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## Grace Community Church schedules 'The Hunt II'

Let the men go traipsing the cold, damp wood during the pre-dawn hours of Saturday, Nov. 16, the first weekend of deer hunting season.

The women of the Maple Valley area have a warmer and drier alternative — The Hunt II, sponsored by Grace Community Church in Nashville.

This year the event will be held at Fuller Elementary School, located on M-79 just west of Nashville. It begins at 10 a.m. with brunch, door prizes donated by vendors and a presentation by speaker Carol Short.

After Short's presentation, it will be open season for Christmas shopping and bargain hunting.

Vendors at this year's event include Mary Kay, Massage Therapy, America at Home, JS Homestyle

Flags, Home & Garden, Parlylite Candles, Creative Memories, Avon, Longaberger Basket, Pampered Chef, Tupperware, Discovery Toys, Home Interiors, Tastefully Simple, Stamping Up, Cards by Duska, Linen World and Hair Products.

Each of the vendors will have their own booth with a lot of cash and carry items.

The event was started last year, according to Janet Miller, one of the organizers.

"We wanted to give the ladies (the ones who did not hunt) a chance to get together and do something special... so we decided to have the 'opening day of Christmas shopping season,'" she said.

The event was so successful that the Women in Ministry at Grace Community

Church decided to expand this year by including more vendors and a canned goods collection.

"This year we're asking ladies to bring in some canned goods," said Miller. "These will be distributed in Christmas baskets in the Vermontville area."

Miller noted that, just like last year, all hostess presents that the church receives for sponsoring the event will be donated to the local Angel Tree, as will the proceeds from tickets sales.

Tickets for The Hunt II are \$5 each and must be purchased by calling the church (517) 852-1783 or stopping in at the church office located at 226 S. Main St. in Nashville by Wednesday, Nov. 13, so the women know how much food to prepare for the brunch.



Cay Cates, Suzy Corkwell, Sandy Priddy and Janet Miller pose with a sampling of the wares that will be available at 'The Hunt II' which is being sponsored by Grace Community Church in Nashville.

## Lions stuff Williamston, after two plays

By Jon Gambee

The Maple Valley griders will hit the road Friday afternoon.

Kickoff for the District Final is set for 7:00 Friday night, Nov. 8, at Montrose.

Montrose defeated Capac 45-6 in their first round match up to remain undefeated this season.

Eric Smith scored three times and Ryan Grider had a career night as Maple Valley overcame a stunning 7-0 deficit to grind out a hard-fought 26-7 victory over Williamston in the first round of the MHSAA football playoffs.

The Lions fell behind on the second play from scrimmage when Hornet running back Nathan Schafer bounced off a number of Lion tacklers and raced 71 yards with only 51 seconds gone in the contest. Schafer made everyone miss on the run and it served as a wakeup call for the Lion defense, which looked so hapless on the play that it made one wonder if they should be allowed to eat with such bad hands.

But the defense made a major adjustment after that first series. They collectively decided to tackle Schafer instead of wave at him as he went by and with the exception of one 15 yard run later in the quarter, held the talented running back in check the remainder of the

night. Schafer racked up 80 yards in his first two carries and finished the half with 110.

He carried the football on every offensive running play except one in the first half, averaging 8 yards a carry. Of course, a 71 yard scoring run tends to boost an average. The fact of the matter is, after his 15 yard burst in the first quarter, Schafer never got more than five yards on any play the remainder of the game.

In fact, in the second half, he only carried the ball twice for eight total yards.

You can give credit to the defense, which never rests in Lion Country, and in particular to Brian Dunlap, who made Schafer his personal project after that opening drive. Dunlap led the team with 10 tackles with virtually all of them coming against Schafer, who pretty much was the Hornet offense.

Maple Valley's offense, meanwhile, found that trying the middle against Williamston was an effort in futility. Anchored by 300 pound nose guard Tom Pratt, 290 pound tackle Adam Pease and 240 pound tackle Brad VanSickler, the middle was not a good place to go Friday.

Maple Valley abandoned that route early, opting to go outside the tackles and nobody does that better than



Eric Smith (22) finds a hole behind the block of sophomore Bill Hawblitz (4) and goes in for a Maple Valley touchdown. (Photo by Perry Hardin)



Top right:

Lion running back Jimmy Hirneiss (23) tries to get away from the teeth of the Hornet defense. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

intercepting two passes and catching a touchdown toss from quarterback Britt Leonard. His second inter-

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## Cemetery Board's millage request denied by Vermontville Township

The Vermontville Township Board denied a request from the Woodlawn Cemetery Board to go to the voters with a millage proposal for maintenance of the cemetery.

Irma Gene Baker, secretary-treasurer for the Cemetery Board, presented a report on the cemetery's current financial status.

Vermontville Township Clerk Marcia Grant said Baker's report stated that during July, August and

September, the cemetery had income totaling \$11,000, bills totaling \$8,600, \$2,300 in savings and CDs worth \$48,000.

"At this point we didn't feel that there any cause to be concerned about the cemetery's financial status," said Grant. "We told the Cemetery Board we would review the matter again at the end of March when we do the township's 2003-2004 budget."

"It's my personal feeling

that the cemetery should be able to operate on \$48,000 for a couple of years," she added.

In other action, the board authorized paying Township Treasurer JoeAnn Nehmer \$2.50 per parcel to collect summer taxes during 2003.

Long-time township trustee and former treasurer Rachel Weiler has tendered her resignation because she is moving to Pennsylvania. Anyone interested in filling the vacancy should call Grant at (517) 726-0032.

## New reading program starts here tomorrow

Early childhood Connections and Fuller Street Elementary are sponsoring a new reading program called "Literacy for Little Ones."

Literacy for Little Ones is for children 3 to 5 years of age and their parents. It will held from 11 a.m. to noon on the first Wednesday of every month, starting Nov. 6, at the Community Room at Thornapple Lake Estates,

6335 Thornapple Lake Road, in Nashville.

There will be stories, songs and activities that promote and enhance parent-child interaction.

For more information, call Sandy Husted at Early Childhood Connections (517) 645-4500 or local Early Childhood Coordinator Kaye Setchfield at (517) 726-0149.

## Toddler Time meets Thursdays

Toddler Time meets each Thursday in Vermontville at 11 a.m. in the Vermontville Library, 120 First Street.

Special activities are planned as part of the Parents as Teachers program, but are open to all Eaton County families from any location who would like to learn more about this program.

Toddler Time will not meet the week of the 25th because of the holiday, but will resume the following week as usual.

For more information please contact Joanne Dugopolski or Krista Wilson at Early Childhood Connections, 400 S. Nelson, Potterville, MI 48876; phone (517) 645-4500.

### Garage Sale

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Tina Houchlei, manager of Vermontville Express, the local Mobil gas station, presents a check for \$500 to Fuller Street Elementary School Principal Judy Farnsworth.

## Fuller Street receives \$500 grant from Exxon Educational Alliance

Fuller Street Elementary school recently received a \$500 grant from the Exxon-Mobil Educational Alliance.

Joan Leos, the administrative assistant at Fuller, said the money will be used to purchase additional science and social studies books for the school's literacy program.

"We are very appreciative of the grant. We want to use this money to expand and build our literacy program

by adding books to our level reading room," said Leos. "Our literacy director, Deb Cooley, will be able to expand on books in that area (science and social studies). Our reading level room has books from pre-primer to fifth or sixth grade reading level."

Leos said that literacy is important at Fuller because, "In Maple Valley this is the school where children learn to read."

Fuller's literacy program

seeks to, "create an environment for reading/learning fun... that can be experienced in focused, small 'literacy groups.'"

The literacy groups consist of four to five students led by a trained school aide.

The program is designed to allow students to not only build on reading skills but also provide the children with an opportunity to interact with adults in a less formal setting than a conventional classroom.

Also, making contact with students in small groups allows the reading material to be tailored to the groups' interests as well as reading level, whether it be science, fiction, short stories, or exploring the world through social studies.

## Putnam Library activities outlined

The following activities will be taking place at the Putnam District Library for November and December.

- Nov. 4 - Genealogy workshop.
- Nov. 11 - Writers workshop.
- Nov. 18 - Friends of the Library.
- Dec. 2 - Adoption search

and support group.

Dec. 9 - Book club.

Tuesday night activities are from 6:30 to 8 p.m.

The library also started its "Food For Fines" Monday, Nov. 4. For more information on these activities, please call the library at 852-9723.

## MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOL MENUS

Elementary Schools (Maplewood & Fuller)

**Lunch Menu Wednesday, Nov. 6**  
Fuller Hungry Howies. Pizza, tossed salad, peaches, Hi-C fruit snacks, 1/2 pt. milk.

**Thursday, Nov. 7**  
1/2 day of school. No lunch served.

**Friday, Nov. 8**  
No School.

**Monday, Nov. 11**  
Chicken nuggets, green beans, pineapple, graham crackers, 1/2 pt. milk.

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**  
Cheeseburger, tater tots, fresh fruit, bread sticks, 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, Nov. 6**  
**Choose One** - Spaghetti, pizza, chicken sandwich, pasta bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, whole kernel corn, peaches, juice, Milk.

**Thursday, Nov. 7**  
1/2 day of school. No lunch served.

**Friday, Nov. 8**  
No School.

**Monday, Nov. 11**  
**Choose One** - Chicken nuggets, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, mashed potatoes, pear halves, juice, Milk.

**Tuesday, Nov. 12**  
**Choose One** - Cheesie bread sticks, pizza, cheeseburger, taco bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, whole kernel corn, push-up, juice, Milk.

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# Students learn about Mexican 'Day of the Dead'

In Mexico people do not celebrate Halloween; they celebrate El Dia de las Muertos, or Day of the Dead.

"It's a Mexican custom where people remember those who recently passed on," said Kelly Weaver, a teacher at Maple Valley Alternative Education in Nashville. "It's not a morbid, sad time; it's a happy, festive time. They take time to remember the dead and all the happy times they had with those people."

In her world geography classroom, Weaver set up an "ofenda" or altar, which is a



Alternative education students Mike Root, Dustin Wallace, Melyssa Baldwin, Tracy Smith and Herb Spivey pose behind an ofenda, an altar associated with the Mexican celebration of El Dia de las Muertos, or Day of the Dead.

part of the traditional Mexican celebration. The ofenda features pictures of recently deceased loved ones, candles, flowers and fruit in addition to skulls and skeleton figures.

Students in Weaver's class made traditional calacas, or skeleton puppets decorated with feathers and other colorful bits and

pieces.

"In world geography we study the physical geography of different lands, but we also do things related to the culture of that land," said Weaver. "It just happens that every year we're studying Mexico when Halloween comes around, which is good because we can do this."

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The Maple Valley Athletic Boosters are selling

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The cards are \$10 each and may be purchased from any athlete or Maple Valley Athletic Director Mike Sparks (517) 852-9275.

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## Senior Parents Night planned

A Senior Parents Night will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, in the Maple Valley High School auditorium.

The student council will provide free baby-sitting services during Parent-Teacher Conferences at the Jr./Sr. High School on Wednesday, Nov. 6, and Thursday, Nov. 7.

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# 'Traveling Backpacks' available through Early 4's

Parents of young children in the community are invited to use the new "traveling backpacks," which can be checked out at the Early 4s classroom, located at the corner of Middle and Gregg Street behind the Kellogg School in Nashville.

The backpacks are divided to age appropriate categories for children up to

5 years of age. There are backpacks for infants, toddlers and preschoolers.

"Of course we have more backpacks for preschoolers because that is what our program is geared toward, but there is something for all age groups 0-5," said Young 4s associate teacher Jennifer Lundquist. "The backpacks are to help promote parental

involvement. Each backpack contains a manipulative, a book and an activity card that suggests activities parents can do with their child."

Examples of age appropriate materials, according to Lundquist, would be a music activity in an infant backpack, texture books and sorting games for toddlers and simple story books for preschoolers.

"The backpacks can be used free of charge by anyone in the community, they just need to do a little minor paper work to check them out," said Lundquist.

There also are parental resource books that can be borrowed by parents in the community.

The preschool program held an open house last month and invited the community to come in and see their refurbished facility and new materials.

Lundquist and Early 4s teacher Sarah Marion said the school recently has been repainted, recarpeted and had new linoleum installed. A new privacy fence has been put up to separate the preschool from Kellogg



Brandon Kenyon picks apples during a recent Early 4s field trip to The Country Mill.



Aaron Knoll, Bailey Weiler, Alissa Morgan, Wyatt Ledford, Austin Hartwell, Michelle Sprague and Sean Lewis enjoy a tasty snack during "Cooking Day" at Early 4s.

Brielle Hammond, Michaela Johnson and Erica Burkett hold some of the new "Traveling Backpacks" available to the community through the Early 4s preschool program.



Marion and Lundquist said the school year is off to a great start.

"We went to the Country Mill in Charlotte, and Wade Dickenson's Aunt Michelle, who's a state trooper in Barry County, came in and talked to the class. We're doing some cooking and on Halloween we're going to go trick or treating at area businesses," said Lundquist.

Lundquist and Marion said they are very pleased that preschool parents have formed an advisory board.

"It's another way they can share their ideas for our classroom," said Lundquist. "We've always had really good parents in our program. But this year the parents have been very supportive."

For more information about the traveling backpacks or the Young 4s Preschool program call (517) 852-2075 or stop in Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Saturday, November 16, 2002

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Tickets have to be purchased by November 13.  
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## Parent-teacher conferences scheduled for Nov. 6 & 7

Parent-teacher conferences for Maple Valley Jr.-Sr. High School will be held from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 6, and from 1 to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 8:30 Thursday, Nov. 7.

Students will be released at 11:10 a.m. on Thursday. There will be no school on Friday, Nov. 8.

Free child care services will be provided by the junior high school student council in Room A-10.

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# Public urged to take MEAP test Nov. 14

Parents, community members, teachers, support staff and school board members are invited to get a first-hand look at what students go through when they take the Michigan Education Assessment Program (MEAP) tests in a special program at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 14, at the Maple Valley High School cafeteria.

A school spokesperson said, "You are being invited to an evening of learning, communicating and fellowship..."

"Most adults learned the 3 Rs in school. Today's students need much more to be successful. They need a

fourth 'R' — information retrieval — and 3 Ts: teamwork, technology and critical thinking."

In Michigan, an important measure of skill attainment is the MEAP.

Everyone attending will be invited to "take the test." The sample questions are intended to provide a broader perspective of the skill level

required in academic subjects for several grades and show how public education today means more than having just a solid grasp of the 3Rs.

The test is geared to demonstrating how MEAP test questions tie to specific portions of the Michigan curriculum framework.

"Take the Test" is a joint project of several statewide educational organizations, to help everyone learn what children in Michigan public schools are expected to know when they take their MEAP tests.

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**Friday, Nov. 8**

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# Maple Valley High School goes 'virtual'

by Sandra Ponsetto  
Staff Writer

Maple Valley High School students can attend classes 24 hours a day, seven days a week, thanks to the school's new membership in Michigan Virtual High School.

Michigan Virtual High School offers students classes in every subject of study in high school, some of which are not offered in smaller schools, such as Latin, German, English as a second language and more.

"It can really fill in the cracks in the curriculum at a small school," said Julie Swartz, who coordinates the virtual high school program for Maple Valley, besides to her duties as an English, advanced placement and computer applications instructor.

"We've been involved with Michigan Virtual High School in a small way for about four years," said Swartz. "We had students

taking advanced placement classes. But the program really blossomed this year when we bought a membership in Michigan Virtual High School.

For the approximately \$3,200 fee, Maple Valley gets 60 seats in virtual classrooms. The classes range from advanced placement courses, to traditional high school courses and MEAP and SAT test preparation courses.

Swartz noted that it is cheaper to buy a membership than to enroll students in virtual high school on an "a la carte" basis. "If you sign up for just one advanced placement course, it would cost \$425," she said. The \$3,200 membership fee divided by 60 equals \$53.

The membership also offers 800 courses for teachers and staff, which fulfill continuing education requirements for teachers.

"They simply go through

the tutorial. It takes about seven hours to complete and when they are done they print off a certificate of completion," said Swartz. "The school provides teachers with four days of professional development each year they are required to have five. An on-line course can fill that last requirement. They can brush up their skills or learn something new."

The membership also includes the opportunity for one teacher in the school district to sign up for an on-line instruction course. Once completed, the teacher then would be qualified to teach an on-line course.

"I've applied for the class. I don't know if I will get in or not," said Swartz. "I would like to take it because you not only learn how to teach on-line, but also how to use the Internet more effectively in the classroom."

Swartz said that when you



Foreign exchange students Olga Diener (left) and Kristen Albrecht (right) from Germany, take a virtual high school class in English as a second language while Kyle Lasage (center) works on a world civilizations course.

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compare costs, the virtual classes are a relative bargain compared to traditional high school classes.

"To buy a seat in a regular classroom for one semester costs over \$500," she said.

Using that figure, 60 seats in a regular classroom would total over \$30,000.

Still, Swartz is quick to

say that virtual classes will never and should never replace regular classroom instruction if the latter is available.

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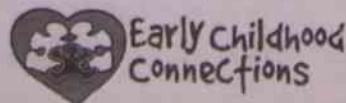
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able. "Virtual classes are the wave of the future, but they are not the future," she said. "The biggest weakness with on-line courses is that they don't offer human contact. You can't beat having a human up in front of a classroom. Interaction with others is a key component to education and that is hard to achieve on-line." Swartz said that students taking on-line courses do interact with a teacher and classmates via the Internet,

but it is not the same quality as face-to-face interaction. "But it fills in the gaps in the curriculum, especially in a smaller school like ours; it gives students opportunities they might not otherwise have like taking German, Latin or psychology." "Maple Valley High School has an enrollment of about 475 students. We're a Class C school, but we have a lot to offer in our curriculum because we are being innovative. The virtual high school is just another piece we have added," said Swartz.

She noted that on-line courses are also useful when there are schedule conflicts. "We have some fourth year band students who wanted to take physics, but it conflicted with their band schedule and they didn't want to give up band, so they enrolled in on-line courses," she said. "Students should not enroll in on-line courses unless they have a real good reason," said Swartz. "The classes are real flexible as far as when the students can do the work, but there are deadlines. You have to be

very self-motivated and disciplined. It's like wearing contact lenses. You have to really want to do it if you are going to be successful." Students enrolled in virtual high school classes spend about 10 to 15 hours a week on their classes if they want to be successful, according to Swartz. In addition to advanced placement and traditional classes, Michigan Virtual High School also offers a career exploration program called My Dream Explorer, which can be used by any teacher in planning career exploration units for their classroom. "They can plan units where their students can log on and use it. It offers information on what kind of training or education is needed for a particular job, what typical daily activities would include, where in the country you could find work in that field, what kind of pay to expect to make and more," said Swartz.

"There are also AP (ad-

vanced placement) tools for teachers," said Swartz. "It has lessons and assignments and other auxiliary materials that teachers can use in their classrooms to enhance the AP experience. Students can use the materials to practice and brush up their skills." Swartz also noted that Michigan Virtual High School offers review and preparation courses for MEAP, ACT, SAT and PSAT tests. "The review for the ACT test is tailored to the needs of the student," said Swartz. "They take a 'brain scan' test and then it determines what they need to work on, whether it is test taking strategies or whatever." More than a dozen seniors who are scheduled to retake their MEAP tests are enrolled in the on-line review. "All our high school juniors will take the MEAPs in the spring," said Swartz. "We'll enroll all of them in the MEAP review. It will be up to them if they want to practice at home or at school." There are now 20 Maple Valley students enrolled in virtual high school classes. "They hear about it through word of mouth," said Swartz. "Right now I'm going around and talking to seniors, the National Honor Society, junior history classes and counselors to let them know what is available. "My career is winding down, I'll retire in about five or six years. But this is invigorating for me," she added. "It's exciting and enjoyable to watch kids get excited about taking a psychology course or practicing for the ACT."

**Students learn about crystal formation at Kellogg School**

Three students in Rose Hahn's Science class at Kellogg School in Nashville are learning about crystal formation first hand.

Brandy Collins, Erin Rice and Ashley Rasmussen are growing their own crystals using a kit purchased from the Smithsonian Institution.

The study of crystals is called crystallography. Each crystal is a solid that consists of various atoms arranged in a uniform repeating pattern based on its unique shape.

"The girls are growing their crystals from a saturated solution in which the crystals will start to grow from a process called nucleation," said Hahn. "The best crystals will be the ones that grow slowly, making them completely regular and free of defects."

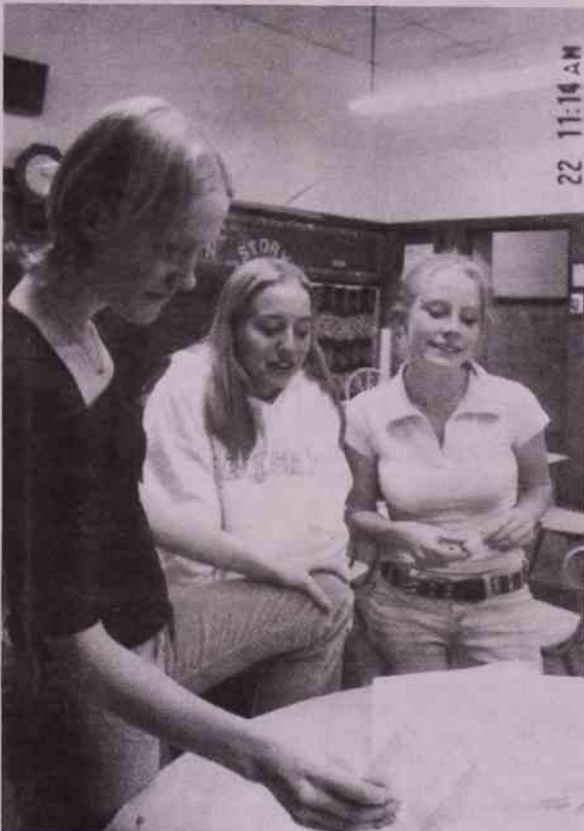
Hahn said the girls are also learning about the seven crystal systems.

"Brandy is growing blue crystals, Erin purple crystals and Ashley is growing pink crystals," she added. "The color of the crystal depends on how the atoms absorb light. If a compound absorbs light of a certain color the compound appears to be the complimentary color."

"Projects like these really make science come to life for the kids; it stirs their interest," said Hahn.

Hahn said that besides learning about the formation of crystals, the students also learn about different types of measurements.

"They have to use a thermometer to check the temperature and their learning about mls and ccs," she said. "Every day, the girls



Brandy Collins, Ashley Rasmussen and Erin Rice work on a crystal growing project for their science class.

have to come in and check on their crystals and see how they are growing."

Once the girls are done growing their crystals they can choose one of several ways to summarize what they have learned.

"I call it 'a la carte' teaching," said Hahn. "I have a menu and they can look at it and decide if they would rather write a report, or a poem or even a letter, draw a picture, do a chart or graph, or write down definitions of terms associated with crystals."

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# Kellogg School students display photo skills

by Sandra Ponsetto  
Staff Writer

Joe Harmon and Joyce Fickey designed a Fall Photo Showcase for the main lobby of the Maple Valley Alternative School, featuring photography, health and hobby classes.

The photos in the showcase were taken by the students in Rose Hahn's photography class using a digital camera.

"It gives the kids a chance to show off their work and it's kind of PR for the class too," said Hahn. "When the kids see the pictures, then everyone wants in."

Hahn said the pictures for the display were chosen based on the quality of the composition. Then the stu-



Joe Harmon poses next to the display case the he designed with the help of classmate Joyce Fickey.

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dents matted their work and gave it a title.

"The kids are really good at naming their photographs. They have a real knack for it," said Hahn. "It brings picture taking alive."

Various other items were on display in the case along with the photographs including: baskets, flowers, Indian corn, pumpkins, peppers, tomatoes, garlic, bananas and apples.

In Hahn's health class each fruit and vegetable

were a lesson for the week. The foods were used in recipes made and served by the students.

"Students enjoy trying new recipes using these fruits and vegetables," said Hahn. "Stop by and see this beautiful display for some fall decorating ideas."

In addition to things from Hahn's classes, some of the items in the display case were from Aaron Appala's new hobbies class.

Hahn said she plans to have her students create another display case for Christmas. This one will feature black and white photographs and will be open to all students at the school, not just her photography class.

"The display will be red, green, black and white and I think we will have a theme featuring the different ways of celebrating Christmas," said Hahn.

# Maplewood fund-raiser to benefit 9/11 orphans

Maplewood Elementary students, in honor of Veterans Day, will be raising money for the Twin Towers Orphans Fund by selling suckers during Parent-Teacher Conferences Wednesday, Nov. 6, and Thursday, Nov. 7.

They also will be taking orders for suckers during the lunch hour on Monday, Nov. 11.

The fund-raiser is the brainchild of fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade PALs (Peer Assistance

Leaders). The sweet suckers are red, white and blue and feature USA and a star logo. Multi-colored suckers are available for students who prefer sour treats. All suckers will be sold for 50 cents each.

Ten percent of the order price for the suckers has already been donated to the Twin Towers Orphan Fund. All profits from the sale of the suckers also will be donated to the fund.

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the money raised by the Twin Towers Orphan Fund goes to children who lost one or both parents during the attack on the World Trade Center in New York City last year. The money is a long-term trust fund for higher education and health care support.

## CALENDER OF EVENTS

- Nov. 6 Livestock Developmental Committee meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
- Nov. 7 Fair Board Meeting.
- Nov. 7 4-H Companion Animal Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- 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. 20 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7 pm., Community Room, Courts & Law Building.
- Nov. 21 Fair Board Meeting.
- 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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# Lions' lady cagers just keep on rollin'

By Brett Bremer  
Sports Editor

Maple Valley varsity girls' basketball coach Craig Kitching said that his girls came out a little slow in their game at Bellevue last Thursday.

Of course this season slow for his girls, would equal a good half of basketball for a lot of other teams in the area.

Slow, last Thursday, was a 24-19 halftime lead.

When you play as confidently as the Lions, maybe a five point lead doesn't feel like enough.

Kitching said his Lions came out with more intensity in the second half, and played smarter and played more effective defense.

With the speed of the Lions good defense quickly turns into good offense. "Instead of missing our shots," like in the first half said Kitching, we're "hitting lay-ups."

They kept building their lead in the second half, finally winning 55-31.

Megan Garvey scored 15 points to lead the Lions in that category, but as anyone who knows this Lion team will tell you, the Maple Valley statisticians are busy folks.

Akiyo Ueshima scored ten points and pulled down six boards. Jessie Grant and Briann Treloar both scored



Briann Treloar sails through the lane, tacking two more points onto Maple Valley's lead. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

seven points. Grant also had six assists and five steals. Treloar added nine rebounds and two blocked shots.

Kitching said that Meagan Putnam had several key rebounds in the game and that she and Veronika Pitukova

both had good defensive nights.

Pitukova hit a couple of three's in the win, and Kitching says that she's getting more comfortable in her starting role.

Tuesday Oct. 29 at home against Leslie the Lions did just what they wanted to do on defense, while scoring almost enough points for three wins with their d, winning 66-23.

The loudest cheers of the night came with about two minutes left in the ball game. Kitching called a timeout to set up a play for his girls.

It worked to perfection as senior Jennifer Grant hit her shot to put the Lions up 64-23. No the Lions weren't rubbing it in, hoping to win by 40.

Jennifer Grant was the last of the eleven Lions to score in the ball game.

Going through the list from the bottom to the top, Ashley Gordeneer 1 point, Jennifer Grant 2, Chayla Robles 2, Tessa Robles 2, Meagan Putnam 4, Jessie Grant 4, Veronika Pitukova 7, Akiyo Ueshima 10, Megan Garvey 10, Kortney Ewing 11, Briann Treloar 12.

Treloar was the Lions leading scorer and had eight rebounds, despite playing no more than half the night.

The Lions also shut down Leslie's two scorers who hurt them the first time the two teams met. Valley committed only nine fouls the whole night.

Continuing their trend of getting good shots from their defense, either lay-ups or free throws, the Lions went 20 for 27 from the free throw line.

Kitching said that the sophomore Ewing is really coming on for his team. She had her highest scoring game against Leslie, and

also recorded seven rebounds, four steals, and two assists.

Adding to her double digit scoring was Ueshima with five boards and two steals. "She really showed what she can do tonight," said Kitching.

Kitching said that he and his coaches convinced Pitukova in the half time locker room to keep shooting, after a cold first half, but shoot instead of forcing the ball up to the rim. She came out and knocked down a couple more shots in the second half.

"You have permission to

make mistakes, to miss shots," says Kitching, and by giving his team that kind of permission they play loose and that's what the coach likes. Kitching also says that he likes he can talk to one of his girls, like Pitukova, at halftime and they go out in the second half and "try to do what you tell them. They're very coachable."

The Lions are now 14-2 overall and 9-1 in the SMAA. Olivet remains unbeaten in the league, the two teams will meet in the final game of the season, but the Lions still aren't looking ahead.

First up is a home game with Dansville Tuesday Nov. 5, then the Lions are on the road Friday night, Nov. 8 at Lansing Christian.



Veronika Pitukova makes like one of the Lions' gridders and tucks the ball in for her trip through the middle of the defense.



The Lions' Meagan Putnam gets swarmed by Blackhawks when she gets into the paint. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



Ashley Gordeneer looks as though she enjoys causing problems down low for the Leslie Blackhawks. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

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## Valley eighth graders reach 1000 yard mark

The Maple Valley 8th grade football team and coaches accomplished their goal of a 1000-yard season. The Maple Valley team of (back from left) Michael Wolfe, Austin Bodenmuller, Coach Jeremy Wiser, Jamie Corwin, Coach Eric Goris, Caleb Abfalter, Pat Mulvaney, Coach Brian Christensen, T.J. Bently, Jeremy Whitney, Coach Jason Abfalter, Coach T.R. Meyers, (middle) Andrew Ashcraft, Evan Smith, Timmy Wood, Lance Howard, Max Wilson, Jake Meyers, Jarred Goris, (front) Cody Ward, Brad Thurlby, Steve Tait, Micah Coplin and Coach Rob Goris went 7-1 for the season.

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## Lions' jayvee girls spread scoring in basketball wins

Halloween night the Maple Valley jayvee girls' basketball team led by three points at the half over Bellevue, before out scoring them 31-13 in the second.

It was the jayvee Lions' 11th win this season, with six losses.

Mindy Newton led the eight different Lions who scored with 12 points. She also had seven rebounds and three blocked shots.

Amy Abbott combined seven points with four steals and four assists.

Krista Driksna got things done in the paint for Valley pulling down nine rebounds, and blocking five shots. She also had four points in the

win.

Having eight Lions score was probably kind of a let down after ten of them put up points in the girls' 59-17 victory over Leslie Tuesday Oct. 29.

Maple Valley led 32-13 at the half, then held Leslie to only four points in the entire second half.

Driksna led the Lions with 12 points. She also had eleven rebounds and six blocked shots.

Also filing up the stat sheet for the Lions were Kyndra Root with 11 points, seven boards, five steals, and three assists, and Abbott with nine points, seven

boards, seven steals, and three assists.

Mindy Newton led the team in rebounding with 12, and added seven points, five steals, and three blocked shots.

Dishing out seven assists to her teammates was Lynzie Rigelman. She scored four points of her own and swiped three steals.

Closing out the scoring for the Lions were Donna Cripe with four points, Samantha Pierce with four, Sammy Cowell four, Sarah Trumble two, and Allison Oleson two.

## Area Obituaries

### Margiena Ruth Jenks (Thelen) Porter

SUNFIELD - Margiena Ruth Jenks (Thelen) Porter, fondly called "Babe," passed away Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2002 at Ingham Regional Medical Center, Greenlawn Campus in Lansing, MI at the age of 54.

Margiena was born at St. Lawrence Hospital in Lansing, MI on Nov. 25, 1947, the daughter of Claude J. and Janet E. (Goff) Thelen.

She resided in the Sunfield area throughout her life. She enjoyed sewing, crafts, flower gardening and her beloved pets, Chloe, Tiger and Mickey.

Her loved ones will always treasure her gifts of homemade keepsakes.

Margiena spent her life nurturing others and was a care giver/supervisor at the River Inn Adult Foster Care Home in Sunfield for many years.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, William Jenks; father, Claude Thelen; half brother, Terry Wawiernia; and step father, Frank Wawiernia.

She is survived by her children, Angela Jenks of Lansing, Holly Jenks of Lansing; son, Michael Todd

(Tammy) Jenks of Grand Ledge; mother, Janet Wawiernia; brother, Thomas (Nancy) Thelen of Lyons; grandchildren, Joshua, Jennifer, Nicholas, and Chance; half brothers, Joseph Wawiernia of Portland, Steven Wawiernia of Sunfield, Daniel (Sally) Wawiernia of Jackson; father-in-law, Raymond Jenks of Haslett; sister-in-law, Brenda (James) Monroe of Haslett, Jill (Dwight) Bloomfield of Benbrooke, TX; former husband, John Porter; several nieces and nephews and special friends.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Nov. 2, 2002

at the Sunfield United Brethren Church. An interment service followed the funeral at the church at the Sunfield Cemetery.

For those wishing, contributions may be made in care of the family; c/o RFH, P.O. Box 36, Sunfield, MI 48890.

The pallbearers were Rod and Ed Wawiernia, Thomas Jr., Glen, and Mitch Thelen, and James Monroe.

The arrangements were made by the Independent Family Owned Funeral Home in Sunfield, Rosier Funeral Home.

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ception, in the fourth quarter, was in the Maple Valley end zone and effectively put an end to any Hornet hopes of getting back in the game.

Just minutes before that he had put the final points on the board with a 25 yard touchdown catch in the corner of the end zone.

"We thought we could exploit the pass," said Maple Valley Coach, Guenther Mittelstaedt after the game. "Some of the times that Leonard ran for nice gains, we actually had set up to pass, but he ran out of the pocket." Leonard had 69 yards on only six carries.

Meanwhile, Dunlap, who usually makes his biggest contribution on offense, was used as fodder for the middle, punishing the Hornet interior. Making up for his lack of size with size of heart, Dunlap is a player in the finest tradition of the rich Lion legacy. He asks for no quarter and gives no quarter. He threw his 160 pound frame against that 830 combined pounds of defense time after time and while he managed only 41 yards in 13 carries, he kept the middle of the defense honest.

On can't help but feel sorry for those behemoth's who had to tackle him so many times. Their kneecaps had to be battered and bruised come Saturday morning and they were last seen trying to wedge themselves collectively into one standard sized whirlpool.

Dunlap worked hard to soften the middle and help open up the outside for Smith and Jimmy Hirneiss, who finished with 54 tough yards for the night. Dunlap had only one long gain, a 14 yard run late, but with the help of a hard working line, he punished the Hornet's interior and though every yard



Maple Valley's defensive coach Don Roscoe goes over the game plan with his linemen. (Photo by Perry Hardin)



Lions' quarterback Britt Leonard (14) picked up a couple key first downs running with the football. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

get back into the contest. Dunlap had to be content to make his biggest contribution this night on defense and he had twice as many tackles as any other player. Smith, who also plays as

hard on defense as offense, was second with five tackles and Eric Turner had five.

Asked by a reporter after the game what portion of his team's play he was most proud of, Mittelstaedt said, "I think the fact that they played hard all night long and never quit."

"Williamston is a good football team and Schafer is

an outstanding running back. I think he had 1200 or 1400 yards this season so we knew he would be tough."

This week, Maple Valley will travel to Montrose, located somewhere between Flint and the North Pole. When asked directions, this reporter was advised to go straight through to Nome, Alaska and take a right.

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was earned on sheer determination and guts, the fact of the matter is, he never lost a yard, he always pushed forward.

But the big story was the defense, which looked so bad on the first series that they resembled a frustrated organ grinder trying to break in a new monkey. But they regrouped, remembered how to tackle, and held the vaunted Hornet offense in check for the remainder of the game.

Truth be told, the second half was pretty much all Maple Valley, as Williamston only ran 12 offensive plays (not counting penalties) the entire 24 minutes. Only six of them resulted in yardage gained.

The defense was outstanding after that first atrocious series and they more than made up for their early miscues.

Maple Valley's offense, meanwhile, controlled the line of scrimmage, the football and the clock, running 37 offensive plays down the stretch. It's pretty hard to score without the football so his team held on to it for the majority of the second half and Williamston never really had an opportunity to



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