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## Fuller first-graders enjoy Thanksgiving feast

by Sandra Ponsetto

The smell of roasted turkey filled the halls last Wednesday when Tammi King's first grade class wrapped up their unit on the first Thanksgiving with a traditional feast with all the trimmings.

Along with the turkey donated by Adam Brumm and his family and roasted by King, the children enjoyed a variety of side dishes prepared by their parents, including mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and green beans.

The children finished their meal with pumpkin pie that they had made themselves the day before.

"All the children took turns putting in an ingredient and holding the mixer,

as we blended everything together," said King.

The children were dressed for the occasion in Native American costumes that they created themselves. Many of the parents got into the holiday spirit and donned construction paper Pilgrim hats and bonnets that their children had made

for them.

The children also sang Thanksgiving songs for their parents who attended the feast and had an opportunity to show off what they have learned about the first Thanksgiving.

"It's just a really great way to wrap up our unit on the first Thanksgiving," said King.

### Christmas concert planned

The Praise Band from the Lakewood United Methodist Church will be at the Vermontville United Methodist Church, located at 108 E. Main St., in Vermontville at 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 15, for a concert of sacred Christmas music and contempo-

rary praise and worship music for all ages.

Members of the Vermontville United Methodist Church invite everyone to come and enjoy the music, sing along and worship with them.



Dylan Kennedy and Donald Hampton, dressed as Native Americans, enjoy their Thanksgiving feast in Tammi King's first grade class.

## Maple Valley plans open house for home-schoolers

by Sandra Ponsetto  
Staff Writer

Home schooled children of all ages and grades and their parents are invited to attend an open house from 2 to 6 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 11, at the Maple Valley High School cafeteria.

The children and their parents are invited to come to the school, look over available resources and talk with teachers and administrators to see if there are any resources that they would like to take advantage of.

"One of the school board's goals has been to increase the service we give to families who don't attend our schools," said Maple Valley Schools Superintendent Clark Volz. "We want to take this opportunity to support these people any way we can.

"Many of the people who home school their children do so to support their religious instruction and that is certainly something we want to support," he added.

Volz noted that there are many Amish families who live in the school district and home school their children.

"We have contacted many of the Amish families and, while they are very independent, there is some interest in metal and wood shop

classes," he said.

Volz noted that there are already home schooled students enrolled in band and technology classes.

"Those are things they can't replicate in a home school setting, and we want to enrich the students and support them any way we can," he added.

Maple Valley High School and alternative education students will be going on a field trip to the Van Andel Museum in Grand Rapids in the Spring to see the Dead Sea Scrolls. Volz said the district invites home schooled students in the area to attend as well.

"We want to give them a chance to partner with the school and go with us to see

the scrolls," he said. "There might be some home schoolers who would enjoy going and we are willing to help out with the tickets and transportation.

"We have a lot of materials and resources that are not currently being used that we can give away to home schoolers and there are others that they can sign out," said Volz. "Many times people hear about things like this and think there must be an ulterior motive. But that is not the case. We are committed to extending our resources we can to area residents and we are not expecting anything in return. We just want to give them the support that they need."

For more information, call Volz at (517) 852-9699.



### Time to send letters to Santa!

The Christmas season has arrived and it's time for children to write their letters to Santa. In anticipation of the large number of letters that will soon be headed to Santa's workshop, the Village of Nashville has decided to lend a hand by setting up a special mailbox in the park downtown for all mail bound for the North Pole. Cheryl Hartwell helps her grandson, Austin Hartwell, put his letter to Santa in the mailbox. Some of the letters placed in the box will be printed in the Maple Valley News before they are forwarded to Santa's Workshop.

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# Fuller kindergartners observe Grandparents Day



Kindergartners perform "Ten Little Indians" during Grandparent's Day last week at Fuller Street Elementary.

The audience, many of them sporting construction paper Pilgrim hats and bonnets, listened appreciatively as the youngsters in Fuller Street Elementary's kindergarten classes performed a variety of fun and festive seasonal songs.

As part of Fuller's annual "Grandparent's Day" celebration, the children performed six songs including, "Ten Little Indians," "We are Thankful" and "Mr. Turkey, You'd Better Watch

Out." Afterward, the grandparents were treated to a special snack which included cranberry relish the children had made the previous week during Native American Days. The children also made cookies, wove construction paper placemats and made hats for their special guests.

There is total of 110 students in five kindergarten classes at Fuller. The classes meet all day on alternate



Grandparents and their grandchildren enjoy a special snack during Grandparent's Day.




days and a half day on Friday. So, there were actually two Grandparent's Days at the school — one on Tuesday and the other on Wednesday.

But the songs, food and the special bond enjoyed the grandparents sharing a special afternoon with their grandchild were the same each day.

Grandparents, many of them sporting Pilgrim hats made by their grandchild, select from a variety of snacks.

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Fiction: The Murder Book, by Jonathan Kellerman, Blessing by Anna Quindlen, The Apprentice by Tess Gerritsen, Nights by Rodanthe by Nicholas Sparks, Q is for Quarry by Sue Grafton, Going Home, Chesapeake blue by Nora Roberts, From a Buick 8 by Stephen King, Good Sister by Diana Diamond, Crush

by Sandra Brown, Chasing the Dime by Michael Connelly, Answered Prayers by Danielle Steel, Visions of Sugarplums by Janet Evanovich, Quentins, by Maeve Bincy.

Christian Fiction: Runaway Heart by Jane Peart, The Covenant by Beverly Lewis, The Beloved Land by Janet Oke, Not a Sparrow

Falls by Linda Nicholas, True Honor, The Healer, Danger in the Shadows by Dee Henderson, A Voice in the Wind, An Echo in the Darkness, As Sure as the Dawn by Francine Rivers.

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# Maplewood 5th-graders see career presentations

Students in Rose Dunham's fifth grade class learned last week about a variety of different careers and even heard first hand accounts from some of their classmates' parents.

While studying careers, the students learned a lot of other lessons too, according to Dunham.

"We had one gentleman come in who talked about the different pay scales you could expect with a high school degree, or a four-year college degree," said Dunham. "For example, he said that someone with a high school degree could expect to earn about \$8.50 an hour. Someone with a four-year college degree could expect to earn \$13.50 or more."

Dunham said her class used their math skills to determine which degrees and career paths would earn the most financial rewards.

"Once they did the math, they could think about the choices they make in life, and how they can effect their earning potential," said Dunham. "They also thought about how the choices they make right now in school can affect their future."

Lizzy Stewart's grandfather, Harold Stewart, owns Master Builders LLC in Vermontville. His company builds small portable buildings. He talked to Dunham's class about his business and promoted metal and wood shop classes for anyone interested in getting into the building or construction business. He also stressed the importance of graduating from high school and going on to college.

Stewart also discussed the possibility of the class coming down to Build Masters later in the year to see how the buildings are made.

Catara Briggs' mother, Gay Goodnoe, talked about

her career as an independent Avon sales representative.

Kayla Shaw's father, Tony Shaw, talked about his business A & L Assembly LLC, which makes parts for Trident Lighting, which makes lights for snowmobiles and automobiles.

Chelsea Khouri's father, George Khouri, talked to the students about his work as a corrections officer at the Ionia State Prison.

Chelsea said her father spends a lot of time talking with the prisoners, trying to help them with their problems, in addition to making sure that the fences in the facility are working properly.

To cap off their studies, Dunham's class will be going to the "When I Grow Up" (WIGU) event at Michigan State University Thursday, Dec. 5.

All fourth and fifth grade students in the state are invited to attend the event, which features a career expo presented by the different university colleges. The displays will include occupations associated with the six careers pathways.

And, just for fun, the day includes free tickets to an MSU ladies' basketball game (vs. Kent State).



Four students in Rose Dunham's fifth grade class at Maplewood Elementary had a parent or grandparent come in to their class and talk about their careers. Pictured are (from left) Lizzy Stewart, holding a brochure from her grandfather, Harold Stewart's, business Master Builders LLC; Catara Briggs, holding a brochure used by her mother, Gay Goodnoe, an independent Avon sales representative; Kayla Shaw, who holds a brochure from Trident Lighting, a company, which buys parts from her father's business, A & L Assembly LLC; and Chelsea Khouri, who holds tickets for career day at MSU. Chelsea's father is a corrections officer at the state prison in Ionia.

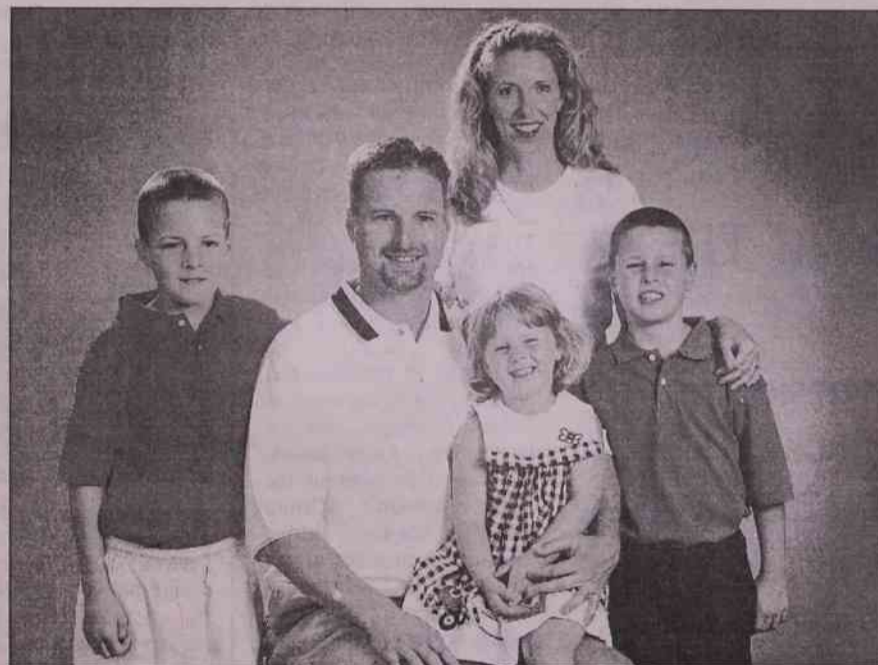
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# Obituaries

## Frieda Foss Fisher

SUNFIELD - Frieda Foss Fisher, of Sunfield, Mich., passed away Friday, Nov. 22, 2002 in Lansing, Mich. at the age of 82.

She was born Jan. 7, 1920 in Saginaw, Mi, the daughter of John C. and Mary K. (Foss) Loose.

Mrs. Fisher lived in Sunfield for 42 years.

Paul and Frieda purchased the Maples Funeral Home in 1961, and owned and operated as Mapes-Fisher Funeral Home until the fall of 1989.

She was preceded in death by her husband Paul F. Fisher Sr., a daughter, Angela, (who died at birth), and a son, William A. "Moose."

Surviving are her sons, Paul Jr. (Valerie) of Luther, MI, and his daughter, Angela, of Grand Rapids; John (Sandra) of Sunfield and their children, David and Katherine, both of Lansing, and Kenneth (Debrah) and their children, Charlotte, and Clair, all of Connecticut.

Frieda was quite active in the community. She was responsible for establishing the Red Cross Blood drives in the Sunfield area number of years ago, and was one of the founders of the Sunfield District Library.

She was involved with a number of food banks and drives, the most noteworthy being the "Share" program. She was founding officer and charter member of the Lansing based women in construction service and professional organization. She was a member of the Sunfield Lioness Club.

She also had involved with the Clinton, Eaton, and Ingham counties Senior Peer Counseling Center.

Mrs. Fisher had received formal recognition for her work in the community by the Greater Michigan Foundation, which presented her with their "Volunteer Leadership Award." The Sunfield area sponsors of programs for youth honored her with their "Community

Service Award." In addition, the Michigan Legislature issued a "Special Tribute" to her for "...Her limitless capacity to give of herself." "Indeed, leadership, community spirit, initiative, and hard work have been the measure of her efforts throughout her adult life as she has gone about offering her energies and skills to any worthwhile endeavors aimed at improving the community or assisting any of its residents."

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Nov. 27, 2002 at the Sunfield United Brethren Church. Interment as at the Woodland Memorial Park Cemetery.

For those wishing, contributions may be made to the S.P.Y.'s Scholarship Fund, c/o RFH P.O. Box 36, Sunfield, MI 48890.

For more information www.legacy.com.

Arrangements were made by Mapes-Fisher Chapel in Sunfield.

## Donna Janet Wawiernia

CHARLOTTE - Donna Janet Wawiernia, age 60, of Charlotte, Michigan, died Monday, November 25, 2002.

Mrs. Wawiernia was born April 13, 1942, in Des Moines, Iowa, the daughter of James and Lucile (Slanker) Florence.

She was a Retired Office Manager and Bookkeeper for Rudoni Management. She was a great supporter of her grandchildren and Eaton County 4-H. She was a member of the Vermontville Congregational Church.

She is survived by son, Scott (Paula) Wawiernia of Columbia Station, Ohio; daughter, Tracey (Jeff) Gordener of Vermontville, Michigan; step-son, Tony (Charlie) Wawiernia of Vermontville; five grandchildren, Brandy, Trevor, Tim, Ashley and Matt; sisters, Jean Brand of Charlotte, Judy Hamilton of Florida and brother, Richard (Betsy) Florence of California.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew in 1996.

Funeral services were held Saturday, November 30, 2002 at Pray Funeral Home, Charlotte, Michigan. Reverend Eric Lison officiated.

Interment was at Woodlawn Cemetery in Vermontville, Michigan.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Lansing.

Further information available at www.prayfuneral.com.

Arrangements were made by Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte.

## Phyllis J. (Duffy) (Rogers) Alber

HASTINGS - Phyllis J. (Duffey) (Rogers) Alber, 74, of Hastings, died Sunday, Nov. 24, 2002 at Metropolitan Hospital in Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Alber was born on July 12, 1928 in Hastings, MI, the daughter of Dennis and Helen (Lawrence) Duffey. She was raised in the Yankee Springs area of Barry County and attended Middleville schools, graduating in 1946 from Middleville High School.

She was married to Harold S. Rogers on Sept. 30, 1949 and he died Sept. 28, 1983. She was married to Frank J. Alber on July 16, 1988 and he survives.

She was employed at Felpausch Food Store in Hastings since 1963. Previous employment included the former Orchard Industries in Hastings and did waitressing in Hastings.



She was a member of Thornapple Valley Church.

Mrs. Alber is survived by her husband, Frank; daughter, Sherry (Jerry) Henk of Marne, MI; sons, Terry (Judy) Keller of Hastings and Harold "Sandy" Rogers of Hastings; step-sons, Mike (Jane) Alber of Cedar Springs and Frank Alber, Jr. of Pierson, MI; step-daugh-

ter, Pam (John) Guae of Lowell; four grandchildren, Stacey (David) Kensington, Stephen (Karri) Shepler, Jennifer Rogers and Amanda Rogers; seven great grandchildren; four step grandchildren; sister, Carly (Don) Kermeen of Lowell; and niece, Kerry (Scott) Sanders of Lowell.

Preceding her in death were parents; husband, Harold Rogers; grandson, Daniel Rogers; and granddaughter, Crystal Lynne Shepler.

Respecting her wishes, private family services will be conducted with Pastor Gary Newton officiating. Burial will be at Hastings Riverside Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to American Cancer Society.

Arrangements were made by Wren Funeral Home of Hastings.

## Linda R. Graham

ADA, OHIO - Linda R. Graham, age 55, of Ada, Ohio, died Saturday, Nov. 30, 2002 at her residence.

She was born May 8, 1947 in Ada, Ohio to Kenneth D. and Thelma (Zimmer) Austin, Sr.

She married John Knell and they were divorced. She then married Stewart A. Graham on May 1, 1991 and he survives.

Mrs. Graham was assistant director of printing services for 22 years at Ohio Northern University, Ada, Ohio and worked at ONU for a total of 27 years.

A true Adaiter, Linda was born at her parents residence on Highland Avenue and lived her entire life in Ada. Her membership include: a member of the Ada First United Methodist Church where she was a member of the United Methodist Women and served for a period as secretary of the Administrative Council. She was a member and officer of the Tri-County Doll Club; a past member of the Quatre Club; and a charter member of the Lima Area Club of Printing Home Craftsmen for the past 20 years, where she served as president on two occasions. She was recognized locally as Craftsman of the Year and achieved the designation of Premier Craftsman from the International Organization. She was a member of the ONU Women's Group where she was in the Bridge Club and a member of the ONU Secretaries Association.

She is survived by her mother, Thelma Austin; two daughters, Amanda (Christopher) Rowland of Smithfield, North Carolina and Aimee Knell at home; one step-son, Stewart (Christina Cole) Graham of Fort Wayne, Indiana; one step-daughter, Elizabeth (Steven) McBee of Linden, Indiana; four grandchildren, Andrew Graham, Aubrey Graham, Lauren Graham and Regan Graham; two sisters, Charlotte (Gene) Fry of McGuffey, Ohio and Jill (John) Theobald of Troy, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Kenneth D. Austin, Jr. and a sister, Pearl Louise Austin.

A memorial service will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Dec. 7, 2002 at First United Methodist Church of Ada. Rev. Wayne Albertson officiating.

Friends may call one hour prior to the service at the

church on Saturday, from 9 a.m. until 10 a.m.

The family request no flowers and memorial contributions may be given to Hardin Hospice Care of Kenton, Ohio and/or the First United Methodist Church of Ada, Ohio.

Arrangements were made by Hanson-Neely Funeral Home, Ada.

## Everett W. Kingma

ALTO - Everett W. Kingma, age 64 of Alto, passed away peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Monday, November 25, 2002.

He was preceded in death by his father, Herman and his brother, Roger.

He is survived by his loving wife, Shirley; his children, Cindy Zinger, Tammy (Bruce) DeWitt, Lance (Kathy) Kingma, Lani (J.D.) Forbes and

Mike Stephens; 15 grandchildren; one great grandson; his mother, Clara Kingma; his brother, Harlan (Jamie) Kingma and one niece.

According to his wishes, cremation has taken place.

In Lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the family.

A Memorial Service will be held at a later date.

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**Thursday, Dec. 5**  
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stick, peaches, 1/2 pt. milk.  
**Friday, Dec. 6**  
Mini-pancakes, link sausage, potato wedge, applesauce, 1/2 pt. milk.  
**Monday, Dec. 9**  
Hot dog, cheetos, whole kernel corn, apple, 1/2 pt. milk.

**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
Fuller: Hot pocket; MW: Fiestada (Mexican Pizza); green beans, applesauce, graham crackers, 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, Dec. 4**  
**Choose One** - Hot pocket,

pizza, chicken sandwich, breakfast bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, whole kernel corn, fresh fruit, juice, Milk.  
**Thursday, Dec. 5**  
**Choose One** - Spaghetti, pizza, cheeseburger, taco bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, California blend veg., peaches, juice, Milk.  
**Friday, Dec. 6**  
**Choose One** - Goulash, pizza, chicken sandwich, salad bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, potato wedge, applesauce, juice, Milk.

**Monday, Dec. 9**  
**Choose One** - Fiestada (Mexican pizza), cheeseburger, pizza, taco bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, green beans, applesauce, juice, Milk.  
**Tuesday, Dec. 10**  
**Choose One** - Burrito, cheeseburger, pizza, taco bar. **Choose Two** - Garden salad, whole kernel corn, sherbet cup, juice, Milk.

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Wed. Evening Service ..... 7 p.m.  
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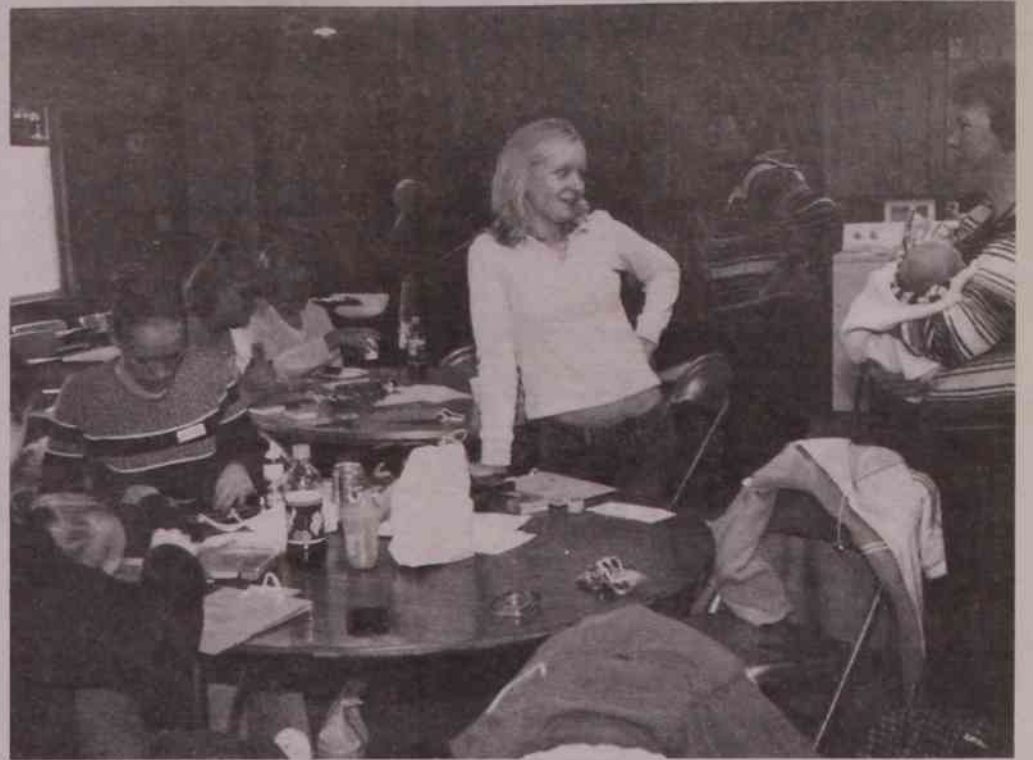


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Amy Sedell talks with Lorrain Benedict, who is holding Sedell's daughter, Kalin Foster during the MOPS program last week in Kellogg School's new life skills center.



Lacy Bolton and Tiffany Caswell talk with Carolyn Seidl (center), the coordinator of the Mentoring Excellence program in Barry County, while they work on a craft project.

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The program's goal is to help young mothers and pregnant teens in the Maple Valley Alternative Education program develop their parenting and other life skills, such as cooking, cleaning and living on a budget.

The MOPS organization from the Vermontville Bible Church plans to come to the school on the second and fourth Tuesday of every month throughout the school year.

"During each session we try to teach life skills, life lessons and work on parenting and relationship skills. We try to make this a light-hearted and fun environment for the girls," said Sarah Gurd, the Vermontville Bible Church MOPS coordinator. "It's our goal to develop a relationship with these girls and share with them the happiness we have through Christ."

At each meeting, child care and an age appropriate snack is provided for the children while the girls have an opportunity to participate in hands-on activities such as baking, crafts and a variety of other life skills.

Helping Gurd are Dawn Yager, Lorrain Benedict, Sheila Iszler and Bonnie White, also from the Vermontville Bible Church chapter of MOPS.

Gurd said that MOPS is an international organization, based in Denver Colorado. "MOPS has its own statement of purpose which is, 'To nurture every mother of preschoolers by meeting their distinct needs to the glory of Jesus Christ.'"

During the first meeting, which was held in early November, the girls at Kellogg school did some baking and

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made picture frames. Last Tuesday, the girls made muffins, talked about Thanksgiving and holiday traditions, and made special gift bags using stamps and iron-on appliques.

Carolyn Seidl, who is the coordinator for the Mentoring Excellence program in Barry County, also attended the last meeting.

"The mentoring program works to make mentors available to parents who want and need them," said Seidl.

Future plans include an infant CPR class and making first aid kits in December. The girls next month will learn about budgeting and how to cook on a budget.

"We're so thankful that they now have the life skills center where we can teach the girls how to cook and meal preparation," said Gurd. "And, there's also a washer and dryer."

Gurd noted that while the local chapter of MOPS visiting the school is sponsored by the Vermontville Bible Church, Grace Community Church and the Vermontville Bible Church Youth Group also have made generous donations to help with the program's expenses.

Teens who have been attending the programs said they enjoy it.

"The last time they taught us how to make sticky buns or monkey bread," said Amanda Driksna, when asked what she like about the program.

"They have a real good program going on," said Stacey Silverman, who has attended both MOPS programs. "I think what I like best is the MOPS Bucks they give you for participating. You can save them up to purchase things for your baby, like rattles, slippers and some other things like massage stuff for moms. Or,



Heather Adams and her daughter, Summer, decorate a holiday gift bag with stamps during a recent MOPS meeting in the new life skills center located behind Kellogg School in Nashville.

you can save your bucks for bigger stuff like car seats." Benedict, explained that the girls receive MOPS Bucks for attending the session, participating in the discussions and activities or bringing a friend who is either pregnant or the mother of a preschool child.

"You can only spend MOPS Bucks, not real money at the MOPS Shop," she added.

In addition to MOPS Bucks, each mother enrolled in MOPS receives a special gift pack containing, a "Veggie Tales" video, books and coupons, according to Gurd.

Reaching out to mothers of all ages is what MOPS is all about, according to Gurd. "We're all moms and we

hope we can share some of the experiences we have had to encourage young moms," she said.

Gurd also noted that any mother of preschool age children is welcome to attend the regular MOPS meeting on the third Tuesday of every month at the Vermontville Bible Church, located at 250 N. Main in Vermontville from 9 to 11:30 a.m.

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**Miscellaneous**

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## Fund-raiser to benefit alternative ed principal

There will be a spaghetti dinner at Maple Valley High School, located at 11090 Nashville Highway Wednesday, Dec. 18, starting at 4:30 p.m. to benefit Terrence (Tate) Mix.

Mix has been with Maple Valley Schools for more

than 16 years and has served as the principal of the Maple Valley Alternative Education program since it began in 1996. He has been battling follicular lymphoma cancer for 8 1/2 years. Traditional chemotherapy treatments are no longer working



help that we can give him," said Debbie Baker, the secretary at Maple Valley alternative education, who is coordinating the fund-raising efforts.

The cost of the dinner is \$5 per person. Raffle tickets will be sold at the dinner for door prizes, which include a hand made quilt, gift certificates to Penny's Pizza in Lake Odessa, a \$25 gift certificate from the Floral & Gift Shop in Nashville, two free haircuts from Sandy's Barber Shop, a \$20 gift certificate from Eagle Enterprise, and a \$25 gift certificate from DeLynnA sewing specialist.

The American Red Cross will have a booth set up at the dinner for anyone who is interested in registering to become a possible bone marrow donor.

For those who can not attend the dinner or would like to contribute more, an account is being set up for Mix at the Eaton County Educational Credit Union in Charlotte. Checks can be made out to Maple Valley Alternative Education.

For more information, call Baker at (517) 852-9794 or Maple Valley Superintendent Clark Volz at (517) 852-9699.

## Engagements

### Smith-Brink

Bud and Patti Smith of Caledonia are pleased to announce the engagement of their daughter Allison to Brian Brink, son of Glenn and Vicki Brink of Hamilton.

A March 1, 2003 wedding is being planned.

Allison is a graduate of Caledonia High School and Michigan State University, and is an agronomist at Caledonia Farmers Elevator.

Brian is a graduate of Holland Christian High School and Davenport University and is co-owner of Brink Farms Trucking.



A fund-raiser will be held Dec. 18 to benefit Maple Valley Alternative Education Principal Tate Mix, who is battling cancer.

and he now needs a bone marrow transplant.

Mix's brother, Kevin, will be donating marrow for the procedure, which is scheduled to occur in January.

"His insurance company is not covering a large portion of the treatment because it is considered experimental. So, in other words, Tate could use all the

## Toddler times are Thursdays

Toddler Time will be held in Vermontville during the first three weeks in December.

This parent-child interactive hour features stories, songs, fingerplays, snacks, and a simple craft. Everyone is welcome and no pre-registration is needed. Toddler

Time is held on Thursdays in Vermontville.

Because the weather at this time of the year is so unpredictable, remember Toddler Time will be cancelled if the local school district is closed or delayed.

Please contact Joanne Dugopolski or Krista Wilson at Early Childhood Connections, (517) 645-4500 for more information.

### Correction:

There were a couple of errors in last week's article about the Christmas baskets.

Gifts for the "Wish Upon a Star" tree need to be returned to Hastings City Bank's Nashville branch by Monday, Dec. 16. Those who cannot return a gift to the tree by that date may call Lois Elliston at (517) 852-9544 to make special arrangements.

The Christmas baskets will be assembled Friday, Dec. 20, and distributed on Saturday, Dec. 21.

### Correction:

Sandy Hosey and her mother, Peggy Salter were misidentified in a photo which appeared in the Maple Valley News last week. Sandy Hosey is pictured on the left and her mother, Peggy Salter is on the right.

Call 945-9554 for ACTION-Ads.



## Downings to celebrate golden wedding anniversary

Oliver "Babe" and Clarabelle Downing were married December 9, 1952 in Angola, Ind. They will celebrate with their children, Vickie (Gordie) Reid, Karen McCrimmon, David (Lois) Downing and Sandy Downing, and their nine grandchildren, at a family dinner. Cards can be sent to: P.O. Box 206, Nashville, Mich. 49073.

## Thomas to mark 90th birthday

Virginia Thomas of Nashville is celebrating her 90th birthday on Dec. 8th with an open house at 1018 Reed St. Nashville from 1 to 5 p.m.

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## Conners to celebrate 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

Daughter, Amanda (TJ) Slagstad and grandsons, Nicholas and Benjamin, wish to congratulate Don and Vivian Conner on their 25th wedding anniversary. Don and Vivian (Noble) Conner were married December 3, 1977. They have four children, Amanda (TJ) Slagstad, Christopher Conner, Lisa (Mark) Betker, and John (Cindy) Conner, and seven grandsons.

## Santa Claus is coming to Vermontille library

Santa Claus will be delivered by fire engine no. 1 to the Library on Saturday, Dec. 14. Santa will have gifts for the children and refreshments will be provided for everyone to enjoy. In anticipation of Santa's visit, all children are invited to help decorate the library with their own artistic contributions. A creative art center will be set up in the library beginning Dec. 3, 2002.

The library has received a generous donation from Bud and Liz Townsend in memory of Kathryn I. (Kate) Bosworth. These titles include: The Complete Horse Care Manual: The Essential Practical Guide to All Aspects of Caring For Your Horse, by Colin Vogel, The Complete

Book of Foaling: An Illustrated Guide for the Foaling Attendant, by Karen E. N Hayes, D.V.M., M.S., Ultimate Horse, by Elwyn Hartley Edwards, The Horse Companion, by Jane Hoderness-Roddam, and The New Encyclopedia of the Horse, by Elywn Hartley Edwards.

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Junior Non-Fiction: Fire-fighting, by Jack Gottschalk.

## Native American culture studied at Fuller



Katie Smith, wearing a Native American costume she made, examines some animal skins in Robin Hamilton's class at Fuller Street Elementary.

The students in Robin Hamilton's class at Fuller Street Elementary have spent the past few weeks, learning about the many aspects of Native American culture through a variety of hands-on activities.

The students made Native American headbands and rattles and decorated them with Native American symbols.

They students read books about Native Americans such as "Giving Thanks a Native American Good Morning Message" by Chief Jake Swamp, "The Legend of the Indian Paintbrush" retold by Tomie DePoala and "Dancing with Indians" by Angela Shelf Medearis.

After reading "Dancing with Indians" which talked about the ribbon dance performed by the Nez Perce, Hamilton's class donned their hand-made Native American costumes to perform their own ribbon dance.

When they learned that Native Americans children were given names different names, the students made up their own Native American names and wrote them a miniature "bear skin" name tags.

The students also had a chance to see and touch a variety of animal hides that Native Americans would have used to make clothes and shelter. Hamilton



As part of their Native American studies the students in Robin Hamilton's class chose Native American names and practiced a ribbon dance which was part of the culture of the Nez Perce. Pictured are: (front) Dakota Rice, "Howling Wolf;" (back) Katie Smith, "Kicking Bird;" Ian Hunt, "Little Bear;" and Taylor Betz, "Angel Star."

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In girls' cross-country and boys' golf the Lions finished the season as conference champions.

The football team made the playoffs, again, while setting new team rushing records. The girls' basketball team won its first district title since 1987. Both teams just missed out on conference championship.

## Football First Team Offense

**Jimmy Hirneiss, Running Back:** An all-SMAA running back, Hirneiss averaged 7.7 yards per carry this fall, sprinting for 715 total yards and 9 touchdowns. The senior also had six breakups and three interceptions as a corner on the Lions' defense.

**Eric Smith, Running Back:** The leading rusher for the Lions this fall with 1,082 yards. An all-SMAA

performer, Smith ended his senior season with a 7 yards per carry average. He accounted for 21 Maple Valley touchdowns and 156 total points. He also had 4 interceptions and 55 tackles on the other side of the ball.

**Jonathan Denton, Offensive Lineman:** He was the center of the Maple Valley offensive line that set a team record for rushing yards. This 5'9" 230 pound senior earned all-SMAA honors for the Lions this fall.

**Cam Smith, Offensive Lineman:** Another big reason for the Lions season rushing record. Cam is a 6' 205 pound senior that earned second team all-SMAA honors at right guard for Maple Valley. He also saw time at defensive end.

Also on the first team offense are Lakewood's Scott Secor (QB), Tommy Pett (RB), Mike Beach (OL),



The Maple Valley Lions who earned all-Barry County first team honors for the fall 2002 sports season. (sitting from left) Nick Burpee, Jessie Grant, Briann Treloar, Megan Garvey, Ben Smith, Bryan Dunlap, Jimmy Hirneiss, Ryan Grider, Eric Smith, Cam Smith, and Jonathan Denton.

Josh Ryan (OL), Matt Stowell (OL), Tyler Harms (K), and Kris Vezino (WR), as well as Middleville's Darrin Tape (WR) and Ryan Adams (TE).

## Football First Team Defense

**Ben Smith, Defensive Lineman:** Valley coach Guenther Mittelstaedt said that Ben was his best defensive lineman this fall. This junior had 34 tackles at the end of the regular season for the Lions, and made second team all-SMAA.

**Bryan Dunlap, Linebacker:** A 5'7" 160 pound senior who earned all-

SMAA honors at linebacker. Dunlap finished the year with 52 tackles and 2 fumble recoveries. He was also the Lions second leading rusher from his full back spot, finishing with 723 yards and 8 touchdowns.

**Ryan Grider, Defensive Back:** This senior safety was named to the all-SMAA second team with 2 fumble recoveries and 7 interceptions on the season. Grider finished the season with 50 tackles. He also had almost half of the Lions total receptions on the other side of the ball, 9, for 176 yards and 5 TDs.

The rest of the first team defense includes Delton's Tyler Blacken (P), Dustin Morgan (LB), and Aaron Schallhorn (DL), Lakewood's Jeff VanderBoon (DB), Cody Deatsman (LB), and Brad Griffin (DL), Middleville's Alec Belson (DL) and Justin VanSpronsen

(DB), and Hastings' Dustin Bowman (DB).

## Football Second Team Offense

**Josh Grasman, Offensive Lineman:** The 6'4" 230 pound senior played tackle for the Lions this fall and earned honorable mention honors in the SMAA.

Also on the second team offense are Middleville's Chad Baragar (QB), Kyle Farris (RB), and Steve Johnson (OL), Lakewood's Brandon Kaiser (TE), Hastings' Drew Bowman (RB), Nathan Selby (OL), Dan Blair (OL), and Joe Arens (WR), and Delton's Boe Bissett (OL), and John Noto (WR).

## Football Second Team Defense

Josh Cook, Defensive

**Lineman:** 6'3" 305 pound junior defensive tackle improved a lot this fall and Valley coach Guenther Mittelstaedt said that Cook "really stepped it up at the end of the year". Cook ended the regular season with 35 tackles.

**Zach Vorce, Linebacker:** After the defensive line cleared everybody out Vorce took down opposing ball carriers more than anyone else for the Lions, finishing the season with 72 tackles.

The remaining second team defenders are Lakewood's Marc Miller (DL), Geoff O'Donnell (DL), Mike Vipond (DL), and Lucas Burns (LB), Hastings' Josh Eldridge (DB), Hastings' B.J. Donnini (LB), Ryan Ferguson (DB), Chad Ferguson (DB), and Delton's Zac Culbert (DB).

## Girls' Basketball First Team

**Megan Garvey:** The lone junior starter for the Lions most of the season, Garvey led them in points with 340, had 108 rebounds and set a new school record by shooting 80% from the free throw line. She was an all-SMAA first teamer this fall as well.

**Jessie Grant:** This Lions senior controlled things from her point guard spot this fall on her way to earning a spot on the all-SMAA first team. She led the team with 95 steals and 100 assists, while also scoring 198 pts this fall and pulling

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## Athlete of the Week

*Collin McLean*

Maple Valley High School  
(Nashville) Golf

Going back to the week beginning Sept. 8, McLean tied for the Lion lead with a one-over 37 at Marshall on Sept. 9. He followed that up with a 40 at the Leslie jamboree, and a 77 at the Pewamo-Westphalia Invitational.

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down 92 rebounds. **Briann Treloar:** The Lions' senior forward/center led the team in blocked shots with 58 this fall and recorded 81 steals. She also scored 275 points and pulled down 176 rebounds. Going 127 of 175 from the free throw line tied the old school record of 72%, but was bested by her teammate. Treloar was another first team all-SMAA performer for the Lions.

Also on the all-county first team are Middleville's Megan Dutcher, Hastings' Laura Dipert, and Delton's Kortni Matteson.

**Girls' Basketball Second Team**

**Veronika Pitukova:** Valley's fourth highest scorer with 119 points this season while playing in only 16 games. She also swiped 31 steals and had 31 rebounds. Pitukova had 25 assists and knocked down 14 three pointers this fall.

The remaining members of the second team are Lakewood's Stevie Spetosky and Jessie Buche, Delton's Margo Lutz, Hastings' Niki Noteboom, and Middleville's Stacey Vander Werp and Jessica Flaska.

**Boys' Golf First Team**

**Nick Burpee:** Led the Lions with an average right at 40, and earned all-SMAA honors as Valley took the league championship.

The remaining members of the first team Hastings'

Brian DeVries, and Middleville's Bobby Roush, Chase VandenBerg, Levi Harold, Dan Burbank, and Brett Knight.

**Boys' Golf Second Team**

**Collin McLean:** The number two shooter for the conference champion Lions averaged 40.7 shots per nine holes in this his senior season.

Also on the second team are Lakewood's Jim Lowder, Delton's Dustin Healey, and Middleville's Tyler Wenger and Josh Enyart.

**Girls' Cross-Country First Team**

The girls' cross-country first team consists of Delton's Monique Hoyle, and Middleville's Aubrey Raymond, Jessica Stortz, Elise Nyland, Chaney Robinson, Kaleigh Page, and Natalie Hoag.

**Girls' Cross-Country Second Team**

**Muriel Wieland:** The Lions junior finished second overall at the SMAA finale, and earned all-conference honors while leading the Lions to a league title.

Also on the second team are Delton's Katie Johncock and Whitney Knollenberg, and from Lakewood, Ashley Yager, Alissa Goble, and Leah Gussenbauer.

**Boys' Cross Country First Team**

The cross-country first teamers are Middleville's Tim Brog, Hastings' Chris Rounds, and Lakewood's Ryan King, Corey Helen, Dan Morris, Justin Yager,

and Delton's Evan Williams.

**Boys' Cross-Country Second Team**

The second teamers are Lakewood's Ryan Carpenter and Casey Schrock, Middleville's Alex Robinson and Nick Tomson, and Hastings' David Peterson.

**Boys' Soccer First Team**

Members of the fall 2002 boys' soccer first team are Middleville's Eric Smith, Jared Smith, Marcos Sanchez, and Patrick McKeown, Lakewood's Tyler Harms, Brad Stroner, and Higor Alencar, Hastings' Andrew Vincent and Scott Larsen, Delton's Rick Tobias, and Barry County Christian's Eric Lamphere.

**Boys' Soccer Second Team**

**Rich Wilson:** The senior sweeper is an aggressive athlete, and was the strength in the middle of the Lions defense.

The remaining members of the second team are Middleville's Phil VanSpronsen, Kyle Holst, and Edwin Cubas, Barry County Christian's Ron Holley, Shane Hickey, and Adam Lamphere, Hastings' Aaron Fortier and Tommy Girschbach, Lakewood's Justin Leveque, and Delton's Brenden Timmons.

**Six seek 3 Nashville council positions**

Six local residents will vie for three seats on the Nashville Village Council during the village election, which will be held at the village hall on March 10, 2003.

Ted Edinger, Jeff Beebe, Ron Bracy and Mike Kenyon have thrown their hats into the ring to run against incumbents Ronda Edinger and Ralph Kirk. Incumbent Ed Sheldon has decided not to seek re-election to the council.

Each of the seats is a two-year term. Anyone interested in running as write-in candidate has until March 7 to register to do so by contacting the village hall and filling out the required paper work.

**Methodist women plan Cookie Walk**

The Vermontville United Methodist Women will hold their annual cookie walk Saturday, Dec. 14, starting at 7 a.m. at the Vermontville United Methodist Church.

Attendees will be invited to pick a pre-priced tin and have it filled with their favorite goodies.

The Vermontville United Methodist Men also will be serving their community breakfast the same day from 7 to 10 a.m. A good-will offering will be accepted.

**Charlotte man accused of striking, choking ex-wife**

A 37-year-old Charlotte man was arrested and is awaiting arraignment on charges that he attacked his ex-wife when he arrived at her home in Castleton Township early to pick up their two daughters for visitation Nov. 15.

Deputies from the Barry County Sheriff's Office say the man became angry when the woman questioned him about late child support payments.

"She said he swore at her, called her vulgar names in front of the children and said, 'I'll pay when I feel like it,'" deputies reported.

The woman then told him to leave and to return at court ordered visitation time 15 minutes later.

"She said he grabbed her around the neck, placed her in a head lock with one arm in front, choking her and the other arm behind her," deputies reported. "He then allegedly slammed his knee into her back causing her feet to come off the floor."

The woman was then thrown down and as she fell, struck her head on a wooden box next to the door, police reported.

The suspect proceeded to punch the woman's head before turning her over and attempting to choke the woman.

The beating was stopped when he noticed the commotion. Charges are pending.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The Village of Nashville will hold a public hearing on December 12, 2002 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

**SUBJECT:** To hear public discussion on amendment to the zoning ordinance, section 14, off street parking and loading. If you would like to comment in writing please drop of or send them to the Village Office 206 N. Main, PO Box 587, Nashville, MI 49073 by 5:00 p.m. on 11/12/02.

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**Local band has 2 'bests'**

Maple Valley Drum Major Micah Tobias received the "Best Field Commander" award and the Maple Valley flag team won the "Award of Excellence" (flag captain Cashel Harp accepted this award at the Hastings Band Invitational Oct. 4, when the band placed fourth overall.

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# Lions fall at regionals 'cause shots won't

by Brett Bremer  
Sports Editor  
Maple Valley's varsity girls' basketball team got the program's first district title in 15 years last Friday night, Nov. 22, at Bellevue,

but the pride of the accomplishment is still settling in as they get over their 53-40 regional loss to Pewamo-Westphalia from Monday, Nov. 25.  
"It could have been us,"



Lion senior Jessie Grant gets loose in the lane against Pewamo. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



Stephanie Joostberns takes off toward the basket in the regional loss to Pewamo. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

said junior Megan Garvey as she talked with her teammates and Maple Valley athletic director Steve Sparks the day after the game about Pewamo's chances of moving on in the state's

class C girls' basketball tournament.

Oh, the harsh realities of tournament time. One game, one half, even one quarter where the ball doesn't want to go into the basket can bring an end to an entire season.

Leading 20-18 midway through the second quarter Jessie Grant scored six straight points to put Valley up by eight, but Pewamo came back to score the next seven points of the half to trail by only one going into the locker rooms.

Pewamo senior center Nicole Piggott opened the second half with a bucket off of an offensive rebound to put the Pirates in the lead, but Stephanie Joostberns responded with the next two baskets to pull the Lions back on top.

The game was tied at 33 by Pewamo's Teghan Thelen with a steal and a layup late in the third quarter, but Maple Valley got the lead back again with a bucket by Megan Putnam.

But from that point on it looked like there was a lid on the basket at the Maple Valley end of the floor.

"We ran into a good team" said Lion coach Craig Kitching. "The shots just didn't fall for us, and that was it."

Maple Valley made only one field goal in the fourth quarter, and only shot 5 for 25 in the entire second half.

With the Lions' starters on the bench in the final minute of the third quarter Pewamo forced a turnover with their press and turned a one point Valley lead to a one point lead of its own.

A free throw by Briann Treloar, then one by Grant got Valley their one point lead back, but it didn't last long. Less than 20 seconds.

Pewamo scored the next eight points, six by Piggott, and the Lions couldn't climb out of the hole.

Grant and Treloar were the leading scorers for Valley, both playing in their final game in Maple Valley Blue. Grant was the only Lion in double figures with 12 points. She also had four steals and four blocked shots.

Treloar combined eight points with eight rebounds and six steals for Valley.

Also playing her final game was Veronika Pitukova. Her and Megan Garvey had seven points and four assists apiece.

Piggott was the game's high scorer with 20 points for the Pirates, and her teammate Gina Wirth added 13.



Megan Garvey and the Maple Valley Lions got some good shots off against the Pirates, but just couldn't get enough to hit the bottom of the net. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



Maple Valley's Briann Treloar fights past the Pirates' defense in the post for two points in the regional matchup in Merrill. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

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