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Honors night recognizes best and brightest of Maple Valley

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Maple Valley seniors were honored Tuesday night at a special event in the high school auditorium.

"This is an opportunity we look forward to each year, to take a few moments to recognize the accomplishments of our students," said Superintendent Kim Kramer in his opening remarks.

The night, emceed by teachers Norma Jean Acker and Ryan Rosin, began with awarding scholarships to students from area organizations and then transitioned into the 'in-house' awards which included citizenship, leadership and academic recognition.

Justin Kennedy was awarded the first scholarship of the night, the Zemke Memorial Scholarship.

Recognizing both science in the classroom and someone who is an athlete, the MV Science Athletic Scholarship is sponsored by Pharmacist Shane McNeil and was awarded to Ashleigh

Penny and Jeff Burd.

Dawn Meade of Eaton Federal Savings Bank was on hand to present the Herbert B. Black Scholarship to MacKensye Ancona. The Leadership scholarship was awarded by Acker to Lauren Baker.

Former High School Counselor Ward Rooks presented Olivia Sprague and MacKensye Ancona with Nashville Lions Club Doug Vogt Memorial Scholarships. On behalf of the Vomberg Foundation, Teacher Monique Colizzi presented Kayla Chapman with a scholarship.

Nick Smith and Holly Rathburn were awarded scholarships from the Child-Demeray Vermontville Legion Post 222, presented by Tom Williams.

In choosing the athletes of the year, Athletic Director Duska Brumm said they had such a hard time that two were chosen as the male recipients of the award. Kyle Fisher and Jeff Burd were named Male Athletes of the



Nick Smith and Holly Rathburn receive scholarships from Tom Williams of Vermontville American Legion Post 222 in recognition of their academic achievements. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Band Teacher Dennis Vanderhoef awards senior Amanda Paxon with the Kathy Carl Award. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Dawn Meade of Eaton Federal Savings Bank (right) presents senior MacKensye Ancona with the Herbert B. Black Scholarship. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

Year and Erin Shoemaker was named Female Athlete of the Year.

Given in memory of long-time band member Jane Shoup, Betsy Parish and Fred Lyons of the Maple Valley-Ionia Community Band presented Nick Smith with a scholarship.

Band Teacher Dennis Vanderhoef presented Amanda Paxon with the Kathy Carl Memorial Award.

Vanderhoef has been teaching at Maple Valley for 25 years and joked about his longevity.

"The man who brought me to this job, Burr Hartenburg, asked me if I would stay for two years. I said yes, now I guess I have to figure out which two I have stayed for," joked Vanderhoef.

Kyle Fisher and Erin Shoemaker received the Army National Scholar

Athlete Award, and Justin Kennedy and Stacey Fasset were awarded the Marine Corps Scholar Athlete Award.

Dustin Houghton is one of 13 in the state given the opportunity to join the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps. He will be attending Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, and representatives from the Marines estimate his awards and scholar-

ships will total \$150,000 by the end of his college education.

Nick Smith and Kala Bishop were both recognized by the University of Michigan Alumni Club of Barry County.

Graduation for these and all of the seniors of Maple Valley High School will take place Friday, May 29, at 7 p.m. at the athletic complex behind the high school.

Maple Valley boys three-peat as KVA champions

by Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Maple Valley's Nick Thurlby ate up most of the gap between himself and Hackett Catholic Central's number three runner, Philip Herzog, in the 1600-meter race during Wednesday night's Kalamazoo Valley Association Championship Meet at Constantine High School.

The Lions' Rob Morehouse then took the baton and blew past the

Hackett anchor, Peter Herzog, in the first 100-meters. Morehouse wound up hitting the finish line in 3 minutes 27.60 seconds.

The two Lions weren't just chasing the Hackett runners ahead of them in the race. They were chasing redemption.

Maple Valley's varsity boys' track and field team made up for its second place finish at last Friday's Division 3 Regional Meet by winning its third consec-

utive KVA championship Wednesday. The Lion team hasn't been beaten in a league dual or at the league meet in the three seasons.

"I let it all go tonight," said Morehouse. "I just wanted to get it all out here tonight."

Justin Kennedy and Josh Hall led off the 1600-meter relay race for the Lions. Maple Valley took a different approach in the conference meet.

"I wasn't taking any

chances today," said Maple Valley boys' coach Brian Lincoln. "We took the relays apart, and we still won them."

Lincoln was kicking himself last week for not putting one of his studs, Jeff Burd or Thurlby, in one more individual event at the regional which the team lost by half a point. Both won their two individual races, and helped the Lions to victory in two relays on that day.

"I decided after Friday night, we weren't going to take any chances, so, we put Jeff in three individual events and Nick in three individual events and left each of them in one of the relays."

Burd ran in the 800-meter relay, teaming with Morehouse, Hall, and Jimmy Brown for a first-place time of 1:32.70.

Morehouse was the only athlete on the day to be a conference champion in all four of his events. He teamed with Trent Courtney, Brad Laverty, and Cody Leinhart to win the 3200-meter relay in 8:30.70. He was the 800-meter run champion on his own, finishing in 2:01.60.

"I think (Morehouse)

wanted to redeem himself tonight, and I think he definitely did. He felt like he let the team down Friday, but I don't think he did," said Lincoln. "Being the champion in the 800, that's great."

"That was sweet," Morehouse said of racing to the front of the 1600-meter relay pack, "but the 800 was better though."

The lion boys finished with 169 points. Constantine was second with 106, followed by Delton Kellogg 93, Schoolcraft 74, Olivet 55, Hackett Catholic Central 40, Galesburg-Augusta 39, Parchment 32, Pennfield 31, and Kalamazoo Christian 24.

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Maple Valley's varsity boys' track and field team celebrates its 2009 Kalamazoo Valley Association championship in Constantine's Sweetland Stadium Wednesday night. It is the third consecutive league championship for the Lion boys' team. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

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Roush's celebrates six years of business

This month, Roush's Sidewalk Cafe in Nashville is celebrating its sixth year in business. To celebrate, owners Andy and Kristy Roush

have teamed up with Ewing's Landscaping of Nashville to give the exterior courtyard a new look. Overhead lighting now illu-

minates the courtyard at night.

"Stop by and enjoy dinner and sneak a peak at the new landscaping by Ewing Garden Center and Landscaping of Nashville," said Kristy. "This is especially wonderful at dusk when the romantic lighting strikes a perfect Italian mood."

Since opening in May of 2003, the duo have worked to make Roush's the home of pizza perfection. Andy even recently traveled to Las Vegas to learn more about the pizza industry at the 25th annual International Pizza Expo. It is the world's largest and oldest pizza trade show and fills a center the size of four football fields with nothing but pizza-related

goods, equipment and services.

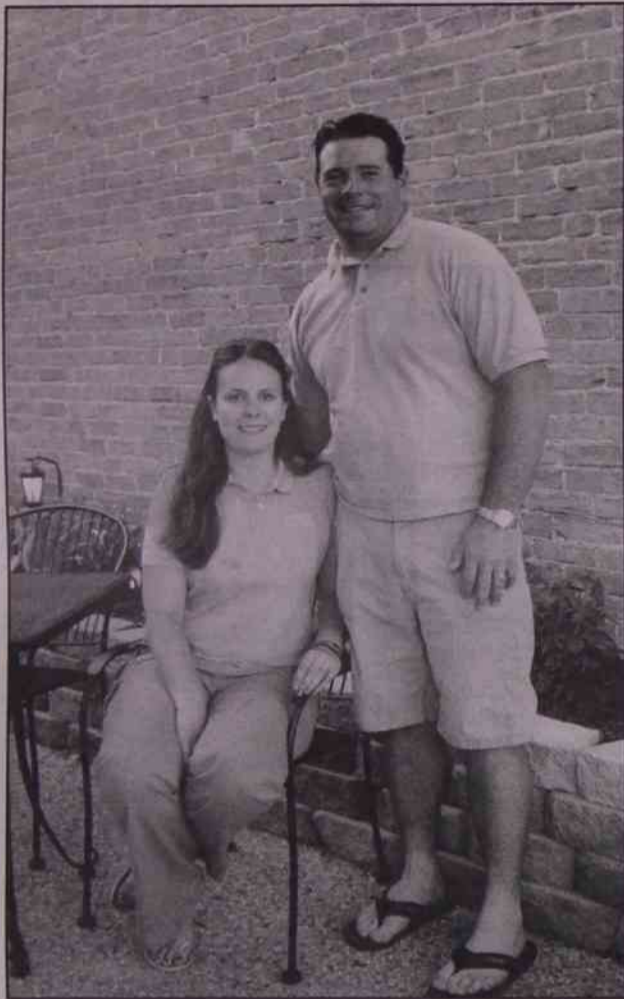
While at the expo, Andy attended several educational sessions and saw more than 900 exhibits. He even got to experience exciting pizza competitions.

Andy and Kristy said they are taking all this information and using it in their business to make "Nashville's Favorite Pizzeria" even better. They have already implemented a new Loyalty Rewards Program which gives their customers points for every purchase and coupons all year long.

Roush's is open Monday through Saturday 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. For more information visit www.roushs.net.



Andy, Kristy and Joshua Roush are celebrating six years in the pizza business. (Photo provided)



Becky and Chris Ewing of Ewing's Garden Center and Landscaping recently completed a project at Roush's in celebration of the cafe's anniversary. (Photo provided)

Zank is headed to Interlochen

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Interlochen Fine Arts Camp is known throughout the world for providing opportunities for students of all ages to further their knowledge in the arts. International artists such as Singers Josh Groban and Norah Jones have spent time at Interlochen.

This summer, Maple

Valley junior Adam Zank will have those same opportunities when he participates in an eight-day musical theater program.

Zank is hopeful that his time at Interlochen will take him to the next level in his theater studies and provide the instruction he needs to hone his skills.

"I want to really grow in my skills and talents," said

Zank. "I love musical theater, I've been doing it since the fourth grade, and I really want to take it further as a career."

That career includes an education in music therapy with a minor in musical theater, possibly at Western Michigan University, he said.

Zank's sessions at Interlochen will have three main focuses: dance, vocal and acting. Beyond the classroom, Drama Teacher Norma Jean Acker said Interlochen is a stepping stone for his future.

"It seriously is a difference maker. People look at Interlochen, and it opens doors," said Acker. "I think it's great. I think he has tons of talent and it's a huge opportunity. It isn't only nationally but internationally renowned."

According to its Web site, Interlochen campers come from each of the 50 states and more than 50 countries

each year.

The audition process included letters of recommendation, a theater resume and a recorded audition that included two songs, a monologue and a dance piece. Zank said without the deadline, reminders from his mom and dad, help from teacher Ryan Rosin and Sarah Shoemaker or the initial idea from Acker, this opportunity may not be possible.

He also will have a drop-off station for cans at Carl's Market in Nashville May 30 and 31.

Today, Saturday May 23, Zank will be holding a donation-only car wash in the parking lot of the Hastings McDonald's. The wash will take place from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Zank will also be accepting pop cans and bottles to put toward his trip.

He also will have a drop-off station for cans at Carl's Market in Nashville May 30 and 31.



Rehearsing a scene earlier this year from "West Side Story," Adam Zank (center) has been accepted into Interlochen Fine Arts Camp. He will be attending a musical theater camp for eight days and plans to hold area fundraisers to help pay for the session. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

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Students at Fuller Street Elementary learn how to sign

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Students in Paula Guajardo's first grade class at Fuller Street Elementary can now add another item to their list of accomplishments. The children have learned some of the elements of sign language and put on a special program to show off their skills Thursday afternoon.

The sign language project stemmed from a student, Brandon Henion, who was part of Guajardo's class at the start of the year. Henion is legally deaf and required a translator to help him work in the classroom.

The interpreter, Heidi Gottleber, not only helped Henion but also taught some of the other students a bit of sign language so they could interact with him.

Both Guajardo and

Gottleber said multiple positive effects that have manifested themselves from this experience.

"Sign language has helped the students make connec-

tions with how to spell words," said Guajardo.

Gottleber said it has helped the students be able to communicate and become "comfortable around some-

one who that's not just like them."

Though Henion left the school mid-year, Guajardo

said the students continued with their lessons and used rhyming and songs to learn even more of sign language.



Students in Paula Guajardo's first grade class demonstrate their sign language skills at a special program Thursday afternoon.



Paula Guajardo took a course in sign language and has been teaching those skills to her students.

Plane to 'crash' at Charlotte airport



Local emergency crews invite community to watch plane crash simulation on May 30 at Fitch H. Beach Airport in Charlotte. (Photo provided)

Charlotte and Eaton Rapids-Area Emergency Medical Services personnel will soon learn more about how to handle victims of airplane crashes, and the public is welcome to watch.

At 10 a.m. Saturday, May 30, a simulation will be held at Fitch H. Beach Airport on Island Highway, just east of I-69, in Charlotte. The training program is designed to teach those in the emergency

services field how to correctly extract people from an airplane crash, improve safety with airplane rescues and fire suppression, and generally educate them on how to effectively handle such an incident.

The public is invited to attend and watch the process. Contact John Truba, HGB emergency medical services director, at 517-541-5908 for more information.

Local restaurants first in county to go smoke-free

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Two Nashville restaurants have been the first businesses in Barry County to switch to a smoke-free environment. Shirley's Chuckwagon and the Country Kettle both have recently made the change and were recognized by the Barry-Eaton District Health Department.

According to the

American Lung Association, 392,000 people die every year from tobacco-caused disease, making it the leading cause of preventable death. The association also reports that an additional 50,000 people die from exposure to secondhand smoke.

Aside from those numbers, Shirley Gardner said that her restaurant experienced an



Judy Quantrell (center) of The Country Kettle in Nashville accepts a certificate from the Barry County Health Department in recognition of her designation as a smoke-free restaurant. Pictured with Quantrell are June Gillespie, Janey Donnini, Regina Young, Jodi Trantham and Steve Tackitt of the Barry-Eaton District Health Department.

almost immediate improvement.

"It's nice to have the restaurant smell like food instead of cigarettes," said Gardner. "It's a lot cleaner, and I'm tickled that we did this. I hope a lot of other people follow suit."

Judy Quantrell of The Country Kettle said she had thought about going smoke-free in the past and when

Shirley's Chuckwagon made the move, it seemed like the perfect time.

"I had thought about it when we took the restaurant back," said Quantrell. "I'm not sorry about the change. I'm very happy about it. I have had lots of good comments about it."



Employees from the Barry-Eaton District Health Department present a certificate to Shirley Gardner of Shirley's Chuckwagon in Nashville for switching to a smoke-free environment. Pictured with Gardner (center) are Dana DeBrugn, Sue Thuma, Dr. Robert Schirmer, Greg Caboose, Ken Bowen, Eric Pessell, Wynn Berny, and Steve Tackitt of the health department.

Specialty mushroom workshop offered in Eaton County

The demand for gourmet mushrooms such as Shiitake, oyster and Enoki mushrooms is increasing and there are opportunities for local agricultural entrepreneurs to take advantage of such niche markets. The current retail prices for many of these delicacies often can be out of range for many restaurant owners and home cooks.

Mushrooms can be grown without a large initial investment and by anyone with less technical skills. Empty warehouses or basements could be used as an animal waste for fertilizer. Plus, there are no harmful byproducts.

The Eaton County MSU Extension will host a full-day workshop on growing specialty mushroom

Thursday, June 18, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop will be held at the Eaton County MSU Extension office, 551 Courthouse Drive Charlotte. The registration fee is \$20. Participants will be engaged in some hands-on activities in propagating mushrooms.

The class will be limited to 20 people. Registration

brochure and additional information can be found at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/eaton/mushroomworkshop.pdf>

Call the Eaton County Extension office at 517-543-2310 or fax 517-543-8119 for more information.

Bricks still available through boosters

The Maple Valley Athletic Boosters are reminding residents that brick space is still available at the Maple Valley Athletic Complex.

Brick pricing starts at \$80 and all lines of engraving are limited to 14 characters. The bricks that are already in place represent Maple Valley

graduates and make a nice memorial for loved ones or a great graduation gift, say the boosters.

To purchase a brick or find out more about them, contact any athletic boosters member or pick up a form at the high school office.

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From Our Readers

Local Citizens Speak Out On Issues

Concerns seem altered after passage of millage

To the editor.

The financial well-being of the Castleton-Maple Grove-Nashville EMS continues to improve without any funds from the millage passed last year being included in the totals reported for the first quarter of 2009.

The amount available for operations was \$49,006, \$33,343 and \$47,000 at the end of January, February and March, respectively, which means the capital balance of \$20,000 needed to sustain the ambulance operations has been adequate, and collapse did not occur as predicted by tax-and-spend elected officials.

The balances would have been higher except for the fact that the paramedics and EMTs received a raise of 50 cents per hour (5.13 percent and 6.45 percent, respectively) in December 2008 (cost of raise for December 2008 through April 2009 was \$1,472), which is well-deserved in view of the service they provide to local communities.

Also, a raise of 5 percent was given to the executive director and is in line with the treatment handed out to the other employees. But, the 20 percent pay increase given to the treasurer (Lorna Wilson) by the board of directors of the Castleton-Maple Grove-Nashville EMS is disproportionate and counter-productive for the organization. The frosting on the cake: the effective date was April Fool's Day. You

will have to decide whether to laugh, hold your nose or be angry that the board would be so irresponsible with the public purse in the current economic environment. An old income tax planning saying fits these circumstances and goes as follows: "When pigs become hogs, they get slaughtered."

Also, the budget adopted for the Castleton-Maple Grove-Nashville EMS shows no financial support being provided by the townships or village for the current fiscal year. Simply stated, the townships' and village's financial support for EMS has gone out the back door as the millage revenue starts flowing through the front door.

I can take the criticism by Jud Cooley in his last letter to the editor except his position on my unwillingness to pay an outstanding bill for information that was requested last year. His story does not tie back to the written paper trail related to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request for financial and budgeting information.

For the record, in 2008, I submitted four FOIA requests to Castleton Township and withdrew one request for a net total of three requests for information. One bill was received and a written response was promptly sent to Castleton Township that indicated no payment was due since it fell under an exemption from copying charges when less than 10 pages were requested

as set forth in written procedures adopted by the board of Castleton Township.

Furthermore, this release of information, if it was true, would violate State of Michigan privacy standards by elected officials and former elected officials. I think they should tread carefully in the future.

It was also indicated that FOIA requests had resulted in hardships for the clerk of the township. My requests for last year resulted in less than 25 pages of data being provided to me, which was used to prepare a financial projection on the Castleton-Maple Grove-Nashville EMS and ongoing commentary in letters to the editor about the funding shell game that was being played out by elected officials. If opening a file and copying 25 pages is a hardship for elected officials, I would suggest that any officials not able to copy this small number of pages should look for employment elsewhere.

Furthermore, private enterprise does not employ many people who cannot operate in environments with much higher levels of stress and challenges than Mr. Cooley deemed to be appropriate for the township clerk.

Mr. Cooley liked the fact that residents and taxpayers in Castleton Township have not asked questions since accountability was not necessary in the past. Simply put, what you did not know has never rocked his boat as supervisor. Voters' lack of information about elected officials' activities has been a blissful state for elected officials in Castleton Township.

The lack of meaningful information given to voters was the tactic used with the millage request for the Castleton-Maple Grove-Nashville EMS. You never heard Mr. Cooley or any other elected officials or supporter of the millage request actually tell us or publish information before the August or November elections that the townships and village would be withdrawing their budget support assuming the millage passed.

Absent any public discussion on this matter, you would still not be informed about the budget plans or the EMS actual financial condition and would have assumed that your affirmative vote saved EMS for the communities. Remember, you were told that the ambulance service would crash and burn unless the millage passed. It's easy to say that voters were not fibbed to after the fact when the millage has been passed and the tax will be paid by taxpayers until the millage expires in 2012.

I attended the meetings

and read the literature used to inform the public about the need for the millage, and the facts don't support the story being told, then or now.

When the millage expires, voters will get another chance to vote the millage up or down, assuming an extension is requested by elected officials. Voters will need to be sure then that the elected officials are not employing hollow rhetoric again to get the millage renewed. From an elected official perspective, it would be advisable not to use the budget wind-fall in the townships and village for projects other than those that benefit the public, roads being No. 1 on a list priorities.

It would not be unreasonable for elected officials to be prepared to explain where the extra dollars in the township and village budgets have been spent to benefit the public. If they cannot provide the details, then the voters should have second thoughts on millage extension.

It has always been hard to determine the financial health of Castleton Township. On Aug. 6, 2008 during board comment at the monthly Castleton Township meeting, Mr. Cooley told the board that township expenses would exceed revenues for the year ending March 31, 2009, by approximately \$41,000, which resulted in a strong reaction by several board members. According to an interim report for last year, expenses for last year exceeded revenues by \$16,465, which means Castleton Township's financial position deteriorated less than projected by Mr. Cooley.

Red ink was the reason attempts were made before the budget was adopted last year to get elected officials to trim expenses from their proposed budget. Since expenses were allowed to exceed revenues, it is evident that efforts to get budget discipline implemented failed.

What constitutes a bad financial situation is in the eyes of the beholder. But, red ink is always bad news, and the budget for the current year indicates another operating loss of \$4,862, which will be increased by the recently announced reduction in revenue sharing by the State of Michigan, and will grow to \$10,814 from \$4,862.

Expenses have been exceeding revenue since 2005 according to the township's audited financial statements, except for 2007 when expenses were \$11,247 less than revenue. How long can a family last when expenses continually exceed income?

On a positive note, I've seen some improvement in financial records provided to

the EMS Department of Castleton Township after Cheryl Heartwell became supervisor since handwritten reports used in the past have been replaced. Bravo for the new blood on the board of Castleton Township for changing the inherited status quo.

It would be nice to see the year-to-date expenses compared to the adopted budget made available for our elected officials in Castleton Township on a monthly basis so they know where they have been and where they are going in the future.

Hopefully, this process will be extended to the ambulance and fire departments because it has already been demonstrated last year that financial tools are not being used. Until the software purchased in 2004 becomes fully operational, financial accounting will continue to be poorly performed even though five years has elapsed since the purchase occurred.

A statement was made in a recent board meeting questioning how the board of Castleton Township should handle or deal with "irate residents." Since I'm not sure of the context of those words, my advice would be to make sure that any statements to the public by elected officials and their supporters in the future be truthful and fact-based rather than misleading propaganda to get another tax increase passed.

Ardith Jordan advised us recently that the time for another tax revolt should be high on the public's agenda. We can only stop irresponsible behavior by not sitting back and by taking action since some elected officials are betting that the reverse will happen. The choice is yours. Your incentive, the millage revenue of \$426,904 is being transferred from you to local government over the next four years to solve a problem that did not exist last year and still does not exist today.

Donald M. Wiggins,
Nashville

Nashville police announce range use

The Nashville police department want to let residents know that its qualification range is in use. Officers will be practicing at the range, which located at 300 E. Casgrove St., behind the transfer recycle station. There will be night qualifications, as well as day and weekend practices.

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FRI-MON 11:45, 2:00, 4:25, 6:45, 9:10
TUE-TH 4:25, 6:45, 9:10

○ TERMINATOR SALVATION (PG-13)
FRI-MON 11:55, 2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:40
TUE-TH 4:45, 7:15, 9:40

○ ANGELS AND DEMONS (PG-13)
FRI-MON 1:00, 4:00, 6:55, 9:50
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Foundation announces new scholarship

More than \$40,000 will be awarded this year

Each year, dozens of Maple Valley students and alumni get an extra boost to the financial aspect of their college education from the Maple Valley Memorial Scholarship Foundation. This year is no exception. A total of \$40,000 will be distributed by the foundation this year.

Adding to the philanthropic nature of the foundation, a new scholarship has also been added to the list for this year. The Duane and Ruth Ann Hamilton Scholarship has recently been established and will be included in the named awards for the Maple Valley Class of 2009.

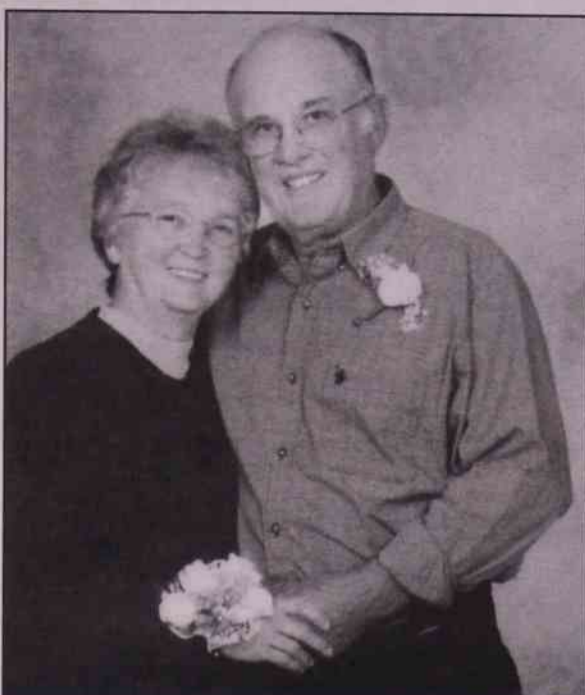
Duane Hamilton, who recently lost his battle with pancreatic cancer, graduated from Nashville High School in 1954. He and wife Ruth

Ann raised seven children, all of whom graduated from Maple Valley.

The Duane and Ruth Ann Hamilton Scholarship will be added to the existing 12 named scholarships.

The foundation, started by Dorothy Carpenter and Junia Jarvie, began in 1987 when the duo awarded the first \$300 to two students. Their goal was to someday be able to award \$1,000. That goal was realized and exceeded the second year when they were able to award \$1,500.

In the past 22 years, the foundation has awarded 421 scholarship awards that have totaled \$411,300. This year's awards will bring the total to \$451,330.



The Maple Valley Memorial Scholarship Foundation has added a new scholarship this year. The Duane and Ruth Ann Hamilton Scholarship will be awarded with the 12 others at graduation Friday, May 29.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Maple Valley Elementary Lunch Menu

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day. No School.

Tuesday, May 26
Grilled cheese. Tomato soup, celery w/p.butter, p/a and man. orgs.

Wednesday, May 27
Cheesie bread sticks. Spaghettios, pears, surprise dessert.

Thursday, May 28
Last day of school. Pizza rolls. Tossed salad, peaches, p.butter choc. bars.

Friday, May 29
No School. Graduation Night! Have a great summer!

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 25
Memorial Day. No School.

Tuesday, May 26
Chicken nuggets. Mashed potatoes, mandarin oranges. Salad bar.

Wednesday, May 27
Mini corn dogs. Glazed carrots, cinn. applesauce. Country chicken bar.

Thursday, May 28
Last day of school. Ravioli. Green beans, pears. Mexican bar.

Friday, May 29
No School. Graduation Night! Have a Great Summer!

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.

Maple Valley FFA hosts annual banquet

by Jaime Curth
FFA Reporter

On Friday, May 15, Maple Valley FFA held its annual banquet. The evening started with a meal of roasted pork provided by Duane Davidson and members of the FFA. There was also a silent auction with items provided by various community businesses.

After dinner, everyone moved to the auditorium for speeches and an awards ceremony. Welcoming the crowd for the evening were State Rep. Rick Jones, State Rep. Brian Calley and Maple Valley Superintendent Kim Kramer. The opening address was given by Region I State Vice President Aaron Balowski of the Bronson Chapter.

The first awards given were for the top 10 point system award winners. Each time an FFA member participates in an activity, he or she is given points for the efforts and the points are tallied at the end of the year. The award winners this year were Kristen Cantrell, Tyra Curth, Chandralyn Thornton, Jaime Curth, Eric Scott, Nicole Porter, Jessica Rushford, Matthew Scott, Chelsea Hale, and Ashleigh Penny. This year's outstanding sophomore was Kristen Cantrell.

The Chapter Proficiency Awards were handed out by Larry Ruffner, president of the Maple Valley FFA Alumni Association. They went to Eric Scott for horticulture, Kristen Cantrell for swine and Nicole Porter for diversified livestock.

Rep. Jones then presented two special awards on behalf of the State Legislature. These were the FFA Alumni Lifetime membership award which went to Larry Ruffner and the Outstanding Senior award to Ashleigh Penny.

Aaron Saari, Maple Valley FFA advisor, presented the star awards for the evening. The

Star Greenhand (first-year member) went to Jaime Curth, the Star Discovery (junior high member) went to Jessica Rushford. The Chapter Star Farmer went to Tyra Curth.

The next set of awards were the Honorary FFA Degrees. These awards went to individ-

uals who have contributed their time and service to the local FFA chapter. This year's recipients were Tracy Anderson, Rep. Brian Calley and Lavern Yutzey.

After thanking their parents and presenting a year-in-review slide show, the 2008-

09 officers installed the 2009-10 officers: President Kristen Cantrell, Vice President Eric Scott, Secretary Chelsea Hale, Treasurer Nicole Porter, Reporter Jaime Curth, Sentinel Chandralyn Thornton and Historian Jessica Rushford.

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Area Obituaries

Clarence D. Couts

HASTINGS - Clarence D. "Clancy" Couts, age 59, of E. Center Rd. Hastings, passed away Saturday, May 16, 2009 at the Spectrum Health Butterworth Campus, in Grand Rapids, after a brave battle with Lung Cancer.

Clancy was born in Marysville, CA on December 23, 1949, the son of Clarence "Bo" and Wanda (Roller) Couts.

Clancy was raised in Gerberville and Monterey California where he attended local schools graduating from Salinas High School in 1968. During his senior year, Clancy and his friends skipped school every Monday to go fishing which his parents didn't find out until the night of graduation when all of the "pink slips" were given to them.

Clancy continued his education by attending college before joining the United States Navy in January of 1969. Clancy served in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War and was decorated with the National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea), Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. In 1970 Clancy moved to Michigan to be closer to his children.

He was the husband of Michele (Poore) Couts. The couple was married on June 7, 2008 in their Hastings home.

Clancy and Michele enjoyed travelling together to the west coast and around

Michigan visiting their children and camping.

Clancy was known all over West Michigan as the "Sprinkler Man". For over 20 years he owned and operated his own business installing and servicing underground sprinkler systems.

Clancy loved to be outdoors, and spent each fall deer hunting in the Michigan woods. During the summer he and his family enjoyed spending time together camping in Covert or better known as "Grandpa's Lake".

One of his true passions were the children in his life; he loved to spend time with his grandchildren as evidence by their smiles when "Grandpa Clancy" was around.

Clancy is survived by his parents Bo and Wanda Couts, his beloved wife Michele; his children, Ron (Sharon) Couts, Heather Nicole Couts (Bower), Mechel (Kenny) Pagel, Scott (Betty) Smith, Heather Ann Channells, Dorrance Hoffman, Randi (Kirk) Rickerd, Nicole (Jim) Cronk, Jamie Simington, Scott (Andrea) Campbell, Robert Simington, Joshua Simington; his brother, Mark Couts, and 22 grandchildren.

A Memorial Service was held at the Daniels Funeral Home, in Nashville, on Friday, May 22, 2009 with Pastor Glenn Brahmam.

Funeral Arrangements have been entrusted to the Daniels Funeral Home in Nashville. Please visit our website at www.danielsfuneralhome.net.

Library hosts 'Grandma and Me' tea party



Emily Eldred helps some participants create paper fans at the party. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



SONY DSC Vermontville Township Library Director Carla Rumsey awards Megan Valiquette with a prize porcelain doll. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

Social News



Mercades Scott works to cut tissue paper into a flower to decorate her hat. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Hummel/Palmer

David Hummel Jr. and Trudy Akin of Nashville wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Terryn E. Hummel to Raymond Palmer, the son of Nanette Neff of Nashville and Clarence Palmer of Elkhart, IN.

The bride elect is currently employed with Party Lite.

An August 1, 2009 wedding is being planned at Nashville Assembly of God Church.



West-Shoemaker

Steven and Lori West of Nashville are thrilled to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelsey Anne, to Courtney James (C.J.) Shoemaker, son of Chris Edward Shoemaker of Augusta.

The bride-to-be is studying bio-medical sciences at WMU and is employed at MPI Research. C.J. is majoring in history and foreign language, also at WMU. The couple will be married on June 6, 2009 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Kalamazoo, of which they are members, with a reception at St. Bart's Hall.



Pat Shellington turns 80

Pat Shellington will celebrate her 80th birthday on May 28th. She has three daughters, five grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Those wishing may send birthday greetings to Pat at 8521 108th St., Middleville, MI 49333.

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Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day. COA Closed. No Meal Delivery.

Tuesday, May 26
Swedish meatballs, egg noodles, corn, carrots, tropical fruit.

Wednesday, May 27
Baked chicken w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, diced peaches, dinner roll.

Thursday, May 28
Roast pork w/gravy; cornbread dressing, sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts, apple sauce.

Friday, May 29
Baked pollock, rice pilaf, asparagus, coleslaw, cherry crisp.

Cold Menu

Monday, May 25
Memorial Day. COA Closed. No Meal Delivery.

Tuesday, May 26
Chicken salad, coleslaw, pears, wheat bread.

Wednesday, May 27
Ground bologna w/ American cheese, cucumber salad, mandarin oranges, hamburger bun.

Thursday, May 28
Turkey pasta salad, broccoli raisin salad, plums, saltine crackers.

Friday, May 29
Cottage cheese, Spanish bean salad, tropical fruit, blueberry muffin.

Activities Calendar

Monday, May 25: COA Closed in observance of Memorial Day.

Tuesday, May 26: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m. GL - 10:30-12:30 Cards.

Wednesday, May 27: Hastings - Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Woodland - Nashville 5+ 11 a.m. Delton - Birthday Party; Reminiscence. Nashville - MMAP Speaker 11:30 a.m.

Thursday, May 28: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Beading 5 p.m. Nashville - TV Time. Delton - Puzzles, Trivia.

Friday, May 29 - Hastings - Exercise 9 a.m.; Media Mixed Painting 9:30 a.m.; Model Railroad 10 a.m.; Bingo. Woodland - Visiting. Nashville - Bingo.

In My Own Write

by Amy Jo Parish



Falling foliage and flip-flops



Mike Lawless, Mike Myers and another helpful resident take time to clear the tree that was blocking the roadway.

I know that I have droned on about the perks of living in a small community, but please forgive one more indulgence.

Last week, while headed to town, I encountered a tree that had fallen across Kelly Highway, completely blocking traffic in both lanes. In the 'big city,' the road crew would have been called and complaints lodged about the inconvenience of the tree until it was removed.

This case, however, was a little different. After getting out and discovering that the tree was too big for this vertically challenged girl to move, I was headed back to the car when Mike Lawless pulled up.

Mike is the president of the Vermontville Lions Club, and his community service skills kicked in almost immediately. He pulled out his cell phone, called his wife and asked her to bring the chainsaw from the barn. While this was taking place, another gentleman stopped (I didn't catch his name).

Well, just a few short minutes later, Mike's wife arrived with the wood-eater in tow, and he began to cut the tree into sections that were easy to move. Another Vermontville resident, Mike Myers, pulled up and instead of turning around to find an alternate route, hopped out and helped the three of us move the tree.

In no time, we had the road clear and traffic (all half-a-dozen cars including ours) were able to use both lanes.

Another example happened a couple of weeks ago. I left early in the morning to attend an event at Maplewood School. Unfortunately, I had forgotten my cell phone on the counter at home. It's amazing how much we get

attached to our gadgets but a day without my cell phone is almost like a day without eating.

My wonderful mother merely called Maplewood and let Tammy Franks at the front desk know where my phone was. After the event, I stopped into the office and was given the note. Only in a small town can someone (including your mother) track you down and get a message to you without knowing exactly where you are. Maybe we don't need cell phones quite as much as we think we do. The perks to living in a small community can be seen in not only these examples but a plethora of other small moments that happen daily.

So, now that I have plugged small town living, I have to take a somewhat negative turn, something I don't often do here, but I feel I must vent a little.

When did cargo shorts, tank tops, flip-flops and chomping gum with your mouth open become "dressing up?" I attended honors night this week, and a good portion of the participants looked like they were being honored for their summer clothing lines. Now, there were some who put a bit of time into their wardrobe, Kala Bishop, Nick Smith and Holly Rathburn, to name a few but for the most part cargos and plastic floppy footwear was the trend. I guess I was a bit disappointed that the "best and brightest" of Maple Valley didn't dress for the part. It did however, create a moment that I never thought would come. I found myself uttering the phrase I heard my parents vocalize and one that I vowed I would never utter myself, "Kids these days."

Baccalaureate service is May 28

Maple Valley High School will host a baccalaureate service Thursday, May 28, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

The service will include testimonials from graduates and a student-led praise band. Pastor Matt Rhode from Nashville Baptist

Church will give the keynote address. Graduates, parents, family and friends are invited to attend this event.

Refreshments will be served following the event in the high school cafeteria.

Good News from the Pulpit

by Bryce Feighner
Pastor Kalamo United Methodist Church

As Jesus Christ was setting out on a journey, a rich man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus Christ, looking at the rich man, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in Heaven; then come, follow me." (Mark 10:17, 21)

This Scripture passage is not a general condemnation of the wealthy. Rather, it was a call to follow Christ more

completely; a call the rich man refused to answer because he had many possessions and he refused to give them up.

Christ still calls us to follow him. And Christ is still looking at us with love when he does because serving him is a privilege. And he sees something in our lives that is preventing us from serving him more completely. Maybe, just like the rich man, you have possessions that are more important to you than serving God. Maybe Christ is calling you to turn some aspect of your financial life over to him.

Maybe you have some-

thing else in your life that is more important to you than serving God. Maybe it's time. Maybe you are not making time for worship and Christian fellowship. Maybe you are not making time to serve others. I don't know. There are as many possibilities as there are people. But I know there is something. Everyone has something for which when Christ looks at us with love, we say, "I'm sorry Lord. I just can't give that up to follow you right now." So, we go away sad, even grieving, just like the rich man did so long ago.

I don't know what that something is for you, but

Christ knows. And as sure as Christ lives within you, you know. And as sure as Christ lives within me, I know what that something is for me. We know our own answer to Christ's question "What must we do?" Let us not fool ourselves about that.

Don't go away sad as did the rich man. Answer the call to discipleship. Experience the joy of serving Christ and serving others in his name. Take that next step; take it soon; take it this week. Take that next step in your incredible discipleship journey to follow Christ more closely. Follow him.

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Shown here, Jami, Aaron, and Brienne Rhodes enjoy some family reading time in the newly redecorated children's room at Putnam District Library in Nashville. With a gift from the Nashville Car Show in honor of librarian Brenda Shoup, the library has created a parent and child reading area in the children's room. Each year, the car show makes donations to the community for special projects such as this one. This year's car show will be Saturday, June 20, and the library will hold its annual book sale and host children's games sponsored by Grace Community Church.

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party. Titled "Spring Tea for Grandma and Me," the event was inspired by Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York

and her book, *Tea for Ruby*. Holding the winning ticket, Megan Valiquette won a porcelain doll at the party.



Maple Syrup Court Member Kayla Shaw gets a custom-made hat constructed by Katie Eldred. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

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Schoolcraft topped Olivet 165-144 in the girls' standings to earn a conference championship in its first season in the league.

The other win in the relays for the Lion boys' was by Kennedy, Garrett Reid, Brandon Vaughan, and Brown in the 400-meter relay. That foursome finished in 45 seconds, besting Olivet's team of Cam Colson, Aaron Kelley, Zach Campbell, and Jordan Jones by a tenth of a second.

Thurlby was the 110-meter high hurdle champion in 14.78 seconds and the 300-meter intermediate hurdle champion in 38.50. He edged Constantine's Mark Rentfrow in the 110's by one hundredth of a second.

The only race Thurlby didn't win was the 200-meter dash, where he finished behind Burd. Burd won that event in 22.50, and Thurlby finished in 23.10. The Lions had four boys score in that race, with Brown fifth (23.80) and Kennedy eighth (24.40).

Burd won the 400-meter dash in 50.10, and was second to Galesburg-Augusta's Jordan Kuhse

(11.12) in the 100-meter dash.

Constantine athletes won three of the five field events. Aaron Wood won both throws, hitting 48 feet 8 inches in the shot put and 140-1 in the discus. His teammate Tom Middlestadt won the pole vault at 13-0. Schoolcraft's Garner Small was the high jump champion at 6-1, and Delton Kellogg's Tyler Bourdo won the long jump with a mark of 19-2.

The only other boys' to win races on the track were Parchment's Stuart Crowell in the 1600-meter run (4:36.90) and Schoolcraft's Charlton Craig in the 3200 (10:20.20).

Behind Schoolcraft and Olivet in the girls' meet, Pennfield was third with 82 points, followed by Delton Kellogg 79, Maple Valley 66, Galesburg-Augusta 41, Parchment 30.5, Constantine 28.5, Kalamazoo Christian 13, and Hackett Catholic Central 13.

The lone win for the Lion ladies came in the 400-meter dash, where Elizabeth Stewart finished in 1:01.60.

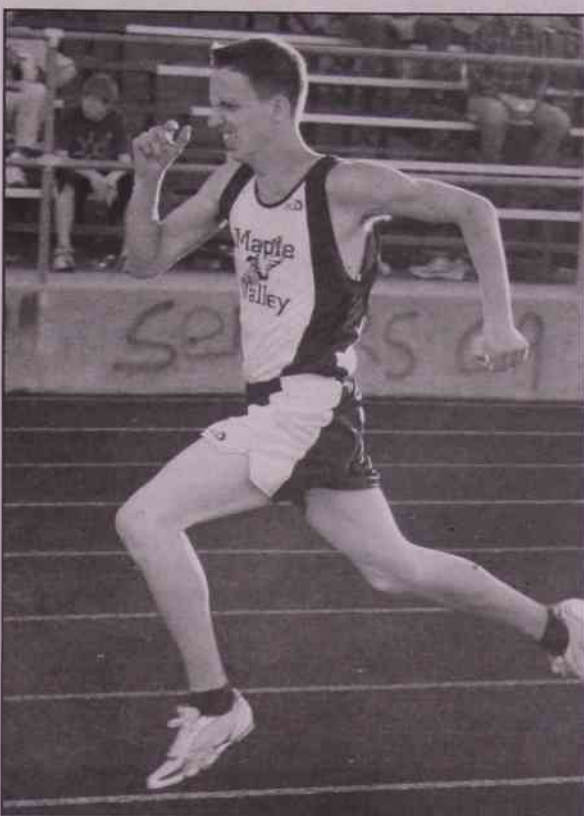
Maple Valley's girls had

a solid day in the field events. Stewart was third in the long jump at 14-10.75, behind Olivet's Kelsey

1600-meter relay (4:17.40); Parchment's 800-meter relay team of Cassandra Barnes, Me'azeshia Goiser,

Elizabeth Tecca, and Lacey Williams (2:02.00); Olivet's Kayla Case in the 1600 (5:32.50), Emma

Fishnick in the 300-meter low hurdles (45.60), and Katy Barkley in the 800 (2:25.70).



Maple Valley's Rob Morehouse sprints towards victory in the 800-meter run Wednesday during the Kalamazoo Valley Association Championship Meet in Constantine. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



Maple Valley's Kamey Gibbs makes her way over one of the first hurdles in the 300-meter low hurdle race at Wednesday's KVA Championship Meet. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



The Lions' Jimmy Brown takes off with the baton after getting it from teammate Brandon Vaughan in the final hand-off of the 400-meter relay at Constantine Wednesday. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

Campbell (15-0.25) and Erika Isham (14-11.25).

Schoolcraft's Alicia Dorko won the pole vault at 10-3, but Lions Karlee Mater (9-0) and Stacey Fassett (8-6) placed second and third. Maple Valley's Tiffany Ryan was second in the discus at 90-7, and Nicole Porter was fourth in the shot put at 32-0. Constantine's Brigette Casselman won the shot put at 34-7, edging out Olivet's Tiffany Cowell (33-4). Cowell won the discus though with a throw of 104-10. Schoolcraft's Kendall Dow was the high jump champion, clearing 5-0.

The Schoolcraft girls picked up points by winning two of the relays, taking the 3200-meter event in 10:19.40 and the 400 in 51.40. The Eagles' other champions were Krista Broekema, who won the 3200-meter run in 12:13.60, and Carly Scott who took the 100-meter dash in 12.35 and the 200 in 26.20.

Other champions in the girls' meet included Delton Kellogg's Katie Searles in the 100-meter hurdles (16.01) and the Delton team of Andrea Polley, Jolene Drum, Searles, and Hannah Williams in the

Lion softball team sets win mark for 2nd straight year

With two wins over Pottsville Tuesday, the Maple Valley varsity softball team tied the school record for wins, which was set at 17 last year.

Then Wednesday, the Lions lost two games at Lakewood.

With just one more chance to improve on the mark from last year during the regular season, the Lions took care of business Thursday in the Kalamazoo Valley Association finale against Parchment. Maple Valley topped the Panthers 4-2 and 11-0 in the two games.

The Lions are now 19-15 overall on the season, and end the KVA schedule with a 9-9 mark.

Maple Valley scored twice in the second inning and then two more times in the fifth to build a 4-0 lead over the visiting Panthers. Teri Hurosky was 2-for-3 at the plate in the game, and tripled in the second. She would come home on a hit by Tina Westendorp, who eventually scored herself on a passed ball.

Catrina Misiewicz and Page Semrau had RBI's for the Lions in the fifth.

Parchment tacked on its only two runs of the game in the top of the seventh.

Cedie Angus was the winning pitcher in both games for Maple Valley. She only had to go five innings in game two, as the Lions earned the mercy rule victory.

"They seemed ready to go and were up beat and that

showed in their total game," said Lion head coach Mary Lesage. "They had no errors, which helped shut down the Parchment team in five, but their bats really shinned in the second game."

Lesage decided to play the short game to see if her team could start its rally early on in game two. With bunts, slaps, and drags the Lions were able to score six runs in the first inning. The Lions would tack on four more runs in the third and one in the fifth.

Leading 11-0, Maple Valley exchange students Fizza Syeda and Julia Mischlich.

"Neither girl had ever played softball before coming to Maple Valley," said Lesage. "It was nice to see them get to bat. They had fun, and the whole team has been so supportive the whole season with Julia and Fizza."

Cassie Knauss led the Lion attack in the night cap, going 2-for-2 with a triple and a single. Hurosky was 2-for-3 with a triple and a single as well. Westendorp had a pair of hits, and Brianna Misiewicz had a long fly ball to center that helped plate a couple Lion runs.

Misiewicz was honored at Thursday's game, which was the senior's last home contest.

"She has been an awesome player and will be missed greatly," Lesage said. Lakewood topped the Lions 4-1 and 11-2 on Wednesday.

Maple Valley's girls struggle to get their bats on the ball in both games. Facing some good hitters, the Lion ladies found themselves getting very frustrated and losing focus and their errors seem to get the best of them, said coach Lesage.

"It just wasn't a good night," she added.

The Lions had won handily on Tuesday, topping Pottsville 6-0 and 17-0.

Pottsville had 13 errors in the first game, and the Lions managed just one hit.

"We had just come off two games on Friday with Olivet where the pitching was fast and then we come up against a slow pitcher, the girls don't adjust well to the timing," Lesage said.

Hurosky had a double in the fifth for the only Lion hit.

The Lion ladies finally adjusted their bats and started to hit the ball in game two. Hurosky was 2-for-3 with three RBI's. Westendorp was 1-for-2. Pottsville still struggled with errors, helping the Lions score seven of their 17 runs.

The Lions are at home for two today (May 23) against Saranac, then are off until next Saturday when the open the Division 3 District Tournament they're hosting at 10 a.m. against Springport. Olivet and Stockbridge meet in the only pre-district game, Tuesday. The winner of that game meets Leslie on Saturday at 12:30 p.m.

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Wolfpack half point better than Lions at regional

by Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

Most of the members of the Maple Valley varsity track and field team got their cool down laps in a little early, racing back and forth across the infield.

They were trying to get as many opportunities as they could to spur on the Lion boys' 1600-meter relay team in the final race of the night at Friday's Division 3 Regional Meet, which the Lions hosted. The problem was, the Lion foursome of Rob Morehouse, Josh Hall, Nick Thurlby, and Jeff Burd didn't need any extra incentive. They won the race by more than two seconds, finishing in 3 minutes 27.12 seconds. No Lion foursome has lost that race since 2007, a string which includes the 2008 state championship.

The problem was that the Lions should have been looking further back in the

pack and cheering on the boys from Lansing Catholic or one of the other schools bringing up the rear in the final heat of the event.

Laingsburg's foursome of Josh Kranich, Michal Marshall, Chris Koerner, and Matt Johnson had won the previous heat in the race, with a time of 3:37.51. To catch the Wolfpack in the team standings, the Lions needed to win the 1600-meter relay, and have Laingsburg finish no higher than seventh.

Maple Valley's runners did their job, but so did the Wolfpack's.

Laingsburg finished with 100 points to the Lions' 99.5, earning a regional championship and a spot in this coming Saturday's Division 3 Michigan Interscholastic Track and Field Coaches Association Team State Meet.

"It was weird going into

that race tonight. I wasn't really rooting for our team, knowing I had to root for six other teams behind us," said Maple Valley varsity boys' track and field coach Brian Lincoln. "That was something different."

It didn't take any time at all for Lincoln to realize that his team had come up just short. The sixth place team in the final heat of the 1600-meter relay, Lansing Catholic, came in about five seconds behind the Wolfpack's time.

Thurlby, still breathing heavy from making up a small deficit at the start of the third leg of the race, asked his coach for the verdict as soon as he was out of the chute. Lincoln shook his head. Burd tried to console Thurlby a bit, but just got in a quick hug in before Thurlby walked away. That senior duo had done all it could do.

"They are two of the most amazing athletes I have ever seen," Lincoln said. "I expected us to win six events and we won six. Jeff won his two individual events and Nick won his two individual events, and we won the 4X2 (800-meter relay) and the 4X4 (1600-meter relay) which they were both in."

Together, they have their names on every single track record at Maple Valley except for the 400-meter relay, the 100-meter dash, and the 3200-meter run which Burd says he broke in gym class but has yet to run in a meet.

Thurlby broke his own school-record in winning the 110-meter high hurdles Friday with a time of 14.58 seconds, and was the regional champion in the 300-meter intermediate hurdles with a time of 38.73.

"It was perfect. I can't say it better than that," Thurlby said of his 110-meter race. "My start was good. I've been having problems with my starts and that helped me out at the end."

"That gets me one step closer to being a state champ in the 110's. In the 3's I'm hoping to win it this year. I was supposed to last year. I just had a bad day."

Burd broke his own school-mark in the 400-meter dash, taking the regional title in 48.78 thanks in part to being pushed by Perry's Tony Rasch who finished second in 39.63. Burd also won the 200-meter dash in 22.38.

"That's the last race on this track for us seniors," said Burd. "I don't know about everyone else, but it's getting to me. Tonight's just one meet, but it was a big one and one we wanted to win."

Burd and Thurlby also teamed with Morehouse and Zac Eddy to win the 800-meter relay, in 1:32.09.

Laingsburg made it's mark early in the day, in the field events. The Wolfpack didn't win one, but had at least two scorers in three of the five events and three in the discus where Jake Ridsdale took second at 137 feet 11 inches, Greg Mcewan third at 131-7, and Lucas Jorae seventh at 123-5. Ridsdale was also second in the shot put, (48-1.75) and Mcewan sixth (43-0.25). Ithaca's Josh Macha won both throwing events, tossing 50-2.5 in the shot put and 139-7 in the discus.

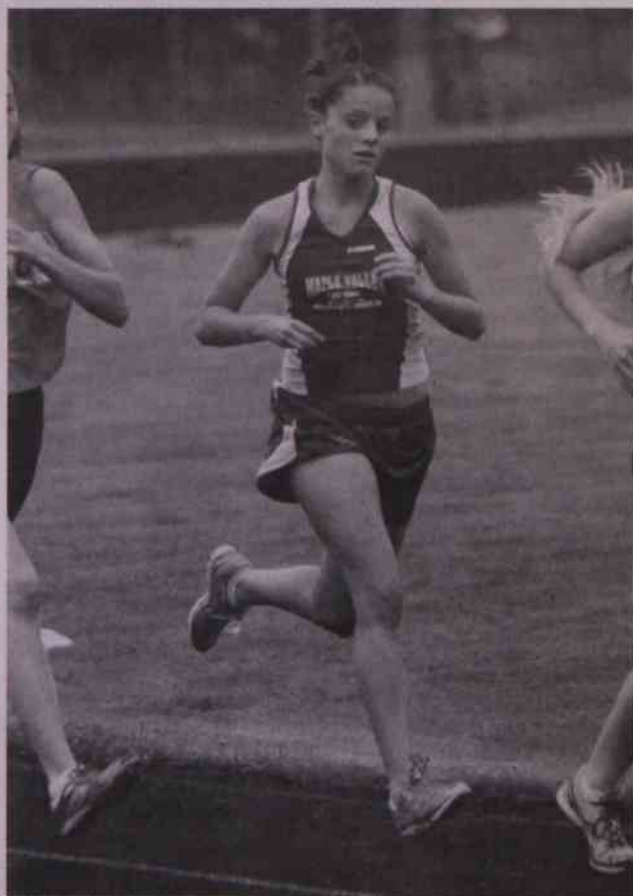
Laingsburg also had the second and third place fin-



Maple Valley's Jeff Burd races to victory in the 400-meter run at Friday's Division 3 Regional Meet. Burd set a new school record in the event, finishing with a time of 48.78 seconds. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



Maple Valley's Nick Thurlby glides through the air in the 300-meter intermediate hurdle race Friday during the Division 3 Regional Meet hosted by the Lions. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



The Lions' Lauren Trumble races around the track during the 1600-meter run at Friday's Division 3 Regional Meet at Maple Valley High School. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

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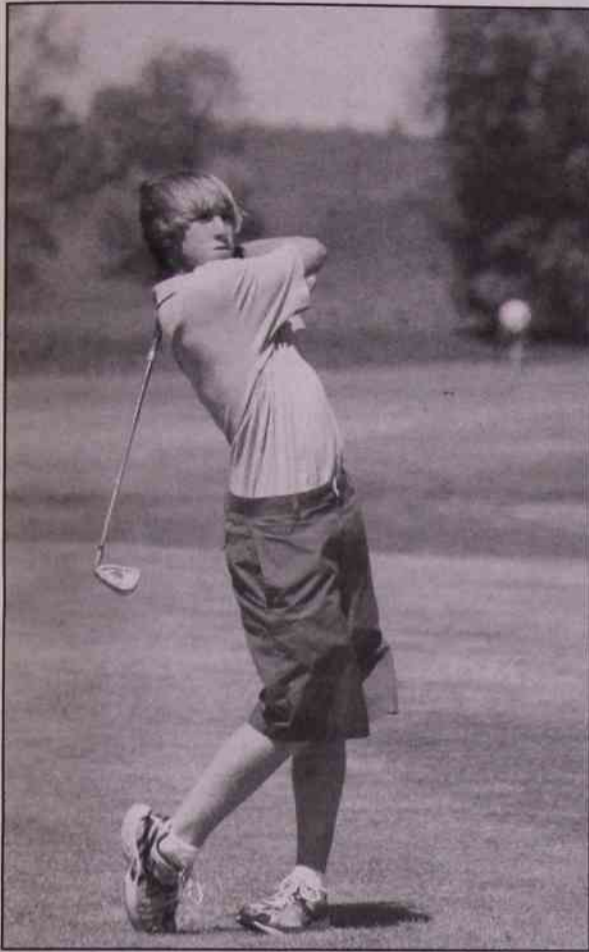
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Joppie and Walker earn places in golf regionals



The Lions' Caleb Walker watches a shot fly from the fairway on number four at Willow Wood Golf Course Thursday during the Division 3 District Tournament hosted by Portland. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

A pair of Lions are moving on in the state golf tournament.

Maple Valley's Hutch Joppie and Caleb Walker earned spots in next week's Division 3 Regional Tournament in Otsego with their performance at Thursday's Division 3 District Tournament at Willow Wood Golf Course in Portland.

The top six teams and top six individuals not on those teams earned spots in the regional Thursday. Joppie and Walker were among those six individuals. Joppie fired a 97 and Walker 98.

The Lion team was eighth overall. West Catholic took the district championship with a score of 330, Portland was second with a 338, followed by Delton Kellogg 344, Otsego 344, Calvin Christian 348, and Allendale 372 in the top six.

Half of the individual qualifiers came from the seventh place team, Belding, which shot a 376. The Redskins' Ryan Peless shot an 89, and Alek Shotko and Cody Christensen both scored 92's. The other individual regional qualifier from the tournament was Hopkins' Derek Tahaney who shot a 101.

Maple Valley scored a

405, Fennville 433, Hopkins 438, and Kelloggsville 463.

Behind the top two players for the Lions, RJ Browne fired a 102 and Ian Cogswell 108.

The Lions' KVA rivals from Delton Kellogg got an 82 from Mitchell Wandell, a 86 from Robbie Wandell, and 88s from Cody Morse and TJ Boreham.

Portland's Derek Roe was the day's medallist, with a 76. His teammate Mitchel Hoppes shot an 85, Tanner Lundberg an 87, and Jared Jones a 90.

For the first place team from West Catholic, Christian Thompson shot a 77, Steve Kelly an 83, and Nick Aikens and Derrick Rogers both scored an 85.

The Kalamazoo Valley Association season ended Monday, at the Lynx.

Hackett Catholic Central capped off its conference championship season by taking the league tournament, with a score of 311. Hackett Catholic Christian was second Monday with a 319, followed by Schoolcraft 328, Delton 340, Parchment 351,

Pennfield 361, Maple Valley 396, Constantine 401, and Olivet 403.

Maple Valley got 94's from Browne and Walker, to go with a 100 from Joppie and a 108 from Cogswell.

Hackett had three golfers finish in the 70's, with the day's medallist Jon Christ finishing up with a two-over-par 74. The Irish also got a 78 from Henrik Blix and a 79 from Jack Rider. Christian's Dave Sarkipato scored a 74, and Schoolcraft got a 76 from Mike Prior and a 77 from Patrick Werme.



Maple Valley's Hutch Joppie taps a putt towards the home on the number four green at Willow Wood Golf Course Thursday morning during the Division 3 District Tournament. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

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Lions and Vikings hit 5 home runs, score 50 runs

by Brett Bremer
 Sports Editor

Lakewood's varsity baseball team found two ways to win this week.

The Vikings won with pitching against Lansing Catholic on Tuesday night, then turned around Wednesday and won with their bats against Maple Valley.

Lakewood took game one 16-10 from the Lions, then won the night cap 15-9.

Maple Valley jumped out to a 7-0 lead in the top of the second inning of game one, but the Vikings settled down and worked their way back into the game with a run in the second and then five more in the third. Lakewood moved in front with a seven-run Thomas Ackerson, Logan Lake, and Ben McKinney were all 3-for-5 at the plate. Lake had a home run and finished with six RBI's, and Thomas Ackerson drove in five runs. Dustin Dennie and Alex Backe had two hits each.

Kyle Fisher led the Lion offense, going 3-for-4 with a three-run home run in the seven-run second inning outburst.

Lake earned the win on the mound for Lakewood, allowing nine hits and three walks while striking out ten in six innings of work.

The Vikings scored four

times in the second inning of game two, only to see the Lions come back with five runs in the third. The runs kept coming. Maple Valley scored once in the fourth, twice in the fifth, and then one more time in the seventh. Lakewood trailed 6-4 heading into the bottom of the fourth, then scored two runs to tie things up. Trailing again, 8-6 heading into the home half of the fifth, the Vikings finally put the Lions away with an eight-run rally.

"It was nice," Carpenter said of all the offense. "The night before, against LCC, we only scored nine runs. We've done that all year long where get two or three innings where out kids, they blow up. We're very capable of having some big rallies this season."

Ackerson, Lake, Greg Forman, and Dennie all had two hits in the game two win for Lakewood. Lake, Dennie, and Levi Seese all had home runs in the game. Lake and Dennie both finished with three RBI's, while Forman had two.

Levi Westendorp and Steven Creller both had two hits for Maple Valley.

"He's got those kids swinging the bats," Keith Carpenter said of Lion head coach Bryan Carpenter. "We scrimmaged them in the beginning of the year, and

they're a much better team now."

Lakewood aces Brian Satterly and Spencer Schuiling picked up wins in their team's double header sweep of the Lansing Catholic Cougars in Capital Area Activities Conference White Division action Monday.

Schuiling struck out three, walked four, and allowed four hits through six innings in a 4-3 game one victory by the Vikings. In game two, Satterly struck out six, walked two, and gave up seven hits in a complete-game effort as Lakewood took game two 5-1.

Both Lakewood and Maple Valley will be a part of district tournaments next week. The Lions are hosting in Division 3. They'll take on Springport next Saturday at 12:30 a.m. Stockbridge and Olivet meet in the district's only pre-district game, Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. The winner of that one meets Leslie Saturday in Vermontville at 10 a.m.

Lakewood heads to Charlotte for its Division 2 District Tournament on Saturday, and will play the winner of the Hastings and Portland game from Tuesday afternoon.

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ishers in the pole vault, which was won by Perry's Eric Vanvelzor at 13-6. Laingsburg's Ryan Hasselbach cleared 12-6, and John Brown tied for third at 12-0. It was a rare season in which the Lion boys' didn't have a regional placer in the event.

The Lions didn't do as well as they had hoped in the field, and went into the track finals in a hole. Maple Valley started digging its way out of the hole with a third place finish in the 3200-meter relay (8:18.41), which met the state finals qualifying time, but Laingsburg was right there behind the Lions in fourth place (8:19.64).

"Laingsburg scored about 25 points more than I thought they would," Lincoln said. "They stepped up and they were ready to perform tonight. And our kids did good tonight. We kind of performed where we were seeded. We didn't get better, and they did."

The Wolfpack didn't have a single regional champion on the day. Both the Lions and Laingsburg had eight state qualifying performances. Athletes earned spots in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Division 3 State Finals, which will be held May 30 at Comstock Park High School, by finishing in the top two in an event or surpassing qualifying times and distances.

The Lions earned finals spots in all four relays. The 400-meter relay team of Justin Kennedy, Garrett Reid, Brandon Vaughan, and Jimmy Brown was third in 45.16.

The Maple Valley girls had three state qualifying performances, with Elizabeth Stewart placing second in the 400-meter dash with a time of 1:01.50, and Karlee Mater and Stacey Fassett both meeting the qualifying height in the pole vault. Mater was fourth at 9-6 and Fassett sixth at 9-0.

Stockbridge's Christina Watson won the girls' pole vault at 11-0, behind Portland (44.47) and Linden (44.93).

Lansing Catholic dominated the girls' meet, finishing with 120 points. Stockbridge was a distant second with 68, followed by St. Charles 63 and Laingsburg 62.66. Leslie was fifth with 62.66 points, and the Lion ladies sixth with 46.5.

Lansing Catholic girls only won two events all day, and they came back to back late in the competition. Freshman Catherine Swiderski won the 1600-meter run in 5:25.31, edging out sophomore teammate Megan Heeder who was second in 5:25.56. The Cougars then took the 400-meter relay, with the team of Annie Hanis, Jessica Doody, Maryalice Fata, and Lexi Solomon finishing in 52.63.

Behind those top six girls' teams, Durand finished with 42 points, Ovid-Elsie 41, Portland 40, Ithaca 33, Perry 27.33, Chesaning 26, Linden 17.5, Carson City-Crystal 12, and Byron 11.

Regional champions included Portland's Sarah Triewellier in the high jump

(5-3) and Sydney Vanmunster in the shot put (34-0.25); St. Charles' Jessica Gonzales in the long jump (16-0.5) and Kelsie Williams in the 100-meter dash (12.80) and the 200 (25.84); Laingsburg's Sarah Hazel in the discus (108-10); Chesaning's Ashley Yeager in the 100-meter hurdles (17.08); Stockbridge's Zoey Hohmann in the 400 (59.25) and Jasmine Holloway in the 800 (2:24.34); and Leslie's Kristen Seburg in the 300-meter low hurdles (48.16) and Anna Rudd in the 3200 (11:42.14).

Stockbridge won the 1600-meter relay in 4:11.84, St. Charles the 800-meter relay in 1:49.38, and Ithaca the 3200-meter relay in 10:02.21.

Behind the top two teams in the boys' meet, Portland was third with 68 points, followed by Ithaca 63, Perry 51, Linden 46.5, Chesaning 42, Lansing Catholic 38, Ovid-Elsie 37, Leslie 32, Durand 30, Stockbridge 25, St. Charles 14, Carson City-Crystal 10, and Byron 7.

Other champions in the boys' meet were Ithaca's 3200-meter relay team (8:14.25); Stockbridge's Ian Bumpus in the high jump (6-1); Lansing Catholic's Garrett Swain in the long jump (21-2); Ovid-Elsie's Dave Russek in the 100-meter dash (11.02); Carson City-Crystal's Raymond Enbody the 800 (1:59.92); and Durand's David Madrigal in the 1600 (4:26.27) and 3200 (9:45.07).