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EMS director's contract not renewed; others resign

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

The position of EMS director for the Castleton-Maple Grove-Nashville district is vacant after a board decision Thursday night.

Rod Crothers, EMS board chairman, said the contract of Tina Fein will not be renewed for another year. Crothers said Fein is an at-will employee who can be dismissed with or without cause. At the meeting, Crothers asked if there was a motion at the table to extend Fein's contract. Receiving no reply, the motion died. Earl Wilson was then asked by his wife and board member Lorna Wilson to escort Fein to her office to clean out her desk.

Asked what the motivation is for not renewing Fein's contract, Crothers later said, "Basically, the

board had lost confidence in her leadership ability going forward."

Fein had been the director since April of 2006, and the decision to not renew her contract was not an easy one, said Lorna Wilson.

"This decision did not come lightly," she said Friday. "Was it an easy decision? No, it was not."

Fire Chief and son of Lorna and Earl, Bill Wilson submitted his resignation from EMS service at the meeting and Assistant Director Sarah Harton also turned in her resignation.

The position will be advertised in the near future to fill the vacancy. Heidi Wight was appointed during the meeting as interim director until the position is filled, explained Crothers.

Wight is the supervisor and was the subject of a sus-

pension which she had appealed to the board. In a closed session Thursday night, the board decided that the suspension was inappropriate and it was lifted, said Crothers. Citing the closed meeting, Crothers said he could not go into detail about the reasons for the initial suspension. When asked if a suspension against Wight had been lifted at the meeting, Lorna replied, "I have no comment on that at this time."

Lorna also replied no comment concerning what the board is looking for in a new director and said they are going to take a look at both the contract and job description before posting the position.

Crothers said the board will review the contract before hiring a new director but is looking for a candidate

with good leadership qualities who can keep the operation running smoothly.

At the meeting, resignations were turned in from

other employees, though Crothers wouldn't go into detail until after all members of the board have reviewed the resignations. They will

be covered at the next ambulance board meeting Monday, June 8, at 7 p.m. in the Castleton Township Hall, said Crothers.

17 graduate from alternative education

Maple Valley Adult and Alternative Education presented 17 graduates with diplomas Tuesday, May 26, at the Kellogg Community Center Gym. Principal Chris Parkinson welcomed staff, family and friends to the event, and special awards were presented by Elliott London.

Superintendent Kim Kramer presented the keynote speech for the event, and the Maple Valley-Ionia Community Band performed a special piece entitled, "Lincoln Celebration" in recognition of the 200th anniversary of the 16th president's birth.

Rose Heaton from the Maple Valley Memorial



The Maple Valley-Ionia Community Band provides music for the event. (Photo by Betsy Parish)

Scholarship Foundation presented the Tate Mix Memorial Scholarship to Mercedes Ann Smith.



Communities honor veterans during Memorial Day

Remembering those who have fallen, shots were fired over the bridge on South Main in Vermontville in tribute. (photo by Amy Jo Parish) More photos on page 3



Mercedes Ann Smith is presented with the Tate Mix Memorial Scholarship by Rose Heaton of the Maple Valley Memorial Scholarship Foundation. (Photo by Betsy Parish)



Alternative Education Principal Chris Parkinson welcomes graduates and their families. (Photo by Betsy Parish)



Maple Valley Superintendent Kim Kramer delivers the keynote address at alternative education graduation. (Photo by Betsy Parish)

Vermontville man enters race for state representative of Eaton County

Bob Robinson of Vermontville has filed a committee to run as a candidate for state representative of Eaton County, District 71.

"Our state is deteriorating before our very eyes," said Robinson. "Everything we have worked so hard to achieve for ourselves and our children is slipping away.

Every day, we hear about the loss of more jobs as the economy declines and our home values plummet. If we do not act now, we could be the first generation to leave our state in worse condition for our children. We can't let that happen."

Robinson has 30 years of business experience. He is

accredited in public relations and has worked as a communications and public relations professional since 1998, serving volunteer organizations. He currently works in membership development for The National Association of College and University Food Services in Okemos.

Prior to 1999, he was pub-

lisher of *Profiles Magazine*, a community-based variety magazine. He is author of *How to Use the Internet to Find a Job*, which chronicled a detailed history of organized employment in the United States.

Robinson and his wife, Amy Rose, have two daughters, Zoey and Keeley.

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Two local dam projects to share \$107,000 in funding

U.S. Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar announced that \$107,000 has been tapped to support removal of the Nashville Dam on the Thornapple River in Barry County and Maple Hill Dam on Butternut Creek in Eaton County.

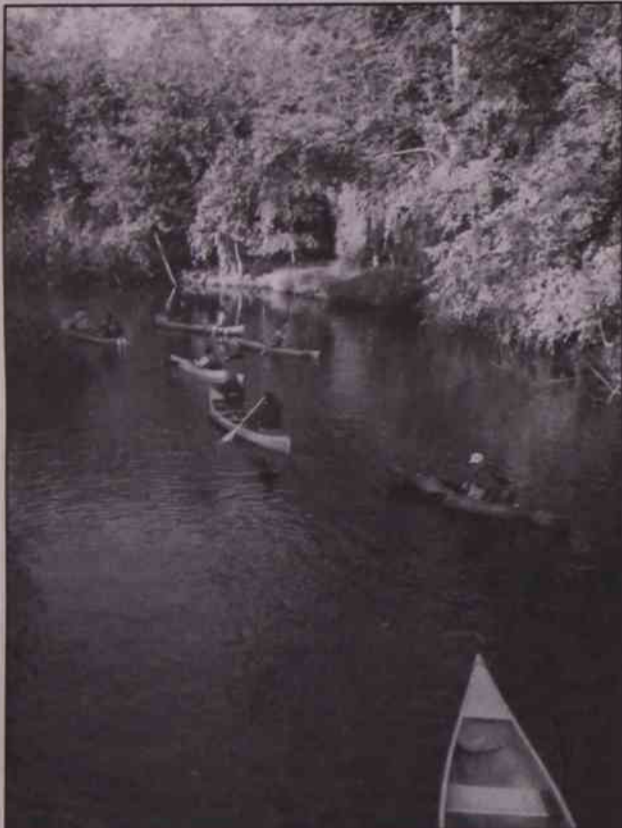
Removal of the Nashville and Maple Hill dams will open up 60 main stem and 105 tributary stream miles and reconnect five inland lakes to the Thornapple River, which will benefit fish and other aquatic resources. Habitat fragmentation has caused loss of species diver-

sity upstream of the dams. "The Midwest Region has a long tradition of enjoying the fish, wildlife, lakes, rivers and prairies we are so fortunate to have," said U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Midwest Regional Director Tom Melius. "The projects we will undertake in the Midwest as part of ARRA will provide jobs, increase the energy efficiency of government buildings, protect and enhance our natural resources, provide greater opportunities for people to enjoy those natural resources and, perhaps most importantly, help current and future generations understand and share our passion for the natural world."

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources pledged \$200,000 toward the Nashville Dam removal in March. Funding for these projects and hundreds more across the nation comes from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. Of the \$3 billion appropriated to the Department of the Interior, the Act provides \$280 million for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service — which includes \$115 million for construction, repair and energy efficiency retrofit projects at FWS facilities, and \$165 million for habitat restoration, deferred maintenance and capital improvement projects.

Recovery Act projects address long-standing priority needs identified by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service through its capital planning process. The Service worked through a rigorous merit-based process to identify and prioritize investments meeting the criteria put forth in the Recovery Act: namely, that a project addresses the department's highest priority mission needs, generates the largest number of jobs in the shortest period of time, and creates lasting value for the American public. For a full list of funded projects nationwide, go to the Department's Recovery Web Site at

<http://recovery.doi.gov/>. For a list of FWS projects, click on the logo at the bottom of the page. Secretary Salazar has pledged unprecedented levels of transparency and accountability in the implementation of the Department of the Interior's economic recovery projects. The public will be able to follow the progress of each project on the recovery Web site, which will include an interactive map that enables the public to track where and how the department's recovery dollars are being spent. In addition, the public can submit questions, comments or concerns at recoveryact@fws.gov.



The dam on the Thornapple River in Nashville is scheduled to be removed later this year.

Dune buggy show is Saturday at Charlton Park

Jim's Buggy Parts from Nashville and Historic Charlton Park are pleased to announce the 14th annual Jim's Buggy Parts Dune Buggy, VW Show and Swap Meet. This event is open to the public Saturday, June 6, with rain date Sunday, June 7, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 2545 S. Charlton Park Road, Hastings.

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Communities honor veterans during Memorial Day



Decked out in patriotic colors, community members showed their support for veterans during the Nashville parade. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Members of the Junior High Band march in the Nashville parade. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)



At the Vietnam War Memorial in Vermontville, Tom Williams of Vermontville American Legion Post #222 paid tribute to those who have served in the military. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Maple Valley Cub Scouts and Daisy Troop #522 members carry flags in the parade through Vermontville. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Charlotte Garlinger remembered those who fought in the Civil War. She read an article celebrating the 200th birthday of Abraham Lincoln and said the number of soldiers lost in the Civil War would be the equivalent of losing 5 million of our men and women today. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Shirley Gardner and son E7 Navy Chief Glen Godbey pay tribute to those who have served on the seas at Nashville's Memorial Day celebration. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)



The Maple Valley High School Band marched in Vermontville's parade and provided taps and the national anthem for the event. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Daisy Troop #522 member, Madison Auten waves her flag to the crowd during the parade. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Nashville youngsters showed their patriotism with decorated bikes they rode in the parade. (photo by Amy Jo Parish)

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Mentors sought for STOMP program

Eaton County's Michigan State University Extension is looking for adult volunteers, at least 21 years old, to serve as mentors for Supporting Teen Opportunities Mentoring Program

(STOMP). STOMP is the only mentoring program in Eaton County focusing on teenagers' healthy development. The school year is coming to an end, and

teenagers have extra time on their hands. The summer is an excellent opportunity to share time with youths and teach them how to have fun without getting into trouble. Spending just four hours a

month with a teenager can change his or her life. To become a mentor, visit www.msue.msu.edu/eaton and follow the STOMP link on the left or call Roger Tijerina at 517-543-2310.

Eaton Federal to sponsor golf outing for local nonprofit

Eaton Federal Savings Bank invites the public to golf with them Friday, June 26, at Centennial Acres Golf Course in Sunfield as a benefit to support Housing Services for Eaton County.

Tickets are \$65 and include a round of golf, cart, continental breakfast and lunch.

The morning's festivities include men and women's

contests with special prizes including for longest drive and longest putt for both men and women. The shotgun start is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.

HSEC serves the low- to moderate-income residents of Eaton County who are struggling with a housing crisis. Last year, the agency served 461 households with 637 adults and 585 children.

The agency is funded through various federal and state grants, foundations, Eaton County United Way, churches, and private donations. To secure federal dollars, the agency is required to provide a 20 percent cash match from the community. Fundraisers, such as this golf outing, enable the agency to accomplish this goal.

Information and registra-

tion forms for the golf outing can be found on the agency's new Web site at www.housingservicesec.org or tickets can be purchased from the agency's office at 319 S. Cochran, Charlotte. A portion of each ticket is considered a donation. Receipts for taxes will be available.

Putnam kick-off carnival is today

As the school year winds down, the library winds up for its summer reading program. Putnam District Library encourages everyone to "Be Creative at Your Library" this summer.

Programs and activities this year will be focused around the arts — dance, music, voice, visual and writing. Programs are being planned for all ages — from "read to me" through adult.

The reading program involves a lot of fun and some prizes but is primarily a way to encourage literacy through the summer months.

Today, Saturday, May 30, plan to attend Putnam District Library's summer reading kick-off "Creativity Carnival." The fun will be held on library lawn, and everyone is invited to stop by between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. In addition to signing up for

the reading program, participants will create a travel art kit. Young readers will receive a new art supply at each event they attend through the summer.

An instrument petting zoo sponsored by Maple Valley Bands and Boosters, will be set up, along with face painting, a chance to make and swap artist trading cards, and free popcorn and cotton candy. Balloon animals will

be made for lucky visitors by a very, very tall mystery guest.

Contact the library at 517-852-9723 for more information. Musicians, artists, writers or dancers who would like to volunteer to be a part of Putnam District Library's programming this summer, may call or e-mail Shauna at putnamlibrary.director@yahoo.com.

Good News From The Pulpit

by Pastor Marc S. Livingston
Chester Gospel Church
I don't have any trouble with my forgetter, but I do

have issues with my rememberer. I am finding that the only thing that is getting better with age is my forgetter. God has given us a great big

note to help us remember what he expects of each of us. II Peter 3:1-18 is just one of those notes and reminders of things not to forget. This reminder note only takes a couple of minutes to read, but for now I'll just give you the highlights. God's goal is to use this reminder as a stimulus toward wholesome thinking (verse 1).

What does the picture look like in the future (verses 3 and 4)? Scoffers will come and try to discount the word of God and replace it with their own evil desires. Actually this has happened long before this year. Their goal is to get you to have doubts about the authenticity of these reminders and give you a false sense of security so you will fall for their agenda. It's kinda like the

politicians of our day who promise us the world before November, and deliver only peanuts after January. They somehow (maybe purposely) forget the past (verses 5 to 7), just like we as Americans forget our own history. God doesn't forget, and what he says will become reality.

God is giving all mankind the time to call on him as Savior and God (verses 8 and 9). What then should be our thinking (verses 11 to 15)?

- To live holy and godly lives.
- To look forward to the day of God.
- To be found spotless and blameless.
- To be at peace (real peace) with God.

Be on your guard, people, because lawless ones will try to and make it their sole purpose in life to make you fall (verse 16)

Promises, promises, promises, empty promises. God's reminder is this: Grow in His grace and grow in the knowledge of Him (verse 18). The more you recognize the real thing, the easier it will be to spot the counterfeit.

Jesus Christ is the real thing — Don't forget it.

The real Memorial Day was on the May 30, most of us don't remember that ... How long did it take for this to happen?

Think about it ...

Area Obituaries

Ronald C. Grider

NASHVILLE - Ronald C. Grider, age 73, of Vermontville passed away May 28, 2009 at Eaton Community Hospice in Charlotte.

Ronald was born in Lansing, MI on May 21, 1936, the son of the late John R. and Dorothy L. (Ridenour) Grider.

He was raised in Perry, where he attended local school graduating from Perry High School in 1955. He continued his education by attending college in the Lansing area where he studied accounting.

He was the husband of Betty (Bidelman) Grider. The couple met at the age of 12 years old when Betty ran into Ron while he was doing his paper route. The collision sent Ron's newspapers scattering everywhere. The couple was married in 1953 in Perry. They moved to the Vermontville area in 1972 where they raised their family together.

Ron and Betty have been married for over 55 years.

Ron began working for the State of Michigan Department of Corrections in the early 1970's where he served for 18 years before retiring in 1995.

Ronald loved missionary work and each year would use his vacation time to help others all over the world. Along with his wife Betty,

the couple traveled all over the world building churches and schools for over 10 years in such countries as Haiti, Equidor, Spain, Europe, Hawaii and several other locations in South American. Ron loved to be outside working in his yard and garden.

Ronald is survived by his beloved wife Betty; their three daughters, Patricia Rambo, Georgiana (Jeff) Haugen, Tammy (Tony) Houghton; three sons Ronald C. (Pam) Grider Jr., John A. (Cam) Grider, James M. (Sheila) Grider; two brothers, John (Ruth) Grider, Thomas (Marie) Grider, 22 grandchildren, 36 great grandchildren and one great great grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his brother Richard Grider.

Funeral services will be held at The Daniels Funeral Home, in Nashville, at 7 PM on June 2, 2009 with Pastor Glen Branham officiating.

The family will receive visitors from 5-7 PM on June 2, 2009.

Memorial Contributions can be made to the Eaton Community Hospice.

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

Barbara R. Todd

HASTINGS - Barbara R. Todd, age 80, of Hastings passed away Wednesday, May 20, 2009 with her family by her side.

Barbara was born in Hastings, on September 22, 1928, the daughter of the late Leland and Agnes (Kinny) Weaks. She was raised in the Nashville area and attended local schools graduating from W.K. Kellogg High School in 1946.

After raising her family, Barb began working at Bradford White in Middleville where she worked until retiring in 1991 after 20 years.

She was the wife of Wendell Todd. The couple was married in Hastings, in October of 1959. The couple made their home together in the Hastings area and would have celebrated 50 years of marriage this October.

Barb and Wendell enjoyed country line dancing with their close friends and family which they did for several years as members of the Michigan Two Steppers dance group.

Her annual Christmas party was always something that she looked forward to as a time to entertain and gather with her family and neighbors.

Barb and Wendell enjoyed traveling and annually ventured to Myrtle Beach to unwind during the summer months. During these travels

Barb was able to enjoy another of her favorite past times; visiting the casinos. Over the years, she has been to casinos from Michigan to Texas and everywhere in between. It was not uncommon for her to just "stop in" when she would see a casino advertised while they were on the road.

Barbara is survived by her beloved husband Wendell; her three daughters, Laura (Marshall) Pierson, Karen (Paul) McClurkin, Molly (Norman) Westrate, and the "other daughter" Karen Lancaster; her sister, Mildred Houghtalin; seven grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren, and one great great grand-daughter

She was preceded in death by her sisters Virginia, and Geraldine.

A Celebration of Barb's life will be held at the Daniels Funeral Home, Nashville, MI, at 7 PM on Thursday, June 4, 2009 with Pastor Bobbie Weller officiating.

The family will receive visitors also on Thursday June 4 from 5-7 p.m. at The Daniels Funeral Home in Nashville

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

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Girls Scouts go fancy to get badge

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

To earn their bronze badge, girls from Maple Valley Girl Scout Troop 516 decided to bring a touch of sophistication to town. Using the *Fancy Nancy* book series as inspiration, the troop spent months planning and preparing for a special tea party that took place on Saturday, May 16.

With tea sets and more feathers and jewels than a Vegas showgirl's closet, the Nashville Fire Station was transformed into a setting worthy of a spot in the *Fancy Nancy* books.

Visitors were treated to feather boas and beads handed out by members of the

Maple Syrup Festival court. They were even able to make a crown of their very own with syrup festival queen Hannah Gardner.

Before treats were served, members of Troop 516 explained that etiquette is a fancy word for manners and also demonstrated many of the manners to use at a tea party. After treats and drinks were served, the girls performed a play based on one of the *Fancy Nancy* books.

Putnam District Library Director Shauna Swantek said the library was excited to partner with the Girl Scouts for the event and help them earn their bronze awards.

"This was an enormous



Dressed in their finery, Larissa Mater, Davita Mater and Chloe Kelly enjoy a spot of tea at the party. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Putnam District Library Director Shauna Swantek pours tea for some of the 'Fancy Nancy' participants. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Some of the Girl Scouts from Troop 516 pose by the treats they created for the 'Fancy Nancy' tea party. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



With assistance from Maple Syrup Queen Hannah Gardner, Rel Angell works on decorating a crown. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

event for them to put together. There was a lot the girls could do," said Swantek. "For the library, it was a win-

win situation because of the literary connection."

From Our Readers Local Citizens Speak Out On Issues

Board should be more open

To the editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Don Wiggins' letter about the board failing to keep the people of the townships and village informed about the reason why the people had voted for thousands of dollars to Nashville EMS.

The purpose of the millage was to be used for operations and expenses, not on salaries. The board or the director should had stated that some of the funding will go to raises for EMTs and paramedics, but they did not. I know how important ambulance services need funding to run and save lives because ambulance crews help save lives and give their lives so ours may live.

The board should have been more open on how the money should be handled better. They misled on some issues, and on some issues they did not. The board should have put the millage for one year to see how things go and to fund for the

next three years. Nashville EMS is not a big ambulance service but a small-town service that should not have full-time paid positions for EMTs and paramedics. The director is paid as full-time person, but the others are part-time personnel. The service moved to full-time service over the years.

I support Mr. Wiggins on his letters and his investigation into misuse of funds that can be used somewhere else. The millage is too high for a small-town ambulance service, and the millage should be cut in half or less. Maybe a third party should be formed by members of the township and village to help keep track of the funds. I am just standing up for the people and speaking out so the local governments can be accountable for their decision-making and help them become better. If misleading keeps going, there will be "Tea Party in Nashville."

Nicholas Ewing,
Maple Grove Township

Car wash fundraiser is today in Hastings



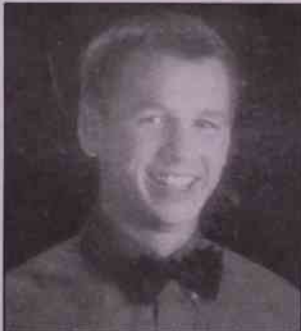
Interlochen Fine Arts Camp is known throughout the world for providing opportunities for students of all ages to further their knowledge in the arts. This summer, Maple Valley junior Adam Zank will have those same opportunities when he participates in an eight-day musical theater program.

Today, Saturday, May 30, Zank will be hold a donation-only car wash in the parking lot of the Hastings McDonald's to help raise the \$900 fee of the courses. The wash will take place from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Zank will also be accepting pop cans and bottles to put toward his trip. He will also have a drop-off station for cans at Carl's Market in Nashville May 30 and 31.

Zank has been active in a variety of area theater groups including The Revue. He is shown above with Lakewood's Lindsey Hemming in a scene during last season's production of "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum."

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Special thanks to Pastor DeGroot and Pastor Lamphere, and the Nashville Baptist church members for the memorial and luncheon provided.

Words alone cannot express our thanks to four very special ladies who cared for our Mom every day when we could not be there. Thank you to Lucy Matson, Liz Tabor, and Lois Pierson, Naomi Arlos. We thank God that he sent you to us to take care of Mom.

Thank you also to Dr. Barnett and his staff for their care and support for our Mom and our family.

Barbara and Larry Hawblitz and family, Betty and James Pierce and family, Loretta and Wayne Neil, Beverly and Tom Oleson and family, Wayne and Sherry Gould and Family.

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Graduates reflect on school years during Baccalaureate

An all-student praise band leads the audience in singing. The band included Nick Smith, Amber Farnum and Emmy Robinson. Not pictured are Austin Coplin, Erik Godbey and Chris Loveall. (Photo by Patti Farnum)



Olivia Sprague performs a lyrical dance to "The Climb" by Miley Cyrus. (Photo by Patti Farnum)



Youth Pastor Matt Rhode gives his testimony and the keynote address at baccalaureate Thursday night, May 29, in the Maple Valley High School Auditorium. (Photo by Patti Farnum)

Wells named Lions Student of the Month

Brian Wells was selected as the Vermontville Lions Club Student of the Month. He is a sixth grader at Maplewood Elementary in Genie Hansen's class and said he would like to become a policeman when he is older.

He enjoys playing video games and said his perfect day would be a day with video games. If he won a million dollars, Wells said he would buy a Wii gaming system and all of the games to go with it.

If he could meet one celebrity it would be singer Kid Rock, and Wells said one of the things he loves about Maplewood is that it is a safe, caring, violence-free environment.



Lions Club Member Bill Mason presents a certificate to Brian Wells to recognize his selection as Student of the Month. (Photo provided)

Barry County Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

Hearty Menu
Monday, June 1
Lemon chicken, stuffing, sweet potatoes, asparagus, peaches.
Tuesday, June 2

Hot dog, coleslaw, baked beans, blueberry crisp.
Wednesday, June 3
Pulled pork BBQ, tator tots, California blend, orange, bun.
Thursday, June 4

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes w/gravy, scalloped tomatoes, applesauce, wheat bread.

Friday, June 5
Chicken wings, macaroni and cheese, green beans, tropical fruit, wheat bread.

Cold Menu
Monday, June 1
Tuna salad, potato salad, pineapple, wheat bread.

Tuesday, June 2
Egg salad, pea and cheese salad, tropical fruit, wheat bread.

Wednesday, June 3
Sliced roast beef, American cheese, coleslaw, apricots, wheat bread.

Thursday, June 4
Chef salad, summer corn salad, cantaloupe, muffin.

Friday, June 5
Ham and pasta salad, broccoli raisin salad, fruited jello, graham crackers.

Activities Calendar
Monday, June 1:
Hastings - June Birthday Party; Nashville 5+ 10:30 a.m.; Crafts 10:30 a.m.; Card Making 12:30 p.m.; Delton - BP Clinic 11 a.m. H.W.N - Reminiscence.

Tuesday, June 2: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Kinship Speaker 1:30 p.m. GL -10:30-12:30 Cards.

Wednesday, June 3: Hastings - Music with Sam; Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Delton - Reminiscence. Nashville - Mini Massage 11 a.m.

Thursday, June 4: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Bus Trip to Cornwells. Nashville - TV Time. Delton - Puzzles, Trivia.

Friday, June 5 - Hastings - Exercise 9 a.m.; Mixed Media Painting 9:30 a.m.; Model Railroad 10 a.m.; Bingo. Woodland - Visiting. Nashville - Bingo.

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Eaton County holds 4-H Style Review

Young sewers and knitters had their moment in the spotlight April 18 at the annual 4-H Style Review. 4-H members from both Eaton and Calhoun counties involved in the personal-appearance project had been sewing and knitting for weeks in order to model their garments at this event.



Award winners from the style review are (from left) Marlena Smith, Allie Kramer, Cody Lindermulder, Kara Mott, Grace Mott, Kelsie Letts, Marie Ruedisueli, Elizabeth Althouse, Emily Smith, Emma Bartley, Maisie Baker and Keli Lindermulder.

The event was kicked off with judging in the afternoon; the evening show followed at 7 p.m. Both the judging and the show took place at the VFW National Home in Eaton Rapids. Youths aged 9 to 19 were evaluated during the afternoon judging session. During the evening show, members presented their projects on stage for family, friends and community members. Cloverbud members, those 5 to 8 years old, also showcased their talents during the evening show.

The purpose of the style review is to help youths learn to positively present themselves in public forums with ease and confidence. They learn how to select appropriate fabrics and patterns, sewing and knitting skills and techniques, in addition to decision-making, commitment and time management.

The garments created by the members were truly outstanding, and the judges had a very difficult time making their award selections, said

organizers. Best of Show plaques were awarded to those whom the judges felt were the top 5 percent of the group. Style review pins were awarded to the next 10 percent, and Honor Group rosettes to the next 15 percent.

Best of Show plaques were awarded for sewing to Grace Mott of FIRST 4-H Club, Allie Kramer of Maurer 4-H Club, Elizabeth Althouse of We-R-A-4-H Club, and Marlena Smith of Gresham Grain Grinders. Elizabeth Althouse of We-R-A-4-H-Club received a Best of Show plaque for her knitting.

Receiving a Style Review pin for knitting was Maisie Baker of Maurer 4-H Club.

In the sewing division, pins were awarded to Emma Bartley of the Maurer 4-H Club, Kara Mott of the FIRST 4-H Club, Keli Lindermulder and Cody Lindermulder, both of Gresham Grain Grinders.

Honor Group rosettes for sewing were presented to Marie Ruedisueli and Kelsie Letts both of Happy Hustlers 4-H Club in Calhoun County. Emily Smith of We-R-A-4-H Club also received an Honor Group rosette for knitting.

For more information on the style show or 4-H, contact Jenny O'Neal at the Eaton County MSU Extension office at msue23@msu.edu or (517) 543-2310.

Vermontville Twp. Library receives grant

The Vermontville Township Library was honored recently by being awarded for the third time with a grant from the Wilson H. Craig Jr. Private Foundation.

The foundation was created by Craig, who passed away in 1998. His vision was to provide financial support to educational programs in the fields of astronomy, mathematics, science, engineering, technology, inventiveness, critical thinking and creativity. The foundation solicits requests by invitation only and chooses different schools and libraries randomly each year based on geographic location.

Vermontville's grant, totaling \$2,000, was used to purchase items for the library collection that adhered to the guidelines set by Craig. The items purchased for the library include the following book collections:

Eyewitness Earth Science Set: Weather, Crystal and Gem, Rocks and Minerals, Hurricane and Tornado, Earth, Dinosaur, Fossil, Prehistoric Life, Volcano and Earthquake.

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Isaac Asimov's 21st Century Library of the Universe: Space Junk.

The grant also allowed for the purchase of creativity items to be used inside the library. These items include: deluxe activity center sea life play cube, sand, bead, and water blocks, Interstar building blocks, Gears! Gears! Gears! Workstation, Playscapes Magical Heat-Sensitive Play Center, GeoSafari Ant Factory, and a Mysterious Magnet Tube.

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Cloverbud Camp 2009 is 'Kickin' it with 4-H'

The Eaton County 4-H program will host the sixth annual Cloverbud Camp this July. Cloverbud Camp is a day camp for youths age 5 to 8. This year's camp will be held Wednesday, July 1, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Eaton County Fairgrounds. Campers will have the opportunity to get more

familiar with the grounds, make several arts and craft projects, meet the Cloverbud judges, eat lunch with friends, play on a slip and slide, participate in a bicycle rodeo and more.

The theme this year is "Kickin' it with 4-H," and each camper will receive a T-shirt to commemorate the day. The registration fee for

4-H members is \$15; the fee for non-members is \$25.

Registration forms can be picked up from the Eaton County Extension office or downloaded from www.msue.msu.edu/eaton under the 4-H Youth Development icon. The deadline to register is June 12, and space is limited. For more information, contact

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MAPLE GROVE TOWNSHIP

Public hearing will be held June 3, 2009 at Maple Grove Township Hall, 726 S. M-66, Nashville, Mich. at 7:00 p.m. to consider proposed ordinance addressing Floodplain Management Provisions of the State Construction Code.

Maple Grove Township, Barry County Ordinance Number 2-2009

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

The Township of Maple Grove ordains:

Section 1. AGENCY DESIGNATED. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, the Building Official of the County of Barry is hereby designated as the enforcing agency to discharge the responsibility of the Township of Maple Grove under Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, State of Michigan. The County of Barry assumes responsibility for the administration and enforcement of said Act through out the corporate limits of the community adopting this ordinance.

Section 2. CODE APPENDIX ENFORCED. Pursuant to the provisions of the state construction code, in accordance with Section 8b(6) of Act 230, of the Public Acts of 1972, as amended, Appendix G of the Michigan Building Code shall be enforced by the enforcing agency within the Township of Maple Grove.

Section 3. DESIGNATION OF REGULATED FLOOD PRONE HAZARD AREAS. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Flood Insurance Study (FIS) Entitled Barry County, Mich (All Jurisdiction) and dated May 4, 2009 and the Flood Insurance Rate Map(s) (FIRMS) panel number(s) of 26015C - 0327C - 0330C - 0331C - 0332C - 0335C - 0350C - 0351C - 0352C - 0355C - 0375C and dated May 4, 2009 are adopted by reference for the purposes of administration of the Michigan Construction Code, and declared to be a part of Section 1612.3 of the Michigan Building Code, and to provide the content of the "Flood Hazards" section of Table R301.2(1) of the Michigan Residential Code.

Section 4. REPEALS. All ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Susie Butler
Maple Grove Township Clerk
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The Village of Nashville will be flushing hydrants on June 4th & 5th. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause. Be aware you may experience rusty water.

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Sixth Grade graduation is bittersweet

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

For the sixth grade students of Maplewood Elementary, this week marked both the beginning and the end. This fall they will begin their education at the Maple Valley Junior-Senior High, and on Thursday, May 28, they said 'good-bye' to the faculty and staff with whom they have spent the past three years.

The day was also a bitter-

sweet one for teachers Genie Hansen and Susan Luyendyk. Both are retiring from the school district this summer. Hansen has spent 18 of her 32 years in education at Maplewood, and Luyendyk has taught at Maplewood for 33 years.

Principal Fred Davenport welcomed the audience and students to the event and said he and the staff are proud of the hard work the students have put into their education.



Teachers Susan Luyendyk and Genie Hansen present Macy Mund with her diploma. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

sixth grade camp and math days as some of her most fond days from Maplewood.

"Our feet may leave but our hearts will always stay," said Pash. "As we graduate, we are leaving one family for a bigger one, the junior-senior high."

Of the 93 graduates, 14 were honored for receiving all As and six for perfect attendance. Awards also were presented for national fitness, math days and band.



Jadelyn Stewart and Iva Weiler perform the national anthem to begin graduation. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

BARRY CO. EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- May 30 Safe Food Handling Workshop (for Cooking Competition), 9 a.m., Extension Office.
- May 30 County Shoot Mandatory Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Barry County Conservation Club.
- June 1 Goat Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- June 3 Livestock Developmental Committee Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
- June 4 Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
- June 4 Fair Entries Due to the Fair Office, Fair Office open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- June 5 County Shoot Registrations Due to the Extension Office.
- June 6 Open Pleasure Horse Show, 9 a.m., Expo Center.
- June 7 Open Speed Horse Show, 9:30 a.m., Expo Center.
- June 8 Horse Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Expo Center.
- June 8 Mock Dog Show, 6 p.m., Show Arena at the Fairgrounds.
- June 9 County Shoot Mandatory Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Barry County Conservation Club.
- June 10 Exploration Days Orientation Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Community Room, Courts and Law Building.
- June 11 Dog Developmental Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office.
- June 12 Adult Riding Clinic, MSU Pavilion.
- June 13 Point Horse Show, 8:30 a.m., Expo Center.
- June 15 Poultry Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- June 16 Mock Dog Show, 6 p.m., Show Arena at the Fairgrounds.
- June 17 4-H Advisory Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Community Room-Courts and Law Building.
- June 18 Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center.
- June 20 Fair Preparation Day, 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m., Barry County Fairgrounds.
- June 22 Mandatory Poultry Meeting for Fair, 7 p.m., Expo Center.
- June 22 Poultry Showmanship Clinic, follows Mandatory Meeting.
- June 27 Open Pleasure Horse Show, 9 a.m., Expo Center.
- June 28 Open Speed Horse Show, 9:30 a.m., Expo Center.
- June 26-28 State 4-H Trail Ride, Goose Creek.
- June 29 Superintendents meeting, 7 p.m., Expo Center.



The class of 2015 performs two songs, "Shalom" and "Joyful, Joyful" for the audience. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)



Achieving an 85 percent or higher in all five of the physical fitness events, Marissa Hunter was one of 14 students who received the president's award.

sweet one for teachers Genie Hansen and Susan Luyendyk. Both are retiring from the school district this summer. Hansen has spent 18 of her 32 years in education at Maplewood, and Luyendyk has taught at Maplewood for 33 years.

Principal Fred Davenport welcomed the audience and students to the event and said he and the staff are proud of the hard work the students have put into their education.

The student addresses included Beau Johnson's speech about community, Emma McGlocklin's speech about memories, Mackenzie Greenhoe's speech about friendship and Anna Pash's speech about family.

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"Make sure your vacation memories are about summer fun, and not roadside repairs or worse," Land said. "Take a few extra minutes before you leave to look over your trailers so you and your loved ones reach your destination safely. When you're on the road, use extra caution and allow more stopping time and distance between vehicles."

Land reminds people that the law requires trailers or pop-up campers weighing 3,000 pounds or less to have two reflectors, one on each side, as well as safety chains that connect the tow vehicle to the trailer. The chains should be loose enough to allow sharp turns but not drag on the road.

Additionally, before heading out, drivers should:

- Check tire pressure on the trailer and tow vehicle.
- Ensure the wiring is loose enough to make turns without disconnecting or touching the ground.
- Verify that the vehicle

and hitch setup is able to pull the size of trailer they have.

- Check all turn signals, and running, hazard and brake lights to see if they're in working order.

- Make sure all items on the trailer are properly secured.

- Position side- and rear-view mirrors for good visibility.

- Raise the trailer jack, tongue support and any stabilizers and lock in place.

"Nothing makes for a fun summer getaway like a trip to your favorite campsite or lake," Land said. "Keep your vacation enjoyable and care-free by properly securing your trailer so it's ready to hit the road."

Once on the road, drivers should:

- Give themselves a much greater stopping distance than they would need without the trailer.

- Signal well in advance when passing a slower vehicle and allow extra distance to clear the vehicle.

- Use the automatic gear setting that the vehicle manufacturer recommends for pulling a trailer.

- Avoid sudden starts or stops that can cause skidding, sliding or jackknifing.

- Make wider turns at corners so the trailer doesn't hit the curb.

- Have another person assist when backing up the vehicle and trailer when possible.

Maple Valley FFA busy preparing fields

by Jaime Curth

Maple Valley FFA reporter

On Thursday, May 21, three members of the Maple Valley FFA chapter, Jaime Curth, Kristen Cantrell and Eric Scott, went to Pioneer Seed representative Roy Simpson to express their appreciation of discounted seed corn for the FFA's land lab located just outside the village of Nashville.

Maple Valley FFA members and students in the agribusiness management class have been discussing strategies to market the corn in the fall. In class, students learned about forward contracting and futures markets as part of the agribusiness marketing unit.

Dustin Cook, Eric Scott and alumni member Duane Davidson prepared the field for planting. Davidson planted the field May 22. FFA



FFA member Jaime Curth presents Pioneer Seed Dealer Roy Simpson with a certificate of appreciation for his help in obtaining seeds for the FFA's land lab. (photo provided)

members and Advisor Aaron Saari are looking forward to a productive season this year.

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Raffle set to honor Dunkelberger

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

For the third year in a row, Leroy Starks and Brian Chaffe are giving residents a chance to earn a bit of cold hard cash while they work to establish a scholarship to honor their friend, Tony Dunkelberger. Tickets are being sold for a 50/50 raffle. The winner will be drawn at the annual golf outing, The Crunch Classic.

The first year of the raffle, the winner was awarded more than \$1,000, and the duo is hoping to beat that record this year.

"I think we'll go beyond the first year's amount," said Chaffe. "People have been really good at supporting our cause. We've been really lucky."

The drawing will be held July 11 at 8 p.m. at the Nashville VFW hall, after the golf outing.

Working to earn \$10,000 to establish a scholarship through the Maple Valley Scholarship Foundation, the pair has held the golf outing since 2001. With around \$3,500 to go, the friends are hoping to reach their goal this year and keep Dunkelberger's memory alive long into the future.

"We are very hopeful that, one way or another, we can have the scholarship to give out at next year's graduation," said Chaffe.



A group of golfers show off their skirts (and legs) at last year's Crunch Classic golf outing. (Photo by Miller Photography)

The foundation will use interest from the \$10,000 donations to award scholarships to local graduates and alumni. This method was appealing to both Chaffe and Starks when they were thinking of an appropriate way to honor their friend.

"This way, it will carry on and on even after the golf outing is done," said Starks. "Hopefully, people will hear his name when the scholarship is awarded and talk about him."

The golf outing features a twist that makes the event more fun than just an ordinary round of golf, said the pair. Men golfing will be able to tee off from the ladies distance, provided they wear

a skirt during the round of golf. With just one golfer not donning a skirt last year, both gentlemen count it as a success.

"We wanted to have something unique," said Chaffe. "There's a golf outing every weekend, so we wanted to do something different."

To purchase a \$5 raffle ticket or learn more about the golf outing, contact Leroy Starks at 269-838-2873, Brian Chaffe at 517-930-3383 or Steve Augustine at 517-726-1485.

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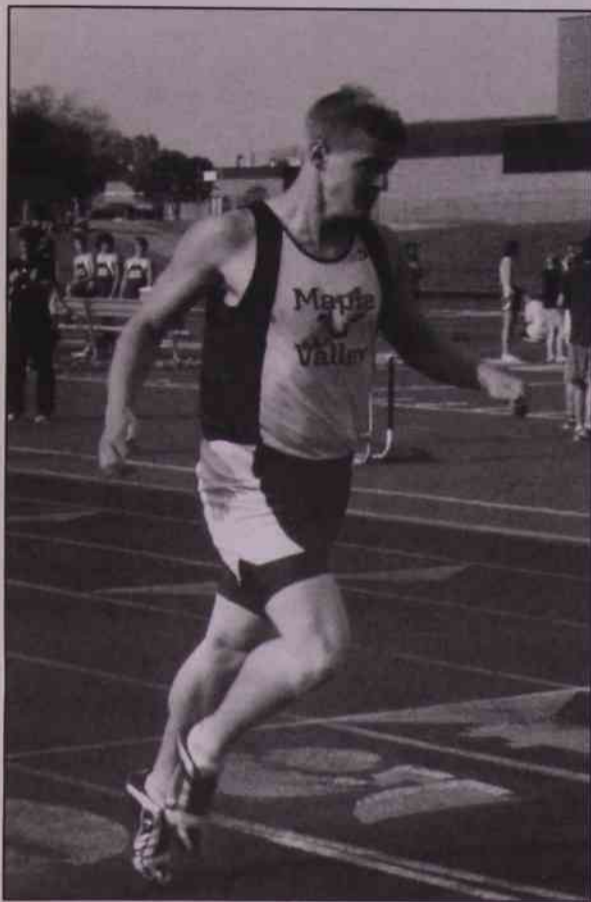
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Barry County titles go to Trojans and Saxons



Maple Valley's Josh Hall hits the finish line in fourth place in the 400-meter dash Tuesday at the Barry County Meet in Middleville. (Photo by Sandra Ponsetto)

The two teams with O-K Gold Conference Championships and Division 2 Regional Championships on their resumes added Barry County Meet Championships

on Tuesday in Middleville. Thornapple Kellogg's girls and Hastings' boys both edged out the second place teams at the Barry County Meet by roughly 70 points.

The Trojan girls finished with 198 to Hastings' 123.33. In the boys' meet, the Saxons scored 202 points to 137.5 for Maple Valley.

Both the Saxon boys and Trojan girls won eight of the 17 events on the day.

Hastings' senior Ryan Burgdorf and Maple Valley senior Jeff Burd had a few good battles on the day. Burgdorf edged Burd in the 100-meter dash (10.74 seconds to 11.33) and the 200 (21.63 to 22.43), and Burd got Burgdorf in the 400 (49.05 to 49.25).

The Lion boys won six of the nine events that the Saxons didn't. The two teams split the two relay races, with Hastings winning the 800-meter relay in 1:30.58 and the 1600-meter relay in 3:29.91 and the Lions taking the 400-meter relay in 45.18 and the 3200-meter in 8:32.00.

The only athlete to win three individual events on the day was Maple Valley's Nick Thurlby, who won the high jump at 6 feet 2 inches, the 110-meter high hurdles in 14.68, and the 300-meter intermediate hurdles in 39.31.

The Saxons' Troy Dailey won two events, taking the 1600-meter run in 4:41.03 and the 3200-meter run in 10:26.25. Hastings also got a first place finish from Gordon Conley in the long jump (18-11) and Brandon Bower in the discus (152-0).

Delton Kellogg's Matt Ingle won the pole vault at 11-6, Lakewood's Jared McConkey the shot put at 45-2, and Thornapple Kellogg's Joel Smith won the 800-meter run in 1:59.52.

Delton Kellogg was third in the boys' standings, with 75 points, followed by Lakewood 60, and Thornapple Kellogg 42.5.

In the girls' meet, Delton Kellogg was third with 75.33 points, followed by Lakewood 66.33, and Maple Valley 60.

Thornapple Kellogg's Emma Ordway and Allyson Winchester both won two individual events, and helped a Trojan relay team to victory. The Thornapple Kellogg girls won the two distance relays, with the team of Hana Hunt, Stephanie Betcher, Stephanie Ryfiak, and Ordway winning the 1600-meter relay in 4:06.93 and the team of Jordan Bronkema, Kimberly Johnson, Danielle Fredenburg, and Winchester taking the 3200-meter relay in 10:23.70.

Hastings' girls took the other two relays, winning the 400-meter event in 51.69 and the 800 in 1:49.64, with Thornapple Kellogg teams placing second in both events.

Ordway also won the 200-meter dash in 26.28 and the 400 in 58.06. Winchester won the 1600-meter run in 5:14.96 and the 3200 in 11:44.84. The

Saxons' Molly Smith was second to Winchester in both distance races.

In the field events, TK got a win from Kathrin Koch in the long jump (15-2.25) and from Brittany London in the pole vault (10-7). Lakewood got victories from Ashley Jemison in the discus (100-1) and Beth Walkington in the shot put (31-7). Hastings' Brittany Morgan won the high jump (5-0).

The Saxons also got a win from Jessica Lee in the 100-

meter dash, as she finished in 12.73 a hundredth of a second ahead of Maple Valley's Elizabeth Stewart.

Delton Kellogg's Katie Searles won the 100-meter hurdles in 16.02, and was second to teammate Hannah Williams in the 300-meter low hurdles (46.73 to 49.08).

Lakewood's lone win on the track came from Ashley Pifer in the 800-meter run. She finished in 2:22.80.

MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOLS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 8, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Administration Office Board Room, the Board of Education of Maple Valley Schools will hold a public hearing to consider the district's proposed 2009-2010 budget.

The Board may not adopt its proposed 2009-2010 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2009-2010 budget is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the District Administration Office, 11090 Nashville Highway, Vermontville, MI.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

Andrea Montgomery, Secretary

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Joppie and Walker see the Comets win a regional title

The season ended for Maple Valley's last two golfers on Thursday.

The Lion varsity boys' golf team's Caleb Walker and Hutch Joppie both competed in the Division 3 Regional Tournament at Prairiewood Golf Course in Otsego. Walker fired a 91 and Joppie a 108.

It was a decent day for the Kalamazoo Valley Association. The league had three teams at the tournament, and one of them left with a regional championship.

Kalamazoo Christian took

the regional title with a score of 313. The top three teams and top three individuals not on those teams earned a spot in next weekend's state finals.

Behind the Comets, Portland scored a 317, West Catholic 318, Coloma 326, Schoolcraft 327, Dowagiac 328, Delton Kellogg 329, Calvin Christian 333, Paw Paw 336, Otsego 339, Allendale 361, and South Haven 362.

Portland's Alex Haik was the day's medallist, with a 71.

Kalamazoo Christian got a

72 from Dave Sarkipato, a 76 from Pat Scheffers, 79 from Jacob Rykse, and an 86 from Josh Rykse.

Nick Aikens led West Catholic to its third-place finish, with a 75.

Valley baseball and softball host district tourneys today

Maple Valley's varsity baseball and softball teams will be competing for district championships on their home diamonds today (May 30).

Both teams are hosting Division 3 District Tournaments, starting at 10 a.m.

The Lion varsity softball team faces Springport in the first of two semifinal matchups, at 10 a.m. Leslie and Olivet meet in the second semifinal of the day, at 12:30 p.m.

The district championship softball game will follow,

half an hour after the contest between the Blackhawks and Eagles.

Stockbridge faces Leslie in the first baseball semifinal in Vermontville, at 10 a.m. Springport and Maple Valley square off in the second one, at 12:30 p.m. That game will be followed by the district championship contest.

In the two pre-district contests Tuesday, Stockbridge's varsity baseball team topped Olivet, while the Olivet softball team scored a win over Stockbridge.

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Lion boys' team third at the D-3 Team State Finals

The streak is over. Maple Valley's varsity boys' track and field team hadn't lost in the 1600-meter relay since the 2007 Division 3 MHSAA State Finals. The Clare team of Jake McFadden, Nick Ohler, Mike Drew, and Ryan Sersaw, bested the Lion team of Josh Hall, Justin Kennedy, Rob Morehouse and Nick Thurlby by four tenths of a second at

the Division 3 MITCA Team State Finals last Saturday.

The Clare foursome finished first in the event with a time of 3 minutes 26.57 seconds. The Lion team hit the finish line in 3:26.97.

It still wasn't enough points for either team to catch Grand Rapids West Catholic. The Falcons won the team state title with 1,014.5 points on the day. Clare was second

with 904, and Maple Valley third with 893.5.

The Lion and Pioneer 1600-meter relay teams will meet again today (May 30) at the MHSAA State Finals in Comstock Park.

The Lions won two individual championships on the day at the team state finals. Thurlby took the 110-meter high hurdles in 15.16 seconds, and the 300-meter inter-

mediate hurdles in 39.42. Jeff Burd won the 200-meter dash in 22.69 and the 400 in 49.98. Burd was also second in the 100, with a time of 11.61. Thurlby placed third in the 200 with a time of 23.15.

Kinglsey's Dave Zaleski was second in the 200, with a time of 22.72, and bested Burd in the 100 with a time of 11.50.

The Lions also got a runner-up finish from the 800-meter relay team of Jimmy Brown, Zac Eddy, Rob Morehouse, and Burd, that finished in 1:32.90. Clare won that relay too, with a time of 1:31.95.

West Catholic's boys

picked up a lot of points in the pole vault, with Matt Schichtel placing first at 12 feet 6 inches, Joey Passenger second at 12-0, and Luke Arsulowicz third at 11-6.

It was a rough day for the Lions in the field events, although the team did get a third place finish from Josh Burd in the high jump (5-10) and a fourth place finish from Luke Densmore in the shot put (48-10.5).

Densmore was only about 17 feet short of the shot put champion, Allendale's Zack Hill, who threw 66-1. Hill also won the discus at 182-2.


Other top ten performances for the Lions included the

3200-meter relay team of Morehouse, Trent Courtney, Brad Laverty, and Cody Leinhart placing fifth in 8:24.20, the 400-meter relay team of Kennedy, Garrett Reid, Brandon Vaughan, and Brown placing fourth in 45.38, Morehouse placing sixth in the 800 (2:01.15), Laverty eighth in the 3200 (10:37.89), and Dustin Houghton placing seventh in the high jump (5-5).

Behind the top three teams, Allendale finished with 849.5 points, Frankenmuth 781, Kingsley 677.5, Charlevoix 603, Clarenceville 557, Freeland 546.5, and Laingsburg 437.5.



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Kalamo church to host The Calvary Men tomorrow



The Calvary Men will perform this Sunday at Kalamo Methodist church

Bryce Feighner, pastor for the Kalamo United Methodist Church, invites the public to a special Sunday service of worship, with music provided by "The Calvary Men" quartet.

The group will be singing in harmony a variety of Southern Gospel songs May 31 at 9 and 10:30 a.m.

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