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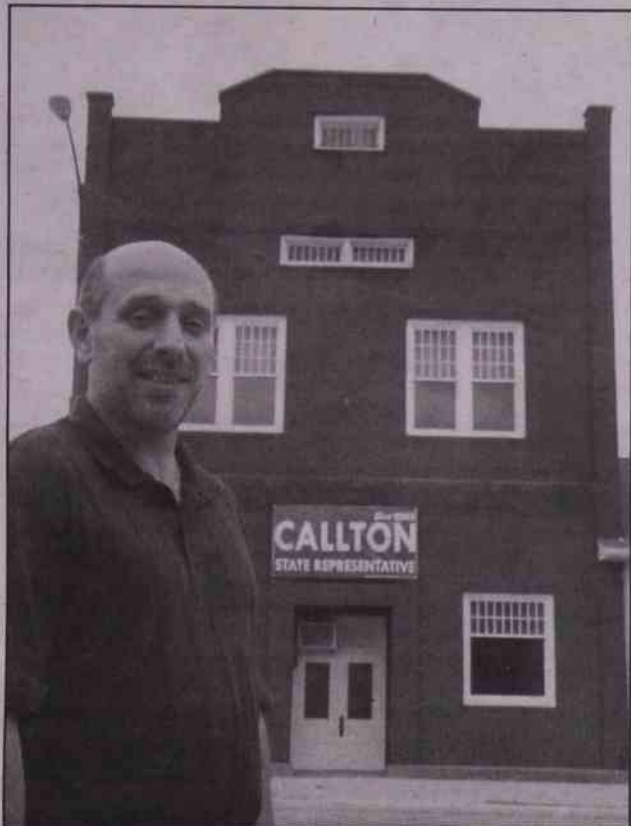
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County board chairman to run for State House seat



Nashville chiropractor and chairman of the Barry County Board of Commissioners, Mike Callton stands in front of his campaign headquarters in Nashville.

by Sandra Ponsetto
Staff Writer

Nashville businessman and Barry County Board Commissioner Chairman Mike Callton has thrown his hat into the ring for the 87th District seat in the Michigan House of Representatives currently held by fellow Republican Brain Calley. The 87th District includes all of Barry County and most of Ionia County.

Callton previously served on the Maple Valley School Board for eight years (six as president) and the Eaton County Intermediate School District Board for seven years. He also served five years as a member of the Nashville Village Council and five years on the Barry County Board of Commissioners (three years as chairman). Callton said his campaign motto is, "Proven leadership to fix Michigan."

"Michigan is broke, and Michigan is broken, and it affects everyone whether they are a Democrat or a

Republican, a liberal or a conservative," said Callton in a recent interview. "Everything that we value such as education, health care, safe streets, the environment, good roads, et cetera — all these things are suffering because of the state's financial condition."

Callton said it is his opinion that the state's financial situation is no accident.

"The state's budget got this way through conscious but poor fiscal planning, and it has affected everything. Our roads are deteriorating, we're letting people out of prison, the crime rate is going up," he said. "I was at the State of the State address and was impressed by Gov. (Jennifer) Granholm's goal of doubling the number of college graduates in Michigan. But, they are just empty words if you don't back them up financially. With what we are currently doing with schools, I'd expect that the number of our college graduates would drop."

Callton said the condition of the state finances is what led him to the decision to run for state office.

"I've worked with over 20 yearly budgets over 10 million dollars. Barry County just had its bond rating improved to AA, and this is at a time when the state's bond rating fell from AA to AA-minus," he said. "Barry County now has a better bond rating than the State of Michigan."

"I think that the state should be embarrassed," he added. "As I said before, these things don't happen by accident. The county has a higher fiscal standing than the state and this happened through conservative fiscal planning."

The No. 1 and No. 2 issues facing Michigan are jobs and the economy, according to Callton.

"The state's unemployment has skyrocketed the last couple of years and, again, that didn't happen by accident," he said. "It all comes down to the decision to take

risks, play it loose, and not take control of the budget.

"According to statistics from the Michigan Chamber of Commerce, our state is one of the five worst places in the country to do business and that is caused by a combination of our tax structure and our regulatory structure," he said, adding, "business equals jobs — you can't have jobs and growth without business. When we make it difficult to do business, we make it difficult to retain or develop jobs. So, the answer to our state's jobs problem is to improve the business environment in the state."

Callton said the way to improve that environment is not through cutting taxes but through changing the overall structure.

"I was talking to Jim Murphy who owns Carbon Green, the ethanol plant in Woodbury, and he told me he'd like to make Woodbury, the hub of high-tech green technology by adding carbon

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School employees show support for custodians as district considers privatization

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Showing their solidarity, more than 100 teachers and staff members of the Maple Valley School District attended Monday night's school board meeting. The group, clad in bright orange T-shirts, had a specific agenda: educate the board and public about what privatizing custodial services means to the district.

In the midst of state aid cuts and decreasing enrollment, the school board has had to make a number of budget reforms during the summer months. In order to cover a portion of that shortfall for the coming year, the

district is in negotiations with the union to hammer out a contract for its employees.

Currently, the jobs of the 11 custodial employees are being considered for privatization to save money. Superintendent Kim Kramer said no official decision will be made until the board's Sept. 14 meeting. The deadline for bid packages is Aug. 21 at 3 p.m.

Kramer told the audience Monday that while privatization is never the first choice, the current economic situation of the district has made it necessary for the board to explore all options.

"This is not an easy deci-

sion for the board," said Kramer. "As custodians of the district's money, it is our duty to at least investigate whether there will be savings or significant enough savings if we go to privatizing."

Kim Hansen, one of the 11 custodians, presented the board with a stack of petitions signed by 1,261 community members, showing their opposition to privatization.

Mary Haley from the Michigan Education Association attended the meeting and introduced each of the custodians in attendance. Combined, the custodians have a total of 347 years as residents of Maple

Valley and 166 years of work experience with the district.

"So, to ask if they know your community and schools — well, I think we know the answer to that," Haley told the board.

The board also is currently negotiating contracts for the teachers of the district but has been able to establish a calendar for the first 30 days of school. The first full day for all students will be Wednesday, Sept. 9. The details of the remaining months of the calendar will be decided as negotiations continue.

Food Service Director Karen Locke voiced her sup-

port of the custodial staff during the public comment

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Custodial employee, Kim Hansen turns over more than 1,200 signatures to the school board in support of the current staff and to show opposition to privatization. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

Community comes together to raise funds for ambulance service

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

Each year, the Vermontville Township Ambulance is called into service at the drop of a hat to help community members during a medical emergency. Those who work on the ambulance or fire department have hundreds of stories of incidents they were called to and the people they

helped.

One of those memories for Fire Chief Monte O'Dell occurred 18 years ago when then 4-year-old Lisa Coblentz had an allergic reaction to a bee sting.

"We were toned out to go to Coblentz's for a young girl who had been stung by a bee," recalled O'Dell. "We got there and couldn't even recognize her, she was so

swollen up."

Whisking her away in the ambulance, O'Dell and the rest of the crew were able to take Coblentz to the hospital where she was treated and released soon after. The close call, however, still remains on Coblentz's mind, and both she and her father, David, believe it was the swift response of the ambulance that saved little Lisa's

life that day.

"The doctors said that if it had been three minutes later, I wouldn't have made it. I still remember that day — it was scary," said Lisa.

The Coblentz family, along with the Yutzy family and several others, donated their time and talent to host a benefit dinner and auction

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Public hearing set for Aug. 25 on Nashville Dam removal

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) will hold a public hearing Tuesday, Aug. 25, to accept comments on the Barry Conservation District's request for a permit to remove the Nashville Dam. The hearing will be held at the Nashville Village Hall, 203 N. Main St., at 7 p.m.

The hearing has been scheduled at the request of the conservation district to ensure that all interested parties have an opportunity to share their views on the proposed project, said Joanne Barnard, executive director of the Barry Conservation District.

The removal and restoration project will require dredging approximately 908 cubic yards of spoils and rock from the dam site. These materials will be used on site to fill in the mill race

and fish ladder areas and to construct the proposed weirs, said Barnard. An additional proposed 4,539 cubic yards of such materials will be used to fill in areas on each side of the dam in order to return the river channel to its normal width. This process will create nearly one acre of wetland along the river corridor, she added.

Four rock-arch weir structures will be installed in the river channel in order to "step down" the water level, which varies by approximately four feet above and below the dam, noted Barnard. The weirs will generally be submerged, creating a rock rapids which will allow for fish passage and canoe and kayak travel through the former dam area. A rock vane structure will be installed just below the M-66 bridge on the north bank of the river to prevent bank ero-

sion, she said.

The Aug. 25 hearing will focus on the second of two permits applied for by the district for the Nashville Dam Removal Project. The first permit, requesting permission to draw down the waters in the millpond impoundment, was approved in May. This second permit application requests authority to remove the dam, install weir structures and restore the river channel.

The full permit application may be viewed online at the MDEQ Web site, www.deq.state.mi.us/CIW-PIS using the permit application number, 09-08-0027-P. The application also may be reviewed at the Barry Conservation District office, 1611 S. Hanover, Suite 105, Hastings, during regular business hours.



Local residents are invited to a hearing Tuesday, Aug. 25, to share views on the removal of the Nashville Dam.

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capturing, carbon recycling, heat capture, miller's grain production and a switchgrass converter to the ethanol plant," said Callton. "But, Jim said that he could go to any state in the country with this. And, unless he saw some change in our state's tax and regulatory structures, he would have no reason to bring it here."

Callton said he has been watching the progress of the federal government's economic stimulus program.

"I hope it works. In a sense, if the stimulus fails, we all fail," he said. "But, I'm critical of the fact that the stimulus money is being channeled through government instead of businesses. Small business is the answer

to our economic problems — not government. The economy can't be saved by growing the government, but it can't be saved by growing small business.

"What we need right now are strong leaders with a strong business background," he said. "Now is not the time to elect the nicest or the prettiest candidate. 'I'm not that nice and I'm not that pretty, but I'm pretty sure what needs to be done."

"I've been preparing for this for three years, and now it is showtime. I feel that I am the candidate with the answers to the problem and the personality to make change happen," said Callton, who said that his previous government experience makes him uniquely qualified for the job. "With

term limits, the people in Lansing need someone who has a lot of experience when he or she comes in."

Callton said that with his 7-0 undefeated election record, he is looking forward to the upcoming campaign and election.

"I can't wait to have the opportunity to have a vigorous debate on the issues — this is the time for new ideas and vigorous debate," he said.

Callton said that his campaign staff led by campaign manager Alan Klein and fundraising chairman, Jack Miner, also are ready for the campaign.

"We had 13 people attend our first meeting," he said. "This is going to be a modern campaign with a Web page, www.mikecallton.com, con-

nected to Facebook, YouTube, and Twitter."

However, Callton said his campaign will still rely heavily on community contact and involvement.

"I'm about to begin a nine-month 'listening tour,' to hear what the people have to say and learn what they want," he said. "And, if anyone would like to show their support or help, they can contact us. They can put up a yard sign, host a coffee for friends and neighbors or arrange a visit with their organization."

Callton's term on the county board expires Dec. 31, 2010. He said he will not pursue the seat on the county board in January because he anticipates that his campaign for the House of Representatives will take up more and more of his time as

the August 2010 primary and November 2010 general election draw nearer. If elected to the House, Callton will assume his seat Jan. 1, 2011.

A Nashville resident, Callton has owned and operated a chiropractor clinic in downtown Nashville for 19 years. He and his wife, Shelly, have two grown sons. He has bachelor of science degree from Michigan State University and a doctorate of chiropractic from the National College of Chiropractic, Lombard, Ill. Callton also served in the United States Army from 1982 to 1985.

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Also on Sunday, Aug. 23, will be The Kineman Family from the Charlotte area.

They will perform during both 9 and 10:30 a.m. services.

Kalamo United Methodist Church is located four miles east of M-66 on M-79 (Lawrence Highway), then 1.5 miles south on Ionia Road. For more information, call 517-652-1580 or visit www.kalamochurch.org.

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Maple Valley juniors continue climb toward proficiency

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

The students of Maple Valley School District have achieved a steady climb in scores on the Michigan Merit Exam. Though they are still not quite up to par, Curriculum Director Julie Schwartz said the district will continue to see improvements as new initiatives are implemented.

"We are slightly below the

state average, but we have lifted scores steadily in the last three years," said Schwartz.

In writing, 38.2 percent of students scored at the proficient or advanced level, compared to the state average of 43.4. On the reading portion the juniors scored 61.2 percent, compared to the state average of 59.9.

Mathematics found 47.6 percent proficient, compared to 49.3 percent statewide. In

the science category, 56.3 percent were proficient, with the statewide average of 55.6 percent. Social studies showed 84.5 percent of juniors proficient, with 81.3 of students statewide scoring in the proficient or advanced level.

The scores have helped the district achieve adequate yearly progress, a status needed to receive much of the funding from the state.

A new district-wide writing program is helping all students be on the same page and provide standardized goals for each classroom. The plan also requires writing in each of the subjects areas taught.

"It's a district-wide initiative that ensures writing happens in every class," said Schwartz. "It gives teachers a way to manage writing. The idea of having writing going

on in each classroom has made our scores edge higher."

A new math series in the elementary schools and working to align the high school curriculum with content, expectations also are helping to improve scores, said Schwartz.

The district is taking a look at how it determines areas that need attention through the use of data in their research.

"We are beginning to use data to drive instruction," said Schwartz. "During the last two years, we've been learning how to input and interpret data, and that's going to help. When we can see where our weaknesses are, we can fix them."

Community donations build barn at Lakeview Cemetery

by Nick Smith
Maple Valley News Intern

At Lakeview Cemetery in Nashville, volunteers are working on a pole barn to store lawn equipment and other supplies.

The equipment was previously stored in the bottom floor of the cemetery chapel. In the early 1990s, the lower floor flooded, requiring the equipment to be stored on

the main floor of the chapel.

Several people have worked to restore the chapel's main floor, including Sandra Lundquist, of the Lakeview Cemetery Board.

"The chapel was built in 1958 as a chapel," said Lundquist. "The basement was for equipment."

Over the years, the suggestion was made that a pole barn could be built to house

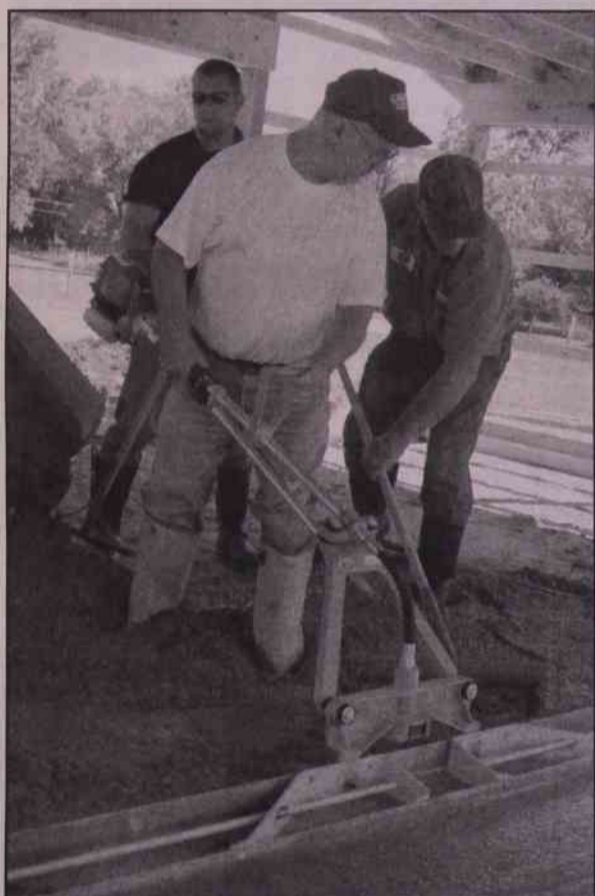
the equipment. The cemetery board thought it was a good idea.

"We don't have to worry about the equipment getting wet in the basement of the chapel," Lundquist explained. "The basement is low, and we have lakes up there by the cemetery."

The barn is being built with contributions from the community. Volunteers are

working to build the barn, which should be completed in the next month.

Among the volunteers helping erect the structure are Jay Rice, Ben Page, Ron Bracy, Rich Champagne, Jamie Wells, and the Nashville Department of Public Works.



Volunteers pour cement into the floor of the pole barn. The barn will be a secure, weather-proof building to store equipment used to maintain the cemetery.

The frame, roof and cement flooring of a pole barn at Lakeview Cemetery has been completed. Monetary donations and volunteers have made the new structure possible.

Talent sought for Woodland festival

Woodland's Labor Day Home Coming committee is seeking talent for the Saturday, Sept. 5, talent show.

Organizers are looking for all talents and all ages, and performers are not restricted to Woodland residency. Anyone who can show his or her talent, whether dancing, stand-up comedy, balloon animals, magic, singing, or other is encouraged to enter.

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GoodTime giveaway helps students gear up for school

by Amy Jo Parish
Staff Writer

An order of breadsticks will mean more than just a full stomach for two local students. From Aug. 16 to 20, each order of breadsticks at GoodTime will give the purchaser a chance to enter a drawing for two back-to-school prize packages. A backpack stuffed with all of the school essentials will be given to a student in grades kindergarten through sixth. A new Toshiba laptop will be awarded to one junior high through college-aged student.

GoodTime Owner Bill Reynolds said the giveaway

is just one way the restaurant is supporting the community and families who might be facing a tough time due to the recession.

"Our philosophy as a group is to be part of the community," said Reynolds. "These supplies are hard for some families to afford right now, so we want to give a few students a fresh start to the year."

The breadstick order does not have to be placed by the eligible student; family or friends can use their tickets to give someone they know a chance to win one of the prizes.



Olivia Blakely (left), Jill Eddy and Bill Reynolds show the items that will be given away to two students.

Area Obituaries

Carylen S. Spidel

NASHVILLE - Carylen S. Spidel, age 72, of Nashville passed away Sunday, August 9, 2009 peacefully at her home with her family by her side.

Carylen was born in Swayzee, IN on July 17, 1937, the daughter of the late William and Ada (Kelly) Petro. She was raised in Swayzee Indiana and attended area schools there.

She was the wife of Gene Spidel. The couple was married on December 8, 1973 in Nashville, where they made their home together.

Carylen loved the hot summer days when she could spend time in her flower gardens. For over 14 years Carylen bred and raised Sphinx cats.

Along with her husband Gene, the two loved to travel and spend their winters in the "warmer" climates of Florida and Arizona.

Carylen is survived by her two daughters, Sherry (Scott) Russell, Karen (Curtis) Rainwater, a son, Jerry W. (Mary) Fager, a step son, William Spidel, and 11



grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren

She was preceded by her parents,

Funeral services were held at the Nashville United Methodist Church, Nashville, on Thursday, August 13, 2009, with Pastor Cathy Christman officiating.

Interment took place immediately following the funeral service at Wilcox Cemetery in Nashville.

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

Two auto accidents claim two lives in Eaton County

Eaton County Sheriff's deputies responded to a fatal accident Wednesday, Aug. 12, at approximately 6:27 p.m. on East Clinton Trail (M-50) just east of Stewart

Road. The deceased, Wiliam Lynn Owens, 46, of Charlotte was eastbound on M-50 and, according to witnesses, was attempting to pass another vehicle when he went into the



This accident occurred on the corner of Charlton Park Rd. and East State Rd.

on-coming travel lane and struck a west-bound semi with trailer head-on.

Owens was driving a 1994 Chevy S-10 pickup. The driver of the semi, a 57-year-old male of Edmore, suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was taken to a local hospital. MDOT came out to the scene to assist with arrows and cones to shut down the road. The accident remains under investigation.

The Eaton County Sheriff Department responded to a two vehicle crash Aug. 9 at the intersection of Spicerville Highway and Narrow Lake Road south of Charlotte in Brookfield

Township.

Deputies said appears that a car traveling east failed to stop at the posted stop sign and was struck by a south-bound pick-up truck. The driver of the car was killed at the scene. A passenger in the car and the driver of the truck were transported to Sparrow Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. The intersection was closed for several hours.

The deceased was identified as Michael Magliochetti, 57, of Meriden, Conn. The identities of the injured was unknown. The crash remains under investigation while accident investigators review evidence and reports.

Grace Church blood drive exceeds goal

The August blood drive held by the American Red Cross at Grace Community Church in Nashville exceeded its goal for pints gathered. The drive had four first-time donors, and a total of 61 donors presented though four of those were deferred for a total of 57 pints collected.

Pins were presented to Heather Primm for donating and Fred Spears Jr. for reaching the one-gallon mark, Jem Perkinge for reaching the eight-gallon mark, Jerry

Patton for completing two gallons, Emma Bender for a five-gallon milestone and Mark Zimmerman for reaching the eight-gallon mark.

Donors were served root beer floats furnished by Carl's Supermarket and cookies furnished by members of Grace Community Church.

The next blood drive will be held Oct. 1 from 1 to 6:45 p.m. at Grace Community Church on M-79 just outside of Nashville.

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Dining with diabetes cooking school to be offered

Eaton County MSU Extension is offering a four-session cooking school for those living with diabetes, their family members and care givers.

The Dining with Diabetes series will meet Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at St.

David's Episcopal Church, 1519 Elmwood Road, Lansing (north of the Lansing Mall). The sessions will be held Sept. 8, 15, 22 and 29. During these sessions, participants will learn how to prepare meals that are healthy, easy and taste good.

Taste testing is included.

Diabetes is a serious and costly disease, but research has shown that those who learn to manage their blood glucose (sugar) levels, eat healthy and exercise regularly can lower their risk of future physical complications.

Participants also will learn up-to-date information on nutrition, meal planning, exercise and how to understand common diabetes language. Each participant will receive a notebook with more than 70 recipes and additional resource materi-

als. The school is limited to the first 20 people who register. The cost is \$50 per person and \$60 for two in the same family, sharing a notebook. Payment is preferred prior to the start of the first class.

To register for the class, contact the Eaton County MSU Extension office at 517-543-2310. Deadline to register is Aug. 28 or until the class is full.

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The second of the works of the flesh mentioned by Paul in his epistle to the Galatians is impurity, which is a translation of the Greek word "akatharsia." The word "akatharsia" originally referred to something being literally dirty or unclean. However, in the Greek Old Testament it referred to ritual uncleanness, which prevented a person, such as a menstruating woman, from approaching the temple or engaging in religious rituals. Jesus and his disciples were accused of "akatharsia" by the Pharisees when they ate without washing their hands. (Mark 7:1-6) Jesus responded to the Pharisees by telling them that they were hypocrites, following the letter of the law, but failing to realize that it is not what goes into one's mouth that makes them impure, but rather what comes out of their mouth, since our words have their source in our hearts. Impurity, then, is more properly considered not the literal uncleanness of our bodies, but the metaphorical impurity of our hearts and minds. Impurity, therefore, is a work of the flesh which taints the whole person. Our hearts, minds and personalities become defiled by impure thoughts and deeds. We should each prayerfully consider whether our hearts and minds are pure, and strive to rid ourselves of impure thoughts.

For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, fornication, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, falsehood. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a man.

R.S.V. Mark 7:21-23

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Vermontville library gives news on book sale, 'Grease' and new items

Due to the rainy weekend of Summerfest, the library did not hold the book sale as planned. Staff is currently planning to hold the sale inside the library beginning Sept. 15 and running for two weeks.

The final classic summer movie will be held Aug. 28. "Grease" will begin at dusk behind the fire station. Bring lawn chairs, bug spray and snacks and end the summer with a fun family movie.

The summer reading program "Be Creative at Your Library" will end with a prize auction Aug. 25. Participants should bring their "Library Loot" and be prepared to bid on the prize of their choice.

DVDs

The International), Push, Race to Witch Mountain,

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Adult fiction

So Long at the Fair by Christina Schwarz, Goliath by Steve Alten, Try Fear by James Scott Bell, The Loch by Steve Alten, The Paper Bag Christmas by Kevin Alan Milne, Sister's Choice by Judith Pella, Return to Love by Betsy St. Amant, Lone Star Cinderella by Debra Clopton, Second Chance Family by Margaret Daley, Healing the Boss's Heart by Valerie Hansen, Best Friends Forever by Jennifer Weiner, The Mist by Carla Neggers, Meg Hell's Aquarium by Steve Alien, Abomination by Colleen Coble, Someone to

Trust by Ginny Aiken, Deadly Intent by Camy Tang, The Kidnapping of Kenzie Thorn by Liz Johnson, Witness to Murder by Jill Elizabeth Nelson, The Accidental Lawman by Jill Marie Landis, Fire and Ice by J. A. Jance, The Traffickers by W.E.B. Griffin, Crossing Fire River by Ralph Cotton, Secrets She Left Behind by Diane Chamberlain, the Secret Life of CeeCee Wilkes by Diane Chamberlain, Dead and Alive by Dean Koontz, The Eleventh Victim by Nancy Grace, Lord John and the Hand of Devils by Diana Gabaldon, Cry in the Night by Colleen Coble, A Piggly Wiggly Wedding by Robert Dalby, Crossroads of Twilight by Robert Jordan, South of Broad by Pat Conroy, Smash Cut by Sandra Brown, Blindman's Bluff by Faye Kellerman, Intervention by Robin Cook.

Adult nonfiction

Energy Efficiency by John Krigger and Chris Dorsi, Bring Me By Machine Gun: the battle for the soul of South Africa from Mandela to Zuma by Alec Russell, Long Walk to Freedom by Nelson Mandela, Faith Like

Potatoes by Angus Buchan, Better Homes and Gardens Christmas from the Heart, Getting It Through My Thick Skull by Mary Jo Buttafuoco.

Junior and easy fiction

Lunch Lady and the League of Librarians by Jarrett J. Krosoczka, Lunch Lady and the Cyborg Substitute by Jarrett J. Krosoczka, The Fall Festival by Mercer Mayer, Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See? by Bill Martin Jr.

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Elephants Life in the Wild

by Monica Kulling, The Meanest Doll in the World by Ann M. Martin, Fairy Dust and the Quest for the Egg by Gail Carson Levine, The Flag We Love by Pam Munoz Ryan, Spot the Plot by J. Patrick Lewis, Double Trouble in Walla Walla by Andrew Clements, Little Bear's Big Sweater by David Bedford, Duck! Rabbit! by Amy Krouse Rosenthal and Tom Lichtenheld, Two Bad Pilgrims by Kathryn Lasky, The Bears in the Bed and the Great Big Storm by Paul Bright, Thanksgiving Rules

by Laurie Friedman, Lester Fizz, Bubble-Gum Artist by Ruth Spiro, Monkey with a Tool Belt by Chris Monroe, Monkey with a Tool Belt and the Noisy Problem by Chris Monroe.

Young adult fiction

Benny and Omar by Eoin Colfer, All Together Dead by Charlene Harris, Dead and Gone by Charlene Harris, Dead until Dark by Charlene Harris, Gifted: Out of Sight, Out of Mind by Marilyn Kaye, Gifted: Better Late Than Never by Marilyn Kaye.

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- Programs for before/after school care
- Pre-school & all day care for 3-4 year olds
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For further information, call Terry Woodman 269-838-4854

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Barry County Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

Hearty Menu Monday, August 17
Turkey stroganoff, green beans, sweet peas, orange.

Tuesday, August 18
Roast beef, mashed potatoes and gravy, glazed diced carrots, cherry crisp, dinner roll.

Wednesday, August 19
Beans and franks, asparagus, apple crisp, wheat bread.

Thursday, August 20
BBQ Ribette, corn, California blend, grapes, bun.

Friday, August 21
Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, blueberry crisp, wheat bread.

Cold Menu Monday, August 17
Cottage cheese, macaroni salad, tropical fruit, muffin.

Tuesday, August 18
Chicken salad, coleslaw, pears, wheat bread.

Wednesday, August 19
Ground bologna w/American cheese, pickled beets, Mandarin oranges, bun.

Thursday, August 20
Sliced turkey, w/Swiss cheese, carrot raisin salad, pineapple, wheat bread.

Friday, August 21
Meatloaf, broccoli raisin

salad, applesauce, wheat bread.

Activities Calendar Monday, August 17:
Hastings - Music with Sam; Crafts 10:30 a.m.; Mini Massage 9-2 p.m.; Card Making 12:30 p.m. H,W,N - Reminiscence.

Tuesday, August 18:
Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Wii in the lunchroom 10 a.m.; Red Hats "A day in the Sun" 12:30 p.m. at Alvina's. GL -10;30-12:30 Cards.

Wednesday, August 19:
Hastings - Music with Sam;

Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m. Delton - Reminiscence.

Thursday, August 20:
Hastings - Music with Don and Pearl; Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Caregiver's Support 3:30 p.m.; Cancer Support 1 p.m. Delton - Puzzles/Trivia; Nashville - TV Time

Friday, August 21 -
Hastings - Exercise 9 a.m.; Bingo 10 a.m.; Mixed Media Painting 9:30 a.m. Woodland - Visiting. Nashville - Bingo; Nashville Feast.

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In mid-July, Eaton County Sheriff Mike Raines announced that the sheriff's office would be conducting a county-wide dog census. Since that announcement, the

county has sold an additional 500 dog licenses. Raines said that by purchasing dog licenses prior to being cited, these people avoided receiving citations.

The court is assessing a \$75 fine and \$40 in costs, for a total of \$115, for first-offense unlicensed dog citations. State law requires that all dogs 4 months of age and older be vaccinated for rabies and have an annual license.

Residents who have not yet purchased a 2009 dog license should do so immediately to avoid receiving a citation.

Dog licenses may be purchased in person at both the county treasurer's office and the animal control shelter. A valid vaccination certificate must be presented at the time of purchase. The county treasurer's office is located at 1045 Independence Blvd. in Charlotte. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

The animal control shelter is located at 756 Courthouse Drive in Charlotte, and office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday (closed noon to 1 p.m. for lunch). In addition to the above hours, the shelter will be open until 6 p.m. on Wednesdays, and Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to noon for the sole purpose of selling licenses.

Dog license forms are available at the animal control shelter through the mail. Call the shelter at 517-543-5755 for details or for further information.

From the Pulpit

by Glenn Branham

Nashville Assembly of God

"... I will not sacrifice to the Lord my God burnt offerings that cost me nothing." (- King David, 2 Sam. 24:24)

Horatio Spafford was a close friend of D. L. Moody. The famous evangelist asked Spafford and his family to join him in England for a series of evangelistic services. Spafford was detained with business, but intended to join his wife and four daughters in a few days. En route, their ship collided with another vessel and sank. Mrs. Spafford was rescued and sent this telegram back to her husband, "Saved Alone." All four daughters drowned in the wreck. Horatio's reply? He said, "I am glad to trust the Lord when it will cost me something." Out of this great loss came the hymn, It Is Well With My Soul.

Salvation is the gift of God. Grace paid the price we could never earn. But worship is costly. The whole idea of free worship was foreign to everyone in the Bible. Under Old Testament Law, the worshiper brought sacrifices to God. Not just any old thing on hand, but the best he had. The best sheep, the best goat, the best bullock, the best of the harvest. No one came empty-handed. To do so would have been presumptuous.

The modern believer somehow is convinced that, since he no longer leads his sacrifice to the temple, there is no price affixed to his worship. How little he understands of worship. True worship comes at a price. The modern worshiper must also make sacrifices to gain the presence of God. Prayer is no easy work. (Col. 4:12) A great deal of time is required for one to truly develop a deeper walk with God. At times, we must choose God over our friends and entertainment. We will fast. (A 13:2-3, 1 Cor. 7:5) We will spend time reading and studying and memorizing and meditating on the Word of God. (Col. 3:16) We will be faithful in church. (Heb. 10:35) We will witness. (A 1:8) And, yes, it will cost us financially - in tithes and offerings (Mal. 3:10) and Christian relief. (1 Jn. 3:17)

The old expression is "You get what you pay for." When we speak of paying the price, we mean more than dollars and cents. We worship at the cost of our life. May we both count the cost and see the value of worshipping Christ.

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'The Plant' is new book by former resident

by Patricia Johns
Staff Writer

Former Barry County resident Richard Hamilton has published his second book, *The Plant*.

In May 2008, he authored a book titled, *Oh! Hast Thou Forgotten*. That book is about the Michigan Cavalry in the Civil War during the Gettysburg Campaign. He returned to Barry County last summer for book signing events in Middleville, Nashville (where he grew up and attended school), and at Charlton Park during its Civil War Reenactment.

Hamilton's new book, *The Plant: Oh! Quality Where Art Thou* was published last month. He will not be able to hold book signings in Barry County this year.

The story is an inside look at the philosophy and inner workings of General Motors Corporation as seen through the experience of fictional character, Tom Luggs, a former engineering manager.

The story in *The Plant, Oh! Quality Where Art Thou*

begins in the mid-1950s and it ends 52 years later in March 2009 when Tom Luggs invites his former GM colleagues to a roundtable discussion on the demise and future of General Motors Corporation. It is the story of a young man who accepts a co-op engineering education appointment with Chevrolet Division to attend General Motors Institute of Technology in Flint.

The Plant follows Tom's career where he learns production is king, and production efficiency is the measure of success. He reluctantly leaves GM and is gone for 14 years. He returns to GM only to find that quality is still the foster child to the king — production efficiency.

He spends the last decade of his industrial career working to transform GM's myopic production efficiency culture to a system of just-in-time quality synchronous manufacturing, where quality is the only measure of success for sustained productivity.

With America's 2008-09 financial freefall and the subsequent demise of GM, Tom invites his former colleagues

to a roundtable discussion where they discuss GM's situation and put it into perspective. They explore root causes and offer insight into what it will take for GM to be a viable company in the future. His experiences are unique. They were uniquely recorded and likely represent the trials and tribulations of not only himself, but many of his colleagues in the manufacturing engineering field.

"As a historical novel, it hits at the core of GM internal politics," said Hamilton. "The story shines a light on the philosophical management issue of production efficiency versus quality."

Hamilton said he believes many will want to read this story because it is about the day-to-day firing line and the effect decisions in the board room and in the plant have on people in the trenches.

"Many of those past and present automobile manufacturing men and women are your friends and neighbors, your brothers and sisters, and your fathers and mothers who reside, not only across America, but right here in Barry County," said Hamilton. "Tom's story is every man's story."

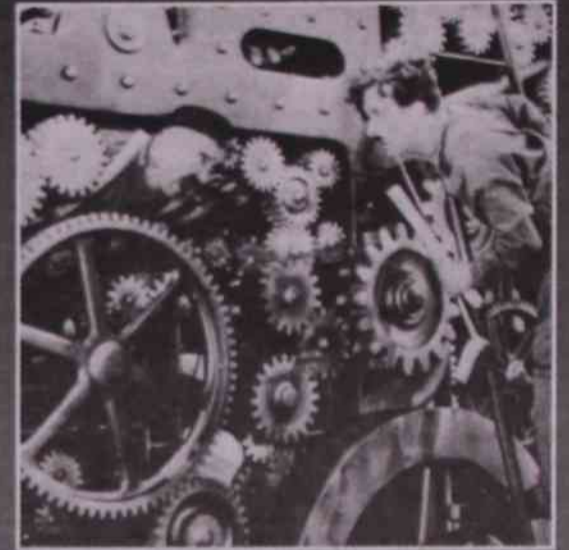
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Hamilton holds a bachelor of science degree in mechanical engineering and a master's degree in industrial management. He is a former professor of engineering technology at Western Michigan University and director of technology at Ferris State University.

Following his retirement, he served as tennis sports page writer for two Saddle Brooke, Ariz., community newspapers. He authored a Civil War memoir series that was featured for 12 months in 2007 and 2008 in an Arizona newspaper.

In addition, he has written three unpublished books concerning genealogy and biographies of his family. He held public office in Middleville, serving on the Thornapple Kellogg School Board and Middleville Zoning Review Board.

THE PLANT OH! QUALITY WHERE ART THOU



Richard L. Hamilton

The cover of "The Plant" by former resident Richard Hamilton

While living in the area, he was an elder at Peace Reformed Church and a Cub Scout Master. He and his wife, Ruth Ann, resided at the in the pre-1850s home

that was once the Russell and Alice Bender-farm on West Main Street, where they raised three sons, Rich, Brad and Tom (deceased). They lived in that home for 30 years before retiring to Arizona in 1999.

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Two different flu vaccines to be available this fall

by **Bannon Backhus**
Staff Writer

Dr. Robert Schirmer, medical director of the Barry-Eaton District Health Department, said that the recent widespread existence of the pandemic flu makes it important for people to be knowledgeable about the influenza vaccinations that will be available this fall.

Also known as "swine flu" and "novel N1H1 flu," the pandemic flu was first reported in the U.S. in April and has since been reported in countries around the world, hence the most recent name.

Providing a local perspective, Schirmer said that while there have been no reported cases of the pandemic flu in Barry County, a total of two cases have been reported in Eaton County thus far, one resulting in death.

According to the Web site for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the pandemic flu is transmitted in the same way

as its seasonal counterpart and creates symptoms similar to the seasonal flu.

"The symptoms of novel H1N1 flu virus in people include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills and fatigue," the Web site states. "A significant number of people who have been infected with this virus also have reported diarrhea and vomiting."

While similarities between the seasonal and pandemic flu have been reported, Schirmer explained that the age groups most at risk for becoming infected with the diseases are different.

"Seasonal influenza causes deaths primarily in people over the age of 65; about 90 percent of deaths are in people over the age of 65," he said. "Pandemic flu is different in that it's younger people who are infected with it. And, so 75 percent of infections are in people under the age of 25, 55 percent of hos-

pitalizations are in people under the age of 25 and about 70 percent of deaths are in people between the ages of 25 and 65. With pandemic flu, there appears to be some immunity in us older people, and we seem to be fairly protected."

According to the CDC's Web site, a vaccine for the pandemic flu will be available at an unspecified date later this year.

"The novel N1H1 vaccine is expected to be available in the fall," the Web site states. "More specific dates cannot be provided at this time as vaccine availability depends on several factors including manufacturing time and time needed to conduct clinical trials."

While Schirmer also said that he did not know exactly when the pandemic flu vaccine would be available, he added that the vaccine will likely be available to the public beginning some time in September.

"We're not sure when we're going to get our allotment or how much," he explained. "There are 300 million people in the U.S., so they're projecting 20 million doses of pandemic flu vaccine the last week in September, 100 million doses in October and ... 80 million doses (per) month thereafter, until there's enough for everybody."

Schirmer said that,

because of their increased risk of contracting the pandemic flu, certain groups of people should seek out the pandemic flu vaccine. These high-risk groups include people under the age of 25, those who have regular contact with babies under 6 months old, pregnant women, people with certain chronic illnesses and those working in the health care field, he explained.

According to Schirmer, the pandemic flu vaccine will be available to the public for free, but more than one dose of the vaccine might be necessary before it becomes effective.

"The pandemic flu vaccine — because it's a new strain that people haven't been exposed to before — they're anticipating will require two doses, about 21 to 28 days apart," he said.

Schirmer explained that schools will play a large role in the number of cases of pandemic flu that occur in the future, both because of the age of those who populate them and because of how they promote close contact between students. As such, Schirmer added that new guidelines emphasizing preventative habits and the identification of students with the pandemic flu have recently been developed for school staff.

While the arrival date of

the pandemic flu vaccine appears questionable, Schirmer said the seasonal flu vaccine will be shipped to locations across the country beginning Aug. 19. Also, even though most people in the county receive seasonal flu vaccinations from their primary care physicians, they will be able to begin making appointments to receive such shots at the Barry-Eaton District Health Department beginning early in September.

"When it comes to seasonal influenza, we are not the major vaccinator in the county," he said. "The private doctors are major vaccinators."

Although Schirmer explained that those over the age of 65 are most at risk for contracting the seasonal flu, he added that the CDC has more strongly encouraged that those between the ages of 6 and 18 be vaccinated against the seasonal flu than the organization has in previous years.

"There are really two reasons for recommendations (for) that group," he said. "Seasonal flu, typically, as you watch it move through a community, begins in schools. Kids then transmit it to adults or to pre-schoolers, the very young. So, one (of the reasons) is to try to interrupt transmission early. The second (reason) is that,

although 90 percent of deaths due to seasonal flu are in individuals over the age of 65, there are deaths in people under the age of 18. About 60 deaths last year in the U.S. and three deaths in Michigan occurred through seasonal influenza in people under the age of 18. We didn't have any in our jurisdiction, but every year, there are some potentially preventable deaths due to seasonal influenza in the very young."

Schirmer said he does not foresee any problems in administering the seasonal flu vaccine, but added that, because of high demand, retired health professionals, nursing students and emergency medical personnel might need to be called upon to help inoculate people against the pandemic flu. Despite the possibility of shortages in people qualified to administer the pandemic flu vaccine, he stressed that one of the biggest problems currently facing medical agencies is how to effectively educate people regarding who should receive the different influenza vaccines.

"Everybody who is eligible for a pandemic shot should get a seasonal flu shot," he summarized. "Not everybody who's eligible for a seasonal flu (shot) needs a pandemic flu (shot)."

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THANK YOU TO all our family & friends who helped celebrate our 50th Anniversary, and for all the many beautiful cards we have received. A special thank you to our daughter, son & grandchildren for giving us the Open House celebration. We are truly blessed. Bob & Lois Gardner

THANK YOU
To our children and grandchildren for the wonderful 50th anniversary party you had for us and also thank you to our family, friends and neighbors for taking the time from your busy schedules to help us celebrate our special day. "Wow" what a day July 25, 2009 was. Thank you all so much. Love, Edgar & Phyllis Smith

THE MAPLE VALLEY Class of 1994 would like to thank the following for their donations and a successful class reunion. Court-Side Inc., Dave Hawkin-The County Journal, Duey's Corner, Goodtime Pizza, Roush's Sidewalk Cafe, Centennial Acres Golf Instructor Spring Javor, Zandra Pierce-BeautiControl consultant. A special thanks to everybody that helped to put the reunion together. Also thanks to all the classmates that attended.

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Teen group to meet at Putnam library

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This leadership group helps select books and materials that encourage use of the library. The group also volunteers at library events

throughout the year.

Dessert will be provided, but teens joining the meeting should bring a lunch. Call the

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portion of the meeting and said it is the small things the staff does without being asked that make all the difference.

"They are the backbone of our department and many others," said Locke. "I can't count the things that the custodial and maintenance staff do for me on a daily basis."

Carleen Samaan told the board that she believes a millage would help the district out of its financial situa-

tion; however, there is one roadblock keeping her from supporting a millage.

"Mr. Kramer, I don't know how many times I've heard you say there's a problem with getting a millage passed in this community," said Samaan. "I would love to pass a millage, but until the administration division is willing to take cuts along with everyone else, I will say no."

The decision concerning

privatization will not take place until after the board has reviewed the request for proposals submitted by companies at the Sept. 14 board meeting.

In other business, the school board:

- Approved coaches for the fall sports season. For football, Brian Lincoln has been named head coach with Chris Ricketts, Matt Rohde and Kevin Stewart in the assistant coaching positions. Bryan Carpenter and Steve

Hopkins will coach the junior varsity team and Josh Meersma will coach the boys varsity soccer team. Robb Rosin will coach both the varsity and junior high cross country teams, and Sarah Carpenter will fill the role of head varsity volleyball coach. Mary Lesage will again coach the junior varsity volleyball team, and Dawn Yager will coach the freshman team. Jeff Byrne will coach the eighth grade volleyball team.

- Accepted bids of \$1,526 for each of three used buses and \$126 for one used van that were put out to bid by the transportation department.

- Unanimously accepted

bids from Aunt Millie's and Prairie Farms for the district's bread and dairy products.

- Heard a report from Roger Trowbridge about his plans to work on expanding the tutoring program offered through the Maple Valley Community Center of Hope. For more information on the program or how to volunteer, local residents can contact the administration office at 517-852-9699 or the Center of Hope at 517-852-0664.

The board will hold its next regular meeting Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. in the high school.

Social News



Wilsons to celebrate silver wedding anniversary

Bill and Becky (Maker) Wilson will be celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary. They were married at the United Methodist Church in Nashville on August 18, 1984.

They are the parents of Kelly (Matt) Dunham, Max and Katelyn. The couple celebrated the occasion with a Caribbean cruise and they will be honored by their children with a family dinner.



Georgios and Julie Khouri celebrated silver wedding anniversary

Georgios and Julie Khouri celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on July 7. With their family and friends, the college sweethearts were married in Vermontville at the United Methodist Church on that date in 1984. The family would like to invite their friends to join them in celebrating their anniversary at an open house to be held on August 30 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the home of Robert Dormer in Vermontville. (No gifts, please.)



Staff and teachers donned orange shirts and picketed outside of the Maple Valley High School before the board meeting Monday night to show their opposition to privatizing the custodial staff. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

Old 'facts' still bear repeating

The following was published in the *Nashville News* in May 1958:

Facts about Barry County

1796 — LaFramboise first white trader. Trading post at junction of Grand and Thornapple rivers.

1826 — First mission, the Slater Mission. Barry County home of many Ottawa and Pottawatamie Indians.

1835 — First school at Middle Village (now Middleville). First teacher, Sarah Paul.

1837 — First post office at Yankee Springs.

1837 — Hastings became center of Indian trade.

1838 — Barry County divided into four townships by state legislature.

1846 — First stage line through Barry County.

1851 — First newspaper in county; *Barry County Pioneer*.

1855 — First school in Hastings Township.

1865 — Nashville platted by Robert Gregg.

1869 — First railroad completed in Barry County, Jackson to Nashville. Later extended into Hastings.

1837 — Population 512

1950 — Population 26,183.

(According to a U.S. Census estimate, the population was 59,899 in 2006)

BARRY CO. EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Barry County Extension Calendar of Events

- Aug. 15 State 4-H Dog Show, MSU Campus.
- Aug. 19 4-H Advisory Board Meeting, 7 p.m., Courts and Law Building.
- Aug. 20 Pond Management Clinic, 6:30-8:30 p.m., MSU Clarksville Experimental Station.
- Aug. 20 Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center
- Aug. 31 Red Cross and MSU Extension Babysitting Class, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Hastings Library.
- Sept. 1 Deadline to pickup fair premiums.
- Sept. 1-2 Red Cross and MSU Extension Babysitting Class, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Hastings Library.

FROM THE VAULTS



Each week, a new picture from the vaults of the Maple Valley News will be printed here for readers to enjoy. If you can identify the people or circumstances of the photo, feel free to send the information to amy@j-adgraphics.com and we could print your explanation in the next edition. This week's photo features Mrs. Hildred Peabody and an unknown reader taking part in a program at the library.

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Mussels relocated on the Thornapple River



Dana Strouse and Joe Rathbun, MDEQ environmental quality analysts, identify and mark captured mussels.

by Jason Drogowski
Barry Conservation District
On Thursday, July 30, donning waders and wet-

stretch of the Thornapple River near Nashville.

The conservation district staff was joined by representatives from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, as well as a team of volunteers.

In preparation for the removal of the Nashville Dam, mussels were collected from just below the dam and relocated to a site approximately 1.5 miles downstream. The purpose of the relocation was to remove the mollusks from an area of river that may receive an increased sediment load, potentially burying the slow-moving filter feeders.

Nationwide, three-quarters of mussel species are listed as either species of special concern, threatened, or endangered. This is attributed to a variety of reasons including pollution, sedimentation, dams and the invasive zebra mussel. Since the larvae of mussels are spread by host fish, the removal of the dam will allow for the spread of mussels upstream after fish passage is restored.

A total of 1,242 mussels were collected at the Nashville site. Species collected included the Wabash pigtoe, spike, strange floater, common floater, fat mucket, fluted shell, pocketbook, cylindrical paper pondshell, elktoe, brook heelsplitter, and rainbow. The most common species collected were the spike and the fat mucket.

Three of the collected species — the rainbow, paper pondshell and the elktoe — are listed as species of special concern.

According to Joe Rathbun, an environmental quality analyst with the MDEQ, mussels that were not removed from

the site still have a good chance of surviving, since all precautions are being under-

taken to minimize the amount of sediment released with the dam removal.



Jackie Blanc (left) and Grace Scott show the mussels they collected in clam bags.



This is one of the 1,242 mussels collected below the Nashville Dam.

Local students on WMU dean's list

Western Michigan University has announced its dean's list for the spring semester of the 2008-09 school year.

To be eligible, students must have earned at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale while carrying at least 12 hours of graded class work.

Local students on the list include:

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Coach Carpenter plans to teach more than volleyball

by Brett Bremer
Sports Editor
She'd been waiting since she was 15-years-old, and everything finally fell into place perfectly.
Maple Valley didn't have

too look too far to find its next varsity volleyball coach. Sarah Carpenter took over the program this summer.
"I'm really excited. I have wanted to coach volleyball

since I was about 15-years-old," said Carpenter. "I played in high school, in junior Olympics, and in college. I was always the most improved or the good attitude girl, but not necessarily the best girl on the team. I want to coach the sport and also the character building that goes with it."

It's Carpenter's first coaching position. She played her high school volleyball at Vicksburg, then joined the Olivet College Women's program.

"She's going to bring some youth," said Maple Valley athletic director Duska Brumm. "She's really enthusiastic. When she came in she was very detail oriented and very organized."

Carpenter ran the summer camps, and has been involved already with weight lifting and open gyms.

"She's definitely raring to go," said Brumm.

She's done more than that though. She's already gotten a youth program going, and is working on creating a unified program from the youth program, on up through seventh and eighth grade, and into the high school levels. She plans on doing training sessions every couple months with the coaches from each level.

One of the major things she's been working on as she prepared for the start of try-outs on Wednesday is her team contracts.

"It's not just about teach-

ing the fundamentals of the game," said Carpenter. "The fundamentals they're learning in high school translate into real life situations."

The contract includes focal points such as knowing fundamentals, having self-respect, being in the moment, team unity, work ethic, and positive attitude.

She's gotten ideas for the contract through years of playing experience, and partly from watching her husband Bryan Carpenter coach. Bryan coaches the Maple Valley varsity baseball team and is the junior varsity football coach.

"We've been married ten years," said Sarah. "He's coached all ten, and he was coaching before that. I've

been able to watch how he does things and I've bounced ideas off him. It's awesome to have him here as a support."

She's watched Bryan coach, and watched the past couple Maple Valley varsity coaches coach a little too.

"I have seen the girls play in open gyms and such. Bill (Brenton) and Kellie (Offrink) both were solid fundamentally. They really have made a solid base I'm starting with."

Try-outs started on Wednesday, and competitions begin on Wednesday Aug. 26 when the Lions head to the home of one of their Kalamazoo Valley Association rivals for the Delton Kellogg Invitational.

Youth baseball wins title



Saturday, July 11, Maple Valley Amateur Baseball 10-and-under team traveled to the Field of Dreams baseball park in Charlotte to compete in a four-team tournament. Maple Valley boys beat Hastings in their first game and then held off Middleville to win the championship. The boys hit well all day and played well on defense to capture the title, said the coaches. Pictured are (front row, from left) Logan Ramey, Jayce Heinze, Logan Valiquette, Kolton Pierce, (middle) Ryan Bennett, Jake Andrews, Wyatt DeGroot, Jake Bross, Gabe Gorton (back) coaches Allen Bross and Tim Ramey.

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for the Vermontville Ambulance Department Saturday, Aug. 8. The donation-only dinner featured a variety of home-cooked courses and local businesses, along with donated items that were sold in the auction.

The event was organized in just under four weeks, and can be counted as a huge success, according to O'Dell.

"I'm just very happy and very thankful that the township residents came to



Hundreds of community members filled the Vermontville Fire Station to help raise funds for the ambulance with a special dinner and auction. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

together to attend the dinner and support our EMS," said O'Dell. "It was just so awesome that everyone came together, and we did so well."

Though the final numbers haven't been tabulated, O'Dell said nearly \$7,000 was raised at the event. The money will be used to help cover the costs of running the ambulance service and the resources they need throughout the year.

O'Dell said the families are hoping to hold the event next year around the same time and expand the auction.

"It just worked out so well this year. This was the first time and had such short notice. There is a good chance we will be doing it again next year and with more preparation time, we can make it bigger," said O'Dell.



Lisa Coblentz (left) and Vermontville Fire Chief Monte O'Dell get some of the auction items ready for selling. Coblentz credits the ambulance with saving her life after an allergic reaction to a bee sting 18 years ago. (Photo by Amy Jo Parish)

Meet the Coaches night will be Thurs.

The Maple Valley High School athletic department will host its Meet the Coaches Night on Thursday, Aug. 20, in the high school auditorium.

The event begins at 7 p.m. Parents and athletes will be introduced to all the fall coaches, including new varsity football coach Brian Lincoln and new varsity volleyball coach Sarah Carpenter.

Maple Valley graduate and current assistant coach for the Eastern Michigan University Women's basketball program Darin Thrun will be the guest speaker at the event.

Maple Valley athletic director Duska Brumm said that pricing off athletic passes will be discussed, as well as a sign-up for volunteers to work at sporting events and earn free passes.

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