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# Absent school board member resigns

by Amy Jo Parish  
Staff Writer

Trustee Mark Wenger has resigned his position on the Maple Valley School Board. Wenger was elected to the position in November of 2008. Since taking the position in January, Wenger has not attended any meeting held by the school board.

Superintendent Kim Kramer said the administration office received his letter of resignation Wednesday morning. In a letter to the editor of *The Maple Valley News* dated June 1, Wenger cited a new job as the reason for his resignation.

"My new job keeps me away from my duties as a Maple Valley Board member, I have kept the superintendent Mr. Kramer informed on my situation," wrote Wenger. "I am sorry if I let people down but I must think of my family first. I will continue to be a member of the community and support the staff and students of Maple Valley Schools."

Wenger detailed that in October of 2008 his job was moved out of state. The election for his position took place the following month. Board President Teresa Allen said communication

with Wenger has been minimal since the election.

"I've had no personal conversations with him at any point in time, so I don't completely understand his position," said Allen.

In the one e-mail communication Allen received from Wenger, he mentioned his job and the complications it was causing, she said. The e-mail was originally sent to Kramer and then forwarded to Allen. In the note, Wenger said he had been, "working diligently" with his employer to get the time off needed to be part of the board, he also apologized for his

absences.

Allen said Wenger had visited the administration office some time after the election and signed forms accepting the position. Other than the e-mail, Allen said a voice mail left before a meeting in January was one of the only contacts the board has had with him.

"We hadn't heard that he wouldn't be there, however, there was a message left that day on Kim's voice mail that was missed. It was left very late in the day," said Allen. "That was the only message we have received from him in six months."

Kramer said he has been in contact with Wenger a few times and discussed his job situation during the discussions.

"I know he had anticipated doing that (resigning) over concern about him not being at meetings, and I suggested he do this," said Kramer.

The next move for the Maple Valley School Board will be to either accept or reject the resignation which they will do at the June 22 truth in taxation meeting held in the administration building. If his resignation is accepted, the board will ask for applications from inter-

ested community members. Residents will have 30 days to submit the completed applications which the board will review and choose a candidate at its July 13 board meeting. The new member will then begin his or her term on the board at the August meeting.

According to the Eaton County Clerk's office, the seat will be filled with the appointed person until the next election in 2010.

# Volunteers rally donations for fair premiums

With Gov. Granholm's recently passed budget eliminating premium funding for

state and county fairs, local fair boards are faced with tough decisions. The nearly

\$1.5 million cut means county fairs will have to take a hard look at what they will be able

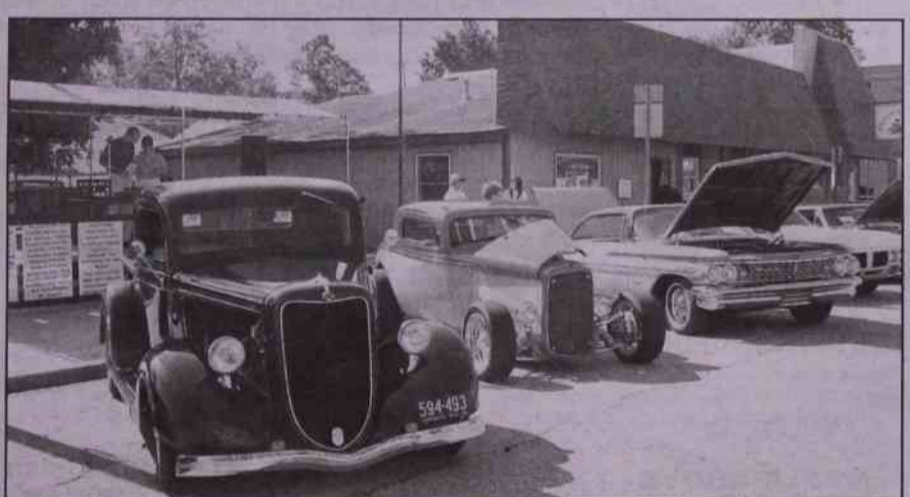
to do for this year's fairs.

EJ Brown, executive director of the Michigan Association of Fairs and Exhibitions, said the premiums have always been on a matching-funds basis with the local fair boards, and most fairs contribute 30 to 35 percent of the premiums.

Eaton County Fair has decided to cut all premiums, both 4-H and open class, from this year's activities. Barry County will continue to pay one-third of premiums.

The *Lansing State Journal* reported that the House panel voted Wednesday to restore money to state fairs and funds to keep live horse racing dates. According the report, however, the Senate is not likely to pass the measure because horse racing and state fairs "are not a priority in the healthy, safety and education categories that we are focused on," said Jessie Wortley, spokeswoman for Senate Appropriations

# Cars and community to shine at Nashville Car Show



Along with vintage vehicles, the community of Nashville will also be on display June 20 at the ninth annual car show. The day will feature a parade for the first time, and several local businesses are taking part in the events. Most of the activities are free to visitors and are a way to show off the positive things happening in the community, explained Ruth Hickey, one of the organizers. See the ad inside for a full list of the many events planned.

Chairman Ron Jelinek, R-Three Oaks.

Kevin Kemper, a superintendent of both open class and 4-H departments at the



After recent state budget cuts eliminated the funding for fair premiums, local residents began gathering resources and contributions to help 4-Hers like these still receive rewards for their hard work.

Eaton County Fair, has taken it upon himself to fill in some of the holes left by the cuts. Kemper is collecting \$10 donations for gift cards to give in place of premiums to one exhibitor from each section of the non-livestock classes. His desire to help this year stems from the positive impact the 4-H program has had, not only in his own life but the rest of his family also.

Eaton County Fair for 34 years. I grew up learning more from the program than I can ever pay back," said Kemper. "So, even though my son has moved on and out of 4-H, I do as much as I can to help. We all need to give back to our communities, especially during the hard times. This program and fair is in need of support from our community to make sure that

"I have been a part of the FAIR, continued on page 9

# Mobil station moves forward with expansion

by Amy Jo Parish  
Staff Writer

Robert Prater, owner of the Mobil gas station in Vermontville, confirmed this week that his company has purchased the vacant home next to the station. Prater said that while the property has not been rezoned for commercial use, he has submitted the paperwork and is

working with the village to set up a date for a public hearing, which is part of the process.

Village President Doug Kelsey further detailed that the plans will have to go to the zoning board of appeals to make any changes and the zoning board will recommend a course of action to the village council.

Prater said plans for the land include an expansion of the gas station to include diesel and ethanol, along with more pumps. The new 5,000-square-foot facility may also include a laundrymat, a mini-IGA grocery store and a fast-food restaurant, depending on the results from a market study, said Prater.

Village Clerk Shirley Harmon said the public hearing has not been set up at this time. Prater said the project will not move forward without the proper changes in zoning and may be put on hold, depending on the economy.

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- New at Putnam District Library

# Center of Hope to host open house

## More than hot rods to be displayed at car show

by Amy Jo Parish  
Staff Writer

Along with classic cars and vehicles, the Nashville Car Show also will feature some of the generous and philanthropic nature in the Maple Valley community. During the event, the Maple Valley Community Center of Hope will open its doors to give the community a glimpse into the many programs and services it provides.

Members of the center's board of directors will be on hand to explain the mission and goals of the center to visitors. The clothing ministry, which provides donated clothing to families in need,

also will be open. The new artistic painting work completed by Kim Fletcher will also be shown off that day.

One of those programs is the food pantry. While many may think of food pantries or places like a soup kitchen as needed only in large cities, the need for the pantry is great even in the Maple Valley community, said board members.

Each Tuesday, the center is filled with volunteers who unload case after case of food donated through the South Central Michigan Food Bank. The food pantry program serves about 200 families each week, said Joanne Keech who organizes

the work. With multiple members in most families, the pantry provides food to nearly 500 residents every week.

Keech said the 15 to 20 volunteers who spend each Tuesday morning at the center make the pantry a success and donate around 1,400 hours each month. She has been working in the pantry for the past seven years and said the service it provides to residents has kept her active in the program.

"It's the need I see in this community," explained Keech as to why she volunteers. "My children grew up here and they're doing well and I have to think its due in part because of how they were brought up, the community they were brought up in and the school they attended. I just want to help in whatever way I can."

Cathy Christman, pastor of the United Methodist Church, helps operate the

center and said the dedication of those like Keech make the center what it is — a place of hope.

"It's the volunteers who are here, not only on Tuesday morning but until 3 in the afternoon cleaning up," who are the key to the center's success, said Christman. "It takes that level of commitment to accomplish anything."

Though the center is currently seeing a time of growth and expansion, it began as just a truck full of food and a dream. The food was distributed from the back of a truck before the building the center is now housed in became available.

At Saturday's car show, the group is hoping to share that dream with the community and impact even more residents.

"I hope the community will see the passion that's here to serve," said Christman. "We would be a



Leila Hawblitz, one of the many volunteers at the Center of Hope, organizes some of the groceries from the food bank. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

success on car show day if just one person with more volunteers came out for clothes." it or if we were able to help



Each Tuesday morning, rain or shine, nearly 20 volunteers work to unload supplies and distribute them to families at the food pantry. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

## Local graduates team up for Revue production

Has medicine gone too far? Who is to judge what quality of life actually has quality? These are some of the questions at the heart of the story behind "Flowers for Algernon," the latest production of The Revue.

The story centers on Charlie Gordon, a mentally challenged young man who undergoes a radical surgery under the guidance of his teacher, Alice. The surgery accomplishes its goal — to increase Gordon's intelligence — however, the affects of such a dramatic change taking place so quickly were never accounted for in the original research.

In the midst of all this change, Gordon becomes attached to Algernon, the lab mouse who became the

Einstein of the mouse world after having the same operation as Gordon.

Surpassing the doctors in intelligence, Gordon finds the flaw in the surgery that could lead to disastrous results.

The production is team directed by Amber Farnum, Nick Smith and Amy Jo Parish. For recent high school graduates, Farnum and Smith, this is the first time they have sat in the director's chairs, and they say they have enjoyed getting their feet wet before heading off to college this fall.

The show runs June 18, 19 and 20 at 7 p.m. in the Revue's new location in the second floor of the Masonic building in Nashville. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$5 for seniors and students.



Chris Eldridge (Professor Nemur), Lynette King (Dr. Strauss) and Brittany Snook (Berta) check up on Charlie Gordon (Nick Smith) after he has an operation to increase his intelligence. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

For more information about the show, call Parish at 517-231-1554 or visit The Revue's online home at [www.nashvillerevue.com](http://www.nashvillerevue.com).

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## Senior Project Fresh gets support from Extreme Community Needs Fund

by Patricia Johns  
Staff Writer  
Senior Project Fresh is a program to provide low-

income seniors with coupons that can be exchanged for eligible foods at the Hastings and Middleville farmers markets.

\*This year, the Extreme Community Needs Fund at the Barry Community Foundation administered by the Barry County United Way is matching donations which will allow providing more coupon books for more older residents.

Project Fresh provides a coupon book with \$20 worth of coupons which can be used at farmers markets to purchase fresh vegetables and fruits through Oct. 31. Grocery stores and permanent farm markets do not qualify. Coupons can be used only for fresh fruits and vegetables.

Application forms for the coupon books are available at the Commission on Aging in Hastings or at the Extension office in Hastings. A household of one person 60 years old or older may make \$1,669.63 or less monthly to qualify. A household of 2 can earn \$2,246.21 or less monthly. This is 185 percent of the poverty level.

Last year, 200 coupon books were distributed along with nutrition information. Redemption of the books brought in more than \$3,000 in revenue at local farmer's markets.

Laura Anderson, family and consumer science educator with MSU Extension, has 100 coupon books to distribute. She would like to have area residents donate funds to provide more books to reach more senior citizens.

This is where the Extreme Community Needs Fund support will help. The fund will match donations, dollar for dollar. The state provides support as well. Combined a donation of \$20 to purchase one book will equal three coupon books for distribution in Barry County.

Anderson said she is very excited about this effort. Checks can be made out to MSU Extension c/o Senior Project Fresh and sent to 206 W. Court Street, Hastings 49058.

She asked that information included with the check, especially if donated by an organization, list the organization's name, contact person, address and telephone number.

The Middleville Farmers Market is open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. every Friday in the parking lot behind village hall, downtown.

The Hastings Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. every Saturday on the Barry County courthouse lawn, and Tuesdays and Thursdays at the American Legion on South M-37.

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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.

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## Area Obituaries

### Margaret J. Smith

**WOODLAND** - Margaret J. Smith, age 88, of Woodland, went to be with her Lord on June 7, 2009, while surrounded by her family.

She was born on Dec. 12, 1920 in Castleton Township to Homer and Gertrude Rowlander.

She lived her entire life in Woodland, and had attended Wellman Country School and graduated from Woodland High School in 1940.

Margaret married her high school sweetheart, John J. Smith, on Sept. 8, 1942. She devoted her life to raising their seven children, gardening, canning, quilting, sewing, crocheting, and reading her Bible. She especially enjoyed her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

and great-grandchildren.

She is survived by her husband, John; sons, Thomas (Lynda) Smith, Dennis (Kathy) Smith, Gary (Debbie) Smith, and David Smith; daughters, Jeanne (Mark) Shook, Janet Adams, and Joanne (Rick) King; sister, Midge Kidder; 15 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service was held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009 at the Lakewood United Methodist Church. Interment followed at Woodland Memorial Park.

The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to Barry Community Hospice.

Arrangements by Koops Funeral Chapel in Lake Odessa.

### Donald E. VanAuken, Sr.

**VERMONTVILLE** - Mr. Donald E. VanAuken, Sr., age 90, of Vermontville passed away Tuesday, June 9, 2009 peacefully at his Vermontville home.

Donald was born in Nashville, Mich. on Aug. 29, 1918, the son of the late Brian and Severa (Swift) VanAuken. He was raised in the Barry County area and attended local schools.

He was the husband of Aleta (Penfold) VanAuken. The couple was married in 1939 at the same house that Donald was born. They made their home together in the Maple Grove area for the early part of their marriage, then purchased the family farm on Cloverdale Road where they raised their family together.

In 1944, Donald joined the U.S. Navy and earned the rank of E3 before being Honorably Discharged in 1946. While serving, Donald was decorated with the Victory Medal WWII, and the Asiatic Pacific Medal.

Donald worked as a Supervisor at Union Steam Pump for over 40 years until he retired in 1981.

Donald enjoyed working with wood and being outside. He loved to spend time in his garden and show people his plants. He also enjoyed fishing - his favorite spot was wherever the fish were biting. Over the years, he and

his family enjoyed trips to Canada and Florida where Donald could pursue his passion for fishing.

Along with his beloved wife Aleta the couple wintered in Florida.

Donald is survived by his beloved wife Aleta; his daughter, Tina M. (Dennis) Miracle; two sons, Thomas (Teresha) VanAuken, and Terry L. VanAuken

He was preceded in death by his son Donald VanAuken Jr. and his brothers Rex, and Ralph VanAuken.

Funeral services were held at the Vermontville Bible Church on Friday, June 12, 2009. Pastor Daniel Smith officiated.

Memorial contributions can be made to the Vermontville Bible Church.

Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Daniels Funeral Home in Nashville. For more information please visit our website at [www.danielsfuneralhome.net](http://www.danielsfuneralhome.net)

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# Social News



## Smith-Favre united in marriage

Nathanael Weston Smith and Elizabeth Lou Favre were united in marriage on June 12, 2009 at 5 o'clock in the evening. The ceremony was performed by the father of the groom, Reverend Daniel Smith of Vermontville Bible Church, at Brook Lodge in Augusta, Michigan. Also attending were Nate's mother, Phyllis Smith and the bride's parents, Professor David and Martha Favre of Charlotte.

The bride wore an ivory ballroom style gown, a simple veil embellished with freshwater pearls and crystals, and carried a bouquet of mixed orange flowers.

The Maid of Honor was Katie Harris. The bridesmaids were Sarah Zygadlo and Cristin McCurley. All three were college roommates of the bride. The attendants wore dresses of marine blue and carried bouquets of orange flowers.

The Best Man was Benjamin Smith, brother of the groom. The groomsmen were Joshua Smith and Nicholas Smith, both brothers of the groom.

Nate and Bizz will be residing in the greater Chicago area where both plan to teach.

## From Our Readers

Local Citizens Speak Out On Issues

### Trustee resigns, apologizes

To the editor:

I have turned in my letter of resignation for the position of Maple Valley School Board Trustee. My resignation will take effect at close of business on June 5, 2009.

The reason for my resignation is at the end of October of 2008, my job in Michigan was moved out of state, so I had to find another job to support my family. My new job keeps me away from my duties as a Maple Valley School Board member. I have kept

the superintendent, Kim Kramer, informed of my situation.

I am sorry if I let people down, but I must think of my family first. I will continue to be a member of the community and support the staff and students of Maple Valley Schools.

Mark A. Wenger,  
Nashville

### Community News and Events

At Kalamo United Methodist Church  
On Saturday, June 20th

Bryce Feighner, pastor for the Kalamo United Methodist Church, invites the public to a special Saturday night service of worship, with music provided by "Pastor Tim and Karen Smothers."

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Visit the Web site often, since it is continually updated with new reward information.

The mission of the Tourism Council is to engage local and regional partners to create a dynamic and integrated approach to promote tourism and recreation that values local assets and contributes to the economic vitality of Barry County.

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# School board discusses budget options to fill holes

## Choices include privatization, eliminating elementary specials

by Amy Jo Parish  
Staff Writer

Facing a deficit and an unknown amount of state aid, the Maple Valley School Board worked to find solution to budget shortfalls at a public hearing and regular meeting of the board Monday evening.

Superintendent Kim Kramer began the public hearing portion of the meeting by explaining numbers in the budget.

"Starting out the year, we were \$800 and some odd thousands of dollars in the red. A few weeks ago we were \$172,000 in the red," said Kramer. "The best I can possibly tell you now is that we're \$143,494 still in the red for next year's budget."

The board will adopt a budget for the 2009-10 school year at its next meet-

ing on June 22. Kramer asked the board for direction on a list of possible cuts he had submitted for review.

The board already decided to not replace one custodial position vacated by a recent early leave incentive program. It also chose to reduce textbook and building supply budgets by 10 percent, take \$27,000 out of the technology supply budget and reduce one Title A teaching position.

Other options on the list submitted by Kramer included freezing administration salaries, eliminating the liaison police officer position, eliminating junior high sports, cut a half-time junior high counseling position, eliminate the elementary technology position and cutting extracurricular activities.

Privatizing non-instructional positions, including custodial and transportation employees also was on the list.

Kramer explained that the board asked at the May meeting for the administration to gather preliminary numbers concerning privatization. In the first year, due to contract obligations, the savings could total \$84,565 with \$198,969 in possible savings each year after.

The board must vote on a budget by July 1, the start of the district's fiscal year. Using the fund equity to balance the budget and raising

the pay-to-participate fee also were discussed. No decisions were made during the hearing on the budget.

In the regular meeting held after the public hearing, the board:

- Heard a report from Athletic Director Duska Brumm that Maple Valley has been chosen to host the district games for both girl's basketball and volleyball.

- Received official notification from Kramer that Bev Black, special education director, has submitted her official retirement paperwork. Due to the specific and demanding requirements of

the position, Kramer said a replacement should be sought for the vacancy.

- Unanimously voted to participate in the Schools of Choice program with no limit on the number of students allowed to join the district through the program.

- Approved a recommendation by the district school improvement committee to purchase new social studies curriculum textbooks for the third grade.

- Unanimously approved Balanced Literacy as the Fuller Street Elementary literacy curriculum. The program encourages students to

read through a variety of activities and level-appropriate reading materials.

- Discussed a report by Kramer concerning the possibility of the Eaton Intermediate School District hosting a Head Start program at Fuller Street Elementary.

The board moved into closed session to discuss collective bargaining agreements before adjourning. The board will meet again June 22 at 7 p.m. in the administration building, at which time they will adopt a final budget for the upcoming year.

# Library 'creativity' continues in Vermontville

The Vermontville Township Library's summer reading program, "Be Creative at Your Library" began June 9. Registration is recommended so that enough materials are available but is not required to participate. Patrons can join the program at any point throughout the summer.

The reading program is designed to encourage children to keep reading during the summer, to use the library and its resources, and to have fun. The summer-long program will run through Aug. 25. Pre-readers through age 14 are invited to

participate in the programs and reading challenges.

Participants will receive an activity packet for each month of the program, with required and optional reading activities. "Library Loot" will be earned for each activity completed in the packet. The "loot" can then be used at the auction for prizes donated by local business at the end of the program. Refreshments furnished with a donation from the Vermontville Women's Club will be served at all programs.

The schedule for this year's program is:

- June 16 — Movie: "Bedtime Stories."
- June 23 — Stormy the Clown: "Being Creative is Magic."
- June 30 — Movie: "E.T.

The Extra-Terrestrial."

July 7 — Imagine, Create, Participate.

July 14 — The Puzzle Palooza Show (funded in part by the Michigan Council for the Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Michigan Humanities Council).

July 21 — Castles in the Sand.

July 28 — Movie: "Muppet Treasure Island."

Aug. 4 — Movie: "Journey to the Center of the Earth."

Aug. 11 — Take Part in Art at the Library.

Aug. 18 Movie: "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang."

Aug. 25 — Prize Auction Wrap-Up Party.

Flyers with complete details on each program are available in the library.

A separate program is

geared toward teens 14 and over. The schedule for the teen program is:

June 18 — Tie Dye T-shirts.

June 25 — CD Scrapbook and Origami Fun.

July 9 — Art with Sue Trowbridge.

July 16 — Wii Music Night.

July 20 — Castles in the Sand.

Aug. 13 Drama Workshop.

Aug. 25 — Prize Auction Wrap-Up Party.

Program registration is encouraged but not required. All teen programs will begin at 6 p.m. in the library and last for about two hours.

For more information call 517-726-13612 or visit the library.

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## Nashville Car Show

### Saturday, June 20th

— Schedule of Events —

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9:00 a.m.	VFW Raising the Flag <i>In front of the Firebarns</i> FREE Blood Pressure Check <i>at ambulance station by Firebarns</i>
9:00 - 3:00	Bouncer for All Kids (FREE) <i>at the library</i> Book Sale and Face Painting <i>at the library</i> FREE Trolley Rides from Moo Ville to Mussers Gas Station - Every Half Hour FREE Pony Rides <i>at Moo Ville</i> FREE Horse Drawn Rides Around Village <i>in alley behind the Central Park</i> Bake Sale by Peace United Church <i>Central Park</i>
10:00 - 2:00	Barry County Police Finger Printing for Children (FREE) <i>down by the Firebarns</i>

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1:00	Firemans Waterball Competition <i>behind the stores on the west side</i>
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2:00	Trophy Winners are Announced and Give Away Large Door Prizes

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## Watch for motorcycles and scooters Monday

More motorcycles and scooters than usual are expected to be out Monday, June 15, for Ride to Work Day, and everyone is encouraged to share the road.

Ride to Work Day is an annual effort nationwide to heighten visibility and promote the benefits of motorcycling. It is sponsored by Ride to Work, a nonprofit, volunteer organization that advocates the use of motorcycles and scooters for transportation. Gas savings, less pollution and traffic congestion as well as minimal space needed for parking are just some of the advantages of two- and three-wheeled commuting promoted by the group.

"Motorcycling is a fun, cost-effective and practical means of transportation, and its popularity is growing," said Secretary of State Terri Lynn Land. "Ride to Work Day provides an additional

incentive for riders to take to the road. To keep everyone safe, motorists and motorcyclists must drive responsibly and share the road."

Land explained that it is important for drivers to keep alert for motorcyclists at all times, especially at intersections, when changing lanes and at night when crash risks are greater.

Motorcyclists are responsible for ensuring they have the proper gear, training and skills to ride and that their motorcycle is in good operating condition. A motorcycle endorsement is required to legally operate a motorcycle on Michigan roads.

To obtain an endorsement, riders must pass a written test and successfully complete a motorcycle safety class or a skills test given by a state-authorized third-party testing organization. The safety class is required for 16- and 17-year-olds as well

as for adults who fail the rider skills test twice.

The Department of State administers Michigan's Motorcycle Safety Program. It oversees the network of public and private training programs. The state has more than 530,000 licensed riders. Approximately 30,000 residents are expected to attend motorcycle training or complete a third-party skills test this year.

The first Ride Your Motorcycle to Work Day was observed July 22, 1992. More information can be found at [www.ridetowork.org](http://www.ridetowork.org).

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# Counties must stretch beach monitoring grants

by Casey Cheney  
Summer Intern

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality has announced that it will award water quality monitoring grants to 14 local agencies, including the Barry-Eaton District Health Department.

The local department received a total of \$8,030 for the 2009 and 2010 swimming seasons to monitor two local beaches and two state park beaches, the Gun Lake day beach and campground and Charlton Park in Barry County and at Fox Memorial Park in Eaton County.

According to Eric Pessell, director of the Barry-Eaton District Health Department, this figure, though similar to last year's grant, reflects a

reduction what the department was given last year. Last year, the department received about \$7,700 for the 2008 swimming season, while it received just over \$8,000 to last both 2009 and 2010.

"They never gave us a reason," he said in reference to the reduction. "We had to scramble and figure out how to turn it into a budget we can do."

Department of Environmental Quality toxicologist Shannon Briggs said the DEQ moved to a two-year budget in order to cut down on "time chasing paper." She said when they made this move, they boosted the budget from the normal \$100,000 to closer to \$200,000.

However, Briggs said two or three more agencies applied for the grants.

"We have more beaches monitored," she said. "But everybody is getting less."

Pessell said that while the department usually tests the beaches on a weekly basis, they will now test them bi-weekly.

"Typically, we start right before Memorial Day and finish after Labor Day," he said.

Now, however, the department will not begin testing the water until closer to the Fourth of July.

Pessell said in order to properly test a beach, water samples must be gathered from three different places on the beach. When the three beaches get tested, this adds

up to nine samples that must be sent to the lab. Costly lab fees force the department to limit how frequently the beaches are tested.

"When we did it weekly, it had a little more reality to what's going on at the beach," said Pessell.

He said he would like private funding to help keep the beaches safe and clean.

Still, Pessell said there

must be just the right conditions for a beach to close. Since 2004, the local department closed beaches only twice, and special circumstances caused those closings.

Briggs said she was unsure if the budget would increase in the future, as more agencies apply for these grants.

"It could go either way,"

she said. "There was one year that we got no money."

For more information or to access testing information throughout the summer, log on to

www.deq.state.mi.us/beach/public/default.aspx.

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

### Hearty Menu Monday, June 15

Chicken parmesan, noodles, asparagus, blueberry crisp, garlic bread.

### Tuesday, June 16

Roast turkey w/gravy, stuffing, sweet potatoes, green beans, orange.

### Wednesday, June 17

Grilled chicken, coleslaw, baked beans, peaches, bun.

### Thursday, June 18

Baked pollock, rice pilaf, Brussels sprouts, corn, tropical fruit.

### Friday, June 19

Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, harvard beans, fruited jello, wheat bread.

### Cold Menu Monday, June 15

Sliced roast beef, American cheese, coleslaw, peaches, wheat bread.

### Tuesday, June 16

Chicken salad, carrot raisin salad, pineapple, wheat bread.

### Wednesday, June 17

Sliced ham, Swiss cheese, potato salad, applesauce, wheat bread.

### Thursday, June 18

Tuna pasta salad, zesty tomato salad, fruited jello, dinner roll.

### Friday, June 19

Chicken Caesar salad, corn salad, cantaloupe, muffin.

### Activities Calendar

**Monday, June 15:** Hastings - Music with Sam; Crafts 10:30 a.m.; Card Making 12:30 p.m. H,W,N - Reminiscence.

**Tuesday, June 16:** Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.

GL - 10:30-12:30 Cards.

**Wednesday, June 17:** Hastings - Music with Sam; Red Hat Amish lunch; Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Bible Study 12:30 p.m. Delton - Reminiscence.

**Thursday, June 18:** Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Caregiver's Support 3:30 p.m.; Cancer Support 1 p.m. Nashville - TV Time.

Delton - Puzzles, Trivia.

**Friday, June 19 -** Hastings - Exercise 9 a.m.; Mixed Media Painting 9:30 a.m.; Father's Day Party 10:30 a.m. Woodland - Visiting, Nashville - Bingo.

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# Rolling Thunder riding into Lake Odessa June 27

## Vermontville resident to sing national anthem

On Saturday, June 27, the Rolling Thunder (Michigan Chapter 4) will be rolling into Lake Odessa for their seventh annual Enduring Freedom ride. The \$10 per person donation registration for riders will start at 9 a.m. at Spectators University located at 6432 Blue Star Highway in Saugatuck. Kickstands will be raised at 11 a.m. The ride raises funds for West Michigan veterans organizations.

The riders are scheduled to arrive at Swifty's Park in Lake Odessa around 1 p.m.

where a "Reading of the Names" ceremony will take place. Every fallen soldier's name from the state of Michigan who served during Operation Enduring Freedom will be read, followed by a 21-gun salute and a shadow rendition of "Taps."

Jaden Stewart from Vermontville will be singing the national anthem and the children's choir from Faith Christian School and Faith Bible Church in the Lakewood area will be singing "I Pledge My Life"

and "The Price of Freedom." Other singers will include Shannon Hughes from Lake Odessa, Rep. Brian Calley with singing partner Barry County Commissioner Michael Callton and the Harvest Community Church Praise Trio.

The Redemption Riders Mid-Michigan Chapter will be coordinating with the Lake Odessa Police Department on traffic logis-

tics for the event. The Lake Odessa VFW Post 4461, the American Legion Post 45 and Bugles Across America will also help in the day's events. A second panel to the Enduring Freedom Wall will be on display, which will list area men and women who have served in the military in any capacity during the duration of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The event also will feature

a special performance by America's Got Talent finalist Jessica Price from Freeport. She will be home from Nashville, Tenn., where she just finished recording her first CD.

"The event is our community's way to say, 'thank you' to those who serve, defend and protect our freedom—past and present," said organizer Pearl Goodemoot from the Lakewood Area

Chamber of Commerce.

Picnic tables will be set up in the park but people are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. The event is free to attend. Beverages, food and T-shirts will be for sale, with the proceeds going toward the cost of the Enduring Freedom Wall and the event.

For more information, contact Pearl Goodemoot at 616-902-7355.

## GOOD NEWS FROM THE PULPIT

### Old Glory and God's glory

Pastor Daniel E. Smith  
Vermontville Bible Church

Sunday, June 14, is Flag Day across our country. It is awesome to see so many homes and business displaying the American flag, not just on a day, but throughout the entire year. The Second Congressional Congress formally adopted the Stars and

Stripes as our national flag on June 14, 1777. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation establishing June 14 as Flag Day. In 1949, President Harry Truman signed legislation designating Flag Day as an annual national holiday.

The flag has a special significance to me since it reminds me of our nation's military and those who have sacrificed, fought and died to protect the freedom and liberty that we enjoy today.

A few years ago, I was called up to active duty as a chaplain and spent six months at Ft. Stewart, Ga., training with a combat infantry brigade, and then a year-long tour of duty in Iraq. I have experienced first-hand losing fellow soldiers in combat and understand what it is like being

separated from friends and loved ones for a year at a time. I am deeply grateful that they stand watch so that we all might enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

I am also deeply grateful for the sacrifice another made for me so that I might have life. John 3:16 says that God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, who came and died on the cross, who took my sin on Himself, that I might have forgiveness and eternal life and a relationship with God today.

Ephesians 2:8-9 reminds me that that forgiveness isn't because of who I am, or because of what I have done, it is because of what Jesus did for me on the cross. Eternal life is a gift of God, not as a result of our good works, whatever they may be. Romans 10:13 promises that whoever will call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. I asked the Lord to save me as a teenager many years ago. That offer is open to anyone who asks.

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## NOTICE

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future generations can also benefit as me and my family has over the years."

In previous years, along with ribbons, exhibitors received \$3 for each 'A' placing, \$2 for a 'B' and \$1 for each 'C' placing. According to the fair office, 552 4-H exhibitors and 124 open class exhibitors have registered with 8,708 class entries.

Kemper said that while the premium amount may not seem like a lot, it's the lesson behind the premium that is the most important aspect.

"You may wonder why it's important for a 4-Her to get \$3 for showing their animals that they raised all year long or for the cake they made the night before fair," explained Kemper. "It's a simple answer: it's a reward. Just

like we go to work every day and draw a paycheck. We are telling them that there are rewards for working and doing a good job."

Kemper said he is seeking contributions for both businesses and individuals, hoping the community will step up to help out the program and the youths who are part of it.

"I know it's not enough to

pay for a bag of grain to feed that goat or the wood for the woodworking project, but it's enough to say 'good job.' So, I have decided that I would make sure that I would do what I can to help say 'good job' to those 4-Hers," said Kemper. "It makes no difference if you only get one gift card or 10. It's the fact that you are willing to tell a youth 'good job.'"

Neal O'Bryant, superintendent of the draft horse, mule and pony open class show at the fair, also is seeking help with keeping this year's show running.

"The young people of today need all of the help they can get, and by showing, pulling and working with the draft horses, mules and ponies, they can understand that food goes from the field, to the grocery stores and then to our tables. Keeping the draft horse, mule and pony

open class show at the Eaton County 4-H Fair going is one way to help our future adults," wrote O'Bryant in a letter he distributed to local businesses and individuals.

For more information or to contribute, contact Kemper at Kevin530@yahoo.com or call the fair office at 517-543-4510.

## Write us a letter!

The Maple Valley News welcomes letters to the editor from readers, but there are a few conditions that must be met before they will be published. The requirements are:

- All letters must be signed by the writer, with address and phone number provided for verification. All that will be printed is the writer's name and community of residence. We do not publish anonymous letters, and names will be withheld at the editor's discretion for compelling reasons only.
- Letters that contain statements that are libelous or slanderous will not be published.
- All letters are subject to editing for style, grammar and sense.
- Letters that serve as testimonials for or criticisms of for-profit businesses will not be accepted.
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- Letters that include attacks of a personal nature will not be published or will be edited heavily.
- "Crossfire" letters between the same two people on one issue will be limited to one for each writer.
- In an effort to keep opinions varied, there is a limit of one letter per person per month.
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### MAPLE VALLEY SCHOOLS NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED 2009-2010 BUDGET

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on June 22, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School Cafeteria 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.

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Andrea Montgomery, Secretary

## Water Quality Report for Village of Nashville June 2009

This report covers the drinking water quality for the Village of Nashville for the calendar year 2008. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water we provided to you in 2008. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

The water we supply you comes from three groundwater wells located on Sherman Street and Water Alley. The state of Michigan will be performing an assessment of our source water by 2009. We will inform you how to get a copy of this assessment report when it becomes available.

#### Contaminants and their presence in water:

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

#### Vulnerability of sub-populations:

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

#### Sources of Drinking Water:

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and in some cases, radioactive materials, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

#### Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural operations and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agricultural and urban storm water runoff.
- Radioactive Contaminants**, which may be naturally occurring or the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can, also, come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations which limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

The attached table lists all drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2008 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 - December 31, 2008. The state allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

#### Terms and abbreviations used in the table:

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLG's allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCL's are set as close to the MCLG's as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- N/A:** Not applicable
- ND:** Not detectable at testing limit
- ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter
- ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter
- pCi/l:** Pico curies per liter (a measure of radiation)
- Action level:** The concentration of a contaminant, which if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which water systems must follow.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of disinfectant is necessary for the control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfection Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLG's do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

Regulated Samples Collected from the Wells or Plant Tap						
Contaminant	Our Highest Water Results	MCL	MCLG	Date	Violation Yes or No	Likely Source of Contaminant
Fluoride (mg/l)	0.21	4	4	7/21/08	No	Water additive which promotes strong teeth; Erosion of natural deposits.
Arsenic* (ug/l)	3 ppb	10	10	7/21/08	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Runoff from orchards, and glass & electronics production waste.
Barium (mg/l)	0.132	2	2	2/23/00	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Discharge of drilling waste, and from metal refineries.
Nitrate	n/d	10	10	7/21/08	No	Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching of septic tanks, run off from fertilizer.
* These arsenic values are effective January 23, 2006. Until then, the MCL is 50 ppb and there is no MCLG.						
Radiological Contaminants Sampled from the Wells or Plant Tap						
Gross Alpha (IRP # 1 & # 2) pCi/l	<3	15	0	7/28/03	No	Erosion of natural deposits from certain minerals that are radioactive.
Radium 226/228 (IRP # 1 & # 2) pCi/l	<1	5	0	7/28/03	No	Erosion of natural deposits.
** Unregulated Samples Collected from the Wells or Plant Tap						
Sodium (mg/l)	35	NA	NA	3/19/07	NA	Erosion of natural deposits.
Haloacetic Acids (ug/l)	0.001	NA	NA	11/23/03	NA	Drinking water disinfection.
** Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.						
Regulated Samples Collected from the Distribution System						
Maximum Residual Disinfectant (Chlorine) Level (mg/l)	.50 avg. (range 0 - 2.20)	4	4	2008	No	Water additive used to control microbes.
Total Trihalomethanes (ug/l)	21ppb	80	NA	8/30/07	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
Haloacetic Acids (ug/l)	ND	60	NA	8/30/07	N/A	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection.
More Regulated Samples Collected from the Distribution System						
Contaminant	90th Percentile of Our Water	Action Level (AL)	# of sites over the Action Level (AL)	Date	Typical source of contaminant	
Lead (ug/l)	2ppb	15	0	8/28/05	Corrosion of Household plumbing; Erosion of natural deposits.	
Copper (ug/l)	456	1300	0	2/28/05		
Bacteriological Samples Collected from the Distribution System						
Contaminant	Our # Detected	MCL	MCLG	Violation Yes or No	Typical source of contaminant	
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	1 positive monthly sample (or 5% of monthly samples positive)	0	No	Naturally present in the environment.	

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# State offices will close six days this summer

The Department of Management and Budget has announced that most Michigan state government offices will be closed for six days this summer to accommodate the temporary, unpaid furlough of state

employees. State offices will be closed Friday, June 19; Monday, July 6; Friday, July 24; Friday, Aug. 7; Friday, Aug. 21; and Friday, Sept. 4.

The closures will apply to all general offices and services in state govern-

ment. Public notice of the closures is being provided so citizens can plan accordingly and avoid inconvenience.

Some state services, including those vital to public health and safety,

are not impacted. Services that will be maintained without interruption are Michigan State Police road patrols, correctional facilities, state psychiatric hospitals, veterans' homes and

youth facilities, emergency human services programs, and the Unemployment Insurance Agency.

An executive order issued by the governor and approved by the House and Senate appropriations committees in May, mandates the unpaid furlough days to help eliminate the state's current budget deficit.

The unpaid furlough days will save the state \$21.7 million before Sept. 30, the end of the state's fiscal year. Approximately 37,400 state employees will be furloughed for the six days while another 15,500 are exempt to maintain public health and safety services.

## Emerald ash borer insecticide guide now available

Homeowners, arborists and tree care specialists nationwide now have a comprehensive guide on emerald ash borer (EAB) control. This insect pest feeds under the bark and has killed tens of millions of ash trees in Michigan and northern Ohio alone.

Insecticide Options for Protecting Ash Trees from Emerald Ash Borer, written by research specialists from Michigan State University, Ohio State University, Purdue University, the University of Wisconsin and the University of Illinois, is available online at [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info). Printed copies will be available within the next month.

"This guide is the result of years of research on EAB and potential options for protecting landscape ash trees. It provides the most up-to-date information on insecticides that can be used to combat this pest,

as well as what to consider before treating ash trees," said Deborah McCullough, MSU forest entomologist. "The guide is a collaborative effort to bring the best knowledge we have to people living in areas with EAB."

"Our understanding of how EAB can be managed successfully with insecticides has increased substantially in recent years," said lead author Dan

Hermes, an entomologist with the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center (OARDC) and OSU Extension. "There are effective treatments available for both professionals and do-it-yourselfers, including some that are applied in the soil, injected in the trunk of the tree or sprayed on the trunk, branches or foliage."

Since it was discovered in 2002 in the Detroit area, EAB has been found in 12 states (most recently Kentucky) and two Canadian provinces. It continues to kill tens of millions of ash trees. Because the pest was virtually unknown outside its native Asia before 2002, scientists have been scrambling to find out all they could about the pest and the best ways to control it.

"People still want to know if they can either save or protect their ash trees from EAB," said David Smitley, MSU Extension entomologist. "The information in this guide should be very helpful for those dealing with EAB or contemplating what to do as infestations are found in their area."

The guide includes frequently asked questions, information on insecticide products available for EAB

control and how to use them, and a summary of results from studies that tested the effectiveness of the various insecticides. The guide also presents key points to consider and recommendations for dealing with EAB.

"As EAB infestations continue to be found, it's important for everyone to realize that North America could lose its entire ash resource — that's at least 15 ash species," McCullough said. "Though insecticides can effectively protect valuable ash trees in the landscape, billions of ash trees in U.S. forests will not be treated. These trees will eventually be killed by EAB. To help slow the spread of EAB, we encourage people to buy their firewood locally, burn it completely before leaving a campsite and avoid transporting ash firewood."

## VBS at Maple Grove Bible Church

Vacation Bible School at Maple Grove Bible Church will begin Monday, June 22, at 9:30 a.m.

"Born to Die" is the theme of the school this year, with Bible lessons telling who Jesus is and why He came into this world.

Children ages 4 through 12th grade are invited to the sessions from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday. Parents and friends are invited to the closing program which will be presented Friday, June 26, at 6:30 p.m.

The church is located five miles south of Nashville on M-66 and a half mile east on Cloverdale Road.

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# Lions' Thurlby will represent MI at Midwest Meet today

Maple Valley's Nick Thurlby and Hastings' Ryan Burgdorf, recent high school graduates, will be a part of Team Michigan at the 2009 Midwest Meet of Champions this Saturday (June 13) in Jackson.

Thurlby is slated to run in the 300-meter intermediate hurdle race. He is the top seed from Michigan competing in the event, and placed third at the Division 3 Track and Field Finals in the race, while also earning medals for a fourth place finish in the 110-meter high hurdles, and with the state champion 1600-meter relay team from Maple Valley and the third place 800-meter relay team.

Thurlby's Team Michigan counterparts in the 300-meter hurdles will be Wayne Memorial's Renaldo Powell and Milford's Kyle Podvin, who both earned medals in the event at the Division 1 Track and Field Finals.

The plan is for Burgdorf to run in the 4x200-meter relay along with Rochester Adams Aaron Taylor, Southfield's Niko Richey, and East Kentwood's Christian Jessie. Taylor was the Division 1 200-meter dash champion this year, running a time of 21.91 seconds at the Track and Field Finals. Richey placed second and Jessie was fourth in the event at the Division 1 Finals. Burgdorf was the second place finisher in Division 2, and also placed second in the 100 and sixth in the 400.

The meet, which includes teams from Michigan, Indiana, and Ohio, will be held in Jackson's Withington



Nick Thurlby

Stadium. Field events start at noon with the men's pole vault. Track events begin at 1 p.m. with the women's 3,200-meter relay.

Each state will have three entries in the 13 individual men's and women's events and one entry in the four relay races. The top six finishers in individual events will score points on a 10-8-6-4-2-1 basis. The scoring system for the relays will award

10 points for first place, six for second and two for third. Admission is \$5.

The Midwest Meet of Champions is one of the longest running postseason high school track meets in the nation. It began in 1974 and several of its alumni have won medals at the Olympic Games or World championships. Earl Jones, Brian Diemer, Jim Spivey and Maicel Malone.

# Nashville VFW hosting benefit dinner tonight

The Nashville VFW will hold a fundraiser taco dinner Saturday, June 13, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. to benefit a Michigan soldier through the Homes for Our Troops program.

Homes for Our Troops, with the help of many local individuals and organizations, recently completed a home in Barry County for injured Marine Cpl. Josh Hoffman. That home was the first in the state of Michigan.

The Nashville veterans group is now planning to raise funds for the state's second home, one for Army Spec. David Knapp of Shelby Township, who while on his final mission before going on leave, lost both legs after an improvised explosive device exploded near him in March 2008.

Though neither the home nor the soldier are local, the Nashville VFW still feels the program, which builds homes for wounded military personnel, is important.

"It's an organization that we feel is worth supporting," said Dennis Mapes, senior vice commander of the Nashville VFW. "We're always there to support our troops, especially the dis-

abled." Tickets for the dinner are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children 12 and under. The VFW is located at 304 S. State St., Nashville.

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