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Board moves forward on boiler upgrades

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

With newly elected trustee Mark Wenger absent, the Maple Valley Board of Education unanimously approved a request for proposal (RFP) from LINC Service to upgrade the boiler and electrical systems and improve energy efficiency in each of the district's four schools and the bus garage.

Before the business portion of the meeting, LINC representatives from Kelly Pnacek and Kevin Coakley gave a presentation of their findings after a survey of the district's heating, cooling and electrical systems. They estimated that the improvements would total approximately \$500,000 to \$800,000. The representatives estimated that with upgrades, the district could realize \$40,000 to \$60,000 annual savings in energy costs. The savings would be used to pay LINC Services

for the upgrades over the course of 15 years, which would eliminate the need for the district to raise the capital needed to make the upgrades.

Pnacek said LINC guarantees energy savings; if the district does not save enough on its energy bill to cover the annual payment during the 15-year term, LINC will pay the difference.

During a board discussion of LINC's survey results, Trustee Tim Burd said, "The way this program is presented, I think it would hard to get hurt by it ... It beats a poke in the eye."

Fellow trustees Kevin Rost and Andrea Montgomery also expressed their interest in pursuing a proposal from LINC.

LINC will get bids for the project by Feb. 28 and will present the board with an official proposal in March. According to Pnacek and Coakley, if the board

approves their proposal, work on the project could begin May 1 and be completed by Sept. 1.

Maple Valley Superintendent of Schools Kim Kramer note that by approving a RFP resolution, the board is not bound to a contract with LINC unless it formally accepts a proposal when presented in March. If, in the meantime, the proposed federal economic stimulus package becomes a reality and federal funds become available to the district, Maple Valley would be free to pursue that option.

In a later interview, Kramer stated that the district had submitted paperwork to the federal government based on the last \$5.3 million bond proposal turned down by Maple Valley voters. The proposal includes the replacement of boilers in both elementary schools and the high

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High school gets new "Pride Rock"

Just in time for winter homecoming Maple Valley High School students now have more room to express their school and class spirit. Monday, Duane and Mike Hamilton donated and delivered a new "pride rock" to replace a much smaller one that had been near the band room door for many years. The rock was in place less than 12 hours when members of the Class of 2010 decided it was time to christen the rock and express their spirit.

Recently elected school board trustee continues to be a no-show

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

During the February meeting of the Maple Valley Board of Education, com-

munity members questioned the board about the continued absence of recently elected trustee Mark Wenger. Since winning his

seat in the November election, Wenger has failed to appear at both the January and February regular board of education meetings and at

the special budget work session on Feb. 9.

Maple Valley Superintendent of Schools Kim Kramer told the community members that nothing can be done unless Wenger voluntarily resigns his post. If Wenger resigns, then the board can accept applications, interview candidates and appoint someone to fill the seat until the next school election, which is slated for 2010.

In a later interview, Kramer said he has had contact with Wenger. He stated that Wenger called him after missing the January board meeting and said he missed the meeting because he is a member of the military reserves and had been called to active service but intended to fulfill his duties as a member of the board of education.

Wenger also met with Kramer Jan. 16, at which time he was given an information packet and a laptop computer. School board members are issued laptop computers to keep them connected to the district and allow them to receive monthly information packets electronically. Since that meeting, Kramer said he has received one e-mail from Wenger asking for more

information but no other contact.

Since winning his seat in the November election, Wenger has failed to appear at both the January and February regular board of education meetings and at the special budget work session on Feb. 9.

Repeated attempts by the *Maple Valley News* to contact Wenger by telephone and mail prior to the November election were unsuccessful. Further attempts to contact Wenger in January and again this

week were unsuccessful, as well. Both the telephone number given to Kramer and one listed with directory assistance have been disconnected.

Attempts to reach Wenger via the e-mail address he provided the district were unsuccessful by press time.

Ken Silfven, a spokesman for the Michigan Secretary of State Bureau of Elections, said that if district residents are unhappy with a board member's performance or attendance, they can institute a recall election. However, he noted that while they could start the process now, an elected official cannot be recalled during the first or last six months of his or her term.



County board chair hears governor's address in person

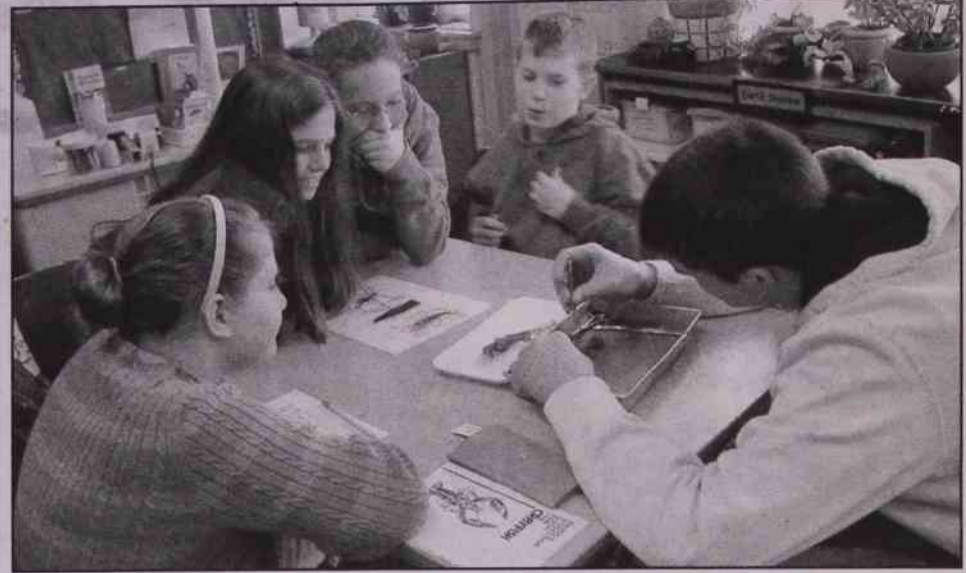
State representatives Rick Jones (left) and Brian Calley (right) pose with Michael Callton on the House floor just prior to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's state of the state address last week. The lawmakers invited Callton, chair of the Barry County Board of Commissioners, as their special guest.

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High school helps Maplewood fifth grade science lab

When thinking of a science lab, what kind of activities come to mind? Ask the students and dissection tools. Webb offered to have seven of her students travel to Maplewood, who added



(Left to right) Alli Hickey, Chloe Hicks, Catie Eldridge and Jason Green watch as Kyle Fisher dissects a crayfish.



Abby Smith (from left), Nathaniel Marshall, Ross Smith, Jenn Kent, Brianne Hampton, Lyndi Rose and Jacob Allarding gather around a clam they dissected.

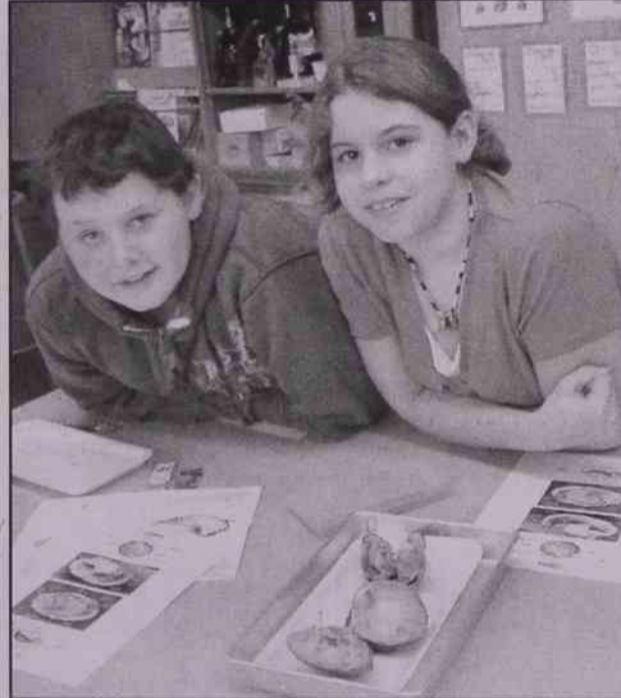
that she appreciated the help her students received from Webb and high schoolers Jenn Kent, Ross Smith, Amanda Paxson, Brad Laverty, Kyle Burns, Dustin



(Left to Right) Jasmine Vantyle, Marcus Wesner, Kelly Murton, Amanda Paxson and Cheyanne Vantyle dissect a starfish.



Shiann Adams, (from left) Bryson Massie, Jeena Waffle and Anthony Sipperley gather around a crayfish they are dissecting.



(Left to right) Michael Sprague and Abbi Billings pose with a clam they dissected.

fifth graders at Maplewood School and they may say "dissecting animals." With help from Maple Valley High School biology teacher Shannon Webb and some of her students, the Maplewood students were able to dig right into a science project.

Maplewood to share their skills. To cap off a body systems unit, students saw the inner workings of a starfish, earthworms, grasshopper, clams, frogs, perch and crayfish.

"They thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and the mentoring that took place was

Houghton and Kyle Fisher. materials and the time that "We appreciate both the they gave us."

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Nashville Village Council approves 2009-10 budget

By Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

The Nashville Village Council unanimously approved the village's budget for the 2009-10 fiscal year as presented by the council's finance committee. Trustee Laurie Austhoff was absent.

The approved 2009-10 budget shows a \$968,953 beginning fund balance and a \$1,033,413 ending fund balance with total revenues of \$1,346,810 and expenditures of \$1,282,350, which Village Clerk Cathy Lentz said is almost identical to the village's budget for the current fiscal year. With two months remaining in the fiscal year, the village's current budget shows \$1,268,169 in revenues and \$1,244,021 in expenditures and a beginning fund balance of \$944,805.

Council Trustee and Finance Committee Chairman Mike Kenyon said one of the finance committee's "hold-ups," was deter-

mining that the village, as well as Castleton and Maple Grove townships which all support the Castleton - Maple Grove - Nashville EMS, should set aside \$10,000 in their 2009-10 budgets, "just in case," the operating millage approved by voters in November is not enough to cover the service's expenses.

"This is not a scheduled quarterly payment; it's budgeted, just in case. Even if we do have to pay the \$10,000, it's still a \$15,000 savings," said Kenyon. "And in this economy, the committee also recommends that we not do sidewalks this year because the homeowners are required to pay half of the cost."

During a public hearing on the budget, which preceded the business portion of the meeting, village resident Gary White questioned why no projects were listed in the budget and what restructuring was being done to keep

costs down. He also asked if council members were getting a pay increase and whether the council was looking into hiring a village manager.

Village Council President Frank Dunham replied that there were no pending projects, so the budget just reflects operating costs for the village. Council members were not getting raises, he said, and the village was not looking at hiring a village manager at this time.

"And we've instructed our departments to maintain or decrease costs if at all possible, and they are doing that," added Dunham.

White said the council should mandate cost reductions for the village police and department of public works departments.

"I think, with the economy the way it is, we're doing a fine job at it. We do work at it," responded Trustee Jack Holden.

During his monthly report,

Nashville Police Chief Jerry Schray stated that in May the Nashville Police Department would be closing its office at 208 N. Main St. near Central Park and relocating to the back room of the Nashville Village Office, located across the street at 203 N. Main, as a cost-cutting measure.

"The back room here is the same size as the office we're in now and this will save the village \$1,500 in utility costs," said Schray. "Moving over here will help us better serve the community because the office will be open more."

Schray said once the move is complete, utilities to the old building will be turned off, but the police cars will continue to be stored in the garage until the building is sold. Approximately \$28,000 from the sale of the building will then be used to build a new garage behind the village office.

Schray said another cost-

cutting measure will be the creation of a police department firing range at the transfer and recycle station south of the village in June or July. He estimated that having a local firing range rather than having officers driving to Hastings would save the village another \$350 a year.

In other business, the village council:

- Approved a motion to purchase a 2009 Ford Crown Victoria from Signature Ford in Charlotte for a total of \$21,130. The village will make four annual payments of \$5,818 to pay for the vehicle. The new vehicle will replace the village's blue 1999 Ford Crown Victoria, which Schray said has 140,000 miles on it and is, "nickel-and-dime," the village with repairs.

- Schray said it would cost an additional \$1,550 to transfer equipment from the current squad car to the new vehicle and have it detailed with logos. He added that the approximate \$800 the village receives from the sale of the existing car could be rolled back into the department's car savings. The money for the annual car payments will be taken from the \$5,000 the village sets aside in savings for the purchase of a new vehicle for the department.

- Unanimously approved \$15,000 to cover the cost of engineering for possible repairs to Kellogg Street should money become available to the village from the federal government's proposed economic stimulus plan. The cost of repairing the 1,800-foot stretch of Kellogg Street has been estimated at \$452,000.

"The word is that the projects that are ready to go will get funds first," said

Nashville DPW Supervisor Scott Decker. "When everything is said and done, it will probably mean matching funds of some sort. I don't think they will pay 100 percent."

"It's the same scenario as when we did the dam," said Kenyon, referencing the board's recent 5-2 decision to allow removal of the village's dam on the Thornapple River. "We didn't know that we'd get 100 percent, but we did. To me, this street, the longer we wait, the more costly it could get. I think this is necessary." "Somewhere down the road we will get funded, and I have serious hope that when the dam is gone, it will alleviate some of the drainage problems," said Decker.

- Heard public comment. One village resident said his mail and Reminder box had been damaged by village snowplows. Another said his yard had been flooding since the school district's bus garage had been built and thought that deepening the ditch might resolve the problem. Decker said he would look into both matters. White suggested that instead of the village seeking volunteers to maintain Lakeview Cemetery, it should use the \$15,000 in its cemetery budget to hire a sexton.

- Set a public hearing regarding the possible transfer of zoning within the village over to Barry County for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 12, providing that Barry County Zoning Administrator Jim McManus is able to attend. A special meeting for a public hearing on the proposed Downtown Development Authority is set for 7 p.m. Wednesday, March 18.

Early 4s enrollment for 2009-10 coming soon

Maple Valley Early 4s preschool will be enrolling for 2009-10 beginning Monday, March 2. Early 4s is a Great Start Readiness Preschool (GSRP) that is grant-funded by the State of Michigan. This program is free to those who qualify.

This year the Maple Valley School District is trying a new enrollment process. Parents are encouraged to call and speak with the teachers to see if they qualify for the program. If they do qualify, parents can then take home an application packet. Parents are also being asked to make an appointment on one of the preschool round-up days in March or April to return their applications. This will result in less paperwork in the fall, as well as admission letters being mailed in May or June, as opposed to August.

To enroll, students must be 4 years old by Dec. 1, 2009; meet at least two qualifications set forth by the State of Michigan; and reside in the Maple Valley School

district.

The program runs Monday through Thursday. Class times are 7:55-10:55 a.m. or 11:55 a.m. to 2:55 p.m. The program is located inside Fuller Street Elementary School.

Early 4s uses several different early childhood guides, including Creative Curriculum. Early 4s also participate in Zoo-phonics, which also are used in kindergarten and first grade

at Maple Valley. Therefore, students are familiar with the Zoo Friends and their letter homes and motions upon entering kindergarten.

Early 4s promotes hands-on learning both in and out of the classroom. Each year several field trips are planned where students can go out and learn. This year, students in the program have planned or attended field trips to Impression 5 Science Museum, the Michigan State

University Abrams Planetarium, and The Country Mill Apple Orchard.

Social skills, such as problem-solving, self-help, and kindergarten preparation also are important goals of the Early 4s program. Each child is viewed as an individual and encouraged to learn and grow at his or her own pace.

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Area Obituaries

Carlos Villanueva

NASHVILLE - Carlos "Charlie" Villanueva on Feb. 7, 2009 Carlos Villanueva joined his daughter Sarah M. Villanueva; mother, Catalina (Favela) Villanueva; father, Jose Villanueva and nephew Dion Villanueva.

Carlos "Charlie" was born in Sunfield, on March 22, 1942, the son of the late Jose and Catalina (Favela) Villanueva.

He was raised in the Vermontville and Sunfield area and attended area schools there graduating from Sunfield High School in 1959.

Charlie served his country in the U.S. Navy and was stationed on the USS Independence.

He worked at at MotorWheel in Lansing for over 23 years and was also employed at the Unicorn Tavern (formerly known as the Shamrock) in Lansing for over 25 years.

Charlie enjoyed working in his flower garden, and being in the yard. He loved animals and cherished his 12 cats and his beloved dog "sniffer".

He also had a passion for old cars; Charlie enjoyed spending an afternoon visiting car shows and showing off his 1966 Pontiac Bonneville. "Charlie" was well known and loved by his community and will be missed.

Carlos is survived by his two daughters, Teresa and Sonya Villanueva; his special friend Sova; three sisters, Esther Madison, Marquita (Joe) Martinez, Mary Ainsworth; five brothers, James Gonzalez, Louie (Sue) Villanueva, Alex (Sue) Villanueva, Artemio (Anita) Villanueva, Robert Villanueva. Also surviving are many other family members and friends.

Funeral services will be held at the Daniels Funeral Home, in Nashville, at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 14, 2009. Interment will take place immediately following the funeral service Woodlawn Cemetery Vermontville.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Carlos "Charlie" Villanueva Memorial Fund at Comerica Bank - 5510 West Saginaw Highway, Lansing MI.

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

Kennard Brooks

NASHVILLE - Kennard Brooks, age 78, of Nashville passed away on Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009 at Tendercare in Hastings. Funeral Arrangements for Mr. Brooks are pending at the Daniels Funeral Home in Nashville.

Vermontville Council agrees to seek federal funds

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

During its regular February meeting, the Vermontville Village Council approved a motion to spend between \$10,000 and \$15,000 with Wilcox Engineering to draw up preliminary paperwork for an upgrade to the village water system. If the paperwork is completed and through the public hearing process by May 1, the village would, "have its foot in the door," according to Village Council President Doug Kelsey for money from the proposed federal economic stimulus package.

Kelsey also noted during the discussion that should the federal package fail to be approved or the village not be awarded funds, the money would not be wasted. The paperwork still would be needed when the village has set aside enough money to make upgrades to the water system on its own. The proposed project would involve replacement of water mains on Fourth, Fifth and Elm streets and a portion of West Forest.

In other business the village council:

- Approved Kelsey's annual reappointment of Vermontville Department of Public Works Supervisor Monte O'Dell as the village's street administrator and wellhead administrator and O'Dell and Village Clerk Shirley Harmon as co-zoning administrators.

- Approved the purchase and installation of two 'No Parking' signs for the lot behind the hardware store and another for Third Street at the cost of \$450 to 500 and the lengthening of Sherman and Seminary streets by adding a gravel cul-de-sac at the end of each at a total cost of \$1,000.

- Approved a \$343 one-year contract with the Tri-County Commission on Aging for the delivery of 20 hot meals to the village from the Meals on Wheels program each week. Eight Vermontville residents are currently enrolled in the program, which also includes the Senior Dine card which can be used at local restaurants. The meals are delivered to the Vermontville United Methodist Church by E-Tran and are then distributed by local volunteers.

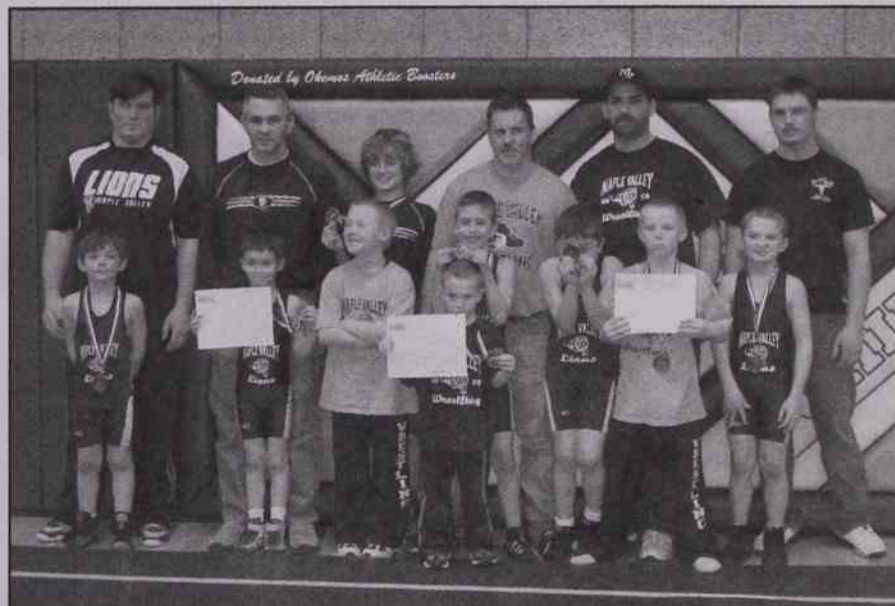
- Responded to an e-mail from absent council trustee Mark Jorgensen, which stated he recommended a 5.8 percent cost of living raise for village employees, not

council members. He also stated that due to the economic climate, he would like to see the council members pay rolled back to \$55 per month. Kelsey also requested that his pay be rolled back to its 2008 rate as well. The council approved the motion unanimously.

"This is a gesture of good will," said Village Council Trustee Gary Patrick.

"Nobody else is getting a raise, so why should we," said Kelsey.

- Approved a resolution, required by the State of Michigan, to allow the Vermontville Township Fire Department to hold a Texas Hold'em poker tournament fundraiser.



Eleven medals come home from Okemos with wrestlers

Maple Valley's Youth Wrestling Program had 11 wrestlers finish in the top four in their weight class, and earn medals, at last Sunday's Okemos Tournament. Jesse Brumm, Garrett Pearson, and Nate Baird all placed first. Chase Schriver and Derek Dickinson were second. Austin Zank and Sam Bonney placed third. Finishing fourth were Chandler Murton, Zach Osborn, Seth Feasel, and CJ Davis. Pictured are (front from left) Chandler Murton, Garrett Pearson, Nate Baird, Jesse Brumm, Austin Zank, Chase Schriver, Wyatt Baird, CJ Davis, (back) coach Murton, coach Pearson, Sam Bonney, coach Brumm, Bob Wood, and coach Brumm.

Putnam Teen Advisory Group to meet Feb. 16

The teen advisory group (TAG) of Putnam District Library will meet at 3:15 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, at the library. The meeting will be used as a brainstorming session for future events, programs and for creating a teen space at the library. A part of each meeting is dedicated to sharing about books and authors. All Maple Valley area youths ages 13 and up are welcome to attend and be a part of the future of the library. For more information, contact the library at 517-852-9723 or e-mail Shauna Swantek at putnamlibrary.director@yahoo.com.

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Old items are new at Putnam District Library

The adult winter reading program is in full swing at Putnam District Library in Nashville, but there is still time to sign up. Teen and adult readers are invited to "Warm Up With a Good Book" and read while earning prizes. The program runs to the end of March.

Readers might consider one of these new titles added in January:

Adult nonfiction

Angels and Ages: A Short Book About Darwin, Lincoln and Modern Life by Adam Gopnik; Baptism by Fire: Eight Presidents Who Took Office in Times of Crisis by Mark K. Updegrave; Love and Respect: The Respect He Desperately Needs by Dr. Emerson Eggerichs; Made from Scratch: Discovering the Pleasures of Handmade

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Adult fiction

The Bodies Left Behind by Jeffery Deaver; The Pagan Stone by Nora Roberts; Tomorrow's Promise by Sandra Brown; Quicksand by Iris Johansen; The Last Detective by Robert Crais; The Winter Lodge: The Lakeshore Chronicles by Susan Wiggs; Summer at Willow Lake: The Lakeshore Chronicles by Susan Wiggs; Fireside: The Lakeshore Chronicles by Susan Wiggs; Mounting Fears by Stuart Woods; Plum Spooky: A Between the Numbers Novel by Janet Evanovich; Sixth Target by James Patterson; Strange Bedfellows by Jennifer Cruise; Fireproof by Eric Wilson; A Moment of

Weakness by Karen Kingsbury; In Search of Eden by Linda Nichols; The Shack by William Paul Young; This Side of Heaven by Karen Kingsbury; Kiss by Ted Dekker with Erin Healy.

Teen and young adult

Betwixt by Tara Bray Smith; Lords of Misrule: Morganville Vampires No. 5 by Rachel Caine; Evolution, Me and Other Freaks of Nature by Robin Brande; Three Willows by Ann Brashares; Inkdeath by Cornelia Funke; True Adventures of Charley Darwin by Carolyn Meyer; The Illustrator's Notebook by Mohieddin Ellabbad.

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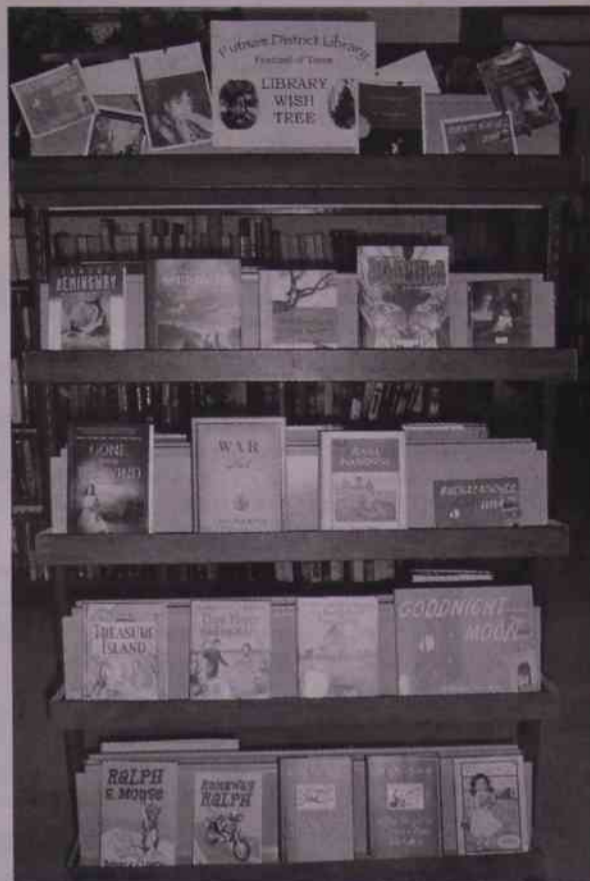
Diary of a Wimpy Kid; The Last Straw by Jeff Kinney; Skippyjon Jones by Judy Schachner; The Library Dragon by Carmen Agra

Deedy; Tack the Penguin by Helen Lester; Harvest (John Deere boardbook); Mama, Do You Love Me? by Barbara M. Joosse; Benny's Pennies by Pat Brisson; Llama Llama Red Pajama by Anna Dewdney; Steal Back the Mona Lisa! by Meghan McCarthy; Thomas and the Jet Engine.

Movies

An American Girl: Chrissa Stands Strong, Righteous Kill, Bangkok Dangerous, Pineapple Express, Surfer Dude, Babylon A.D., Henry Poole Is Here, Appaloosa, The Express: The Ernie Davis Story, Mirrors, My Best Friend's Girl, iGor, Max Payne, Open Season 2, Fireproof, Lakeview Terrace.

Visit Putnam District Library online for a calendar



Shown here are some new additions to the library's collection. Due to \$300 in donations made by the community during the 2008 Festival of Trees, Putnam District Library was able to purchase new or replacement copies of classic titles for the collection.

Free resume writing class offered this week

Putnam District Library, in conjunction with the Maple Valley Center of Hope and Maple Valley High School business students, will host a free resume writing classes for area residents this week.

The first session is scheduled for 6 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19. A repeat session will be held again at 10 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20. Both sessions will be held at MVCCOH, 233 N. Main St., Nashville. Everyone is welcome to attend.

"In our community and

our world, there is a lot happening. Many are losing jobs. We are working to be proactive in that we want to help people get jobs. We hope to give them the best opportunity possible for a successful interview," said Cathy Christman, president of MVCCOH.

Professionals from the community and students from Maple Valley will be on hand to teach, help and advise as needed.

"The library cooperative's mobile lab will be on site, so attendees will be able to cre-

ate their resumes on the spot," added Christman. "It is the goal that attendees leave with a created resume."

"The library's mission is to use its resources to meet the needs of the community. We are glad to bring the mobile lab here and to help area residents pursue their job searches in a concrete way," said Shauna Swantek, Putnam District Library director.

The library will provide follow-up support after the session by assisting attendees in proofreading and by

making resume paper available for printing. Registration forms are available the day of the class, at the MVCCOH and at the library.

Questions may be directed to the library at 517-852-9723 or by e-mailing Swantek at putnamlibrary.director@yahoo.com or Christman at mvccoh@live.com.

Bellevue forges agreement with South Haven development firm

The Village of Bellevue is expanding, literally. At a recent town council meeting, a unanimous vote was cast to work with the Goforth Group LLC, a South Haven real estate development and consulting firm, to help grow the town of Bellevue.

Goforth will provide economic development consulting services for the village as part of a proposed annexa-

tion and development of 75 acres.

Travis Brininstool, village manager, said, "We are very excited and pleased with the Goforth Group efforts to assist us in adding to the amenities of Bellevue and look forward to assisting them in any way we can."

Steven Larsen, COO and general council of Goforth Group LLC, has met with

town business leaders, clergy and other interested citizens. Further meetings are planned to research potential medical facilities and services, affordable housing and apartment development, assisted living housing and other senior care businesses. Goforth will also work with governmental agencies, hospitals and area professionals to identify potential funding sources and interest in Bellevue.

With the new high school expansion on the west side of the proposed 75-acre annexation property, Larsen said "the site is well-suited for the proposed economic development to enhance Bellevue's economy and quality of life. We are extremely pleased about this venture with the Village of Bellevue, but we have a lot of work to do to make this work in this difficult credit environment."

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Lions have their best day at Delton Invitational

by Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Panthers haven't always been at their best on their own mats, but Saturday they were.

The Delton Kellogg varsity competitive cheer team won the Lower Division championship at its Delton Kellogg Invitational Saturday, by performing better than any Delton cheer team ever.

"We had our highest score in every round today," said Delton Kellogg head coach Zoe Reynolds, "and we had the highest score we've ever had by 33 points. They had a really good day today. They did their work today."

The Panthers finished with a score of 654.6264, to edge Coloma by just over two points. The Comets finished with a score of 652.6060.

Delton was just a bit better than the Comets in each of the first two rounds, then the two teams tied with a score of 272 in round three.

The third round score was big for the Panthers.

"I think we finally got the nerves out. They're comfortable. They're not scared to

do it anymore," Reynolds said of the final round performance.

The Panthers scored a 200.40 in round one and a 182.2264 in round two. Coloma had a 199.40 in round one and a 181.2060 in round two.

"The girls were so excited. They wanted it so bad today," said Reynolds. "I wanted it so bad."

Berrien Springs was third with a total of 578.8650, followed by Hopkins 577.2040, Pennfield 574.1364, and Maple Valley 549.80.

Maple Valley had its best score of the season. The Lions' round one score of 176.10 was the lowest of the day, but an improvement for the team which had been working hard on that round. They also added a 151.20 in round two and a 230.3 in round three.

"We've been going for the energy factor and they put a lot more oomph into their routine," said Maple Valley head coach April Wagner.

The oomph factor includes having better energy, more tight formations, and "goosebumps".

"If you really get the



Maple Valley's Amber Brownell shouts out to the crowd before joining the stunt group during round three Saturday at the Delton Kellogg Invitational. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

crowd going, they'll get goosebumps," said Wagner.

"When you watch those teams like Lakewood, they give you goosebumps. When you're watching teams like that, you know they're good."

Lakewood didn't give their coach goosebumps Saturday, but managed to finish second to Gull Lake. The Blue Devils took the Upper Division champi-

onship with a score of 729.3608. Lakewood was second with a 727.8026. Hastings 696.88, Charlotte 669.3032, Zeeland West 625.7596, and Allegan 607.2902.

The Vikings beat the Blue Devils in round three, 298.9 to 289.4, but couldn't make up an 11-point hole. Lakewood scored a 216.80 in round one and 212.1026 in round two. The Blue Devils had a 219.90 in round one and 220.0608 in round two.

Lakewood head coach Kim Martin said that her team, which is still three girls short, as subpar in all three rounds.

"If we would have had the round three we're capable of, we would have beaten Gull Lake today," said Martin.

"They just didn't have their hearts in it today. I was a little disappointed in all three rounds. It wasn't what they did on Wednesday night."

Hastings was even better than it was at its league meet last Wednesday night. The Saxons scored a 205.50 in round one, 198.680 in round two, and 292.7 in round three.

The Saxons had their best score yet in round two, thanks in part to a bigger group of girls out on the mat. They put 14 out for the round.

"All of their skills were on," said Saxon head coach Amy Hubbell. "They keep doing it with more confi-

dence. They're yelling better and their confidence is better."

The skills the Saxons showed off included a toe touch, back handsprings, herkey jumps, back walkovers, and a heel stretch.

The Saxons, Panthers, and Lions will all be a part of conference championship meets today (Feb. 14). Hastings heads to the O-K Gold Championship meet at Thornapple Kellogg, after not having a competition since Saturday.

"It'll be nice to get five straight days of practice in," said Hubbell.

The Lions and Panthers will be at Maple Valley Saturday for the Southern Michigan Competitive Cheer Conference Championship. The league held its final jamboree of the season at Delton

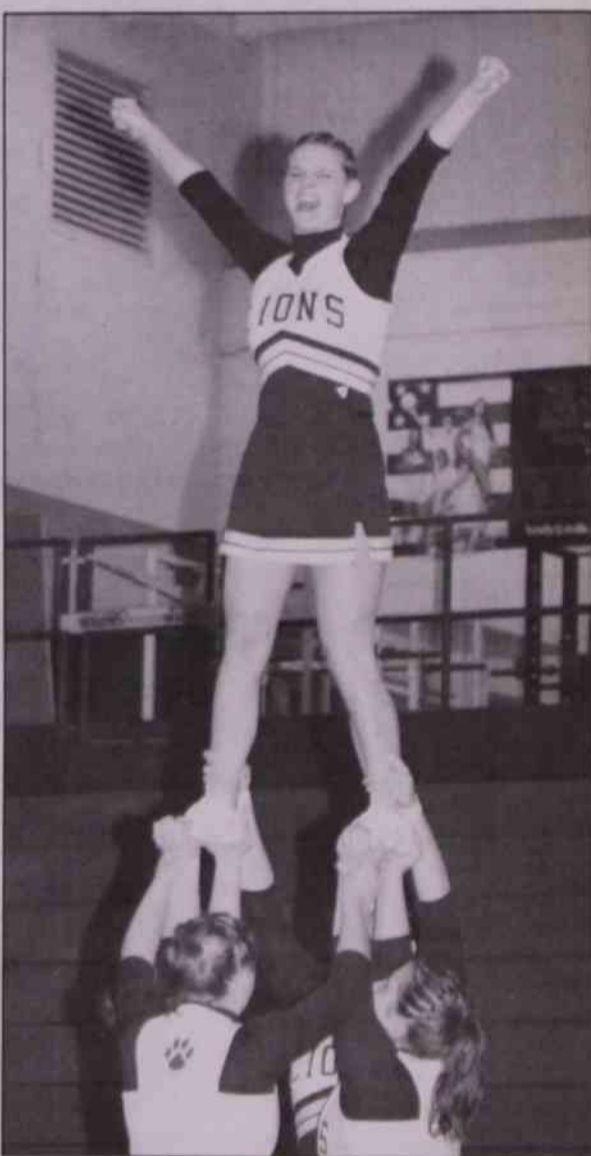
Kellogg Wednesday night.

The Panthers won that one at home too, with a score of 640.580. They just edged Climax-Scotts, which finished with a score of 639.736.

Schoolcraft was third with a score of 617.220, followed by Pennfield 558.768, White Pigeon 547.665, Maple Valley 527.200, and Bronson 504.805.

The Lions' scores were nearly as good as they were Saturday, with a 165.5 in round one, 147.300 in round two, and 222.4 in round three.

Delton Kellogg had the highest scores in each of the last two rounds, with a 179.80 in round two and a 262.3 in round three. The Panthers also scored a 198.5 in round one. Climax-Scotts had the top round one score, at 208.7.



The Lions' Lindsey Hoffman shouts from the top of her stunt group during her team's round three performance at Saturday's Delton Kellogg Invitational. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

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Correction

Former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox will sign autographs at 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, in the gym of Maple Valley High School, 11090 Nashville Highway, Vermontville.

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school, along with the replacement of energy inefficient windows and other upgrades to schools in the district.

In his report to the board Monday evening, Kramer said, "We received two spreadsheets depicting how the money (from the stimulus package) will be distributed. Each is different. At this time, we can say that there will be some money coming to the district from the federal stimulus package. At this time, we can not tell how much or when. The total amount is speculated to be around \$933,000 over two years. We will just have to wait and see."

In other business the board of education:

- Heard a brief summary of proposed mid-year amendments to the 2008-09 budget from the district's Director of Finance Darryl Sydloski. Later, during the business portion of the meeting, the board voted unanimously to approve the recommended budget amendments which reflect the decrease in state and federal revenues, the mid-year budget cuts approved by the board in December and other changes in revenues and expenditures not anticipated when the board approved the initial budget in June 2008.

- Heard Kramer recognize Maple Valley principals for their service to the district in response to Gov. Jennifer Granholm's proclamation

declaring the week of Feb. 9 as principals' week.

- Unanimously approved the spring break trip to the Easley, S.C., for members of the high school baseball team April 3 to 11. The trip is self-funded by members of the baseball team; no school funds are used to defray the cost of this annual trip.

- Approved the following roster of spring sports coaches as presented by Athletic Director Duska Brumm: Jr. high wrestling head coach Rob Feasel; varsity boys track head coach Brian Lincoln, and assistant Steve Hopkins; head varsity girls track coach Robert Browne and assistant Cindy Allwardt; jr. high track coach Jeff Webb and Robb Rosin; varsity baseball head coach Brian Carpenter

and Jeff Fisher, assistant; JV baseball, Trent Harvey head coach and Bob Brumm, assistant; head varsity softball coach Mary Lesage and Mike Beachnau and Dan Angus, assistants; JV softball, Landon Wilkes, head coach and Jeff Seavolt, assistant.

- Unanimously approved a motion to participate in School of Choice for the third trimester from March 2 to May 29.

- Went into closed session at 8:18 p.m. to discuss the purchase or lease of property and the collective bargaining agreement. When the board returned to open session at 9:50, the board unanimously approved a motion to authorize Kramer to propose an early retirement incentive program for employees.

Barry County Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

Hearty Menu Monday, Feb. 16

COA Closed.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Tuscan bean soup, Calif. blend vegetables, mixed fruit cobbler, oyster crackers.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Turkey ala king, country potatoes, broccoli and cheese sauce, orange, biscuit.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Meatloaf and gravy, au gratin potatoes, stewed tomatoes, mixed fruit, dinner roll.

Friday, Feb. 20

Sloppy Joe, Italian blend vegetables, buttered redskin potatoes, banana, bun.

Cold Menu Monday, Feb. 16

COA Closed.

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Seafood pasta salad, garbanzo bean salad, fruit compote, saltine crackers.

Wednesday, Feb. 18

Turkey and Swiss cheese, carrot raisin salad, pineapple and mandarin oranges, wheat bread.

Thursday, Feb. 19

Tuna pasta salad, Spanish bean salad, tropical fruit, whole wheat crackers.

Friday, Feb. 20

Calif. Reuben spread, broccoli bacon salad, apricots, rye bread.

Activities Calendar

Monday, Feb. 16: COA Closed. President's Day.

Tuesday, Feb. 17: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m. GL - 10:30-12:30 Cards. No Pickle Ball.

Wednesday, Feb. 18: Hastings - Bible Study 12:30 p.m.; Music with Sam; Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m. Delton - Reminiscence.

Thursday, Feb. 19: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Caregiver's Sup. 3:30 p.m.; Pickle Ball 1 p.m.; Beading 5 p.m. Nashville - TV Time; Delton - Puzzles, Trivia.

Friday, Feb. 20: 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.

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Class scheduling for next year

We are off and running toward our goal of getting all senior high schedules completed. Counselors have been in classrooms meeting with students to explain the process. Please ask your child if he or she turned in class selections for next year. Parents do not have to sign the sheets this year.

Testing dates

Freshman, sophomores and seniors will be tested March 10. The tests are created by the ACT testing company and are useful tools to track your child's progress. The ninth grade test Explore, pairs career interests with academic achievement to give students a realistic idea of career paths they should pursue. The 10th grade test, The Plan, focuses on academic strengths and weaknesses. It allows students the opportunity to practice taking a standardized test preparing them for the ACT/MME test, which replaces the MEAP test. Your child's scores on this test are used by colleges to determine acceptance into their programs. Maple Valley is proud to offer this series of testing tools free of charge to your child. Not all

local districts have chosen to purchase this series. It is important to us to offer these tools to help your child reach his or her career and future goals.

Trimester ends soon

Be sure to check your child's grades this week. Our trimester is rapidly coming to an end. The last day will be Feb. 27. Remember to look online, using family access, to check on your child's progress.

Tri-county's got talent

Here is something fun for our high school kids. The National Council on Alcoholism is sponsoring a talent competition for students in Clinton, Eaton and Ingham counties. First prize is a \$500 award. Students pay a \$10 entry fee and can try out in Grand Ledge on March 14. Contact Miss McCaul for an application this week. We have some amazing talent in this community so let's represent the Valley well.

Student KVA exchange day

Four Maple Valley students spent the day at Pennfield school this week. The students were part of a student exchange promoted to encourage leadership, exchange ideas and to experience a different school atmosphere. Pennfield sent five students to The Valley. It was a neat opportunity for all involved.

Important FAFSA deadline for seniors

If you have a senior who will be attending college or vocational school next year, be sure to fill out a FAFSA application by March 1. Filing it our early is the best way to receive financial aid from the state and federal government. Many awards are on a first-come, first-served basis. Remember you need to have your taxes completed to fill in the blanks on the FAFSA form. If you are filing online, you also need to obtain a parent number in advance, so get online for the information today.

Maplewood students learn about earthworms

The average heartbeat of an earthworm is 20 beats per minute. Fifth grade students in Kelly Murton and Lisa Mulvany's Maplewood Elementary Science Lab found that out first hand, through the donation of four dozen worms from Ducey Eldred, the owner of Ducey's Corner Store in Vermontville.

The students are studying body systems in their life science unit. To illustrate the circulatory system, students located the dorsal vessel in both a room-temperature worm and a worm from the refrigerator. By watching the vessel along the back of the worm darken and lighten, students were able to take the worms' pulses. They then took their own



Maplewood fifth graders Payton Schrader, Logan Teneyck, Emily Morris and Seth Gurd use earthworms to study the circulatory system.

pulses, first at rest and then again after one minute of jumping jacks.

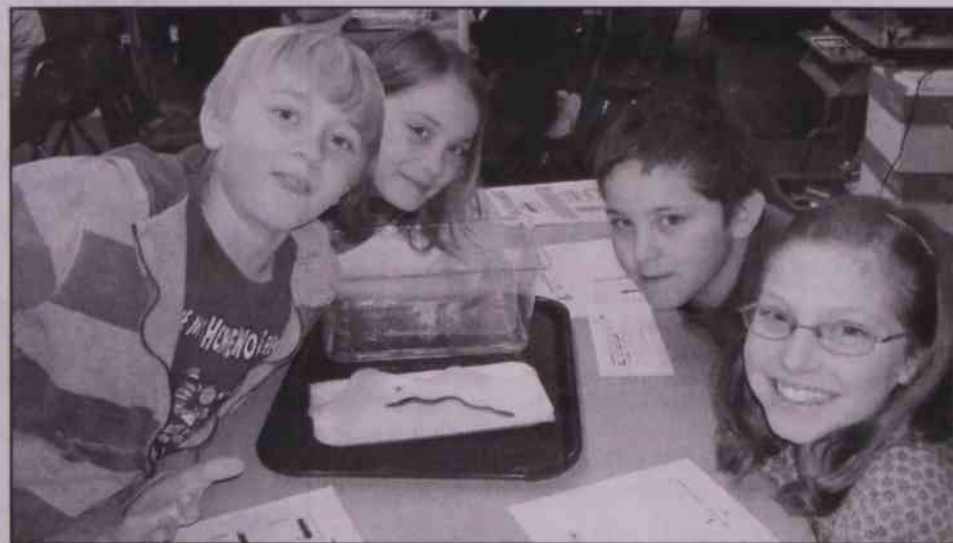
The results of all four pulses were compared and then graphed.

The worms are now residing in some home-made "worm farms" and are waiting for spring, when they will be transferred to the sixth graders' compost chambers during their life science unit.

Maple Valley Adult Soccer League

Anyone who wishes to play soccer, brush up on their knowledge or just have fun, may be interested in the Maple Valley adult soccer league. Soccer sign-ups for an adult soccer league will take place Thursday, Feb. 19, between 6 and 7:30 p.m. at the Maple Valley High School cafeteria. This is open to anyone 16 years or older, and the cost will be \$10.

Games will be played starting at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, and ending on May 30. Players must sign up for this event. For more information, call Chris Fisher at 517-726-1049.



Bailey Weiler, Taylor Medina, Zach Morse and Nicole Peters work on their body systems project.



Grant Adrianson, Lindsey Mattocks, Trenton Imes and Cassidy Fisher graph the pulse of earthworms.



Megan Bonney, Luke Cosgrove and Samantha Miller work on their science project.

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Words can not express the appreciation we feel to all the family, friends, co-workers and community members that provided phone calls, visits, food, flowers, plants, cards, donations to Holy Cross, mass cards, prayers and support during Leon's battle with cancer and after his passing. A special thanks to Russ Furlong for keeping the snow cleared and Art Frith with all the help with the family photos.

We are especially grateful for the care and support given by:

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Capital Area Community Services has announced the events scheduled for the 19th annual Walk for Warmth.

The second annual Bluegrass-Country Jamboree is the first scheduled event. It will be held Saturday, Feb. 21, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the CACS Eaton County Service center located at 1370 N. Clinton Trail in Charlotte. The jamboree will offer an evening of music, dancing, food and fun

for the entire family.

The walk will be held Saturday, Feb. 28. Registration for the walk begins at 8:30 a.m. at the First Congregational Church, 106 S. Bostwick in Charlotte. The walk begins at 9 a.m. Several Eaton County dignitaries and residents have committed to walking and are encouraging participation. Coffee, doughnuts and other snacks will be provided.

The Charlotte Eagles, a major sponsor for many years, will hold its annual 50/50 bingo on Saturday, Feb. 28 from 2 to 10 p.m. Eagles Aerie 3552 is located at 116 Lansing Road in Charlotte. There will be prizes, raffles, concessions and a bake sale.

All proceeds from these activities benefit Walk for Warmth, a statewide event to raise money to assist income-eligible families

within their home-heating bills. Funds are raised through contributions from individuals, civic organizations, businesses, clubs and church groups and are used solely to assist residents with home-heat-related emergencies.

With the dramatic increase in utility costs, local residents' needs have become far greater than service agencies can resolve without additional resources such as

Walk for Warmth. Contributions can be made at any time by sending a check payable to "CACS Walk for Warmth" to CACS, 1370 N. Clinton Trail, Charlotte, MI 48813.

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Lions have the last run, to score win over Hackett

by Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

The Lions are still learning, but they're winning some games along the way too.

Maple Valley's varsity girls' basketball team improved to 8-8 overall and 7-7 in the Kalamazoo Valley Association with a 54-39 win over Hackett Catholic Central Friday night.

Lion head coach Landon Wilkes said that for part of the night his girls were better at working the ball in and out of the post than they had been for much of the season. That gives the girls in the post chances to score, and opens things up for shooters outside.

"We had good ball movement," said Wilkes. "We found our open jump shoot-

ers. We pressed a little bit too, and caused some chaos."

Those positives helped the Lions to run out to a 17-11 first quarter lead. They pushed that lead to 25-18 by the half.

Hackett battled back in the third quarter, tying the game at one point, but it was the Lions who had the last run in them.

"They kept hanging in there, they would make a run then in the four quarter we ran away for the most part. We got some lay-ups late in the game."

Terri Hurosky and Jennifer Kent did a good job of attacking the basket late for the

Lions. Attacking the basket was key for the Lions all night. They also got good penetration from Shawndenae Rost, Elizabeth Stewart, Jordan Beachnau, and Mikaela Bromley did a nice job of controlling the point.

Stewart led Maple Valley with 16 points on the night. Rost added ten and Kent nine.

Kathleen Hawkins had a team-high ten points for the Fighting Irish.

On Tuesday night, Schoolcraft's girls scored a 52-48 win at MVHS.

The Eagles flew past the Lions in the second quarter, outscoring them 20-11 in the period.

"They got a lot of easy buckets, because we didn't box out real well," said Wilkes.

"We played hard, we just couldn't seem to get things kind of going our way the whole first half."

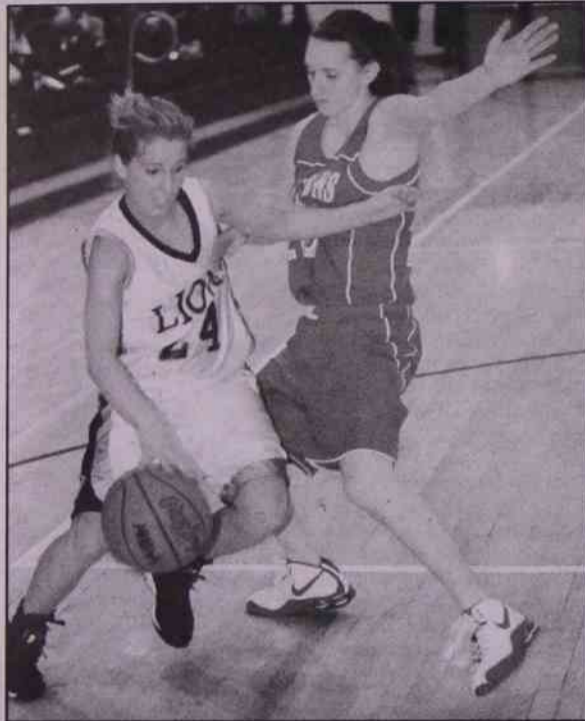
Schoolcraft took a 26-19 lead into the break. Maple Valley battled back in the second half. The Lions pulled to within two to start the fourth quarter, but never did catch Schoolcraft.

Leslee Rigelman led Maple Valley on the night with 21 points. Stewart added ten, Kent eight, and Rost four points.

Carly Scott led the Eagles with 21 points.

"She just ate us alive," said Wilkes.

"Everything she shot was basically inside the three-point line. She did a lot of attacking the basket and hit mid-range jumpers."



The Lions' Elizabeth Stewart works her way around a Falcon defender during Saturday night's KVA victory. (Photo by Perry Hardin)



The Lions' Jordan Beachnau drives past Constantine's Brigette Casselman during Saturday night's KVA contest at MVHS. (Photo by Perry Hardin)



The Lions' Jenn Kent puts a shot up over Constantine's Arica Freshour Saturday night. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

The Lions beat up on Constantine last Saturday, scoring a 67-13 win over their visitors.

The Lions only allowed two points in the opening quarter, as they moved out to a 12-2 advantage.

"They struggled," Wilkes said of Constantine. "We got off to a pretty good start, pressed them, got a lot of

turnovers, and turned them into easy baskets."

Kent had 23 points to lead Maple Valley. Rigelman chipped in 12 points, and Hurosky and Rost had eight each. Beachnau chipped in six points.

The Lions are on the road twice this coming week, at Parchment Tuesday then at Constantine Friday night.

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Lions go 2-0 on final night of regular season

Maple Valley's varsity wrestling team closed out its regular season with a pair of victories Wednesday night.

The Lions ended the Kalamazoo Valley Association duals with a 72-0 win over Parchment to start the evening, then downed Gull Lake 43-35. The win over Parchment improves Maple Valley's league record to 5-2. The league championship meet is at Pennfield today (Feb. 14).

The Division 3 district tournament will be held this

Wednesday at Maple Valley High School. Portland takes on the Lions in the opening round, beginning at 6 p.m. The winner of that match will wrestle Lakewood for the district championship.

Last Wednesday, Parchment had just five Panthers ready to take on the Lions and forfeited the other nine weight classes.

Maple Valley got pins in three of the five matches that were wrestled. Don Jensen stuck Zack Peebles 2 minutes and 36 seconds into their 285-pound match. James Samann pinned Andrew Loria 3:14 into their 152-pound match. AT 119 pounds, Anthony Molson pinned Brandon Blankenship in 3:13.

The Lions got a 13-8 win by Jessie Miller over Joe Perry at 171 pounds, and at 145 Tyler Franks topped Dillon Adams 7-6.

Zack Baird (103 pounds), Waylon Eaton (125), Cody Cruttenden (130), Josh Fulford (135), Lucas Brumm (140), Ryan Brooke (160), Alex Reid (189), and Dusty Cowell (215) won against voids in the Panther line-up.

The win over Gull Lake took some work by the Lions.

The Lions six more pins

against the Blue Devils. Winning by pin for Maple Valley were Baird (103), Molson (112), Fulford (135), Brumm (140), Franks (145), and Samann (152).

In the 215-pound match, Cowell scored a 7-3 decision over Hunter Feralo. Eaton won a 19-7 major decision for the Lions over Steve Norton at 112 pounds.

Maple Valley Youth Soccer Spring Season Sign Ups

Date: Thursday, February 19, 2009

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Lions still looking for a second conference win

The Lions' losing streak hit one month Friday night.

Maple Valley's varsity boys' basketball team last won a game at home on Jan. 13, against Parchment. Since then the Lions are on a 0-8 skid.

Hackett Catholic Central dropped the Lions record in the Kalamazoo Valley Association to 1-11 on the

season, with a 50-45 win over the Lions Friday night.

Taking care of the basketball as the difference in the ball game. The Fighting Irish had 12 turnovers on the night. The Lions coughed up the basketball 22 times.

Still, the Lions were only down five points (36-31) heading into the fourth quarter. Hackett did just enough at

the foul line over the course of the final eight minutes to hold them off, knocking down 8-of-14 free throws in the fourth.

Jack Rider was 5-of-6 in the fourth quarter at the charity stripe, and got to the line all night long. He finished with a game-high 20 points. He was 11-of-14 from the line for the game. He also had five



Maple Valley head coach Keith Jones talks things over with his team during Saturday night's KVA loss to Constantine. (Photo by Perry Hardin)



Maple Valley's Jeff Burd crashes into Constantine's Kendall Hackney as he rises towards the basket Saturday night. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

steals.

Kyle Fisher led the Lions' fourth quarter charge, scoring six of his ten points in the period. He also had 16 rebounds. Dustin Houghton added 12 points and nine rebounds, and Jesse Bromley chipped in with nine points.

Schoolcraft raced out to a 23-5 lead on Tuesday night against the Lions, and by the end of three quarters had pushed its lead to 57-25.

The Lions made things more respectable in the fourth quarter, putting up a 23-point period of their own.

For the night, Houghton led the Lions with 15 points, Jeff Burd added 13.

Kody Chandler led the Eagles with 27 points. He hit seven threes.

Last Saturday night, Constantine pulled away from the Lions late to score a 59-47 KVA victory.

The Falcons took a 45-41 lead into the fourth quarter, then pulled away by outscoring the Lions 14-8 in the quarter.

Those 14 points by the Falcons were more than the Lions were able to put on the board in the entire second half. Maple Valley hit just five field goals in the second half, and was just 1-of-7 from the free throw line, for 13 points.

Fisher led the Lions with 16 points on the night, but had just one in the second

half. Jeff Burd added ten points, Houghton eight, and Josh Burd seven.

Constantine got 12 points from Kendall Hackney and ten from Jared McBride.

Maple Valley will see the Falcons against this coming Friday, in Constantine. Before that, the Lions head to Parchment on Tuesday night.

Maple Valley Youth Soccer Spring Season Sign Ups

Maple Valley Youth Soccer is making plans for the spring soccer season. In order to receive a secured spot on a team, players must register at the Maple Valley High School cafeteria Thursday, Feb. 19, between 6 and 7:30 p.m. This is open to anyone between the ages 4 to 15.

Practices will begin the week of April 13 and will be held in the evenings. Games will be played on Saturday mornings beginning April 18 and ending May 30.

No games will be played April 25, due to the maple syrup festival, or May 23, due to the Memorial Day Weekend.

Children will be placed in the same age group or division as they were in the fall season. Parents may request placing their child in a higher age group or division, but that must be done during registration night.

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Valley wrestlers spend evening with Olympian

by Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Ken Chertow has taught hundreds of college, high school and youth wrestling champions in the past decade. Maple Valley hopes that he may have taught a couple more Thursday afternoon.

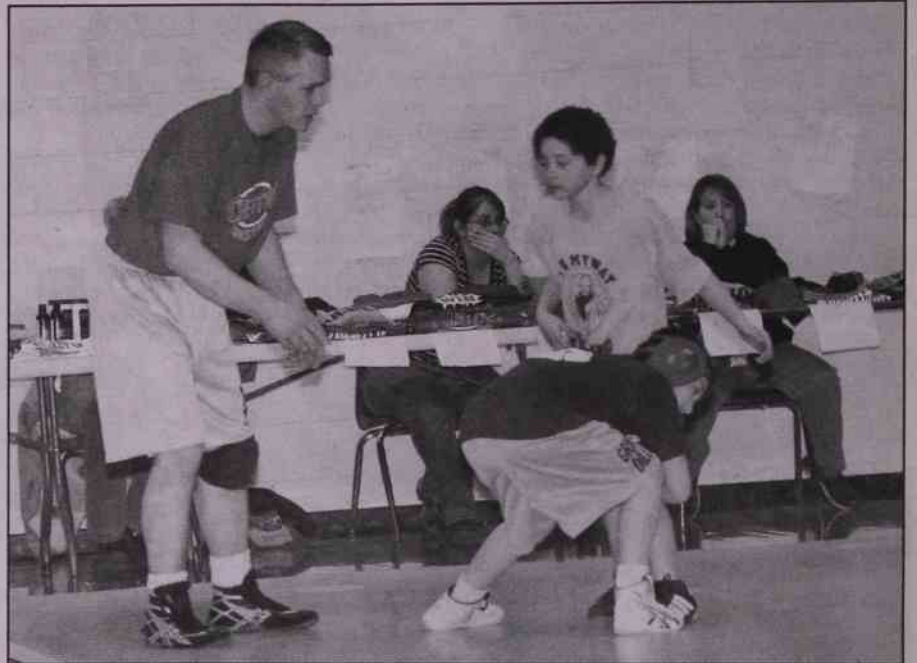
Chertow, a 1988 U.S. Olympian, spent five hours

running a pair of clinics at the Maple Valley Jr./Sr. High School after giving a motivational speech for the junior high school students at the end of the school day.

More than 100 wrestlers took part in the two clinics, the first for Maple Valley athletes and the second open to athletes from around that state which many of the

Maple Valley athletes also participated in. Participants came from as far away as Detroit and Sault Ste Marie.

"They enjoyed it," said Maple Valley youth wrestling coach Gary Pearson. "They were pleased with his enthusiasm and his work ethic. He was just great with the kids and worked hard with the kids. It didn't



Maple Valley Youth Wrestling coach Gary Pearson (left) helps a couple of the youngsters work on good set-ups during the visit from Olympian Ken Chertow Thursday evening. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

matter if they were four-year-olds or 17-year-olds. You could see the passion. He has a passion for what he does."

What Chertow does is train athletes at his gym during the school year, and travel across the country running camps throughout the summer months. He also is a TV commentator on the Big Ten Network.

Pearson's son, Garrett, took part in a Chertow camp in Pennsylvania over the winter break. After that experience was a positive one, coach Pearson began to look into bringing Chertow to Maple Valley.

It just so happened that Chertow was coming to Michigan to broadcast Friday night's Michigan versus Ohio State dual. He just added a day to his trip.

Coach Pearson said that

one of the most impressive things he saw throughout the night of wrestling was how Chertow kept even some of the youngest campers entertained and working hard for the full five hours.

"You've got to keep it fun in elementary school, if you want them to get good," said Chertow. "You can't do one without the other either. You have more fun once you're good."

The wrestlers spread out throughout the new gym at MVHS, with members of the Maple Valley Youth Wrestling program at one end, middle school wrestlers in the middle, and varsity wrestlers at the other end. Chertow had something to teach each of them. Even varsity coaches Chris Ricketts and Tony Wawiermia came up to Chertow from time to time

for guidance in teaching some of his techniques.

"The best part for me is hearing these kids did well and used some of the moves they learned here, and that they were motivated to improve," said Chertow.

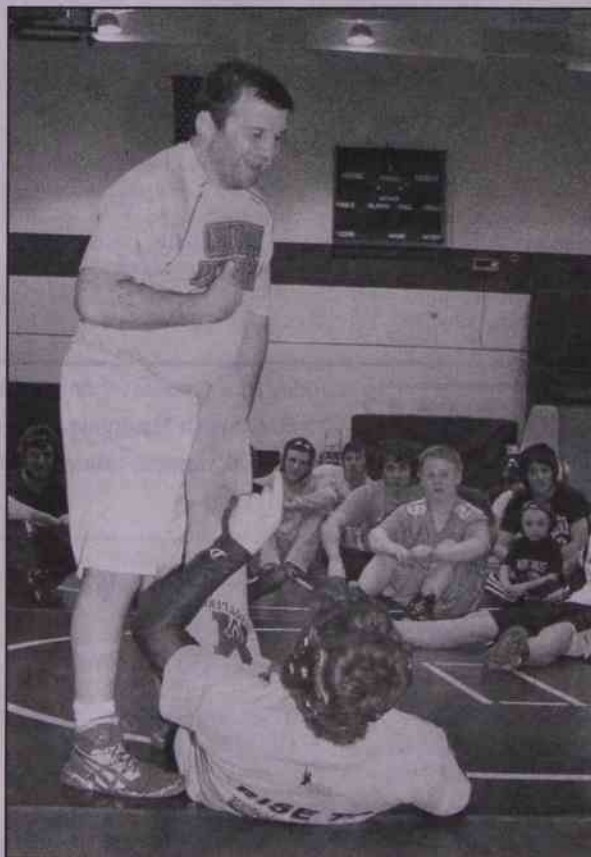
Chertow was motivated to start coaching in the early 1990s. After four years at Penn State University that included being named an NCAA All American three times and also being named an NCAA Academic All American three times, Chertow moved on to Ohio State University.

"After college I went to medical school. I was a serious student and I also continued to train. I was training for the Olympics and also on the Ohio State coaching staff. I was really busy and decided to focus my priorities on coaching and training," said Chertow.

He made plans to take a year off from school. During that year off he started developing his training program and also wrote a book, "Wrestling: A Commitment to Excellence".

Chertow has been building on his training program ever since, and now has a collection of instructional and highlight DVDs, and runs Gold Medal, Kids Training, Technique, and Future Champions camps.

"I think it's important (the wrestlers) get to see someone who's been very successful, and be able to talk to that person and realize it takes hard work and determination to reach your dreams," coach Pearson said.



Olympian Ken Chertow has a laugh with Maple Valley varsity wrestler Tyler Franks after taking him down to his back as he teaches high single-leg technique Thursday night at Maple Valley Jr/Sr High School. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



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