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Township adopts burn ordinance, moves assessor's office

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

A new burn ordinance is in place after a unanimous vote by the Vermontville Township Board Thursday night.

Under the newly adopt-

ed ordinance, permits are good for three days and the resident/property owner must be at the site of the fire at all times until the fire is put out or it has burned itself out. The penalty for burning

without a permit will be the cost of the fire department's response to the site. Burning barrels and recreational outdoor fire containers do not require a permit, and only vegetative material gathered from or found on the site may be burned under a permit.

Residents may obtain a permit by calling 517-726-1269.

Supervisor Jack Owens reported at the meeting that the township will have its tax roll back after it was seized by the State Department of Treasury. The roll will be returned after the township pays \$4,356.80 in fees incurred during the evaluation of the township's assessment practices. Owens also reported that the township passed the 14-point review conducted by the department.

Looking for ways to pay that bill, Treasurer Joann Nehmer, Clerk Sharon Stewart and Trustee Blair Miller voted to move the assessor's office to the fire barn. The assessor's office is currently housed in the village office. Jeff

Winans is the assessor for both the village and township and will now work from both sites.

"My issue is that it's costing us \$600 a year, and I'd like to get rid of it," said Miller. "I don't see spending 600 bucks because someone thinks it's (the office) pretty."

Nehmer said confidentiality has been an issue at the village office, though both Owens and Trustee Brain Moore stated they have received no complaints about confidentiality.

"I don't know how, with the fire and ambulance people going in and out, how this is more confidential," said Owens.

Stewart said the numbers of fire runs each year are minimal and the fire department staff would have to move any meetings or debriefing sessions upstairs if the assessor is working.

Her affirmative vote for the move stemmed from a letter sent by the village, explained Stewart.

"I was a little disappointed when we got a letter from the village saying they were charging \$5 more a month

because we didn't renew our lease at the end of December," said Stewart. "They could have called and said, 'Hey, are you guys going to renew your lease?' I think there's plenty of room (in the fire station) and it isn't \$600, it's \$660."

The motion to move the assessor passed 3-2, with Owens and Moore casting the dissenting votes.

Stewart said Winans will have to wait until the township acquires a desk and office equipment for him at the new location. Filing cabinets containing records of the township also will have to be moved.

In other business, the township:

- Voted to table a decision on the fire and ambulance bylaws presented by the fire and ambulance board. The new bylaws will be voted on at the May township meeting.

- Unanimously voted to lower the charges for residents who submit a Freedom of Information Act Request. Previously, residents were charged \$1 per page for each request. Under the act, residents are only to be charged the

cost of making the copies and filling the request. The board adopted a lower fee of 25 cents per page.

- Discussed dust control for the township. Owens said he has looked into several companies, each of which does not treat individual locations. The companies would require that the township buy a large quantity of the chemicals used then sell it back to those residents wanting their roadways to be treated.

- Decided to place a lock on the roof access panel of the opera house after photographers were spotted perched on the roof during syrup festival.

- Approved the purchase of 288 flags for area cemeteries. The American Legion purchased and repaired flag holders and asked the township to help pay expenses by purchasing the flags at a cost of \$259.

The next regular meeting of the township board will be Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m. in the upper level of the opera house.

Eaton County voters to decide millage proposal

On Tuesday, May 5, residents in Eaton County will vote on a proposed millage for the Eaton Intermediate School District to help fund the special education program.

Maple Valley Superintendent Kim Kramer said if passed, the millage will save the district \$281,000 a year which could be put back into the general fund to help balance the budget.

The language voters will find on the ballot is as follows: This proposal will increase the levy by the intermediate school district of special educa-

tion millage previously approved by the electors. Shall the current charter limitation on the annual property tax rate for the education of persons with disabilities in Eaton Intermediate School District, Michigan, be increased by 1 mill (\$1 on each \$1,000 of taxable valuation), for a period of five years, 2009 to 2013, inclusive; if approved the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect in 2009 is approximately \$2,698,609 from local property taxes authorized herein?

Vermontville GFWC introduced to genealogy

General Federation Women Club's Vermontville hosted guest speaker Jeremy Reynolds, a local resident, researching his family tree.

Gathering the information has been a long tedious search, said Reynolds, and he is far from being finished. His recommendation for

the Club Women who are interested in learning their family histories was to start with those who are still living, such as grandparents

and older relatives. A lot of information can be found on the Internet on sites such as the Latter Day Saints, Google, www.findagrave.

com and Heritage Quest. The sites can be accessed from the Michigan State Library through a local library.

Creating a family tree is like putting a puzzle together backwards with no picture to look at, said Reynolds, who has traveled out of state to search cemeteries and for documentation for his family history. Jeremy's favorite site is Anserity.com which is obtained by purchasing a subscription. Each state has its own sites to obtain records. The search is endless, he said.

The May meeting for GFWC will begin at the

Methodist Church at 6:30 pm. with a potluck dinner.

May 12 will be State Capitol Day. GFWC members throughout the state will meet in Grand Ledge for a brief session and then be bused to the State Capitol to lobby the Legislatures on domestic violence, prescription drug abuse awareness and dumping of ballast water in the Great Lakes. Club members will also take a Capitol tour, attend committee meetings and observe session from the gallery.

River restoration project receives another grant

The National Fish and Wildlife Foundation recently announced that the Nashville/Thornapple River restoration project has been awarded a \$50,058 grant. The grant will be matched by \$517,079 in contributions raised by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Chris Freiburger of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been

working on the project and said a permit has been submitted by the Barry Conservation District for the village of Nashville for the drawdown of the Nashville impoundment.

"The permit application requests that a slow drawdown commence as soon as the permit is issued by MDEQ and run through mid-August. The slower the drawdown, the less impact on fish and wildlife and sediment movement

downstream," wrote Freiburger in a recent e-mail. "We anticipate hearing something from MDEQ in the next few weeks when they will be able to take action on the permit for field review."

The group also is working on design options for the project and is currently sifting through the survey data and analyzing alternatives for design.

"We need to continue to

move on this since the final design will go through considerable review from all of the resource agencies, and we want public comment and this will take several months," said Freiburger. "So, even though it is spring, if we hope to have late summer or fall construction work, it does not leave a tremendous amount of time."

Submitted by the Department of Natural Resources.

Art show will be at bank May 8

Sue Trowbridge will be showing her latest paintings of birds, animals and flowers at the Independent Bank in Vermontville on Friday, May 8, throughout the day.

The purpose of her work is

to show how God's breath is in every living thing and how God watches over even the sparrow and adorns the lilies.

After serving as a pastor for 17 years, Trowbridge felt called from the pulpit to the easel.

These new paintings are created to fulfill her call and to bring joy to the viewer. The works are done on canvas panel in acrylics and priced at \$25 because of the budget crunch so many people are facing.

Trowbridge said she wants her paintings to be affordable to as many people as possible to spread the beauty of God's love.

Submitted by Sue Trowbridge.

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Putnam Library recognized as 'Everyday Hero'

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer
April 23, members of the Barry County United Way Volunteer Center Board of Directors, volunteers and

their guests gathered for the organization's annual Everyday Hero Awards Reception, which was held at the Pierce Cedar Creek Institute near Dowling.

The Barry County United Way pauses annually to recognize a few of the many volunteers who give of their time, talents and energy to make Barry County a better, safer and healthier place to live.

After a few opening remarks, Barry County United Way Volunteer Center Board Chair Lyn Briel and Barry County United Way Volunteer Center Director Kat Smith, longtime volunteer and Barry County United Way Board Member Carl Schoessel gave a speech entitled, "Do the Right Thing, Build a Bridge," in which he used the letters in the word bridge to illustrate how volunteers build "bridges" in Barry County every day.

Among the recipients, the United Way's Education Award of Excellence was presented to Putnam District Library in Nashville for providing "quality library resources and services which fulfill the educational, recreational and informational needs of the entire communi-



Representing District Library, which received the Education Award of Excellence, are Volunteers Erika Hummell, Katlina Mata, Marge Wolff, Deb Crandall, Library Director Shauna Swantek, and volunteer Emily Mater.

ty," according to nominator Deb Crandall, who added that the library provides, "well-planned activities that fit around the community's schedules and routines and having the needed resources

on hand such as computers, books, etc., also trained speakers such as those from Early Childhood Connections. The library has developed and put into practice programs and services

that have opened its doors and welcomed our community inside to share and benefit from."

(For complete story, see the April 30 *Hastings Banner*.)

Bears Den Party Store opens for business



Bears Den Party Store officially opened its doors for business this week. The store, located at 637 S. Main in Nashville, is the building was formerly called South End Party Store but is now under the new ownership of Penny Vandenberg. The store will be open Monday through Thursday 5:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Friday and Saturday 5:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. and Sunday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Attending a ribbon-cutting ceremony were (from left) Rene Robertson, Julie DeBoer, Jane Robertson, Teresa Michela, Justin Reeds, Emily Bauer, Penny Vandenberg, Rob Ranes, Ben Ashley, Shannon Ashley and Valerie Byrnes.

'Willy Wonka Jr.' is first production in new location

The nearly 70-member cast and crew of The Revue's production of 'Willy Wonka Jr.' has been hard at work practicing their songs and dances amidst construction as The Revue prepares to open 44th show in its new facility, the Main Street Theatre House.

"The former Masonic Temple building at 301 N Main St. in Nashville should be on HGTV," said Pat Campion, a volunteer with

The Revue. The historic features such as the tin ceiling are being restored to display the building's rich character. The Maple Valley shop class built a new stage and Producer Bill Reynolds took care of the new lights.

Hollie Auten directs the show and also planned the set, made props, designed, organized, and found the costumes, and choreographed some of the numbers.

The show will take place Saturday, May 2, at 3 p.m. 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 sending an e-mail to therevue1@yahoo.com or calling Campion at 517-749-1229.

Submitted by The Revue.

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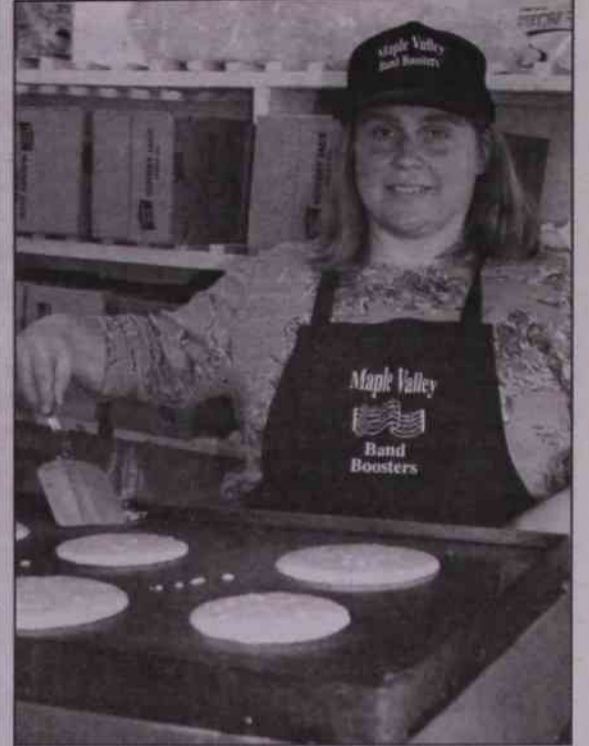
2009 SYRUP FESTIVAL, continued



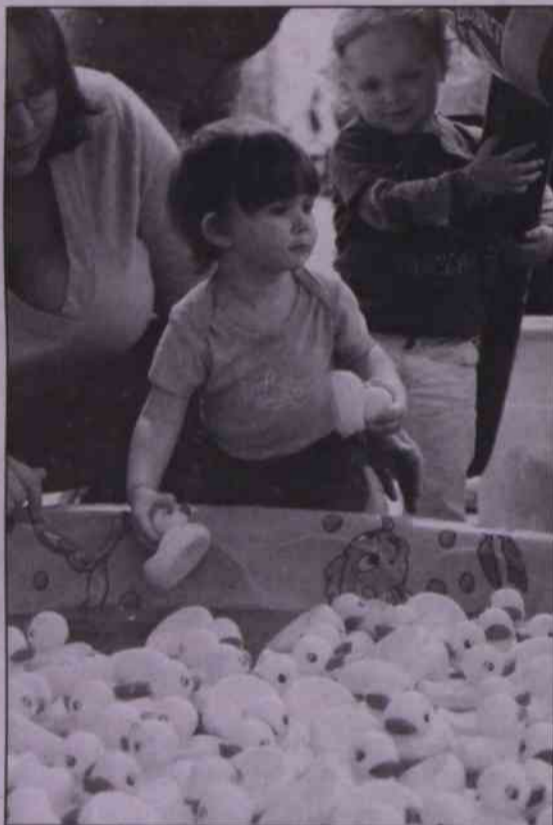
Syrup queen court member Kayla Shaw works to keep her hand off the table against Queen Hannah Gardner during the arm wrestling competition. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Competing in the pedal pull on Sunday of the festival, Aaron Gorman pushes toward a full pull. Gorman took home second place in the 8- and 9-year-old age group, behind Emily Hillard who completed two full pulls. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Tammy Frank flips hotcakes at the fire station for the band boosters program. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Sophia Bilello grabs an unsuspecting duck in one of the many games at syrup festival. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Contestants of the Little Miss Maple Syrup Princess competition get ready to ride on their float during the grand parade. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Merle Martin and grandchildren brought out a miniature horse to ride through the grand parade. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Andrew Hoyt of Cub Scout Pack 649 holds the American Flag during the grand parade. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



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Ben Benedict shows off a bottle of the Maple Soda he had available at his stand. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

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2009 SYRUP FESTIVAL, continued



Lions Club President Mark Lawless has a chance to wave in between customers at the chicken dinner booth. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Ready to show off a derby car in the parade, Hardware store owner Greg Wendorf waves as he waits for the 2 p.m. start time. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



The Capital City Chordsmen took to stage to entertain the crowd with songs old and new. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

~ MEMORIAL SERVICE ~

A service in memory of **MEL KIVELA** will be held on **Saturday, May 16, 2009** at 1:00 p.m. at the **Vermontville First Congregational Church**. There will be a luncheon following the service.

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Jennifer Upright

Upright promoted at Vermontville bank

Jennifer Upright has been promoted to bank manager for Independent Bank's Vermontville office. Upright joined the bank in 2002 as a part-time teller. Most recently, she held the position of lead teller for the Charlotte banking office.

Michigan Tech honors graduates

Michigan Tech honored the achievements of approximately 300 graduates Dec. 13, 2008, at mid-year commencement. A total of 260 undergraduate degrees, 27 master's degrees and 16 Ph.D. degrees were awarded. Among the graduates was Christi J. O'Dell, of Vermontville, who earned a bachelor of science in business administration degree.

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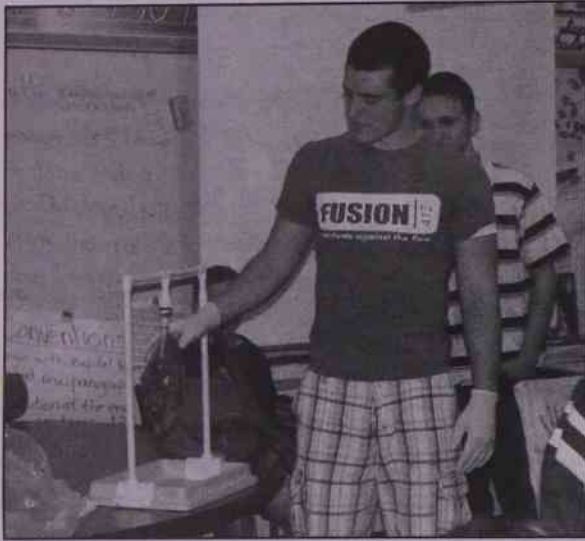
*Girls' Night Out is sponsored by the Hastings Downtown Business Team (a committee of the Barry County Chamber of Commerce and the Downtown Development Authority).

Students learn the costs of smoking

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Students at Maplewood Elementary learned the costs behind tobacco use through a special program with Barry County Substance Abuse.

High school students visited the elementary as part of Teens Against Tobacco Use (TATU). Using worksheets and demonstrations, the teens described how tobacco impacts the body and immune



Showing the difference between a healthy lung (on the right) and a smokers lung, Zach Melville points out the black color, reduced size and capacity of the damaged organ. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Rachel Morris works to fill out a worksheet that details several of the consequences of smoking. Those include, yellowed teeth, damaged lungs and many others. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)

system. Using multiplication, students were able to determine that smoking one pack a day for five years would cost \$9,125 if the packs cost \$5 each. Students also learned some of the chemicals such as ammonia, nickel, carbon monoxide, acetone and vinegar are in each cigarette. Jenna Williams said she takes part in the program to

be a mentor to younger students and to show how much smoking affects the body.

"I'm part of it because I want to set an example for kids saying that they don't have to smoke," said Williams. "I want to show them that they can be leaders and not smoke and live above the influence."

Program aims to make Maple Valley lighter

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Amy Hammond has a challenge for the residents of Maple Valley: become healthier. The challenge creates a reachable goal through

a 12-week program that is meant to educate participants about healthy choices. Hammond has experienced first-hand the success of the program which is part of the Herbalife company.

After attending three sessions in the Hastings area, Hammond was able to drop almost 70 pounds.

"Just being accountable for weigh-ins," is what keeps participants on track said Hammond. "Everyone says, 'I'll start tomorrow,' but tomorrow never comes. This way, you know you have to weigh-in and are accountable for what you've put in your mouth that week."

Though there is a cost for joining, Hammond said money is pooled, and the biggest loser will receive the cash at the end of the 12-weeks. Depending on the number of participants, that prize could be a significant amount.

"I would say that every-

one, especially in this economy, can earn a few extra dollars. Whether they're losing a whole bunch or a little bit, anyone of any size can learn to eat healthy. It's based on the percentage of weight lost, so everyone has an equal chance of winning," said Hammond.

The program will meet at the Vermontville Congregational Church, and participants can choose to attend meetings on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. or Thursday mornings at 10 a.m.

For more information on the program or to pre-register, contact Hammond at 517-490-9522.

Area Obituaries

Rosalie Gould

NASHVILLE - Rosalie "Esther" Gould, age 98, of Nashville passed away Friday, May 1, 2009 at her Nashville home.

Funeral arrangements for Esther Gould are pending at the Daniels Funeral Home in

Nashville. You may visit our website at www.danielsfuneralhome.net <<http://www.danielsfuneralhome.net>> for updated funeral service information.

Keeping up with rising waters



Art Frith has been staking out this nest made by a pair of mute swans along the Thornapple River in Nashville. "My plan was to get the shot of the chicks coming out of their shells," he said. "However, the rising water of the river may kill that idea, literally." Here, the pair is busy Wednesday morning, trying to salvage and rebuild the nest to protect the seven eggs. (Photo by Art Frith)

Lakewood grads considering reunion

Bonnie Mattson nee Gilliland is inviting Lakewood alumni from all graduating classes who are interested in organizing an all-school reunion to meet 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, at the Outlaw Steakhouse on Fourth Avenue in Lake Odessa.

Mattson is from the Class

of 1977 but is hoping all graduating classes from 1961 to 2008 will show interest in keeping in touch.

The Web site www.lakewoodalumni.com has been created to put graduates in contact with classmates. Look for the Lakewood reunion table at Art in the Park July 4.

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'Joy in the Journey' ministry formed

A group of Lakewood area women has formed "Joy in the Journey" ministry. Their goal is to bring Christian speakers and programs to the Lakewood area.

The first program will be Saturday, May 2, at Kilpatrick United Brethren Church. Kathi Schrock, wife of Sunfield Methodist pastor Jeff Schrock, will present a talk called "God's Love."

Registration is from 2 to 2:30 p.m., with worship from 2:30 to 3 p.m. and the message from 3 to 4 p.m. A social hour and fruit bar will be from 4 to 5 p.m.

The cost is \$8 in advance or \$10 at the door.

For tickets, call Kilpatrick at 269-367-4534 or Schrock at 517-566-8448.

Scholarships are available. Kilpatrick is located on the corner of M-66 and Barnum Road in Woodland.

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Kiwanis club forming to serve community

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Residents in the Maple Valley and Kalamo area will have a new opportunity to help those in need through a new chapter of the Kiwanis Club that is now forming.

According to its Web site, the mission of Kiwanis is to serve children of the world. Each year, 8,000 clubs in 96 countries sponsor nearly 150,000 service projects and raise more than \$107 million to support their mission.

John Nash is the new club building chair for the Michigan District of Kiwanis and said a new club will help fill needs that are present in the community.

"The club will be able to decide what the needs of the

community are and fill the needs as they arrive," said Nash.

The Hastings club is sponsoring the new formation and hosted Kiwanis International President Donald R. Canaday at luncheon Wednesday afternoon.

"The focus of Kiwanis International this year is on growth," Canaday told the Hastings members. "We have had 15 straight years of declining membership ... With the world economic situation, we need Kiwanis more than ever. The leading district of new clubs and overall positive growth is in Michigan."

Canaday told stories of how Kiwanis has made an impact worldwide with the



Hastings Kiwanis Club President Nathan Tagg, Michigan District Gov. Denny Kiroff, International President Donald Canaday and New Club Building Chair John Nash pause for a photo. Canaday and Nash have been working to recruit members for a new club that will encompass the Maple Valley and Kalamo communities. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)

told stories of how Kiwanis has positively impacted individuals, through programs like Bring Up Grades (BUG) which recognizes student achievement.

"The more hands we have, the more services we can provide," said Canaday. "The children are there and they need us."

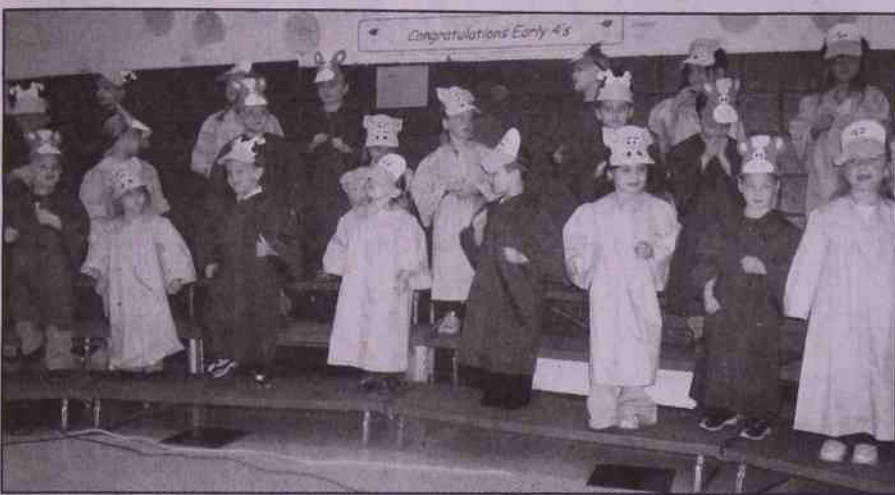
In just two and a half days of recruiting, Nash, Canaday and others have been able to sign up 19 members, just six shy of the 25 required to charter a club. Nash said he

is positive the community will come through and back the new club with memberships.

"It's going amazingly well," said Nash. "We should have the required charter membership of 25, and we're working for as much as 40 or as many as want to join from the community."

For more information about Kiwanis or the new chapter, contact Nash at jnash28991@aol.com or visit kiwanis.org.

Early 4s graduate during special program



global elimination of iodine deficiency disorders, the leading preventable cause of mental retardation. He also

Students in the Maple Valley Early 4s program recently participated in a graduation ceremony. The theme for the day was "Down on the Farm," and students sang and danced to several songs during the program. Dressed in Maple Valley blue miniature caps and gowns, the youngsters performed before a packed gym. Then each child was given a diploma as his or her name was called. Guests and 'graduates' were served cake and punch afterward.

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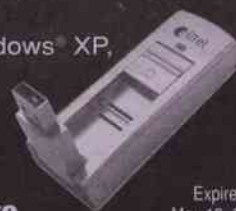
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SUPERINTENDENTS CORNER

Tuesday, May 5, is special education millage vote

by Maple Valley Schools Board of Education

At our last board meeting Monday, April 21, we took a preliminary look at the district's budget for next year. Again, it was not pretty. It showed a possible deficit of around \$830,000 next year. This estimate will fluctuate when unknown factors become known such as health insurance cost increases and the state aid amounts for next year. We have made it clear that we want to adopt a balanced budget and not use our fund equity, which has dropped significantly in the past five years. We know that having to cut this much again will be difficult and painful for our district and community. We have cut \$2.5 million out of our budget in the past five years. There simply is not much more we can cut without impacting our students and programs that are vital to offering a quality education.

Anticipating this deficit, we put together a plan to offer an early leave incentive in order to absorb at least five teaching positions. It appears that this plan is working since we have nine teachers and three support staff members who have signed up. When we calculate the savings, we are approaching the \$500,000 mark. This reduces the deficit down to \$330,000 and it appears that we will be able to avoid teacher layoffs. But we still face a deficit of \$330,000 and must make cuts.

On May 5, our district will be joining other schools in our intermediate school district in asking voters to approve a 1-mill increase in taxes for ISD-wide special education costs. Maple Valley would receive an additional \$281,000 a year, for the next five years, if this millage request were to pass. If we were to get this money, then the deficit would be down to \$49,000. We want the community to know that currently we are shifting

more than \$500,000 a year from our general fund to pay for these mandated services to our most needy students. This millage will simply allow us to shift less money from the general fund and use this money to fund dollars to maintain programs for all students.

We know that our community is hurting from the economy. We see it daily in the eyes of our students and their parents. Some will say this is not the time to ask for more money but we believe that we have a duty to allow the community to decide if it wishes to see more cuts to the education program or if it wants to hold the line on what cuts have already been made. Regardless, we will continue to make belt-tightening decisions as we all deal with this tough economic time.

We, as your board of education, have supported the placement of this question on the ballot and encourage the community get out and vote. Our next budget hearing will be Monday, May 11, in the cafeteria of the high school at 7 p.m. The public is always welcome to attend and participate in our budget discussions.

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In My Own Write

by Amy Jo Parish



Height has advantages

My job is to write the news, not make it. This week, however, I managed to do a bit of both. Seeking a higher vantage point to take some photos of the syrup festival, I climbed onto the roof of the Vermontville Opera House, thinking it would be a much better, non-moving option than the Ferris wheel. Little did I know that my vantage point would cause a ruckus at the Vermontville Township meeting. So, I just wanted officially enter my apology on the record and offer to purchase the padlock for the roof access door (I'll even install it since I'm familiar with how to get there). I must say, though, that it was nice to look down on what was happening. Being a smidgen under five feet tall, I don't often get that chance.

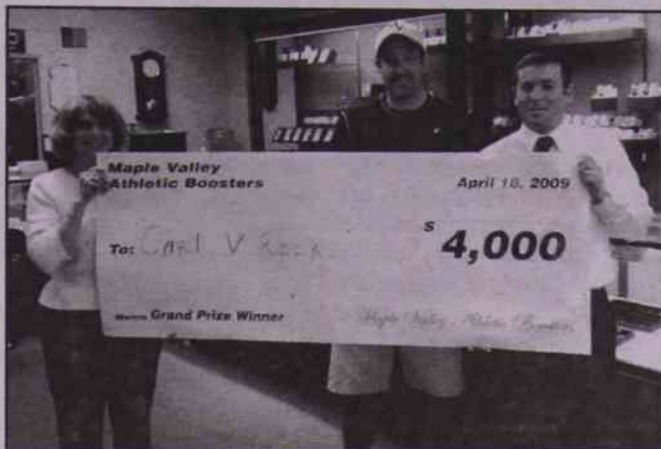
On another syrup festival note, I had a good time this year despite the rain. Luckily, it stayed dry for the grand parade and the children's parade, allowing for all of the floats and entries to make their way through the route.

Also, congratulations to Don and Lisa Mulvany for being named grand marshals. They certainly deserve the title. They have donated time, energy and resources every year not only to the festival but to a host of other community events. They are the perfect embodiment of who the grand marshals should be...generous, gracious and giving.

So, here's to next year — the 70th anniversary festival. Maybe we can celebrate with a beautiful weekend without precipitation. Then again, we're used to eating elephant ears in the rain.

Weather aside, I'm sure it will be a fun festival, full of the traditions that make this community event so special and maybe have some new events as well.

Maple Valley Athletic Boosters hold raffle



Maple Valley Athletic Booster President Tal Gearhart presents a \$4,000 check to Carl V Reck Jeweler employees Matt Deleeuw and Pam Burt, grand prize winners at the athletic booster reverse raffle.

On Saturday, April 18, the Maple Valley Athletic Boosters held its fourth annual reverse raffle at the Nashville VFW, which donated the hall for the event.

Approximately 140 people were in attendance, and all 200 tickets were sold for the event. Everyone in attendance had dinner and drinks provided with the chance to win cash or prizes donated by area businesses throughout the evening. The grand prize totaled \$4,000 in cash.

After the raffle, there was dancing with music provided by DJ Kyle Christopher.

Among the top winners were Jeff and Chelsey Wetzel and Tim and Pam Tobias who split the second place \$1,000 winning ticket. The third place winner of \$500 was Rob Rosin.

The grand prize winner this year was Carl V Reck Jewelers of Charlotte, and they graciously donated their \$4,000 prize back to the Maple Valley Athletic Boosters.

Submitted by MV Athletic Boosters.



Some of the Top 10 reverse raffle winners are (from left) Matt McClelland, Jerry Hansbarger, Rod and Sally Magoon, Phares Courtney, Bonnie Maker, Jeff Wetzel, Pam Tobias, Duska Brumm (standing in for Gary Pearson) and Brenda Valiquette.

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From Our Readers Local Citizens Speak Out On Issues

Be aware and share the road with motorcycles

To the editor:

By a certificate of proclamation, Gov. Jennifer Granholm has proclaimed May as "Motorcycle Safety Awareness Month" to remind motorists of the seasonal return to motorcycle enthusiasts to Michigan roadways. The event is supported by legislative resolution and is being promoted by state department and motorcycle rider groups concerned with highway safety.

The awareness campaign seeks a broader recognition

of motorcycles in the transportation mix and strives to reduce the number of motorcycle accidents, injuries and deaths on state roadways. The target audience incorporates vehicle drivers and motorcycle operators.

The principle concerns are to increase driver recognition of motorcyclists in traffic, while encouraging motorcyclists to participate in Motorcycle Safety Foundation training available through the Michigan Department of State.

As highway safety supporters, motorcyclists ask that motorists get in the habit of looking for motorcycles as they drive, both during the safety awareness month and throughout the riding season. We are your neighbors, friends, and families. Together we can share the road safely.

Eric Larson, Eaton Rapids Gold Wing Touring Association Motorcycle Safety Awareness Coordinator

Blood drive exceeds goal

A blood drive held at Grace Community Church in Nashville April 9 gathered 58 pints, exceeding the goal of 46. There were 10 first-time donors at the drive, the most of any drive according to Dorene Dean, one of the organizers of the blood drive.

Pins were given to Darlene Mask for reaching the one-

gallon mark and to Russ Laverty for five and six gallons, who received credit after he produced records showing his previous donations.

The next drive will be held June 11 at the church, with strawberry shortcake for those who donate.

Domestic violence volunteer crisis training

SAFE Place is now accepting applications for interviewing for the next 42-hour domestic violence crisis intervention counselor training program in May.

Trainees selected will receive intensive instruction in the dynamics of domestic violence, empathy techniques, suicide intervention, legal aspects, the effects of domestic violence on children, substance abuse, sexual assault, and shelter orientation.

The training will enable participants to respond effectively to the crisis hot-line, to handle emergencies and to work intensely with shelter residents.

SAFE Place, a United Way-funded agency serving residents of Calhoun, Barry, and Eaton counties, provides domestic violence crisis intervention and shelter services including: a 24-hour domestic violence hotline residential and non-residential support groups and counseling, children's programming, volunteer opportunities, community education/outreach, and family legal advocacy.

Anyone interested in being considered for the May session or who would like to explore other volunteer opportunities should contact Doreen Harrison at 269-965-6093.



Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

Barry County Commission on Aging Menu and Activities

Monday, May 4
Polish sausage, sauerkraut, redskin potatoes, blueberry crisp.

Tuesday, May 5
Spaghetti w/meat sauce, peas and carrots, apple crisp, baked garlic bread.

Wednesday, May 6
Honey mustard chicken, home fries, broccoli, mixed fruit, wheat bread.

Thursday, May 7
Cheese omelet, home fries, asparagus, blueberry muffin, orange juice.

Friday, May 8
Meatloaf w/gravy, mashed potatoes, wax beans, spiced apples, dinner roll.

Cold Menu
Monday, May 4
Tuna salad, potato salad, pineapple, wheat bread.

Tuesday, May 5
Chicken salad, coleslaw, pears, wheat bread.

Wednesday, May 6
Roast beef w/Swiss cheese, coleslaw, apricots, wheat bread.

Thursday, May 7
Turkey pasta salad, broccoli raisin salad, plums, saltine crackers.

Friday, May 8
Cottage cheese, Spanish bean salad, tropical fruit, blueberry muffin.

Activities Calendar
Monday, May 4: Hastings - May Birthday Party; Crafts 10:30 a.m.; Card Making 12:30 p.m.; Nashville 5 10:30 a.m. Delton - Bingo, H.W.N. Reminiscence.

Tuesday, May 5: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Legal Aid 10:30 a.m.-noon; Kinship Info Series Medicine Abuse and Underage Drinking, GL - 10:30-12:30 Cards.

Wednesday, May 6: Hastings - Music with Sam; Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Bible Study 12:30 p.m.;MMAP speaker Medicare Fraud 11 am. Delton - Reminiscence.

Thursday, May 7: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; HHS Flute Ensemble 11:30 a.m. Nashville - TV Time. Delton - Puzzles, Trivia.

Friday, May 8 - Exercise 9 a.m.; Mixed Media Painting 9:30 a.m. Mother's Day Party 10:30 a.m. Nashville - Movie and dinner day.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Maple Valley Elementary Lunch Menu

Monday, May 4
Macaroni and cheese. Green beans, fruit cocktail, animal crackers.

Tuesday, May 5
M.W. Mexican Bar. Soft tacos. Whole kernel corn, orange wedge, cinnamon bread stick.

Wednesday, May 6
Chicken nuggets. Mashed potatoes, pineapple, apple crisp.

Thursday, May 7
Fuller Cottage Inn. Stuffed crust pizza. Tossed salad, peaches, Elfin Grahams.

Friday, May 8
BBQ sandwich. Whole kernel corn, pears, cookie.

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, May 4
Chicken nuggets. Mashed potatoes, cinn. apple slices. Salad Bar.

Tuesday, May 5
Quesadilla. Asparagus, applesauce. Mexican Bar.

Wednesday, May 6
Macaroni and cheese. Cal. blend veg., mandarin oranges. Deli Bar.

Thursday, May 7
Kellogg Cottage Inn. Green beans, grapes. Breakfast Bar.

Friday, May 8
Sloppy Joes w/chips. Veg. medley, pineapple, Asian 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.

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Maple Valley boys push record to 5-0 in the KVA

Maple Valley's Jeff Burd continues to re-write his school's record book.

Burd won the 1600-meter run in a school-record time of 4 minutes 25.50 seconds Tuesday afternoon at Schoolcraft, helping the Lions to a pair of Kalamazoo Valley Association victories along the way.

The Lions improved to 5-0 in the league with a 119-18 win over Kalamazoo Christian and a 105-32 win over Schoolcraft.

Burd also won the 100-meter dash in 11.40 seconds and the 200 in 23.60. The Lions swept the three scoring places in both of the sprints. James Brown was second in the 100 in 11.90 and Brandon Vaughan third in 12.14. In the 200, Vaughan

was second in 24.30, and Brown third in 24.70.

Brown and Vaughan also teamed with Alejandro Reid and Zach Eddy to win the 400-meter relay in 46.10.

Maple Valley won all four relays in their Tri-Meet. The team of Cody Leinhart, Trenton Courtney, Josh Fulford, and Rob Morehouse won the 3200-meter relay in 8:34.80. Nick Thurlby, Brown, Eddy, and Morehouse won the 800-meter relay in 1:36.30. In the 1600-meter relay, the team of Justin Kennedy, Max Fisher, Thurlby, and Morehouse took first in 3:34.60.

Thurlby won both hurdle races on the day, taking the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.70 and the 300-meter

intermediate hurdles in 40.00.

The Lions' Morehouse won the 800 in 2:02.00.

In the field events, the Lions earned a sweep in the pole vault. Adam Zank was first at 9 feet 6 inches. Brad Laverty was second at 9-0, and Anthony Molson third at 8-0. Lucas Densmore won the shot put at 46-11.75 and the discus at 114-10. Dustin Houghton won the long jump at 18-3.

Schoolcraft's Garner Small won the high jump at 6-0. On the track, Christian's Ryan Herder won the 400 in 51.50 and Schoolcraft's Charlton Craig won the 3200 in 10:22.90.

The Lions tried for a second time to compete against Hackett Catholic Central

Thursday, but were rained out again. Maple Valley returns to league action on Tuesday at home against Pennfield and Olivet. Next Friday, the Lions run at Olivet College.

Last Friday, the Lions won the Ovid-Elsie Marauder Lions Club Invitational by more than 40 points over second-place Corunna. Maple Valley finished with 157.33 points, to 114.33 for the Cavaliers. Behind the top two teams, Ovid-Elsie scored 93 points, Chesaning 81, Fowlerville 41.33, and St. Charles 36.

Burd set the school's 200-meter dash record there, finishing in 22.24 seconds.

He also won the 400-meter dash in 50.54, and was a big part of the Lions'

sweep of the four relay races.

Burd, Morehouse, Josh Hall, and Thurlby won the 1600-meter relay in 3:30.80. Burd also teamed with Morehouse, Eddy, and Thurlby to win the 800-meter relay in 1:32.41. The team of Reid, Eddy, Vaughan, and Brown won the 400-meter relay in 45.91. Laverty, Leinhart, Courtney, and Morehouse won the 3200-meter relay in 8:32.10.

Thurlby won both hurdle races, taking the 110-meter race in 15.05 and the 300-meter event in 40.71. Morehouse took the 800 in 2:05.40. The Lions' also got a win from Josh Burd in the high jump (6-0) and Houghton in the long jump (18-0.75).

The Maple Valley girls placed second to Corunna. Tiffany Ryan took first in

the discus for the Lion ladies, throwing 92-9. Her teammate Nicole Porter was second in the shot put at 31-9.75 and third in the discus at 79-7.

Elizabeth Stewart placed first in the long jump at 14-7, and second in the 100 with a time of 13.3. Karlee Mater won the pole vault for the Lions at 9-0, and placed third in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 18.7.

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Bellevue cattle fare well at state show

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Approximately 100 consignors exhibited 150 head of cattle from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and

Pennsylvania.

The highest selling female was consigned by Dingman Farms of Bellevue and sold to Barry Bush Farms and Gary and Wendy Lorenz of Vandalia for \$4,500.

The Supreme Champion Heifer was the Angus female consigned by Chapman Horse and Livestock from Bellevue. She sold for \$4,000 to Zelinko Brothers Cattle Company of St.

Charles.

The highest selling bull was consigned by Little Cedar Creek from Beaverton and sold to Zelinko Brothers Cattle Company from St. Charles for \$6,000.

The Expo Supreme Champion Bull was awarded to the Hereford Champion Bull consigned by the Herman Family from Continental, Ohio. He sold for \$3,050 to Joe Alexandrowski of Reading.

Among breeds, the Champion Shorthorn Female was exhibited by Dingman Farms from Bellevue and the Champion Shorthorn Bull was shown by Narrow Brook Shorthorns of Charlotte.

The Beef Expo, a project of the Michigan Cattlemen's Association, is designed to promote the beef industry through sales, shows and dis-

plays of seedstock genetics, focus media attention on the beef industry, unite the various breeds and provide an opportunity to share in a major statewide beef industry promotional event.

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Lions' Angus no-hits Hackett Catholic Central, then Leslie

by Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

At some point the Lions were just going to have to play through the rain, and they were glad they did on Tuesday afternoon.

Maple Valley's varsity softball team improved to 8-3 overall on the season with a pair of victories at Leslie.

"They're doing well. I'm real pleased with it," said Lion head coach Mary LeSage.

Pitcher Cedic Angus threw her second no-hitter of the season in the opener, a 3-1 Maple Valley victory. Three Lion errors combined to take the shut out off the board for Angus in the bottom of the seventh inning. She struck out ten and walked three in the game.

The Lions scored once in the second, once in the third, and one more time in the fourth inning to build a 3-0 lead.

Cassie Knauss and Paige Semrau were both 2-for-3 in the contest for the Lion offense. Terri Hurosky added a triple in the fourth inning, and came home on a sacrifice bunt by Tina Westendorp.

In game two, the Lions moved out to a 3-0 lead before

the Blackhawks battled back to tie the game in the fifth inning. Tiffani Allwardt started pitching for Maple Valley, and Angus came in to shut down the Blackhawks in the fifth.

The Lions had their bats going in the game though, finishing with 15 hits. They finally pulled back in front with two runs in the seventh. Knauss and Angus started the rally with singles. Briana Misiewicz and Hurosky drove them in with RBI singles.

Angus was 4-for-4 at the plate in the game, while Knauss, Hurosky, and Westendorp had two hits each.

Knauss' average is up to .469 for the season now.

Maple Valley had won four in a row heading into last night's (May 1) Kalamazoo Valley Association double header with Schoolcraft. The Lions were 4-2 in the league heading into those contests.

The Lions started the league season with two wins over Pennfield, then dropped two close games with Kalamazoo Christian.

"We're going to struggle with that team," LeSage said of Kalamazoo Christian, "and we're going to struggle proba-

bly with Galesburg-Augusta next week. "We've got to get our bats rolling against some of the faster pitchers, but they're doing well though."

Maple Valley picked up its third and fourth wins in the league last Friday over Hackett Catholic Central.

The Lions didn't need their bats to do too much in the opener, as Angus no-hit the Fighting Irish. She struck out ten and didn't walk a batter. She did hit one Irish hitter.

Knauss led the Lion attack, going 2-for-4 with a pair of RBIs. The Lions put four runs on the board in the fourth, then added two in the fifth.

In game two, Allwardt earned the win pitching her team to a 4-0 victory. She struck out four and allowed just three hits.

Knauss was 2-for-3 with a pair of stolen bases. Catrina Misiewicz had an RBI, and Brianna Misiewicz had a single.

The Lions are at the Bellevue Invitational today (May 2). Next week they face Galesburg-Augusta on the road Tuesday and then head to Constantine Friday for KVA double headers.

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