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Kalamo Township votes to change ambulance service provides

Vermontville Township now has \$10,000 hole in budget

by Amy Jo Parish

At its regular meeting Monday night, the Kalamo Township board voted to turn down a contract offer from Vermontville Township and to enter into agreements with Charlotte and Nashville for ambulance services over the next year. Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital operates the service in Charlotte, and the Castleton-Maple Grove-Nashville Ambulance (CMGNA) is based out of Nashville.

Kalamo Township residences east of Ionia Road will be serviced by Charlotte, and those west of Ionia Road will be serviced by CMGNA.

Kalamo Board President Brett Ramey said the change will save around \$7,000 and will provide the township with advanced life support (ALS) service. The Vermontville Township ambulance currently only offers basic life support services and is unable to transport anyone with life-threatening injuries.

John Truba, emergency medical services director at Hayes Green Beach, said their coverage of half of Kalamo Township will cost around \$1,300 per year, which will be put into a capital replacement fund to help repair and replace equipment. No per-run fees or other financial commitment will be required of Kalamo Township, said Truba.

Ramey said the Kalamo Township board still wants to work with Vermontville Township in whatever way it can and wants to pursue other options with Vermontville Township in the future.

At its last regular meeting,

after months of discussion, the Vermontville Township board voted to offer a contract to Kalamo Township for ambulance service with a 5.8 percent increase in per-run fees, in line with the cost-of-living index.

With Kalamo Township's change to other providers, Vermontville Township is left with a hole in its budget for the next fiscal year.

"I think it's going to have a profound affect on the township," said Vermontville Township President Jack Owens. "We are losing upwards of \$10,000 for the ambulance."

Owens said the coverage given to Kalamo Township totals about 40 runs each

year. An ALS program would be in the best interest for his township, he said, but the logistics and financial impacts make that difficult.

"Just having basic life support, a lot of times we don't transport patients; Charlotte or Nashville transports. If we don't transport, we do not get to bill insurance or the patient, so we just made a run for zero dollars," said Owens. "ALS is the best thing to have, but you have to have full-time people at the station."

At its last meeting, the Vermontville Township board voted to cancel the final dust control run of this

fiscal year and move that money into the general fund for use by the ambulance program. Owens said that while canceling future dust control applications may be an option, the board is going to have to try and work out a way to support the ambulance.

"If we remove some of the dust control each year, the cost of the ambulance still goes up each year, and eventually we won't be able to cover those costs," said Owens. "This year is going to be a test year for that dust

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Milt Wilcox gives pointers to local baseball players

Saturday, Feb. 28, former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox spent several hours working with young Maple Valley and Lakewood baseball players, ranging in age from 9 to 17 years old.

"We have some high school athletes but also about a half dozen Little League players here," said Little League coordinator Kyle Booher. "I think the kids have really enjoyed getting the opportunity to have a Major League baseball player come to instruct them."

The clinic was sponsored by the Nashville Shell gas station and Subway owned by Walters-Dimmick. Sue Walchak, manager of the store, was instrumental in arranging the event.

"The owners are adamant about community involvement," said Walchak, who is

a friend of Wilcox. She said she began talking to him about a year ago about visiting Maple Valley to give a clinic.

"He does pitching lessons and gives them hands-on, one-on-one attention. He really loves working with kids," she said. "He does tons of charity work and has told me that it is because he could never give back to baseball everything that baseball has given to him. He genuinely loves the sport."

Wilcox joined the Cincinnati Reds in 1970, and played for five different teams before leaving baseball in 1986. The bulk of his career, from 1977 to 1985, was spent with the Detroit Tigers where he was a part of the 1984 World Series Championship team. He was the winning

pitcher in Game 3 of the series.

During his 16-year career,

Wilcox won 119 games and struck out 1,137 batters.



Former Detroit Tigers pitcher Milt Wilcox gives Kyle Brumm some pointers during a workshop last weekend.



'West Side Story' continues this weekend

Lakewood and Maple Valley high schools have joined together in a two-weekend performance of "West Side Story." The tale places Shakespeare's Romeo and Juliet into the 20th Century. Above left, RJ Brown, Joe Benedict and Brandon Shapley paint a little creative advertising on the spirit rock outside the high school. Above right, Nick Smith of Maple Valley and Lynette King of Lakewood recreate the famous balcony scene. The duo will play Tony and Maria for half of the performances. Mike Kennedy of Lakewood and Kayla Chapman of Maple Valley will take on the roles in the other performances. The show will run March 7, 12 and 14 at 7 p.m. with a matinee on March 14 at 3 p.m. The roles of Tony, Maria, Anita and Anybodys have been double-cast, with alternating performances. All shows will be at the Maple Valley High School Auditorium. For reservations, call Amanda Wells at 616-902-4193.

Vermontville Library looking for 'friends'

Several patrons have expressed an interest in forming a Friends of the Vermontville Township Library group.

This group would assist the library with fundraising projects and promote the library in our community. A list is being formed, and an organizational meeting is being planned.

Anyone interested in joining this group should call or visit the library to be added to the list so they can be notified of the organizational meeting.

Vermontville Township Library receives grant

The Vermontville Township Library has received notification that it has been awarded the Libri Foundation "Books for Children" grant.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide nonprofit organization that donates new children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States. The foundation, by matching funds raised by local sponsors, enables a library to obtain children's books beyond its normal book budget.

The foundation encourages support of local Friends of the Library and other groups because they believe

in community involvement and want to encourage and reward local support of libraries. The foundation will match any amount of money raised by the sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a two-to-one ratio. The matching funds cannot come from the library budget.

The Vermontville Township Library has committed to raise \$350 and will receive \$1,050 in children's books. The library also has been selected to receive an additional \$350 worth of math and science books, for a total award of \$1,400. Since there is no existing Friends of the Library group

in Vermontville, the library is asking its patrons to act as the sponsors required to raise the necessary funds.

The library is planning a raffle for a handmade lap quilt donated by Janet Valdick, library board president and will have a donation canister in the library. Also, patrons wishing to adopt a book can make a contribution of \$10 and will have a nameplate honoring the person of their choice added to the book upon its arrival.

For more information, contact the library at 517-726-1362.

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Fuller Street students celebrate reading month



Kindergartner Kayli Hansen role plays singer Sharpy from the "High School Musical" movies.

March is reading month in the state of Michigan, and students at Fuller Street Elementary have been celebrating with a variety of special events.

The month was kicked off with an American Idol talent show and also included a Dr. Seuss dress-up day to celebrate the author's birthday. Many other events are planned in the coming weeks, and calendars detailing the special celebrations were sent home with each student.

Fuller Street Elementary is also currently enrolling for the 2009-10 school year. For more information, contact the school at 517-852-2075.

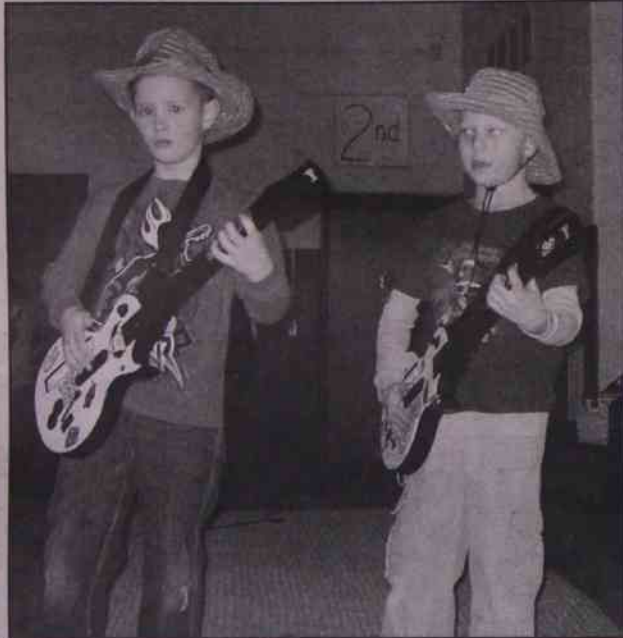
Emcee Robin Hamilton played her bagpipes for students during the event.



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Kindergartner Carleigh Lundquist dresses up as the Cat in the Hat, in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday.



Second grade students Gavin Booher and Noah Hansen with guitars compete in "Fuller's Idol Rock"



A special *Green Eggs and Ham* Reading was performed by some of the teachers including Ruth Ralph, Cindy Baker, Heather Bross, Tammy Wilde, Angela French, Robin Hamilton, Amy Billings, Nichole Hansen and Lori Thomas.



Lunch staff members Laurie Cook, Kelly Vorce, Roxanne Ripley and Darlene Kirwin serve "Cat in the Hat" cake in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday March 2.



Third grade teacher Amy Billings, dressed up as Dr. Seuss character Thing 2, reads to her class.

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Latchkey students to present play

Students of the Maple Valley Latchkey Program are preparing to present a performance of a play for their parents and community

ber of the latchkey program. The play deals with honesty and its rewards and consequences. All the children enrolled in the latchkey program will participate. The

fund future activities. In addition to the play, one of the first activities scheduled for the latchkey program is an overnight camping trip in June. The stu-



Latchkey participants discuss plans for the spring program with instructor Ellen Karman. Pictured are (group on left, front row, from left) Elijah Campbell, Drew Abbott, Shia Reece-Jarman, Bryce Corey, (back row) Raven Corey, Darius Abbott, (group on right, front row) Corey Chapman, Rose Brown, Evan Chapman, Michael Brown, (back row) Kaelynn Brown, Rebecca Peck, and Olivia Peck.

members at the Fuller Street School on Sunday, May 17.

The program was written by Elly Jarman, a staff mem-

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Practicing for the latchkey's spring program are (front row, from left) Rose Brown, Olivia Peck, Kaelynn Brown, Rebecca Peck, Bryce Corey, (back row) Raven Corey, Drew Abbott, Michael Brown, Darius Abbott, Shia Reece-Jarman, Elijah Campbell, Evan Chapman and Corey Chapman

"Everyone is really excited about all the preparations taking place as we prepare for the program and the camping trip," said latchkey program director Terry Woodman.

For more information regarding the Maple Valley Latchkey Program, call Woodman at 517-852-9421.



These youngsters in the latchkey program practice a dance routine for their upcoming presentation. Pictured are (front row, from left) Rose Brown, Olivia Peck, Kaelynn Brown, Rebecca Peck, Bryce Corey, (back row) Raven Corey, Drew Abbott, Michael Brown, Darius Abbott, Shia Reece-Jarman, Elijah Campbell, Evan Chapman, and Corey Chapman.

Maplewood School names honor roll

Maplewood School has announced the names of students on its honor roll for the second term of the 2008-09 school year.

Fourth grade

All A's - Evan Adrianson, Jonah Denton, Dakota Kranz, Abby Mater, Bekah Mater, Rachel Morris, Noelle Rhode.

A-B - Drew Allen, Alissa Bowerman, Nickolas Braden, Jacob Brighton, Jakub Cassaday, Karley Childers, Dustin Cook, Nathaniel Crane, Mark Dixon, Alison Dodge, Brooke Fisher, Raymond Halliwill, Sequoya Henigan, Andrew Hoyt, Brandon Kempf, Elizabeth King, Alex Musser, Kallie Orsborn, Logan Ramey,

Jordan Reynolds, Audrey Reid, Elizabeth Rushford, Linsy Rushford, Matthew Schaub, Tom Shilton, Walker Skelton, Dillon Walker.

Fifth grade

All A's - Megan Bonney, Michaela Johnson, Nicole Peters, Abby Smith

A-B - Shiann Adams, Grant Adrianson, Jacob Allerding, Zachary Bement, Noah Christopher, Alaina Cobb, Austin Creller, Kayla Dankenbring, Shawna Dockter, Alyssa Egbert, Gavin Gardner, Isiah Garn, Jason Green, Jeanne Hale, Brielle Hammond, Samantha Henion, Alli Hickey, Jarrett Hickey, Tayley Histed, Seth Gurd,

Trenton Imes, Tia James, Brandon Kenyon, Aaron Knoll, Wyatt Ledford, Nathaniel Marshall, Lindsey Mattocks, Lyndi Rose, Payton Rourke, Shamin Rowley, Payton Schrader, Zandra Siple, Ilene Smith, Savannah VanStee, Jasmine VanTyle, Bailey Weiler, Brock Weiler.

Sixth grade

All A's - Jennelle Ames, Felix Pena-Collier, Katie Dixon, Hannah Hammond, Beau Johnson, Emma McGlocklin, Cameron Pifer, Jadelyn Stewart.

A-B - Savanah Ackett, Corbin Allen, Dustin Anderson, Katie Blodgett, Sam Bonney, Andrew

Brighton, Tanner Brownell, Erica Burkett, Trishawn Carpenter, Jason Cassaday, Lee Christopher, Kodee Crouch, Jordan Denton, Samantha Denton, Sydney Denton, Jessica Eaton, Shara Gillean, MacKenzie Greenhoe, Terra Hall, Hunter Hilton, Alec Hosmer, Alexandria Hughes,

Haley James, Brianna Jordan, Makayla Lee Brown, JJ Lehman, Misty Leonard, Ryan Mudge, Macy Mund, Maizy Nichols, Zach Orsborn, Anna Pash, Travis Rockwell, Hunter Sebastian, Grant Silvers, Gunner Tobias, Corey Turner, Katelyn VanMeter, Iva Weiler, Zach Wolcott.

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To be eligible, undergrad-

uate students had to earn at least a 3.5 grade point average in at least 12 credit hours of coursework.

Local students on the list include Amy Joostberns and Mary Jewell, both of

Nashville.

County offering free ORV safety classes

The Eaton County Sheriff's Office will be conducting free ORV safety classes Tuesday and Wednesday, March 24 and 25, from 6 to 8 p.m. each night in the sheriff's office training room, 1025

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Local Citizens Speak Out On Issues

Township residents were not misled

To the editor:

Don Wiggins is dead-set on causing Castleton Township problems. He is even unwilling to pay an old bill for a Freedom of Information Act request he made several months ago. He continues to make requests that cause the clerk

considerable additional work. Having to deal with Don Wiggins has made me really appreciate the other residents and taxpayers in the township.

In my letter to the editor *Maple Valley News* Jan. 31) I never said Castleton Township finances were in

bad shape, nor have I ever said I have the votes to pass the budget and you cannot do anything about it as Don Wiggins said in his letter to the editor Feb. 21.

Castleton Township is not mandated to provide ambulance service or fire protection, but they do. If funds for those two services were not provided from the limited funds the township receives, the other services that are mandated could be properly funded.

The ambulance service has evolved from a volunteer service into full-time and is now providing the best service available. This has increased the cost tremendously, so the township needed to ask for additional funding to help pay for it.

I do not believe township residents were misled in any way as Don Wiggins has been saying. If they were, it was from the twisted information he has been printing. If Don Wiggins would take time to examine the budget — both revenues and expenditures — and becomes acquainted with the number of hours each elected official works on his or her share of the operation, it should change his opinion, but it probably wouldn't because of his mind set.

He has recommended, because the officials are elected, they should be willing to work for nothing. Maybe he should recommend that to all elected officials. Castleton Township officials are paid less than comparable workers in the private sector.

Perhaps the township could find something Don Wiggins would be capable of doing and pay him as he recommends.

Sincerely,
Justin W. Cooley,
Retired Supervisor/Assessor
Castleton Township

'From Garden to Plate' workshop planned

MSU Extension in Eaton County is offering a Super Saturday "Getting back to the Basics" education event to help those interested in growing their own produce and preserving it. The event will take place Saturday, March 21, starting at 9 a.m.

Information will be provided on how to grow, harvest and store produce. This segment of the program will be taught by Eaton County Master Gardeners in partnership with Dr. George Silva, Eaton County MSU Extension horticulturist.

In the afternoon, guests can learn the basics of can-

ning vegetables and fruits using a hot-water bath canner and a pressure canner.

"Everyone is looking for ways to economize and now may be the time to learn the basics of growing and preserving your own produce," said Mona Ellard, Michigan State University Extension director in Eaton County. "Growing up as a youngster and even into most of my adult life, we lowered our food budget by taking advantage of the vegetables we produced for canning or freezing."

Ellard will demonstrate the processes involved in

preparing fresh produce for the freezer and how to dry foods for long-term storage.

The program will be held at the MSU Extension office, 551 Courthouse Drive, Charlotte, and is open to the public.

Because of limited seating, advance registration is required by March 18. The cost is \$10 per person. Scholarships are available to registered 4-H members and foods leaders. Contact the MSU Extension office at 517-543-2310 or by e-mail at msue23@msu.edu to reserve a seat.

Thank You!

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Class offers hands-on training for high school students

by Amy Jo Parish

While many students are in the classroom learning from books and putting pen to paper, students in Jeff

Seavolt's building trades class are getting hands-on training. Seavolt is planning to build a cold storage building at the high school to house supplies and equipment used by the class.

math," said Seavolt. "What they learn in a normal classroom, they are able to apply in this setting with technical experience."

Jesse Miller said the class gives him chance to use the lessons taught in other classes and also gain some real-world experience.

"We use a lot of math because it's just like real construction, and you need math to build anything, really," said Miller as he meas-

ured a length of 2-by-4.

More than just construction skills, Miller said he has learned the value of being on time and putting 100 percent into every task.

"He (Seavolt) made me realize that you have to be here on time," said Miller. "He grades on how good you do, as if it's a real job. He grades on how you work in the class with others and if you're on time and on task every day."



Teacher Jeff Seavolt gives instructions to a few of his students. Seavolt has taught the building trades class for the past eight years.



Levi Westendorp, Sean Curtis and Justin Kennedy work to carefully peel tin panels from the ceiling of the old Masonic lodge in Nashville. The building is now home to The Revue theater group.

Seavolt's building trades class are putting pencil to board, and applying in a very measured way what they have learned.

The group has completed several community projects and is currently working to build a new stage for The Revue community theater group. The class is comprised of 13 students who, under Seavolt's supervision, meet from 12:30 until 2:30 each day.

Already ahead of schedule, the group has nearly completed the floor of the stage and has started removing some of the tin panels from the ceiling to help accommodate the new structure. The stage project helps fill a hole in the class' schedule while they wait for per-

The students recently completed a picnic table project for Maplewood Elementary School, and past projects have included a Habitat for Humanity house.

"Anytime we have the opportunity to do anything that is community-service related we will," said Seavolt. "It's great experience for the kids to do something that benefits others."

The class is now in its eighth year, and Seavolt said the experiences and training the students receive are an extension of the traditional classroom setting.

"We're the application for their other classes, like



The Maple Valley building trades class constructed picnic tables this winter that were presented to Maplewood Elementary. This is just one of several projects completed by the students.



Students of Jeff Seavolt's building trades class at Maple Valley High School take a moment to pause for a picture on the stage they have been working on. Shown here are (from left) Dylan Myers, Brogan Bodemuller, Brandon Hoffman, Jesse Miller, Tyler Murray, Matt Turner, Mark Wehr, (on scaffolding) Sean Curtis, Levi Westendorp and Justin Kennedy.

Putnam Library 'rocks' with Abe Lincoln



Assistant Director Emily Mater shares a poster about President Lincoln, while Christy Brooke, Ana Brooke, Esther Brooke, Justin Heinsen, Olivia Williams, Larissa Mater and Davita Mater look on.

Last week, Putnam District Library was host to two special events for students. On Friday, Feb. 27, 20 teens and 'tweens' stopped in to play Wii Guitar Hero.

The Wii station was set up all day, and kids came and went at their pace. Students were encouraged to check out a good book while they waited to try their hand at the guitar.

The next gaming day at the library is scheduled for Monday, March 16, when Maple Valley does not have school.

Preschool and elementary kids were presented with a

story time about Abraham Lincoln on Saturday, Feb. 28. Facts about the president's life were discussed, in celebration of the 200th anniversary of his birth Feb. 12.

The books, *The Story of Abraham Lincoln* by Patricia Pingry, and *Benny's Pennies* by Pat Brisson were both shared. Afterward, kids took turns tracing hats, beards and pennies to fill posters with facts about Lincoln's life. They also deposited pennies into a "Lincolns for Your Library" canister, which will collect pennies to be spent on children's programming.

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Barry County Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

- Hearty Menu**
Monday, March 9
 Split pea soup w/ham, Italian blend vegetables, blueberry cobbler, whole wheat crackers.
- Tuesday, March 10**
 Lemon chicken breast, chicken stuffing and gravy, country potatoes, California blend vegetables, banana.
- Wednesday, March 11**
 Roast turkey breast, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, pineapple and mandarin oranges, dinner roll.
- Thursday, March 12**
 Meatloaf and gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, spiced apples, dinner roll.
- Friday, March 13**
 Baked pollock, white rice, winter blend vegetables, succotash, mixed fruit in cherry jello.
- Cold Menu**
Monday, March 9
 Sliced ham, pea and cheese salad, pineapple and mandarin oranges, wheat bread.
- Tuesday, March 10**
 Meatloaf, marinated vegetables, diced pears, wheat bread.
- Wednesday, March 11**
 Chicken and pineapple salad, carrot and raisin salad, plums, wheat bread.
- Thursday, March 12**
 Tuna pasta salad, Spanish bean salad, tropical fruit, whole wheat crackers.
- Friday, March 13**
 Egg salad, tomato salad, tropical fruit, wheat bread.
- Activities Calendar**
Monday, March 9: Hastings - Music with Sam; Crafts 10:30 a.m.; Card Making 12:30 p.m.; Red Cross Blood Drive 9 a.m.-4 p.m. H,W,N- Reminiscence. Delton - Bingo
- Tuesday, March 10:** Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m. GL - 10:30-12:30 Cards.
- Wednesday, March 11:** Hastings - Bible Study 12:30 p.m.; Music with Sam; Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Low Vision Support 1:30 p.m. Delton - Reminiscence.
- Thursday, March 12:** Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m. Nashville - TV Time; Delton - Puzzles, Trivia.
- Friday, March 13:** 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.

COUNSELORS CORNER

by Lorraine Benedict

Scheduling for next year

We have had extremely busy weeks in the counseling offices. Counselors have been working on next year's schedules with students in eighth to 11th grades. Mrs. Yager met with sophomore and junior students during their English classes. Sophomores and juniors schedules have been sent home for parent signatures and should be back in Mrs. Yager's office. Mrs. Benedict met with freshmen students in English classes and met with small groups of eighth graders to explain high school classes, requirements and tips for success. Eighth graders and freshmen will receive a copy of the schedules they developed with Mrs. Benedict attached to their report cards at conference time. Mrs. Benedict and Miss McCaul will be available to discuss ninth and 10th grade schedules with parents at conferences April 1 and 2. Parent signatures are not required on ninth and 10th grade schedules.

Classroom bullying lessons

Miss McCaul has been working with seventh grade students during their academic center class discussing bullying — what it looks like and how to stop it. Students were receptive to anti-bullying ideas. We hope parents are also taking the time at home to talk to their kids about the power of our actions and words in influencing others for good or bad. We can never overemphasize the importance of being kind to one another.

Important testing for ninth, 10th and 11th graders March 10 to 12

Next week is an extremely important week of testing for students. Our ninth and 10th graders will take the ACT Explore and ACT Plan. These tests are smaller versions of the ACT students take as juniors and for college admissions. The tests will give us valuable data on students' achievements and needs for remediation. They also provide students two "practice" tests before taking the ACT their junior year. Our juniors will be taking the Michigan Merit Exam, a three-day test which includes

the ACT test, Work Keys test and additional required State of Michigan tests. Scoring well on this exam will give students an opportunity to earn the Michigan Promise Scholarship and also is the test most colleges use for admission. Students should plan to be in their testing rooms by 7:30 a.m. so that testing can begin promptly at 7:40.

Free tutoring

Free tutoring is available on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the high school for students in kindergarten through 12th grade. We are grateful to the many community members who have volunteered for this project and to the Maple Valley Community Center of Hope for coordinating the tutoring.

Good communication is essential

Please be sure and contact teachers with any concerns you have about your children. Parents can access our on-line grading system to view their teens' grades. If you do not recall your password or need help accessing grades, contact the school; there are many of us who can help with this. If you do not have Internet access at home, the local libraries can help you once you have your user name and password.

All seniors should fill out FAFSAs ASAP

All seniors should fill out the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) immediately. It is available online (easiest to complete) or in paper form (available from Mrs. Yager). This form is the standard form required by the State of Michigan and colleges to award scholarship, grant and loan money to students. Once taxes are completed, use the 1040 or other tax forms to complete the FAFSA. You will need to apply for a PIN to fill out the form online. The application takes most people about two hours to complete. Be sure and stop by if you need help with this. Sometimes the process seems complicated, but it is essential for anyone considering college for next year.

Area Obituaries

Donald M. Shook

VERMONTVILLE - Donald M. Shook, age 78, of Vermontville, went Home to be with his Heavenly Father on Monday, March 2, 2009.

Don was born in South Sioux City, Neb. on Dec. 25, 1930 to Lloyd and Margaret (Haubrick) Shook.

The loves of Don's life were his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, his family and his farm.

Don is survived by Joyce (Henney), his loving wife of 58 years; children, Pamela Kruger, Mark and Jeanne Shook, Barb and Herb Roberts, Jamie and Kari Shook, and Julie and Scott Beglin; 20 grandchildren; 15 great grandchildren; sisters, Ardith and Dick Hart, Ann and Vern Booher, and Audrey Burdick; sister-in-law, Melva Shook; and the Henney family.

He was preceded in death by his parents-in-law, Homer



and Hazel Henney; his parents, Lloyd and Margaret Shook; and his brother, Harold Shook.

The funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at the Nashville Baptist Church. Burial will be in Woodland Memorial Park.

The family has requested that memorial contributions may be made to the Gideon's.

Kristene M. Green

NASHVILLE - Kristene M. Green, age 60, of Nashville passed away March 5, 2009 at Battle Creek Health Systems, in Battle Creek.

Kris was born in Charlotte, on Sept. 5, 1948, the daughter of the late Clare and Maxine (Maxwell) Bosworth.

She was raised in the Charlotte area and attended Charlotte Schools graduating in 1966. Kris continued her education by attending Western Michigan University where she received her masters degree in education. She was a member of the Delta Kappa Gamma sorority.

Kris's passion was helping and teaching children. For over 32 years Kris served her community by educating and counseling children in the Maple Valley School district. Kris loved her job and worked faithfully until retiring in 2005.

Kris married Roger Green on Aug. 14, 1971 and they enjoyed over 35 years of marriage together.

In her spare time Kris enjoyed visiting the area casinos and looked forward to her monthly "Bunco" game which she played with

her friends and co-workers.

Along with her husband Roger, the couple would visit Las Vegas twice a year.

Kris is survived by her beloved children; a daughter, Holly (Tom) Postma, a son, Jasen (Megan) Green and her beautiful granddaughter Suzannah Green.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband Roger, and sister Sandra Ruthruff.

Funeral services will be held at the Daniels Funeral Home, Nashville, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2009 with Pastor Dave Hustwick officiating.

The family will receive visitors on Monday, March 9, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. also at the Daniels Funeral Home.

Interment will take place immediately following the funeral service at Hosmer Cemetery in Castleton Township.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Maple Valley Scholarship Fund or the National Kidney Association of Michigan.

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

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Counselors needed for sixth grade camp

Maple Valley juniors and seniors are invited to apply to be sixth grade camp counselors. The group will leave Maplewood School at 8 a.m. Wednesday, May 13, and return Friday, May 15, at about 2:30 p.m.

Applications are available online at www.mvs.k12.mi.us until March 13. Click on the sixth grade camp counselor application tab for further information.

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Thank goodness for Goodman!

Customers stuff the store to celebrate anniversary

by Amy Jo Parish

On Sunday, March 1, more than 90 patrons of Ducey's Corner in Vermontville packed into the little corner store to help owner Duane Eldred celebrate his first year of operation.

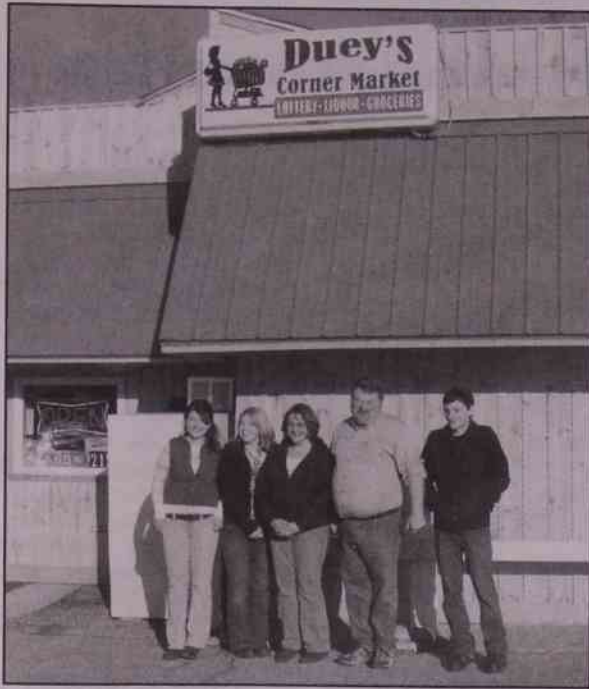
"How exciting," said Eldred. "Everyone had a good time and enjoyed cake and popcorn. It was just a fun time."

The store, located on South Ionia Road, has received a facelift during the past year, and Eldred said he is always looking for ways to improve the service and products offered to his customers.

"The entire front exterior of the store is new. We had the new sign up front for the anniversary, and we have added to the inventory many times over," explained Duane. "We always try to work with requests we get from customers."

Running the store is truly a family affair. Most days, Duane's wife, Kim, and children Katie, Emily and Chris can be found at the store. The whole family helped get the store ready for the anniversary celebration, and Duane said they will likely hold a

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The Eldred family shows off the new exterior and sign at Ducey's Corner. Emily, Katie, Kim, Duane and Chris Eldred celebrated their one-year anniversary at the store March 1. (Photo by Betsy Parish)



Courtney Cords was the big winner at the event and took home a 19-inch flat-screen television. Here, Duane Eldred presents Cords with the prize. (Photo by Betsy Parish)

Social News



Ken Priddy celebrates 80th birthday

Ken Priddy will be celebrating his 80th birthday March 12. If you would like, send him a birthday wish. His address is 4691 N. Ionia Rd., Vermontville, 49096. His family would like to shower him with cards.

BARRY CO. EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 6-14 Ag & Natural Resources Week, Michigan State University.
- March 9 Horse Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- March 12 Dog Developmental Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office.
- March 12 Non-Livestock Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- March 13 Hunter Education Class, 6-9 p.m., Barry County Sheriff Department.
- March 14 Hunter Education Class, 6:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Barry County Sheriff Department.
- March 16 Poultry Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- March 17 Mandatory Horse Participants and Parents Meeting, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church in Hastings.
- March 17 Dairy Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office.
- March 17 Risk Management Series, *Marketing 101 & What We Learned Last Year*, 7 p.m., Clarksville Hort. Station.
- March 20 Extension Office Closed for Inservice.

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Community center looks to expand services, facilities

The Maple Valley Community Center of Hope is working to start a regional learning center that would focus on helping 13- to 18-year-old students. Roger Trowbridge explained the program to the Vermontville Village Council Thursday night at its regular meeting.

The center currently has a community tutoring program which sees 23 volunteers and 54 students per week. The tutoring effort has already shown great improvements in the grades of the kids, said Trowbridge.

At the meeting, Sandy Hosey gave information on a grant which she and others have been working on for the regional learning center

(RLC), through the 21st Century Grant of Michigan (Department of Education). The group needs letters of support from the local governments, churches and groups to include with the grant.

The grant could also include money for wages for the librarians to keep the library open longer hours for tutoring. They are also looking into the purchase of the Michigan Magnetics building, for conversion into the RLC, said Hosey.

The council unanimously voted to send a letter of recommendation for the center.

In other business, Vermontville Village Council:

- Heard a report from Department of Public Works Director Monte O'Dell concerning the water drain at 688 S. Main. O'Dell said he looked into costs and the project could be approximately \$3,000 without a contractor and \$5,000 with contractor. It would involve 161

feet of digging and possibly a 12-inch pipe with a bigger basin needed.

Trustee Sue Villanueva moved to proceed with the project, but without support, the motion was withdrawn.

- Heard a report from O'Dell that the facade grant is moving forward, and all the participating owners are ready. The projects should be put out for bid soon. He also reported that 117 tons of salt were used on the village streets for the year 2008.

- Heard a recommendation by O'Dell not to go forward with the work targeted with stimulus money because he has learned that the money is not a grant but a loan with a 70/30 match.

- Approved a request from the Maple Valley Wrestlers for use of the First Street ball field and bathroom facilities.

- Heart Council President Doug Kelsey explain what is happening with the tax tribunal. Assessor Jeff Winans agreed to recommend that the Vermontville Township board pay back half of the 2005 taxes of 171 S. Main property, but that the township has not agreed to it.

Villanueva moved that if the township does not agree

to pay back half the taxes, the village should continue with the tax tribunal recommendation and ask for a full

refund. The council unanimously approved the motion.

The next regular meeting of the Vermontville Village

Council will be Thursday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the village office.

Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center in need of donations

After seeing an increase in demand throughout the cold weather season the Eaton Clothing and Furniture Center's current supply is dwindling.

ECFC, a non-profit, which supplies gently used clothing, furniture and many other household necessities to those who qualify for assistance and live in Eaton or Barry county is in need of donations.

"When you clean out a closet or room or upgrade your furniture, your clean gently used items could directly help many in

your community," said ECFC volunteer Liza Sayer. "As the spring cleaning season arrives consider the affect your donation could have on a family struggling with unemployment or others caught in the recent economic downturn."

ECFC is committed to the idea of reduce, reuse, recycle with the emphasis at ECFC being on the reuse portion of that motto. The idea being those items that one person no longer uses may be of great value to another, said Sayer.

Donations may be made during regular business hours which are Monday 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Tuesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and Saturday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ECFC is located at 116 E. Lovett Street, Charlotte. Call 517-543-4334 for further information. ECFC is a United Way community partner.

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control."

Looking to the future financial stability of the ambulance, Owens said the Vermontville Township will work to keep the program.

"We're going to do the best we can as far as keeping the ambulance. And in the future, we're going to have

to be looking at our expenditures even more carefully so we can see where we can put money back in and try and support the ambulance as best we can," said Owens.

A joint ALS ambulance service that would include Sunfield, Kalamo and Vermontville townships has been discussed at various meetings. Sunfield shut down its ambulance service

last year, and a centrally located ambulance that could service each township would be an improvement, said Ramey.

"That sure would be nice to have an ALS ambulance closer, but it's going to take a lot of work to get it here," commented Ramey.

An evaluation of the amount of money each township can contribute annually to the joint service and whether there would be enough runs to warrant the service will have to take place, said Truba.

Owens agreed that a joint ambulance program would have its benefits, though the logistics of starting the new program would have to be worked out between the participating townships.

"We have to have an agreement between three or four townships and agree that it is valuable to have ALS service in Vermontville since that is the best place to have one because of location," said Owens. "We have to talk and see how much money the townships are willing to give to an ALS service and if they're willing to have a joint ALS service."

At their meeting, Kalamo Township unanimously approved a fire contract with Vermontville Township at a 4.4 percent increase and a \$100 per-run increase.

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Celebrate nutrition month with some myth-busting

March is National Nutrition Month and Hayes Green Beach Memorial Hospital in Charlotte wants residents to know what's in their kitchens.

"Unfortunately, many of the foods we think are healthy can be packed full of calories. In order to help you make better meal choices, you should learn more about

these 'healthy foods' that aren't always healthy," said Melanie Stanczak, a registered dietitian with the hospital.

Granola

"When we hear granola, we think of a natural and healthy treat," said Stanczak. After all, granola does contain oats, raisins and nuts. The glue that holds those

healthy ingredients together, however, is oil and honey. The serving size for granola is one half cup and may contain between 200 and 400 calories depending on the brand, and these calories come from fat and sugar. A better choice for breakfast would be oatmeal.

"If you like to eat granola on yogurt, try using Grapenuts or another high-fiber, lowfat cereal instead," suggested Stanczak.

Frozen diet meals

She also said frozen diet meals are great for built-in portion control. They also tend to be reasonably low in calories and fat.

"The problem lies with the sodium," Stanczak said. "One frozen diet meal could contain anywhere from 600 to more than 900 milligrams of sodium per package. The American Heart Association recommends healthy American adults eat less than 2,300 milligrams of sodium per day or about one teaspoon of salt. It is easy to eat almost half of your day's sodium in one meal with frozen, processed meals."

Smoothies

Smoothies appear to be a good way to get two to three fruit servings per day. Although smoothies often contain fruit, they may also have lots of added fat and sugar.

"When you make smoothies at home with fruit and lowfat yogurt, you know exactly what goes into them," explained Stanczak.

"When buying smoothies elsewhere, however, they may contain high-fat yogurt, milk or ice cream, and they often add sugary syrup."

A 20-ounce fruit smoothie can contain 200 to 400 calories and 50 to 80 grams of carbohydrates, she said.

Snack bars

Snack bars are often advertised as a health food. Depending on the type of bar, Stanczak said, it may not be a bad choice. An average granola bar can contain anywhere from 150 to 300 calories. Many are made with added sugar and sometimes fat. Choose snack bars with less than 200 calories per serving unless using the bar as a meal replacement.

Salads

When thinking of eating healthy, salad usually comes to mind. Salads may be full of a variety of veggies, but choosing the right toppings and dressings is key to a healthy salad.

"A salad loaded with cheese, croutons and dressing may have as much fat and calories as a cheeseburger," said Stanczak. "A typical taco salad from a fast-food restaurant has about 700 calories, 40 grams of fat, and 50 carbohydrates."

A packet of ranch dressing can have up to 300 calories and 31 grams of fat, she said. The same portion of fat-free ranch dressing has only 100 calories and 0 to 1 grams of fat. Always choose a fat-free or reduced-fat dressing whenever possible and be

conscious of the portion size.

For more information about making healthier food choices, consider making an appointment with a registered dietitian. HGB offers nutrition counseling on a flexible schedule and dia-

betes support groups the fourth Thursday of every month. To learn more, contact Stanczak at 517-543-1050 ext. 1249.

For more information about HGB's services, visit www.hgbhealth.com.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Maple Valley Elementary Lunch Menu

Monday, March 9

Mini corn dogs. Baked beans, apple slices, choc. graham bites.

Tuesday, March 10

Ravioli. Bread stick, whole kernel corn, applesauce.

Wednesday, March 11

Chicken tetrazzini. Green beans, pears, Teddy Grahams.

Thursday, March 12

Pizza. Tossed salad, fruit cocktail, birthday cake.

Friday, March 13

Sack Lunch Day. Mini cheeseburgers. Carrot sticks, banana, Rice Krispie Treat.

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. Assorted 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, March 9

Chicken enchiladas. Refried beans, pears. Salad bar.

Tuesday, March 10

Lasagna and b. stick. Broccoli w/cheese, pineapple. Mexican bar.

Wednesday, March 11

Variety of Hot Pockets. Green beans, applesauce. Deli bar.

Thursday, March 12

Chicken pot pie. Celery w/p. butter, peaches. Hot dog bar.

Friday, March 13

Ravioli. Whole kernel corn, fruit cocktail. Pasta 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.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Nashville Village council will hold a public hearing on March 18, 2009 at 7:00 pm at the Caslleton Township office located at 915 Reed St.

The purpose of this hearing is to hear public discussion pertaining to the proposed ordinance for the formation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the proposed downtown district. Any citizen shall have the right to be heard in regard to the establishment of the authority and the proposed downtown district.

If you wish to comment in writing on the formation of a Downtown Development Authority (DDA) and the proposed downtown district you must do so by March 17, 2009 and turn it into the Village of Nashville, 203 N. Main St. PO Box 587, Nashville, MI. 06687986

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similar event next year.

"It was a celebration of just getting through this first year, but I'm sure we'll do it again next year," said Duane.

The most rewarding part of owning a business in the Maple Valley community is the relationships he has built with the local residents, he said.

"I'd like to thank the customers from over the past year and that was what the day was all about," said Duane. "I just like being part of the community. I love talking to people every day. They come in, and we just have a good time. That's the best part of owning the store."

2009 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE Vermontville Township P.O. Box 215 Vermontville, MI 49096

2009 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

The Vermontville Township Board of Review for 2009 will be held at the Vermontville Opera House, 230 S. Main St. on the following dates:

Tuesday, March 3, 7:00 pm for an **Organizational Meeting**. Petitions will be heard on: Monday, March 9, 9:00 am to 12:00 and 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm = **Appeal Hearing**
Tuesday, March 10, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm = **Appeal Hearing**.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2009 assessments. **By board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 9.**

The tentative ratios and multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2009 are as follows:

	RATIO	MULTIPLIER
Agricultural	50.00%	1.00
Commercial	50.00%	1.00
Residential	50.00%	1.00
Industrial	50.00%	1.00
Personal Property	50.00%	1.00

Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice: The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon three (3) days notice. Contact Jack Owens, 7540 Vermontville Hwy., Vermontville MI Telephone No. 517.726.1241. 06687649

SERVING OUR COUNTRY



Sadie D. Barcroft

Air Force Airman Sadie D. Barcroft has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, Barcroft studied the Air Force mission, organization, core values, and military customs and courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate in applied science degree relating through the Community College of the Air Force.

Barcroft is a 2005 graduate of Maple Valley High School. She is the daughter of Nicole and Thomas Blodgett of Nashville.

BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING (TRUTH IN BUDGETING) NOTICE

The Castleton Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010 at the Castleton Township Hall on March 16, 2009 at 7 pm.

THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.

A copy of the budget is available for public inspection at the township office at 915 Reed St., Nashville, Michigan 49073.

The Castleton Township Board will provide necessary reasonable auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio tapes of printed materials being considered at the meeting, to individuals with disabilities at the meeting upon 7 days notice to the Castleton Township Board.

Note: Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids and services, should contact the Castleton Township Board by writing or calling the following:

Lorna L. Wilson, Clerk
915 Reed St. Box 679
Nashville, MI 49073
517-852-9479

There will be a special township board meeting to follow the hearing.

Lorna L. Wilson
Castleton Township Clerk

Notice complies with MCL 141.436 & MCL 211.24e 06688058

New on the shelves at Vermontville Township Library

The following items are new on the shelves at Vermontville Township Library:

DVDs

The Women (PG-13), Eagle Eye (PG-13), Righteous Kill (R), Igor (PG-13), Max Payne (PG-13), Fireproof (PG), Lakeview Terrace (PG-13), Beverly Hills Chihuahua (PG).

Adult fiction

Bone by Bone by Carol O'Connell, The Hour I First Believed by Wally Lamb, Fire and Ice by Julie Garwood, A Body to Die For by G. A. McKeever, Final Justice by Fern Michaels, Delia's Heart by V.C. Andrews, Cat Sitter on a Hot Tin Roof by Blaize Clement, Mommy's Hometown Hero by Merrilee Whren, A Family for Luke by Carlyne

Aarsen, Daddy for Keeps by Pamela Tracy, Whiteout by Ken Follett, Chances by Nora Roberts, Rocky Mountain Legacy by Lois Richer, Flashover by Dana Mentink, What Sarah Saw by Margaret Daley, Bayou Betrayal by Robin Carroll, Heart of the Night by Lenora Worth, The Associate by John Grisham, Marshmallows for Breakfast

by Dorothy Koomson, See No Evil by Robert Baer, Six Seconds by Rick Mofina, Promises of Change by Joan Medlicott, The Wednesday Letters by Jason F. Wright, A Lion Among Men by Gregory Maguire, Black Ops by W. E. B. Griffin, Run for Your Life by James Patterson, Wreck of the Carl D. by Michael Schumacker, One Day at a Time by

Danielle Steel, Every Fear by Rick Mofina, All I Have to Give by Melody Carlson, Double Minds by Terri Blackstock, Terminal Freeze by Lincoln Child, Handle with Care by Jodi Picoult.

Adult nonfiction

Multiple Blessings by Jon and Kate Gosselin, Creepy Cute Crochet by Christen Haden, Picasso by Rachel Barnes.

Junior and easy fiction
One False Note by Gordon Korman.

Young adult fiction
A Christmas Carol: the Graphic Novel by Charles Dickens, Three Willows the Sisterhood Grows by Ann Brashares.

Independent Bank providing free wellness checkups

Independent Bank offices across Michigan, including Vermontville, will host free health and wellness checkups for members of the community on Friday, March 13, as part of the bank's "Get Fit" Big Day.

Associates celebrate Big Days at the start of each new cycle in the bank's gift program, which offers free gifts

to new customers and current customers who refer friends and family.

The "Get Fit" Big Day marks the first day the bank will begin offering the new get Fit and Fresh Lunch on the Go containers, which will be available through the end of April. The gift comes at a time when many people are making an effort to bring

lunch from home as an alternative to eating out. The reusable lunch containers make packing a lunch easy and convenient, which can lead to healthier lunches and money saved.

To celebrate the launch of the new gift and expand on the get-fit theme, the bank is inviting representatives from local health centers, doctors

offices, hospitals and community health groups to provide free on-site wellness checks to customers and members of the public. The health assessments vary by location but may include cholesterol screening, blood pressure checks and body-mass-index analysis or consultations from local Weight Watchers groups, holistic

health centers, chiropractic offices or dental offices.

Customers and members of the public can also register to win a trip to participate in the Annual Mackinac Bridge Walk on September 7, 2009, compliments of Independent Bank. Individuals can visit any full-service Independent Bank location on Friday, March 13 to register.

"It is our hope that people who might not otherwise be taking the time to focus on their health and well-being will stop in," said Kelly Wolgamott, assistant vice president of HPC marketing for Independent Bank. "We realize that when money is

tight, health care is one of the areas that people cut back on. We'd like to combat that problem by reminding people about how important it is."

Healthcare providers who participate will also be encouraged to provide literature and information about healthy lifestyles, as well as resources available for people dealing with decreased income or loss of health coverage.

Independent Bank locations can be found online at IndependentBank.com.

Maple Valley students can show spirit, fight cancer

The employees, students and members of community of Maple Valley Schools are joining forces with The V Foundation for Cancer Research and Team ESPN in the fight against cancer.

To celebrate the beginning of the basketball playoffs, on March 20, Maple Valley Schools will team up with \$5 donations for the national Show Your Spirit campaign which raises money for cancer research. The campaign annually coincides with the

beginning of the national collegiate basketball tournaments. Participants are asked to contribute \$5 each to the foundation in order to "earn" the right to wear their favorite team apparel to work or school on the Show Your Spirit days.

Each participant will receive a "Don't Give Up... Don't Ever Give Up" button to show their support and visibly remind others of the need for cancer research funding.

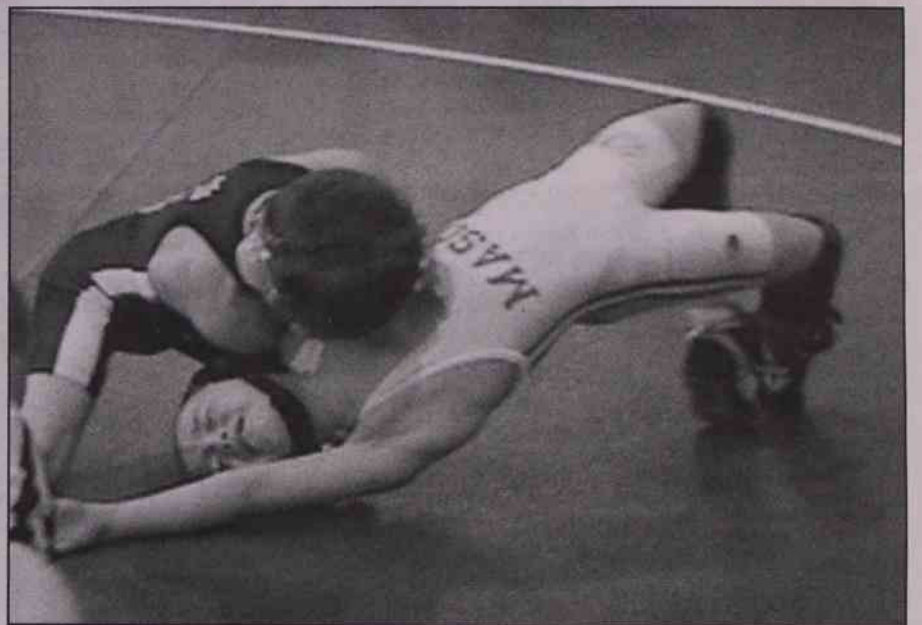
Maple Valley Jr. and Sr. High students will enjoy a Moo-Ville ice cream party on March 20 at the end of the day for those students who have donated to the V Foundation March 9 to 13 during lunches. The event is sponsored by Jassen Dowling and Lonnie Spencer. Dowling said he is excited that this year is the third year of Jimmy V and junior high students are

included.

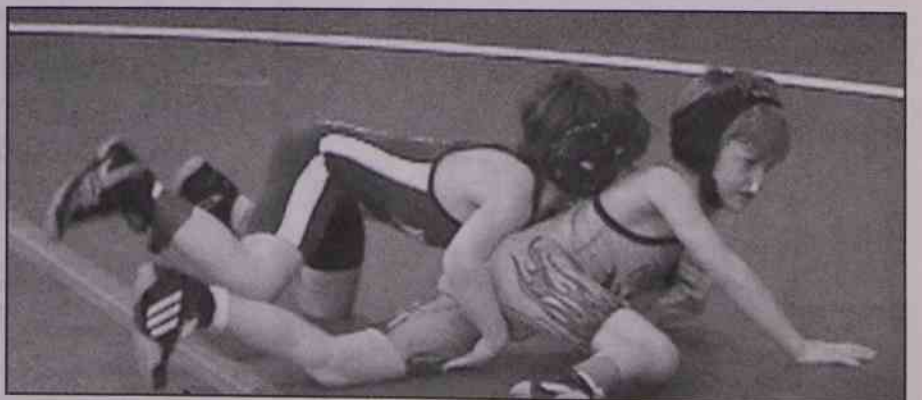
Current statistics reveal that cancer affects one of every two men and one of every three women in the United States. There are more than 12 million cancer survivors in the United States today, due to cancer research and treatments to prolong lives and improve the quality of life for those living with the disease.

"In the fight against cancer, we all play on the same team," said V Foundation CEO Nick Valvano. "What a powerful force we'd be, if millions of people across the country would join together against this common foe. Every single Show Your Spirit contribution will help make a difference in the fight against cancer, a disease that will eventually affect every American family."

A grant from Nike Inc. will cover all 2009 program expenses, The V Foundation guarantees that 100 percent of all Show Your Spirit donations will directly fund cancer research. The V Foundation for Cancer Research was founded in 1993 by ESPN and the late Jim Valvano, the legendary North Carolina State basketball coach and ESPN commentator. Since 1993, the foundation has raised more than \$80 million to fund research grants nationwide. For more information on The V Foundation or to make a donation, visit www.jimmyv.org or call 1-800-4JimmyV.



Garrett Pearson (left) holds a wrestler from Mason on his back during Sunday's tournament at Springport.



Maple Valley Youth team has ten medallists at Springport

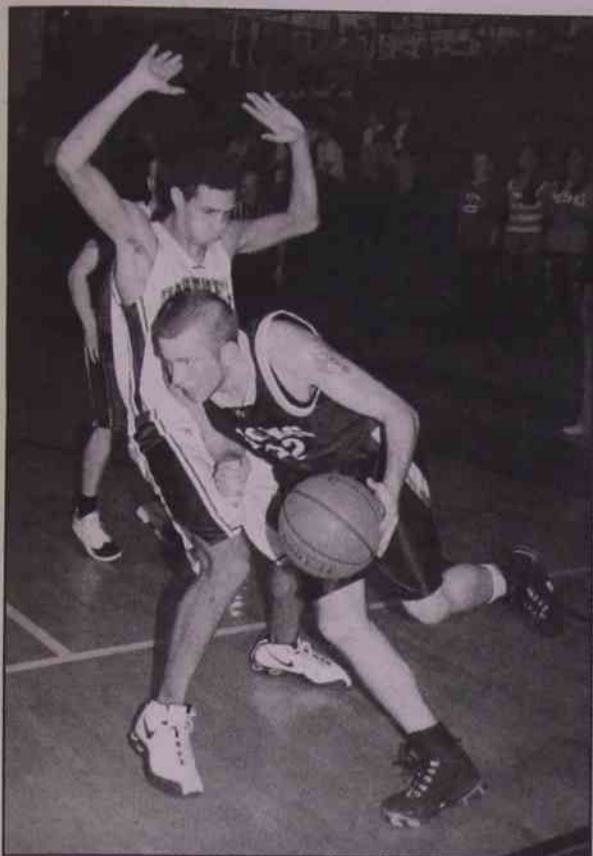
Chandler Murton (top) works to hold down an opponent at Springport Sunday. He was one of ten Maple Valley Youth wrestlers to place in the top four in his weight class at the tournament. He placed third. First place went to Christian Schrader, Jesse Brumm, Garrett Pearson, and Rodney Bement. Chase Shriver and Zachary Rosenberger were second. Wyatt Baird also placed third, and Ryan Bennett and Sam Bonney were fourth.

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DK takes first lead on last shot against the Lions



The Lions' Jesse Bromley is bumped off his path by Delton Kellogg's Deon Ferris during the third quarter Thursday. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

by Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Delton Kellogg varsity boys' basketball coach Mike Mohn pulled a page from his Oakland University play-book, and had his seniors address the crowd during senior night ceremonies Thursday night.

Conrad Drum thanked teammate Jordan Bourdo "for making that shot."

Jeremy Reigler thanked the referees "for letting us win."

Delton Kellogg scored a 51-50 Kalamazoo Valley Association victory over visiting Maple Valley, as

free throws to tie the game at 46.

The Lions were able to push their lead back up to 50-48 with 1:14 to play.

"That group, as horrible as our record is, they never quit," said Delton Kellogg head coach Mike Mohn. They could have mailed that puppy in. We switched to our press and got some quick turnovers."

"Taylor Sewell came in. He hasn't played a whole bunch this year, but I thought his fourth quarter was

Maple Valley got 12 points from Dustin Houghton, 11 from Jesse Bromley, and nine from Jeff Burd. Burd and Houghton weren't on the floor late for the Lions though. Burd was whistled for his fifth foul with 3:28 to play, and Houghton picked up his fifth with 2:26 left.

Burd also had five assists and four steals on the night. Bromley had four assists. Matt Hall played some strong defense inside, and added four points and five

rebounds. Kyle Fisher finished with six points, eight rebounds, and three steals.

"I was pretty proud of our kids. I thought they played hard. They played some great defense, especially in the first half," said Jones. "We just got in a hurry a little bit."

Maple Valley ends the regular season with a 3-17 record. The Lions were 1-17 in the Kalamazoo Valley Association.

Galesburg-Augusta topped the lions 66-31 on Tuesday night.

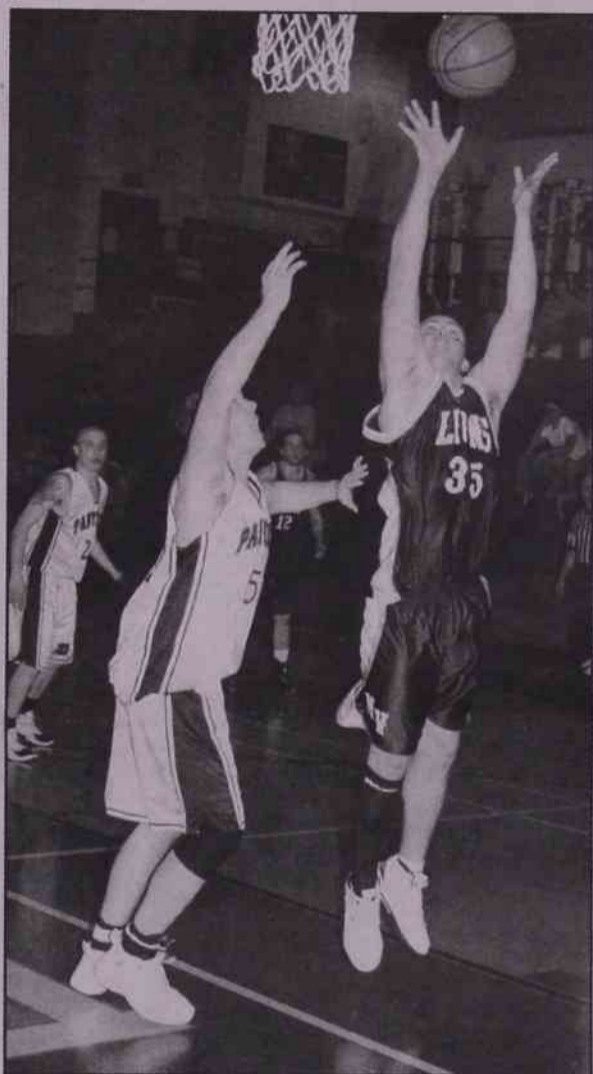
Mark Cochran scored 15 points in the first quarter for the host Rams, knocking down three threes in the process, and finished the night with 23 points. Dylan Davis added 20 points for the Rams.

The Lions only had six points as a team in the first

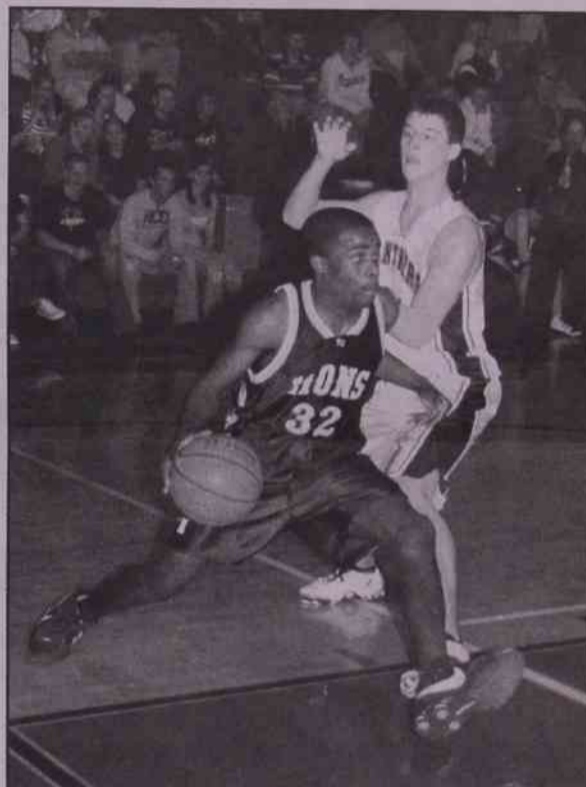
quarter and trailed 19-6 after eight minutes. That was nearly as much scoring as the Lions did in the entire second half. Jordan Litzenburg had the only field goal for the Lions in the second half. Maple Valley was just 3-for-4 from the free throw line for its three points in the third quarter, then 4-of-8 to go along with the one field goal in the fourth.

Fisher led Maple Valley with ten points, nine rebounds, and three blocked shots. Houghton added ten points and five rebounds.

Maple Valley opens Class C District Tournament play against Dansville Monday at 7:30 p.m. The Lions are hosting the tournament. In other opening round games Monday, Bath faces Leslie at 4:30 p.m. and Pewamo-Westphalia faces Laingsburg at 6.



Maple Valley's Matt Hall puts a shot up for two points in front of Delton's Tyler Morgan during the third quarter Thursday night. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



Maple Valley's Jeff Burd drives by Delton's Taylor Sewell during the fourth quarter Thursday night at Delton Kellogg High School. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

Bourdo buried a three-point-er with two seconds left from the right corner to give his team its first lead of the night.

The Panthers were 22-of-29 from the free throw line for the night, compared to 2-of-2 for the Lions. Delton also used a full-court press throughout the second half that gave the Lions fits.

"When they pressed us, and we thought we had it we hurried up a little bit," said Lion head coach Keith Jones. "We needed to slow down a little."

The Lions led by as many as 11 points in the first half, and took a 27-17 lead into the break. They pushed that lead to 29-17, as Jeff Burd stole the ball away from the Panthers and raced the other way for the first basket of the second half.

Maple Valley's lead was still 12 points as the teams went into the fourth quarter, but Delton started the period on a 12-2 run. The Lions held off the Panthers until 2:53 remained in the game, when Reigler sank a pair of

tremendous defensively. He kind of spurred us."

Robbie Wandell spurred the Panthers on the offensive end, finishing with 17 points. Bourdo finished with ten, Gavin Brinley nine, and Reigler seven.

Leslie holds Lions to 25 points in district opener

Leslie left behind the Lions in the second quarter Monday night, and went on to a 50-25 victory in the team's Class C District Tournament opener hosted by the Blackhawks.

The Blackhawks limited the Lions to just 15 points through the first three quarters, including only two in the first.

After a 5-2 first quarter, the Blackhawks pushed their lead to 21-9 by the half.

Elizabeth Stewart paced the Lions with nine points. Mikaela Bromley added

four. Leslie was led by Paxin Stern's 13-point night. Ashley Perrin added seven points for the hosts.

The Maple Valley girls end the season with a 10-11 record.

Leslie was the team having trouble scoring points Wednesday night, as the Blackhawks were downed 52-28 by Pewamo-Westphalia in the district semifinals. Laingsburg topped Dansville 43-31 in the other district semifinal Wednesday.

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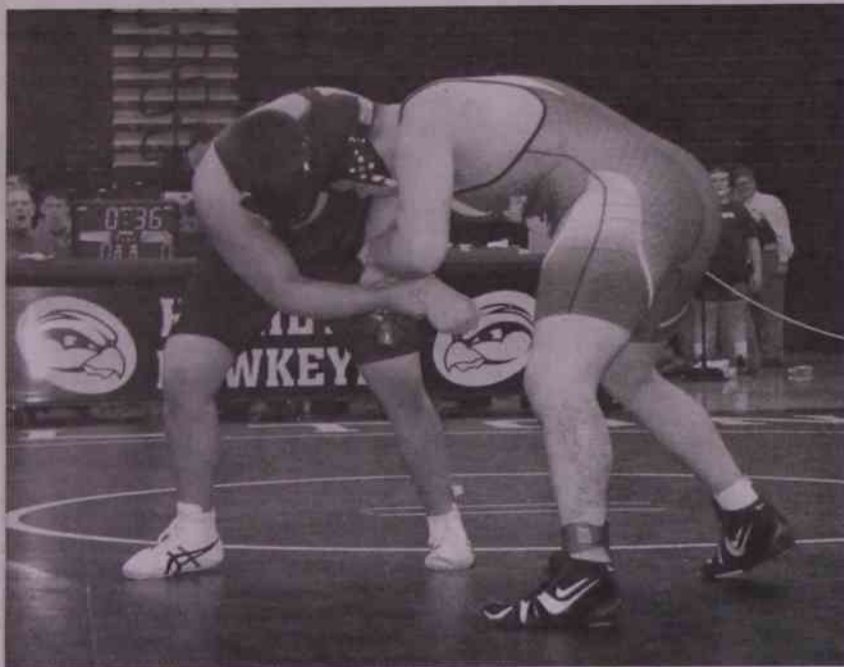
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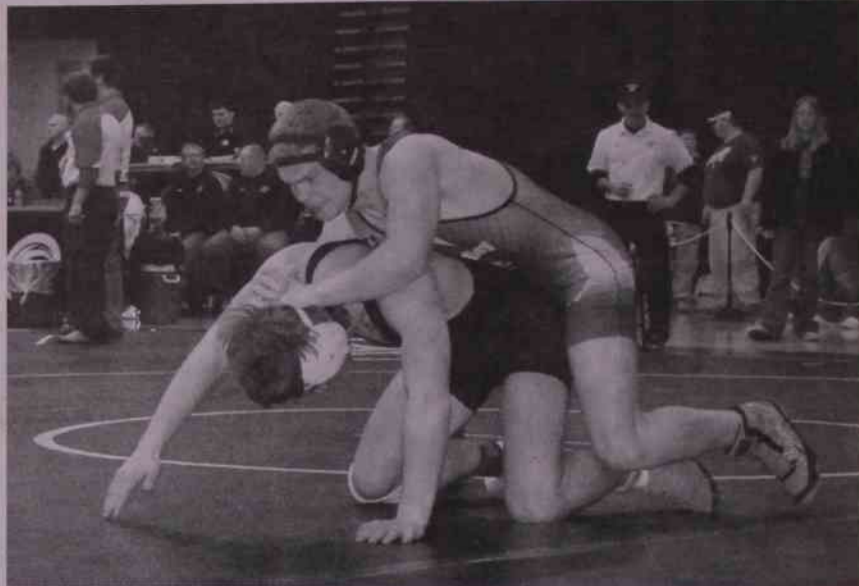
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Pair of Lions lose their first two bouts at regional meet



The Lions' Don Jensen (right) fights for control with Morely Stanwood's Frank Taylor in the opening round of the 285-pound weight class at Saturday's Division 3 Individual Regional Tournament. (Photo by Cindy Gatewood)



Maple Valley's Jesse Miller works on top of Shelby's Mason Courtright during their opening round contest in the 171-pound weight class at Saturday's Division 3 Individual Regional Tournament hosted by Hamilton High School. (Photo by Cindy Gatewood)

The two Maple Valley wrestlers who reached

Saturday's Division 3 Individual Wrestling Regional at Hamilton High School lasted just two rounds.

The Lions' 171-pounder Jesse Miller and 285-pounder Don Jensen were both 0-2 on the day to bow out of the state tournament.

Jensen closed the year with a record of 34-12, after an 8-0 loss to Morley Stanwood's Frank Taylor and an 8-1 loss to Shelby's Felipe Salgado.

Taylor went on to place third in the weight class, and earn a spot in the state finals. The top four wrestlers from each weight class advanced to next weekend's Individual State Finals at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Miller was 13-9 on the season. He fell 15-5 against Shelby's Mason Courtright in the opening round, then was pinned by Lakeview's Mark Newman in the first

round of consolation.

Allendale had eight individual state qualifiers, and Remus Chippewa Hills, Fremont, and Big Rapids five each. Allendale was a part of the Division 3 Team State Quarterfinals Friday afternoon in Battle Creek.

The Falcons' had three individual regional champions. Jeff Beebe and Dan LaJoie won the 215 and 285-pound weight classes respectively. William Jensen took the title at 119 pounds.

Big Rapids had more regional champions than any other team, with four. Kyle Windquist took the title at 135 pounds, Seth Schaner won at 140, Garrett Schaner at 145, and Logan Renas at 189 pounds.

The individual finals start Thursday afternoon with the Grand March at 2:30 p.m. The first round of wrestling is slated to begin at 2:45 p.m.

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