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## Removal of the Nashville Dam is underway

by Amy Jo Kinyon  
 Staff Writer

Removal of the Nashville Dam is underway, with more demolition scheduled for next week, reported Scott Decker of the Nashville Department of Public Works to the village council Thursday evening.

"They will be hauling fill in on Monday and later in the week, the excavator will finish demolishing," said Decker.

The project is scheduled to be completed in approximately three weeks, he said.

Putnam District Library Director Shauna Swantek was also at the council meeting to detail a program that could bring live music to the streets of Nashville.

Currently, there are four pianos located in downtown Hastings that were painted and installed by the Thornapple Arts Council.

Swantek said the pianos have been an attraction for residents and visitors to Hastings and have become a focal point for the city. The council will vote on whether to allow the pianos in Nashville at the next council meeting.

In other business, the council:

- Heard a report from Police Chief Jerry Schray that the department received two M-16 rifles through a grant from the federal government. Schray said ammunition for the rifles has been ordered, and once it is received, the department will test and train on the new firearms. He also expressed gratitude to those who helped construct the new garage. The building cost approximately \$8,000 after the sale of the former police department building.
- Heard a report from

Swantek concerning possible funding cuts from the state for libraries. Swantek visited the capitol Thursday along with library directors from across the state to voice their concerns over funding cuts and how they would affect the programs offered.

"Putnam may be small, but we support our community in amazing ways," said Swantek. "Now is not the time to cut funding when we're providing more and more services."

• Ben Geiger from Rep. Brian Calley's office attended the meeting and gave an update to the council about state budget talks.

"Talks have broken down so bad over the past couple weeks that they brought in mediators, and that didn't work out, so now the mediators aren't doing anything," said Geiger. "There will be cuts ... That's just the reality



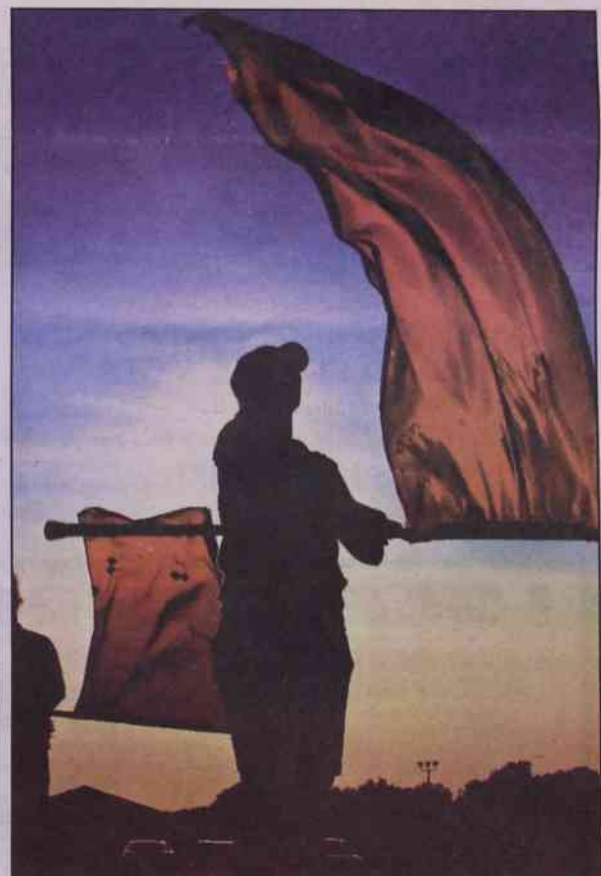
Work has begun on the removal of the Nashville Dam. Demolition will continue during the upcoming week.

of it. The easy options are no longer available."

- Approved a route permit for the homecoming parade that will be held on Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m.

The Nashville Village Council will meet again Sept. 24 at 7 p.m. in the village hall on Main Street.

## Band camp prepares players for season



The flag corps practices its routine during the week-long band camp held at the high school. Look inside for a full article recapping the band's week. (Photo by Miller's Photographic Studio) See page 12 for story.

## Schools are off to great start



Principal Jason Miller directs students to their buses at the end of the first day of school at Fuller Elementary in Nashville.

by Amy Jo Kinyon  
 Staff Writer

Students and staff were out in full force for the first day of school Wednesday, Sept. 9. Fred Davenport, principal of Maplewood Elementary, said the first few days set the tone for the entire year and judging by this week's start, it will be a good year.

"It was a really smooth start," said Davenport. "We start each year with an assembly, going over the policies and rules, and you can usually see a grade that

might need more attention than the others. This year, that didn't happen. All three of our grade levels look like great kids."

Davenport said there will be a greater emphasis on writing at Maplewood this year and it will be taught as a separate subject, rather than incorporated into other subjects. Also, rather than one dedicated science lab teacher, classroom teachers will be teaching science lab lessons to their students.

With buses on the roads and students walking to and

from school, Davenport cautioned drivers to keep an eye out for students. He also suggests that students walk in pairs.

Fuller Street Principal Jason Miller said holding an open house the night before helped new students become familiar with the building and helped students transition into school.

"The classrooms look great, the custodians did a great job and the open house was a success," said Miller. "I haven't crunched the numbers, but we had well over 80 percent in attendance."

Students at Fuller this year have lunch cards to use, a change from previous years, and the staff has attended training to improve the reading curriculum at the school.

Alternative Education Principal Chris Parkinson also reported a good start to the year, with more than 70 kids.

"Things went great," said Parkinson of the first day. "I hope the school year reflects the first two days of school."

This year, Parkinson has

high hopes for his students and their test scores. A highly qualified math teacher and a highly qualified English teacher have been added to the staff.

The Maple Valley Board of Education will discuss a calendar resolution at its meeting Monday night. The board has been unable to set the official calendar for the year due to negotiations. The board will meet at 7 p.m. in the administration building.



Fuller Street student Olivia Williams boards the bus after her first day of school.

## Nashville man sought in stabbing

Battle Creek Police said a domestic dispute led to a stabbing Sunday, Sept. 6. The victim, a 37-year-old man, was cut on the hand, shin and shoulder with a pocket knife.

Officers said the suspect, 17, was arguing with his former girlfriend, also 17, who had locked herself in a car in the 1500 block of West Michigan Avenue. The suspect was slashing at the car

when the victim came from the house and told him to leave. The two men fought, and the victim was cut.

The suspect is being sought on two charges of assault with intent to murder.

Sgt. Mark Pierce of the Battle Creek Police said a felony warrant has been authorized for assault with a deadly weapon.

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# Charlton Park to host pow wow Sept. 19 and 20

The Frank Bush Memorial Walk in the Spirit Pow Wow will be held at Historic Charlton Park Sept. 19 and

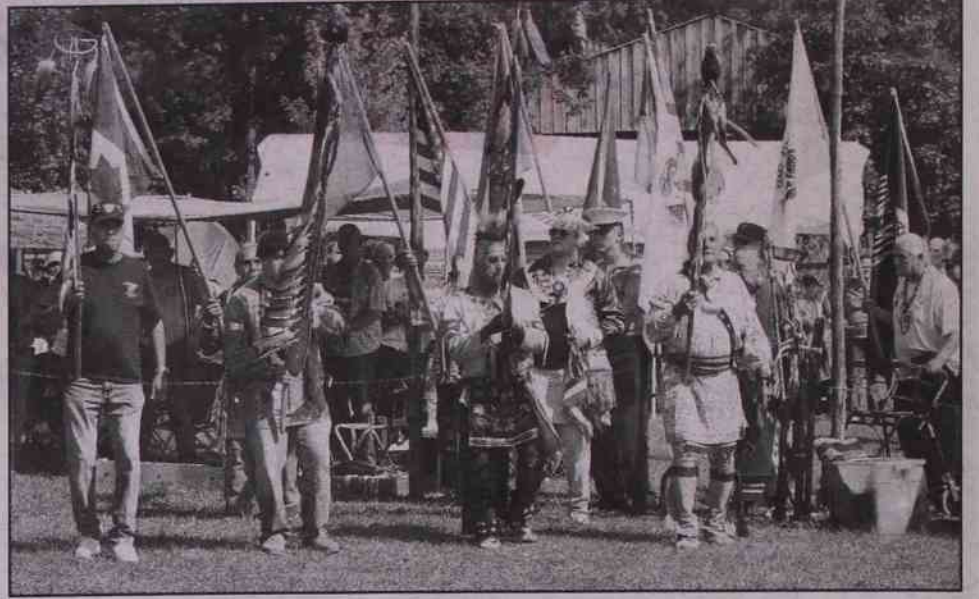
20. The public is invited to experience Native American culture through a traditional pow wow with authentic

dancing and drumming, arts and crafts and native foods.

The pow wow honors Frank Bush, Naswa Wua Quet (Eagle Weather), of the Pokagon, Huron and Gun Lake Band of Potawatomi, Eagle Clan. When the federal government allowed Indians to have pow wows again, the first one in Lower Michigan was held at Charlton Park, where Frank Bush attended as a drummer on the first drum to return to this area. Bush was "Head Veteran," respected elder and pipe carrier in this area.

He was also a combat veteran, having served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1940 to 1951. He left with the rank of gunnery sergeant and was awarded the Purple Heart for injuries received during World War II.

The general public is invited to the upcoming pow wow. Gates open at 10 a.m. Saturday and Sunday. Grand entries are scheduled for 1 p.m. on Saturday and noon on Sunday. Flags will be retired at sundown Saturday, followed by open dancing until dark. On Sunday, fol-



Authentic clothing, dancing and gifts will be part of the Frank Bush Memorial Walk in the Spirit Pow Wow Saturday and Sunday. (File photo.)

## Oversized oak is contender in state contest



Linda Burt of Bellevue shows off her large bur oak. The tree measures 223 inches around at diameter chest height. Representatives from the Eaton Conservation District measured this tree to verify it as a contender in the Michigan Tree Hunt. The state winners will be announced at a ceremony in Midland Sept. 26.

lowing the dances, gifts will be presented to the participants.

Authentic food vendors will be open throughout the event so visitors can enjoy fry bread and other special treats. Native artisans offer beadwork, baskets, leather goods, ceramics, carvings, blankets, statuary and jewelry.

Members of the intertribal

public are invited to participate in dancing. Participants will be available before and after dancing for photos, discussion and to answer questions.

Admission to the pow wow is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children ages 5 to 12. Spectators should bring their own lawn chairs to view the event. Participants may enter

free of charge.

For more information, contact Historic Charlton Park at 269-945-3775, visit the Web site at [www.charlton-park.org](http://www.charlton-park.org) or go on Facebook. The park is at 2545 S. Charlton Park Road, just north of M-79 between Hastings and Nashville.

## Motorcyclist injured in Woodland crash

An 18-year-old man from Charlotte was injured Thursday, Sept. 3, at approximately 1:20 p.m. when the motorcycle he was riding struck the side of pickup truck driven by a 78-year-old Woodland man.

The Michigan State Police

Hastings post responded to the scene. The initial investigation revealed that the motorcycle attempted to pass the pickup, which was turning left into the parking lot of Faith Bible Church, located on the west side of Woodland Road just north of

Brown Road. The motorcycle struck the left front bumper of the pickup and subsequently veered across the lawn of the church and crashed into the church sign, causing the 18-year-old driver to be thrown from the motorcycle.

The driver of the motorcycle was initially transported to Pennock Hospital and then transferred to Borgess Hospital, where he remains in intensive care. The driver of the pickup was uninjured.

The 18-year-old driver was wearing a helmet and the 78-year-old driver was wearing a seat belt. While speed is believed to be a fac-

tor in the crash, alcohol is not believed to have been involved.

Assisting agencies included Woodland Fire Department, Nashville EMS, Aircare Kalamazoo, Barry County Road Commission, and Barry County Central Dispatch.

## Correction

The Vermontville Bible Church Mother of Preschoolers meets from 9 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Also, the program will be closed if Maple Valley Schools close for the day. The group will hold its first meeting Tuesday, Sept. 15.

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## Dolls, food, money order stolen from area home

A Hastings resident reportedly returned home Aug. 22 after a four-day absence to find that someone had pried open the front door and entered her home Thornapple Lake Road and stolen a \$400 cashier's

check, several Indian dolls and food from the cupboards and refrigerator.

Also missing was a utility trash can, the contents of which were emptied by the door.

<b>LOCAL CHURCH SCHEDULE</b>			
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<p><b>ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b> 803 Reed St., Nashville Sunday School . . . . . 10 a.m. Sunday: A.M. Worship . . . . . 11 a.m. Evening Worship . . . . . 6 p.m. Wednesday Evening: Prayer Meeting . . . . . 7 p.m. PASTOR GLENN BRANHAM</p>	<p><b>CHESTER GOSPEL CHURCH</b> 3744 W. Vermontville Hwy. Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m. Morning Worship . . . . . 11 a.m. Evening Worship . . . . . 6 p.m. Wednesday Family Night Service . . . . . 6:45 p.m. PASTOR MARC S. LIVINGSTON Phone: 543-5488</p>	<p><b>GRESHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 5505 North Mulliken Road, Charlotte one mile north of Vermontville Hwy. PASTOR KATHY SMITH 517-726-0526 Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School: 10:50 a.m. United Methodist Women: 3rd Thursday</p>	<p><b>NASHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> Located on the corner of State and Washington streets Worship Service . . . . . 9:30 a.m. Sunday School . . . . . 11:15 a.m. PASTOR CATHY CHRISTMAN At Home: 852-0685 Church Phone: 852-2043</p>
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<p><b>VERMONTVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b> 108 North Main, Vermontville PASTOR KATHY SMITH 517-726-0526 Adult and Youth Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m. United Methodist Women: 2nd Tuesday</p>		<p><b>VERMONTVILLE BIBLE CHURCH</b> 250 N. Main St., Vermontville Sunday School . . . . . 9:45 a.m. Worship Service . . . . . 11 a.m. Sunday Evening Service . . . . . 6 p.m. Wed. Evening Service . . . . . 6:30 p.m. AWANA . . . . . 6:30-8 p.m. Wed. PASTOR DANIEL E. SMITH</p>	

# Elephants go swimming at Charlton Park

by Patricia Johns  
Staff Writer

Wednesday morning, Sept. 9, the two elephants from the Carson and Barnes Circus were kept busy get-

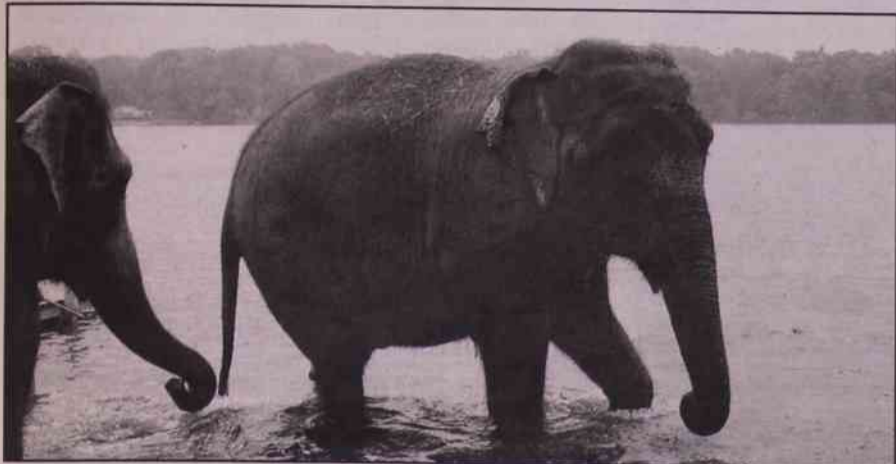
ting the site ready for the performances at 4:30 and 7 p.m. Then at about 11:15 a.m. they and their trainers, accompanied by about 20 onlookers, walked from the

circus site to the boat launch on Thornapple Lake. The elephants were walking to a swim. Once at the lake, the elephants seemed somewhat

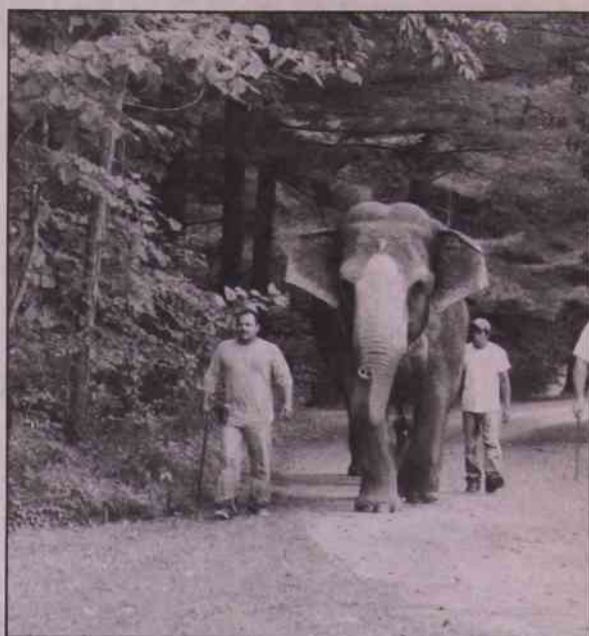
reluctant since the water was a little cool. But after a few moments, both elephants walked into the shallow water, frightened a few mud turtles and began to splash about. One even sprayed one of the trainers. The elephants played in the water for about 20 minutes. One pachyderm got a little stuck in the mud but made it out of the lake okay.

Then, just as the sun began to shine over Charlton Park, animals, trainers and onlookers began the short walk back to the tent area.

Keith Ferris, director of Charlton Park, said he thought this was a fun part of having the circus visit Charlton Park and was glad he hadn't missed it.



The elephants go into the water together, but it still takes them a little while to get used to it. The visiting pachyderms chased mud turtles from the boat launch site on Thornapple Lake. (Photo by Patricia Johns)



Elephants walk with their trainers from the Carson and Barnes Circus tent area down to the boat launch at Charlton Park. About 20 people watched and took photographs of the elephants Wednesday morning. (Photo by Patricia Johns)

## County-wide trail to be in spotlight Tuesday

The Barry County Parks and Recreation Board will host an informational session on Barry County trails Tuesday, Sept. 15, in the Hastings Public Library at 6:30 p.m.

This session will provide background information on the development of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail with successes achieved in Middleville, serving as a best practice. The City of Hastings will share an update on progress being made to develop the section of the trail within city limits.

Overall, the long-term focus will be county-wide connectivity with the trail serving as a vital usable linear park across Barry County. "Trails add value to our local communities in so many ways," said Barry County Commissioner Mike Bremer. "Research shows that trails boost tourism and civic improvement, ultimately having a positive impact on the local economy. Trails preserve and restore open space, adding opportunity for physical activity to improve fitness and mental health."

Public input is encouraged at the session to help to create a vision of connectivity across Barry County.

The trails information session is free of charge, and businesses, governmental leaders, community leaders, residents and all those interested in trail creation are encouraged to attend.

Call Valerie Byrnes at 269-945-2454 with any questions.



Once the elephants get used to the water, they splash, bathe and roll over in the water. (Photo by Patricia Johns)

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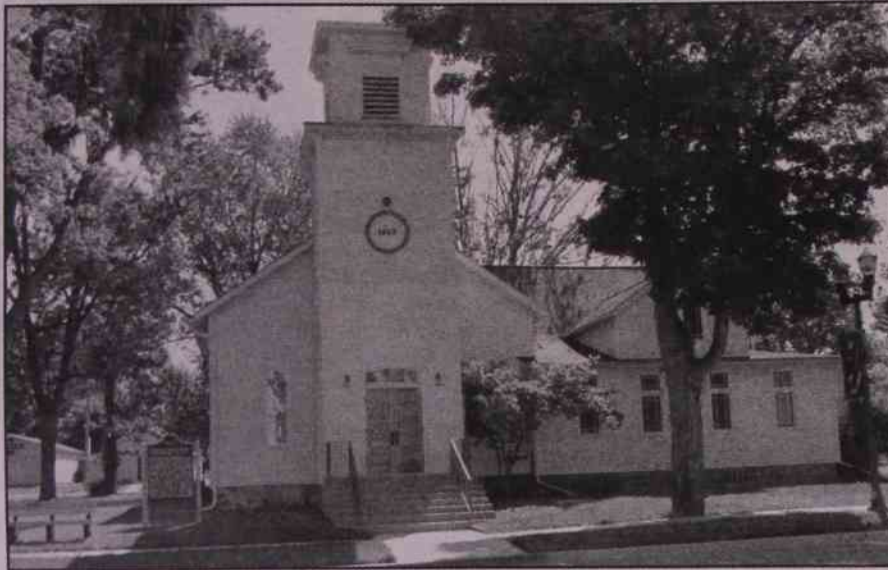
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# Bishop Keaton set to celebrate sesquicentennial of church

Bishop Jonathan Keaton will be in Vermontville to help celebrate the sesquicentennial of the Vermontville United Methodist Church. A special anniversary celebration is planned for Sept. 20 to mark the church's 150th year of ministry.

Activities will begin with worship at 11 a.m. shared by several former pastors and Bishop Keaton preaching. Following the worship service will be a picnic lunch and program on the lawn that will include a resolution from the State of Michigan. Historical items on display in the fellowship hall.

The church, located at 108 N. Main, Vermontville, invites the public to attend the worship service, picnic and program and share this occasion with the congregation. If anyone is unable to attend, but would like to



The Vermontville Methodist Church will celebrate 150 years of ministry with a special event Sunday, Sept. 20.

share a memory or two, church's Facebook page or 186, Vermontville MI entries can be posted on the sent to the church at PO Box 49096.

# Kalamo United Methodist Church to host Foresters, lock-in

The public is welcome for a special evening service with entertainment by Stephen and Joshua Forester.

They will be providing a youthful mix of music and humor Saturday, Sept. 19, at 6 p.m.

Then, from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m., the church will hold a youth lock-in for grades seven to 12. Planned for the evening will be a campfire, karaoke, games and more.

The Kalamo United Methodist Church is located four miles east of M-66 on M-79 (Lawrence Highway), then one and a half miles south on Ionia Road.

For more information, call 517-652-1580 or log on to [www.kalamochurch.org](http://www.kalamochurch.org).

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# Barry Community Hospice offering grief recovery classes

After the loss of a loved one, many people go through a long and difficult process of recovery. Often it is a confusing and chaotic time.

Barry Community Hospice is offering five grief recovery sessions that combine learning about grief with the opportunity to discuss thoughts and feelings in a safe and supportive environment. Class topics to be covered are: understanding the effects of grief, what to expect during mourning, how to support oneself and

others in grief, the unexplainable ghosts, voices, visions and more, ways to remember a loved one and creating a lasting legacy.

Classes will be at the Barry Community Hospice offices 450 Meadow Run Drive, Hastings. Evening classes will be held on Thursdays Sept. 24 to Oct. 22, from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. Daytime classes will be on Tuesdays Oct. 6 to Nov. 3 from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Call 269-948-8452 to register for class session choice.

# Solar and wind energy systems focus of fall conservation tour

by **Bannon Backhus**  
Staff Writer

If it were not for the many cars parked at the Charlie

Harag Farm in Charlotte on Thursday, passersby might not have suspected that anything out of the ordinary was happening at the location. But, as it turns out, the farm hosted several speakers that day as part of the 2009 fall conservation tour.

In addition to offering participants the opportunity to hear from several speakers, the event focused on solar and wind energy systems and included a bus tour of renewable energy systems currently in use at various sites throughout Barry, Eaton and Ingham counties.

Speakers at the event included Robyn "Bobbie" Morrison, business specialist for the United States Department of Agriculture

# Area Obituaries

## William Huss

CHARLOTTE - William Huss, age 77 of Charlotte, died Friday, September 4, 2009.

Mr. Huss was born June 23, 1932 in Laporte, IN the son of Charles and Victoria (Jones) Huss.

Mr. Huss was a member of the Vermontville Lions Club and involved in Boy Scouts.

He enjoyed playing cards, fishing, hunting, doing wood crafts, camping and mushrooming.

Mr. Huss was most proud of his family and enjoyed spending time with them and friends.

He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Dolores; daughters, Terry Sloan of Vermontville; Sheryl (Dave) Walker of Phoenix, AZ; sons, William (Sally) Huss of

Potterville and Tony (Sherry) Huss of Nashville; seven grandchildren, Shannon Godlewski, Trish (Brandon) Garvey, Troy (Mandy) Sloan, Angela Huss, Kristy Huss, Alicia Huss and Amanda Huss; three great grandchildren; sisters, Betty Smith, Luella Faulkner and Marjorie Shaw; brothers, Charles Huss and Vernon (Kathleen) Bollinger.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at Pray Funeral Home with Pastor Bobby Casey officiating.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Family.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.prayfuneral.com](http://www.prayfuneral.com)

## Nancy M. Sprague

NASHVILLE - Nancy M. (Phenix) Sprague, age 72, of Nashville, passed away Thursday, September 3, 2009 at Eaton Community Hospice, in Charlotte.

Nancy was born in Lansing on May 23, 1937, the daughter of the late Clyde E. and Urvena (Bell) Jenks.

She was raised in the Clare and East Lansing areas.

Nancy was married to Hal "Butch" Phenix on July 19, 1957.

The couple made their home together in the Nashville area.

Nancy and Hal had celebrated 34 years of marriage when Hal passed away in January 1992.

On May 22, 1999, Nancy was married to Joseph Sprague. Nancy and Joe spent the past six winters together at their home in Florida.

Nancy was employed at Hastings Fiberglass for 20 years before retiring in 1999.

Nancy is survived by two daughters, Gay M. Goodnoe, Vallita (Ron) Ashburn; four sons, Anthony (Valarie) Phenix, Andrew Phenix, Timothy Phenix, Kevin S. (Tracy) Phenix; three step-daughters, Michelle (Gary)

Armour, Patricia Meyers, Julie Sprague; two step-sons, Joe (Debbie) Sprague II, and John (Donna) Sprague; a sister, Jane Smith; three brothers, Clyde Jenks Jr., James Jenks, and John (Bonnie) Jenks. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; 21 step grandchildren; two step great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Hal (Butch) Phenix who passed away in 1992; step-son, Mike Sprague; brother, Jerome Jenks, and step-granddaughter, Amber.

Funeral services were held at the Nashville Baptist Church, Nashville on Wednesday, September 9, with Pastor Lester DeGroot officiating. Interment took place immediately following the funeral services at Hosmer Cemetery in Nashville.

Memorial contributions can be made to either Barry Community Hospice or Eaton Community Hospice.

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

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# Putnam participates in The Great Michigan Read

Putnam District Library in Nashville begins this year's fall adult programming by participating in The Great Michigan Read.

The Great Michigan Read is a book club for the entire state. With a statewide focus on a single book, it encourages Michiganders to learn more about their state, their history and their society. This year's selection is *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* by Bich Minh Nguyen. Several copies are available for checkout at the library. Patrons may also use their library card and

home or library computer to have a copy delivered to Putnam for pick up. Visit [www.mel.org](http://www.mel.org) and click on MeLCat to access this service.

*Stealing Buddha's Dinner* is a memoir that chronicles Nguyen's migration from Vietnam in 1975 and her coming of age in Grand Rapids, in the 1980s. Along the way, she struggles to construct her own cultural identity from a menagerie of uniquely American influences. *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* inspires readers to

investigate cultural influences, explore their family roots, and discover how contemporary events have affected their lives.

Patrons are encouraged to get their copy soon and plan to attend the book discussion at the library on Monday, Oct. 5. The time will be determined by those who sign up for the gathering. The group plans to sample some of the food described in the memoir when they meet. Readers may also choose to carpool to Grand Rapids on Thursday, Oct. 15,

to hear the author speak.

Readers who sign up to participate will receive a free bookmark and reader's guide at the circulation desk. While the reader's guide has some selection-specific questions, many of the questions encourage the reader to reflect on his or her own experience.

For more information about The Great Michigan Read, visit [www.michigan-humanities.org](http://www.michigan-humanities.org) or contact Putnam District Library.



Library aides Kari Hummell and Kathleen Welch show the book and study guide for The Great Michigan Read.

## Health department announces seasonal flu clinics

The Barry-Eaton District Health Department is ready to kick off seasonal flu vaccination season. Seasonal influenza vaccine is encouraged for everyone over 6 months old.

In Barry County, clinics will be held at the health department at 330 W. Woodlawn Ave. in Hastings. They will be held Mondays beginning Sept. 21 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Oct. 5 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

In Eaton County, clinics

will be held at Charlotte Assembly of God Church at 1100 E. Clinton Trail in Charlotte (across from Meijer) Thursday, Sept. 24, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 8, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and Thursday, Oct. 15, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The health department will also have clinics at the following locations: the Congregational church in Grand Ledge Friday, Sept. 18, from 9 to 11 a.m.,

Windsor Township Hall Friday, Oct. 2, from 9 to 11 a.m., and the Eaton Rapids Senior Center Tuesday, Oct. 6, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Seasonal flu vaccine is \$32 for adults. Children with no insurance or insurance that will not pay for vaccines can receive the flu vaccine for \$15 based on ability to pay. The health department also will have FluMist vaccine for those children with no insurance or insurance that will not pay for vaccines.

The health department can bill some insurance companies, including Medicare, Medicaid, PHA commercial, Blue Cross/Blue Shield, and Priority Health (pre-authorization is needed). The health department cannot bill Blue Care Network. Those who have Blue Care Network, should contact their physicians for flu shots.

A second vaccine for the novel H1N1 influenza virus will be available later in the fall.

## HGB Wellness Center offering new group classes

The HGB Wellness Center is kicking off its next session of group exercise classes with some new additions to the line-up. TNT (Tighten and Tone) is a fast-paced

class that blends cardio and weights for a total body workout.

Hip Hop Dance is a high-energy dance class that "gets your hips moving and your

heart rate up," according to Jake Campbell, wellness center coordinator.

Beginning Yoga is also back on the schedule starting Sept. 8.

For more information about the group exercise classes, contact the Wellness Center at 517-543-9575 or by e-mail at [jcampbell@hgb-health.com](mailto:jcampbell@hgb-health.com).

## Vermontville Awana Club starts new year

The Vermontville Bible Church invites all children in kindergarten through sixth grade to attend Awana Boys and Girls Club set to begin its 2009-10 club year Sept. 23.

The club will meet Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. through April 2010.

Dave Eddy, one of the organizers of the club, said Awana is one of the largest nondenominational children's and youth ministries in the world. Currently Awana clubs are active in more than 110 countries, reaching more than 1 million young people each week. Awana meetings at Vermontville Bible Church attract about 60 to 80 children from Vermontville, Nashville, Hastings, Lake

Odessa, Charlotte and surrounding communities.

Some highlights of the club include game time, special theme nights, large-group time featuring guest speakers, and the wearing of a club uniform. Boys and girls also work through handbooks to

learn life values and scripture.

Vermontville Bible Church is located at 250 N. Main Street in Vermontville. For more information, contact the church office at 517-726-0647 or e-mail [office@myvbc.org](mailto:office@myvbc.org). Additional information and a

printable registration form also are available at [www.myvbc.org](http://www.myvbc.org).

The church serves families in the Maple Valley area through a variety of ministry programs, including Sunday and Wednesday evening services.

## Man arraigned for attempting to pass forged prescription

Charles Chapman, 34, of Middleville was arraigned Friday, Sept. 4, in Barry County District Court on two felony charges.

The first, one count of attempting to possess a controlled substance by fraud is punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a \$3,000 fine. The second, one count of attempting to possess Vicodin, carries a maximum penalty of two years in prison and/or a fine of \$2,000.

Charges stem from an incident in late July when Chapman allegedly attempted to fill a forged prescription at the Maple Valley Pharmacy in Nashville.

A preliminary hearing for Chapman has been set for 8:30 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16, in Barry County Circuit Court.



Sheriff Mike Raines, shown here holding one of the many cats available for adoption has announced that the month of September will feature "Dollar Days" at the Eaton County Animal Shelter. Residents can adopt cats for only \$1 during the month. The regular adoption fee is \$38. Adoptees are required to spay or neuter the pets. Shelter hours are Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4:30 p.m. The animal shelter is located at 756 Court House Drive, Charlotte, call 517-543-5755.

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# Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force receives drug-free community funds

## Grants total more than \$130,000

The Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force has been named recipient of grants totaling more than \$130,000 to prevent underage drinking and substance abuse.

Of that money, \$125,000 will be from the Drug-Free Communities (DFC) funds from the Office of National Drug Control Policy to involve the local community in preventing and reducing alcohol and other drug abuse among youths. Another \$2,500 has been awarded by Prevention Network, \$1,000

from the Pennock Foundation, and \$2,000 from the Youth Advisory Council of the Barry Community Foundation to fund a youth leadership summit in January 2010.

"A healthier community benefits everyone in Barry County," said Liz Lenz, SATF coordinator. "The Drug-Free Communities program recognizes the great potential and the hard work of the Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force to help reduce substance abuse risk factors and bring positive change to our community. This new funding will allow the members of the SATF to continue working together to prevent and reduce substance abuse

county-wide."

The summit, planned for Jan. 22, 2010, will be held at Kellogg Community College and will include about 100 students from Delton Kellogg, Hastings, Maple Valley, Lakewood and Thornapple Kellogg high schools and is open to private and home-schooled students, as well, said Lenz. She said the day will focus on student creativity and ways they can share messages at their respective schools.

"Most teens don't drink; however, this message isn't what people of all ages believe," she said, adding that people hear about teens who engage in risky behavior and then incorrectly assume that all youths take

part in underage drinking.

At the summit, students will listen to speakers, attend workshops, demonstrate creative, positive leadership and explore ways to spread the message to their friends and peers to change attitudes and "do something" in their own communities, she said.

The Barry County Substance Abuse Task Force began its community prevention efforts in 2004 as the former Meth Task Force, said Lenz. Since 2007, the SATF has been working to address and prevent all substance-abuse concerns in the community, such as underage drinking, inappropriate use of alcohol and the dangers of medicine abuse. The SATF membership of more

than 25 community partner agencies works collaboratively to heighten awareness of problems and the need for positive change.

Lenz said that the SATF will continue community partnerships to identify substance abuse issues and prevention initiatives, collect data to use as a guide to prevent youth substance abuse, and reduce access to alcohol and other substances.

The 161 new grantees were selected from 417 applicants through a competitive, peer-reviewed process. To qualify

for matching grants, all awardees must have at least a six-month history of working together on substance-abuse reduction initiatives, have representation from 12 specific sectors of the community, develop a long-term plan to reduce substance abuse, and participate in the national evaluation of the DFC program.

More information about the Drug-Free Communities Program is available at [www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/dfc](http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/dfc).

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environment for wind energy systems.

"We have pretty good wind in the state," he said. "In fact, we're ranked number 14 nationally in terms of our wind potential."

Harsh detailed several opportunities for financial assistance available to those thinking about purchasing wind energy systems, including the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP), which offers grants and loans through the USDA to agri-

cultural producers and rural small businesses for many of the costs associated with the installation and construction of renewable energy systems.

Another incentive for the use of alternative energy sources described by Harsh related to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, specifically tax credits for small wind energy systems afforded by the act. As part of the act, anyone who installs a small wind

energy system between now and 2016 is eligible to receive a tax credit of 30 percent of the installation cost of such a system.

"It's a true tax credit," he said.

In detailing the financial aspects of wind energy systems, Harsh stressed the importance of planning and research for those who want to pursue the use of alternative energies.

"You gotta have a good financial plan," he said.

The tour was sponsored by the Barry, Eaton and Ingham conservation districts, Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program and MSU Extension program serving Barry, Eaton, Ingham, Ionia and Livingston counties.

## Good News From the Pulpit

by Rev. Catherine Christman  
Pastor Nashville UMC

One of my favorite holidays is coming this Sunday, Grandparents Day. The purpose of this holiday is to honor grandparents, give grandparents an opportunity to show love for their children's children, and to help children become aware of the strength, information and guidance older people can offer. This holiday is traditionally the first Sunday after Labor Day. One of the reasons this holiday is so special to me is because I have a great relationship with my grandmother. She is one of my best friends, someone who has always been there for support and wisdom. During the celebration of our grandparents, we talk about how much things change over the years. We all get a little older. Our kids grow up. Changes bring uncertainty and even fear. The not-knowing fills one's heart with un-ease and anxiety. One may worry about where we are going. What are we going to do now? How will we continue? But these worries are unnecessary.

Jesus tell us not to worry

about tomorrow. He says, "Therefore, do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself." Each day has enough trouble of its own. He continues to reassure us by saying, "I am with you always." With confidence, we can say that because Jesus is with us today and tomorrow, we will step beyond these changes. We will continue to grow into the persons God calls us to be. We will not let the fears of uncertainty stop us. We will take these changes and embrace them. We will step into them and use them to further God's kingdom.

Do these words sound familiar to you? These are some wonderful words of wisdom that my grandma always tells me. They are scriptural. The changes ahead of us as we age and as we face the new day are much more than the obstacles we make them. These changes are just more ways for us to be in communion with our brothers and sisters in faith. These are just many more ways for us to grow to be the disciples Jesus sends us out to be. It is my prayer that we face these changes at home, within our lives, and in faith with confidence as disciples of Christ. God have given us so many things in the past to celebrate. God will continue to give us things and moments for which to give thanks. Celebrate grandparents on Sunday. Know that whatever life gives you, you can handle it. Ask your grandma for advice.

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In My Own Write

by Amy Jo Parish



**Finding love in lima beans and combine races**

Okay, I have tried not to go on and on, but I just have to devote one column to the fact that I just married my perfect match. I never really got into all of that mushy, soulmate, when-you-meet-him-you'll-know-it, kind of stuff. I've always been more of a realist — if it's supposed to happen, it will. If not, I'm happy as I am, so no huge loss. Now that I have experienced it, however, I have a glimpse of just what a loss it would be.

I would not have the person who can make me laugh when all I want to do is have a pity party. I would have missed sharing things like fishing on a summer afternoon, working side by side in a garden, bike rides on a fall day or even the combine derby at the county fair.

It totally changes your perspective about life to have someone you love and trust to share it with.

I would have missed out on what it means to want to make someone else happy, no matter the cost. I would miss out on the warm fuzzy feeling I get when he opens the car door for me. I would miss the inside jokes we have that no one else knows (or would think are funny). I would miss out on finding someone who thinks my lack of grace is cute and lets me sing in the car, no matter how off key.

Love is not who you see yourself with, it's who you can't see yourself without. So, whatever the future brings, I feel more prepared now to deal with it than ever before.

Like it says in Proverbs 15:17, "A bowl of vegetables with someone you love is better than steak with someone you hate."

So here's to years and years and bowls upon bowls of vegetables, even lima beans — the grossest of all vegetables, in my opinion. They taste like dirt pills but I'd eat them for the rest of my life if I had to. Now that's love.

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## Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

**Friendship Sites Congregate Menu**  
**Monday, September 14\***  
 Hamburger, baked beans, creamy cucumber salad, orange, bun.  
**Tuesday, September 15**  
 Pollock, coleslaw, winter blend vegetables, tropical fruit, dinner roll.  
**Wednesday, September 16\***  
 Taco bar, various toppings, sliced peaches.  
**Thursday, September 17**  
 BBQ wings, baked potato, coleslaw, cantaloupe, dinner roll.  
**Friday, September 18**  
 Roast turkey and gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple, dinner roll.

**Home Delivered Cold Menu**  
**Monday, September 14**  
 Sliced turkey and Swiss cheese, baked beans, peaches, wheat bread.  
**Tuesday, September 15**  
 Sliced ham, Swiss cheese, potato salad, applesauce.  
**Wednesday, September 16**  
 Cottage cheese, black bean

salad, pineapple, muffin.  
**Thursday, September 17**  
 Seafood pasta salad, cucumber salad, mandarin oranges, club crackers.  
**Friday, September 18**  
 Tuna salad, corn salad, jello with fruit, wheat bread.

**Home Delivered Hearty Menu**  
**Monday, September 14**  
 Spaghetti and meat sauce, cauliflower, apple crisp, garlic bread.  
**Tuesday, September 15**  
 Baked pollock, coleslaw, winter blend, cherry crisp, dinner roll.  
**Wednesday, September 16**  
 Hamburger, baked beans, glazed carrots, orange, bun.  
**Thursday, September 17**  
 BBQ wings, seasoned potatoes, California blend, apple, wheat bread.  
**Friday, September 18**  
 Roast turkey and gravy, mashed sweet potatoes, green beans, pineapple, wheat bread.

**Activities Calendar**  
**Monday, September 14:**  
 Hastings - September birthday party; Nashville 5+ 10:30 a.m.; crafts 10:30 a.m.; watercolor class 12:30 p.m.  
 Delton - BP Clinic/Massage 11 a.m., H.W.N - Reminiscence.

**Tuesday, September 15:**  
 Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Wii in the lunchroom 10 a.m.; Mini Massage 9-noon. GL -10:30-12:30 Cards.

**Wednesday, September 16:**  
 Hastings - Music with Sam; Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m. Nashville - Mini Massage 11 a.m. Delton - Reminiscence.

**Thursday, September 17:**  
 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, September 18 -**  
 Hastings - Exercise 9 a.m.; Bingo 10 a.m.; Mixed Media Painting 9:30 a.m.; Model Railroad 10 a.m. Woodland - Visiting; Mini Massage 11 a.m. Nashville - Bingo.

## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

**Maple Valley Elementary Lunch Menu**  
**Monday, Sept. 14**  
 Cheeseburger, Potato wedge, pears, choc. pudding.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 15**  
 Ravioli, Whole kernel corn, grapes, PhysEddible Cookies.  
**Wednesday, Sept. 16**  
 Chicken tenders, Mashed potatoes, apple slices, cookie.  
**Thursday, Sept. 17**  
 Pizza bagel, Tossed salad, peaches, Elfin Grahams.  
**Friday, Sept. 18**  
 Cheesie bread sticks, Spaghettios, celery w/p.butter, sherbet.

**NOTE: Fuller Alternative Entree Choices:** Peanut butter and jelly sandwich.  
**Maplewood Alternate Entree Choices:** 6 oz. Yogurt w/string cheese, chef salad, peanut butter and jelly sandwich.  
 Milk is included with all full meal purchases. Assorted bread choices daily.  
 Breakfast price: \$1.30; Lunch price: \$1.90; Adult price: \$2.75; milk only: \$.45.

**Maple Valley Jr.-Sr. High School Lunch Menu**  
**Monday, Sept. 14**  
 Cheesie bread sticks.

Spaghettios, pineapple. Salad bar.  
**Tuesday, Sept. 15**  
 Hot dogs and toppings. French fries, push-up. Mexican bar.

**Wednesday, Sept. 16**  
 Chicken parmesan. Whole kernel corn, cinnamon apple-sauce, Deli bar.

**Thursday, Sept. 17**  
 Kellogg Goodtime Pizza. Ravioli w/break stick. Celery and carrot sticks, pears. Pasta bar.

**Friday, Sept. 18**  
 Chicken fries. Cheesie potatoes, pineapple. Mini bar.

**NOTE: Entree's available daily:** cheeseburger, variety of chicken sandwiches, pizza, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, fish sandwich, 6 oz. yogurt w/string cheese.  
 Side choices available daily: garden salad, juice, fresh fruit.

Milk is included with all full meal purchases. Seconds available on vegetables at no additional charge. Assorted bread choices daily.  
 Breakfast price: \$1.45; Lunch price: \$2.25-\$2.50; Adult prices: \$2.75-\$3.00. Milk only: \$.45.  
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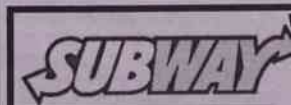
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# Clean Sweep Day is Friday, Sept. 11

Clean Sweep helps protect the state's natural resources and prevents agriculture pollution by ensuring the safe and proper disposal of outdated, unused or unwanted pesticides in Michigan.

Unwanted pesticides may be taken to the Barry, Eaton, Ionia Clean Sweep Day for proper disposal on Friday, Sept. 11, from 9 a.m. to noon. Clean Sweep will be held at Crop Production Services in Woodbury. Clean Sweep is a free service to home owners and farmers.

The Michigan Department of Agriculture's Michigan Groundwater Stewardship Program (MGSP), in cooperation with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), local units of government, and the

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), has established, to date, 16 permanent Clean Sweep sites located throughout the state.

Farmers and individual Michigan residents may drop off potentially harmful pesticides at a Clean Sweep site where they will be collected, packaged for shipping and disposed of properly and safely. There is no charge for this service. Those interested in participating in the program may contact the site coordinator at the location nearest them for more information, including collection dates.

Pesticide dealers and individuals who sell or apply pesticides for hire may also, at the Clean Sweep site manager's discretion, dispose of unused

or unwanted pesticides at cost. This cost is typically less than 20 percent of the normal cost of pesticide waste disposal because of economies of scale and competitive bidding of waste disposal accounts.

Michigan's Clean Sweep pesticide collections originally began in 1987 as a series of one-day collections in specific watersheds. The move to establish permanent Clean Sweep pesticide collection sites began in 1996 when MDA obtained EPA funding to construct five sites throughout the state (construction funds do not always cover all costs related to constructing a new site; in such instances, a host site provides for the remaining construction funds).

Clean Sweep is made

possible by a strong and unique state, federal, local and industry partnership. MDA, through the MGSP and fees paid by pesticide and fertilizer registration fees on specialty and agricultural products, provides funding to support the disposal of pesticides, while the local unit of government/host site provides for staffing, scheduling, site maintenance, promotion, vendor selection, etc. The EPA has historically provided funding for site construction and will often provide additional funding for pesticide disposal. DEQ support covers the cost of allowing mercury disposal at the sites as well.

Over the past seven years, nearly 700,000 pounds or 350 tons, of

pesticides have been removed from circulation and properly disposed of via the permanent collection sites.

Everyone from farmers to Michigan residents may take unused, out-of-date or banned pesticides to their local sites free of charge and without consequence. This free program is made possible by funding through national, state and local partnerships, as well as fees paid by pesticide and fertilizer registration fees. Whether you have five gallons of Round-Up or 150 pounds of DDT, this Clean Sweep site will take it. For disposals over 150 pounds, an appointment should be made.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL 7cc please contact our office at (248) 844-5123. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the Military, please contact our office at the number listed below. MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Nancy L. Dennis, an unmarried woman to Interbay Funding LLC, Mortgagee, dated May 15, 2006 and recorded June 29, 2006 in Instrument # 1166674 Barry County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Bayview Loan Servicing LLC, by assignment dated December 27, 2007 and recorded February 29, 2008 in Instrument # 20080229-0001868 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty-One Dollars and No Cents (\$99,951.00) including interest 12.13% per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Barry County at 1:00PM on September 24, 2009 Said premises are situated in Township of Hope, Barry County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 43 and one half rods South of the Northeast corner of Section 35, Town 2 North, Range 9 West, thence South 110 feet, thence West 143 feet, thence North 110 feet, thence East 143 feet to the place of beginning. Commonly known as 9116 Cedar Creek Road, Delton MI 49046 The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later. Dated: 8/22/2009 Bayview Loan Servicing LLC, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 Our File No: 09-13661 ASAP# 3234184 08/22/2009, 08/29/2009, 09/05/2009, 09/12/2009 0669650

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# Pennfield's Panthers pounce on Maple Valley in first half

The Lions just couldn't get anything going at Pennfield Friday night.

Pennfield improved to 3-0 on the season with a 47-6 victory over Male Valley's varsity football team in Kalamazoo Valley Association action.

The host Panthers scored four touchdowns in the second quarter to build a 34-0 half-time lead, then upped the advantage to 41-0 on Adam Vanderwall's second TD run of the night with just over four minutes gone in the third quarter.

Vanderwall had the Panthers' first touchdown as well, on a three-yard run in the opening quarter.

Nicolas Acton tossed a 75-yard touchdown pass to Kevin Wenzensky two minutes into the second quarter,

then hit Chris Talbot for a 34-yard score 1:31 before the half. In between those two touchdowns, Wenzensky scored on a nine-yard run.

Trevor Tuttle closed out the scoring for the night with a 20-yard TD run with 4:01 to play.

Maple Valley got its lone touchdown on a seven-yard run by Trenton Courtney with 8:16 left in the fourth quarter.

Both teams turned the ball over three times, but it was the Panthers who took advantage. Brendon Clements and Wenzensky both covered up Lion fumbles, and Taylor Crouch had an interception.

The Panther defense limited the Lions to just 173 yards of offense on the night, with 95 of that on the ground and 78 passing.

Austin Pool completed 3-

of-10 pass attempts for Maple Valley, connecting with Cody Linehart twice for 58 yards, and once with Zach Eddy for a 20-yard gain.

Kyle Burns led the Maple Valley rushing attack with 12 carries for 59 yards, and Courtney rushed four times for 19 yards.

Acton was 6-of-8 passing for Pennfield for 230 yards, and had one pass picked off by the Lions' Michael Caldwell. Garrett Reid and Brandon Cosgrove recovered fumbles for Maple Valley.

Burns and Courtney both finished with eight tackles, and Cosgrove had six.

The Panthers had just three more first downs than the Lions, but big plays into the end zone meant that Pennfield didn't get the chance to move the chains.

Pennfield had 402 yards of offense, including 172 yards on the ground. Vanderwall was the Panthers' top rusher, carrying just four times for 43 yards.

Wenzensky had three catches for 105 yards, and Talbot had two for 102 yards.

Tyler Grimes paced the Pennfield defense with seven tackles.

The Lions are now 1-2 this season in the KVA, and will get a visit from Schoolcraft next Friday. The Eagles improved to 3-0 with a 33-3 victory over Parchment Friday night.

In other KVA action Friday, Delton Kellogg beat Galesburg-Augusta 31-8; and Kalamazoo Christian downed Olivet 37-14.

## From Our Readers Local Citizens Speak Out On Issues

### Country needs to wake up, stop spending

To the editor:

Here we are six months into the worst presidency we have ever had and John McCain doesn't look so bad now.

We are spending money now that our great grandchildren are going to have to pay back. We owe China and they are not our friends - millions and millions of dollars and they are going to want their money soon.

I also just heard on a radio

station that Obama wants a civilian defense force. The last time that was tried was in the 1920s and 1930s. The country was Germany. The force was called the Brown Shirts, their leader was Hitler.

If America doesn't wake up and quit playing with their toys, one day we will wake up to the national socialist party under Obama here at our door. God help us then.

Steve Toman,  
Nashville

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## Village of Vermontville PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

A public meeting on the Proposed 2010 Water Main Upgrade project is to be held before a special meeting of the Village of Vermontville Council in the Village Office at 121 Eastside Drive, on September 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

The meeting is being held to obtain oral statements or written submittals in place of or in addition to oral statements regarding the Proposed Project. The Proposed Project will include Water Main Improvements in the following locations:

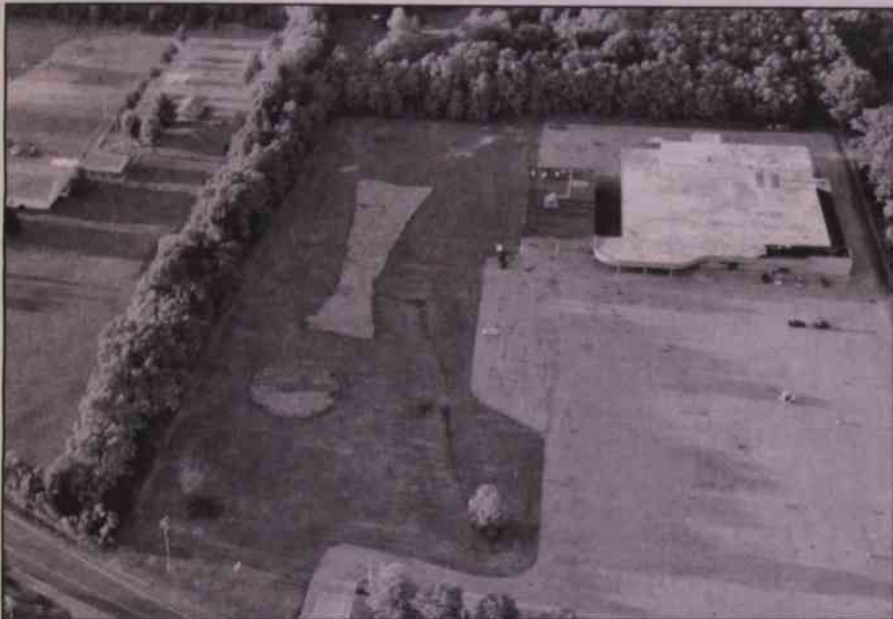
- North Main - Maple Manor to Washington
- North Main - Washington to the Village Limits
- Round Lake Road - East Main to Village Limits
- West Main Street - Westside to Sherman
- Forest Street - Nut to South Main

Application is being made to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for Community Development Block Grant Infrastructure Capacity Enhancement Project funds in the amount of \$445,289. Local match dollars in the amount of \$145,825 are also being allocated to fund the project.

All information related to this project is available for inspection at the Village Office at 121 Eastside Drive, Vermontville, MI, on weekdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. If you would prefer to send written comments for consideration, please forward them prior to the public meeting to the Village of Vermontville, attention: Village Clerk, at the above address. If you have special needs associated with your attendance at the hearing, please let the Village know so a reasonable effort can be made to accommodate your needs. For further information or if you have any questions, please call the Village Clerk at (517) 726-1429 or the Department of Public Works Garage at (517) 726-1444.

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## Preserve Project underway



In June, Hayes Green Beach held a community planting day to spread sunflower seeds in the shape of an exclamation point. Last week, organizers went up in a hot air balloon captained by Jeremy Droscha of Charlotte to check their work. While they were aloft, they captured a few shots. The preserve project is located next to the old Felpausch grocery store building, which HGB will be converting into a community health park.

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## BARRY CO. EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Sept. 12 General Leaders Meeting, 9 a.m.-12 p.m., Hastings City Bank Community Room.
- Sept. 14 Horse Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- Sept. 15 Poultry Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- Sept. 29 RUP Credit Class, 1-5 p.m., Clarksville Horticulture Station, pre-registration required.
- Sept. 29 Extension Office Closed for In-service.
- Oct. 4-10 National 4-H Week and 4-H Council Window Display Contest.
- Oct. 5 Goat Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- Oct. 7 Livestock Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.
- Oct. 12 Horse Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., First United Methodist Church in Hastings.

## Write us a letter!

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

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# Lions can't block DK from getting to 2-0 in KVA

by Brett Bremer  
Sports Editor

The Lions putting up a single block. They tried a double block. Still, they didn't get many blocks.

The defending Kalamazoo Valley Association champions from Delton Kellogg came to Maple Valley Wednesday night, and scored a 3-0 win over the Lion varsity volleyball team.

Delton, which returns virtually its entire line-up from last season, won by the scores of 25-12, 25-16, 25-11.

"I thought that they played well there. They're good," Maple Valley head coach Sarah Carpenter said of the Panthers. "They hit. They hit hard. We worked on a few things to prepare for that. I think we need to work on a

few more. I still think our girls are good. I think we have a lot of potential."

Panther coach Heather Magelssen, who was leading the team in her father's absence the night, saw the potential as well.

"I really think that Maple Valley is a good team," said Magelssen. "They're a very good team. They can dig. They were digging everything."

Carpenter said she struggled with the choice of how to defend the Panthers at the net. Even with two blockers, the Lions had a tough time knocking down attacks by the Panthers. And having two girls there at the net meant one less defender trying to stop balls before they hit the floor.

The Lions did keep the ball alive for a number of great rallies against the Panthers.

"I felt that our girls kept it together as a team," Carpenter said. "Their defense looked good. I as a coach have a decision to make with our blocking. It's something I've been struggling with."

Samantha Bissett had 33 digs to lead the Lions in that category, and Tina Westendorp added 27 to go along with a team high seven kills. Tiffani Allwardt had four kills, and Jennifer Kent added two kills and three aces.

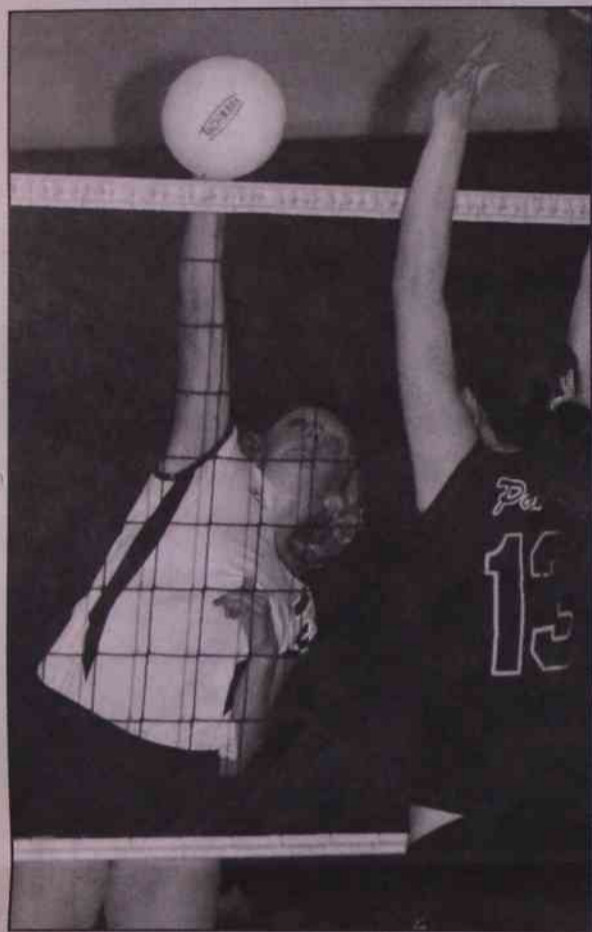
The Lions are now 1-1 in the league, and will head to the Olivet Invitational this Saturday. Next Wednesday, the Lions return to league play at Pennfield.

Delton Kellogg improves to 2-0 in the conference with the win.

"For the most part I'm happy with how they played.



The Lions' Elizabeth Stewart turns her back to the net as she chases down the ball during game two of her team's contest against Delton Kellogg Wednesday night at Maple Valley High School. (Photo by Brett Bremer)



Maple Valley's Tina Westendorp knocks a kill past Delton Kellogg blocker Abby Culbert during game two Wednesday night. (Photo by Brett Bremer)

We're working on some things. We're working on being fast, and quick," said Magelssen.

"Just trying to keep other teams off their heels."

Terin Norris led the Panthers on the night with 26 assists, seven aces, six kills,

and five blocks. Adrianna Culbert had eight kills and five aces.

Katie Searles chipped in seven kills, and Hannah Williams and Carly Boehm had five kills each. Boehm added five blocks. Kaitlin Marshall paced the Panthers

defensively with 18 digs.

Delton Kellogg heads to the Grand Blanc Invitational this Saturday, then will be home to face Galesburg-Augusta in another KVA dual next Wednesday.

## Both Lion teams place 12th at Ovid-Elsie Marauder Invite

Lansing Catholic's top five runners all finished in the top 15 at Wednesday's Ovid-Elsie Marauder Invitational to win the girls' championship.

Maple Valley's girls and boys both placed 12th on the day, but both had enough runners to finish with a team score for the first time this season.

Lauren Trumble led the Lion ladies, placing 43rd in 24:25.0. Jessica Rushford was 51st in 24:49.3, Megan Shoemaker 76th in 28:07.7, Pantera Rider 78th in 28:33.7, and Kayla Shaw 82nd in 30:33.8.

The Cougars finished the girls' race with 47 points, led by individual champion Megan Heeder who hit the finish line in 20:07.5.

Lapeer East was second with 95 points, followed by

Owosso 103, DeWitt 108, Beal 134, Fowler 157, Chesaning 159, Bath 184, Durand 217, Byron 263, Lakewood 282, Maple Valley 330, and Ovid-Elsie NTS.

Behind Heeder for the Cougars, Adrienne Powell was eighth in 22:11.9, Catherine Swiderski 11th in 22:25.5, Allie Brown 12th in 22:31.5, and Hunter Puma 15th in 22:40.1.

Fowler's Brianne Feldpausch was nearly a minute back of Heeder, placing second in 21:02.9.

Chesaning won the boys' title, finishing with 52 points. Durand finished with 71, followed by Lansing Catholic 75, Owosso 109, Byron 126, Lapeer East 172, Fowler 189, Bath 216, Ovid-Elsie 217, Lakewood 217, DeWitt 270, Maple Valley

297, and Beal 353.

Joe Benedict led the Lion boys' with a 23rd place time of 18:51.0. Brady Halliwill was 52nd in 20:30.7, Christian Sawon 64th in 21:36.0, Darius France 77th in 23:26.9, and Zach Melville 81st in 23:47.1.

Durand's David Madrigal was the boys' champion in 16:09.3, and Chesaning's Trevor Denton was the only other runner to finish in under 17 minutes as he crossed the finish line in 16:48.4.

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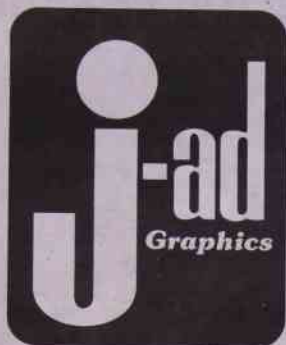
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# Band camp prepares players for season



The Maple Valley drumline practices part of the marching routine during the week-long camp. (Photo by Miller's Photographic Studio)

Band camp was held at the Maple Valley High School this year due to the strained local and state economy. The change will help the program provide the students with a learning and activity trip to Chicago.

In the past, camp has been held at Grand Valley State University. Holding camp at the school gave parents and the band boosters a break in the cost of band camp. At a 50 percent cost rate, Band Director Dennis Vanderhoef said is very happy with how band camp went.

"Due to meeting the needs for a lower budget, band camp was held at home this year. The students came to the high school that week to learn the music and the marching drill to perform the half-time show," said Vanderhoef.

He said he is proud of how hard the kids are working on the show and would like to see it continue throughout the season and at competitions.

Students spent the week learning marching drills for competition and halftime shows for the high school varsity football games.

The students get their sheet music to practice a couple of days before band camp. This gives them a chance to learn the music before they start to learn the marching drills.

Band camp is not all about



Learning new music and marching routines, the band students spend a week at the high school preparing for the upcoming season. (Photo by Miller's Photographic Studio)

...marching, however, it's a time for them to get to know each other in an environment outside of the classroom and to have fun. Volunteers who were on hand to help included Cindy Gatewood, Kelly Zank and Tammy Franks. Other volunteers who stopped in to help were Steve Rathburn, Scott Eldridge, George Khouri, Jason Lamance and Jim Miller, all of whom made time to help when they could with various student activities. Even recent Maple Valley band alumni Chris Caldwell, Sarah Shoemaker and Gwen McDougal volunteered to help out with the actual marching drills and individual instrument practice.

"I think the teamwork between Mr. V. and the instructors was there this year. This opened up a lot of room for extra creativity for

the show" said Caldwell. "There is strong leadership in each section, which will help the band become even more successful"

"The thing about the talent in the band is that it's not just the seniors producing all the sound, or hitting their spots on the field. The band is getting strong performances throughout each grade."

Each year the marching band is led by a drum major, this and last year's drum major is Chelsea Khouri.

"Band camp was very productive, and the level of commitment is very high," she said, adding that she is proud to be leading this band and performing this year's half-time show for the audience.

As in past years, this year's camp had many of the same traditions. For instance, this year's fresh-

men had to wear water floaties throughout the week for their initiation, and the seniors carried on with the tradition of a senior prank night on the last night of band camp.

The marching routine theme is the music and style of Ray Charles.

"The band is proving to be up to the challenge of learning this style of music. I like the big band sound of this music and there is so much talent in each section of the band to make this show awesome" said Khouri.

The band will perform next at the home varsity football game on Sept. 18 when Maple Valley takes on Schoolcraft. Kick-off time is 7 p.m.

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