Furlong and the Darlingers for donating equipment and supplies for the hayride.

• Discussed the dumping of building materials at the corner of Casgrove Road. A village resident asked the council to look into the matter last month. The property can be filled in, it is not a protected wetland. However, the dumping of bricks and other building materials is in violation of local zoning ordinances and all building materials and other debris will have to be removed by the owner, according to Denny Mapes a member of the village zoning and ordinance board.

• Heard from former Village Council President Gary White. White suggested that all agenda items be turned in by 4 p.m. on Monday and information put in trustees' mailboxes so they can review it before council meetings. White also suggested that agendas be posted in the window of the village office so citizens can determine if they need or want to attend the council meetings.

Dunham responded that he thought it would be possible to post the agendas in the window.

• Heard from a Nashville resident who said that he was against an ordinance that would restrict hunting within the village limits. Last month the council discussed, but did not make any motions or take action on, the matter which was brought before the council by Sheldon.

• Approved payment of bills for the water project totaling \$296,160.25.

• Approved paying \$1,000 to Transfer-Recycle.

• Denied a request by businessman Jeff Beebe to pave over the sewer easement on his property located at 230 S. Main until they received clarification on zoning ordinances. Council members Ronda Edinger, Sheldon and Coll voted against denying Beebe's request, Kirk, Wheeler and Wolff voted for the denial, Dunham casting the tie-breaking vote.

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**VILLAGE OF NASHVILLE
ORDINANCE NO. 70
(3-27-69) as amended 10-10-02**

An ordinance establishing a parking violations bureau for the Village of Nashville.
THE VILLAGE OF NASHVILLE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1.
Pursuant to Section 8395 of the revised judicature act, State of Michigan, as added by public act 154 of 1968, a parking violations bureau, for the purpose of handling alleged parking violations within the city, is hereby established. The parking violations bureau shall be under the supervision and control of the Village Clerk.

SECTION 2.
The Village Clerk shall, subject to the approval of the Village Council, establish a convenient location for the parking violations bureau, appoint qualified village employees to administer the bureau and adopt rules and regulations for the operation thereof.

SECTION 3.
No violation not scheduled in Section 6 of this ordinance shall be disposed of by the parking violation bureau. The fact that a particular violation is scheduled shall not entitle the alleged violator to disposition of the violation at the bureau and in any case the person in charge of such bureau may refuse to dispose of such violation in which case any person having knowledge of the facts may make a sworn complaint before any court having jurisdiction of the offense as provided by law.

SECTION 4.
No violation may be settled at the parking violations bureau except at the specific request of the alleged violator. No penalty for any violation shall be accepted from any person who denies having committed the offense and in no case shall the person who is in charge of the bureau determine, or attempt to determine, the truth or falsity of any fact or matter relating to such alleged violation. No person shall be entitled to have any such violation processed before a court having jurisdiction thereof if they so desire. The unwillingness of any person to dispose of any violation at the parking violations bureau shall not prejudice him or in any way diminish the rights, privileges and protection according to him by law.

SECTION 5.
The issuance of a traffic ticket or notice of violation by a police officer of the Village shall be deemed an allegation of a parking violation. Such traffic ticket or notice of violation shall indicate the length of time in which the person to whom the same was issued must respond before the parking violations bureau. It shall also indicate the address of the bureau, the hours during which the bureau is open, the amount of the penalty scheduled for the offense for which the ticket was issued and advise that a warrant for the arrest of the person to whom the ticket was issued will be sought if such person fails to respond within the time limited.

SECTION 6.

OFFENSE	If paid within 10 days of violation	If paid more than 10 days but less than 29 days after violation	If paid more than 29 days after violation
Parking too far from curb	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00
Angle parking violations	10.00	15.00	20.00
Obstructing traffic	10.00	15.00	20.00

PROHIBITED PARKING (signs unnecessary)

(a) on sidewalk	10.00	15.00	20.00
(b) in front of drive	10.00	15.00	20.00
(c) within intersection	10.00	15.00	20.00
(d) within 15 feet of hydrant	10.00	15.00	20.00
(e) on cross walk	10.00	15.00	20.00
(f) within 20 feet of cross walk or 15 feet of corner lot lines	10.00	15.00	20.00
(g) within 30 feet of street side traffic sign or signal	10.00	15.00	20.00
(h) within 50 feet of railroad crossing	10.00	15.00	20.00
(i) within 20 feet of fire station entrance	10.00	15.00	20.00
(j) within 75 feet of fire station entrance on opposite side of street (signs required)	10.00	15.00	20.00
(k) beside street excavation when traffic obstructed	10.00	15.00	20.00
(l) double parking	10.00	15.00	20.00
(m) on bridge	10.00	15.00	20.00
(n) within 200 feet of accident where police in attendance	10.00	15.00	20.00
(o) in front of theater	10.00	15.00	20.00
(p) blocking emergency exit	10.00	15.00	20.00
(q) blocking fire escape	10.00	15.00	20.00
(r) parking in area designated for parking by the handicapped	50.00	75.00	100.00
(s) parking between any city street and sidewalk	10.00	15.00	20.00
(t) parking longer than 15 minutes in designated 15-minute area in prohibited zone (signs required)	10.00	15.00	20.00
In alley	10.00	15.00	20.00

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(e) storage over 48 hours	10.00	15.00	20.00
Wrong side boulevard roadway	10.00	15.00	20.00
Loading zone violation	10.00	15.00	20.00
Bus, parking other than bus stop	10.00	15.00	20.00
Taxicab, parking other than cab stand	10.00	15.00	20.00
Bus, taxicab stand violations	10.00	15.00	20.00
Not parked within space	10.00	15.00	20.00
Failure to set brakes	10.00	15.00	20.00
Parked on grade, wheels not turned to curb	10.00	15.00	20.00
Bicycle parking violations	10.00	15.00	20.00

SECTION 7.
All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this offense are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.

SECTION 8.
This is declared to be an emergency ordinance and shall be effective upon publication. Motion by Kirk, supported by Coll, that this ordinance be amended as written.
Ayes: Wheeler, Kirk, Wolff, Coll, Edinger, Sheldon, Dunham
Nays: None
Absent: None
Ordinance No. 3-27-69 revised and adopted on October 10, 2002.
This revised Ordinance shall become effective on October 15, 2002.

I, Cathy Lentz, do hereby certify that the above revised Ordinance is a true copy of the ordinance adopted by the Nashville Council on October 10, 2002.

Cathy Lentz
Village Clerk
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Valley earns playoff spot with 72-26 victory over Bellevue

Most of the Maple Valley Lions' varsity football opponents probably haven't enjoyed themselves looking up at the scoreboard after games and seeing numbers that start with forty or fifty, but they probably liked what they saw better than Bellevue did last Friday night.

Lions' head coach Guenther Mittelstaedt said that his players were very excited to get their sixth win and qualify for the State Tournament, but they were also "very excited to win at Bellevue's homecoming and spoil that."

The Lions didn't just spoil Bellevue's homecoming. The Lions made them wish they had stayed home.

Valley jumped out to a 22-0 lead in the first quarter, then scored 43 points in the second stanza in route to a 72-26 victory.

Mittelstaedt said that his "offensive line did a great job and the backs found the holes."

There must have been some great hole opened up by Jonathan Denton, Nate Racine, Josh Grasman, Cam Smith, and Ben Smith.

The Lions had 17 different ball carriers combine for 426 rushing yards.

Not only did Valley have 17 different ball carriers, they had seven different players score points in the ball game.

Brian Dunlap put the Lions up 6-0 with a 13-yard touchdown run, Jim Hirneiss added the two-point conversion, and the Lions led 8-0 with 8:20 left in the first quarter.

Eric Smith made it 14-0 Lions with a 25-yard TD run with 2:36 left in the first.

Maple Valley recovered the ensuing kickoff and just nine seconds later were in the endzone again.

This time it was a 26-yard pass from Britt Leonard to Ryan Grider. Eric Smith's two-point conversion made it 22-0 Valley.

It was one of only two pass attempts on the night for Leonard, both completions. The other was a 25-yarder to Ty VanAlstine.

Bellevue would score once before the first quarter ended to cut the Valley lead to 22-6, but it was like swatting mosquitos in the Amazon.

Eric Smith 9-yard TD run. Hirneiss 7-yard TD run.

Swat. Bellevue TD. Valley 37-14.

Hirneiss 55-yard TD run. Eric Smith 66-yard punt return for a TD. Eric Smith 61-yard punt return for a TD.

Swat. Bellevue TD. Valley 59-20.

Cole Hansbarger 56-yard TD run.

When the dust cleared Valley led 65-20 at halftime.

The Lions then scored the first TD of the second half, a 1-yard TD plunge by Brandon Schantz, to lead 72-20.

Bellevue added a TD with just under five minutes to go in the third for the final score of the game

Jeff Taylor was four of five on extra point kicks for the Lions.

Hirneiss led the Lions with 96 yards rushing on six carries, Dunlap had rushed eight times for 76 yards. Eric Smith five for 73, Hansbarger two for 66, Derek Ripley one for 46, Corey Caudill five for 31...

"The whole team played well, and played very hard," said Mittelstaedt.

Eric Smith led the defense with five tackles, and also had an interception. Caudill also had five tackles. Zach Vorce had four.

Valley's defense held Bellevue to 193 total yards, only 88 on the ground.

This Friday, Oct. 18, the Lions visit conference rival Olivet.

Mittelstaedt said that Olivet is a very good team, with a lot of speed. "They should have beaten."

Leslie of course leads the SMAA and defeated the Lions a couple of weeks ago.

Olivet gave up a TD with less than a minute to go in their game against Leslie to fall 19-15.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS MSU Extension Office

- Oct. 16 4-H Advisory Council, 7 p.m., Community Room of the Courts and Law Building.
- Oct. 17 New Leader orientation, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- Oct. 23 Beneficial Insects: How to know if It's Friend of foe, 7 p.m., Community Rm., Courts and Law Bldg., Sponsored by the Barry Co. Master Gardener Association.
- Oct. 28 Rabbit Development Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., HHS Cafeteria.
- Oct. 29 Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- Nov. 1-3 Teen Leader Horse Conference, Kettunen Center, reservations due Oct. 19, Extension Office.
- Nov. 2 Barry County Homemakers Craft Show, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Hastings Middle School.
- Nov. 4 Barry County Homemakers, 7 p.m., Community Room, Courts and Law Building.
- Nov. 6 Livestock Developmental Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
- Nov. 11 Horse Development Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., located to be announced.
- Nov. 12 Goat Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- Nov. 13 Horse Judging Meeting, 7 p.m., Stacey Campeau's.
- Nov. 23 Horse Judging Clinic, 10 a.m, Infinity Quarter Horses.
- Nov. 25 Rabbit Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., HHS Cafeteria.
- Nov. 29 4-H Beef Weigh-In, Expo Center, (time to be announced at a later date).

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Local penners win their division in New Mexico

On Aug. 28 a group of local team penners from the Slippery F Ranch traveled to New Mexico to compete in the Team Pen America National Championships.

One of the teams, consisting of Bill, Greg, and Scott Flower, came home with one of the championship titles. There were 540 teams from all over the US competing in their Division V. The Flowers won championship buckles and \$25,000 in prize money.

Another team that is a regular competitor at the

Slippery F Ranch, from Alma, took second place.

Team Pen America (TPA) is a national organization that puts on the year end National Finals in Albuquerque New Mexico every year the final weekend in August.

All riders must qualify by attending at least five TPA sanctioned pennings.

This is year for the first time in Michigan, the Slippery F Ranch held six of these sanctioned pennings, so penners from the area could qualify for the Finals.

Lisa Flowers says, "it provides a great opportunity to leave our local area and compete against team penners from other parts of the country. We had several

team penners from our area travel to New Mexico to compete, including ten local youth teams. I was very proud of our Michigan residents."

Team Penning is the fastest growing equine sport in America. It is a family sport involving riding horses and working cattle. In this timed event a team of three riders enter a herd of 20 to 30 cattle and pick out three cows with the same number on their backs. Then the riders chase them out of the herd and down to the back of the arena and put the cows in a three sided pen.

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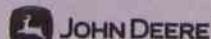


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New Devices Save Time And Money

(NAPS)—Here's good news for many of today's busy families. Many responsibilities mean tools with many benefits; for example, cell phones now let you not only call home to check on the status of dinner, but check the Internet (great for finding out the weather at an upcoming soccer game) and even e-mail. Other items such as Personal Digital Assistants (PDAs) fit easily into any lifestyle and keep "on the go" families organized and updated. For around \$150, they can serve as an address book, calendar and calculator.

What about making life easier at home? There is a seemingly endless supply of material that needs to be printed—recipes from Web sites or e-mails from friends, directions to a new restaurant, school projects and digital photos. A home needs a quality ink-jet printer to make the most of a computer and Internet connection. For the family that needs more, there are now printers such as the Lexmark "PrinTrio" that also offer a scanner, copier and even the ability to fax using fax software in one unit. For the family with many needs comes a product with many solutions.

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