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Local youth earns spot in national competition



Rehearsing her sermon, Amy Ruedisueli prepares for national competition. Her sermon and performance earned her a spot from among 100 contestants. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Amy Ruedisueli has talked her way into winning. The ninth grade student at Maple Valley High School has earned a spot in a national competition for a sermon she wrote and presented. Ruedisueli was one of about 100 contestants who took part in the fine arts festival through the Assembly of God church organization.

The state level of competition took place in Grand Rapids, and Ruedisueli was the last one to compete during a full weekend of entries. Being the last to present worked out to her advantage since most of the crowd had already left for the day.

"All of the others left except those from my church, so the only new people there were the judges,

and that made it a lot easier," said Ruedisueli.

Michigan youths could enter a variety of events, including drama, vocal solos or instrumental solos. Ruedisueli said she wanted to compete last year but decided to wait until this year when she would be 13 and have a whole year to put together her presentation.

"I was interested in doing a sermon because I want to be a missionary when I grow up, so it's good preparation for what I want to do," said Ruedisueli.

Though she did have a mild case of the butterflies before the competition, she said rehearsing the piece helped calm her nerves.

"I wasn't really nervous that much because I had already preached it tons in church," said Ruedisueli.

Glenn Branham, pastor at Ruedisueli's home church, the Nashville Assembly of God, said the competition is "designed to hone the skills of ministry for young people."

Ruedisueli will be traveling to Orlando in August to compete against nearly 300 other contestants. To help raise funds for the trip, she will be hosting a car wash today at the Nashville Fire Barn from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

In the state competition, contestants were given a specific theme to write about. This year's theme was "extraordinary." She chose to write about the first missionary, Paul and the mother of Jesus, Mary. She titled her sermon, "Extraordinarily Ordinary" and used the stories from the lives of Paul

and Mary to illustrate how God can use ordinary people to do extraordinary things.

"Here's Mary. An angel comes and speaks to her, tells her she's been chosen among many to give birth to Jesus," paraphrased Ruedisueli. "She's close to my age, and there are angels coming to her and saying 'you're going to have God's son' — that's pretty cool."

Branham said he is eager to see how Ruedisueli will perform at the national event but couldn't be prouder of the accolades she has already received.

"I think it's wonderful," said Branham. "I'm excited for her. She stands a really good chance of representing Nashville very well."

Local teens spend summer helping others



The Nashville Assembly of God group poses with the Thomas family and others during a trip to Macedonia. The group of teens included Amy Ruedisueli, Klista Gilean, Deseray DePyper, Zachary Branham, Autumn Branham, Daniel Beard, Amelia Angus, Kristen Bulow, Audrey Potter (assistant youth pastor) and Karen Branham (youth pastor).

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

While most teenagers may have been lounging at the pool or hanging out with friends, a group of youths from Nashville spent part of their summer helping others on a recent trip to Macedonia.

The teenagers, all part of the Nashville Assembly of God, took two weeks out of their summer to help the community of Skopje, the capital of Macedonia.

The teens spent time holding vacation Bible school with gypsy children from the area, renovating a classroom

and working in a soup kitchen, among other activities. The teens worked with the Thomas family who are from Michigan and now serve as missionaries in that south-central European country.

"We all loved working with the children, and the missionaries were awesome," said Autumn Branham, one of the teens.

Karen Branham is the youth pastor at the church and said the trip helped open some of the teenagers' minds about the world and the economic situations of other countries.

"Sometimes it is hard to remember how easy we have

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Summerfest ready to take over downtown Vermontville



The Vermontville Summerfest is slated for Aug. 8 and will feature a variety of activities throughout the day. A waterball contest by the local fire department, motorcycle games, live music and children's games are just a few of the events planned. This year, the car and motorcycle show will take place on Main Street to give spectators a better opportunity to look over the hot rods and custom rides. Above, Chelsea Hale and Clayton Beers check out some of the entries in last year's show. Look in next week's *Maple Valley News* for more information on the event.

Local 10-year-old sinks hole-in-one



Drew Allen of Nashville sunk his first hole-in-one at Mulberry Fore Golf Course recently.

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Drew Allen of Nashville has achieved a feat most golfers can only dream of. On a recent trip to the Mulberry Fore Golf Course in Nashville, Drew sunk a hole-in-one shot on Hole 17.

"A hole-in-one is exceptional for any golfer at any age, but for a 10-year-old, it is extraordinary," said Mulberry Fore Owner Marcia Kinney. "Many golfers go their whole life without scoring a hole-in-one. We're very proud of Drew, who is a member along with his brother Troy and sister Carlee, and of course their dad, Bob Allen."

A 96-yard, par three hole, No. 17 features severe slopes and hills on either side of the

green, a fairway that runs downhill and a grass bunker next to the green.

After the ball dropped into the cup, the phone lines were busy, said Drew's mother, Teresa.

"He was so excited. The group ahead of them saw the shot, and the phone calls began," said Teresa. "I was called at work, the grandparents were called and any of our friends who golf."

Drew received a new set of clubs for Christmas last year and spends time each week on the course with his dad and siblings. The fifth grade student at Maplewood Elementary has been playing since he was 3 and said the hole-in-one helped make his "best game ever."

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Influenza-related death of Eaton county resident reported

A resident of Eaton County has died from complications of pandemic influenza, reported the Barry-Eaton District Health Department. The health department extends its sympathy to the family and friends for the loss of their loved one.

The United States is in an influenza pandemic, a worldwide epidemic due to a novel influenza virus. Currently, influenza illness is waning in the community. However, influenza activity is expected to increase with resumption of school this fall.

Influenza is spread from person to person, primarily in droplets from coughing or sneezing. Droplets do not remain suspended in the air and generally travel only a short distance (less than six feet).

Influenza causes fever, as well as cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose,

body aches, headache, chills and fatigue. Diarrhea and vomiting also have been reported with this virus. Influenza should be considered in someone with the abrupt onset of a fever and sore throat or cough. Individuals may spread the flu to others for up to seven days after they become sick.

To guard against influenza, individuals should:

- Get vaccinated against seasonal influenza. Vaccines are expected to be available in September.
- Get vaccinated against pandemic influenza. Currently, vaccine is being tested and may be available in limited supply this fall, initially for persons at risk for complications or for persons likely to spread flu to at-risk persons.
- Cover up when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash hands, especially after coughing or sneezing.

• Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth since germs spread that way.

• Stay home for seven days after symptoms begin.

Anyone who becomes ill with influenza should seek medical attention if they are at risk for influenza complications. Conditions that increase risk for complications include:

- Age younger than 5 years old and 65 and older.
- Chronic lung problems, such as asthma or emphysema.
- Chronic heart (except high blood pressure), kidney or liver disease.
- Chronic blood disorders such as sickle cell anemia.
- Diabetes.
- Immuno-suppression, including HIV-related dis-

ease or caused by medications such as steroids

• Compromised lung function and conditions that increase the risk for aspiration

• Troubles handling respiratory secretions due to problems such as seizures

• Pregnancy

• Long-term aspirin therapy for diseases such as arthritis.

Most persons with influenza have mild illness and do not need medical attention. However, urgent medical attention should be sought for children with:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing.
- Bluish or gray skin color.
- Not drinking enough fluids.
- Severe or persistent

vomiting.

• Not waking up or not interacting.

• Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held.

• Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough.

In adults, emergency warning signs that need urgent medical attention include:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath.
- Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen.
- Sudden dizziness.
- Confusion.
- Severe or persistent vomiting.
- Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough.

Anti-viral medications are available to reduce the duration and severity of influenza. Antivirals are most effective when started early (within 48 hours of the onset of symptoms). Do not use aspirin-containing products for persons 18 years old and younger because of the risk for a disease called Reye syndrome.

Antivirals also are recommended to prevent influenza infection in persons at risk for complications and who have lived with or cared for a person suspected of having influenza.

Additional information about pandemic novel influenza A is available at www.cdc.gov/h1n1flu.

Baseline United Methodist turns 100

by Linda Jo Scott

The Baseline United Methodist Church in Assyria Township will mark its 100th anniversary with a special celebration Aug. 1 and 2.

On Saturday afternoon, festivities will include food, fun and fellowship. Sunday at 10 a.m., a special service will be held with Methodist Bishop Sharon Rader speaking.

Rader has a special connection with this small country church — she was its first woman pastor from 1978 to 1981.

The original church building, which was completed, debt-free, in 1909, burned to the ground in May of 1943. The stone bell tower, which had been added just three years earlier, was an independent structure and survived the blaze.

Despite the devastating fire, various members of the church were determined that the its services and Sunday school classes continue without interruption, and 35 members came to a nearby country school building for worship and religious education.

The present church building was completed in less than two

years. Since that time, a new sanctuary, with a spacious entry, and kitchen and dining facilities have been added.

In 1994, another fire ignited from a lightning strike while during remodeling. That fire destroyed the new roof.

Kenneth Struin, 87, is one of the congregation's oldest members.

"He came here and sat on his mother's knee," said Jan Vandlen, Centennial Committee chairperson.

Struin remembers when the church used to have paper drives to get money to purchase fuel for the old coal furnace. He also remembers outside restrooms, a shed in back for horses, an ice house for ice gathered from nearby Loon Lake in the winter, and a Delco Light Plant because there was no rural electrification.

He said his fondest memories, however, are eating chicken suppers at the church and helping make ice cream in five-gallon hand-freezers — and then, best of all, getting to lick the paddles.

Among the most beautiful features of the present church,



Baseline United Methodist Church will celebrate its 100th anniversary Aug. 1 and 2. (Photo by David Vandlen.)

besides the old stone bell tower, are the stained glass windows and chandeliers made by long-time member, David Vandlen.

In recent years, the Baseline Church has been affiliated with the Bellevue United Methodist Church, sharing its pastor and joining together for vacation Bible school classes and other special programs.

"This church has had two extensive fires, but it's also the fire within the church that has rebuilt it every time," said current pastor, Rev. Virginia Heller. "The faith and the power of prayer in this little church has always

amazed me, and I have no doubt that 100 years from now, no matter how many fires hit, this church will still be alive and burning with God's light."

Baseline United Methodist Church is located at 9617 Baseline Road, approximately five miles southwest of Bellevue.

A hard-bound book with color photos of the church's history will be available for \$30 at the celebration. For more information about this book and about the celebration itself, contact Jan Van Vandlen at 269-962-9394 or e-mail her at janvandlen@yahoo.com.

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it here at home until we travel to other places in the world," said Karen Branham. The trip gave Amy Ruedisueli a new perspective on life and the luxuries that often are taken for granted in America.

"They're (the children) happy, no matter what," said Ruedisueli. "There's garbage lining the streets, and they always have a smile on their face." Even in the face of economic hardship, Autumn

Branham said God's love was demonstrated each day in their work with the children, and the faith of one local Christian family has helped them overcome difficult circumstances. "The dad of this Christian

family had a brain tumor, and the doctors told him he didn't have long to live," recalled Autumn Branham. "He said, 'I believe God will heal me.' Though he still has the tumor, he is no longer showing any symptoms, and the doctor's say there's no way he should be alive. That family lives totally on God's provision."

On the last day of their trip, the group set a record at the soup kitchen, serving 128 children, the most the kitchen has ever served. The trip gave some in the group a desire to serve in the missions field again and possibly even work in Macedonia.

"Macedonia was awesome," said Ruedisueli. "It was a life-changing experience. It's hard to put it all in words. I would go back in a heartbeat."

The group spent the six months prior to the trip rais-



Local children would gather outside the gate an hour before the soup kitchen opened to get in line for their food.

ing the funds to cover the costs. Karen Branham said the support and contributions from the community made the trip possible.

"We couldn't have done it without everyone buying cookie dough, baked goods, hot dogs, coming to the car washes and yard sales," said

Karen. "For most of the teens, it was the first time they had left the country. For some, it was the first time they had flown. God was with us and kept us safe. We had a great time. I was so proud of all these teens."



Along with vacation Bible school and working at the soup kitchen, teens spend time playing games with local children.

Vermontville Township Library ves grant

The Vermontville Township Library has received a grant from the Libri Foundation's Books for Children Program.

The Libri Foundation is a nationwide nonprofit organization that donates new children's books to small, rural public libraries in the United States. The foundation, by matching funds raised by local sponsors, enables a library to obtain children's books beyond their normal book budgets. The foundation encourages support of local Friends of the Library and other groups because it believes in community involvement and wants to encourage and reward local support of libraries. The foundation will match any

the sponsors from \$50 to \$350 on a two-to-one ratio. The matching funds cannot come from the library budget.

The Vermontville Township Library committed to raise \$350, and has received \$1,050 in children's books. The library has also received an additional \$350 worth of math and science books, for a total award of \$1,400. In March, the library asked its patrons to act as the sponsors required to raise the necessary funds. Through an adopt-a-book plan, donations, and the help of the Vermontville First Congregational Church LCA Group, the goal was met. The books have arrived, and are now available for patrons to check out. The following titles are part of this new collection:

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Winner, Dinosaurs by Thomas R. Holtz, Diving to a Deep-Sea Volcano by Kenneth Mallory, The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins, Full House by Dayle Ann Dodds, Girls Think of Everything by Catherine Thimmesh, It's Probably Penny by Loreen

Leedy, Mapping Penny's World by Loreen Leedy, Measuring Penny by Loreen Leedy, My Little Sister Ate One Hare by Bill Grossman, Nanotechnology by Rebecca L. Johnson, One Hundred Hungry Ants by Elinor J. Pinczes, Where in the Wild? by David M. Schwartz.

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Putnam hosts philanthropy program

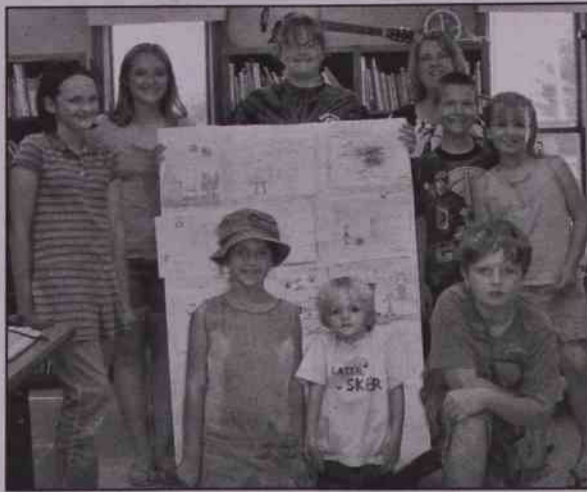
During a recent visit to Putnam District Library, representatives from the Barry Community Foundation discussed youth philanthropy and its impact on members of a community.

Bonnie Hildreth, president and CEO of the foundation, described philanthropy as "the giving of one's time, treasure or talent." The children in attendance suggested ways they give to those in their community, at home, at school, at the library and to other organizations.

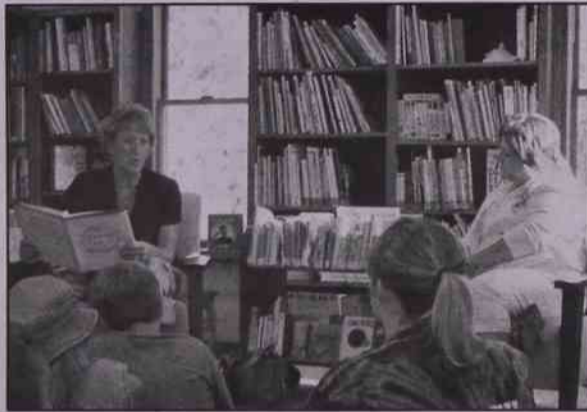
Foundation board member Karen Heath read a story from a book titled *Circle of Giving*. The story illustrated how the gift of a doll passed from one homeless child to another helped to ease the children's pain.

Hildreth also shared a story of how one young man in Barry County asked for donations to Green Gables Haven in place of birthday gifts and raised nearly \$700 for the organization.

Following a time of stories and sharing, library director



Joining library director Shauna Swantek are the creators of Putnam Library's Giving Quilt, including Zebadiah, Syddona, Hannah, McKenna, Brielle, and Will Hammond and Alexis and Billy Nelson.



Barry Community Foundation representatives Bonnie Hildreth and Karen Heath share stories from the book *Circle of Giving*.

Shauna Swantek assisted the children in creating a "giving quilt." Those in attendance created a square with an image depicting a way in which they give of their time, talent or treasure. The squares were then combined onto one large sheet of paper in a quilt-like fashion. The giving quilt is hanging in the children's room of the library.

The library staff hopes to collect more squares and enlarge the quilt before returning it to the Barry Community Foundation for display at its annual gathering in the fall. Those interested in creating an image of giving are encouraged to stop by the library and participate. For more information about BCF and how to become involved, visit www.barrycf.org or call 269-945-0526.

Area Obituaries

William R. Bruce

HASTINGS - William "Bill" R. Bruce, age 76, of Hastings passed away Friday, July 17, 2009 at his home.

Bill was born in Nashville, on April 22, 1933, to the late George and Zula (Walker) Bruce. He was raised in the Nashville area and attended local schools.

Bill served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps, where he was decorated with several medals and was honorably discharged in 1954.

He was the husband of Marlene (Tilburt) Bruce. The couple was married on January 5, 1952 in Marion, Indiana.

After Bill returned from the Marine Corps the couple made their home together in the Hastings area where they raised their family.

Bill was employed at the Viking Corporation in Hastings for 31 years, where he served as president of Local 5965 for over a decade.

Bill loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing. He especially enjoyed the family camping trips, which led them all over the United States. One year they camped throughout the state of Michigan in an effort to visit every waterfall in the state.

Bill also served as Scoutmaster for Troop 74, where he led four members of his troop, including two of his sons, to Eagle Scout.

He was also very passionate about Native American culture, American History, and country music.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife, Marlene; three daughters, Vickie Gregory (and Martin Landes),



Melinda (Tim) DeMarse, Joan Bruce (and Diane Norton); three sons, Robert (Bonnie) Bruce, Jeff (Kathy) Bruce, William II (Angela) Bruce; his brother Jay Bruce; four sisters-in-law; two brothers-in-law; 22 grandchildren; 29 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were two brothers, six sisters, one sister-in-law, and son-in-law, David Gregory.

Funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 21, 2009 at the Daniels Funeral Home, Nashville, with Pastor Robert Tilburt II officiating. Interment took place immediately following the funeral service at Fuller Cemetery, Hastings.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested memorial contributions be made to American Diabetes Association and Welcome Corners United Methodist Church.

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

Summer reading program to wrap up Monday

Putnam District Library in Nashville will host its final Monday event of the summer on July 27 at 11 a.m. The library is holding everyone "a place in the choir." Bring a vocal instrument to the library and help make some noise.

The library reminds its summer reading participants that this year's program ends

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Frisbee dogs to fly in Sunfield

The Flying Aces Frisbee Dog Show will perform at 11 a.m. Monday, Aug. 3, in Sunfield's village park. It is free to any Lakewood area child or adult, no registration is required.

Performing will be Ulysses the Frisbee Dog of the Flying Aces Show. The Flying Aces were founded by Brian Hayes more than 20 years ago, and they continue to perform for audiences around the world. They have put on shows in all 50 states as well as other countries including Canada, Puerto Rico and Saudi Arabia. They have appeared on numerous local and national TV spots, performed at national athletic events, including MSU and Detroit Pistons games, and have been profiled in newspaper articles across the country.



Ulysses, the Frisbee Dog, will be at the Sunfield park 11 a.m. Monday Aug. 3. The free show is open for all.

The show will last approximately 45 minutes. The park, located at the corner of Second Street and Logan in the village of Sunfield, offers parking and bathroom facilities. Inquiries about the event can be made by calling the Sunfield District Library during open hours, at 517-566-8065. The library is open Tuesday through Friday, 2 p.m. to 8 p.m.; Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The show is sponsored by the library's Friends group, which holds fundraisers and accepts donations throughout

the year to fund summer such as this. reading activities and events

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Nashville Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on August 20, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

SUBJECT: The purpose of this hearing is to hear public discussion on a request for enforcement of the Zoning Ordinance — doing business in a residentially zoned district (section 14.05, section 23.14, section 23.15), Ordinances 10-8-1981 (Junk Yard Ordinance) and Ordinance 10-9-1986 (Storage of dismantled vehicles) at 424 Kellogg Street.

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Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. on August 7, 2009. All bids are to be clearly marked bus bid and sent to Kim Kramer, Superintendent of Schools, Maple Valley Schools, 11090 Nashville Highway, Vermontville, MI 49096.

The board will act upon the bids at their regular meeting to be held August 10, 2009. The board reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and is not bound to accept the low bid.

Buses may be inspected at our bus garage by contacting Pat Powers at 517-852-9421

Social News



Broersma/Meek

Marlin and Karla Broersma of Middleville announce the engagement of their daughter, Krystle Voogt to Seth Meek, the son of Jim and Becki Meek of Hastings.

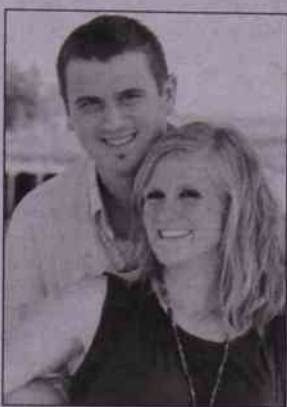
The bride-elect is a 2005 graduate of home schooling and currently owns her own business.

The groom-elect is a 2004 graduate of Barry County Christian School and is currently employed with Meek Construction.

An outdoor wedding is being planned for Aug. 22, 2009.

Garage Sale

VERMONTVILLE: Huge book sale. 100's old, new, hardcover, paperbacks, miscellaneous items. August 8th, 9am-6pm, 212 W. Third Street.



Tobias-Boness

Mr. and Mrs. Kendall Tobias of Hastings are excited to announce the engagement of their daughter Sarah Jane Tobias to Andrew Michael Boness, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Boness of Carmel, Indiana.

The future bride is a 2005 graduate of Barry County Christian School and a 2008 graduate of Cornerstone University, Grand Rapids. She works in Grand Rapids as a nanny.

The future groom is a 2006 graduate of South Christian High School and attended Grand Rapids Community College and is now employed by Owens and Minars in Kentwood.

Vows will be exchanged Aug. 2nd at Bay Pointe In.

The happy couple will reside in Kentwood. Our love story is a prayer story.

Good News from the Pulpit Smile for the Camera

Rev. Cathy Christman
Nashville UMC

I love to take pictures. Whenever I am out at the Center of Hope or down at the church, I often have a camera in my hand or within reach. I love to capture images of God's children at work, play and rest. I love to watch as we worship and give thanks for some of the wonderful things that God has done for us.

What fascinates me the most is how all the pictures, when they are put together, paint a larger picture of God at work in our world. These photos create a beautiful tapestry that is us at our best. There are pictures of our kids at play in VBS next to pictures of volunteers from local churches. There are images of our neighbors next to pictures of adult disciples. Each of these images captures different times and places.

Whether it is something as simple as a freshly opened flower or a picture of a friend creatively working on an art project, each image captures something special. Every picture is unique. These images are as unique as we are. Each of us is very different. We all have different gifts and graces. We all have different things we like to do at work, at play and even at church. Like the pictures I take with my camera, when we all gather as believers, we are completing the whole picture.

Very often you will hear the words the "hands and feet of Christ." We, as believers, are called to be servants. We are called to work together to show and be Christ to all in our midst. Each of us brings our own unique talents and gifts to complete the picture. When we work together, using that which is near and dear to us, we make the image of Christ whole. In Acts 2, Scripture says, "They devoted themselves to the apostles, teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. All the believers were together and had everything in common."

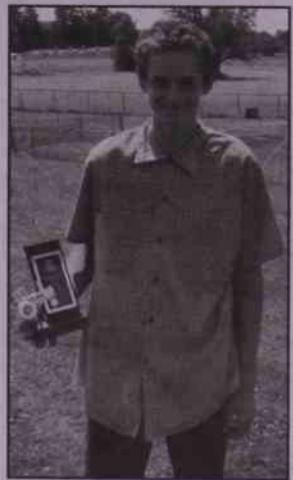
For someone who might not know Christ like we do, we paint a picture of wholeness and peace that is found in Christ. We paint a picture of joy and grace that is given to us by God through Christ. Each of us, special with our own talents, completes an image of hope and reconciliation. Now, each time you look at a picture or greet your neighbor during the passing of the peace in church, smile because you know that you are greeting your brother or sister in faith. You are being a photographer or an artist and completing a picture of hope and joy. You are a shining example of Christ in this world.

Maple Valley FFA visits Michigan Ag Expo

Maple Valley FFA members Jennifer Porter, Nicole Porter, Matthew Scott and Eric Scott along with FFA Advisor Aaron Saari and Bill and Norm Porter visited the Michigan Ag Expo on the campus of Michigan State University Tuesday, July 21.

Eric Scott participated in the State FFA Tractor Driving Contest and placed fourth in the state of Michigan in the junior division. The contest consisted of taking a 50-point safety test along with driving a single-axle trailer through an obstacle course.

The FFA members had the chance to visit with representatives of several agricultural companies. The members said they found the experience to be educational and valuable, said Saari.



Maple Valley FFA member Eric Scott won fourth place in the tractor driving contest at the Michigan Ag Expo this week.

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July 17, 2009

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Crunch Classic winners announced



The Crunch Classic, a golf tournament held in memory of Tony Dunkelberger, raised nearly \$3,000 for the scholarship fund. The scholarship will be given through the Maple Valley Memorial Scholarship Foundation in Dunkelberger's name. The team of (from left) Mike Desrochers, Ray Garvey, Brandon Garvey and Tony Joostberns dons its finery to be able to swing from the ladies' tees and took home first place at the event.

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Local church celebrates six decades

by Nick Smith

Maple Valley News Intern
It can be difficult for something to continue with the same purpose for even one year. Vermontville Bible Church, however, has continued for 60 years with the same goal — missions.

"It's been missionary-minded since Day One," said Lillian Brown of Nashville, who has attended the church

all 60 years.

"In 1949... we started in the opera house," Brown recalled. "It was cold and dreary — not very clean back then. We had a small group at first, only 19 or so."

The church then moved to several different heat-deprived buildings in town, including structures where the post office and the fire barn now stand.

"[I remember] going down the night before to light a

fire," said Brown. "Sometimes we had some cold services."

In 1952, the church bought the property where the building currently stands and began construction on what is now called Christman Hall.

Due to random acts of kindness and support from the parishioners, the entire project was finished at minimal cost, and the church held its first official service in the

new building on Easter Sunday, 1953.

The church didn't have a full-time pastor in its early years — all it they could afford were interim pastors from Grand Rapids School of the Bible and Music.

"We didn't have a parsonage back then, [pastors] stayed in our home," Brown recollected with a chuckle.

Even in the early days, the church worked toward reaching the community with

vacation Bible schools, youth rallies and other community-centered events.

The years flew by. Additions were made to both the structure and the congregation, which has grown to about 200 members. New programs have been added over the years, such as Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPS) and Awana, to continue reaching the community.

"We're grateful for the

opportunity to serve," said current Pastor Dan Smith about recent projects to reach the community, including a pig roast and the replacement of a roof for someone in need.

"We always have a ways to go, but I'm very excited that our people have a heart to reach the community."



Church members work at a pig roast for the church's anniversary celebration. (Photo by Dave Ramey)

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In My Own Write

by Amy Jo Parish



The biker code of ethics: Lesson 1

I am sure we can all remember a time when we were young and an adult delivered a cliché line like, "Keep your chin up," "Every cloud has a silver lining," or "Don't count your chickens before they hatch." I am also sure that most can remember rolling our eyes or groaning at the comment. As we grow older, however, we tend to see some of the wisdom behind those sayings. One saying in particular, "Don't judge a book by its cover," holds a little more truth for me after a recent incident.

This story isn't about me, but I couldn't help but pass it along — after my side stopped hurting from laughing so much, that is. It is retold here with the person's permission and the hope that it brings a smile to your face as you read it.

Let me preempt this story by saying that my mother has always maintained that she wasn't named Grace for a reason. She was recently driving to the Upper Peninsula when she stopped to fill up her gas tank near Grayling. As the gas was pumping, she decided to clean the road-trip papers that seem to accumulate during a journey. As she stepped over the hose to get into the passenger side, her sandal caught, and down she went.

Taking a moment to collect herself, she heard a burst of laughter from the pump closest to her. When she looked, three males who can only be described as "preppy punks" were having a good chuckle at her expense when she was on the ground. You know the type: wearing Ambercrombie shirts bought by their parents and sporting an attitude taken right out of an episode of "Beverly Hills 90210."

When she pulled into the station, she had noticed two Harley Davidson bikers who were two pumps away on the other side of "the punks." The way she describes them is that they looked like they hadn't been off their

bikes in 30 years. These were two true bikers, the last people one might think of to help out and step up to the plate.

But, step up they did, and they also took a few swings. While one helped Mom up and asked if she was okay, (her knee connected with a bit of cement and is still showing the effects) the other walked over to the wanna-be tough guys and simply waited with his arms crossed.

When his friend joined him, they told the youngsters: "You don't laugh at a lady." The all-attitude group answered with, "We'll #\$\$@ing laugh at whoever the &%^@ we want to." Not a good idea when dealing with bikers — or really anyone for that matter.

Without a further word, the two bikers swung their fists and gave the punks something else to swear about, to the cheers and whistles of the workers in the station who probably already had had enough of the punks and their attitudes. With all three now more worried about the condition of their well-manicured and pampered faces, the bikers walked back to Mom and asked her which way she was driving. North, she told them, and they proceeded to ride with her until she was onto the highway to ensure the punks didn't bother her, though I think by that time they were busy calling their mommas to make an appointment with plastic surgeons to repair their broken noses.

This just goes to show that you really can't judge a book by its cover, "money doesn't mean happiness (or niceness)" and "you can tell a person's true character by how they treat others."

Though I feel bad for her injury, Mom sure provided a perfect example of why those sayings have been around for so long — they actually might be true.

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Barry County Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

Hearty Menu Monday, July 27
Pulled pork BBQ, tator tots, California blend, Mandarin oranges, hamburger bun.
Tuesday, July 28
Pancakes, sausage, hash-brown potatoes, orange juice, spiced apples.
Wednesday, July 29
Honey lemon chicken, stuffing, glazed diced carrots, asparagus, grapes.
Thursday, July 30
Chicken wings, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, asparagus, grapes.
Friday, July 31
Pork chop, cheesy potatoes, winter squash, tropical fruit, wheat bread.
Cold Menu Monday, July 27
Tuna salad, potato salad, peaches, wheat bread.
Tuesday, July 28
Turkey pasta salad, Spanish bean salad, tropical fruit, club crackers.
Wednesday, July 29
Sliced roast beef, cheese, lettuce and tomato, coleslaw, apricots, wheat bread.
Thursday, July 30
Chef salad, pea salad, cantaloupe, muffin.
Friday, July 31
Egg salad, broccoli raisin salad, jello with fruit, wheat bread.
Activities Calendar Monday, July 27: Hastings - Music with Sam; Crafts 10:30 a.m.; Card Making 12:30 p.m.; Mini Massage 9 a.m.-2 p.m.; Kinship Care 6:30 p.m. H,W,N - Reminiscence.
Tuesday, July 28: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Wii in the lunchroom 10 a.m.; Legal Aid 10:30-noon. GL -10:30-12:30 Cards.
Wednesday, July 29: Hastings - Music with Sam; Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Cooking Demo 10:30 a.m. Delton - Delton Party; Reminiscence.
Thursday, July 30: Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Music with Don and Pearl. Nashville - TV Time. Delton - Puzzles, Trivia.