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## Maple Valley class of '09 announces top 9



Brooke Davis



Kala Bishop



Lanae Shade



Brianna Misiewicz



Kinsey Bartlett



Dustin Cowell

With a grade point average of 3.844, **Kala Bishop** has earned the title of valedictorian for the Maple Valley High School Class of 2009.

From Nashville, Kala is the daughter of Mary and Kenneth Bishop and is part of both the National Honor Society and band. Under community service, Kala lists Putnam District Library, the Jimmy V Foundation and tutoring. Her inspiration is her mother and her philosophy is: "If at first you don't

succeed, try, try again."

Kala's favorite quote is "Never doubt that a small group of committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." Her favorite book is *Twilight* by Stephenie Myer and she plans to attend KCC with an undecided major.

**Brianna Misiewicz** has been named salutatorian with a GPA of 3.831. Brianna is the daughter of Jodie and Ken Misiewicz of Vermontville and lists senior

class president and high honors under her achievements. Brianna has played basketball, volleyball and softball and contributed her time to the Jimmy V Foundation, The Flower House and St. Vincent dePaul.

Her inspiration is her dad and her favorite book is *Velocity* by Dean Koontz. Brianna's favorite quote is, "When you're right, no one remembers. When you're wrong, no one forgets."

She plans to attend LCC



Nick Smith



Ashely Zander



Tyra Curth

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## Voters turn down millage, education funding faces more cuts

### Teacher retirements announced

by Amy Jo Parish  
 Staff Writer

Voters of Eaton County decided Tuesday, May 5, against a special education

millage through the Eaton Intermediate School District.

Of the 183 Vermontville voters who took part in the

election, 49 voted for the millage and 134 voted against it. If passed, the millage would have freed up \$218,000 the Maple Valley School District could have put back into

its general fund to help cover the projected \$331,000 deficit for next year.

Only one precinct in Sunfield, one in Windsor and one in Westphalia

passed the millage and only by one vote in each precinct.

"It means the board has \$281,000 more in cuts to make," said Maple Valley School Superintendent Kim Kramer of the millage failure.

On the agenda for the May 11 school board meeting is a list of possible cuts for the district. Kramer said the news from state government is anything but good concerning aid for the next school year. There is an estimated \$800 million shortage in the school aid fund alone for the 2009-10 school year. Any funds that could be received from the federal government will be more

than absorbed by the looming deficit, said Kramer.

Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a packet of expenditure reductions April 5 that includes a \$363,500 cut for the department of education.

An early incentive plan by the district will provide a savings of approximately \$502,000. The list of those taking the plan includes high school geography teacher and football Coach Guenther Mittelstaedt, sixth grade teacher Jeanne Hansen, sixth grade teacher Susan Luyendyk, high school art teacher Denise Berry, kindergarten teacher Linda Gaber, spe-

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## Vermontville's Theresa O'Dell honored for service

Vermontville resident Theresa O'Dell was honored for extraordinary service and

achievement by Eaton County Prosecutor Jeffrey Sauter and the Prosecuting

Attorneys Association of Michigan at the Prosecutor Staff Development

Conference April 22.

The Frances A. Smith Prosecutor Staff Achievement Award is given to secretaries, victim advocates, office managers, or prosecutor investigators who have made a significant impact in their communities over the course of their careers. O'Dell received the award following 20 years of service as an executive secretary and victim advocate for the Eaton County Sheriff and prosecuting attorney.

"Theresa is a natural victim advocate — sensitive but always professional. Her nickname of Mother Theresa is well deserved," said Sauter.

The Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan was established in 1929. It is a voluntary association of all 83 of the state's prosecuting attorneys the Attorney General and the U.S. attorneys serving in Michigan.



Theresa O'Dell (second from left) recently was honored for her service and achievement. Pictured with her are Tia Gilding, Eaton County Prosecutor Jeffrey Sauter and Jane Sobleskey. (Photo provided)

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# Eaton Federal makes comfortable donation to The Revue



Dawn Meade of Eaton Federal Savings Bank (left) and Revue Founder Bill Reynolds show seating that was donated to the theater group by the bank (Amy Jo Parish).

by Amy Jo Parish  
Staff Writer

Patrons of The Revue now have a more comfortable seat to view the shows after a donation by Eaton Federal Savings Bank. The Revue recently moved to a new location in Nashville and was in need of seating accommodations in its new facility. The opportunity to give back to the community was a welcome one, said Dawn Meade of Eaton Federal.

"We're always into the community, and we want to promote the arts," she said.

Producer Bill Reynolds said the contribution helped The Revue transition into its new location and demonstrated a spirit of generosity by the bank.

"I just really appreciate the generosity and support," said Reynolds. "They have supported us for the past 13 years and are looking towards supporting us in the future, so that is really exciting and appreciated."

The Revue opened its first production, "Willy Wonka Jr.," in the new location this past weekend and Reynolds said many positive com-

ments were heard about the new facility and the renovations.

"The first weekend turned out to be a great success," said Reynolds. "People loved the new building with the permanent lobby."

Christian Timmis as Willy Wonka and Lee Christopher as Charlie head up the cast of the 44th show presented by The Revue.

Nearly 70 children make up the cast and come from Nashville, Vermontville, Charlotte, Hastings, Woodland, Lake Odessa, Pottersville and Bellevue. The

play tells the story of Charlie, a young boy who finds a golden ticket and is given the chance to tour the Wonka Chocolate Factory.

Shows are scheduled for Saturday, May 9, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 10, at 3 p.m. Reserved seating is available by e-mail to therevue1@yahoo.com.

The Revue's new location is at 301 N. Main St., Nashville in the second level of the former Masonic temple.

## Girl Scouts to host tea party

Dust off the tiara or top hat, fluff up the boa, and put on the fancy duds, Girl Scout Troop 516 and Putnam District Library will host a "Fancy Nancy Tea Party" Saturday, May 16, at 11 a.m.

Girls (and boys) ages 6 to 10 are invited to attend. Kids are encouraged to dress up and come ready to accessorize. Snacks will be served, and the Girl Scouts will be presenting a performance as well as teaching lessons about etiquette. Seating is limited, so pre-registration is required. To register, ask at the front desk or call the library at 517-852-9723.

Don't know who Fancy Nancy is? Check out one of her books at Putnam Library. She is the character from a series written by Jane O'Connor. Fancy Nancy is a little girl who doesn't like things that are plain. She likes sparkles, glitter, lace, feathers, and sprinkles.

Fancy Nancy also likes to speak French because "things just sound fancier that way." From her sparkly tiara to her rhinestone-studded heels, Nancy is full of fun and surprises. The tea



Girl Scout Troop 516 has been practicing for its performance at Saturday's tea party. Shown here (from left) are Chloe Hicks, Jeannie Hale, Shawna Dockett, Savannah VanStee, Britney Flory, Cassidy Fisher and Zandra Ziple.

party is bound to be the same. Make plans to join the

soiree (that's a fancy word for party) on May 16.

Submitted by Putnam District Library.

### Correction

In last week's *Maple Valley News*, it was reported that Vermontville Township had passed a burning ordinance. What was passed,

however, was not an ordinance but a set of rules and regulations for open burning and burn permits.

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<p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES</b> A Spirit-filled Church Meeting at the Maple Leaf Grange Hwy. M-66 south of Assyria Rd. Nashville, MI 49073 Sun. Praise &amp; Worship 10:30 a.m., 6:00 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. Jesus Club for boys &amp; girls ages 4-12. Pastors David &amp; Rose MacDonald. An oasis of God's love. "Where Everyone is Someone Special." For information call 1-616-731-5194 or 1-517-852-1806.</p>	<p><b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b> 301 Fuller St., Nashville Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m. Sunday: A.M. Worship ..... 11 a.m. P.M. Worship ..... 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening: Worship ..... 7 p.m. REV. ALAN METTLER</p>	<p><b>GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b> 8950 East M-79 Highway, Nashville Morning Celebration ..... 9 &amp; 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service, Relevant Practical Teaching, Nursery, Children's Classes, Youth Group, Adult Small Groups, Leadership Training PASTOR: DON ROSCOE Phone: (517) 852-1783 e-mail: grace@gc3.org</p>	<p><b>MAPLE GROVE BIBLE CHURCH</b> 8593 Cloverdale Road (1/2 mile East of M-66, 5 mi. south of Nashville) Sunday School ..... 10 a.m. A.M. Service ..... 11:15 a.m. P.M. Service ..... 6 p.m. PASTOR GEORGE GAY</p>
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# 'Girls' have night out in Lake Odessa Wednesday



Suzanne Dahms (left) and Karen Banks get ready to enjoy the spring evening of shopping on Lake Odessa's Girls' Night Out on Wednesday, May 13. (Photo provided)

Lake Odessa will host a Girls Night Out event Wednesday, May 13, from 4 to 8 p.m.

Ladies of all ages are invited to abandon their weeknight rituals for a bit of fun and relaxation right in their own neighborhood. With more than 30 businesses participating, "girls" can be assured of an evening full of good fellowship with some "retail therapy" on the side.

The Lake Odessa Community Library will serve as the official check-in point for the affair, where ladies can pick-up extra "passports" and a guide to all the fun and folly.

The first 200 guests will receive a complimentary shopping bag provided by

the Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce. A gift basket packed full of prizes valued at over \$500 will be on display and awarded to one lucky lady.

Following are participating businesses and their Girls Night Out specials:

- Lake Odessa Community Library, 1007 Fourth Ave. Check in here to begin a adventure. Free shopping bags to the first 200 "girls," compliments of the Lakewood Area Chamber of Commerce.
- 3 C's Fitness, 1137 Fourth Ave. Drawing for a free T-shirt or a free one-week pass. On-site nutritionist. Complimentary nutritious snacks and beverages.
- Aaron Freeman Family Dentistry, 924 Fourth Ave.

Health and happiness starts with a white smile. Any appointment scheduled during Girls Night Out is \$25 (\$25 off) or receive coupon worth 50 percent off teeth whitening.

- Bronzing Boutique, 930 Fourth Ave. Buy any package or visits and get a free sample of Smile Your Dark. Lia Sophia jewelry on display and available for advance purchase for pick-up by May 20
- C&R Homestyle Café, 1027 Fourth Ave. Free soda, coffee or tea with purchase. Enter door prize drawing for a free luncheon or dinner sandwich
- The Closet, 1004 Fourth Ave. Come visit The Closet for unique fashions at great prices. New spring fashions.
- DDA Downtown

Beautification Committee, Downtown. "Lake Odessa" logo wear and merchandise. With every \$20 donation, enter for a chance to win a beautiful hanging basket donated by attorney Jim Banks.

- Doane Insurance Agency, at Union Bank. Giveaways, door prize drawing.
- Endless Expressions, 924 Fourth Ave. Come celebrate the opening of Endless Expressions at the new store location. Coupons for \$20 off future service. Drawing for a free Lakewood jacket. Complimentary refreshments.
- The Hair Port, 938 Fourth Ave. Introducing new manicure and pedicure technician, Marlene. Drawings, coupons and hand massages. Complimentary refreshments.

Heirlooms Gallery, 1001 Fourth Ave. Free matted 5-by-7 flower sketch created exclusively for Girls Night Out (available only for this evening).

- Imaging Art Portraits, downtown. Offering a 4-by-6 keepsake photograph.
- Kathy's Flower Patch, 1453 Jordan Lake St. In-store specials. Door prize drawing. Complimentary gourmet food samples.
- Kellie's Design Team, 911 Fourth Ave. Discounts, coupons and free samples. Makeup and hair style demonstrations and paraffin wax hand dips.
- Lake Odessa Antique Mall, 1014 Fourth Ave. Over 100 dealers in authentic antiques and collectibles all under one roof.
- Lakeview Lanes, 1223 Lakeview Drive. Half off drinks for all "girls" 4 p.m. to close.
- Lakewood Real Estate,

1430 Jordan Lake St. Promotional drawing.

- Lifestyling Hair Salon, 1037 Fourth Ave. Drawings for one-month unlimited tanning and haircuts. Door prizes. Coupons for hair color or perms.
- McCartney Insurance, 928 Fourth Ave. Free goodie bags to first 180 "girls." Complimentary snacks and beverages.
- Meyers' Hometown Bakery, 1003 Fourth Ave. Free coffee samples and one-pot packets.
- Nikki's Lia Sophia, at Union Bank. Drawing for free jewelry.
- Partylite at Union Bank. Drawing for a free gift valued at \$80.
- Penny's Five Star Pizza, 1033 Fourth Ave. Free beverage with any dine-in food purchase. Buy one pizza, get second 25 percent off. Girls Night Out specials on select menu items.
- Robin Chase Insurance Agency, 1443 Jordan Lake St. Complimentary refreshments Enter to win a free gift basket.
- So Simply, 942 Fourth Ave. Jewelry sale. Free gift with every purchase. Complimentary gourmet food samples.
- Starlite Stylehouse, 1110 Jordan Lake St. Join a Hawaiian luau, complete

with island music, a tiki bar, complimentary island drinks and a chocolate fountain. Prize drawings for a Kitchen Aid stand mixer, hand mixer and cooking accessories.

- Tammy's Hair Salon, 1003 Tupper Lake St. Coupons, product samples, free demonstrations and mini massages. Free raffle.
- Thompson Interiors, 1039 Fourth Ave. Free area rug with purchase of any hard-surface flooring.
- Union Bank, 933 Fourth Ave. Home and garden displays. Giveaways and coupons.
- Uppercase Living, at 3 C's Fitness. Make a craft. Door prizes, coupons.
- Village True Value Hardware, 1019 First St. Home repair demonstrations. Faux painting seminar with Jo Raines. Coupons and free giveaways.
- Walker Pharmacy, 838 Fourth Ave. Buy a large Yankee Candle and get 50 percent off an accessory or 25 percent off gift items except Willow Tree. Grab bags and many clearance items. Complimentary refreshments.
- Weatherwax Whistle Stop, 1135 Fourth Ave. Drawing for \$25 gift certificate.

## Binder Park Zoo offering free admission to moms Sunday

Imagine taking mom to Africa to celebrate Mother's Day for free. Area residents can do just that at Binder Park Zoo Sunday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Battle Creek zoo is hosting a Mother's Day celebration Sunday and moms will be admitted for free when accompanied by their children or grandchildren.

In addition to free admission, mothers can enter contests and receive free small soft drinks or coffee in Beulah's Restaurant or Kalahari Kitchen. The whole family can enjoy programs

all about "Animal Moms." Program times are 11 a.m., 2 and 4 p.m. and will take place on the lawn adjacent to the Smith Snow Leopard Encounter.

Animal Play Day activities will also be in full swing at several animal exhibits highlighting the topic of "Training Day." Training animals to cooperate in some of their day-to-day care can be fun for the animals as well as the zookeepers. Guests can watch the keepers' techniques in stimulating the minds and bodies of many monkeys, giraffes, and other busy ani-

mals. Check the posted schedule at the zoo for a list of participating Training Day exhibits and times.

For more information about upcoming events or Binder Park Zoo general information log on to [www.binderparkzoo.org](http://www.binderparkzoo.org) or call 269-979-1351.

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# Area Obituaries

## Clare T. Eash

A memorial service will be held for Clare T. Eash on Saturday, May 16, 2009, 3:00 pm at the Hope Church of the Bethren, 14275 92nd St SE, Freeport. The church is on M50 at the Kent Ionia county line.

Clare T. Eash, age 95, of Morrison Lake, passed away Monday, January 26, 2009 at his home.

He was born in Bowne Township near Freeport on August 27, 1913 to Abraham and Polly (Mishler) Eash the ninth of eleven children.

Clare attended the Logan School through the eighth grade at which time he left school to devote his time and effort to his parents and their farm.

He married Beryl A Heller of Dutton on September 15, 1934.

Tragically Clare lost his left arm while working at his parents farm on the evening of December 24, 1934. Never one to make excuses or expect anything less than the best from himself he went on to be a successful farmer, served on the Jennings School Board, and expand his farm as he and Beryl raised seven children.

After his retirement from farming Clare worked as a truck driver hauling logs for Buskirk Lumber in Freeport and worked at the lumber yard as well. Later he began a new business supplying sawdust to dairy and horse farms, and shredded bark to local landscapers, businesses and private individuals

across the state. He also donated and delivered many loads of sawdust to area fairs



for 4-H livestock.

Sadly, his home and all possessions were lost in a fire in March of 2004, at which time he relocated to Morrison Lake and began true retirement.

He was preceded in death by his parents, all ten brothers, sisters and in-laws, his daughter Sally Eash Ingall in 1990 and his beloved wife Beryl on January 24, 2003.

He is survived by his children Patricia Sage of Wintergarden, Florida, Nancy and Jerald Cook of Wolverine, Michigan, David and Peggy of Alto, Georgia, John of Gun Lake, Judy and Ron Bjork of Clarksville and Susan and Fred Fulsher of Morrison Lake, 19 grandchildren, 43 great-grandchildren, six great-great-grandchildren, many nieces, nephews and cousins.

The family suggests memorial contributions be made to the Lupus Foundation of America, Inc., P.O. Box 631047, Baltimore, MD 21263-1047; your local Animal Shelter/Humane Society in the name of Clare and Beryl Eash.

## Esther Gould

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

Esther was born in Martin on June 21, 1910, the daughter of the late Dirk and Henrietta (Nykamp) Hoffman.

She was raised in the Nashville area and attended Norton Country School.

Esther was the widow of Gaylord Gould. The couple was married on April 8, 1936 in Battle Creek. They made their home together on the family farm in Nashville where they raised their children together. Esther and Gaylord had been married for 64 years when Gaylord passed away in 2000.

Esther was a member of the Nashville Baptist Church and the PFC Bible study group.

Esther enjoyed lending a watchful hand to help raise several different young children throughout her life and often hosted an after school bible club for young children in the community. In her spare time she enjoyed gardening, canning, cooking and making homemade butter, bread and ice cream.

Esther is survived by four daughters, Barbara (Larry) Hawblitz, Betty (James) Pierce, Loretta (Wayne) Neil, and Beverly (Thomas) Oleson; her son, Wayne (Sherry) Gould, and her brother, Harden Hoffman. Also surviving are 14 grand-



children, 21 great grandchildren and 17 great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her beloved husband, Gaylord; daughter, Alice (Gould) Dingman; brothers, Ernest, Edwin, Richard, Hollis and Gordon Hoffman; sisters, Margaret, Frances, Joyce and Ruth; half brother, Pete; half sisters, Anna and Nellie and her grandson, Jimmy Pierce.

Funeral services were held at the Nashville Baptist Church on Monday, May 4, 2009 with Pastor Lester DeGroot officiating. Interment took place immediately following the funeral service at Wilcox Cemetery, Nashville.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions be made to the Nashville Baptist Church or Grade Community Church.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Daniels Funeral Home in Nashville. [www.danielsfuneralhome.net](http://www.danielsfuneralhome.net)

## Singer, songwriter to perform at Kalamo church

Kalamo United Methodist Church invites the public to a special Saturday night of worship and music by Brian Westphal Saturday, May 16, beginning at 6 p.m.

Westphal, with his guitar, will sing a soft variety of his own Christian songs.

The church is located one and a half miles south of M-79 on Ionia Road.

## Friends of library meeting set

The next organizational meeting of the Vermontville Township Friends of the Library will be Thursday, May 14, at 7 p.m. in the library.

The purpose of the group is to assist the library with

fundraising projects and promote the library in the community.

Anyone interested in joining the group or learning more about it may call the library at 517-726-1362.

## Two Nashville restaurants are first in county to go smoke-free

Two Nashville restaurants — Shirley's Chuckwagon Cafe and Jack and Judy's Country Kettle Cafe — are the first restaurants in Barry County to go smoke-free, said a representative from the Barry-Eaton District Health Department Friday.

The two eateries became smoke-free establishments

the same day, May 1. Shirley's Chuckwagon is located at 202 N. Main St., and the Country Kettle is at 113 N. Main St.

The health department has been working with the Michigan Department of Community Health to promote smoke-free businesses.

## Catch a breeze and fly kite safely

Consumers Energy offers safety tips for those who take advantage of Michigan's breezes by launching a kite.

"We urge everyone to follow a few important safety rules when flying kites," said Wayne Lynn, executive manager of energy services east. "When it comes to outdoor fun, look up to identify hazards and obstacles. Stay away from overhead electric lines, and stay safe."

Kites should never be flown near electric power lines. If a kite gets tangled on an overhead wire, don't try to get it — let it go. Adults should caution children to never climb a utility pole, a tree located near a power line or an antenna tower to retrieve a kite. Buying a new

kite is the safest course of action.

Here are more basic rules to help kite flyers have fun and avoid trouble:

- Keep away from all overhead wires, especially electric lines.
- When buying or making a kite, make sure it is constructed of wood, plastic or paper. Never use anything metallic such as aluminum foil or Mylar polyester film; they conduct electricity.
- Use dry kite string when flying a kite and never use wire.
- Fly the kite in open areas in dry weather. Avoid streets and highways and keep away from television and radio antennas.

## Latchkey kids preparing to perform play

Children from the Maple Valley Latchkey Program will present a play Sunday, May 17, at 3 p.m. at the Kellogg School Building. The production is part of the group's fund-raising efforts to earn enough money to go to a local camp in June.

The story was written by Ellen Jarman, a staff member of the Latchkey program, and tells the

story of Peter who pretends to be sick to get out of a spelling test. Later, through the help of some unusual friends, he discovers that lying is never a good idea.

The children have been practicing hard for the past few months and are excited about being able to perform for their friends and families, said Terry Woodman, coordinator of the Latchkey program.

The play is open to the public and admission is \$1 per person.

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### ~ 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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## Hamilton-June wed



friends attending. Kent was the previous owner of Hamilton Black Dirt on M-66 in Nashville for approximately 18 years before he left to minister in Florida in 2007. He is employed with Wholesale Landscape Supply in Palmetto, FL.

Jackie is a Tampa native and associate director of court operations with the clerk of the circuit court in Tampa.

Kent and Jackie are ministering together in music at Kings Avenue Baptist Church in Brandon, FL. The couple resides in Tampa.

A Michigan reception/open house will be held for all friends, family and once faithful patrons of Hamilton Black Dirt who wish to congratulate the couple. It is scheduled for Saturday, June 6, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Vermontville Bible Church, located at 250 N. Main in Vermontville.

Nashville, MI native, Kent Hamilton joined in marriage with Jackie Woodham June on Friday, Jan. 30, 2009. Their wedding was held during a beautiful sunset on Longboat Key Beach, in Manatee Co., Florida.

Pastor Safstrom of Fellowship Baptist Church, Bradenton, FL presided, with immediate family and close



**Rigelman-Smith**

Mark and Lynn Rigelman of Vermontville wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynzie Sue to Eric Michael Smith, the son of Richard and Christine Smith of Nashville.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Douglas J Aveda Institute and is currently employed with Douglas J.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Kellogg Community College and is currently employed with Hayes Green Beach Hospital.

A June 5, 2009 wedding is being planned at Nashville Baptist Church.

## Spring tea planned at Vermontville library

The Vermontville Township Library is hosting a special event in celebration of the arrival of spring. "Spring Tea for Grandma

and Me" will be held Sunday, May 17, at 4 p.m. Guests will be treated to an afternoon filled with crafts, games and of course tea and

treats. The event was inspired by a book by Sarah Ferguson, duchess of York, *Tea for Ruby*. Girls and their grandmothers are encouraged to have fun dressing up in their favorite "foo-foo" finery (think feather boas, tiaras and maybe Grandma's high heels).

Sign up at the library by May 13 or call 517-726-1362 to reserve a place for what is sure to be one of the season's funniest, fancy social events. Submitted by Vermontville Township Library.

## Local student recognized at Olivet College honors program

Olivet College recognized the best of its student body at the annual honors convocation held April 15 in the college's Mott Auditorium.

Joseph Desrochers, a senior from Nashville, received the Peer Mentor in Science Award. This award is presented to a senior science major, nominated by his or her peers, who has made significant contributions to the learning of others.

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## what do you think?



with Barry County 5th District Commissioner Mike Callton

## Unemployment Rises Sharply

Unemployment has taken a big leap in Barry County. Seasonally adjusted unemployment rates for March jumped 4.2% in just one year. That translates into 1,132 more workers unemployed than at the same time last year.

Barry County Unemployment Rate (Seasonally adjusted for March)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
	6.0%	5.7%	5.9%	6.1%	10.3%

Is help on the way? I've been tracking Federal Stimulus dollars that are coming into the county. \$536,000 will go to the road commission and will be used on the 11 million dollar Finkbeiner Bridge project in Middleville. No other Stimulus dollars will be available for county roads.

Community action has received 6 million dollars to weatherize low income housing in a four county area over three years.

The county has applied for Stimulus money that would hire two police officers over a four year period.

Maple Valley Schools will receive \$5,600 for technology (enough to buy a few computers) and \$118,000 for new programs, but no money for infrastructure so far.

Some funding has become available to hire summer students to help with conservation projects.

I realize that there is more Federal Stimulus money coming, but so far I don't see anything that will touch the 1,132 jobs that we lost in the county last year.

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## Moped buyers should ask questions when shopping around

As warm weather arrives, and Michigan residents consider buying a gas-sipping moped for quick trips to work or around town, they need to ask the right questions when visiting a retailer.

Buyers should be aware of the differences between a moped and motorcycle so they don't end buying what is legally a motorcycle when they thought they were getting a moped. Unlike motorcycles, mopeds don't require insurance, a title or license plate.

"Know the facts when you shop for a moped," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "Mopeds and motorcycles both offer riders a fun, gas-saving alternative to driving a car, but buyers need to know the important differences between the two. Just because a moped doesn't look like a motorcycle doesn't mean necessarily that's the case. Make sure you know what you're getting if you decide to buy."

Under Michigan law, a moped:

- Has an engine that produces two horsepower or less, and is 50 cubic centimeters in size or less.
- Must not be able to travel faster than 30 miles an hour on a level surface.
- Doesn't require the operator to shift gears.

Faster, more powerful two-or-three-wheeled vehicles are legally considered motorcycles regardless of their design.

To legally operate a moped on Michigan streets, the rider must have a valid driver's license or a moped license. The moped also must have a valid registration sticker, which is good for three years, affixed to the back. Riders who are 18 years

old or younger must wear a U.S. Department of Transportation-approved helmet, and only one person may ride on a moped at one time.

Additionally, mopeds must have safety features that include a horn, a mounted headlight, mounted seat, brakes on both wheels, a rear-view mirror, and tail and brake lights.

Motorcycle operators must have a valid driver's license with a motorcycle endorsement in addition to insurance and a license plate. Motorcycles legally may carry the operator and one passenger, who both must wear approved helmets. When traveling faster than 35 mph, a motorcyclist must use a windshield, goggles or a face shield. Motorcycles also must be titled like a car.

Buyers should know that some small motorized bikes or scooters often sold for use by children and known as mini-choppers or pocket bikes may not be driven on public streets because they lack required safety features.

Land also reminds people that buying a moped from a private seller is similar to buying a snowmobile or nontitled watercraft in a private transaction. The seller must complete and sign the back of the moped's registration

document. The buyer must take the assigned moped registration to a Secretary of state office to register it in his or her name. For motorcycles, a private seller must reassign the motorcycle's title, including the odometer disclosure statement, to the purchaser. The buyer then takes the reassigned title to a Secretary of State office to title and register it in his or her name.

For more information about owning and operating a moped or motorcycle, visit [www.Michigan.gov/sos](http://www.Michigan.gov/sos).

Give a memorial that can go on forever

A gift to the Barry Community Foundation is used to help fund activities throughout the county in the name of the person you designate. Ask your funeral director for more information on the BCF or call (269) 945-0526.

## The Nashville Car Show is June 20th

We are planning on a parade this year, Sat. June 20th at 11 a.m. and would like to have you join us. You could have a float, band, tractor, truck, car or just walk.

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# Volunteers needed to help feed local residents

by Amy Jo Parish  
Staff Writer

For many residents in Eaton County, the visit they receive from a Meals on Wheels volunteer is the only time they see another face the whole day.

The program, run through the Tri-County

Office on Aging serves around 1,500 meals to more than 200 clients each week. It provides both hot and cold meals to homebound elderly residents who meet certain criteria. The volunteers also provide an additional service, well-being checks.

Linda Ramey, along with her husband, Kermit, started the Vermontville program in 1997. It was a genuine desire to help others that motivated the Rameys to take on the program more than 12 years ago.

"We knew there was a need," said Linda. "Kermit and I went to the meeting because we wanted to see what it was about, and it just grew from there."

Currently, the Rameys and one other couple are the only volunteers in the Vermontville program. They serve 16 individuals and alternate the days they deliver. With so few volunteering, the group delivers frozen meals on Tuesday for the residents to re-heat on Wednesday.

Linda coordinates the program and said there has never been such a need for volunteers. The meals are delivered by Eatron around noon each weekday to the Vermontville United Methodist Church where they are picked up by the drivers.

With 16 people on the list, the route is 55 miles long, something Linda would like to see split between volunteers to ease the workload.

The route takes anywhere from one to two hours, depending on the

amount of time spent at each stop. Linda enjoys checking on the people and often takes time to visit with the residents before moving on to the next stop.

"I do enjoy the people," said Linda as she organized the cooler full of meals. "There's a lot of days I know I'm the only one they see."

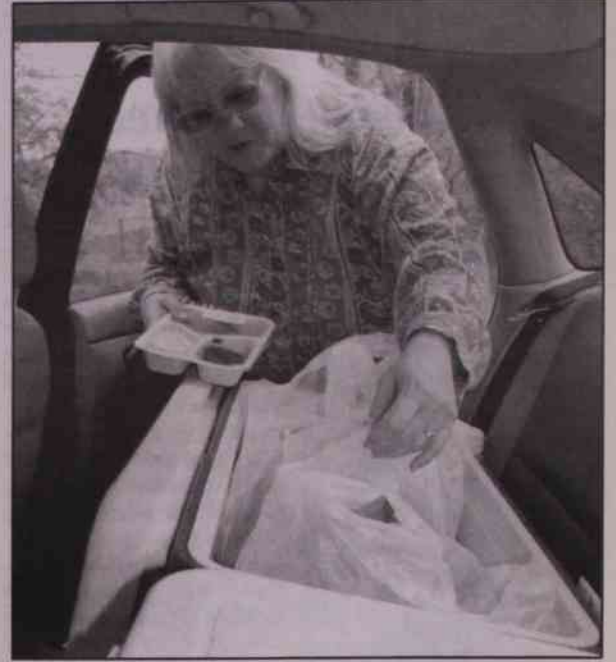
It's the enjoyment of the work and knowing that she is serving others that keeps Linda driving area back roads to deliver sandwiches and hot meals.

"I guess God keeps telling me that they need me," Linda explained.

Keri Jo Papranec is the program coordinator for Eaton County and said the program is a vital resource for the community.

"Our program depends on dedicated volunteers from all walks of life; many work for businesses or are members of organizations or places of worship that sponsor delivery routes. Often, parents and children deliver meals together. Training is provided and there is always staff backup and support," said Papranec.

The time commitment is minimal for the volunteers, and drivers can elect to make deliveries just once or twice a month — however it



Linda Ramey, along with her husband, Kermit, began the Meals on Wheels program in Vermontville in 1997 and have been helping provide nutritious meals to residents ever since. The program currently is down to just two volunteer couples who are hoping others will step up to help out area residents. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

works best with their schedules. With only two couples currently in the Vermontville area, Papranec said the need is great in the Vermontville area.

"We are in need of volunteer drivers for Vermontville to make our special deliveries during

the noon hour one or more times a month. This is a great way to give back to your community and meet some great people," wrote Papranec in a recent e-mail.

For more information on the Eaton County Meals on Wheels program, contact Papranec at 517-541-2330.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

### Maple Valley Elementary Lunch Menu

#### Monday, May 11

Cheeseburger. Smile potatoes, man. orgs. and pineapple. Mookie Cookie.

#### Tuesday, May 12

Mini corn dogs. Baked beans, push-up, apple brownie.

#### Wednesday, May 13

Chicken tender. Mashed potatoes, green beans, cinnamon applesauce.

#### Thursday, May 14

MW Cottage Inn. Pizza. Tossed salad, raisins, cookie.

#### Friday, May 15

Sack Lunch Day. Ham and cheese Hot Pkt. Carrot sticks, banana, Teddy Grahams.

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

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

Milk is included with all full meal purchases. 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 11

Grilled cheese. Tomato soup, sherbet. Salad bar.

#### Tuesday, May 12

Chicken tenders. Cheese potatoes, peaches. Subway bar.

#### Wednesday, May 13

Double dogs w/toppings. French fries, pears. Pasta bar.

#### Thursday, May 14

Kellogg Cottage Inn. Chicken pot pie. Scalloped potatoes, mandarin oranges. Mexican bar.

#### Friday, May 15

HS Cook Out! Free ice cream with every meal purchase!

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

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

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

# Citizens urged to use state's Clean Sweep program for pesticide disposal

With warmer weather here, many Michiganians have begun their annual spring-cleaning rituals around the house.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) is urging Michigan residents to utilize the department's Clean Sweep program — a free collection and disposal program, to properly dispose of potentially dangerous, outdated pesticides.

"MDA's Clean Sweep

program helps protect our natural resources and works to prevent pesticide pollution," said Don Koivisto, MDA director. "Thanks to this program and through public-private partnerships, we are able to provide a more secure and thriving environment for Michigan families and agribusinesses."

Michigan Clean Sweep collects and safely disposes of outdated, unused, unwanted and potentially harmful pesticides such as DDT and chlordane as well as lead arsenate. Mercury also will be accepted in addition to pesticides.

The state, in cooperation with local and federal part-

ners, has established permanent 15 Clean Sweep sites located throughout Michigan to accept these materials at no cost from any Michigan resident, including homeowners, renters, farmers, golf courses, agri-businesses, and other individuals.

Started in 1996, Clean Sweep is made possible by a variety of resources and entities. Construction of sites is funded primarily by grants from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, with support from local units of government and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, MDA, through its

Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program, funded with fees paid by pesticide users, helps coordinate the program and pays for the safe and proper disposal of pesticides dropped off at sites. Local units of government staff and maintain the sites, as well as schedule collections and conduct other activities.

For more information and a list of Clean Sweep sites across Michigan visit [www.michigan.gov/mda](http://www.michigan.gov/mda) or call 517-241-0236.



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# Trip helps students bring language to life

by Amy Jo Parish  
Staff Writer

Bringing the language to life and realizing its value beyond the classroom, high school junior Marty Shilton and sophomore Pantera Rider recently traveled to Ecuador for nine days and were able to put their Spanish skills to work. The duo traveled with high school Spanish Teacher Sandra Cade and elementary Spanish teacher Mindy Otto.

"The whole (trip) was, like, sweet," said Shilton. "There wasn't, like, one highlight; it was the whole thing."

For more than a week the students and instructors immersed themselves in the local language and culture. The group was able to observe local traditions, such as the celebration of Good Friday and some of the local cuisine. Guinea pigs are part of the menu in Ecuador, and though the students didn't sample that particular dish, they did try other dishes.

"I had green banana soup, they were not quite ripe but it was good," said Shilton.

The students said the experience taught them not only about a new culture but also about themselves. They discovered they knew enough Spanish to get around in the country and also eliminated some misconceptions they might have had about Ecuador.

"I had this idea of it being kind of second worldish, but it's not really," said Rider. "It's an old city itself but it's a modern country."

"It was amazing because it was, like, they have pollution but not as much as our country," said Shilton. "It was very retro. The people are all really cool and drive like maniacs."

Otto said the blending of the old traditions with new ways of living was what intrigued her.

"I was actually very surprised," said Otto in between classes at Maplewood Elementary. "You see pictures in a textbook in school and think it was taken 50 years ago. The indigenous people from the mountains — this is how they are. They still dress like their ancestors. Everything is very modern, but I didn't expect to see an old woman carrying 50 pounds of grass or whatever on her back."

Cade organizes similar trips every two years and said they give students a chance to broaden their knowledge about the world and its cultures.

"I just think it's tremen-



Marty Shilton and Pantera Rider pose in front of a traditional wood-burning oven in a museum dedicated to study of the Inca knowledge of astronomy on their trip to Ecuador. (Photos provided)



Elementary school Spanish teacher Mindy Otto poses next to a large stone globe marking the Equator at "Mitad del Mundo" in Ecuador.

dously important, especially today when the world is as small as it is electronically. It's important to see people face to face," said Cade.

More than just a vacation or chance to get away from parents, Cade said the trips provide students with a new perspective about the world and their place in it.

"It makes the world real," said Cade. "They find out that other people in other places are human beings just like them and that the world is different, and that's good."

Traveling with students for more than 30 years, Cade said each trip is a unique experience from which both she and the students benefit.

"There is nothing more exciting than traveling with kids. I've been taking these trips since 1976, and I go to the same places, and it's never the same trip because I'm seeing it through their eyes," said Cade. "I know that travel changes both the



During their trip, the group visited a factory that makes Panama hats and were able to see the process firsthand.

people who are doing the traveling and anyone they come into contact with."

Both Shilton and Rider used fundraisers to help pay for the trip and encourage other students to take any opportunities they have to travel. They began planning the trip just a couple of weeks

into the school year and would like to see other students take advantage of the chance to see another country.

"I would tell anyone who's thinking about going to go," said Rider. "It's such a good experience and you get to meet people."

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and MSU for business management, and her philosophy is that "everything happens for a reason."

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**Tyra Curth** of Vermontville is the daughter of Mary Anne and Ed Curth and has a 3.804 GPA. She is a senior scholar, part of the National Honors Society and earned high honors. She sings in the choir and is a cheerleader at Maple Valley. The Red Cross Blood Drive, FFA and Relay for Life are listed under her community service endeavors. Her inspiration is her family, especially her Uncle Russ. Her favorite book is *The Truth About Forever* by Sarah Dessen and her philosophy is, "When you pay attention to all the little

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details, life can stink, but it's those details that make it wonderful." A member of FFA, her favorite quote is, "No farmers, no food."

Tyra plans to attend MSU with a dentistry major.

With a 3.695 GPA, **Kinsey Bartlett** has received a spot in the top of the class. She is the daughter of Tina and Mike Bartlett of Vermontville, has received high honors, an MV academic award and is part of the National Honor Society.

She enjoys scrapbooking and has volunteered for Relay for Life and the Red Cross blood drive. Kinsey's inspiration is her Grandpa Sargent, and her philosophy is, "Never say 'Things can't get worse,' they just might." Her favorite book is *Daddy's Little Girl* by Mary Higgins Clark and her quote is, "Yesterday is history, tomorrow's a mystery, today is a surprise." Kinsey plans to attend Olivet College with a pharmaceutical major.

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**Lanae Shade**, daughter of Melissa Kenyon and Brett Shade of Nashville, earned a 3.695 GPA. She has received honors, MV academic awards and has played on both the volleyball and softball teams.

She enjoys hunting, mud-bogging and hanging out with friends in her spare time. Lanae's inspiration is her family and her philosophy is, "Smile, it confuses people and regardless of the mood you're in, it will always make you feel better." Her favorite book is *As Long as we Both Shall Live* by Lorlene McDaniels and her favorite quote is, "Those who live in the past will never move on." She plans to attend Olivet College and go into the medical field.

**Brooke Davis** holds a 3.646 GPA and is the daughter of Lisa and Richard Davis of Nashville. She is part of the National Honor Society and is a senior class officer.

She has volunteered at both the Maple Valley Community Center of Hope and Tendercare Nursing Home. Her parents are her inspiration and her philosophy is, "Everything happens for a reason." Her favorite author is Mary Higgins Clark and her quote is, "Life is not

about waiting for the storm to pass, it's about learning to dance in the rain." She plans to attend Southeastern Louisiana University and major in nursing.

**Ashely Zander** is the daughter of Judy and Michael Zander of Nashville. She has earned a 3.538 GPA and received both senior scholar and honors recognition. She is part of the choir and soccer programs and has volunteered with Operation Christmas Child, her church youth group. She lists her grandmother as her inspiration and her philosophy is, "If you quit before you try, nothing you do will help you to succeed."

Her favorite books are the *Left Behind Series* and her favorite quote is, "A memory lasts forever, never does it die. True friends stay together and never say good-bye." She plans to attend Texas A&M University where she will major in marine biology.

**Nick Smith** is the son of Phyllis and Daniel Smith of Vermontville and holds a 3.525 GPA. He is part of the National Honor Society and has been recognized as a senior scholar and high honors. He is part of the choir and drama departments.

His community service includes community theater and being the church librarian. His inspiration is those who've come before him and his philosophy is, "Life is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing." His favorite book is *The Return of the King* by JRR Tolkien, and his quote is, "He has the right to criticize who has the heart to help," by Abraham Lincoln.

Smith plans to attend Cedarville University where he will pursue theater and Biblical studies.

**Dustin Cowell** is the son of Sue and Ken Cowell of Vermontville and holds a 3.490 GPA. He has been part of the football, track and wrestling teams at Maple Valley. He has been an active member in his 4-H club and enjoys hunting and fishing. His inspirations are high school teacher Cindy Gatewood and wrestling Coach Tony Wawiernia.

Dustin's philosophy is "Have fun and help others along the way." He lists *Bow Hunting Magazine* as his favorite book and his favorite quote is, "If you ain't cheatin, you ain't tryin'."

He plans to attend Lansing Community College where he will study welding.

## Canine cause nets \$221, another one scheduled

by Helen Mudry  
Staff Writer

Deputy Gina, the Barry County Sheriff's narcotics dog that makes up the K-9 unit, had a chance to meet her fans last Saturday at the Hastings 4 Theater.

Theater manager Greg Faubert knew Gina needed to raise funds for an operation, so he invited her and her handler officer Richelle Spencer to last Saturday's two free showings of "Hotel for Dogs" and the chance for

movie-goers to pose for pictures for a donation.

Spencer said Gina, a German shepherd, has a spinal cord condition called lubarization of the sacrum and not hip dysphasia as had been reported. The dog's condition will cause her to lose function of her hind legs.

An operation can be done at Ohio State University to correct the condition, but it costs \$7,000, said Spencer. Saturday's event raised

just under \$221.

Another "Pose with Gina" fundraiser will be held from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at Charlton Park Saturday, May 23, with May 24 as a rain day.

No admission will be charged at the park that weekend, which will be the celebration of Charlton Park Days.

Spencer said Gina is an excellent police dog and has many more years of service to the county if the problem can be corrected.

## Barry County Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

### Menu and Activities

#### Hearty Menu Monday, May 11

Salisbury steak w/gravy, mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, peach cobbler, dinner roll.

#### Tuesday, May 12

BBQ chicken leg qtr., sweet potatoes, green beans, banana, corn muffin.

#### Wednesday, May 13

Cabbage roll, mashed potatoes, Calif. blend vegetables, tropical fruit, wheat bread.

#### Thursday, May 14

Roast turkey w/gravy, mashed potatoes, cornbread dressing, corn, applesauce.

#### Friday, May 15

Beef and noodles, peas, cauliflower, mixed fruit in jello.

#### Cold Menu

#### Monday, May 11

Turkey w/Swiss cheese, carrot raisin salad, tropical fruit, wheat bread.

#### Tuesday, May 12

Egg salad, Spanish bean salad, mandarin oranges, hamburger bun.

#### Wednesday, May 13

Chef salad w/dressing, potato salad, pineapple, saltine crackers.

#### Thursday, May 14

Ground bologna w/ American cheese, cucumber salad, mandarin oranges, hamburger bun.

#### Friday, May 15

Tuna pasta salad, broccoli raisin salad, pears, Ritz crackers.

#### Activities Calendar

**Monday, May 11:** Hastings - Crafts 10:30 a.m.; Card Making 12:30 p.m.; Music with Sam; Mini Massage 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Delton - Nashville 5+.

#### Reminiscence.

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

#### Wednesday, May 13:

Hastings - Nails/Music; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Bible Study 12:30 p.m.; Low Vision Support 1:30 p.m. Delton - MMAP Speaker 11:30 a.m.

#### Thursday, May 14:

Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Transit from Presbyterian Church to "Senior Lifestyle Fair" 9 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Nashville - TV Time. Delton - Puzzles, Trivia.

#### Friday, May 15:

Hastings - Exercise 9 a.m.; Mixed Media Painting 9:30 a.m.; Model Railroad, Bingo. Woodland - Visiting. Nashville - Bingo.

# Maplewood announces May Students of the Month

Each month, the staff at Maplewood Elementary School recognizes three students who have been nomi-

nated by their teachers for their outstanding conduct and work in school.

The May students of the

month are fourth grader Abby Mater, fifth grade student Austin Creller and sixth grader Brian Well-Dennis

The chosen students are treated to a trip with Principal Fred Davenport to MooVille Creamery and

receive coupons to Nashville Subway and Roush's Sidewalk Cafe.

Submitted by Maplewood

Elementary.



Abby Mater is a fourth grade student at Maplewood and was named Student of the Month. She is in Laura Smith's class.



For the sixth grade, Brian Well-Dennis was named Student of the Month. He is part of Jeanne Hansen's class.

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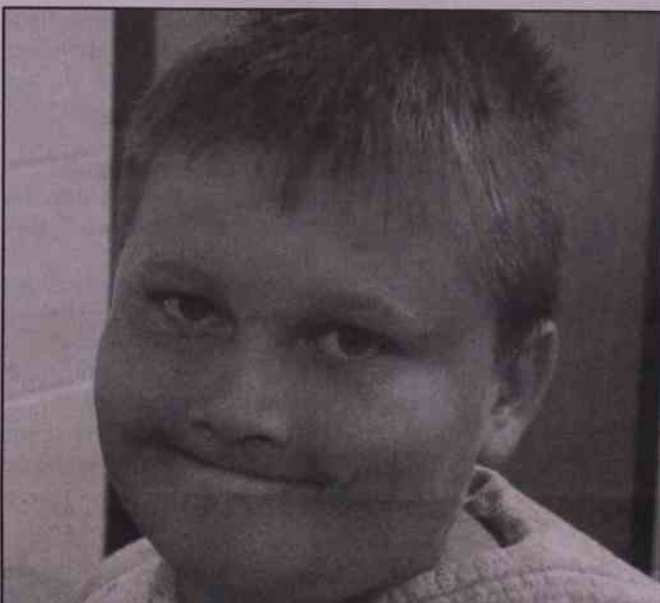
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A student in Robert Smith's fifth grade class, Austin Creller was selected as one of the May Students of the Month.

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cial education teacher Debra Clift, high school Spanish teacher Sandra Cade, third grade teacher Elizabeth Snodgrass, fifth grade teacher Robert Smith and support staff members Denny Smith, David Gilding, Laurel Dean and Brinda Hawkins. Kelly Dickinson is resigning from the district and Terry Woodman from administration is taking the early incentive plan. There is no doubt that the Maple Valley Board of Education will have to make cuts, the question now becomes what programs will be hit the hardest, said Kramer. "We've already cut \$2.9

million in the last two years," he said.

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## GRANT APPLICATION

The Nashville Police Department has applied for a grant from the USDA for the amount of \$1,000. Any comments on the grant application should be brought to the Nashville Village Council at the May 14, 2009 meeting that is held at 203 N. Main St. at 7:00 pm.

Nashville Police Department

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# Birthday girl leads DK to league win over Valley

by Brett Bremer  
Sports Editor

Delton Kellogg senior Lauren Knollenberg had a present for her teammates on her 18th birthday - a hat-trick.

Knollenberg scored three goals in her team's 6-0 Kalamazoo Valley Association victory over vis-

iting Maple Valley Monday evening, scoring the only two goals of the first half. She added a third with 7:56 left in the game, which pushed her team's lead to 5-0.

"It was fantastic," said Knollenberg. "I needed it. I think all the girls really needed this pick-me-up to show

we could do it, we could win."

The three goals are the first three of the season for Knollenberg, who's last hat-trick came during her freshman season. The win was also the first win of the season for the Panthers, who are now 1-10.

Both teams were battling for their first KVA victory of the season.

"They needed this real bad," said Delton Kellogg head coach Traci Webster. "We've just been struggling, so we really needed this win to get our confidence back up there and it was fun."

Webster attributed the win to improved communication, which helped lead to a solid passing night by the Panthers.

"I think we just had the spirit," said Knollenberg. "We really wanted it tonight. Our passing has improved so much since the beginning of the season. We just work so hard during practice. We do so many drills and we really do work hard."

Delton controlled the play most of the night, and started to pull away from the Lions in the opening minutes of the second half when Anna Goldsworthy chased down a pass from teammate Taylor Peavey and put a shot off the inside of far post and past the Maple Valley keeper.

Traci Grinage did make a few nice saves for the Lions after coming in late in the second half. The Lions also got some strong play from



Maple Valley goalkeeper Traci Grinage makes a diving save during the second half Monday night against Delton Kellogg. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



The Lions' Jessica Curtis (left) crashes into Delton Kellogg's Lauren Knollenberg as they fight for possession of the ball during Monday's KVA contest in Delton. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

sophomore midfielders Jenna Williams and Jessica Curtis, as well as seniors

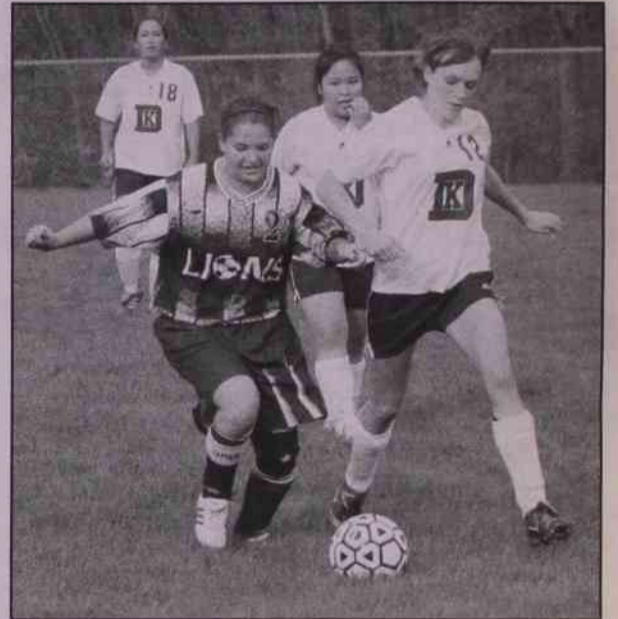
Amanda Paxson and Ashley Zander along the back line.

Goldsworthy played a strong second half up front for the Panthers, coming out of her net for the first time this season. She combined with Katelyn Grizzle to earn the shut-out in goal for Delton.

Peavey then got a goal of her own ten minutes into the second half, off an assist from Cara Phelps.

Phelps had the Panthers' final goal with 2:25 left to play.

Raissa Mendonca and Joanna Hoerberling had assists on goals by Knollenberg in the contest.



Maple Valley's Amanda Paxson fends off Delton Kellogg's Emilee Everett (right) as they chase after the ball during Monday's contest. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

## Ram pitcher limits Lions to one hit in two KVA contests

The Lions have had a rough couple outings in the Kalamazoo Valley Association lately.

Maple Valley's varsity softball team dropped a pair of games 6-0 and 10-0 against last year's state champions from Galesburg-Augusta Tuesday afternoon.

Lion head coach Mary LeSage said she knew her team had its work cut out

for it as it headed into the contest.

"They don't see pitching like this unless it is Galesburg," she said.

The Lions struggled to get their bats on the pitches from Jackie Bowe, who's already committed to play at Notre Dame next year. She was firing them in there between 60 and 65 m.p.h.

After a solid effort in game one, the Lions got a little frustrated in game two and saw a few errors start to pop up.

Tina Westendorp was able to hit several fouls

off of Bowe but didn't get that one hit that would put her on base. The only hit in the series for the Lions came from Page Semrau who doubled in the fourth inning of game two.

Last Friday, the Lions lost a pair at Schoolcraft 11-5 and 12-4.

The Lions were without a few regulars, and pitcher Cedic Angus was knocked around for 14 hits. She struck out two in the loss.

Tiffani Allwardt and Semrau were both 2-for-3 for the Lions.

Errors hurt the Lions in

game two. They committed five in the first inning, and the Eagles capitalized for three runs.

Allwardt took the loss for Maple Valley. She struck out two.

Cassie Knauss led the Lion offense, going 3-for-4 and scoring two runs.

The Lions squeezed in the Bellevue Invitational on Saturday, between the league double headers. They were 1-2 on the day, and still without a number of regulars.

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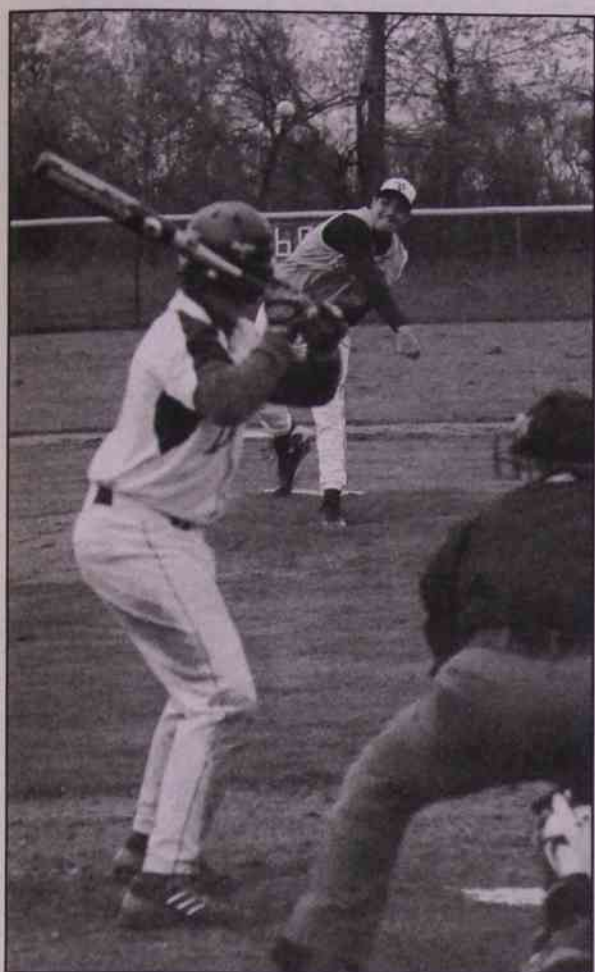
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# Youngsters provide spark for Lion varsity baseball



Maple Valley's Kyle Fisher fires from the mound during game one against Schoolcraft Friday afternoon in Vermontville. (Photo by Perry Hardin)

Sophomores Cody Brumm and Matt Woodman sparked the Maple Valley offense in game two at Galesburg-Augusta Tuesday afternoon, but the Lions couldn't finish the contest against the Rams.

The game was called, tied 8-8. The Rams had won game one of the Kalamazoo Valley Association double header 9-3.

Woodman was 2-for-4 with two RBI's in the second game, and Brumm went 2-for-4 and scored two runs.

"They came up for these games and did a great job of contributing right away, it is a great compliment to our JV program that those kids are getting prepared to come up and contribute," said Maple Valley head coach Bryan Carpenter.

The varsity regulars did their thing too. Matt Spencer was 3-for-3. Tyler Franks and Kyle Fisher also added two hits each.

Michael Paisley pitched three scoreless innings of relief for the Lions, striking out five.

In game one, Fisher was 3-for-3 at the plate. He pitched the complete six inning contest, allowing ten hits and six earned runs. He struck out seven.

Kyle Burns was 2-for-4 and scored a pair of runs for the Lions, and Franks, Spencer, and Coty Franklin had one hit each.

"We are trying to put our best effort on the field every time, and we are searching for that consistency," Carpenter said. "We need to learn to believe that we have a chance to win every game and not go in expecting bad things to happen."

The Lions dropped a pair of league games at home against Schoolcraft last Friday, 5-2 and 9-3.

Fisher took the loss in game one, allowing nine hits and four earned runs in seven innings of work. He struck out ten.

Burns, Steven Creller, and Spencer had two hits each for the Lions, and Cody Cruttenden, Fisher, Brandon Cosgrove, and Jordan Sprague had one each.

"We had kids gone on the band trip and out due to ill-

ness, so we went in missing a couple of bats," Carpenter said. "We got people on base we just couldn't come up with a big hit when we needed one. We are so inconsistent, we play well defensively, we don't hit, we hit the ball we don't make plays on defense, we will continue to struggle until we can put a complete game together."

Creller was 2-for-3 at the

plate with three RBI's. Franklin was 2-for-3 as well, and Cosgrove and Fisher had one hit each.

Maple Valley was slated to play two games at Constantine Friday afternoon. They return to action next week at home against Springport Monday afternoon. Tuesday, the Lions play a league double header at Delton Kellogg.

## Sports physicals will be offered on May 28

The Maple Valley Jr/Sr High School will be hosting its annual sports physical night on Thursday, May 28 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Any boy or girls in grades four through 12 is welcome to participate. The cost is \$20, and organizers ask for

cash only.

The physicals will be administered by Dr. Kimberly Johnson, Dr. Scott Randall, and their staffs.

Physical cards may be picked up in the high school office in advance. Direct any questions to Mindy Schriver at (517) 852-9275, ext 11.

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Pottsville 9-0 in the third game of the day. The Lions scored three times in the second and then five times in the third to build a commanding lead.

Angus and Allwardt were both 2-for-3 to lead the Lion attack.

Centreville topped the Lions 3-1 in the first game of the day. Errors in the fourth, fifth, and sixth led to Centreville scoring

a single run in each of those innings.

"It was a good game, and even the JV players had some good plays," said LeSage. "I feel if we had our full team the girls would have won this game. It's hard to predict what another player will do or how they will react if you have never played with them before. But they hung tough and played a pretty good game."

Springport then topped the Lions 8-1 in game two.

The Spartans had a 2-1 lead until the fifth inning, when errors started to catch up with the Lions again.

"The girls need to focus on one batter at a time, one pitch at a time," LeSage said. "I still feel they would have been more focused if they would of had their complete team."

The Lions will get another chance at

Springport, when they meet in districts.

Maple Valley was 9-9 overall on the season heading into Friday's double header at Constantine. The Lions will be at Battle Creek Central today (May 9), then Monday face Springport again. Next Tuesday, the Lions return to league action at Delton Kellogg.

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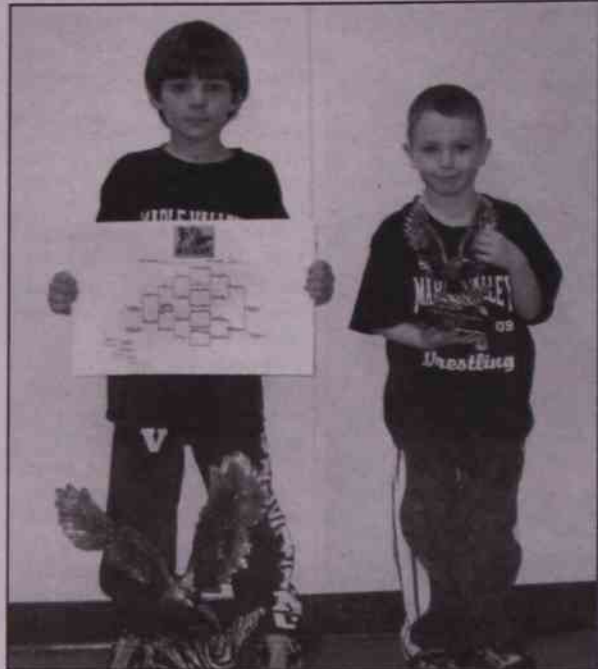
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# Wrestlers earn top finishes



Chandler Murton (left) and Jesse Brumm (right) competed in the national tournament in Battle Creek. (Photo provided)

The Maple Valley Wrestling Club had two wrestlers compete beyond the regular season last month.

Fuller Street kindergartner Jesse Brumm took first place in the freestyle state championships in the 40-pound class, 2003-04 age group. The tournament took place on April 4 and 5.

Brumm and fellow Fuller Street kindergarten student Chandler Murton competed in the NUWAY National Tournament in Battle Creek on April 11. Murton finished first in the nation for the 52-pound weight class in the 5- and 6-year-old group.

Jesse Brumm placed fourth in the nation for the 40-pound class, also in the 5- and 6-year-old group.

## Maple Valley Youth Soccer fall season signs up begins

Maple Valley Youth Soccer is making plans for the fall soccer season. In order to receive a secured spot on a team, players must register Saturday, May 16 at the Fuller Street soccer complex concession stand between 9 and 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, May 27, at the Maple Valley High School cafeteria between 6 and 7:30 p.m.

The last day to register will be Saturday, May 30, at the Fuller Street soccer complex between 9 and 11:30 a.m.

This is open to anyone between the ages of 4 to 15.

Practices will begin the week of Aug. 24 and will be held in the evenings. Games will be played Saturday mornings beginning Sept. 5 and Oct. 10.

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Jesse Brumm (left) earned a first place finish at the state championships in April. (Photo provided)

## Families and children to be discussed at Barry County Community Breakfast

On Tuesday, May 19, the Barry County Community Breakfast will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church located at 209 W. Green St. in Hastings.

In addition to the general public, personnel from local schools, medical and governmental offices and businesses are encouraged to attend this free event which will feature a presentation by Jerome Colwell, a representative of the Barry

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Providing information pertinent to children and families of Barry County, the presentation will focus on recent changes to DHS services and provide an overview of the recently implemented Bridges program.

Colwell has worked for the Department of Social Services, Family Independent Agency, and DHS for 22 years. He holds degrees in psychology, child development and social work from Central Michigan University and Grand Valley State University.

The breakfast will be sponsored by Strong Families/Safe Children Foster Home Recruitment, the Child Abuse Prevention Council of Barry County, the Court-Appointed Special Advocate Program and Commission on Aging Kinship Care.

Those planning to attend are encouraged to RSVP by calling 269-948-3264, however, attendees are not required to have reservations.