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Curtain falls on The Revue's run at opera house

"Vermontville's loss is Nashville's gain."

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

After nearly 13 years and 43 productions, the curtain will be falling on The Revue's run at the historic Vermontville Opera House. When The Revue's current production "A Night in Vegas" featuring the musical "Forever Plaid" closes Sunday, Feb. 1, it will move to a new venue upstairs in the former Masonic temple in downtown Nashville.

During its regular December meeting Tuesday, Dec. 23, the Vermontville Township Board received a letter from The Revue's founder Bill Reynolds, severing the theater group's ties with Vermontville Township, which owns the

building.

In his letter, Reynolds cited harassment by township residents and a member of the township board as his reasons for leaving the opera house.

"After nearly two years of continual ridicule from local community members and recent insulting comments ... I am done fighting and defending this organization," wrote Reynolds. "To say The Revue, has had it easy the past 12 years, claiming I have been 'sucking off the system' is insulting. The Revue has saved the township thousands of dollars with the services I have taken care of these past years — services that more than enough cover any rental fee. In addition to these routine services, The Revue has undergone many large projects such as the recent painting, renovating the boys'

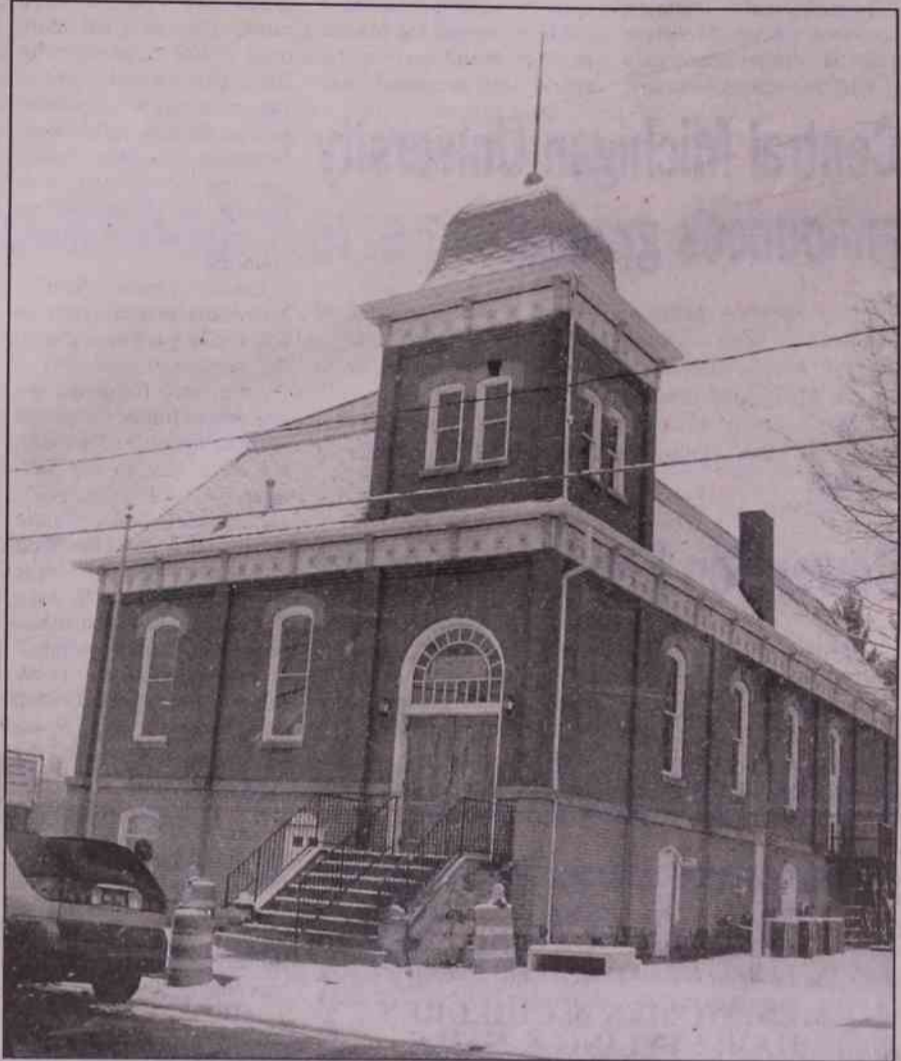
bathroom, dry cleaning stage curtains and the many other small things fixed from normal wear and tear. All the costs of labor and services were completely covered by The Revue and friends. Unfortunately, you will soon find out how much money it will cost you by having The Revue no longer taking care of these items ..."

Despite his decision to end his contract with the township, Reynolds praised some board members for their support over the years.

"I appreciate (Township Treasurer) JoAnne Nehmer, (Clerk) Sharon Stewart, and (Trustee) Blair Miller's strong verbal support over the years, recognizing the positive influence The Revue has had on Vermontville, second only to the Maple Syrup Festival. It will be truly missed by many from within the community, as well as the thousands who do not live in Vermontville, that participate in or watch the shows," he wrote.

For his part, Vermontville Township Board Member and Chairman of the buildings and grounds committee Brian Moore said that he was simply trying to ensure the safety of those who use the building.

"I was appointed by the board as chairman of this committee, and I feel it is my responsibility to make the building safe; It is nothing against The Revue or Bill," he said. "In June, we had Leroy Hummell, the fire inspector from Charlotte come in and do an inspection, and he gave us a list of 16 things that needed to be done. And, I feel it is my responsibility to see that those things get done to make the opera house a safe place for people to come and

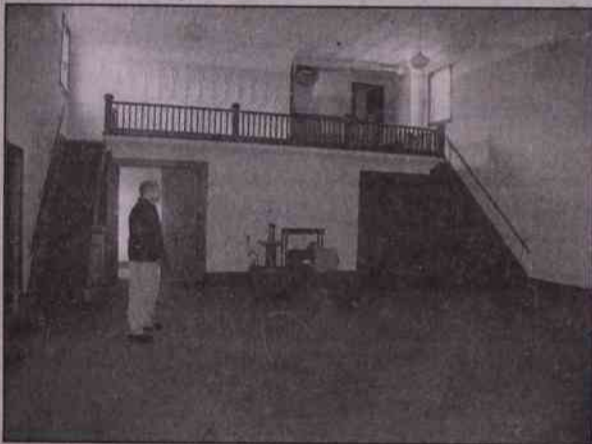


The Revue is moving from the historic Vermontville Opera House to the upper floor of the former Masonic Temple in Nashville.

for people to put on shows." Moore said he and committee members Sheri Reynolds, from The Revue, Vermontville Township Librarian Carla Rumsey, and Vermontville Township

Fire Chief Monte O'Dell decided who should be responsible for what part of

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Mike Callton, owner of the old Masonic temple in downtown Nashville, looks around the space he has donated for the use by The Revue.

Putnam District Library reports record year

"Putnam District Library had a busy year in 2008," said Director Shauna Swantek. "The library opened 400 new library cards and circulated 2,800 more items than in 2007. The computer stations are always busy, and the wireless network is accessed daily. The library staff is excited to continue to meet the needs of area residents in the new year."

The library's computerized patron files are being updated this month. Those who are not sure if their account information is up to date, should check with the library this week. Expired accounts and those lacking essential information will be deleted.

For those who live in a township other than

Assyria, Castleton or Maple Grove, updating account information immediately is especially important. As of Jan. 1, patrons living outside of these townships will be considered non-residents and will be asked to pay an annual fee to receive local library services from Putnam. Current patrons in good standing before Jan. 1 will be grandfathered and may continue to use full library services. Please check with the library to be sure accounts are up to date.

"Again, the staff at the library looks forward to serving you in 2009," said Swantek. "Perhaps one of the new items listed is exactly what you are looking for."

New items added to the

shelves in December include:

Adult and teen fiction
Friday Night Knitting Club: Knit Two by Kate Jacobs; Fire and Ice by Julie Garwood; An Abundance of Katherines by John Green; Red Spikes by Margo Lanagan; The Last Days by Scott Westerfeld; Far From You by Lisa Schroeder; Cover-Up: Mystery at the Super Bowl by John Feinstein; Last Shot: A Final Four Mystery by John Feinstein; Dead Girl's Dance: The Morganville Vampires by Rachel Caine; Midnight Alley: The Morganville Vampires by Rachel Caine; Feast of Fools: The Morganville Vampires by Rachel Caine; Blue is for Nightmares by Laurie Faria

Stolarz; White is for Magic by Laurie Faria Stolarz; Red is for Remembrance by Laurie Faria Stolarz; Silver is for Secrets by Laurie Faria Stolarz; Grief Girl: My True Story by Erin Vincent; Deadly Little Secret by Laurie Faria Stolarz; Wake by Lisa McMann; Bog Child by Siobhan Dowd.

Young adult and junior
The Book of Story Beginnings by Kristin Kladstrup; Hercules: The Twelve Labors by Paul Storr and Steve Kurth; Framed by Frank Cottrell Boyce; The Mysterious Edge of the Heroic World by E. L. Konigsburg; Gossamer by Lois Lowry; Inkspell by Cornelia Funke; Winning Season: Dunk Under Pressure by

Rich Wallace; A Room with a Zoo by Jules Feiffer; No Talking by Andrew Clements; Game Day by Tiki and Ronde Barber; Marvelous Mattie: How Margaret E. Knight Became an Inventor by

Emily Arnold McCully; The Sisters 8: Book 1 Annie's Adventures by Lauren Baratz-Logsted; The Sisters 8: Book 2 Durinda's Dangers by

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Record-setting weather leads to flooding and power outages across Barry County

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Record snowfall in December, followed by record-high temperatures and heavy rain late in the month caused flooding, washed-out roads throughout Barry County last weekend. The addition of heavy winds led to power outages across the county as well. Rivers and creeks crested mid-week.

National Weather Service Hastings Climatological Station operator Dave McIntyre said Hastings reached a record 61 degrees Saturday,

Dec. 27, accompanied by a record 1.4 inches of rain. The warm weather came on the heels of an unusually high amount of snow.

As of Wednesday, Dec. 31, Hastings had received 45.1 inches of snow for the month. That was in addition to the 8.5 inches of snow recorded in November. During the 2007-08 winter season, Hastings received a total of 94 inches of snow. So far this winter, 52.5 inches of snow have been recorded.

McIntyre said the bizarre weather Michigan experienced last weekend was

due to a storm system that moved in from the southwestern United States. He said the system moved east and picked up a warm front, then generated heavy rainfall after significant amounts of snow befell the area. There were 10 inches of snow on the ground Friday morning, Dec. 26, and by Saturday evening, all of the snow had melted.

Consumers Energy spokesperson Tim Pietryga said wind gusts of up to 60 miles per hour downed power lines and left more than 3,300 customers in Barry County and 1,300 in Eaton County without power Sunday afternoon. However, by Wednesday morning power had been restored to all Consumers Energy customers in both counties.

Local municipalities across the county reported few if any problems due to the weather.

"We were fortunate; we had some limbs down but nothing major, and we didn't have any power outages," said Nashville Department of Public Works DPW Director Scott Decker. "We had some slight flooding on Kellogg Street, but most of that had receded by Saturday night."

Vermontville DPW Supervisor Monte O'Dell also reported only minor problems related to the weather.

"We did a lot of plowing before it warmed up, but we didn't have any power outages and only a few trees down, but we've already taken care of those," he reported Monday morning.

MDOT Southwest Region Representative Mia Silver reported that as of Tuesday morning there were no problems reported with state roads in Barry County.

University Region

the Vermontville area. Barry County Road Commission Managing Director Brad Lamberg reported that the weather

did cause some problems with county roads, limbs

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These houses on Thornapple Lake Road are surrounded by water after last Saturday's heavy rains, paired with high temperatures and thawing snow, pushed up the water level in the lake.



The dam in Nashville is covered by a torrent of rushing water after last weekend's unseasonably warm temperatures.

Central Michigan University announces graduates

Area residents were among graduates upon whom degrees were conferred at Central Michigan University in May. Local residents receiving the following degrees:

- Abe French of

Vermontville — master of science in administration.

- Kyle Lesage of Nashville — bachelor of science.

Scott Setchfield of Vermontville — bachelor of arts.

Powers on Ferris honors list

Officials at Ferris State University in Big Rapids have announced that 1,528 students earned academic honors for the semester ending August 2008 at Ferris and Kendall College of Art and

Design. To be eligible for academic honors, undergraduate students must have at least a 3.5 grade point average. Among those students was Glenn Powers of Nashville.

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LOCAL CHURCH SCHEDULE			
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<p>ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES A Spirit-filled Church Meeting at the Maple Leaf Grange Hwy. M-66 south of Assyria Rd. Nashville, MI 49073 Sun. Praise & Worship 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. Jesus Club for boys & girls ages 4-12. Pastors David & Rose MacDonald. An oasis of God's love. "Where Everyone is Someone Special." For information call 1-616-731-5194 or 1-517-852-1806.</p>	<p>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE 301 Fuller St., Nashville Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday: A.M. Worship 11 a.m. P.M. Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening: Worship 7 p.m. REV. ALAN METTLER</p>	<p>GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH 8950 East M-79 Highway, Nashville Morning Celebration 10 a.m. Contemporary Service, Relevant Practical Teaching, Nursery, Children's Classes, Youth Group, Adult Small Groups, Leadership Training PASTOR: DON ROSCOE Phone: (517) 852-1783 e-mail: grace@gc3.org</p>	<p>MAPLE GROVE BIBLE CHURCH 8593 Cloverdale Road (1/2 mile East of M-66, 5 mi. south of Nashville) Sunday School 10 a.m. A.M. Service 11:15 a.m. P.M. Service 6 p.m. PASTOR GEORGE GAY</p>
<p>ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH 803 Reed St., Nashville Sunday School 10 a.m. Sunday: A.M. Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting 7 p.m. PASTOR GLENN BRANHAM</p>	<p>CHESTER GOSPEL CHURCH 3744 W. Vermontville Hwy. Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship 11 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Family Night Service 6:45 p.m. PASTOR MARC S. LIVINGSTON Phone: 543-5488</p>	<p>GRESHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 5505 North Mulliken Road, Charlotte one mile north of Vermontville Hwy. PASTOR KATHY SMITH 517-726-0526 Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School 10:50 a.m. Weekly Bible Studies United Methodist Women: 3rd Thursday</p>	<p>NASHVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH 304 Phillips St., Nashville Sunday School 9:45 a.m. A.M. Service 11 a.m. P.M. Service 7 p.m. Wed. Service 7 p.m. PASTOR LESTER DeGROOT PASTOR DEANO LAMPHERE PASTOR MATT ROHDE</p>
<p>PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BARRYVILLE 6043 E. M-79 Highway, 4 miles west of Nashville (cor. M-79 & Barryville Rd.) Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Other: Prayer Walk, U.M. Women, Bible Study, Mission Projects & more. PASTOR SUSAN OLSEN Phone 517-852-1993 IGNITING MINISTRY Open Hearts-Open Minds-Open Doors</p>			
<p>QUIMBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH M-79 West Sunday School 10 a.m. Worship 11 a.m. PASTOR KENNETH VAUGHT (616) 945-9392</p>			
<p>ST. ANDREW & MATTHIAS INDEPENDENT ANGLICAN CHURCH 2415 McCann Road Sunday Services: 9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion For more information call: 795-2370 or Rt. Rev. David Hustwick 948-9327 Traditional 1928 Book of Common Prayer used for all services. RT. REV. DAVID HUSTWICK</p>			
<p>SOUTH KALAMO CHURCH Corner of Kalamo Highway & Ionia Rd. Sunday A.M. Worship 10:30 a.m. Evening Worship 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening at 6 p.m.: PASTOR JEFF SWIFT (517) 852-9154</p>			
<p>ST. CYRIL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 203 N. State, Nashville Sunday Mass 9:45 a.m. FATHER AL RUSSELL A mission of St. Rose Catholic Church, Hastings</p>			
<p>VERMONTVILLE BIBLE CHURCH 250 N. Main St., Vermontville Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Worship Service 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m. Wed. Evening Service 6:30 p.m. AWANA 6:30-8 p.m. Wed. PASTOR DANIEL E. SMITH</p>			
<p>VERMONTVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH 108 North Main, Vermontville PASTOR KATHY SMITH 517-726-0526 Adult and Youth Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. Weekly Bible Studies United Methodist Women: 2nd Tuesday</p>			

Dance, music event at local grange set for Jan. 10

The Thunder Floor Cloggers, under the direction and instruction of Bob and Lynda Warner of Lake Odessa, have been performing for both audience and participant enjoyment for almost 20 years at fairs, music festivals, school functions, banquets, reunions and re-enactments.

A highlight for the cloggers, he said, is the Annual Mid-Winter Hot Dog Clog Hog.

The event is free for watchers, \$10 for dancers. Musicians will be admitted free. Dancers can bring their boards and freestyle with the musicians downstairs, with jamming all day downstairs. The 9th Annual Mid-Winter Hot Dog Clog Hog will be Saturday Jan. 10, 2009, at the Maple Leaf Grange, on M-66 south of Nashville, just south of the M-66 and Assyria Road intersection. No one should go home grumpy, and donations are appreciated, said Bob Warner.

"The name makes perfectly good sense," he added. "Mid-winter is the time of the year the event is held. 'Hot Dog' is a term for a fancy dancer, clog is the type of dance and hog means a lot of it."

This has been a yearly fundraiser for the Thunder Floor Cloggers, and the public is invited. Registration

begins at 8 a.m. with the first teach at 9 a.m. There will be a potluck at noon. From 1 to about 3 p.m. will be the southern Appalachian square dance. Closing ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. There will be seven clogging instructors and square dance callers.

Heritage Clogging Supplies of Columbus, Ohio, will be on site with their loads of wares.

Over the years, Warner, with the help of some of the fellows in the troupe and donations from people who believe in what the cloggers are doing, has been building a portable stage. Money brought in during the Jan. 10 event will go toward construction of the stage.

The Thunder Floor Cloggers include dancers from throughout west and central Michigan — from Lansing to Grand Rapids and Stanton to Marshall.

Warner said he first learned of clogging from the 1960s television show Hee Haw.

"At that time, the only cloggers I saw were the ones who clogged to Southern Appalachian figures on television; that would be what the Ralph Sloan dancers on the Grand Old Opry were doing," recalled Warner.

Clogging arrived on the North American continent about 200 years before the

founding of the country, said Warner, when the colonists were still British subjects and the Boston Tea Party hadn't been thought of yet.

The British brought their form of English clog over and settled in the northern Appalachian highlands. They also brought with them the four-couple quadrille that was used in their square dance. The Irish and Scots later came and settled in the Southern Appalachian highlands, and the Irish brought with them the Sicilian eight-couple quadrille, he added.

The eight-couple quadrille sometimes grew in a dance to include 250 people square dancing in a large ring, Warner explained.

"It had something to do with freedom," he said. "The people were appreciative of their freedom."

Between the British in the north and the Scots Irish in the southern part of that 1,300 mile stretch of mountains settled many others from Europe, and the German flat-foot became the dominate clogging form in Appalachia, said Warner.

"The American form of clogging shows the influence of movements from Africa as well as Native Americans, especially the Cherokee of North Carolina who learned the Southern Appalachian big-ring square dance after their trial on the Trail of Tears to Oklahoma," said Warner,

adding that the Cherokee then brought it back to their original home in North Carolina and taught it to the white man.

"If you have any of the above ancestry, this dance is your heritage," noted Warner. "Many schools in the south-eastern part of the United States and many colleges throughout our land include it in their curriculum because of the historical nature of it."

The Thunder Floor Cloggers have a folk heritage program they take into schools, churches, reunions and other venues, teaching the Southern Appalachian big-ring square dance.

Music attracts those who play instruments, and this is what has happened with the

cloggers. About a half dozen fiddlers are cloggers along with some who play guitar, banjo, bass and others, he said.

"The cloggers believe their feet are instruments, and the sound is additive in a good way," said Warner.

Warner offers classes to individuals and families.

"What attracts a family has a lot to do with the music used," said Warner. "We use music that a dad would like to see his son or daughter dance to."

For more information, e-mail tfclloggers@att.net or visit www.thunderfloorcloggers.com online.

Family Workshop Series begins Monday

The 2009 Family Workshop Series will begin at 5:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 5, in the Fuller Elementary School gymnasium in Nashville.

The January subject will be "What did you learn in school today?: Understanding your elementary student's math and reading homework so you can help." The workshop will be taught by Hastings Area Schools teachers and Title I staff.

Parents will take home games and activities to do with their children. Karen Jousma, Child Abuse Prevention Council executive director, said materials parents take home will be "make-and-take" activities to make learning fun for their children.

"We really had a successful year last year," said Jousma.

More than 300 people attended the workshops last year, Jousma said, and many

people attended the workshops each month. Those who attend the workshops get a certificate of participation.

Included in the workshop is pizza dinner and childcare. Registration is required for attendees who would like dinner. Register by call the Child Abuse Prevention Council at 269-948-3264.

The February workshop topic is, "Facing Facts — kids and at risk behavior: drug and sexual awareness, and

not just teens anymore." The March topic will be "Eat smart, play hard: Eating healthy as a family while watching your budget." The April topic will be "Healthy relationships = happy kids: Building relationships with people you love (or hate); improving parenting through building understanding."

Thornapple Wind Band seeking musicians

Adults sought for four practices, one concert

The Thornapple Wind Band will perform its mid-winter concert Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at the Hope United Methodist Church south of

Hastings. "We have a great acoustical and beautiful location for our concert, but we are missing one thing," says Conductor Joe LaJoye, "we just need more musicians."

He said he wants the band to perform "First Suite in B

Flat" by Gustav Holst, a beautiful piece of music from classical literature, but more adult musicians are needed.

For the integrity of the music to remain as Holst composed it, LaJoye said the band is calling for eight clar-

inetists, four trombone players, two tuba players, a bassoonist, and an oboist.

"You need only be graduated from high school and be willing to attend four practice sessions each Thursday evening from 7 to 8:30 p.m. LaJoye has promised that

he will keep the sessions to 1 1/2 hours instead of the traditional two hours, hoping to draw musicians who might be willing to commit to just one concert instead of an entire season. No auditions are necessary, "just show up for practice" at Hastings High School band room at the next practice, Jan. 8, 2009.

If interested in joining this community band or for more

information, call Kim Domke at 269-945-9181 or Mike and Kathy Scobey at 616-374-7547.

The Thornapple Wind Band strives to perform quality concerts, free to the public and designed for the entire family.

"We hope so see you at our next concert," said LaJoye.

Write Away contest deadline is Feb. 5

Organizers of the "Write Away" contest are hoping students in the area spend some time during Christmas break working on poems or stories

to submit to the contest. The deadline for submitting work to the contest, which offers cash prizes, is Feb. 5.

To encourage high school students in Hastings, Delton Kellogg, Thornapple Kellogg and Maple Valley High Schools and the Barry Intermediate School District with writing aspirations, the Barry Community Foundation promotes the "Write Away" competition funded by a grant from local residents Kensinger and Alice Jones.

In the spring, winners in five categories will be awarded \$50 cash prizes, along with certificates.

"Competition and rewards shouldn't just be the prerogative of the athletes," said Kensinger Jones. "Good writers should be recognized publicly, too."

Jones enjoyed a 50-year career as a writer of radio dramas, creative director for major international advertising agencies, author of numerous magazine articles and several motion picture scripts. In 1976 he "retired" to Barry County to raise Angus

cattle and embark on a 14-year professorship at Michigan State University. He and his wife, Alice, collaborated on two published books, and their work has appeared in the *Reminder* and the *Hastings Banner*.

They decided to organize and fund the Write Away competition after Ken participated in a career fair at Hastings High School.

"I knew that poetry and short story contests in my high school days encouraged a number of kids to write and submit work and that winning was a wonderful motivation to keep on trying," he recalled.

After discussing possibilities with Sheree Newell, coordinator of the career fair, and later, with Fred Jacobs of J-Ad Graphics, and Bonnie Hildreth of the Barry Community Foundation, a format was developed.

The competition is for all high school students who attend Maple Valley, Hastings, Delton Kellogg, Thornapple Kellogg or the BISD. There are two separate

contests, one for students in grades 9 and 10, the other for students in grades 11 and 12. Freshmen and sophomores can submit a poem (preferably with rhyme and meter) and/or an essay.

The contest for juniors and seniors invites submission of a short story (not more than 1,500 words) on any subject, a poem (preferably with rhyme and meter) and a feature story based on some aspect of life in Barry County.

Writers may submit only one entry in each category, but may enter all categories for their grade level and could, possibly, win more than one award.

Full details and official rules and entry blanks can be obtained from the English departments at the schools. The contest officially opened Dec. 1. Winners will be announced in April.

For more information, check with high school English departments or call the Barry Community Foundation, 269-945-0526, and ask for Erin.

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Ⓢ **YES MAN** (PG-13)
FRI/SAT/SUN/TUE 11:30, 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30

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The Maple Valley Community Center of Hope wishes to thank the following for their donations and support of our "Santa's Workshop".

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**Walmart in Charlotte
Maple Valley Pharmacy
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The area Churches
The many individuals who brought donations to the churches and the Center.

**Leadership Class at Maple Valley Schools for donations and helpers.
Center helpers, and of course Santa for his appearance.**

Wishing you all a Blessed New Year!

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Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

Hearty Menu Monday, Jan. 5

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, carrots, pineapple tidbits, dinner roll.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Baked chicken, sweet potatoes, green beans, tropical fruit, dinner roll.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Chili, winter blend vegetables, peach cobbler, corn muffin.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Hawaiian meatballs, white rice, cauliflower, diced beets, apple.

Friday, Jan. 9

Macaroni and cheese, broccoli, cherry cobbler.

Cold Menu Monday, Jan. 5

Chicken pasta salad, Spanish rice salad, apricots, graham crackers.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Hard boiled eggs, corn and tomato salad, plums, saltine crackers.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Tuna, sweet and sour carrots, diced pears, jello, wheat bread.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Chef salad, black bean and tomato salad, mandarin oranges, whole wheat crackers.

Friday, Jan. 9

Roast beef w/cheese, broccoli raisin salad, pineapple tidbits, wheat bread.

Activities Calendar

Monday, Jan. 5: Hastings - Jan. Birthday Party; Music with Sam; Card Making 12:30 p.m.; Watercolor 1 p.m. Delton - Bingo, H.W.N - Remini-scence.

Tuesday, Jan. 6: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Kinship Info Series 1:30 p.m.; Budgeting, GL - 10:30-12:30 Cards.

Wednesday, Jan. 7: Hastings - Bible Study 12:30 p.m.; Music with Sam; Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m. Delton - Reminiscence.

Thursday, Jan. 8: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m. Nashville - TV Time; Delton - Puzzles, Trivia.

Friday, Jan. 9: Hastings - Exercise 9 a.m.; Mixed Media Painting, 9:30 a.m.; Bingo 10 a.m.; Model Railroad, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Woodland - Visiting.

BARRY CO. EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Jan. 5 Extension office closed during lunch.
- Jan. 6 Teen Leadership Workshop, 6-9 p.m., First Baptist Church in Hastings.
- Jan. 8 Dog Developmental Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office.
- Jan. 12 Horse Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- Jan. 17 4-H Club Finance and Risk Management Workshop, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Hastings City Bank Comm. Room.
- Jan. 17 MSU Collegiate Showmanship Clinic, 2-4 p.m., MSU Campus.
- Jan. 19 Poultry Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- Jan. 27 New Leader Orientation, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- Jan. 29 Officer Training and Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, 7 p.m., First Baptist Church in Hastings.

Area Obituaries

Elaine Catherine Hay

OLIVET - Elaine Catherine (Soules) Hay, age 95, of Olivet passed away Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008 at the Lifespan Good Samaritan Hospice residence in Battle Creek.

Elaine was born Feb. 21, 1913 in Battle Creek to Victor P. and Jennie V. (Bloomfield) Soules.

She graduated from Battle Creek Central High School and attended Argubright Business College where she furthered her business education.

She was employed by Eastman Sewing Machine Company as secretary and office manager, with the Kellogg Company as secretary in the traffic department, at Olivet College as secretary to the Dean of Admissions and at Pilot, Inc. in Battle Creek.

She married Charles J. Hay on June 7, 1934 on her father's 50th birthday. Charles preceded her in death on Aug. 11, 1995. They celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary.

Surviving are: two sons, Dennis Charles (Helen) Hay of Nashville and Jonathan James Hay of Olivet; two daughters, Jewell Catherine Potter of Olivet and Tena Jean Byrd of Battle Creek; dear friend, Hope Smith of Pottsville; 17 grandchildren; 18 great grandchildren; four nieces, Esther LaForce of Casa Grande, AZ, Mary Louise Fullerton of Richmond, Vicky Zatorski of Scranton, PA, and Kay Elaine Askew of Oxford, and two nephews, Lawrence J. Soules and Jerry Lee Rawson both of Battle Creek.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her only brother, Victor Soules, Jr. Mrs. Hay was of Pioneer stock of Verona in Battle Creek from the families of



Soules - Stayman & Hall.

She was a member of the Olivet Congregational Church and its Womens Fellowship and at one time taught Sunday School/Bible School, was a member of the Garfield Hayday Extension, the Battle Creek Charter Chapter of the American Business Womens

Association (ABWA), a member of the Olivet College Womens Board and its Oak Chest, the Battle Creek Friendship Club, the Olivet Senior Citizens and the AARP.

She and her husband spent their winters in Crystal River and Homosassa Springs until 1993 and then came back to Michigan.

Elaine liked to knit, crochet and work crossword puzzles. She enjoyed her family, church and her little dogs, Maggi and Honi and was happiest in the summer when there were family get togethers and picnics.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 29, 2008, at the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home in Charlotte with Rev. Jack Brown officiating. Interment was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Battle Creek.

Memorial contributions are suggested to the Olivet Congregational Church. Envelopes available at the Funeral Home.

Ina Leta Holton

SUNFIELD - Ina Leta Holton, of Sunfield, Sunfield's oldest resident entered Heaven's gate Friday, Dec. 26, 2008 at the age of 101.

She was born July 25, 1907 in Vermontville, daughter of William L. and Gertrude (Bosworth) Barnum.

She has been a member of the Sunfield United Baptist Church for 70+ years.

The celebration has begun. Ina is home in the loving arms of Jesus alongside her husband, three sons, and a parade of other family and friends who were anxiously awaiting her arrival. Those she has left behind will have a huge void in their hearts, but are left with so many precious memories. Memories of a strong willed loving, caring, selfless, person that she was.

Her prize possessions were her scrapbooks filled with pictures of her family and friends and all the clippings she would cut out from the papers. She was the family historian who had a memory like no other. She could tell you the same story and it would be word for word even if you've been told it 50 times. (And you probably have!) We will miss all her stories.

Ina is survived by her children, Eleanor Bailiff, Neil (Wilma) Holton, Christine (David) VanDeventer, Joyce



(Ken) England, and Joan Hurlbut all of Sunfield, and a sister, Alta Williams of Ypsilanti, 27 grandchildren, 48 great grandchildren, and 37 great great grandchildren, who all loved her dearly.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2008 at the Sunfield United Brethren Church.

For those wishing, contributions may be made to the Hospice of Lansing, or the SUBC, C/O RFH, P.O. Box 36 Sunfield, MI 48890.

Interment will follow the church service at the Sunfield Cemetery.

Express your thoughts and memories in the online Guest Book at www.legacy.com <<http://www.legacy.com>> The family is being served by the Independent Family Owned Funeral Home in Sunfield: Rosier Funeral Home.

Dale N. Dockter

CLARKSVILLE - Dale N. Dockter, age 80, of Clarksville formerly of Woodland passed away Tuesday, January 1, 2009 peacefully at Eaton Community Hospice.

Dale was born in Lansing, on January 8, 1928, the son of the late Nelson E. and Violet M. (Quick) Dockter.

He was raised in the Garden City area and attended area schools there. After completing high school he continued his education by attending trade school for Ford Motor Company.

Dale served his country in the United States Navy from 1945 to 1946. During his service he achieved the rank of Seaman First Class and was decorated with the Victory Medal and the Asiatic Pacific Area Campaign Medal.

He was the husband of Vivian Dockter. The couple was married in Angola Indiana, on July 16, 1949. They made their home together in the Woodland area where they raised their family together.

Dale worked as a Mechanical Technician for Harry Ainsworth for 20 years in the early 1970's.

Dale liked to go boating, fishing, and hunting.

In his younger years he enjoyed working on automobiles. His skills with everyday repairs meant the family never had to call a repairman.

Together with his wife and family they loved to go up north Michigan to camp and go boating on Bongo Lake.

Dale also loved to listen to his boys play music.

Dale is survived by his beloved wife Vivian; his three sons, Larry (Melissa) Dockter, Lance (Kristine) Dockter, Leonard (Laurie) Dockter; his daughter Linda Huhn. Also surviving are five grandsons; six granddaughters; eight great grandsons; four great great granddaughters; three step granddaughters; two step grandsons; three step great granddaughters and one step great grandson.

Funeral Services will be held at Daniels Funeral Home, Nashville, at 2 p.m. on Monday, January 5, 2009, with Mr. Larry Dockter officiating.

The family will receive visitors one hour prior to service time on Monday beginning at 1 p.m.

Interment will take place immediately following the funeral service Woodland Memorial Park Woodland. With a luncheon to follow at 4 p.m. at the Woodland Eagles.

Memorial Contributions can be made to Eaton Community Hospice.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the Daniels Funeral Home in Nashville.

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down and blocking roadways, water over roads and some washouts on gravel roads. However, while some county roads were closed over the weekend, most were open by Monday evening. However, Jordan Road between Tisher and Rush roads, Bowler Road

between Ragla and Farrell, and Barger Road between Thornapple Lake Road and Center Roads were still closed due to water over the road but were being closely monitored and would be reopened when the water receded.

While the area has experienced a brief respite from the wintery weather last week, the National Weather Service is predicting a 60 percent chance of a wintery mix of precipitation including snow, freezing rain and sleet starting approximately 1 a.m. Sunday morning and continue through Sunday afternoon and wind gusts up to 29 mph before the system moves from the area and the work week starts with partly sunny skies and a high of 28 degrees.

(Staff writers, Patricia Johns, Megan Lavell, and Sandra Ponsetto contributed to this story).

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Mary A. Jarrard

NASHVILLE - Mary A. Jarrard, of Nashville passed away Wednesday, December 31, 2008 at The Flower House, in Maple Grove Township at the age of 89.

Mary was born in Maple Grove Township on March 27, 1919, the daughter of the late Fred and Sadie (McGinnis) Fuller.

Mary attended country school in Maple Grove Township, and graduated from Nashville W.K. Kellogg High School in 1938.

Mary was the widow of Mr. Lawrence Jarrard. Mary and Lawrence began dating as a dare from one of Lawrence's close friends. On October 1, 1938 the couple were married in Bryon, Ohio. When they returned to Michigan their vows remained a "secret" for over two weeks when they finally decided to tell their families. Mary and Lawrence were married for almost 66 years when he passed away in September of 2004.

Mary and Lawrence began their lives together in the Maple Grove/Nashville area, but returned to the Fuller family farm to raise their family and continue the family dairy farm. The family farm was a great place to raise a family because the house was very large. It was not uncommon for their family to house other farm workers who had come to help harvest the crops.

In addition to caring for her family, Mary worked as the Maple Grove Township Clerk for 10 plus years, TG&Y in Charlotte for sever-

al years, and The Nashville Family Store in Nashville for several years.

She loved to bake and go camping with her family, and her cookies always went perfectly with a good cup of coffee.

Mary is survived by her beloved family, son, Eugene (Ruth) Jarrard; daughter, Kay (Larry) Snowden; granddaughters, Sandra (Mike) Bernier and Rosemary Jarrard; grandsons, Daniel (Michelle) Snowden, Randy (Jenny) Jarrard, John (Melissa) Jarrard; 18 great-grandchildren; five great-great grandchildren and sisters-in-law, LT Weeks and Jesse (Johnnie) Burkett and many nieces nephews and loving friends.

She was preceded by her beloved husband Lawrence; her granddaughter Denise Snowden-Krouse and sisters Alice (Lahr) Marshall and Wilma DeCamp.

Funeral services will be held at the Daniels Funeral Home on Friday, January 9, 2009 at 2 p.m. with Rev. Bobbie Weller officiating.

The family will receive visitors on Thursday, January 8, 2009 from 6-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral service on Friday beginning at 1 p.m.

Interment will take place immediately following the funeral services at Wilcox Cemetery in Maple Grove Township. Memorial Contributions can be made to the Flower House.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the Daniels Funeral Home in Nashville. sdaniels99@att.net

Nashville woman helps children, wins Wii



Janet Scott of Nashville won a Nintendo Wii system from Hastings Radio Shack owner Leon Toomey for her contribution to Stuff Our Station to benefit local children.

Janet Scott of Nashville won the drawing for a Nintendo Wii after donating toys to the WBCH and Hastings Radio Shack program, Stuff Our Station, to provide presents to local children for Christmas.

The radio station and Radio Shack worked together for the second year to Stuff Our Station with toys for local children. To entice people to

donate to the cause, for every toy donated, the donor's name was put into a drawing for a Nintendo Wii and \$100 for accessories from Radio Shack. If a toy was purchased at Radio Shack, the donor received two entries for each toy purchased.

The toys collected were taken to United Way where parents were able to pick out and wrap the toys they wanted

to give their children. Parents' names came from Love Inc. not 'adopted' through Love Children who received toys Inc. for Christmas, through Stuff Our Station

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Maple Valley Elementary Lunch Menu

Monday, Jan. 5

Cheesie Bread Sticks, Spaghettios, whole kernel corn, applesauce.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Sloppy Joes, Chips, celery w/PB, peaches.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Fried chicken, Mashed potatoes, grapes, roll.

Thursday, Jan. 8

French bread pizza, Tossed salad, pears, PB/choc. bar.

Friday, Jan. 9

BBQ pork sandwich, Fresh veg. medley, pineapple, Teddy Grahams.

NOTE: Fuller Alternative Entree Choices: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, honey and peanut butter sandwich.

Maplewood Alternative Entree Choices: 6 oz. Yogurt w/string cheese, chef salad, peanut butter and jelly sandwich. Maplewood offers a variety of healthy snacks for 50 cents each (cash only: quarters or dollars only).

Milk is included with all full meal purchases. Assort-ed bread choices daily.

Breakfast price: \$1.30; Lunch price: \$1.90; Adult price: \$2.75; milk only: \$.45.

Maple Valley Jr.-Sr. High School Lunch Menu

Monday, Jan. 5

Pizza sticks, Whole kernel corn, apple crisp, Salad bar.

Tuesday, Jan. 6

Cheesie bread sticks, Spaghettios, pears, Pasta bar.

Wednesday, Jan. 7

Grilled cheese, Tomato soup, applesauce, Breakfast bar.

Thursday, Jan. 8

Rib sandwich, Carrots, peaches, Mexican bar.

Friday, Jan. 9

Chicken tenders, Mashed potatoes, banana, Soup/Sandwich bar.

NOTE: Entree's available daily: cheeseburger, variety of chicken sandwiches, pizza, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fish sandwich, honey and peanut butter sandwich, 6 oz. yogurt w/string cheese.

Side choices available daily: garden salad, juice, fresh fruit. Milk is included with all full meal purchases. Seconds available on vegetables at no additional charge. Assorted bread choices daily.

Breakfast price: \$1.45; Lunch price: \$2.25-\$2.50; Adult prices: \$2.75-\$3.00, Milk only: \$.45.

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Lauren Baratz-Logsted; Top 10 Cats for Kids by Dana Mea Chan Rau.

Children's

Twelve Dogs of Christmas by Emma Kragen; Christmas Tree Farm by Ann Purnell; You Can't Take A Balloon Into the Metropolitan Museum by Jacquelin Preiss Weitzman and Robin Preiss Glasser; Sidewalk Circus by Paul Fleischman and Kevin Hawkes Chicken Said "Cluck" by Judyann Ackerman Grant; How to Drive Your Sister Crazy by Diane Z. Shore; Goose and Duck by Jean Craighead George; We Believe in Christmas by Karen Kingsbury; The Tale of Desperaux; The Mouse and the Princess; Diego's Family Christmas by Rafael Fernandez; A Cold Winter's Knight by Shelley Moore Thomas; Ten Little Fingers and Ten Little Toes by Mem Fox and Hellen Oxenbury; Sesame Street: What's the Word on the Street? by Reader's Digest; Taylor's Birthday Party by

Hana Khan.

Books on CD

High Country by Nevada Barr; Nighttime Is My Time by Mary Higgins Clark.

Movies

Step Brothers, Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian, The Christmas Shoes, 12 Dogs of Christmas, The Longshots, Wanted, Dark Knight, Horton Hears A Who, The Christmas Blessing, The Mummy: Tomb of the Dragon Emperor, Traitor, Mamma Mia!: The Movie, The Cheetah Girls: One World, The House Bunny, Burn After Reading, Beethoven's Big Break, Death Race, Eagle Eye, The Women.

Putnam District Library is located in downtown Nashville and is open Monday and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Tuesday 3 to 8 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday a.m. to noon. The library is available by phone during these hours at 517-852-9723.

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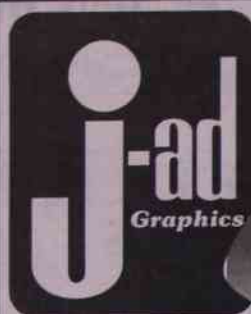
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Health department urges a healthy start to 2009

Officials from Barry-Eaton District Health Department want to encourage citizens of both Barry County and Eaton counties to pledge to adopt healthier lifestyles in 2009.

"If every community makes it easier to be physically active, eat healthy and live tobacco-free lifestyles, Michigan would be a healthier place to live," said Heather Sanders of the health department. "The question you may be asking yourself is, 'How do I begin?'"

Here are some tips:
Moving more — BEDHD encourages residents to make time for activity on a daily basis. It can be as simple as going for a walk during a 15-minute break or lunch break, to getting up an hour

earlier than normal to work-out. Any physical activity on a daily basis is good for improving health. Some examples of activities that can be done with little time and little resources are walking (just bundle up in the winter), sit-ups and push-ups, jogging, weight training, and biking. The goal, said Sanders, is to try and fit

in at least 30 minutes of moderate physical activity every day.

Eating better — By choosing good ingredients and planning ahead, it is easier to eat healthier. However, busy lifestyles make this task difficult at times. By simply adding more fiber, fruits and vegetables to a diet and eating less fat, calories and

processed foods anyone can improve on his or her diet.

Living a tobacco-free life and avoiding secondhand smoke — Smoking kills nearly 14,700 Michigan smokers each year and accounts for about one in six Michigan deaths. The negative health effects of smoking, on the smoker and those exposed to secondhand smoke are overwhelming.

"If we all make these healthier changes in our lives, we can improve the health of Michigan and the citizens of this State," said Sanders. "Remember to keep striving for a healthier you."

Tutors available for new program

The Maple Valley Community Center of Hope will soon begin a tutoring program. The program will be run by volunteer tutors who have been registered, trained and

have had background checks before they are matched with students.

Tutors will have the ability to connect and work with teachers.

The hope, say organizers, is to be able to serve any student from kindergarten to seniors and on any subject. This tutoring can be one-on-one or small-group, depending

on the need. The tutoring program will operate at the junior high and library areas of the high school building. It will run from 2:50 to 4 p.m. and

5:30 to 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays. Some computers will be available.

Anyone interested is asked to please stay tuned and watch for more information to be coming out later this month. Those who have specific questions may contact Kim Kramer at 517-852-9699, e-mail kkramer@mvs.k12.mi.us or the Maple Valley Community Center of Hope at 517-852-0664.

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the abatement. The Revue responsibilities were to include cleaning up the basement and moving things away from the furnaces, removing a broken paper towel dispenser in the ladies room, moving a confetti cannon away from stage lights, removing extension cords, dusting stage lights, treating the stage curtain with flame-retardant chemicals and cleaning the backstage area. Moore said most of those things have already been done.

Reynolds concluded his letter by writing, "The opera house will not be left as I found it, but better."

Reynolds said that within two days of submitting his

letter to the board, Nashville chiropractor and Barry County Board of Commissioners Chairman Mike Callton, who owns the old Masons' building, contacted him about donating the use of the upstairs of the building in exchange for repair and maintenance.

Reynolds said that while he regrets having to sever ties with the opera house, he is excited about the new space.

"It has stairs like the opera house but there is a lobby, balcony, storage, dressing rooms and indoor plumbing — which is a big plus," he said.

"I'm donating the use of the space, all they have to do

is fix it up and take care of it, and I know they will do a fantastic job. The space is just as big as the opera house and more beautiful," said Callton. "I'm really excited about The Revue coming here and I can't wait to see the room upstairs restored; it will be glorious. It has a gallery 20-foot ceilings and all the walls and the ceiling are covered with ornamental tin."

"This is a real coup for Nashville; Vermontville's loss is Nashville's gain," said Callton. "The Revue sells 4,000 tickets a year. When people come to town, they'll spend money here. It's all good for Nashville."

Vermontville UMC to hold community breakfast

The men of Vermontville United Methodist Church will host a breakfast for the community from 7 to 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"Come out and start the

day right," said LeRoy Starks, one of the organizers.

The breakfast will include pancakes, sausage links, eggs served any style, Texas toast, French toast, and biscuits and gravy. Beverages

will include orange juice, milk, coffee and water.

All proceeds will go to the United Methodist Committee on Relief to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

Scholarship applications now available

The Barry Community Foundation (BCF) and Thornapple Area Enrichment Foundation's (TAEF) online scholarship application process opens today, Jan. 1.

Applicants should visit www.barrycf.org to review the scholarship requirements and begin the application process. Applications will be accepted now until April 1.

Students will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form in order to complete the BCF/TAEF online application. For information, check the FAFSA Web site.

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