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Competition and cars part of Summerfest

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer



Taking his turn at one of the many children's games, Hayden May tries to win a prize at last year's Vermontville Summerfest.

For the second year in a row, Kim Hirneiss has devoted months of planning and preparation toward building a day of fun events to boost Vermontville's local economy. Summerfest will fill the streets and downtown on Aug. 8, and Hirneiss hopes the day will prove beneficial for both the participants and area businesses.

"It's just a way to help out the local businesses and bring the community together," said Hirneiss.

One of the unique aspects of the day is that all proceeds from the games and events are donated to a local charity or organization. Hirneiss said this year the committee chose a program that has been cut from the budget of the school district but fills a need in the community.

"We chose the latchkey program because we need the program," said Hirneiss. "It provides a safe, educational place for kids to go when their parents are at work before and after school. Without the program these kids might not have a place to go."

Several new events are planned for this year's celebration including a silent auction, car wash and fingerprinting by the Michigan State Police.

Adding a new twist to the festivities, spectators will vote on the car show participants and decide which hot rods and cruisers will be awarded special prizes. Family games also are planned for this year. Families can compete in a tug of war, gunny sack race,



Spectators will be able to admire rides of all shapes and sizes at Summerfest in Vermontville. This is the second year for the event and the vehicles will be lined up on Main Street for easier spectator viewing.

Bandits damage three local businesses

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer



Vandals broke the glass entrance door at the Independent Bank Branch in Vermontville early Wednesday morning.

Several businesses and residences in the Maple Valley area have fallen victim to breaking and entering incidents over the past few weeks.

The most recent incident happened Wednesday morning at about 1 a.m. in Vermontville. The front door of Independent Bank on Main Street was discovered to be smashed completely out of its frame. The bank was closed for part of the morning Thursday while the door was repaired but was open for business in the early

afternoon.

Messages left with the marketing director of Independent Bank were not returned at press time, though an employee did report that it appeared as if nothing had been taken from inside the bank. This incident is still under investigation.

MOO-ville Creamery and Ewing Landscaping in Nashville were both hit by criminals during the night on Tuesday, July 21.

At MOO-ville, the suspects used a golf club to smash the drive-through window and steal a cash register sitting on

the counter. A piece of the club broke off and was left at the scene. The register was later found in the yard of a residence on Maple Grove Road.

The bandits also made off with the cash register from Ewing's Landscaping. The register contained \$60 in change.

A request for more information through the Freedom of Information Act has been submitted to the Barry County Sheriff's Department, but no response had been received before the paper went to the presses.

tricycle race, three-legged race or egg toss.

Motorcycle games, a three-on-three basketball tourna-

ment and live music also will

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Lions tab Lincoln to take over for Mittelstaedt

by Brett Bremer
Sports Editor

"We're hoping to throw the ball a little bit more."

That would be a big change for the Maple Valley varsity football team, but the biggest possible change has already happened. Brian Lincoln officially took over the head coaching duties last week, from retired head coach Guenther Mittelstaedt.

Mittelstaedt compiled a record to 173 wins and 70 losses in his 24 seasons leading the Lion varsity program. His teams reached the state playoffs 13 times, including a run of seven straight times from 1999 through 2005. The Lions reached the state semifinals in 1992, and the Class CC State Finals at the Silverdome in 1997 where



Brian Lincoln, the new Maple Valley varsity football coach, cheers on members of his boys' track and field team at the state finals in May.

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Center of Hope, latchkey form new partnership

The Maple Valley Community Center of Hope and the Maple Valley Latchkey Program recently joined forces in a continuing effort to serve the families and children of the Maple Valley community.

"The latchkey program and the Early 4s will be a part of the tutoring program that started last school year," said Roger Trowbridge, MVC-COH vice president.

The latchkey program was originally sponsored by the Maple Valley School District but became a mid-year budget cut in January. With the support and assistance of parents and family members, the director was able to re-open the program at Fuller Street School.

The latchkey program is currently in session five days a week at Fuller Street

School, from 6 a.m. until 6 p.m. Every week, the kids focus on a specific theme. The children have structure in the morning and free time in the afternoon. When school resumes in the fall, the program will be in session from 6 to 7:45 a.m. and from 2:45 to 6 p.m. The program is housed in the Fuller Street gym.

The partnership brings a new sense of hope and a fresh round of volunteers for the latchkey program, said Terry Woodman, latchkey director. The program is partnering in the afternoon with the tutoring program which is held Tuesdays and Thursdays after school. Tutoring will be offered in all three schools this year.

With this new partnership, added Woodman, there is also hope for the staff and

volunteers to reinstate the all-day program for 3- and 4-year-old children in the portable which included a pre-school separate from the other program.

"After a recent meeting with a partial board from the MVCCOH, it is obvious that this will be a very beneficial merger for the latchkey program. The latchkey has limited resources and a small staff. This limits the ability of the director to research and apply for funds and grant monies. The MVCCOH board and volunteers have offered their time, services and knowledge to the latchkey program. This is going to open up a whole new avenue of funding and knowledge for the program, said Woodman. The program can only grow, improve and increase the services for fam-

ilies and children with this new guidance and assistance.

The children will have available to them volunteers from diverse backgrounds. They will learn how to do many things that they previously have not been exposed to, she added.

"This merger is about much more than the beneficial gain from grant money and the use of volunteers for the program, said Woodman. "It is about all the different personalities and backgrounds of the new people that will be involved with the children. It is as if a whole new world has opened up for our program. We are very excited."

The Maple Valley Support for Student Success is the

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Health department hosting breastfeeding celebration next week

During August, Breastfeeding Awareness Month is celebrated in communities throughout Michigan. The Barry-Eaton District Health Department is hosting a celebration for WIC clients and their families Tuesday, Aug. 4, in the Hastings office and Thursday, Aug. 6, in the Charlotte office from 1:30 to 4 p.m.

Mother's milk has all the good things a baby needs. Packed with nutrients and antibodies to protect against illness, breast milk is nature's perfect food.

Health officials say mothers should breastfeed exclusively (offering infants no water, juice or formula) for the first six months of their infant's life. Studies show that babies who are not

exclusively breastfed for six months are more likely to develop a wide range of infectious diseases including ear infections, diarrhea and respiratory illnesses, as well as require more hospitalization.

According to Heather Sanders, certified lactation specialist and WIC breastfeeding coordinator, exclusive breastfeeding is the

healthiest way to feed an infant. The health department recommends starting breastfeeding in the first hour of life, hold baby skin-to-skin, introducing solid foods at six months, and continuing to breastfeed through the first year of life.

Research shows that exclusive breastfeeding for six months decreases an infant's risk of developing

several chronic diseases later in life including obesity, diabetes, and asthma.

"It is important that mothers are aware of the health consequences of their infant feeding decisions. When a mother chooses to breastfeed, we have a responsibility to protect and support her decision by providing an environment that enables her to be successful," said Sanders.

Call the Barry-Eaton District Health Department at 269-945-9516 (Hastings office) or 517-541-2630 (Charlotte office) for more information about the first annual breastfeeding celebration.

Longbow invitational to be at Charlton Park Aug. 7 to 9

The Michigan Longbow Association will hold its seventh annual Great Lakes Longbow Invitational at Historic Charlton Park Friday through Sunday, Aug. 7, 8 and 9.

The Great Lakes Longbow Invitational, the world's largest longbow event, is in its 25th year, while the association is celebrating its 26th anniversary. Historic

Charlton Park is the location for the invitational, which previously has been held in Marshall, Brighton, Berrien Springs and Grass Lake.

The invitational is a weekend full of longbow shooting, browsing traditional archery vendor displays, eating and meeting with other longbow enthusiasts. There will be shooting events for all ages and skill levels.

Attendees can participate in the Silver Arrow Shoot — based on the old "Robin Hood" style tournament; the clout shoot — a distance and accuracy event; three 3D courses for fun; or try their luck at the turkey novelty shoots. A range will be set up just for the young longbow shooters.

A variety of food vendors will be on hand, and archery

vendors will have new and used bows, arrows and all of the traditional archery supplies on hand to get prepared for the upcoming hunting season or just some backyard shooting.

Guests can visit the invitation all weekend or just for a day. Either way, since this is a longbow and wooden arrow event, guests should leave their other bows at

home.

The association believes in passing on the tradition of archery and has "loaner" equipment for kids and also allows children to shoot recurve bows. Plus, children 16 and under shoot for free. The gate fee for the weekend is \$5 per adult.

For more information on the association, visit the Web site at michiganlongbow.org/glli.ht

or call MLA Council Member Ken Scollick at 248-634-0845.

Historic Charlton Park is located at 2545 S. Charlton Park Road, just north of M-79 between Hastings and Nashville. For more information on the park, visit www.charltonpark.org, call 269-945-3775 or search Historic Charlton Park on Facebook.

Thornapple watershed management plan to be revealed next week

Meetings to introduce and solicit comments on a draft of the Thornapple River Watershed Management Plan will be held Tuesday, Aug. 4, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Barry County Courts and Law Conference Room 206 W. Court St., Hastings, and again Wednesday, Aug. 5, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Charlotte USDA Service Center, 551 Courthouse Drive, Charlotte.

The plan assesses water quality conditions throughout the Thornapple River Watershed to determine pollution levels, their sources and causes. Where pollution levels impair or threaten water uses such as drinking water, fisheries, swimming, boating or wildlife habitat, critical areas have been defined and targeted for improvement, said Joanne Barnard, executive director of the Barry Conservation District.

Barry County lies within two regional watersheds, the Thornapple River and Kalamazoo River. All of the smaller rivers and streams within the local watersheds eventually feed into one of these two primary waterways, according to statistics from the conservation district. Rivers and streams

within the county total 716 linear miles.

The draft plan outlines both a strategy for citizen education about watershed issues and a design for implementing management practices and policies to reduce non-point source pollution in

the watershed. In order to reach the goals identified in the management plan, cross-jurisdictional cooperation and support are necessary from agencies, organizations and citizens in the Thornapple River Watershed region, she added.

An additional meeting on the same plan will be held Thursday, Aug. 13, from 2 to 4 p.m. in the Ada Township Hall, 7330 Thornapple River Dr., Ada.

All stakeholders and interested citizens are encouraged to attend a meeting.

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Eaton County Extension looking for volunteer mentors

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

STOMP is the only mentoring program in Eaton County focusing on teenagers' healthy development. Volunteers can become part of the solution

and help change the future of Michigan for the better. This is an opportunity to give back to an individual, the community, the state and the country, said coordinator Roger Tijerina.

"All it takes is 48 hours out of the entire year to change the life of a youth forever," he said. "So, do you have 48 hours to dedicate to the healthy development of a teenager?"

If so, contact Tijerina at 517-543-2310, e-mail to tjerin3@msu.edu, or go to www.msue.msu.edu/eaton

and follow the STOMP link to find the necessary forms to become a mentor.

Area Obituaries

Wilda Bust

MARINETTE, WI - Wilda (Martens) Bust, age 100, of Marinette, WI, formerly of Charlotte, MI, passed away on Monday, July 27, 2009 at the Luther Home in Marinette where she had been for the past 4 1/2 years. She was the ninth of 13 children born to John Henry Martens and Eva Lena (Davis) Martens on Dec. 6, 1908. Her birthplace was the last brick house on the south side of West Lawrence Ave. as you come to M-66 south of Nashville.

She attended Beigh School for eight years, before going to Nashville High School. Her graduating class of 1926 had 26 students. After attending Western State Normal for one year she was granted a life teaching certificate for teaching elementary school. She finished her bachelor's degree in 1958. Her first school was the Ells School.

She met Paul Bust and they were married.

She continued to teach school in many rural schools:

Barnes, Maurer, VerPlank, Carlisle, North Kalamo, Canfield, Zachariah, West Windsor and Morse for a total of 17 years. Her teaching career also included 10.5 years at Galewood, six years at Washington and one year in Coolidge, AZ. She retired in 1971.

Wilda and Paul were married on May 29, 1934. Paul preceded her in death on Jan. 5, 1968.

She is survived by two sons, Donald (Leone Locke) Bust of Menominee, and Gordon (Tunde) Davis of Budapest, Hungary. She has five grandchildren; two step grandchildren; 12 great grandchildren and two great-great grandchildren.

She has numerous nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews that have enriched her life the past six years since her stroke with their love, cards, letters, gifts, flowers, visits and prayers.

Wilda's hobbies included playing cards, raising flowers and making many quilts.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Charlotte and their circle made many quilts for charity.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, August 1, 2009 at the Burkhead-Green Funeral Home of Charlotte. Burial will be in the Maple Hill Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Activity Department of Luther Home, 831 Pinebeach Rd., Marinette, WI 54143. Envelopes available at the Funeral Home.

Albert J. Bruce

NASHVILLE - Albert "Jay" Bruce, age 85, of Nashville passed away Monday, July 27, 2009 peacefully at Pennock Hospital, in Hastings.

Jay was born in Nashville, on April 21, 1924, the son of the late George and Zula (Walker) Bruce. He was raised in the Nashville area and attended area schools.

Jay left his home, and family in 1942 in served in the U.S. Army Air Corp during WWII. As the primary radio operator flying B-29 Bombers in the pacific theater Jay was responsible for radio communications to insure proper targeting and safe return for his flight crew. He also served as the relief Belly Gun Turret Operator on the B-29 Bomber, which was one of the most dangerous assignments a soldier could have. Jay was honorably discharged from active duty in 1947.

Jay was the widower of Marie "Babe" (Ritter) Bruce. The couple was married almost 50 years when "Babe" passed away in 1997.

For over 30 years Jay was employed as a welder at Clark Equipment until retiring late 1980's.

Along with his wife "Babe" the couple enjoyed going to Beadle Lake in Battle Creek where they

danced together. Most days Jay could be found in his shop welding and fabricating flag poles and shepard hooks which today can be found in back yards, and municipalities all over Barry County.

When Jay was younger he loved to bowl, and during WWII was a Tri State Champion Golden Gloves Boxer.

Jay was a proud lifetime member of the Nashville VFW Post 8260.

Jay is survived by his son, Jay "David" and his wife Peggy Bruce; a step daughter, Betty Dunn, and a step son, Danny and his wife Barbara Ritter, and a step-daughter in-law Peg Ritter. He is also survived by nine grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Jay was preceded by his beloved wife "Babe", three brothers, and six sisters.

Funeral services were held at the Daniels Funeral Home, Nashville on Friday, July 31, 2009. Interment took place immediately following the funeral service Lakeview Cemetery Nashville.

In lieu of flowers the family has requested Memorial Contribution be made to the Nashville VFW Post 8260 in Jay's honor.

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Flight coordinator to speak at next community breakfast

On Tuesday, Aug. 18, the quarterly Barry County Community Breakfast will be held from 8 to 9 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church located at 209 W. Green St. in Hastings.

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

coordinator of Barry and Eaton county's Foster Living in Good Hearted Teens (FLIGHT) panel.

Also featured during the breakfast will be presentations by the foster youth who make up the panel and who will share their experiences pertaining to the organization, which was created in December 2008.

"I believe teens have a lot to offer when given the

chance to speak out," said Sears, who has worked with at-risk teens for more than eight years.

For the youths, being part of the FLIGHT panel is comparable to having a part-time job, she said. Members of the panel receive monetary incentives — which have been used to start and maintain savings accounts for the youths — for their participation in meetings, which regularly incorporate any number of agenda items, including those relating to training opportunities for life skills and planning of public speaking, fundraising and other events.

The youths play the largest role in the panel and decide the directions it takes. They were responsible for creating its bylaws, naming the organization and electing its officers, she added.

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

Those planning to attend are encouraged to RSVP by calling 269-948-3264.

Social News



Woodstra-Gilbert wed

Jolene Woodstra and Drew Gilbert exchanged wedding vows on Saturday, June 20, 2009, at their home in Nashville. The celebration was continued with a trip to the Smoky Mountains. Jolene is from Nashville and Drew is from Ypsilanti.

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Putnam District Library wraps up summer reading



Kids create animal masks with the help of Maple Valley Latchkey Director Terry Woodman.

Kids of all ages found their places in the choir during the final summer reading session at Putnam District Library Monday, July 27.

Nearly 20 children attended the event, which culminated with a sing-along of Bill Staines' book, *All God's Critters*. The book's message is that all creatures have a place in the choir, no matter what noise they make.

Kids discussed which animals could likely hit high notes and which ones could sing low notes.

Afterward, Assistant Library Director Emily Mater helped the little ones make animal masks to take home. Older students created a collection of thumbprint animals with ink and colored pencils under the artistic direction of Shauna



Emily Mater directs the choir while Abigail Mater sings to Bill Staines' book, *All God's Critters*.

Good News From The Pulpit

by Pastor Daniel E. Smith
Vermontville Bible Church

Back in 1646, a man by the name of Theodore Reinking wrote a book that greatly offended the king. Because of his offense, Reinking was arrested and sentenced to be executed. As the time of the execution drew near, the king offered "Teddy" the alternative of literally eating his book, or losing his head. With little choice, he tore his book into shreds, soaked it in soup, and started munching away. He did that until he had devoured the entire book. He literally ate his words. I don't know this for sure, but I am guessing that is how alphabet soup got started.

Sometimes, we all wish we could eat our words. But once they are out, they are gone. We can be so critical of other people. We spread gossip at times. We lose our tempers, and yell at the kids. Our words can shatter our families, split lifelong friends, ruin reputations for life. We need to get a hold of that little organ we call the tongue.

James 3:5-12 says that the tongue is like a fire that is out of control. It can do so much damage. James 3:8 also says that no man can tame his tongue. James is right. But the Bible gives us a strategy on how God can help us control it.

Jesus made a remarkable statement in Matthew 12:34b. He said "... For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart." In other words, what we say is only a reflection of what we are on the inside. If we want a pure tongue, then we need to have a pure heart. How can I cultivate a pure heart? It begins by knowing Jesus Christ as your personal Savior. And then to nurture a walk with God.

Proverbs 23:7 says that as a man thinks in his heart, so is he. Your behavior is only a reflection of what you are feeding your mind. Spend time every day reading the Bible and in prayer. Find people who love the Lord to be your friends, and seek out a good church to attend regularly. Stay away from things that will pollute your thinking and affect your behavior.

No man can control the tongue, but God can. What you say is the result of what you are. Build character on the inside, and you will have a positive tongue.



Syddona Hammond creates a thumbprint animal while Jared Mater looks on.

PARTNERSHIP, continued from page 1

after-school tutoring program that began in January at the high school. The program originated out of a conversation between Trowbridge, Maple Valley School Superintendent Kim Kramer and the MVCCOH board. This program was a vital program for many students to succeed in school last year, said Trowbridge.

"We had our ups and downs with the program, but we know that we did good work," he said, adding that they worked with a student who, in January, was not sure

he would be able to graduate.

"At graduation this past spring, his tutor had the joy of handing him his diploma. He is now down south at a tech school."

"This is a great program for the MVCCOH and the Maple Valley schools," said Rev. Cathy Christman, president of MVCCOH. "This is one way we are bringing hope into the community by training our kids and giving the best opportunity possible to succeed."

With this cooperation comes an increased understanding of the responsibilities, goals and accomplishments of each group. In the fall of 2007, the latchkey program started at Fuller Street School. Currently, 46 children are actively enrolled in the program. Numerous other families have used the program over the past two years for occasional child care services to cover doctor or dentist appointments, family emergencies, and to take advantage of after-school activities that occur before parents are home from work.

Swantek. These creations are on display in the kids' room for the week and can be picked up by their creators during their next visit to the library.

Saturday, Aug. 1, will be the final day for readers young and old to redeem their reading logs for prizes. Grand prize drawing winners will be notified the week of Aug. 10. Swantek said the

library is grateful to the many volunteers and community members who have helped make this year's summer reading program a marvelous success. Special appreciation goes to the library's business partners Roush's Sidewalk Café and MOO-ville Creamery for their donations of ice cream certificates.

Vermontville Township Library to hold book sale at Summerfest



The Vermontville Township Library will host a used book sale at the Summerfest Celebration Saturday, Aug. 8. The library currently is accepting donations of clean used books to add to the sale. These can be dropped off at the library during regular business hours. The library requests that patrons refrain from donating encyclopedias, *Reader's Digest* condensed books or magazines. Anyone who wishes to volunteer to help out the day of the sale should contact the library at 517-726-1362.

Seven Will Get You... Smoke-free?

President Barack Obama says he's had trouble giving up smokes. Maybe he could benefit from a simple new tool showing promise in predicting who is most likely to relapse — and why.

A seven-question survey created at the University of Wisconsin Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention (UW-CTRI) has proven more accurate than other surveys that have been used to identify those prone to relapse. The survey is called WI-PREPARE (Wisconsin Predicting Patient's Relapse).

The first three questions: How strong are your cravings on a scale of one to 10? What time of the day do you typically light up your first cigarette? How many total cigarettes have you smoked? are fairly routine. They are meant to assess a smoker's dependence on tobacco.

"But the other four ques-

tions are quite novel for a short questionnaire assessing proneness to smoking relapse," says Dr. Megan Piper, one of the survey creators. "These questions assess environmental factors and individual differences that can influence a person's tendency to relapse."

The four additional questions reveal smokers' exposure to other smokers, smoking restrictions in their homes and their workplaces as well as their education levels.

"Those novel questions, especially the one pertaining to education level, allowed WI-PREPARE to predict short-term relapse better than the standard questionnaire used today, the Fagerstrom Test of Nicotine Dependence," says Piper.

CTRI researchers support recommendations drawn from the U.S. Public Health Service's clinical practice

guidelines on treating tobacco use and dependence. These include participation in formalized cessation programs, support groups, "quitlines" offering confidential coaching, one-on-one counseling, and use of nicotine replacement therapy and other medications.

"The WI-PREPARE can help clinicians recognize patients at greatest risk and possibly in need of more aggressive interventions," says Piper. "Treatments could be also tailored to specific factors that place people at highest risk of relapse."

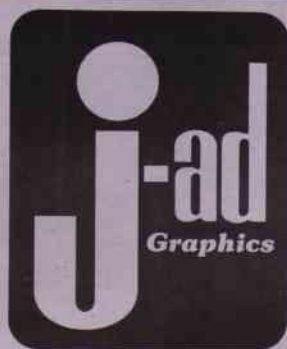
UW-CTRI is a national leader in conducting and implementing research on treating tobacco use. The center's focus is twofold — to better understand tobacco dependence and to increase the use of effective treatments to help smokers quit for good.

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Special meeting set to decide usage of Opera House

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

The Vermontville Township Board will hold a special meeting Monday, Aug. 24, to discuss creating township offices in the historic opera house. The special meeting will take place at 7 p.m. in the opera house.

At its regular meeting Thursday night, the board discussed the possibility of using the upstairs of the building as office space for the township. Treasurer JoeAnn Nelmer brought the idea to the board, stating that the board needs offices to work from.

Also at Thursday's meeting, Scott Peters and Ira Flowers were appointed to the fire and ambulance committee by the township

board, though there was some confusion over their status. Township Supervisor Jack Owens said that under direction from the board at the last meeting, he sent letters to the two residents detailing their acceptance to the committee.

Trustee Blair Miller and Nehmer, however, said Thursday that the consent of the board was not given for the letters. Without those new members, the committee did not have a quorum at its last regular meeting and should not have held a meeting without it.

Trustee Brian Moore was appointed as the representative for the fire and ambulance board after a motion by Miller to appoint Owens failed. Owens said that with

his work schedule and other obligations, he lacks the time needed to be part of the committee. A 4-1 vote appointed Moore to the board; Miller cast the dissenting voice.

Owens also discussed an e-mail sent by Miller to members of the board and other township committee members that presented Miller's personal opinions and views about township matters.

"I don't think we should send e-mails to other departments with our opinion ... This e-mail — if you want to write this and say 'these are my suggestions,' that's fine — but you accuse Tim James (fire and ambulance committee chair) of a lot of things in this e-mail in unnecessary language that this board



Nearly 40 people attend the township meeting Thursday night, more than double the usual amount. Supervisor Jack Owens said he hopes that the larger crowd will become the norm for meetings. "They are an attentive audience, a great group, and that's what we need at these meetings," said Owens. (Photo by Rose Heaton)

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Miller contended that he had a right to his opinion and should be able to e-mail whomever he wishes, regardless of any public position held.

"I don't know how an elected official somehow loses his right to an opinion. Just because I am on the board doesn't mean that I have to stop thinking for myself," Miller responded.

According to Owens, the letter was written without the consent of the board and creates a communication problem with the public.

"All the people in attendance at the meeting don't know what's going on," said Owens. "When they are not announced in a meeting and people do not have the chance

to comment, that's a bad deal."

In other business:

• Miller detailed a Thornapple River Cleanup day he is organizing to coincide with one being held in Barry County. Miller is looking for individuals or groups of volunteers to help with the project in September.

• The board will be accepting bids for a roof repair project at the opera house in the coming weeks. Trustee Moore is putting together spec sheets for the project; those must be completed before bids can be submitted.

The board will meet again Aug. 24 at 7 p.m. to discuss use of the opera house and will hold its next regular meeting Thursday, Aug. 28, at 7 p.m.

'Old-time tent show' is COA picnic theme

The Barry County Commission on Aging's annual summer picnic will be Thursday, Aug. 6, beginning at 10:30 a.m. This year's theme is an "Old-Time Tent Show" with music and activities being planned at the COA headquarters in Hastings. A tractor and quilt show, lunch, music and

prizes will be part of the activities.

All Barry County senior citizens 60 and older and their guests are invited to attend. Cost is \$3.50 per person.

Reservations can be made by calling the COA at 269-948-4856 by July 31.

Lion fall sports practices begin 2nd week of Aug.

Practices for Maple Valley High School's fall sports practices get going soon.

The season starts with the first football practices of the year. All levels will hold their first practice from 8 a.m. until noon at the high school practice field Monday, Aug. 10.

All other sports get started on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

The volleyball program will hold its first practice from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at the high school.

The soccer team will practice twice to start the year, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. and then again from 4 p.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Cross country practice will be for seventh and eighth grade student-athletes and high school athletes from 9 a.m. to noon at the high school track.

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Opera house has become a fixture in village history

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

On South Main sits a large brick structure that is as much a part of the history of Vermontville as is maple syrup. The Vermontville Opera House was built in 1898 and in those 111 years has been the home to a variety of activities. After the building that had formerly housed the village and township offices burned in 1896, the new structure was erected to replace it. Articles found in the Vermontville Historical Museum detail the construction and use of the building.

The construction of the first story of the building was financed by the village while the second story was financed by the township.

The original plans never intended for a stage to be built at all. A local shoe dealer (Charles Fleming), bank cashier (W. C. Alsover) and hardware merchant (E. D. Barber) funded the construction of the stage, wings and other backstage areas.

Perhaps the most famous of all groups to use the opera house was the Slout Players.

A native of Vermontville, L. Verne Slout began a traveling theater troupe that started out in the opera house

before going on the road. In existence for more than 30 years, the Slout Players have been recognized as Michigan's oldest tent show company.



The Vermontville Opera House was completed in 1898 and has hosted a variety of events during its 111 years.

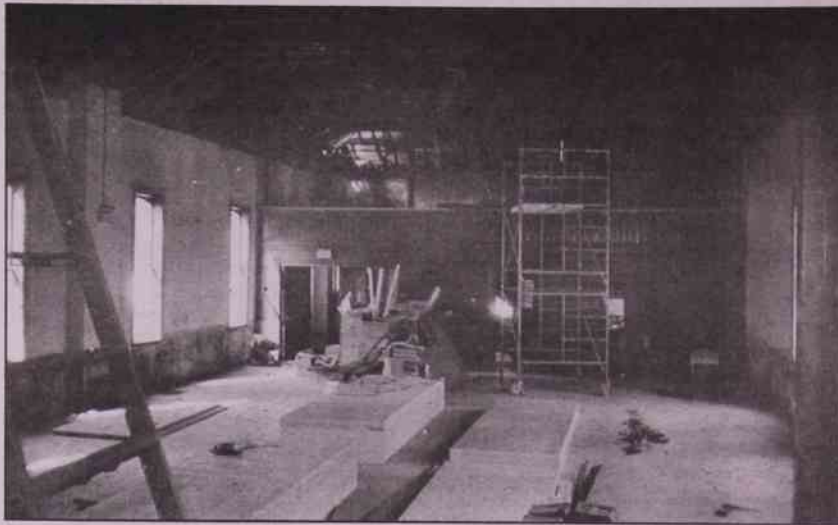
After the curtain closed, and the Slout Players took its final bow on the stage in 1953, fire department equipment was stored in the east end of the building until the new equipment proved too large for the space.

Everything from wed-

dings, movies, roller skating, basketball tournaments, meetings, graduations (the class of 1928 was the last to graduate there) and plays have taken place inside its brick walls.

Now, it is home to the Vermontville Public Library.

Township meetings are held here, and the facility can be rented for use by the public. On April 30, 1978, the Opera House was dedicated as a Michigan Historical Building by Jerry D. Roe, Michigan Historical Commissioner.



In disrepair, officials considered tearing down the structure but decided to renovate the space in 1990.

Nashville team wins waterball tournament

The Barry County Fair Board once again sponsored a waterball tournament for area fire departments on July 25, the last day of the Barry County Fair.

Winning the 2009 Barry County trophy was the Nashville Wilson team of Max Wilson, Tom Powers and Kevin Hanson.

Volunteers from the Freeport Fire Department

and Thornapple Township Emergency Services operating the equipment while firefighters from Nashville, Johnstown Township, Hopkins, Hickory Corners

and Delton competed. Providing official timekeeping were 4-H member Doug Baker and Hastings City Police Chief Jerry Sarver. Placing second place was

the Johnstown Jozwik team of Chris Jozwik, Corey Keeble, Jennifer Peake and their ringer from Delton, Perry Shepard.



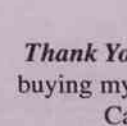
The first place team from Nashville of Max Wilson, Kevin Hanson and Tom Powers holds the trophy from this year's Barry County Fair Waterball Tournament.



Having fun with a beach ball and squirt guns is the second place team from Johnstown Township. Pictured are (from left) Perry Shepard, Jennifer Peake, Chris Jozwik and Corey Keeble.

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they fell 6-0 to Oakridge.

"Obviously he's the one that put Maple Valley on the map," said Lincoln.

"It's definitely scary to try to replace him. I don't think you can replace him."

To be fair, Mittelstaedt's teams weren't totally ground based. He said most of his teams averaged about a touchdown pass a game. The thing was, they led so often that they were better off controlling the ball and running down the clock.

Mittelstaedt took over the football program in 1985, after coach Dan Watson stepped aside. From 1981 to 2005, the Maple Valley varsity football program had just one losing season, and there were only two losing seasons on the junior varsity level.

Mittelstaedt is especially proud of his teams' 27-game regular season winning streak that stretched from 1989 to 1992 and another 25-game streak that went from 1998 to 2001.

Going to the playoffs for the first time, in 1987, was nearly as sweet as getting to the Silverdome.

"We were one of 16 teams in the state to make the playoffs (in 1987). One of the top 16 of 189. We won our first game versus an 11th ranked opponent," said Mittelstaedt. "I think that showed the kids at Maple Valley that we were just as good and capable of playing with any team in the state."

Mittelstaedt taught and coached at Maple Valley for 36 years. He accepted a buy-out to end his teaching career, and says he would still be teaching if it hadn't been for that. He would also like to coach again, but had to be away from the game to care for his mother, Relscha

Mittelstaedt, who passed away and couldn't devote the kind of time a head coach needs to give a varsity program.

"It was really tough, really tough," he said. "It was a tough decision to quit teaching too. I'd been doing it for a lot of years, a lot of years, and I really enjoyed the coaching too."

It was a tough ending to his coaching career at Maple Valley for Mittelstaedt. The Lions were 4-5, missing the playoffs for the third consecutive season. The Lions were 9-14 in their three years in the Kalamazoo Valley Association (KVA).

"I was a little disappointed last year," said Mittelstaedt. "I thought we had a chance to be a playoff caliber team. I had three starters out. Two were academically ineligible, and Adam Kennedy broke his neck in track."

A number of other players missed time as well, and things just didn't pan out in the tough KVA. The Lions finished in a tie for fifth in the league.

"It was just a frustrating ending, and yet if we had gotten four more yards versus Olivet and gotten the extra point, we'd have been in the playoffs," said Mittelstaedt.

Lincoln spent five seasons, beginning in 2001, coaching the Lion junior varsity with Bryan Carpenter and has been a varsity assistant the last three seasons. He was the defensive coordinator for the team last fall. He said one of the biggest things he'll take from his time under Mittelstaedt is the ability to delegate.

"He always let his assistant coaches coach," said Lincoln. "I've been told that by numerous coaches.

Surround yourself with good people and let them coach so you don't have to try and do everything yourself."

Recognizing important assistants was a big part of the letter Mittelstaedt wrote to the community announcing his resignation in early July. He mentioned guys like Don Roscoe who coached at Maple Valley for 21 years, Gary St. Onge 19 years, Marty Martin 14 years, and Chris Ricketts who'd coached football with him for 15 years.

Lincoln said he plans to keep Ricketts around, and his staff will also include offensive coordinator Kevin Stewart, Matt Rohde, Steve Hopkins, and Carpenter on the JV level. He's still looking to add another coach or two to his staff.

Rohde comes from Olivet, where Lincoln played his high school ball before moving on to Olivet College. Lincoln teaches math at Maple Valley High School.

In addition to teaching and coaching football, Mittelstaedt spent time as a baseball coach, a basketball coach, a track coach, and a softball coach.

"He's been a huge, huge asset," said Maple Valley athletic director Duska Brumm. "He's been teaching here for I don't know how long. He's coached it all."

Lincoln has had some coaching success himself in another arena, building the Maple Valley varsity boys' track and field team into one of the best in the state in Division 3. He's had athletes win state championships in each of the past two seasons.

"He definitely was qualified," Brumm said of Lincoln. "He's been working with Guenther these past few years. He was the junior var-

sity coach and then assistant varsity. He knows our kids. Our boys' track team has been successful. He works hard with them and he's going to bring that work ethic over to football also."

While the football team has struggled in its three years in the KVA, the boys' track and field team has flourished, winning three consecutive conference championships. The team also won its first ever regional title in 2008.

"I've been pretty lucky in track to get something going pretty special," said Lincoln. "So, I'm hoping for the same thing in football, but it takes the athletes."

If the athletes aren't there. He'll try and build them.

"You always want kids to be faster. A lot of the things we do in track I've been trying to implement in football the last couple years anyway," said Lincoln.

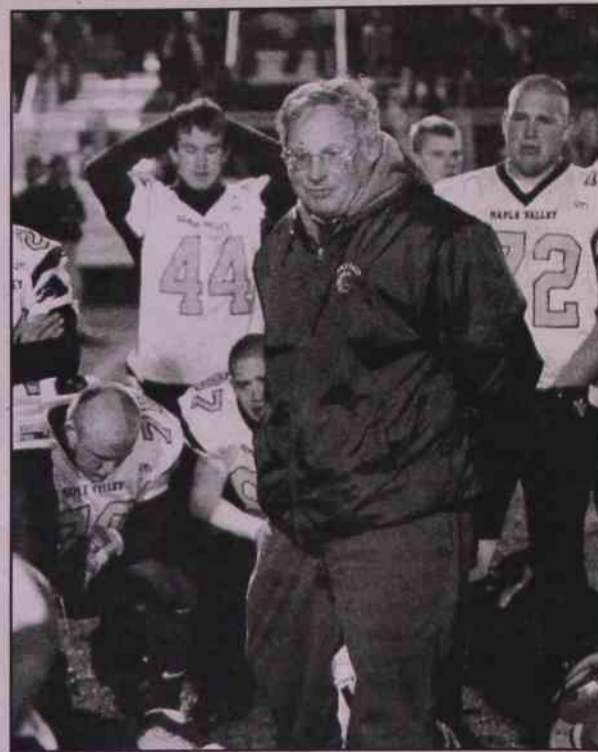
"The kids are buying into our new program. They were excited with camp last week. I could see a lot of excitement. You can tell they want to win and want to work hard. I have some great assistant coaches, and they are already putting in a lot of hard work."

It'll take some work to learn the new schemes Lincoln wants to put in.

"We're changing the offense up a little bit," said the coach. "We'll have multiple formations, but we're still going to run some of the Wing-T stuff. We're going to add a lot of motion. We're hoping to throw the ball a little bit more."

Mittelstaedt said that a focus on offense is something that's very different from 25 years ago.

"The biggest change is all the spread offenses, and peo-



Guenther Mittelstaedt

ple concentrating so much on the offensive side of the ball," said Mittelstaedt. "There is a lot more exchanging of tapes, or now CD's and DVD's or whatever you call them. It's a year long job now. You no longer can get away. In the spring you're constantly doing things. There's the emphasis on the passing leagues and the summer camps."

It has never been an easy job. I don't think people realize what's involved until you become a head coach and experience it. I'm amazed at the longevity I've had. I've watched a lot of people come and go, a lot of great coaches."

While there are a lot of reasons that the job is a tough one, there are a lot of reasons it's a rewarding one.

"Love of the game," said

Mittelstaedt. "I enjoy working with the young people. We've had some great young people at Maple Valley. Most of them have worked very hard to become very good ball players."

Mittelstaedt has plans to sell his house in Nashville, and he and his wife Janice are moving to their retirement home west of Mount Pleasant.

"I really think we're going to be on the way up," Mittelstaedt said of the Lion football program. "A lot of the players coming up, I had their parents. They're good football people, and they're going to be good kids."

"I'm hoping it's just a matter of time for Maple Valley to be up near the top again."

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For a \$4 application fee,

hunters will earn the right to participate in all of the limited-access hunts Michigan has to offer.

The idea sprung from the mind of Russ Mason, DNR Wildlife Division chief.

"I'd love to be able to say I was creative enough to come up with this on my own, but the truth is, most Western states are doing something like it," Mason said. "Arizona has a hunt, Utah has a hunt, Idaho has a hunt. Why shouldn't we, too?"

The purpose of the Pure Michigan Hunt is two-fold. It not only highlights the diverse hunting opportunities available to Michigan hunters, it also raises some much-needed revenue for the state's Game and

Fish Protection Fund, the pot of money used to manage fish and wildlife resources here.

How much money will it raise? Well, the sky's the limit.

Unlike the other hunting license lotteries, which limit applications to one per person, hunters will be allowed to purchase as many chances at the Pure Michigan Hunt jackpot as they desire. And the lucky folks whose names are drawn out of the hat will not be subject to many of the restrictions of individual species drawings.

For instance, a hunter whose name is drawn for the Pure Michigan Hunt, will be able to purchase an elk license — good for a bull or an antlerless animal — even if he or she is restricted from the elk drawing

because of previous success. And winning the Pure Michigan Hunt lottery will not affect weighted chances for being drawn in future elk hunts.

It gets even better, said Mason. Drawing winners will not be restricted to particular hunt periods and geographic areas as they are in other limited-access hunts.

Those who are drawn in the Pure Michigan Hunt will be allowed to hunt for the species anywhere and anytime the season is open. (There's one minor caveat: Pure Michigan Hunt bear licenses will not be valid on Drummond Island, which is severely restricted

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because of concerns about the bear population there.)

The results will not impact a would-be bear hunter's preference points for future bear drawings, either. So let's say, for the sake of argument, a hunter goes out on the early elk hunt in September and fails to fill a tag. No problem, he or she can go right back to hunting elk

when the season reopens in December.

"And you still have the option of moving from hunting area to hunting area if you don't like what you're seeing," explained Mason. "This is a chance to keep hunting until you fill your tag or the season runs out, whichever comes first."

The same measures apply to antlerless deer

"You will be able to buy a license that allows you to pursue the game in any Deer Management Unit that is open to antlerless hunting," he added. "The same tag will be valid at a southern Michigan farm or an Upper Peninsula forest."

Although no one is projecting exactly how many applications the Pure Michigan Hunt

will generate, it could be huge, he predicted, calculating that if just the hunters who participate in the antlerless deer, elk, bear, turkey and managed waterfowl area hunts apply one time, it will total more than 100,000.

"Add in the folks who want a second or third chance at any of those opportunities and the numbers could skyrocket, all at a time when the Game and Fish Protection Fund — like all state budgets — is under stress," Mason explained.

"If we sell 500,000 applications, that's \$2 million in revenue we don't have right now," he added.

The program has other incentives, as well. Lucky Pure Michigan Hunt winners who choose to participate in a reserved waterfowl hunt will get the first choice of hunting zones at the managed area.

And Michigan's archery industry has stepped up to the plate and offered to outfit the winners with new archery gear.

Just about anyone — resident or nonresident — can apply, though nonresidents cannot currently purchase an elk license. Applicants must be at least 12 years old and have completed hunter safety training. Individuals who have a court-ordered restriction prohibiting them from buying a hunting license may not participate. License rights are not transferable — winners will be the only ones entitled to a license.

"We think this is going to be huge," Mason said. "Imagine hunting elk in August, bears in September, and ducks and turkey in October — Pure Michigan license holders will

be able to hunt just about every day in the fall and early winter until they fill their tags."

Pure Michigan Hunt applications will go on sale Monday, July 27, at 11 a.m. at all retail license agents and through the electronic license system at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

They'll be on sale for the 2010 hunting season until Dec. 31. Winners will be announced in January.

"So go ahead and take a chance. Buy one. Or several. Or a bunch," encouraged Mason. "It's a new way to enjoy the Pure Michigan experience."

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Individual tickets to the luncheon are \$50, which include an autographed copy of Eman's book, *Things We Couldn't Say*. Tickets without a book reservation (lunch only) are \$35 per person.

All tickets must be pur-

chased in advance to allow for the appropriate number of books to be ordered. Janie Bergeron, director of Green Gables Haven said, "Space is limited, and we suggest that tickets be reserved quickly."

She noted that Eman was in Hastings in March to a standing-room-only crowd.

"We suspect this event will sell out very quickly"

To purchase tickets or to learn more about sponsorship opportunities, contact Bergeron at 269-945-0526 or e-mail to janie@greengables-haven.org.

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be part of the event. The Vermontville Library will host a special viewing of the movie "American Graffiti" behind the fire barn at 9:30 p.m. Rather than a drive-in, the movie will be a sit-in. Movie watchers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and enjoy the film as part of the library's summer reading program.

Throughout the months of planning, Hirneiss said there are a few simple objectives for the event.

"The goal of it all is to have people come out, have fun and build a sense of community," said Hirneiss.



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