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Plans made to open Kellogg gym to teens

by Sandra Ponsetto
 Staff Writer

School administrators and village leaders are working on a plan to open the gym at Kellogg School in Nashville for a couple of hours five or six nights a week to provide teens with a safe and warm place to gather and meet with friends.

Kellogg School Principal Tate Mix spoke to members of the Maple Valley School Board last week, telling them about need for such a plan.

"In the last two weeks, I have been in contact with Ed Sheldon from the Village of Nashville. Ed is on the Village Council," said Mix. "There seems to be an issue in town and it was on the front page of the paper a week or two ago about, 'What is there for teenagers to do?' And he said, 'It is

sorry sight and a sad fact that the only place the kids are allowed to go until about 9 o'clock at night is to play pool at a bar. There is no place else in town for them to go."

Mix said he proposed to Sheldon the possibility of opening the gym at Kellogg School to teenagers if he could get sponsorship from some of the local churches.

Sheldon told Mix, "You're reading my mind."

Mix said his proposal is to open the gym with adult supervision Monday through Saturday night.

"We can get kids off the street so they have a place to go — a safe place to go, with adults to talk to, and basically get in out of the cold," said Mix.

Mix said that Maple Valley Schools Athletic Director and Community Coordi-

nator Mike Sparks has "taken the bull by the horns," and has started making calls to local churches to try to find volunteers to supervise activities at the gym.

Mix noted that some members of Nashville's Village Council have already volunteered to act as supervisors.

By Friday afternoon, Sparks had scheduled volunteers to supervise the gym this Thursday and Friday.

"The gym will be open Thursday (Oct. 24) from 8:30 - 10 p.m. and Friday (Oct. 25) from 7-11 p.m.," said Sparks.

Mix and Sparks are hoping to add more nights as more volunteers come forward.

Mix said that he hopes to offer teens half-court basketball four or five nights a week and volleyball one

night a week if there is interest.

"It will totally depend on what the kids want to do," he said.

Sparks also expressed his optimism that the gym could be open for high school aged teens and older sometime this week.

"We're hoping to eventually have it open from 7 to 10 p.m. Monday through Saturday," said Sparks.

Both Sparks and Mix said

School administrators and community leaders are working on a plan to open the gym at Kellogg School to teens and young adults during evenings to provide them with a safe and warm place to meet and hang out with friends. (File photo)



they would like to see a minimum of three adult supervisors each evening, which would allow the teens to use the grounds outside the school as well.

Until volunteers are signed up and an official schedule is set, Mix said, teens can check the front door of Kellogg School to see if the gym will be open that evening.

Any group or organization interested in providing adult supervision at the gym should call Sparks at (517) 852-9275.

Trunk 'O' Treat offers Halloween alternative

by Sandra Ponsetto

Grace Community Church is offering "Trunk O' Treat" from 6 to 8 p.m. on Halloween night Thursday, Oct. 31, in the parking lot of Hastings City Bank in Nashville as a safe alternative to trick or treating door to door.

Rene Swift and Janet Miller, who are organizing the event along with Suzy Corkwell of Nashville, said this they expect to have 25 vehicles or more participat-

ing in the new event.

"We told people in our church about it and all the Bible study groups said they would like to do it. But we don't know if they're going to bring one car or five."

Miller added that when they told the youth group at their church about the idea they were really excited.

"They had all kinds of ideas about how they could decorate a trunk," she said.

The women said that everyone in the church has

pitched in to make the event a success.

"People have either donated candy or money to buy candy for the kids," said Miller.

"We've never done this before, but we wanted to do this to provide a safe alternative to the kids going from door to door," said Swift.

"We're also doing this as an outreach to the children in the community," said Miller. "We do the Easter egg hunt in Putnam Park in

the spring and we wanted to do an outreach in the fall."

Corkwell got the idea for "Trunk O' Treat" from an e-mail she received from a woman in Marshall.

"She told Suzy that her church had done 'Trunk O' Treat' before and we this lady for lunch and she showed us pictures of what her church has done in the past," said Swift.

The ladies plans also include treats for parents as well as children.

"I believe the fire barn will have cider and donuts," said Swift. "We're going to have hot dogs because sometimes moms and dads don't have time to eat before they take their kids out trick or treating."

The ladies said that the event will be held rain, shine or snow.

"But if it's raining really hard, then we'll move it down to The Gathering Place," said Swift. "But it would have to be raining really hard."

The ladies already are starting to make plans for next year.

"We'd like to expand to include a harvest festival when we're in our new church next year," said Swift. "This year Hastings City Bank has been most gracious to let us use their parking lot."

For more information about "Trunk O' Treat," call Corkwell at (517) 852-9109.



Rene Swift and Janet Miller of Hastings show the trunks of their cars they have decorated for Grace Community Church's first-ever "Trunk O' Treat," which will be held in Nashville on Halloween night.

Schools approve \$19,900 to monitor contamination

by Sandra Ponsetto
 Staff Writer

The Maple Valley School Board approved a motion to allow Superintendent Clark Volz to negotiate a contract with De Lisle and Associates Ltd. of Portage, a firm which specializes in environmental services and remediation.

The contract is not to exceed \$19,900 and would include drilling, monitoring and analyzing samples from new test wells at the Maple Valley bus garage and creating a remediation plan.

In 1998, when the school district removed three underground storage tanks at the site, one of them leaked unleaded gas. The leak contaminated shallow ground water just five feet beneath the ground.

In a later interview, Betsy McNamara, manager of environmental services at DeLisle and Associates, said her company was first contracted by the Maple Valley School Board in 1998 soon after the leak was discovered.

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Vandal damages high school field over weekend

A man has been arrested and jailed in connection with the malicious destruction of the Maple Valley High School football field.

The Eaton County Sheriffs Department responded to a malicious destruction of property complaint at Maple Valley High School at about

2:35 a.m. Saturday morning, Oct. 19. Upon arrival, the deputy located the suspect in a vehicle on the football field.

A large amount of damage had been done to the football field, track field, seating area and fencing. The suspect was lodged in the Eaton County Jail. Deputies are seeking charges for malicious destruction of property over \$20,000, drunk driving and open intoxicants.

"This is really disappointing," said Maple Valley Schools Superintendent Clark Volz. "But, I am certainly glad that no one was hurt. When you misuse a vehicle like that there is a potential for some very serious injuries."

Volz added that he hopes the authorities will do everything within their power to pursue the matter, as will school officials.

The repair process may be lengthy, according to Volz.



Tire tracks lead to the fence around the football and track field at Maple Valley High School which was damaged by a drunk driver early Saturday morning. The suspect was arrested and is scheduled to be arraigned Oct. 30.

'Will Rogers Follies' set for 2 weekends

The Bellevue Community Theater will present the "Will Rogers Follies" on two consecutive weekends at Bellevue High School.

The productions are scheduled for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 25, 26 and 27 and on Nov. 1, 2 and 3. The Friday and Saturday productions will get under way at 8 p.m. while the two Sunday performances will be at 2:30 p.m.

Tim Nolan will star as

Will Rogers and Hollie Auten will be his wife, Betty. Also appearing will be Don Bolthouse as Clem Rogers and Jessica Pierce as Ziegfeld's favorite, plus six single sisters, a quartet and a chorus.

Director/Musical Director/Choreographer/Pianist is Bill Reynolds, known in this area as being manager of the Revue theater group in Vermontville.

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"It's fortunate that the contamination is in shallow ground water and confined to a small area near the bus garage, and the gasoline stays on top of the ground water," said McNamara.

The company installed and monitored test wells around the bus garage until the old garage was demolished last year to make way for a new facility. But, according to McNamara remediation equipment could not be installed because the old building covered part of the sight.

When the old building was demolished in 2001 to make way for the new facility, several test wells near the garage were also destroyed, that is why new ones need to be installed.

"Our next phase will be to install new shallow test wells and collect and evaluate two rounds of samples,"

said McNamara, who noted that samples are collected and analyzed at approximately three-month intervals.

"Then we'll try to find the most efficient and cost effective way to remove the contamination from the ground water. I doubt if we will use chemical extraction or a pump and treat method. Because it is so shallow it will be a lot easier to treat than deeper ones," she added. "We'll do a focus and feasibility analysis, present it to the board of education and after they approve a plan, then we will move to install remediation equipment."

Volz said that he hopes the remediation would be complete within the next year or two and noted that he is very pleased with the expertise shown by DeLisle and Associates.

McNamara said that it is important that residents living near the bus garage know that the contamination poses no threat to them.

"State law requires that if the contamination migrates across the boundary onto other property, the owners would have to be notified," said McNamara. "If anyone else's ground water had been contaminated, they would have been notified. The contamination is contained and there certainly is no need for concern."

While there is no need for public concern both McNamara and Volz praise the school board for taking prompt action.

"The board has been really responsible," said Volz. "Sometimes it is hard to let go of money but here was no hesitation about dealing with the contamination. It is really good to have their support."

McNamara echoed Volz. "The district has been very proactive in pursuing remediation. It is in good hands."

Area Obituaries

Harry D. Beard

NASHVILLE - Harry D. Beard, age 92, of Nashville, died Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002 at Eaton County Medical Care Facility.

Mr. Beard was born on Sept. 4, 1910 in Nashville, MI, the son of Francis and Nettie (Cazier) Beard.

He was raised in the Nashville area and attended area schools.

He was married to Rachel M. Smith on April 16, 1931.

Mr. Beard's employment included: former Lentz Table Company, Nashville Stamping Co., Randall Lumber Yard, E.W. Bliss Company, Maple Valley Schools, and the post office in Vermontville.

Mr. Beard was an avid fisherman, enjoyed doing crafts, and years ago square dancing and "calling" square dances.

Mr. Beard is survived by his wife, Rachel; daughters, Kathryn Painter of Battle Creek, Barbara Sitzman of Ashland, Ohio, Betty Lou (Earl) Hooghouse of Charlotte, and Janet (James)

Jarman of Nashville; son, Phillip (Elsie) Beard of Bellevue; grandsons raised by Harry and Rachel, Harry (Sandy) Rollins of Parma, Ohio and Larry (Rae) Rollins of Nashville, MI; 21 grandchildren; 42 great grandchildren; 14 great great grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; granddaughter, Joy Lynn Hooghouse; brothers, Tom, George, Francis Beard; sisters, Flossie Evans, Myrtle Moore, Ethel Rodriguez.

Services were held Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002 at Maple Valley Chapel in Nashville. His granddaughter, Pastor Vickie L. Taylor officiated. Burial will be at Millerburg Cemetery, Carmel Township, Eaton County, MI.

Memorials may be made to the Harry D. Beard Memorial Fund.

Arrangements were made by Maple Valley Chapel of Nashville.

Viola M. Hollister

NASHVILLE - Viola M. Hollister, age 83, of Nashville, died Saturday, Oct. 19, 2002 at her caregiver's home at Nashville.

Mrs. Hollister was born on Jan. 13, 1919 at Portland, Indiana, the daughter of Edward and Lodema (Walker) Bailey.

She was raised in the Portland, Ind. area and attended schools there. She was employed a brief time at the Jay Garment Co. in Portland, Ind.

She was married to Harlon "Pete" Hollister on March 18, 1955 in Angola, Ind. and moved to Maple Grove Township in 1955 from Charlotte.

She and her husband farmed south of Nashville in Maple Grove Township for over 30 years. She has lived at her present address in Nashville since 1989.

Mrs. Hollister was an avid

reader.

Mrs. Hollister is survived by son, Lyle (Kay) Gidner of Nashville; sister, Mary (Richard) Shawver of Portland, Ind.; brother-in-law, Robert Gidner of Charlotte; nieces and nephews; and caregiver and family, Tongva Gonzales of Nashville.

Preceding her in death was her husband, Harlon "Pete" Hollister on Jan. 29, 1988.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2002 at Maple Valley Chapel in Nashville. Rev. Kenneth R. Vaught officiating. Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Nashville.

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Anniversary production of 'Our Town' set

Ten years ago Maple Valley High School reinstated its fall drama program with a production of "Our Town," and the school is marking the anniversary with a new production of Thornton Wilder's famous play.

Director and Producer Norma Jean Acker said that she hopes that many of the original cast members will attend this year's production Nov. 21-23

"Our Town" was first presented at Maple Valley High School in 1992. The original cast members included Lora Emery, Rudy Othmer, Jacob Snow, Will Rooks, Angie Howard, Heather Phillip, Brad Samson, Val Williams, Ethan Berry, Stacy Hawblitz, Matt Mace, Jason Harmon, Shannon Fawley, Karon Rhodes, Dwight Peebles, Deb White, Brian Steward, the late Jesse Snow, Andy Swartz, Rich Furlong and foreign exchange students Miren De La Rua, Lena Norlund and Maria Martinez.

"I hope that if any of these students still live in the area or have family members in the area they will take the opportunity to see the show. It might give them an opportunity to put the last ten years of their life in a different perspective and will certainly provide an evening of thought provoking theater," said Acker.

"This is one of my favorite shows of all time. The message is universal and bitter sweet. I think people of almost any age can appreciate it."

The play is set in the fictional town of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, shortly after the turn of the

previous century. The first act tells the history of the town and introduces the audience to some of its inhabitants, primarily the Webb and Gibbs families. The first act, takes the viewer through a day in the life of these people.

The second act concerns the love growing between George Gibbs and Emily Webb, which culminates in a wedding scene, mingling elements of poignant sorrow and abundant happiness.

The third act takes place in the cemetery on the hill, where many of the townspeople met in the first two acts, sit patiently waiting, not for judgment but greater understanding. Into their midst comes the bride, Emily, who wishes to go back to her life and live again with her memories. Emily is shown that this is



impossible; that it is futile to return because the past can not be re-lived. Living people, occupied with petty occupations and small thoughts, know little of true joy and happiness; truth is to be found only in the future.

The cast and crew of this See "Our Town," page 4

Members of Maple Valley High School's production of Thornton Wilder's "Our Town" take time out from their busy rehearsal schedule to pose for a cast photo. Pictured are: (front row, from left) Joey James, Kristen Vanderhoef, Tarah Yenger, Assistant Stage Managers Sarah Pash and Sarah Vanderhoef, Kelsey West, Amanda Kirchoff and Mark Shoemaker, (second row) Hannah Cole, Nate Smith, Bizz Favre, Elizabeth Lincoln, Beth Mulvany, Garrett VanEngen, Meaghan Pierce, Andrew Gaber, Student Director Jessica Mansfield, Tom Ranshaw, Jonathon Yenger and Shanna Elizabeth Shoemaker, (back row, on ladders) Erin Hummel, Andrew Burns, Kathryn Carney and David Benedict. Absent from photo are Zac Carothers, Jordan Volz, Richie Wilson, Dan Sealy, Emily Doyle and Jason Campbell.

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Second-graders find learning Spanish 'cool'

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

"Buenos dias!" Mindy Otto greets her second grade class.

"Buenos dias!" the class replies.

"Como esta?" she asks one student.

"Muy, muy bien! Et tu?" responds the student.

Otto greets each student in turn and the all respond eagerly in Spanish.

Next the students do their morning calendar, counting the days in Spanish.

"Uno, dos, tres, cuatro, cinco, seis, siete, ocho, nueve, diez, once, doce..." they count until they reach 16.

Next Otto asks the students what month it is in Spanish.

"Octubre!" the class responds in unison.

The students proceed to do their entire morning routine in both English and Spanish. They even sing their songs and play games in Spanish.

Is Spanish their native language? Were these chil-



Matt Wehr uses a pointer to lead his classmates in counting to 36 in Spanish.



Mindy Otto's second grade class plays a circle game in which each student takes turns naming a different body part or article of clothing in Spanish.

Spanish in college, said she has been pleasantly surprised by how enthusiastic the students have been to learn Spanish.

"We do this because it is a lot of fun for the students. If they hadn't been so responsive, I wouldn't have pushed it," said Otto. "I taught Spanish to my students when I taught Young Fives and kindergarten. I'm just amazed though at how capable this age group is of absorbing the language."

Otto said each week she sends home a list of the new Spanish words, sayings or phrases her students have learned. Depending on the week, the list can have as many as 10-15 new words on it.

"They're so excited about learning," said Otto.

"They're always asking me, 'How do you say this? What's the word for this? Can you look this up?'"

Otto said that she has plans to teach the children Spanish words and phrases pertaining to television, transportation, seasons, people, animals, holidays and more.

She said that she tries to tie the words and phrases the students learn into the unit or theme they are studying, which reinforces both the lesson and the language.

Otto said that next week her class is planning to celebrate Dia de Muertos, or "Day of the Dead," the Mexican version of Halloween.

Otto also reads books to her class in Spanish.

"They really sit and listen to the words; it sounds like poetry to them" she said.

"I read them books like

"Clifford" and "Franklin" and "The Very Hungry Caterpillar" to them in both English and Spanish," added Otto. "That way they understand that kids in Mexico read 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' just like they do. Even though they speak a different language, much of what they do is the same. It's real multi-cultural experience."

Otto noted that some of the students have even begun to order Spanish language books from Scholastic to read at home.

Otto said she firmly believes that children are able to learn and retain a language when they learn it at a young age.

"I still have some of the children I taught in Young Fives come up to me and say, 'Ola!'" she said. "I just really want the kids to appreciate that what they are doing and learning is pretty cool."

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dren raised in bilingual homes?

No. The students in Otto's class have learned to speak and understand some basic conversational Spanish in the seven short weeks since school started in August.

Otto, who minored in

Out Town, from page 7

year's production is:

Stage Manager-- Elizabeth Favre and Elizabeth Lincoln

Dr. Gibbs-- Nate Smith
Joe Crowell-- Mark Shoemaker

Howie Newsome-- Zac Carothers

Mrs. Gibbs-- Hannah Cole

Mrs. Webb-- Meaghan Pierce

George Gibbs-- Andrew Burns

Rebecca Gibbs-- Erin Hummel

Wally Webb-- David Benedict

Emily Webb-- Kathryn

Carney

Professor Willard-- Andrew Gaber

Mr. Webb-- Garrett VanEngen

Woman in the Balcony-- Shanna Shoemaker

Lady in the Auditorium-- Tarah Yenger

Lady in the Box-- Kristen Vanderhoef

Simon Stimson-- Jonathan Yenger

Mrs. Soames-- Beth Mulvaney

Constable Warren-- Tom Ranshaw

Si Crowell-- Joey James

Baseball Players-- Jordan Volz, Richie Wilson and Dan Sealy

Sam Craig-- Richie Wilson

Joe Stoddard-- Andrew Gaber

Assistant Stage Manager-- Sarah Pash and Sarah Vanderhoef

Townpeople/ Dead People-- Amanda Kirchoff and Kelsey West.

The student director is Jessica Mansfield, lights are by Emily Doyle and sound by Jason Campbell.

"Our Town" will be performed at the Maple Valley High School Auditorium on Nov. 21, 22 and 23 at 7 p.m. There will also be a matinee performance on Saturday, Nov. 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for all seats during the evening performances and \$3 for all seats during the matinee.

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Sarah is a 1996 graduate of Maple Valley High School and is employed by Classic Chrysler Dodge Jeep in Hastings.

Derek is a 1994 graduate



of Hastings High School and is employed at Bradford White Corp. in Middleville.

A Jan. 25, 2003 wedding is being planned.

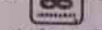
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Lines shine as Lions dominate rival Olivet

By Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

When the next edition of Webster's dictionary is printed the definition under the word dominant may read something like this:

Ben Smith, Cam Smith, Jonathan Denton, Josh Grasmann, Nate Racine, see also

Maple Valley defensive line.

They Maple Valley varsity football team put together an impressively powerful performance, pushing the Olivet Eagles around on both sides of the football and win 20-0 at Olivet last Friday.

"It was quite a game,"

said Lions coach Guenther Mittelstaedt. "I don't think we could have played any better."

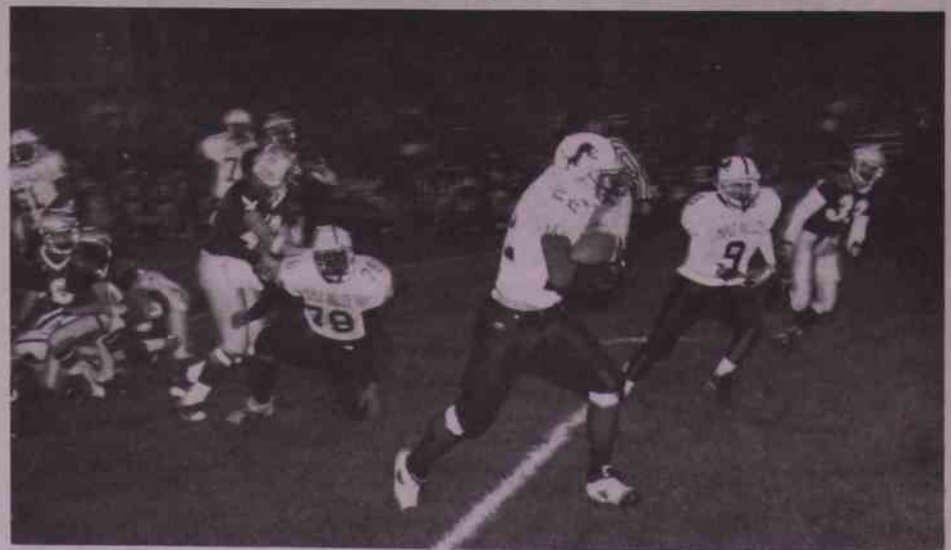
It may not appear as gaudy as earlier Lion wins, but just because the boys in the trenches dominated rather than the Lions' speedy running backs.

Maple Valley didn't complete a pass in the game except on two-point tries, but still racked up 301 yards of offense.

Last week instead of busting a couple of 20 or 30-yard runs the Lions did it the old fashioned way, for the most part. The Lions first drive of the game ended with a 32-yard touchdown run by Eric Smith to put the Valley up 6-0, but it was the Lions biggest offensive play of the night in terms of yardage.

The first quarter ended with the Lions still leading 6-0. Valley's defense had only given up 18 yards in the first quarter, and the Eagles came out punting to begin the second quarter.

Eric Smith returned the



Eric Smith busts free on the Lions' biggest play of the night. A 32-yard TD run. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



The Lions' Eric Smith gets hauled down while trying to get around the corner of the Olivet defense. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

punt past the Olivet 30-yard line, but the Lions decided they wanted more of a challenge, and drew a penalty flag pushing them back to the 20.

They used the next 21 plays to march 80-yards for a touchdown. The Lion ball carriers spent the drive just riding on the backs of their offensive line, racking up first down after first down.

The drive started with a big gainer, a 9-yard run by Bryan Dunlap, but the Lions slowed things up from there.

The Lions averaged 3.55 yards a play for the next 20-plays, and everybody knows if you can rush for three yards every time you touch the football, you should never lose a game.

Valley totaled seven first downs on the drive. They converted on four third downs and two fourth down plays.

Dunlap had the only double digit gain of the drive, a 12-yard carry from the Olivet 36 down to the 24.

Seniors Jimmy Hirneiss, Dunlap, and Eric Smith took turns pounding the ball behind their offensive line, each of them carried the ball seven times on the drive.

Smith finally punched the ball across the goal line on his seventh carry of the drive, from 2 yards out, to put Valley up 12-0.

"We used to do that a lot," said Mittelstaedt, "run 6 or 7 minutes off the clock before scoring. This year we've been giving the ball up, scoring faster, but we couldn't do that tonight."

And they didn't need to.

After punting on the first play of the second quarter, the Eagles again got their hands on the football with 39 seconds left before half time. They ran two plays, then the third was an interception by Maple Valley's Ryan Grider.

To start the second half Valley went scored fast, going 68 yards down the field in only 14 plays. The drive took just seven and a half minutes off the clock. Practically, run and shoot.

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They got close in the third quarter. Olivet had the ball at their own 45, but Turner came up with one of his big tackles for a loss, and the Eagles were forced to punt on the next play.

Olivet gained only 122

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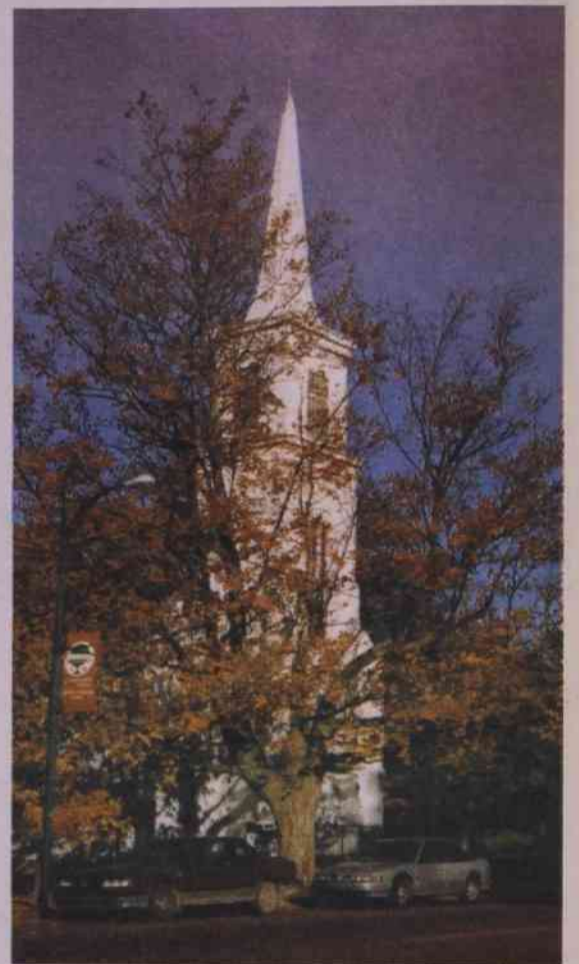
Colorful maple trees line the roadways near Nashville and Vermontville.



Large, ripe pumpkins bask in the sunny field of this farm on Thornapple Lake Road in Nashville.

Trees of scarlet, yellow, orange and green bank a golden field.

In the fall Maple Valley is drenched in the rich, vibrant hues of autumn. The photos on this page are just a small sampling of the natural beauty that surrounds the villages of Nashville and Vermontville.



Orange and gold maple trees frame the steeple of the Congregational Church in Vermontville.

Autumn comes to Maple Valley

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High school leadership classes to aid Habitat

The Maple Valley student leaders in Norma Jean Acker's leadership classes have chosen Barry County Habitat for Humanity as this year's charity.

The students will spend this year raising money for Habitat, helping at fund-raisers and donating their time

and labor during the construction of Habitat homes.

Each year the students, from grades 9-12, in Acker's classes choose a charity or cause on which to concentrate their efforts. Last year the students raised and

donated money to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society through their Pennies for Patients program and for Relay for Life. The year before students raised money for cystic fibrosis.

"The purpose is to connect with the community in a meaningful way and to see

how adult organizations work," said Acker.

Leadership students will be helping serve and clean up at the Habitat for Humanity dinner, which will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 25, at the Methodist church located at 209 W. Green St. in Hastings.

Habitat will be raffling a log cabin playhouse at dinner. You need not be present to win.

The playhouse will be at the junior varsity football game between Maple Valley and Albion Thursday, Oct. 24, at the Fuller Street field. Leadership students will be there to sell raffle tickets which are \$2 each or three for \$5.

Kelly Wilson, Amber Terberg and Drew Kerjes will attend Habitat board meetings and coordinate the effort on a school and community wide basis.

Acker notes that all leadership students are assigned

to attend meetings of civic organizations, boards, service groups and various other groups outside of school.

"Leadership students are responsible for organizing many of the in-school activities such as homecoming and assemblies, but they do a lot of volunteer work above and beyond the class-

room in Barry and Eaton County," said Acker.

"I think it is really important for the community to see what these students are doing. It really is a mixed group, but they all have something to offer and they all pull together to make good things happen," she added.

Young artists' works selected for Stockham Memorial Fund

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Barry County Fair Art Reach winners were Karlee Mater of Nashville with a pencil portrait, Quintessa Hoffman of Battle Creek with "Share a Smile" and Abigail Lynn Scarles of Hastings with "Girl on Caballo." Also selected were "A Welcome Friend" by Christi-Anna Castenguy of Freeport and Elena Gormley of Irving Township whose "An Ode to Prunes" may raise a few chuckles from those in the hospital. These girls have joined a select group of artists whose work is part of the Louise Ann Stockham Memorial Fund collection and hung on the walls of Penock Hospital in Hastings.

Castanguy's colored pencil drawing "A Welcome Friend" is based on books by Brian Jacques. She is presenting her picture in memory of L.J. Mote. Gormley's pastel, "An Ode to Prunes" is presented in memory of her uncle Jeff Gormley who died before she was born.

The Thornapple Arts Council joined with Barry County 4-H and with the sponsorship of the Barry Community Foundation created a new program this past summer called Barry County Fair Youth Art Reach.

The Arts Council gave children from the ages of 5 through 18 free drawing lessons with experienced area art instructors during Barry County Fair Week July 15-20 each evening. Instructors included artists Don Williamson, Insoon Felch, Bar-



Karlee Mater

bara Clare and Laura Valentine.

The young artists had the chance to explore different media, including pencils, crayons, markers and pastels.

"The goal is to have the students create beautiful works of art," Arts Council Director Rose Heaton says. Kathy Walters Surratt, 4-H Youth agent says, "I enjoyed stopping by and watching the students busy at art."

Heaton says she was impressed with the quality and creativity more than 80 children displayed during the week.

One part of the week was the Barry County Fair Youth Art Reach competition. Students could decide to submit the work they created during the week to the competition. Members of the Thornapple Arts Council judged the exhibit and winners were given the opportunity to donate their art work to be displayed at Penock Hospital with the Louise Ann Stockham Memorial Fund collection.

This year's Art Reach

winners probably will be hung in the pediatrics ward.

Louise Stockham of Hastings is still influencing people, even though she died Oct. 25, 2001. Her family with the help of the Thornapple Arts Council and the Barry Community Foundation has established the Louise Ann Stockham Memorial Fund which will purchase art to be displayed at Barry County non-profit organizations.

Fifteen works including the "Window at Mildred's Farm" donated by Stockham's nephew Dennis O'Mara are now hanging at Penock.

Bonnie Ballinger of the Barry Community Foundation says she is excited about this new way to share the love of life and friendship Louise represented. Donations of art to the Barry Community Foundation can be made in memory of Louise Stockham or of a loved one. The staff at the Thornapple Arts Council will jury the work and a plaque will be provided for each piece. The fund also accepts monetary donations to help fund art purchases and installing the plaques.

Donated works must be original, framed art work. All media, including oils, water colors, inks and photographs will be considered. The Stockham family has requested that no nudes or abstract works be donated.

Artists may choose to donate their work in memory of a loved one. Their name will be displayed on a plaque with their artwork.

For more information about the Art Reach project of the Louise Ann Stockham Memorial Fund collection, call the Thornapple Arts Council at 945-2002.

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PATCH teaches Maplewood kids about healthy choices

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

Physical fitness and preventing heart attacks and lung disease is child's play for the students at Maplewood Elementary thanks to the PATCH (Preventative Approach to Cardiac Health) Goes to School program sponsored by the Ingham Regional Health Care Foundation.

Last week, John Zubek and exercise physiologist and the coordinator of the PATCH program visited the school to teach 4th and 5th grade students simple things they could do to ensure a

lifetime of health.

The program combined exercise with videos, interactive discussions and a variety of other hands-on activities designed to make learning about preventative health care interesting and fun for kids.

"We want to instill in the kids the importance of long-term heart healthy behavior," said Zubek. "We do it in a lot of fun ways so the kids see that it's not all drudgery and it's something that everyone can do. That is our approach to teaching children about the importance of nutrition, remaining

physically active and smoking prevention."

During the first session, Zubek talked with the students about the importance of a healthy and nutritious diet, showing them what an appropriate serving of each food group looks like.

"We discussed everyday foods and occasional foods," he said. "We want to avoid labeling certain foods as 'good' and others as 'bad.'"

Zubek even talked to the kids about nutrition and fast food.

"We looked at fast food menus and made suggestions about how they could make choices that would lower the fat and cholesterol in what they ate," he said. "After all you can't tell kids not to eat at those places because you know they will, and that's OK. They can make healthy choices when they eat there."

The students learned how to check their pulse and heart rate and how to find the optimum heart rate for them to achieve during exercise.

"You put two fingers on your neck and feel your pulse. Does everyone feel their pulse?" asked Zubek.

"Yeah," responded the kids.

"Good. Now I'll time you for 10 seconds. You take the number of heartbeats in ten seconds and multiply it times six. That is your resting heart rate," said Zubek.

Next the students checked their heart rate after a minute of walking in place, a minute of running in place and a minute of jumping jacks.

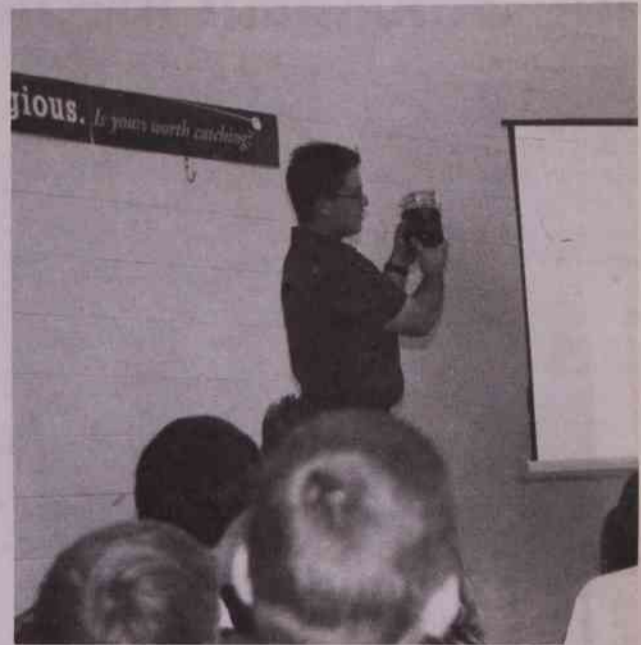
Zubek asked the students to graph their heart rate on a chart after each exercise. He told them their highest heart rate should be right around 140 (the average rate after one minute of jumping jacks). He told them that is the optimum heart rate for physical conditioning for their age group.

Zubek told the students about the "FIT" formula.

"F stands for frequency. For your age, you should be exercising three to five times a week," he said. "I



John Zubek, an exercise physiologist, shows Maplewood students how to use exercise bands for strengthening and toning exercises.



PATCH Coordinator John Zubek holds up a jar of tar to illustrate how much of the substance can build up in a smoker's lungs in just one year.



These fourth grade students pinch their noses and try to breathe through a straw help in their mouth during "smoking aerobics."

stands for intensity, how high you get your heart rate during exercise. T stands for time. You should spend at least 30 minutes every day in some sort of physical activity."

He also taught the students how to tone and stretch their muscles using exercise bands, large elastic bands, which can be used to strengthen muscles through resistance training.

During the second session Zubek showed students a photograph of a healthy lung, it was nicely rounded, pink and smooth.

"Eeww! Yuck!" said the students when they saw the next two pictures Zubek showed them.

One was a photograph of a lung ravaged by emphysema after years of smoking. It was black and shriveled. The second photo showed a cancerous lung which was a shrunken, misshapen black and red mass.

Next Zubek held up a large mason jar filled with a thick sticky black substance. "This is tar, and this is how much tar can build up in your lungs in one year of smoking," he said.

"Eeww!" was the collective groan from the students.

Next each student was given a small section of straw to hold in their mouth. The students then pinched their noses and walked then jogged in place.

"This is what we call 'smoker's aerobics,'" said Zubek. "This gives you an idea of what it feels like to exercise when you smoke and your lungs don't work as good any more."

Zubek also pointed out that the average pack of cigarettes cost \$3.50.

"If you smoke a pack a day that adds up to \$1,200 a year. What could you spend \$1,200 on?" asked Zubek.

"A Play Station!" shouted one student.

"Two Play Stations," said another.

"An X-Box," chimed in another student.

Next Zubek asked the students to break up into small groups and make up raps or poems and songs about the importance of not smoking and share them with the rest

of the group. When they left for the day he gave them some homework — make a poster.

Zubek said later that the homework gives the children a chance to talk about what they learned with their parents. He said that parents play a key role in determining their children's health

habits. "We try to make this a family and community project as much as possible," said Zubek. "We invite parents, families and members of the community to come and see what the children are learning because it doesn't do any good for us

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Notice is hereby given that the PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST for the November 5, 2002, General Election has been scheduled for October 28, 2002, at 2:30 p.m. at the township hall located at 915 Reed St., Nashville, MI. The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to determine that the program and computer being used to tabulate the results of the election, counts the votes in the manner prescribed by law. Interested persons are invited to attend. For further information contact:

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High school students learn about production of lumber

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

Students in Maple Valley High School's wood shop and building trades classes are learning about every stage of producing wood products, from milling freshly cut logs into lumber, drying, mitering and construction.

Last spring the school purchased a Mizer Hydraulic sawmill for \$21,800 with the funds it received for allowing a logging firm to harvest approximately 550 trees from 40 acres of school-owned property near Hastings.

"We got an almost 25% discount on a \$30,000 piece of equipment because the company knows that we're training the kids how to use their sawmill and maybe when they're older they will

buy one of their products," said Wood Shop and Building Trades Instructor Jeff Seavolt.

"We got the sawmill just before the end of school last year. It's broken in now and the kids are able to use it," said Seavolt. "They are learning the complete process of what it takes to make lumber.

"Some of the students had no idea how a tree goes from being a round log to a nice flat piece of lumber," he added.

There was a bit of excitement when the sawmill was fired up for the first time last spring.

"We were cutting a log from the tree that was cut down by the superintendent's office, when all of a sudden we hit something metal," said Seavolt. "When

it was built in the '60s or '70s, someone must have put a junction box in the crook of the walnut tree and over the next 30 years or so, the tree grew around it."

Seavolt has kept what was left of the box as a sort of memento. It is mounted on a board in his office with a hand-written note that says, "Our first log."

Finding things inside of trees isn't all that unusual said Seavolt.

"We've found maybe six dozen nails," said Seavolt. "We get trees in here from fence rows and they'll have nails and parts of old playhouses inside them."

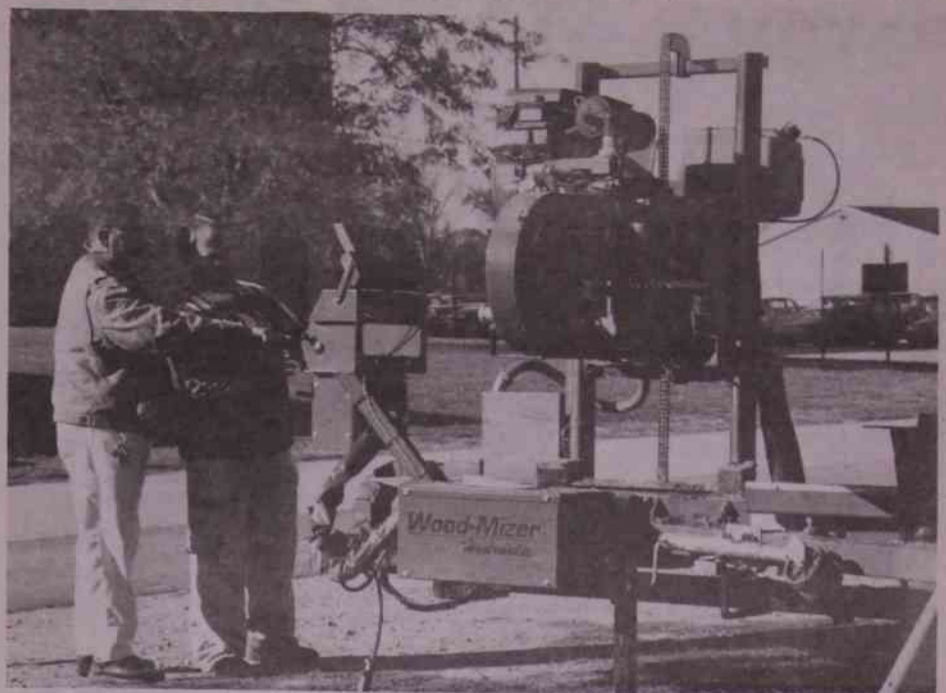
Both of Seavolt's woodshop classes and Bill Kipp's metal shop classes take turns learning how the machine works and how to operate it. "I'd say 100 to 120 students will experience being a part of the logging process.

By milling the logs, the students can turn logs that are essentially firewood worth, "pennies on the dollar," and turning it into furniture grade lumber and custom molding worth approximately \$3 to \$4 per linear foot, according to Seavolt. Hardwoods like cherry could go for up to \$5 to \$6 per linear foot.

When the students were outside cutting logs last week, Seavolt cautioned them not to walk on the freshly sawn boards.

That is furniture grade wood," he said. "You wouldn't walk on your dining room table so don't walk on the boards."

"We're trying to teach the value of what we have here," said Seavolt. "What freshly cut logs are worth



Jeff Seavolt explains to his students how cutting raw timber into usable lumber increases its value.

when they are cut is very different."

The students also are learning about how cutting and drying their own wood can save them money.

Seavolt said the students figure out how much wood they have and how much it is worth when it is cut and dried.

"In addition to learning about how wood is processed, they are learning math and measurement too," he said.

Seavolt said the sawmill can cut lumber to any size.

"We can cut 2x4s, 2x12s, 1x2s, any size board that a person needs," he said. "All we have to do is enter the dimensions into the computer.

It's that versatile."

Students use charts to determine approximately how board feet a log can produce.

"For example, a log that's 24 inches in diameter and 10 feet long can yield approximately 350-360 board feet," said Seavolt. "Right now we're saving money by cutting our own lumber. It costs us about \$150 to buy 1,000 board feet. We can cut our own for 10-15 cents per board foot. And, we have gone from having one or two species (of wood) to offer our students to 12."

Once the logs are sawn, the boards are put into the school's solar powered kiln to dry. The kiln can dry up

to up to 3,000 board feet in approximately 30 to 40 days.

"How long it takes to dry depends on the type of wood," said Seavolt. "We have some new baseboard heaters and when we get those fired up this winter we could probably dry 3,000 board feet in just 10 to 14 days."

"Every time we cut our own wood, we save money," he added.

The savings are passed on to the students, who purchase their wood for class projects from the school.

"If they help with toting the logs, cutting, carrying

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Ben Swan holds the junction box that his students found inside the first tree that they attempted to mill last spring.

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to talk to the kids here at school and then have it contradicted by what they see at home or in the community.

"We send the kids home with ideas they can share with their families like meal preparation, family walks, walking the dog, anything to encourage them to get and stay active and to reinforce what they have learned about health and physical education.

"500,000 people die of heart disease every year," continued Zubek. "Health has to be promoted within the community because it costs a lot more if we don't. Research has shown that with the Michigan Model for health education in schools, which promotes non-smoking, that for every dollar spent on education, \$250 is saved in health care costs."

The PATCH program is provided free of charge to schools in Ingham, Clinton and Eaton counties. It is funded by donations by individuals and businesses to the Ingham Regional Health Care Foundation.

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Cystic fibrosis drive nets \$778

The people of Nashville spent much time and effort in September to help the 30,000 children and adults who are afflicted with cystic fibrosis in this country. These dedicated volunteers, raised \$778 to support research, education, and treat-

ment for people with this fatal disease. "It is with particular appreciation that we acknowledge the contribution of our marches, the folks who tirelessly went door-to-door educating the public," said campaign chairwoman Judy Hook.

Progress in CF research has accelerated over the past few years - exciting new technologies and therapies, as well as new, innovative drugs are making a difference in the lives of those with the disease. Contributions are bringing closer a cure. It is within reach.

Four local FFAers attend conference

Four Maple Valley FFA members recently went to the MFE/ALD (Made For Excellence/Advanced Leadership Development) conference at the Kellogg Center in East Lansing.

The conference went from Sept. 30 to Oct. 1. The four who attended were Tommy Griffin, Ben Owens, Dhanielle Tobias and Lacey Ward. They all said they had a great time and learned lots of new things to help the local chapter.

The conference included workshops on leadership development, communication and diversity training. One of the main speakers at the conference was Corey Flournoy, former National FFA President.

The other Maple Valley FFA members said they are hoping that the four members who attended will incorporate what they learned into the chapter this year.

MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOL MENUS

Elementary Schools (Maplewood & Fuller)
Lunch Menu
Wednesday, Oct. 23
 Nachos, whole kernel corn, pear halves, bread and butter, 1/2 pt. milk.
Thursday, Oct. 24
 Pizza, tossed salad, fresh fruit, crackers, 1/2 pt. milk.
Friday, Oct. 25
 Chicken nuggets, roll and honey, mashed potatoes, box of raisins, 1/2 pt. milk.
Monday, Oct. 28
 Sub sandwich, carrot sticks, apple, Hi-C treat, 1/2 pt. milk.
Tuesday, Oct. 29
 Hot dog, french fries, pear halves, 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. 23
Choose One - Cheesie

bread sticks, pizza, chicken sandwich, potato bar.
Choose Two - Garden salad, whole kernel corn, pear halves, juice. Milk.
Thursday, Oct. 24
Choose One - Spaghetti, pizza, cheeseburger, taco bar.
Choose Two - Garden salad, green beans, apple-sauce, juice. Milk.
Friday, Oct. 25
Choose One - Chicken nuggets, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar.
Choose Two - Garden salad, carrot sticks, peaches, juice. Milk.
Monday, Oct. 28
Choose One - Cheesie bread sticks, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar.
Choose Two - Garden salad, baked beans, fresh fruit, juice. Milk.
Tuesday, Oct. 29
Choose One - Double dogs, pizza, cheeseburger, taco bar.
Choose Two - Garden salad, potato wedge, pear halves, juice. Milk.

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the lumber and drying it, they build up some sweat equity and they pay only

have to 25% of the retail value for the wood they use," said Seavolt. "Cherry could cost up to \$5 or \$6 per board foot. We sell it to the students for \$1.50 per foot."

Seavolt said that right now the school is focused on providing quality, discount wood for students.

However, he said that eventually the money the school could raise by cutting and selling lumber to the community could be used to buy tools for the shop classes.

"This would help the program become self-sufficient when we get ahead of the game," he said.

Seavolt said that he would like to promote "share cutting" with the community.

"If there are people in the community who would like to have their logs cut into wood, they could bring it in and we would do it for them for a nominal fee," he said. "We can cut their wood to any size they need and there are a lot of different things we could do for people."

Seavolt said that the shop also has the capability to

create custom architectural trim and moldings.

"If a person has some architectural trim on their house that they would like to have reproduced we can do it for them if they bring in a sample of what they want," said Seavolt.

"We can even make raised panel doors for kitchen cupboards," he added. "We would be providing a service to the community while we are giving the students a realistic educational experience of what they might expect to do if they were to go to work in the field."

Seavolt added that share cutting and doing other types of wood working for the community would help the students learn even more about the business end of milling and building trades.

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Maple Valley's lady harriers win SMAA title

By placing four runners in the top ten, and six in the top 14, at the SMAA's final jamboree the Maple Valley varsity girls' cross country team won the SMAA championship.

All six of the girls in the top fourteen were named to all-league teams.

Muriel Wieland finished first for the Lions, and second overall, at 21:57 almost a minute ahead of teammate Kari Emerick who finished

third at 22:54. The Lions' Jessica McMillen was fifth overall at 23:10.

In eighth was Dhanicelle Tobias at 23:26.

Summer Hill and Michelle Silsbee finished 13th and 14th for the Lions, with times of 24:24 and 24:50.

Finishing 20th overall was Valley's Ulrike Beckett at 28:12.

Valley finished with 31

points. Ahead of Bellevue's 54 in second place. Leslie finished third, followed by Olivet, then Webberville.

Wieland, Emerick, and McMillen all earned first team all-league honors. Tobias, Hill, and Silsbee were named to the second team.

The boys finished third at the final jamboree, and third overall in the five team SMAA.

Andrew Kenyon and Ja-



The Maple Valley girls' cross-country team poses with their newly won SMAA championship trophy after the league's final jamboree.

Lions finishing soccer season

The Maple Valley boys' varsity soccer team took on Bellevue and the cold weather Monday Oct. 14, and came away with an 8-0 victory.

Lions coach Josh Meersma used the opportunity to give his players the experience of playing at other positions.

Rich Wilson and Jordan Volz both moved up from defensive positions to score goals. Wilson while playing

forward, and Volz from a midfield position.

A good Albion team and a late start hurt the Lions in a 10-0 loss at Albion Wednesday Oct. 16 in the team's final game of the regular season.

The referees showed up to the game 50 minutes late.

"We were freezing by the time the game started," said Meersma. "We didn't give them the kind of contest we're capable of."

"In the cold it's easy to fall out of focus mentally."

The district tournament started Monday for the Lions. They visited Portland who defeated them earlier this season.

If the Lions are able to defeat Portland they would host a district game on Wednesday Oct. 23.

"We'll see how the team plays," said Meersma. "If the senior leaders want the game."

son Wymer at the front for Maple Valley. Kenyon in seventh at 19:08, and Wymer just two seconds behind in eighth.

Next across the line for Valley was Jordan Bursley 15th at 19:41.

In 20th was the Lions Dustin Jones at 20:24.

Valley's final scorer was Zeke Wieland at 22:27 in 29th place.

Kenyon was named to the all-league first team, and Wymer to the second all-league team.

At this final jamboree Leslie finished first with 21 points, followed by Bellevue with 57. The Lions were third with 78. Olivet out ran Webberville to finish fourth, but it wasn't enough for Olivet to climb off the bottom in the final league standings.

Leslie wins the league, Bellevue in second, Valley third, Webberville fourth, Olivet fifth.

The Lions will be preparing this week for their regional race on Saturday Oct. 26.

Lions have bad day at regionals

"The kids are a little disappointed," said Maple Valley boys' varsity golf coach John Hughes after his team finished tenth in their regional.

"We won the league this year, that's our highlight."

At Duck Lake Golf Course the Lions shot a 374, which placed them tenth in the 16 team regional.

"We had a bad day, even though it was a nice day," said Hughes.

Senior Nick Burpee finished his high school golfing days by shooting a 81 to

lead Maple Valley.

Todd Cupp was next for the Lions with an 89.

Hughes said that his other golfers would probably rather not have their scores in the paper.

Lansing Catholic Central

won the Division III tournament with a 311. Hanover Horton and Jackson Lumen Christi finished second and third to also earn trips to the state finals.

Hanover shot a 316, and Lumen Christi had a 327.

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yards in the game, 55 of them coming on the final drive of the game. The Eagle fans got a little excited, thinking that there was a chance their team wouldn't be shut out.

Instead of just chipping in a short field goal to get something on the board Olivet sent a pass into the endzone on fourth-and-five from the Maple Valley 9-yard line.

Grider caught the pass, his second interception of the night, started to run then stopped and stood in the endzone and waited, and waited, and waited as the final few seconds ticked off the clock.

"I can't remember a better evening," said Mittelstaedt. "It was fun."

Hopefully this Friday night will be as fun for coach Mittelstaedt as last Friday was.

The Lions travel down to Albion for a 7 o'clock showdown.

Mittelstaedt said that his team should have plenty of motivation for the game with the thoughts of a possible home playoff game.

"We may have to win," said Mittelstaedt, to get the home playoff game.

"Albion beat us last year, we're going to try and beat them this year."

Albion is currently 4-4 on the season. Paw Paw beat

them last week 23-7.

In other SMAA news Leslie whipped Morrice last Friday, 51-0, to stay one game ahead of the Lions in the league.

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