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Tax revolt created change for Nashville businesses

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

The economic recession and business taxes that are driving small business out of Michigan are familiar topics to Ardith Jordan. Watching the news over the past few weeks and seeing stories of communities gathering for modern day tea parties on April 15, Ardith remembers a day in the spring of 1981 when local merchants, under the organization of her husband Ahmo, took a stand against tax increases on small businesses.

Local merchants had just experienced some of their assessments increasing as much as 90 percent in one year and decided to do something about it.

"Everyone was being hurt

so badly. They were being taxed to death, and from what I hear, that's what's happening again," said Ardith.

This year's tea parties took place in 1,000 towns and cities across the nation. Ardith said she hopes the rallies continue to keep the government thinking about the small businesses that make up the backbone of many communities.

"I'm hoping these tea parties spread across the U.S. keep going and doesn't die," said Ardith. "If it's kept in the public eye, it might make a difference."

In 1981, one man and one community were trying to send a message to the government.

Rather than sit back and

complain of the tax increases on his business and those around him, Ahmo took matters into his own hands.

"Everybody sat around grumbling. Finally, my husband said, 'I'm going to do something,' Ardith remembered with a touch of pride in her voice. "He set out to show that one person can make a difference."

On March 25, 1981, nearly all of the businesses in Nashville closed for the day to show support for the tax revolt.

"I think we had all but three businesses close. They supported us but couldn't close because they needed the money to pay taxes," laughed Ardith.

More than 100 residents
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More than 100 residents marched in the tax revolt that took place March 25, 1981 in Nashville. Carrying signs, the group protested a recent increase in taxes for small businesses in the area.

School board enters into energy agreement, discuss deficit

Maple Valley School Business Manager Darryl Sydloski, at Monday's board meeting, presented a preliminary budget for the 2009-10 school year that shows a projected student loss of 74 for the district. This student loss will result in \$541,000 revenue loss for the district, he said.

Overall, Sydloski said the district is projecting an

\$831,000 deficit for next year. The retirement incentive that is currently available to staff and employees of the district has a deadline of April 30. Sydloski said the projected \$500,000 from the incentive plan is not included in the \$831,000 total. Nine staff members and two support staff have already applied for the plan.

"If that comes true, then

we are looking at about a \$331,000 deficit, but we won't know that until the end of April," said Sydloski.

If the special education millage is passed May 5, it will free up \$281,000 that will be put back into the general fund, he said.

Superintendent Kim Kramer and Sydloski both emphasized that the numbers are estimated and cannot be

finalized until the student count numbers come in and the amount of funding from the state is known.

Kramer presented a budget scenario packet for the board, detailing options that could help balance the budget. Included in the packet was the option of not replacing five of the teachers who have applied for the early retirement incentive plan.

Kramer said that due to the student loss over the past few years, the loss of those positions will not result in larger classroom sizes. Another option is to not replace the one custodial staff position that will be left vacant after the incentive plan takes effect.

Trustee Tim Burd detailed that the Finance and Labor Committee has scheduled public budget hearings for May 11 and June 8 prior to the regular board meetings scheduled for those evenings. The hearings will begin at 7 p.m. and be held in the high school cafeteria.

In other business, the board, with the exception of Trustee Mark Wenger, who was absent:

- Unanimously voted to enter into a contract with Linc Mechanical for an energy-savings project that will allow the district to replace two aging boilers at no cost to the district.

Kramer said earlier this month that under a state plan, the district could borrow

from a local lending source and use the money to help pay for a boiler replacement. Linc Mechanical would make the energy changes to the district and be repaid for its work through the energy savings.

"It would cost about \$600,00 over the life of the program, about 15 years," said Kramer. "They (Linc) will guarantee that there will be enough savings to pay for it, and if there's not, they will pay the difference."

- Heard a report from Ron Martin who updated the board and audience on the fishing program for Maplewood fifth graders. This is an eight-week program for 45 minutes each week that currently has 280 fifth graders from Woodland, Clarksville, Sunfield and Maple Valley participating. He also detailed that the program will be expanding into the Hastings school district next

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Syrup festival events continue through weekend



Workers from Mid-America Carnival set up the Ferris wheel next to the hardware store Thursday afternoon. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)

The 69th annual Vermontville Maple Syrup Festival continues today and tomorrow with a variety of events. Both days, the Maple Valley Band Boosters, along with American Legion and Nashville Lions Club will serve pancake breakfast.

Maple syrup products, from cotton candy to gallons of the all-natural sweet syrup, will be available in a variety of forms from numerous vendors.

Doug Kelsey, master of ceremonies will welcome visitors to Vermontville Saturday at 10 a.m. The Vermontville Junior Farmers 4-H Club will host a petting zoo near the Maple Manor building, and the Vermontville Historical Museum will be open Saturday from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The arts and craft show, along with the flea market will be open both days.

Entertainment on Saturday will feature the Maple Valley Jazz Band on the main stage from 10 to 11 a.m. The chil-

dren's parade will take place downtown at 11 a.m. The Maple Valley High School choir will take to the stage from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., and the Maple Valley-Ionia Community Band will play in the opera house at 11:30 a.m.

Festival-goers can sample barbecued chicken at both the Lions Club booth and Methodist Church starting at 11 a.m. The Congregational Church will feature roast beef dinners.

The grand parade will make its way through town at 2 p.m. and the talent show winners will take to the main stage at 5 p.m.

On Sunday, the Vermontville Bible Church will hold a service on the main stage at 10 a.m. The Lansing Capital City Chordsmen Barbershop will perform on the main stage at 11 a.m. and the Little Miss Maple Syrup Princess talent show will take place at 12:30 p.m.

Visit www.vermontvillemaplesyrupfestival.org for a full list of events.

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Passion for planting leads to business opportunity

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Evidence of Kathy Carrigan's passion for planting can be seen from the first curve of her driveway off Kinsel Highway and through every bit of her property. Kathy, along with husband Tom, is celebrating the one-year anniversary of their business, Lacy Creek Growers and said it has been the perfect partnership of her passion for planting and hard work ethic.

"Our basic philosophy is that we just really believe in honesty, hard work and being of service," said Carrigan.

Working with plants ranging from evergreens to specialized perennial designs, Carrigan is able to cater her plants to her customers' needs and enjoys all aspects of the year-round business.

"I enjoy all of it," said Carrigan. "I enjoy taking care of the plants, but it is a huge amount of work. I enjoy working with the people and have been told I have an eye for design, so I enjoy the creative side as well."

When Tom retired from General Motors in July, Kathy also left her position at the company and the duo

decided to devote more time to their hobbies. For Tom, that hobby is rebuilding classic cars into custom cruisers. For Kathy, horticulture called her name.

Her business really began years ago when she started dividing her perennials and selling them at her garage to sale so she could buy new plants each year.

"People started to ask me for more plants, so I thought I would give it a try," she said.

Wanting to have the knowledge to back up her business, she completed Master Gardener classes and said she has spent hours upon hours poring over books and articles to learn all she can about plants.

Through farmers markets, e-bay, consignment auctions and now their own Web site, www.lacycreekgrowers.com, Kathy has worked to offer a unique product and service.

"We are trying to be different in what we're growing and what we're selling," said Kathy. "I really want to have knowledge of the plants I'm selling."

Along with evergreens, Kathy said one of the biggest sellers is a tough to find grass that is appealing to

deer hunters. Miscanthus Giganteus is an oriental grass that grows 10 feet tall and provides cover that both hunters and deer can take advantage of.

One of the main areas of focus for Kathy is not only making sure the plants sold are right for the project but also for the climate they will be planted in.

"A lot of the seed sources you can purchase from are out of state," said Kathy. "I want to grow things in a different method really. The horticulture business is pretty much done on a large scale. There are huge suppliers, but what is brought in is not necessarily for our area and is not accustomed to our area."

Her passion for planting and people make the business a natural fit for Kathy. She can see the joy her business brings, not only to herself but others as well.



Kathy Carrigan shows some of the plants she grows as part of her business, Lacy Creek Growers, at 7338 Kinsel Highway, Vermontville. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)

"It's just my passion. I just really love beautiful things. I'm a plant freak really," said Kathy with a laugh. "Just to

look at a beautiful picture of plants is just awesome for me, and it's so easy to see how other people enjoy that.

It's been kind of easy to start because other people enjoy it."

Michigan Notable Author visits Vermontville Township Library



Readers got a chance to chat with author Michael Schumacher at a special event sponsored by the Vermontville Township Library. (photo provided)

Michael Schumacher, author of *Wreck of the Carl D.: A Story of Loss, Survival and Rescue at Sea*, spent the afternoon of April 19 sharing his book and other adventures with the community as part of the 2009 Michigan Notable Books Author Tour.

Approximately 40 guests listened as Schumacher talked in-depth about the research required to present a book dealing with a historical event and about remaining true to the memory of the lost crewman and their families.

Copies of the book were available for purchase, and Schumacher happily signed the books and chatted with

guests over refreshments.

Every year, the Library of Michigan selects up to 20 of the most notable books written by a Michigan resident or about Michigan or the Great Lakes. The selected books are honored in the year after their publication or copyright date. Each selected title speaks to the state's cultural, historical and literary heritage.

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Dinner raises funds for latchkey program

On Saturday, March 28, Methodist Church held an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner.



Donna Coe-Alexander shows the marker she used to color a tablecloth and placemat at the dinner.

The proceeds of \$360.57 were donated to the Maple Valley Latchkey Program.

Latchkey is a school-based, before- and after-school program that provides Maple Valley students in grades kindergarten through seventh a safe place to go while their parents are working or commuting.

The program is located at Fuller Street School. This is the program's second year and most of the equipment is the original equipment they started with. Proceeds from this dinner will enable the program to replace some of that equipment. They also will be able to purchase some bean bag chairs for students to use when they are



The congregation of the Vermontville United Methodist Church serves a complete spaghetti dinner as a fundraiser to aid the latchkey program at Fuller Street Elementary.



Cathy Peck and her daughter Rebecca enjoy dinner and help out the Latchkey program at the same time.

reading in groups or working puzzles.

Terry Woodman runs the program and expressed gratitude to the church for hosting the dinner.

"The families, staff and children of the program are very thankful to the congregation members that took

time out from their Saturday to host this dinner," said Woodman. "We appreciate their generosity and find it difficult to express our gratitude. Our plan is to "pay forward" their act of kindness."

Submitted by Latchkey.

Local student named to National Technical Honor Society

On Friday, March 20, 91 students of Eaton Intermediate School District Career Preparation Center were inducted into the EISD chapter of the National

Technical Honor Society (NTHS).

Courtney Cady from Maple Valley was inducted as part of the computer graphics/web design program.

To qualify for NTHS, students must maintain an A- or better in their career prep center class; receive a teacher recommendation in the eight work habits of courtesy and attitude, coop-

eration, initiative, quality of lab work and written work, working well with others and following directions; and have no more than three absences during a semester.

Students who qualify must also write a short essay describing "what good character means to me."

Submitted by EISD Career Prep Center

WMU releases winter 2008 graduation list

Western Michigan University has announced its official graduation list for the 2008 winter semester. Local students who graduated during the Dec. 13 commencement included:

Bellevue — Karyn L. Hall, master of arts, educational leadership; Amy J. O'Rourke, bachelor of science in nursing; Kara P.

Wyman, bachelor of science in family studies.

Dowling — Amanda S. Roundhouse, master of arts in counselor education.

Nashville — Steven P. West, master of science, engineering management, magna cum laude.

Vermontville — Wallace B. Woodman, master of arts, educational leadership.

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Enhanced driver's license arrives

Convenient card to benefit Michigan's security, economy

Michigan residents may begin applying for the state's new enhanced driver's license (EDL), Secretary of State Terry Lynn Land has announced.

The optional card is convenient, affordable and the most flexible option for travelers to meet tougher federal document requirements that go into effect at America's

land and sea borders on June 1, Land said at a press conference in Detroit.

The dual-purpose EDL, which serves as a driver's license and border-crossing card, will benefit Michigan's economy as well as its security, she noted.

"The enhanced driver's license promotes the smooth flow of trade and tourism

between our state and Canada and aids law enforcement in its efforts to make our borders more secure," Land said. "This is the common-sense solution we have been working for years to achieve for the people of Michigan."

Enhanced driver's licenses are equipped with the latest technology to speed up border crossings and deter fraud. They cost \$45 and enhanced state identification cards are \$30. Applicants will receive them in two to three weeks.

The EDL eliminates the need to carry multiple ID documents when returning to the U.S. by land or sea from Canada, Mexico, Bermuda or the Caribbean, Land said. It is ideal for those who may be heading to Canada, such as sportsmen, day travelers and vacationers.

"This is a very positive development for Michigan. The chamber has been advocating for enhanced driver's licenses since 2005," said Richard Blouse Jr., president and CEO of the Detroit Regional Chamber. "Convenient border travel strengthens our economic partnership with Canada and is a benefit that should be extended to all border states throughout the nation."

When travelers approach an American border station in a vehicle, they simply hold up their EDL. Technology in the card allows it to be scanned from a distance. By the time travelers reach the station, security personnel will usually only need to make a quick visual check. No personal information is transmitted during this process.

Land was an early advocate of creating a higher security driver's license as an innovative way for border states to meet requirements of the federal Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI) while protecting their economic interests.

Due to the relative expense and difficulty of obtaining passports — which cost \$100 and take four to six weeks to receive from the U.S. State Department —

Land and many other government and business leaders were concerned the requirement would deter many people from traveling across the border for business and tourism. The two-way trade relationship between Michigan and Canada averages more than \$1 billion dollars a week.

"Thousands of our members travel across the border throughout the seasons to use the great wilderness that our Maple Leaf cousins enjoy so much. This step will make it easier and certainly more efficient for Michiganders to travel to boats, cottages and cabins dotting Ontario and other provinces," said Dennis Muchmore, executive director of Michigan United Conservation Clubs. "We congratulate Secretary Land and legislative supporters for providing this innovative solution."

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security embraced the dual-purpose ID concept and has granted approval for enhanced licenses in Michigan, Washington, Vermont and New York. State legislation authorizing Land's EDL plan was passed in February 2008. The state received federal approval to proceed in October 2008.

Enhanced licenses are available to Michigan residents who also are U.S. citizens. To apply, residents may visit any Secretary of State SUPER!Center or other select branch offices. The application process is relatively easy for those who already have a current driver's license. They only need to present proof of a valid Social Security number and U.S. citizenship in addition to their driver's license.

EDLs are offered for voluntary purchase and are not required. Residents may continue to receive standard driver's licenses and state identification cards if they choose.

Land thanked the governor, Legislature and the many individuals and groups on both sides of the border whose support helped make enhanced licenses a reality in Michigan.

For more information on how to obtain an enhanced driver's license, visit www.Michigan.gov/sos.

Area Obituaries

Royce Eldon DeMond

NASHVILLE — Royce Eldon DeMond, age 85, of Nashville passed away Friday, April 24, 2009 peacefully at Thornapple Manor, in Hastings.

Royce was born in Nashville on April 23, 1924, the son of the late Robert and Esther (Springett) DeMond.

He was raised in the Kalamo Township area and attended local schools. He graduated from Vermontville High School in 1942.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1944 until being honorably discharged in 1946. While serving his country Royce was wounded in combat while serving in Italy, and was decorated with a Victory Medal, American Theater Ribbon, European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon with two Bronze Battle Stars, one Overseas Service Bar, the Good Conduct Medal, Army of Occupation Medal Germany and the Purple Heart.

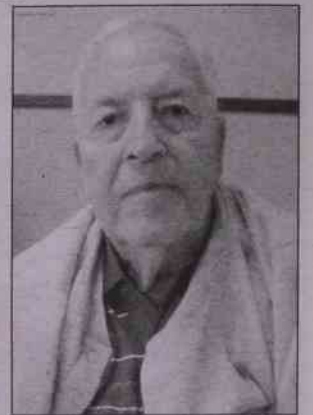
He was the husband of Roberta (DeCamp) DeMond. The couple was married on July 3, 1946.

Royce and Roberta made their home together on the DeCamp family farm where they raised their family.

Royce was employed with the State of Michigan where he did highway maintenance for over 20 years. He and Roberta also owned and operated the Thornapple Skating Rink, and ran the family farm which they purchased in 1958. Royce retired in January of 1983.

Royce enjoyed flying and riding motorcycles. He also loved to take his family fishing in Canada every year. He was a member of the American Legion Hastings Post #45.

Royce is survived by his



beloved wife, Roberta; a daughter, Judy (Terry) Lancaster; two sons, Royce DeMond, Ron (Diane) DeMond; 10 Grandchildren, and 20 Great Grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Leo, Stephen and Robert DeMond.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday April 27, 2009 at the Daniels Funeral Home, in Nashville.

The family will receive visitors on Sunday, April 26 from 2-5 p.m. at the Daniels Funeral Home.

Interment will take place immediately following the funeral service at Lakeview Cemetery in Nashville.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the Hastings American Legion Post or The American Cancer Society.

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

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Library honors volunteers at special event

In observance of National Volunteer Week (April 19 to 25) the Vermontville Township Library hosted a celebration with refreshments and a small gift of appreciation to recognize the people who provide a little extra for the library and its patrons.

At the event April 21, Judy Scott was recognized for her help with library programs, playing Mrs. Claus for Santa's visit, providing snacks for programs, decorating the library for holidays and "always being there for whatever needs to be done."

Janet Valdick was recognized for helping to make the library cozy by sewing curtains, a table skirt, and seasonal table runners for the library.

Cheryl Sheridan was acknowledged for her help with children and teen programs for the library.

Janice Jensen was recognized for helping with library programs and her fundraising efforts for the library.

Joyce Rathburn was honored for being the "cheerleader" for the library. She continually sends people in to find the book that "Joyce said I had to read," and is instrumental in forming Friends of the Library group.

Eugene Miller was recognized for building 12 new bookcases for the library.

Emily Eldred was honored for her help with children's programs and being willing to wear a costume if necessary.

Katie Eldred was acknowledged for her help with children's programs, and for being the official photographer for the library's "read" poster project.



Volunteers who have taken on special projects or donate time at the Vermontville Township Library were recently honored at a special reception. (Photo provided)

Christopher Rumsey was recognized for his work on the library flowerbeds and for general handyman help when necessary.

"Without volunteers like these, the library would not achieve the level of service the community deserves. We want them to know we appreciate them," said Library Director Carla Rumsey.

Submitted by Public Library.



Corkwells celebrate 40th anniversary

Larry and Suzy Corkwell of Nashville celebrated their 40th anniversary on Sunday, April 19. Larry and the former Susan Johncock were married on April 19 at Nashville Baptist Church. Larry is employed at First Congregational Church. Suzy is employed at Kellogg's. The couple have two children, Lisa Guernsey of Vermontville and Mike and Becky Lewis of Battle Creek. They also have seven grandchildren.



Hummels to celebrate golden anniversary

The children and grandchildren of Mary Ann and Jim Hummel would like to invite you to celebrate their 50th Wedding Anniversary, Sunday, April 26, 2 to 5 p.m. Castleton Township Hall, 915 Reed St., Nashville. They were married April 25, 1959 Please no gifts, just bring a memory or story.

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They take a field trip in May to a local pond to practice skills that are learned in class. The students learn fly-fishing, spin-casting, and

many other skills. Through grants, the program is provided at no cost to the schools; the districts are just required to provide transportation for the students.

• High School Athletic Director Duska Brumm submitted the football field in a competition sponsored by Pioneer. The Maple Valley Football Field won the "Field of Excellence" award and will receive a banner to place at the field and a certificate of recognition.

• Terry Woodman, assistant transportation supervisor, has proposed a change in

policy to accommodate the tracking of students. She contacted area schools for their policies and has proposed a change to discontinue multiple stops for one child or family. There was consensus of the board to add this issue to May's meeting for a vote.

• The summary of the superintendent's annual evaluation was read aloud by April Heinze. The board of education approved the evaluation as presented.

• During public comment, Betsy Parish made the board aware of a scholarship avail-

able through the Maple Valley - Ionia Community Band for performing arts. The scholarship is given to one student from both Maple Valley and Ionia school districts at the school's awards night each spring. The band is supported by both school districts and gives more than 30 performances a year. The band does not charge to perform, and any donations received are used to fund the scholarship program.

The board will meet again Monday, May 11, at 7 p.m. in the administration building at the high school.

From Our Readers

Local Citizens Speak Out On Issues

Less politics, more advocates needed

To the editor:

There has been a swell of opinion from political pundits and probable candidates for future office of late with persuasive pleas for ending term limits in Michigan. These appeals, however, fail to address the fundamental reasons for which term limits were imposed in our state in 1992.

Term limits for our state elected officials are necessary because of the sad reality of political incumbency. Ninety-nine percent of incumbent elected officials who have spent more than six years in office get reelected. This is due to the inherent advantages of incumbency, including the ability to use taxpayer time and resources to campaign for the next election.

By manipulating photo opportunities with certifi-

cates of recognition, or using state funds such as postage expense to garner the attention of the media, incumbent elected officials acquire an overwhelming advantage over challengers.

Highly incumbent senior legislators overwhelm opponents (statistics show this even when those incumbents have low satisfaction ratings from their constituents). This disturbs the balance of power. Moreover, without term limits, districts with junior legislators are disempowered as senior legislators develop unfettered authority and clout.

Then there is the matter of pork barrel legislation, laws packed with favors that legislators hand out to their districts back home, courtesy of all taxpayers. Pork-like legislation, most often with special interest involvement, is a

common occurrence when senior legislators gain unlimited power through indefinite terms in office.

Under the restriction of term limits, representatives and senators are less likely to be influenced by special interests as career politicians are checked out of the system. Citizen advocates at the capitol are more apt to govern through common sense, reliability and truthfulness knowing that there is no chance for re-election beyond the term limit.

Voters of Michigan decided in 1992 to build a "citizen" legislature. After a few flushes through the system the legislature should be comprised of fewer career politicians and more real people. Recent claims that our state lacks a legislature with senior legislative fluency shows this to be a developing reali-

ty. This is good, because with real people at the seat of a government (for the people, of the people and by the people), the quality of legislation as it relates to the lives of everyday folks will improve.

The current limits of three two-year terms for House legislators and two, four-year terms for state senators may not be perfect, but why throw the baby out with the bath water?

Michigan is a work in progress. Let's move forward, not go backward to the old way of doing things by eradicating term limits. Perhaps going to two four-year terms for state legislators and three four-year terms for senators would make sense and bring term limits into line with gubernatorial administrations.

The Michigan citizenry has decided, as have voters in 15 other states, that it wants fresh faces to bring new ideas to a floundering state. Michigan voters intuitively know that the benefits of term limits far outweigh the disadvantages.

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SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Maple Valley Elementary Lunch Menu

Monday, April 27
Spaghetti, broccoli, pears, Rice Krispie Treat.

Tuesday, April 28
Chicken sandwich, carrot sticks, peaches, cookie.

Wednesday, April 29
Cheesie bread sticks, Spaghettios, celery w/p. butter, mandarin oranges.

Thursday, April 30
French bread pizza, tossed salad, fruit cocktail, brownie.

Friday, May 1
Chicken fries, biscuit and honey, mashed potatoes, applesauce.

NOTE: Fuller Alternative Entree Choices: Peanut butter and jelly sandwich, honey and peanut butter sandwich.
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Maple Valley Jr.-Sr. High School Lunch Menu

Monday, April 27
Chicken fries. Mashed potatoes, push up. Salad bar.

Tuesday, April 28
Cheesie bread sticks. Spaghettios, peaches. Burger/Chicken bar.

Wednesday, April 29
Sweet and sour chicken. Cal. blend veg. applesauce. Mini bar.

Thursday, April 30
Spaghetti. broccoli w/cheese, fruit cocktail. Mexican bar.

Friday, May 1
Corn dogs. Whole kernel corn, pears. Country chicken 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.
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EISD receives \$10,000 Lowe's grant

Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation has awarded a \$10,000 grant to the Eaton Intermediate School District Career Preparation Center to build a public safety obstacle course at Lansing Community College.

Cottage destroyed by fire early Wednesday

The grant award was developed between a collaboration of Woodland firefighters, along with Sunfield and Nashville departments, were called to a 3:30 a.m. fire Wednesday morning on Saddlebag Road in Woodland Township.

Woodland Fire Chief Kevin Stowell said the struc-

ture, a small cottage, is owned by Robert Carolwitz of Lansing. Due to the severity of the fire, Stowell said it is unlikely any cause will be found. No one was at home at the time of the fire.

There were no injuries. The cottage was insured.

Students and staff, along with Lowe's volunteers and several individuals from the community, will construct an

outdoor obstacle course to be used in preparation for the physical fitness component of individuals within the public

safety career classes. It would also serve as a tool in training and preparation for service work within the criminal jus-

lice and fire science career fields.

"The grant for the career center represents Lowe's commitment to education," said Larry D. Stone, chairman of Lowe's Charitable and Education Foundation. "By supporting local schools like the EISD Career Preparation Program, we believe we are not only investing in community projects that are important to our customers and employees, but we're also helping schools build a stronger foundation for the children who will be tomorrow's employees, homeowners and community leaders."

Maple Valley Jazz Band performs for The Flower House



The Maple Valley Jazz Band plays a hit from the 1940's for the residents of The Flower House.

The jazz band from Maple Valley High School put on a private concert for the residents of The Flower House on Thursday. The special performance was a result of a fundraising raffle the band held to send the band to Chicago. Tickets were sold, and the winning ticket holder was able to choose between the marching or the jazz band to perform a concert at a location of their preference.

After a drawing done just before spring break, the winning ticket holder was announced and she chose to have the jazz

band perform for the residents of the local assisted-living home. The residents enjoyed tunes from the 1940s such as "Swing Machine" and several others spanning the generations to The Final

Countdown from the 1980s. After the performance, the band members introduced themselves and met with the residents for a brief visit before returning to school.

BARRY CO. EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Apr. 25 PQA Training, 10 a.m., Expo Center.
- Apr. 26 Fun Horse Show, 9 a.m., Expo Center.
- Apr. 27 Goat Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- Apr. 27 Rabbit Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- Apr. 28 Shooting Stars Practice shoot, 6:30 p.m., Barry County Conservation Club.
- Apr. 29 Ag Awareness Orientation Meeting, 7 p.m., Star Elementary School (Science Lab).
- May 1 Dairy & Dairy Feeder Pre-registration deadline.
- May 1 Poultry Pre-Registration deadline.
- May 2 Get the "Bizz" Workshop, 9 a.m., Extension Office.
- May 2 Open EWHA Pleasure Horse Show, 9 a.m., Expo Center.
- May 2 Goat Workshop, 9 a.m. Dawn Horton's Residence (4823 Center Rd., Hastings).
- May 3 Open Speed Horse Show, 9:30 a.m., Expo Center.
- May 4 Mandatory General Leaders Fair Meeting, 7 p.m., Expo Center.
- May 5 Safe Food Handling Workshop (for Cooking Competition), 6 p.m., Extension Office.
- May 5 Shooting Sports Practice Shoot, 6:30 p.m., Barry County Conservation Club.
- May 6 Livestock Developmental Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
- May 11 Horse Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Expo Center.
- May 16 State Poultry Palooza Show, 9 a.m., Expo Center.
- May 16 Trial Clinic/Ride, 10 a.m., 80 Furrow Rd., Hastings.
- May 17 4-H Point Horse Show, Expo Center.
- May 18 Mandatory Poultry Meeting, 7 p.m., Expo Center.
- May 18 Poultry Developmental Committee Meeting, following the Mandatory Meeting, Expo Center.

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Barry County Commission on Aging Menu and Activities Hearty Menu

Monday, April 27
Baked chicken and gravy, au gratin potatoes, spinach, tropical fruit, dinner roll.

Tuesday, April 28
Italian sausage and Ziti, broccoli, wax beans, diced pears, garlic bread.

Wednesday, April 29
Roast pork and gravy, corn bread dressing, sweet potatoes, cauliflower, applesauce.

Thursday, April 30
Chicken salad, split pea soup with ham, tossed salad, hot cherry cobbler, wheat bread.

Friday, May 1
Hearty beef stew, redskin potatoes, spiced apples, biscuit.

Cold Menu
Monday, April 27
Stacked ham and cheese, macaroni salad, tropical fruit, hamburger bun.

Tuesday, April 28
Turkey pasta salad, sweet and sour carrots, applesauce, whole wheat crackers.

Wednesday, April 29
Roast beef and cheese, broccoli raisin salad, diced pears, wheat bread.

Thursday, April 30
Chicken salad, tomato salad, diced peaches, wheat bread.

Friday, May 1
Ground bologna w/ American cheese, coleslaw, apricots, wheat bread.

Activities Calendar
Monday, April 27:
Hastings - Crafts 10:30 a.m.;

Card Making 12:30 p.m.; Music with Sam; Kinship Care 5:30 p.m. Hastings Baptist Church. Delton - Birthday party. H.W.N. Reminiscence.

Tuesday, April 28:
Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m. GL - 10:30-12:30 Cards.

Wednesday, April 29:
Hastings - Music with Sam; Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Delton - Reminiscence. Woodland - Legal Aid 10 a.m.-noon.

Thursday, April 30:
Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m. Nashville - Nashville 5+ 11 a.m.; TV Time. Delton - Puzzles, Trivia.

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Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.1504 ASAP# 3065198 04/18/2009, 04/25/2009, 05/02/2009, 05/09/2009 06690316

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Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 225.3006 ASAP# 3065182 04/18/2009, 04/25/2009, 05/02/2009, 05/09/2009 06690321

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Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 200.1588 ASAP# 3073148 04/25/2009, 05/02/2009, 05/09/2009, 05/16/2009 06690740

First production in new location, Revue prepares for opening

The nearly 70-member cast and crew of The Revue's production of "Willie Wonka Jr." have been hard at work practicing their songs and dances amidst sawdust, two-by-fours, and paint as The Revue prepares to open its 44th show in a new facility, the Main Street Theatre House.

"The former Masonic Temple building at 301 N. Main Street in Nashville should be on HGTV," said Pat Campion, a long-time



Producer Bill Reynolds teaches a dance routine to some of the cast of Willie Wonka Jr. (Photo provided)



The cast rehearses a scene on the newly built stage in the former Masonic Lodge in downtown Nashville. (Photo provided)

volunteer with The Revue referring to a cable television program that features all sorts of remodeling projects. The building's historic features such as a tin ceiling

are being restored to display its rich character. The Maple Valley High School shop class is nearly done building the new stage, and Producer Bill Reynolds plans on hang-

ing lights next week. Lots of cleaning and painting have been going on to get ready for opening night on May 1.

Hollie Auten is directing the children's show, along with planning the set, making props and designs, organizing finding costumes, and choreographing some of the numbers.

The show, featuring children from several area towns, will take place Friday, May 1, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 2, at 3 and 7 p.m.; Sunday, May 3, at 3 p.m.; Friday, May 8, at 7 p.m.; Saturday, May 9, at 7 p.m.; and Sunday, May 10, at 3 p.m.

Reserved seating is available by e-mailing therevue1@yahoo.com or calling Campion at 517-749-1229. Submitted by The Revue.

ORDINANCE ADDRESSING FLOODPLAIN MANAGEMENT PROVISIONS OF THE STATE CONSTRUCTION CODE

Community Name: Village of Nashville, County: Barry
ORDINANCE # 4-23-09-A

An ordinance to designate an enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Village of Nashville located in Barry County, and to designate regulated flood hazard areas under the provisions of the State Construction Code Act, Act No. 230 of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended.

The Village of Nashville ordains:

SECTION 1. AGENCY DESIGNATED.

Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Building Official of the Barry County / Professional Code Inspection is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Village of Nashville under the Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, State of Michigan. The County of Barry assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act through out the corporate limits of the community adopting this ordinance.

SECTION 2. CODE APPENDIX ENFORCED.

Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the Village of Nashville.

SECTION 3. DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled Barry County Michigan (All Jurisdictions) and dated 5/4/2009 and the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMS) panel number(s) of 26015C; 0351C, 0352C, & 0355C and dated 5/4/2009 are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

SECTION 4. REPEALS.

All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 5. PUBLICATION.

This ordinance shall be effective after legal publication and in accordance with the provisions of the Act governing same.

Adopted this 25th day of April, 2009

This ordinance duly adopted on April 23, 2009 at a regular meeting of the Village of Nashville and will become effective April 25, 2009.

Signed on April 23, 2009 by Cathy Lentz, Clerk of the Village of Nashville.

Attested on April 23, 2009 by Frank Dunham, President of the Village of Nashville.

REVOLT, continued from page 1



Ahmo Jordan speaks with representatives from ABC Nightly News during the protest.

marched down Main Street, carrying signs to protest the tax increases. The signs included both comical and gloomy phrases:

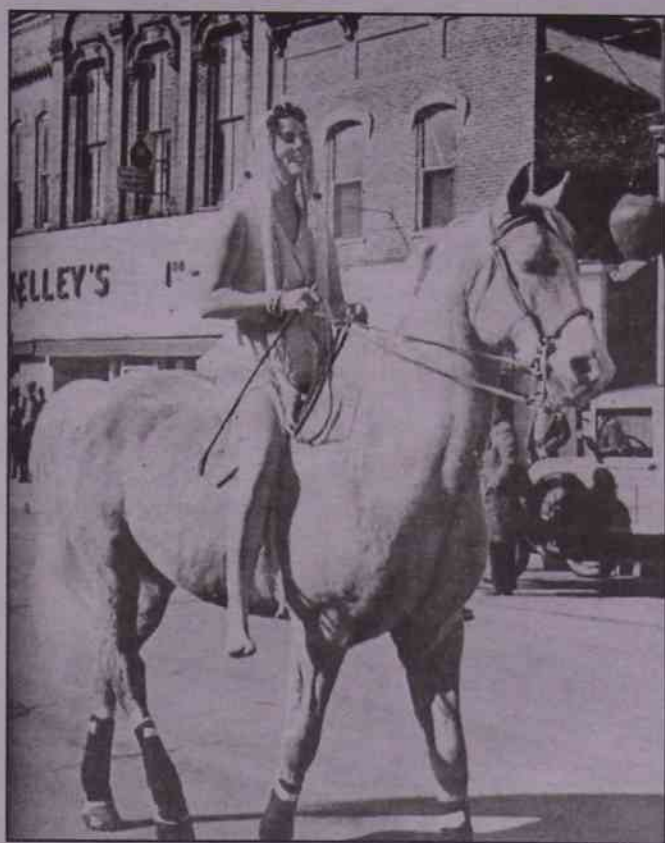
"When the last business leaves, turn off the lights."

"Have you heard the one about taxation without representation?"

In newspaper articles covering the protest, Ahmo's conviction showed through.

"We're tired of the state government forcing small businesses to go broke or move out of Michigan," Ahmo told reporters. "Government no longer cares about small business, the farmer or the small town. We may die ... but we might as well go down fighting. This is worth fighting for."

The couple owned Country Corners Market at the time and gained so much publicity that they even went on a speaking tour of sorts to help other small communities in Michigan work out their tax issues. Featured on the nightly news, the revolt was highlighted in newspapers as far away as Florida and California. Ardith even



A highlight of the protest, Kathi Hughes dressed as Lady Godiva, one of the most famous tax protesters in history.

received a call from a community in South America interested in learning how the revolt was started.

Shortly after the revolt, then-Township Assessor Justin Cooley announced that there would be a slight reduction in taxes due to the results of sales study completed by the county equalization director.

Ardith, counts that change as a victory and a testament to the difference one person can make.

"We won. There was a small decrease in taxes. That didn't last too long, but at least it worked for a little while," said Ardith. "It's (the revolt's) main object, I think, was that one person can make a difference if they put their mind to it. I think any person can do it if they try."



Ardith Jordan looks over a scrapbook containing newspaper stories and flyers from the tax revolt she and her husband Ahmo organized in 1981. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dianne L. Schwiagershausen, an unmarried woman, to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC fka Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 4, 2005 and recorded May 11, 2005 in Instrument Number 1146275, Barry County Records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of One Hundred Twenty-One Thousand Eight Hundred Seventy-One and 06/100 Dollars (\$121,871.06) including interest at 7% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the Barry County Courthouse in Hastings in Barry County, Michigan at 1:00 p.m. on MAY 14, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Lake Odessa, Barry County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the Northeast 1/4 of Section 7, Town 4 North, Range 7 West, Woodland Township, Barry County, Michigan, described as: beginning at a point on the North section line, North 89 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds West 352.00 feet from the Northeast corner of Section 7; thence North 89 degrees 57 minutes 57 seconds East 951 feet more or less to a point 352 feet West of the East line of Section 7; thence North 01 degree 02 minutes 07 seconds East 208.00 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: April 11, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 426.0434 ASAP# 3055676 04/11/2009, 04/18/2009, 04/25/2009, 05/02/2009

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION WE OBTAIN WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert A. Hatch and Judith L. Hatch, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, Mortgagee, dated October 6, 2004 and recorded October 27, 2004 in Instrument Number 1136217, Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Nine and 91/100 Dollars (\$233,949.91) including interest at 5.37% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the Barry County Courthouse in Hastings in Barry County, Michigan at 1:00 p.m. on MAY 21, 2009. Said premises are located in the Township of Woodland, Barry County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded. Except the East 3 feet of the West 25 feet of Lot 1 of McLenithan Subdivision, Township of Woodland, Barry County, Michigan, described as: The West 25 feet of Lot 1 and all of Lot 2 of McLenithan Subdivision, Township of Woodland, Barry County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded. Except the East 3 feet of the West 25 feet of Lot 1 of McLenithan Subdivision to Jordanlake in Section 4, Town 4 North, Range 7 West, Woodland Township, Barry County, Michigan. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. TO ALL PURCHASERS: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Dated: April 11, 2009 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 248-502-1400 File No. 241.2891 ASAP# 3057370 04/11/2009, 04/18/2009, 04/25/2009, 05/02/2009

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Thank You!

The staff and children of the Maple Valley Latchkey Program want to thank the congregation members of the Vermontville United Methodist Church for hosting a spaghetti dinner to raise funds for their program.

Adam Smith
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Jill VanderHoef
Christine Foster
Cathy and John Perez
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Connie Hockendubler
Stephanie Starks
Katie Cole
Pastor and Denny Smith

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Fuller students 'fiddle' around

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Fuller Street Elementary students spent the afternoon fiddling around with the Michigan Fiddlers and

Fiddlers and Strums group from the Community Music School. The gym was full of kindergartners through second graders who were able to see some children their own ages

take to the stage.

The young fiddlers included James Thurlby, McKenna Quinn and Katie Cheeseman. Quinn said she has been playing her instrument since

the beginning of the year and finds enjoyment in creating music and listening to others play.

"It's fun to listen to the music," said Quinn as the strums took to the stage. "I had a little bit of stage fright, but it's fun."

Steve Youngs led the groups and also led the audience in singing a few numbers. Cheers and laughter erupted after Youngs asked the school's social worker, Rob Dorner to demonstrate "The Twist" while the group played, "Twist Again" by Chubby Checker.

Nashville Chiropractor and Barry County Commissioner Mike Callton played the harmonica and mouth harp during the presentation. The students clapped and danced through his version of "Jumbalya."

Youngs told the second grade students that beginning next year, when they reach third grade, they would be eligible to take lessons at Fuller Street as part of a new program.



The strummers show off their skills during a special concert at Fuller Street Elementary. The Strummers include Justin Moore, Jacob Moore, Giacinto Lucci, Elijah Campbell, Lucas Miller and Jacob Bross. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Steve Youngs leads students in a rousing rendition of "She'll be Coming 'Round the Mountain." (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Fuller Street Social Worker Rob Dorner demonstrates The Twist with the assistance of Fiddler Katie Cheeseman. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

COUNSELORS CORNER

by Valerie Hynes McCaul

We have a multitude of year end events to share with you this week, so here goes ...

Junior high pride trip

If your junior high student earned the opportunity to go on the Cedar Point Pride trip, you will want to read this. The trip is scheduled for May 21. You will

need to drop your kids off at the school parking lot by 5:15 a.m. Students will arrive back to the parking lot around 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$60 and is due by May 1. Permission slips need to be returned on that day also. Students will need extra money for food and a locker if they want to ride water rides.

Students must wear school-appropriate swim wear — one-piece bathing suits only or shorts and an extra T-shirt. Be sure to send sunscreen with your children to use for the day. We have 'ordered' a warm sunny day, so, we are planning to need a lot of it.

Report cards

We will be sending home junior and senior high report cards Wednesday, April 29. They will be sent home with your child. Be sure to watch for them.

Prom

Prom will be held in Battle Creek at the Federal Center on May 9. Have your cameras ready.

Seniors information

Senior honors night will be Tuesday, May 19, in the auditorium. The seniors' last day of class will be May 20. They will be taking exams May 21 and 22. Graduation rehearsal is at 1 Thursday, May 28, with Baccalaureate at 7 that evening. Graduation will be at 7 p.m. Friday, May 29. Enjoy these final days with your students; they will be gone before you know it.

Junior high information

Junior high Olympic day will be Friday, May 22. The junior high staff has worked hard to create a day of fun competition and memories for the kids. It's a good day to send sunscreen since most events are held outside at the track. Be sure and thank the staff for their efforts in this. It's a really great day for the children.

The spring junior high dance will be May 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The junior high awards assembly, honoring the successes of our students, will be held during fifth and sixth hours, May 20.

Athletics' field of excellence awarded

Maple Valley has been

awarded the Pioneer Athletics Field of Excellence Award for 2008. This award is given to recognize the care, dedication and overall qualities in field maintenance. Photos of the playing field may be used in upcoming publications by Pioneer. Congratulations to our athletic and maintenance departments.

Enjoy the maple syrup festival and spend some time with your kids this weekend.

In My Own Write

by Amy Jo Parish



The buzz is back

Every year in elementary school, there would be a few days that we students looked forward to the most. The last day of school and the first day of summer vacation top that list, but there's one more that is unique to Maple Valley.

Each year, the Thursday before the syrup festival, us young'n's would glue ourselves to the bus windows, desperately trying to see which rides were getting set up at the festival.

Is the Tilt-a-Whirl there?

Hey! It's the Graviton — the one that spins so fast, you are plastered to the wall.

There's the Spider!

There was a general buzz of anticipation for the festival and all the fun the weekend promised.

As the teenage years set in, the thrill wasn't quite as big. It also didn't help that since I was 5, my family had spent the entire week at the Eaton County Fair where Dad is the electrician and Mom runs the fair office. After two decades of seeing the backstage view

of the fair, it kind of loses its charm.

Now, however, the buzz is back. With the syrup festival this weekend, I find myself looking forward to the taste of syrup and pancakes that I haven't cooked, visiting the arts and craft show and playing with the Maple Valley-Ionia Community Band.

It's no longer the Tilt-a-Whirl that gets me dizzy; it's the fun of visiting with so many people and seeing Vermontville showcase its best side.

While I still might take a spin on the Ferris wheel (it provides a great angle for photos), I think I'll leave the Graviton to those that are closer to my nieces' ages.

My sweet tooth, though, can't wait to sample the maple cotton candy and find out if there are other sweet samplings to try. Plus, there are tons of entertainment and sites to see that don't require a fee.

See you at the festival!



This Sharpshooter Monument, dedicated to the First Michigan Sharpshooters, is located on the capitol lawn in Lansing. Sharpshooters, specifically Company K, Michigan's Native American Sharpshooters in the Civil War, will be the topic of a history program at the Sunfield Community Room, 186 Main St., Tuesday, April 28. The program is part of a series hosted by the Lansing/Sunfield Camp 17 of Union Veterans of the Civil War and is open to the public.

Residents create historical gift for library



At Tuesday night's library board meeting, Putnam District Library received a gift of six framed photographs. Jackie Goddard and her husband Jerry, shown here, partnered to create the snapshots of time passing. Jackie captures images of area buildings, and Jerry adds a touch of computerized artwork. Their combined passion is to preserve local history. Many of the buildings they have photographed are no longer standing.

"The board is grateful for the couple's gift as well as the contributions they encourage from the community," said Library Director Shauna Swantek. "The public is encouraged to stop in and view the new artwork."

Submitted by Putnam District Library.

Creepy crawly critters visit Fuller Street Elementary



Fuller Street Elementary third grade students recently completed a science unit on animal classification that included a visit from the reptile world. Jackie Blanc from Eaton County Parks visited the school and brought along a prairie rat snake. Above, Josef Gillelan and Nathan Gorman get an up-close and personal visit with the snake. (Photo provided)

Maplewood announces April students of the month

Each month, the staff at Maplewood Elementary School in Vermontville recognizes three students who have been nominated by their teachers for their out-

standing conduct and work in school.

The selected students are treated to a trip with Principal Fred Davenport to Moo-Ville and receive

coupons to Nashville Subway and Roush's Sidewalk Cafe.

Submitted by Maplewood Elementary



Logan Ramer from Dave Hustwick's class represents the fourth grade class as Student of the Month for April.



For the fifth grade class, Gavin Gardner was selected as Student of the Month. He is in Matt Powers' class.



A student in the class of Judy Fox, Zach Orsborn is the Student of the Month for the sixth grade.



Volunteers spruce up fire station

A group of volunteers donated their time recently to make a few improvements to both the interior and exterior for the fire station in Vermontville. Chris Rumsey and Curt Willis, along with Rhonda and Steve Pifer installed the historic bell outside of the station, completed landscape work and also repainted with interior. The walls now boast the EMS and fire department logos, along with poems detailing the dedication of the volunteers in the department. It had been 13 years since the interior was last painted and Fire Chief Monte O'Dell said he couldn't be happier with the results.

"This upgrade really decorated the fire station," said O'Dell. "We've had a lot of people stop and say that it's a really good improvement, and I'm very happy that they did it."

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Dee Behl 517-541-8763

ORDINANCE #4-23-09-B

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING INTERFERING WITH THE PUBLIC WATER SERVICE OF THE VILLAGE OF NASHVILLE, COUNTY OF BARRY, MICHIGAN.

THE VILLAGE OF NASHVILLE ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. It shall be unlawful for any property owner, occupant, or other person to turn the public water service on or off for any premises within the Village of Nashville without the express written permission of an authorized official or agent of the Village.

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall not apply to the authorized termination or start of water service performed by a Village officer, employee, or designated agent.

SECTION 3. A person who violates this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to punishment by imprisonment for not more than 90 days, the imposition of fines in an amount not more than \$500, and court costs.

SECTION 4. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed insofar as the conflicting portions thereof are concerned.

SECTION 5. This Ordinance shall be published in full in the Maple Valley News, a newspaper of general circulation in the Village, promptly after its adoption, and shall be recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Village and such recording authenticated by the signatures of the Village President and Village Clerk.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall become effective twenty (20) days after its publication.

PASSED and adopted by the Village of Nashville, Michigan on April 23, 2009.

YEAS: Lundquist, Harwood, Holden, Kenyon, Coll, Dunham

NAYS: none

ABSENT: Austhof

Ordinance No. 4-23-09 adopted.

Frank Dunham, President
Cathy Lentz, Village Clerk

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Lions rebound in consolation game at their own tournament

Maple Valley's varsity baseball team had a Jekyll and Hyde performance at its own Maple Valley Invitational Saturday in Vermontville. The Lions dropped game one of the tournament to Bellevue 10-2, then bounced back to beat Saranac 14-1 in the consolation game. "We came out flat and never really showed up to play," said Lion head coach Bryan Carpenter. Kyle Burns and Kyle Fisher were each 2-of-4 at

the plate for the Lions in the game against the Redskins, both had a single and a double. Burns added an RBI. Coty Franklin picked up the loss, allowing four hits and just one run in five and two thirds innings of work. He struck out seven. "We were a much different team the second game," Carpenter said. "We showed up to play and were into the game. Our attitude was different and we played much better. We have to learn to come to both games and not

just here and there." Fisher was 2-of-4 with a pair of RBI's to lead the Lion attack. Steven Creller was 2-for-3 with a pair of RBI's. Burns, Brandon Cosgrove, Fanklin, Matt Spencer, and Tyler Franks had one hit each for the Lions. Maple Valley is at Battle Creek Central today (April 25). The Lions then have a contest with Leslie scheduled for Monday. They return to league action next Friday against Schoolcraft.

Lion golf team tops Olivet for a Kalamazoo Valley win

Maple Valley split its Kalamazoo Valley Association duals with Delton Kellogg and Olivet at Mulberry Fore Golf Course Thursday afternoon. The Lions fired a round of 191. Delton scored a 160, and Olivet 211. Caleb Walker led the Lions on the day with a 44. His teammate Ian Cogswell added a 48 and Rob Sebastian a 49. Hutch Joppie and Dylan Myers both shot 50's for the Lions. Delton Kellogg had the top four individual scores of the day, as well as the top team score. The Panthers got 39's from Cody Morse and Mitchell Wandell and 41's

from Robbie Wandell and TJ Boreham. Olivet was led by Joe Deppe and Brad Newman who both fired 51. It was the second day in a row that the Lions and Panthers had met up. Maple Valley was a part of the eight-team Delton Kellogg Invitational at Mullenhurst Golf Course Wednesday afternoon. Hastings took the championship on he day with a team score of 307. Wayland fired a 32, Delton 334, Pennfield 356, Parchment 364, Marcellus 364, Lawton 385, and Maple Valley 399. Joppie led the Lions with a 93. Walker shot a 95,

Cogswell 103, and Clint Franklin 108. Hastings had five of the top ten individual scores of the day, led by medallist Tyler Kalmink who shot a 73. Wayland's Jarrett Doire was second with a 74, and Pennfield's Nick Haudek tied Hastings' Jon Kalmink for third with 77's. Delton's Mitchell Wandell and Hastings' Matt Cooley both fired 78's. Rounding out the top ten were Hastings' Jason Baum (79), Wayland's Keegan Pawloski (79), Marcellus' Blake Terrill (79), and Hastings' Brian Baum (82).

Maple Valley adult soccer league to meet at new time

The playing time for the Maple Valley Adult Soccer League has changed to 11:30 a.m. every Saturday (except today) at the Fuller Street

School soccer field. The league is open to anyone 16 and older for a registration cost of \$10. Shin guards and cleats are not

required but are recommended. For more information, call Chris Fisher at 517-726-1049.

Boys' track team won first three KVA duals, all Thurs.

Only one of the three teams at Delton Kellogg Thursday night was able to hold the Maple Valley varsity boys' track and field team to less than 100 points. The Lions scored three Kalamazoo Valley Association as more than a third of the league got together to make up some duals. The Lions defeated Delton Kellogg 102-35, Galesburg-Augusta 112.5-24.5, and Constantine 97-40. Among all four teams, the Lion boys won every single event on the track one of the five field events. Jeff Burd both won three individual events for the Lions. Burd took the 100-meter dash in 11.50 seconds, and the 200 in 23.34, and the 400 in 50.74. Nick Thurlby won both hurdle events, taking the 110-meter high hur-

dies in 15.08 and the 300-meter hurdles in 40.27. In the longer races, the Lions got a win from Rob Morehouse in the 800-meter run (2:05.06), Brad Laverty the 1600-meter run (4:53.94), and Josh Perkins the 3200-meter run (11:00.44). The Lions won the 3200-meter relay in 8:38.03, the 800-meter relay in 1:34.68, the 400-meter relay in 45.78, and the 1600-meter relay in 3:33.64. Zac Eddy added a win in the long jump for the Lions, flying 18-8.75. Constantine's Aaron Wood won the discus with a throw of 139 feet 8 inches and the shot put at 139-8, and his teammate Hostetler won the high jump at 6-2. Delton Kellogg's Matt Ingle won the pole vault at 12-0. The Lion ladies were

downed 85-46 in their dual with Delton. Other scores weren't available from the afternoon. Lauren Trumble won the 3200-meter run in the race against the Panthers, finishing in 13:57.88. Elizabeth Stewart won the 400 in 1:04.96. Karlee Mater won a pair of field events for the Lions, taking the pole vault at 9-0 and the long jump at 13-4. Hannah Williams, Katie Searles, and Sarah Strohbusch all won two individual events. Williams took the 100-meter dash in 13.4 seconds and the 300-meter hurdles in 50.21. Searles took the 100-meter dash in 16.53 and the 200-meter dash in 28.02. Strohbusch won the throws, taking the discus at 99-7 and the shot pout at 31-7.