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## Workshop strengthens skills, boosts writing excitement

by Amy Jo Kinyon  
Staff Writer

Students in the Anne Baker's classroom at Maplewood Elementary have a new approach to writing after completing a workshop.

Student teacher Jillyn Boldrey helped implement

the new Lucy Calkins curriculum and said the students are producing more writing than ever before.

"This program teaches children to write in a different way," explained Boldrey. "We are getting more writing from them, and the books in the program are based on the

type of writing they are working on."

Personal narrative and fantasy fiction are just two of the writing genres used in the program. Rather than entire lessons spent listening to a lecture by the teacher, the program units are short and precise, providing more writ-

ing time for the students.

At the beginning of the workshop, each student was given a notebook they decorated with pictures or trinkets. The first lesson involved choosing something from their decorated cover and writing just about that one item.

Using the analogy of a watermelon, students are encouraged to develop seed stories rather than whole-slice stories. Seed stories focus on one topic or event

and are developed by adding details.

The class read the book, *Something from Nothing* for this lesson. The story tells of Joseph and a blanket made by his grandfather. Through the years, the blanket was made into several more things, including a jacket and a hat.

"The lesson and book show how any ordinary event, even like brushing your teeth, can be turned into an elaborate story," said

Boldrey.

One result of the workshop was touted by the developers of the program, but both Boldrey and Baker said they were hesitant to believe such dramatic results were possible until they saw it themselves. The students are not only writing more, they are actually enjoying the creative process of putting pencil to paper now.

"Based on what we read, that's what they were telling

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## Harvey brings his intensity to Valley varsity basketball

by Brett Bremer  
Sports Editor

Trent Harvey has spent a little bit of time coaching a lot of different sports at Maple Valley High School.

He gets his chance to be a varsity head coach for the first time this winter as he takes over the varsity boys' basketball coaching job from Keith Jones, who is still heavily involved with the Maple Valley youth program.

from football and baseball."

"Trent brings youth and energy to the program."

Harvey teaches at the Kellogg Center. He is a 1998 Maple Valley High School graduate, and a 2003 graduate of Olivet College. He's learning now what kind of a time commitment it is to be a varsity head coach.

"I'm up here four hours a day, five days a week," Harvey said. "It's a lot dif-



Trent Harvey

"Tough defense. We'll play a lot of tough defense. Win, lose, or draw we're going to get after it."

— Trent Harvey, Maple Valley varsity boys' basketball coach

"I love basketball. I love the kids here at Maple Valley. That's pretty much it. These kids are awesome. They really are," said Harvey.

Harvey has spent four seasons coaching junior varsity boys' basketball at Maple Valley High School, a year coaching girls' JV basketball, two years as a varsity football assistant, three years at the JV football coach, a year as a track assistant, and two years as the JV baseball coach.

"The kids enjoy Trent's style of coaching," said Maple Valley athletic director Duska Brumm. "He's got experience coaching

ferent than being up here two hours for JV or for a freshman team. Then I'm up here watching the seventh and eighth grade program."

Harvey has been putting in the time for a while now. He took over the program in the spring, and ran the summer program including a very successful weightlifting program.

"We did two months of summer lifting," Harvey said. "We had 16 of 25 kids show up all summer long and lift. That's the first time in a long time we've had the summer program really go."

Practices started last week for boys' basketball programs around the state.

"He expects 100-percent from the kids," Brumm said of Harvey. "He's intense. I think he gets the kids to believe they can be successful with the hard work put forth."

Harvey played two years of varsity basketball at Maple Valley, and played for one year at Olivet. He said his teams will play hard-nosed man-to-man defense.

"Tough defense. We'll play a lot of tough defense," said Harvey. "Win, lose, or draw we're going to get after it."

The Lions' first chance to get after it comes Friday Dec. 11, as they open up their season on the road against Kalamazoo Valley Association rival Pennfield.



Students in Anne Baker's class at Maplewood Elementary show their finished stories they created as part of the writers workshop. (Photo by Amy Jo Kinyon)

## Local businesses needed to help bring Christmas spirit

For the second year in a row, the streets of Nashville will be filled with festive cheer as the Christmas parade makes its way downtown on Dec. 12 at 2 p.m.

The parade, organized by Nashville Village Council Trustee Mary Coll, will feature local businesses and organizations. Anyone interested in entering a float or

otherwise taking part in the parade should contact Coll at 517-852-0271.

Along with the parade, the village is partnering with the Maple Valley Kiwanis Club to host a day of holiday activities. Residents will be able to make several 'stops' throughout town and participate in

activities or giveaways.

Any business or organization that would like to get involved is welcome and encouraged to contact Rose Heaton at 269-945-9554 ext. 232 or by e-mail to rheaton@j-adgraphics.com by Wednesday, Dec. 2.

## Fatal crash leaves two others injured

Eaton County Sheriff Deputies were dispatched Nov. 21, at approximately 6:45 p.m., to a two-car collision on M-100 at St. Joe Highway in Oneida Township.

Deputies discovered that Travis Rademacher, 19, of Dewitt had been traveling

westbound on St. Joe Highway and had stopped at the stop sign. He then began to turn right when his Ford Taurus was struck by a northbound vehicle. That vehicle, a 1998 Oldsmobile, was driven by 18-year-old Matthew Merrill of Lansing. Merrill was alone in his vehi-

cle. Rademacher had a 16-year-old passenger. That passenger was transported to a Lansing hospital with non-life threatening injuries.

Rademacher died at a Lansing hospital a short time after the crash. Merrill sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported

to a Lansing hospital.

Rademacher and his passenger were both belted at the time, and alcohol does not appear to be a factor in the crash.

The crash remains under investigation.

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# Office plans discussed, but meeting minutes become an issue

by Amy Jo Kinyon  
Staff Writer

With Clerk Sharon Stewart and Treasurer JoeAnn Nehmer absent, the Vermontville Township Board discussed the progress of developing township offices in the lower level of the Vermontville Opera House. The offices would be located in what is now known as Fire Station 2. Deputy Clerk Marcia Grant filled in for Stewart in her absence.

Supervisor Jack Owens said he and Trustee Brian Moore have been working on plans for the office and detailed some of the materials that would be needed if the township decides to move ahead with the project.

A 3.5-inch cement cap on the floor, acid wash and sealer for the exterior wall, steel studs and drywall are some of the items needed for the project. Owens said the rough estimate for the interior, electrical and exterior wall with door and window would be around \$5,000. He said most of the labor for the project would be through volunteers, helping to keep costs low.

Moore said he supported the project and also gave his opinion concerning other office options that had been discussed by the board, including purchasing a house

in the village and renovating into office space.

"We already pay for this yard being mowed, and there would be upkeep and more hidden stuff. If we bought one of those \$15,000 or \$20,000 houses, we'd still have to put in \$10,000 to make it into offices. If we do get something else down the road, the library could use that space as their offices. So, I don't see it as a waste if we do something else down the road. I still think it's a good idea."

The board also voted to include a no-alcohol clause on the opera house rental agreement, under advisement from the township's insurance company. The change was previously discussed at last month's meeting and was brought to vote Tuesday evening.

Trustee Blair Miller was the only nay vote on the motion to accept the new agreement. Nehmer is the contact person for rental of the opera house, and Miller said his vote was due to her absence.

"I didn't get a chance to talk with JoeAnn. I prefer to vote on her initiatives when she is here," said Miller after the vote.

Earlier in the meeting, Miller refused to vote on both the meeting's agenda and the

minutes from the previous month's meeting.

"I will not vote on minutes that I was not present for," said Miller, referring to the Oct. 29 meeting from which he was absent.

Owens said the board will run into the same issue of not having a quorum. Miller countered, pointing out that next month three officials would not be able to vote on Tuesday night's minutes.

"We can vote on tonight's minutes next month, if Marcia does them correctly," he said.

Miller asked that the topics of handicap-accessible ramp options, township offices and opera house rules be removed from the night's agenda.

"Under unfinished business — ramp options. That was spearheaded by Sharon, and I would like that removed since she's not here," said Miller.

Owens removed the ramp options from the agenda, but left the other two items on the agenda.

Miller questioned the board's ability to approve or deny items that he refused to vote on since, as he said, two votes do not constitute a quorum.

Jim Beelen, member information services liaison for the Michigan Townships

Association, said for the approval of an agenda or minutes, a majority of those present are required for the vote to be valid.

"In that case, you would need a simple majority of those present. A refusal is not a nay, though I suppose you could consider it a vote against, but what you're really counting is who voted for it," explained Beelen.

Miller refused to vote on the consent agenda, after Owens said the minutes from the Oct. 29 meeting would remain on the agenda.

"Come on bud, give us all a break," Owens said to Miller after his refusal.

"You could do the same, I could point out," responded Miller. "I ask that minutes from Oct. 29 be removed from the consent agenda."

"No, they'll stay for the same reason (that other items were left on the agenda)."

"Of course," said Miller.

"In the township book, it says you can't not vote unless there is a conflict of interest,"

said Owens. "You can't just say, 'I'm not going to vote.'"

"I will never vote on those minutes," said Miller.

Owens recognized a comment from audience member and former supervisor Russ Laverty, though Miller questioned if it was time for public comment.

"If you look in the minutes from last time, JoeAnn abstained twice, so if Mr. Miller wants to abstain, he can, but that doesn't stop you and Brian from voting," Laverty told Owens.

The consent agenda, including the Oct. 29 minutes, were passed by 2-0 vote, with Miller refusing to cast a vote.

In other business, the township board:

• Heard a report from Eaton County Sheriff's Deputy Brian Peacock. From Oct. 29 through Nov. 24, the department received 43 calls for service from the township.

Fifteen car/deer accidents were reported, one of the highest numbers in the state, said Peacock. There were two

traffic stops and one DNR call during that time. Hunters on Mason Road had their blind stolen Nov. 9. A number of hunting blinds also were stolen from the area of Anderson and Brown roads on Nov. 22. The department also responded to a report of a party where minors were consuming alcohol in the 1700 mile of Round Lake Road.

• Heard a report from fire department volunteer Chris Rumsey that the department made nine runs during the past month, including two personal injury accidents, two medical first responder calls and one assist for another agency.

• Shirley Harmon gave a report on ambulance activity during the past month. The ambulance was called out on 15 runs and transported nine patients.

• Listened to comments and questions from audience member Scott Peters concerning construction of the handicap-accessible ramp at the opera house.

"Who is telling us we need a ramp? Where is that coming from," asked Peters. "There are two people who are absent, running wild that we gotta have a ramp."

Peters also questioned where the funds to build the ramp would come from. Supervisor Owens addressed his questions after the meeting was adjourned.

"That thing has come up ever since I've been a trustee," said Owens. "We've gotten feedback from people that, 'you've got to do something about that ramp' ... If enough people put pressure on us, we try to do something and make people happy."

Owens said Nehmer has been looking into a grant from Rep. Mark Schauer's office to fund the project.

The next regular meeting of the township board will be Tuesday, Dec. 22, due to the Christmas holiday.

## Pfeifers to perform in Nashville



The Pfeifers will perform at the Nashville Baptist Church Sunday, Dec. 13, at 7 p.m. Since organizing more than two decades ago, The Pfeifers have enjoyed success nationally and internationally. For more information, call 517-852-9808 or visit [www.pfeifers.com](http://www.pfeifers.com). The church is located at 304 Phillips St., Nashville.

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| <p><b>ABUNDANT LIFE FELLOWSHIP MINISTRIES</b><br/>A Spirit-filled Church<br/>Meeting at the Maple Leaf Grange<br/>Hwy. M-66 south of Assyria Rd.<br/>Nashville, MI 49073<br/>Sun. Praise &amp; Worship 10:30 a.m.,<br/>6:00 p.m.; Wed. 6:30 p.m. Jesus Club<br/>for boys &amp; girls ages 4-12. Pastors<br/>David &amp; Rose MacDonald. An oasis of<br/>God's love. "Where Everyone is<br/>Someone Special." For information call<br/>1-269-731-5194 or 1-517-852-1806.</p> | <p><b>CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE</b><br/>301 Fuller St., Nashville<br/>Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Sunday:<br/>A.M. Worship ..... 11 a.m.<br/>P.M. Worship ..... 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Evening:<br/>Worship ..... 7 p.m.<br/>REV. ALAN METTLER</p>  | <p><b>GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH</b><br/>8950 East M-79 Highway, Nashville<br/>Morning Celebration ..... 9 &amp; 10:30 a.m.<br/>Contemporary Service,<br/>Relevant Practical Teaching, Nursery,<br/>Children's Classes,<br/>Youth Group, Adult Small Groups,<br/>Leadership Training<br/>PASTOR: DON ROSCOE<br/>Phone: (517) 852-1783<br/>e-mail: <a href="mailto:grace@gc3.org">grace@gc3.org</a></p> | <p><b>MAPLE GROVE BIBLE CHURCH</b><br/>8593 Cloverdale Road<br/>(1/2 mile East of M-66,<br/>5 mi. south of Nashville)<br/>Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.<br/>A.M. Service ..... 11:15 a.m.<br/>P.M. Service ..... 6 p.m.<br/>PASTOR GEORGE GAY</p>  |
| <p><b>ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH</b><br/>803 Reed St., Nashville<br/>Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.<br/>Sunday:<br/>A.M. Worship ..... 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Evening:<br/>Prayer Meeting ..... 7 p.m.<br/>PASTOR GLENN BRANHAM</p>  | <p><b>CHESTER GOSPEL CHURCH</b><br/>3744 W. Vermontville Hwy.<br/>Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Morning Worship ..... 11 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Family<br/>Night Service ..... 6:45 p.m.<br/>PASTOR<br/>MARC S. LIVINGSTON<br/>Phone: 543-5488</p>  | <p><b>GRESHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>5505 North Mulliken Road, Charlotte<br/>one mile north of Vermontville Hwy.<br/>PASTOR KATHY SMITH<br/>517-726-0526<br/>Sunday Morning Worship: 9:30 a.m.<br/>Children's Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.<br/>Adult Sunday School: 10:50 a.m.<br/>United Methodist Women: 3rd Thursday</p>   | <p><b>NASHVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH</b><br/>304 Phillips St., Nashville<br/>Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.<br/>A.M. Service ..... 11 a.m.<br/>P.M. Service ..... 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Service ..... 7 p.m.<br/>PASTOR LESTER DEGROOT<br/>PASTOR DEANO LAMPHERE<br/>PASTOR MATT ROHDE</p>  |
| <p><b>PEACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF BARRYVILLE</b><br/>6043 E. M-79 Highway, 4 miles west of<br/>Nashville (cor. M-79 &amp; Barryville Rd.)<br/>Sunday Worship ..... 8:30 a.m.<br/>Other: Prayer Walk, U.M. Women,<br/>Bible Study, Mission Projects &amp; more.<br/>PASTOR SUSAN OLSEN<br/>Phone 517-852-1993<br/>IGNITING MINISTRY<br/>Open Hearts—Open Minds—Open Doors</p>   | <p><b>QUIMBY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>M-79 West<br/>Sunday School ..... 10 a.m.<br/>Worship ..... 11 a.m.<br/>PASTOR KENNETH VAUGHT<br/>(616) 945-9392</p>  | <p><b>NASHVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>Located on the corner of<br/>State and Washington streets<br/>Worship Service ..... 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday School ..... 11:15 a.m.<br/>PASTOR CATHY CHRISTMAN<br/>At Home: 852-0685<br/>Church Phone: 852-2043</p>   | <p><b>ST. ANDREW &amp; MATTHIAS INDEPENDENT ANGLICAN CHURCH</b><br/>2415 McCann Road<br/>Sunday Services:<br/>..... 9:15 a.m. Morning Prayer<br/>..... 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br/>For more information call:<br/>795-2370 or<br/>Rt. Rev. David Hustwick 948-9327<br/>Traditional 1928 Book of<br/>Common Prayer used<br/>for all services.<br/>RT. REV. DAVID HUSTWICK</p> |
| <p><b>SOUTH KALAMO CHURCH</b><br/>Corner of Kalamo Highway<br/>&amp; Ionia Rd.<br/>Sunday A.M. Worship ..... 10:30 a.m.<br/>Evening Worship ..... 6 p.m.<br/>Wednesday Evening at 6 p.m.:<br/>PASTOR JEFF SWIFT<br/>(517) 852-9154</p>  | <p><b>ST. CYRIL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH</b><br/>203 N. State, Nashville<br/>Sunday Mass ..... 9:45 a.m.<br/>FATHER AL RUSSELL<br/>A mission of St. Rose Catholic<br/>Church, Hastings</p>  | <p><b>VERMONTVILLE BIBLE CHURCH</b><br/>250 N. Main St., Vermontville<br/>Sunday School ..... 9:45 a.m.<br/>Worship Service ..... 11 a.m.<br/>Sunday Evening Service ..... 6 p.m.<br/>Wed. Evening Service ..... 6:30 p.m.<br/>AWANA ..... 6:30-8 p.m. Wed.<br/>PASTOR DANIEL E. SMITH</p>   | <p><b>VERMONTVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH</b><br/>108 North Main, Vermontville<br/>PASTOR KATHY SMITH<br/>517-726-0526<br/>Adult and Youth Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.<br/>Sunday Morning Worship: 11:00 a.m.<br/>United Methodist Women: 2nd Tuesday</p>  |

# Local business thrives in niche market

by Amy Jo Kinyon  
Staff Writer

For the past 35 years, Nashville resident Herb Andler has made a living in what most would think of as a dying art. He and his staff at Justin Carriage Works craft buggies and sleighs that

are pulled by the original type of horse power — not the kind found under a hood.

This great adventure began for Andler when he refurbished his first buggy nearly 40 years ago. Raising Morgan horses, the Andler family came into contact

with many horse enthusiasts, and it wasn't a surprise when the first buggy was quickly bought, along with a horse. What was a surprise, however, was the purchase of five more buggies after that first one. Deciding to make the leap, Andler quit his job at Fisher Body and dove into making horsedrawn vehicles full-time.

Since those first buggies were sold, the business has grown to 13 employees and more than 80 orders a year. Herb's wife, Roxie, who upholsters the rigs, is certain that her husband made the right choice more than three decades ago.

"When he started doing buggies, he was a lot happier because he could be at home," said Roxie.

According to Herb and daughter Claudia, who runs the office, a few keys have led to the success of the business.

"It's just a niche," said Herb. "It has worked well for us because we're the biggest

producer other than the buggy shops by the Amish, and we can turn buggies over in probably one-third of the time as other places."

Using fiberglass to construct most of the body parts has helped cut down production time for the Justin Carriage Team, but Claudia knows there is another aspect that has helped create demand for the product.

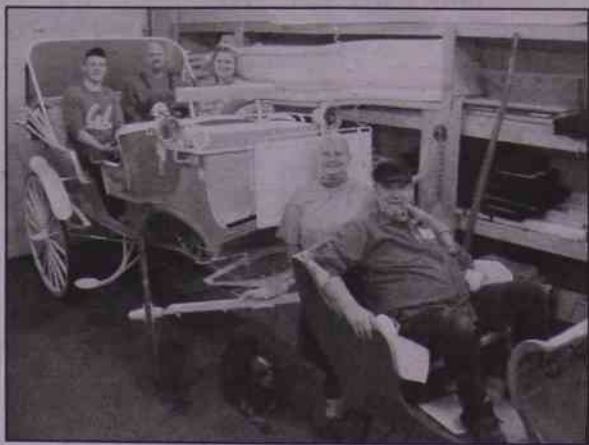
"Dad works hard to make sure we are the top listing on Internet search engines," said Claudia. "He built the Web page."

Customers most often find their company through the Internet, including customers like Whoopi Goldberg and Harry Connick Jr.

Currently, the group is the midst of a six-buggy order for the Singapore Racetrack, one of the largest and most prestigious tracks in Singapore. With strict advertising policies, the racetrack has to come up with creative ways to let residents and visitors know about the track, said Claudia. Last year, the track painted fiberglass horses to signify different aspects of the races and placed them strategically around the city. This year, to the benefit of Justin Carriage Works, buggies will be used.

The craftsmanship of the employees at Justin Carriage can be seen in movies such as "Interview with a Vampire," "Westward Ho," "The Little Princess," and others. Vehicles also have been constructed for Disney parks in Florida, California and Japan.

The company is truly a family affair, with Claudia working in the office. She joined the production with stints in the fiberglass shop and sanding wheels while in high school to pay for her own phone line. Grandson Mark also works for the business and son Todd has



Herb Andler (right), has created not only a successful business but a family endeavor over the past 35 years. Here, he joins his wife, Roxie, daughter Claudia, son Todd and grandson Mark take a break in one of the recently constructed carriages for the Singapore Racetrack. (Photo by Amy Jo Kinyon)



Conquering her fear of heights, Sandy Madsen climbs into the driver's seat of one of the six buggies slated to be shipped to the Singapore Racetrack. (Photo by Amy Jo Kinyon)



Gina Clark demonstrates the champagne glass holder, one of the features on the Cinderella Coach created by Justin Carriage Works. (Photo by Amy Jo Kinyon)

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

| Friendship Sites Congregate Menu  | Tuesday, December 1   | Friday, December 4  |
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| <b>Monday, November 30</b><br>Chicken wings, corn, California blend, pear halves, biscuit.  | Hamburger, tatot tots, diced carrots, pineapple, hamburger bun.   | Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, stewed tomatoes, spiced apples, dinner roll.  |
| <b>Tuesday, December 1</b><br>Spaghetti with sauce and meatballs, tossed salad, apple, garlic bread.                                | <b>Wednesday, December 2</b><br>Sliced roast beef w/American cheese, baked beans, applesauce, wheat bread.                      | <b>Activities Calendar</b><br><b>Monday, November 30:</b> Hastings - Music with Sam 10:30 a.m.; November craft 10:30; card making 12:30 p.m.                                      |
| <b>Wednesday, December 2</b><br>Baked chicken leg qtr., baked potato, Italian blend, vegetables, peaches, dinner roll.              | <b>Thursday, December 3</b><br>Chef salad, pea salad, tropical fruit, muffin.   | <b>Tuesday, December 1:</b> Hastings - No Line Dancing; play Wii 10:30 a.m.; Kinship Info 1 p.m.; Kinship series 1:30 p.m. GL-Cards 10:30-12:30.                                  |
| <b>Thursday, December 3</b><br>Wet burrito and toppings, Spanish rice, southwestern corn, banana.                                   | <b>Friday, December 4</b><br>Cottage cheese, macaroni salad, mandarin oranges, muffin.  | <b>Wednesday, December 2:</b> Hastings - Music with Sam; Nails; Euchre 12:30-2:30 p.m.; Tai Chi 5:15 p.m. Delton - Reminiscence.  |
| <b>Friday, December 4</b><br>Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, stewed tomatoes, jello with fruit, dinner roll.            | <b>Home Delivered Hearty Menu</b><br><b>Monday, November 30</b><br>Chicken wings, corn, California blend, diced pears, biscuit. | <b>Thursday, December 3</b><br>Hastings - Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; COA 35th Anniversary Open House 4-6 p.m.; Music with the Lewis'. Nashville - TV Time. Delton - Puzzles/ Trivia. |
| <b>Home Delivered Cold Menu</b><br><b>Monday, November 30</b><br>Scalloped potatoes and ham, green beans, apple-sauce, wheat bread. | <b>Tuesday, December 1</b><br>Spaghetti with meatballs and sauce, green beans, garlic bread.                                    | <b>Friday, December 4</b><br>Hastings - Exercise 9 a.m.; Model Railroad 10 a.m.; Bingo 10 a.m. Nashville - Bingo. Woodland - Nashville 5+ 11:30 a.m.                              |
|   | <b>Wednesday, December 2</b><br>Boneless baked chicken, rosemary potatoes, Italian blend vegetables, peaches, wheat bread.      |   |
|   | <b>Thursday, December 3</b><br>Chicken chop suey, rice, peas and carrots, cherry crisp, fortune cookie.                         |   |

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MON-TH 4:20, 7:00, 9:40

PLANET 51 (PG)  
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MON-TH 4:10, 6:40, 9:00

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Santa Claus will be visiting Bellevue to ride in the annual Christmas parade Saturday, Dec. 5. The parade will begin at 5 p.m., with the lineup forming at 4:30 p.m. on Vine Street. The parade will proceed south on Main Street through the downtown business district, culminating at the Bellevue Hardware Store. Santa will be at the store for an hour to meet with children. The parade is open to anyone. Questions may be directed to Deb Black, organizer of the parade at 269-841-6830.

helped out in past years. Though working so closely with family members can make each day an interesting adventure, Claudia said she is thankful for a job that allows her to still be a mother to her children and spend time with the rest of her family. Roxie couldn't agree more and said along with the hard work of building a business from the ground up, the past 35 years have also held a lot of enjoyment. "It's been really awesome. We've really enjoyed it and just being together," said Roxie.

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# Ileen Sutphen celebrates 100 years

by Helen Mudry  
Staff Writer

There's something "fishy" about Ileen Sutphen of Sunfield. As the centennial lady shared her 100 years of memories in a recent interview, her love of fishing was a constant theme.

Her daughter and only child, Sharon Hager, helped during the interview, filling in during memory lapses.

Ileen's parents were Tom and Anna Ainsworth. She said Doc Peabody was the doctor assisting in her birth in 1909.

Ileen married Bill "Bud" Sutphen in 1928. The knot was tied in the preacher's house, and they headed for Niagara Falls for their honeymoon. But they only got as far as Detroit where she saw her first burlesque show.

The couple lived in Lansing. They paid \$683 for a Model A and 25 cents to see a movie. In 1930, they moved to the home on Vermontville Highway where she lives now. Ileen has three grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

Both her parents passed away when Ileen was a girl, and she was raised by her sister, Bertha Alleman, who was 20 years her senior. Still, she remembers quite well the special trips she took with her parents — one to Florida and a 1914 trip to Cuba.

"Your dad treated you like a princess," Hager said.

Raised on a farm, Ileen's family bought 100 pullets every spring, and one of her chores was to gather eggs. Most of the "big" chores were done by hired hands from Chicago.

She remembers the family had two phones, one for local calls and one for calls elsewhere. She could earn one cent per quart to pick strawberries.



Ileen Sutphen

Ileen attended country school for eight years in Sebewa. She walked nearly two miles to school. It was part of the teacher's job to start the fire on winter mornings to warm the classroom. Apparently her teacher was not the best fire starter and Ileen said "We had cold butts until noon."

She graduated from Portland High School and later worked at the notions counter at Woolworth in Lansing. In 1930, the family moved to the home on Vermontville Highway.

Once in the rural setting, Ileen found more time to pursue her love of fishing. She and Bud paid \$1,200 for a lot with a cottage on Saubee Lake. She put baby Sharon in a basket and took her fishing. Family would often find her using her favorite cane pole. She seldom cleaned the fish she caught, but had others clean them or gave them away.

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## SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

### Maple Valley Elementary Lunch Menu

**Monday, November 30**  
Grilled cheese, tomato soup, fruit cocktail, crackers.

**Tuesday, December 1**  
Spaghetti, bread stick, green beans, peach crisp.

**Wednesday, December 2**  
Rib sandwich, whole kernel corn, pineapple, clodhoppers.

**Thursday, December 3**  
Pizza, tossed salad, mandarin oranges, cookie.

**Friday, December 4**  
Chicken fries, mashed potatoes, applesauce, Teddy Grahams.

**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, November 30**  
Chic./cheesie rice, broccoli, mandarin oranges, mini bar.

**Tuesday, December 1**  
Chili w/corn bread, whole kernel corn, peach crisp, pasta bar.

**Wednesday, December 2**  
Cheesie bread sticks, spaghettios, pineapple, potato bar.

**Thursday, December 3**  
HS/Kellogg - Goodtime Pizza. Veg. medley, grapes, Mexican bar.

**Friday, December 4**  
Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, pears, Subway 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.

\* Menu subject to change.

## Santa to visit Vermontville library

Santa Claus will kick off the holiday season by arriving at the Vermontville Township Library Friday, Dec. 4.

Due to the popularity of this event, Santa will be visiting with children inside the opera house from 6 to 8 p.m., and parents are asked to bring a camera for their holiday photos. While they wait for their turn to visit with Santa, children can make an ornament, color a holiday picture and enjoy a snack.

New this year, each family will be able to decorate a gingerbread house to take home. The library staff will be providing pre-assembled gingerbread houses, and families can decorate their houses while they wait.

To offset the expense of this project, the library is asking for donations of candy and other items suitable for decorating the houses. Donations may be dropped off at the library during regular library hours.

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# Book club to discuss holiday reading

The book discussion group at Putnam District Library will meet Monday, Dec. 21, to discuss David Baldacci's *The Christmas Train* at 5 p.m.

In *The Christmas Train*, disillusioned journalist Tom

Langdon must get from Washington, D.C., to Los Angeles in time for Christmas. Forced to take the train across the country because of a slight "misunderstanding" at airport security, he begins a journey of

self-discovery and rude awakenings, mysterious goings-on and thrilling adventures, screwball escapades and holiday magic.

"*The Christmas Train* is filled with memorable characters who have packed their bags with as much wisdom as mischief ... and shows how we do get second chances to fulfill our deepest hopes and dreams, especially during this season of miracles," wrote Shauna Swantek, library director.

The library encourages interested patrons to visit [www.mel.org](http://www.mel.org) and order a copy using MeLcat and their Putnam District Library card. The book will be delivered to the library for pick up at no charge. Contact the library for assistance. The discussion is informal, but readers may enjoy visiting

[www.galesburglibrary.org/BookClub/ChristmasTrain.pdf](http://www.galesburglibrary.org/BookClub/ChristmasTrain.pdf) for sample discussion questions.

"Please let the library know if you plan to attend by

calling, stopping in, or visiting the library's Facebook page," encouraged Swantek.



Eleven readers joined together at Putnam District Library in Nashville Monday, Nov. 16 to discuss *The Shack*. The group welcomes additions to the discussion as well as title suggestions.

## Barry County Extension Calendar of Events

- Nov. 30 Parliamentary Procedure Workshop, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church in Hastings.
- Dec. 1 Fair Book changes due.
- Dec. 5 MSU Student Organic Farm Tour, 10 a.m., 3291 College Rd., Holt, MI.
- Dec. 8-10 Great Lakes Fruit, Vegetable and Farm Market Expo, Grand Rapids.
- Dec. 10 Master Gardener Annual Christmas Craft/Bake Sale, 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m., Courts and Law Building.
- Dec. 14 Agriculture Career Focus Conference, MSU Kellogg Center.
- Dec. 15 Re-enrollment deadline.
- Dec. 15 RUP Credits Available, 6-10 p.m., Courts and Law Building.
- Dec. 16 RUP Credits Available, 1-5 p.m., MSU Extension Ionia County.
- Dec. 18 Integrated Pest Management Update, MSU Pavilion.
- Dec. 24-25 MSU Extension Office closed for Christmas holiday.
- Dec. 31 MSU Extension Office closed for New Year holiday.

### 100 YEARS, continued from previous page

Her hobbies included making quilts, playing bridge and music. She played piano and organ for her church and wrote her own music. She took organ lessons from Bea Murphy; kept a diary from 1923 until eight years ago; and is known for her love of Wrigley's spearmint gum.

Hager said her mother never smoked or drank liquor or coffee. For many years, she thought Coke was an alcoholic beverage. She is not entirely saintly, though.

"She has been known to have a potty mouth," Hager added.

These days Ileen's vision is impaired by macular degeneration.

"I've been ancient for so long, if I could see, I wouldn't have anything to complain about," the spry woman said.

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# Maple Valley High students restore roar with Spirit Club

by Brett Bremer  
Sports Editor

It started strong with the beginning of the football season, and now the new Maple Valley Spirit Club is looking to liven up the gymnasium as it prepares for the winter sports season.

The brainchild of Maple Valley High School athletic director Duska Brumm, the Spirit Club is looking to promote school spirit and sportsmanship by the Lions' student fans during upcoming basketball and wrestling events.

"I just want to bring back the pride for the kids," said Brumm. "They're doing

awesome. I've had nothing but positive comments from the community."

Students can get involved and find out more by talking to Brumm in the high school office. Members of the club take part in different spirit centered committees. Plans are underway for these nights during the upcoming basketball season, things like a 70's night or a 50's night, camo night, a black-out, and such.

"It's coming along pretty good," said Brumm. "The kids are enjoying it and are positive about it."

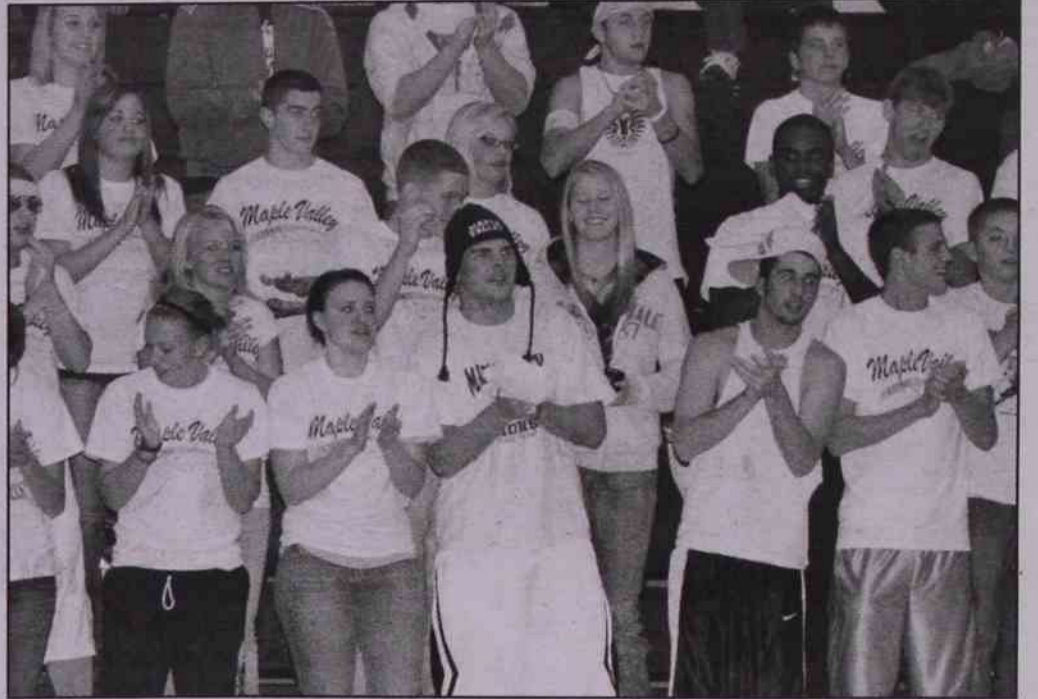
Bleachers were set up just beyond the south end zone for the club during football

season. The high point of the club so far has been its cheering on the Maple Valley varsity volleyball team as it made its way to a district championship contest at MVHS earlier this month.

"It feels nice," said Maple Valley senior Jennifer Kent after her team's victory over Pewamo-Westphalia in the Class B District semifinal volleyball match. "It just motivates you that much more to play better when you have that support."

The club is planning some future fund raisers, including doing things like half-court shots for prizes and possibly 50/50 raffles at sporting events.

For their participation in the club, students will be admitted to sporting events for free and they can also purchase club T-shirts.



Members of the Maple Valley Spirit Club cheer on their varsity volleyball team during its Class B District Semifinal contest against Pewamo-Westphalia. (File photo)

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## ATTENTION VERMONTVILLE VILLAGE RESIDENTS — NOTICE — PUBLIC HEARING

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for 7:00pm, December 3, 2009 at the Regular Council Meeting at the Village Office, for the purpose of discussing adoption of the 2010 Budget. A copy of the budget is available for public inspection in the Clerk's Office at 121 Eastside Drive or at the Village Garage at 134 Westside Drive.

**THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE A SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING.**

The Village of Vermontville levies 15 mills. Public comments, either oral or written, are welcome at the Public Hearing. Handicapped persons needing assistance or aid should contact the Village Office during regular working hours forty eight hours prior to the meeting.

Shirley Harmon  
Village Clerk

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## PUBLIC HEARING

The Village of Nashville Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on December 17, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the council chambers.

SUBJECT: The purpose of this hearing is to hear public discussion on a request to allow a private club operated by the Avengers Motor Cycle Club at 105 N Main. (General provision, section 3.14(d). If you wish to comment in writing on this request you must do so by December 17, 2009 and turn it into the Village of Nashville, 203 N. Main St. PO Box 587, Nashville, MI. 06700602

## VILLAGE OF VERMONTVILLE County of Eaton, Michigan

**PUBLIC NOTICE** is hereby given that the Village Council of the Village of Vermontville will hold a public hearing on December 3, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the Vermontville Village Hall, 121 Eastside Drive, on an increase of 3.4% COLA per thousand gallons usage in water and sewer rates. All comments are to be made in person or written and mailed to office, PO Box K, Vermontville MI 49096, up to the time of the public hearing.

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# Share stories on National Day of Listening

The day after Thanksgiving, Friday, Nov. 27, has been designated the National Day of Listening by a group that urges everyone to set aside one hour to interview someone — an older relative, a friend, teacher, relative and hear about their

childhood, 'the old days,' military service, schooling or significant accomplishments or milestones.

As a newspaper publisher, J-Ad Graphics is particularly interested in preserving stories about Maple Valley and its people. We urge our read-

ers to step up to the challenge on the National Day of Listening and e-mail those transcribed stories to news@j-adgraphics.com or send or deliver a copy to our office, 1351 N. M-43, Hastings MI 49058.

We feel it is important to record the tales of Maple Valley's earlier years and want to preserve the stories of how major and minor events impacted residents: life dur-

ing the Great Depression or World War II (both here and abroad), learning in a one-room school house, recreation, farming, clubs, entertainment, special programs such as the Civilian Conservation Corps, preparing for changing seasons, traveling, etc. We want to hear about it.

Along with the stories, please provide names of the storyteller and recorder,

along with contact information, and provide any additional notes or explanations. We will accept stories recorded any day, but are using the National Day of Listening to launch this effort.

The Web site www.nationaldayoflistening.org has several sample

questions that may be helpful when interviewing.

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## In My Own Write

by Amy Jo Kinyon



One of the best parts of Thanksgiving? Leftovers. I always look forward to turkey sandwiches for lunch in the days following the big feast, and then there are the desserts. Nothing quite beats pumpkin pie for breakfast. Besides spending time with family and friends, I look forward to the leftovers.

This started me thinking of all the things in our lives that might be considered 'leftovers' that actually hold some value.

The leftover change in our pockets can add up to quite a bit after a relatively short time. We used our change to pay for gas on a road trip up north this fall. We had more than enough for two tanks, and it didn't require planned saving on our part. We just threw our change into a bowl at the end of the day and *voila* — we had a road-trip fund.

I used leftover barn wood last year to make a set piece for the musical "Oklahoma!" and it turned into one of the favorite set pieces I've ever constructed. The wood was stored up in the garage of my in-laws, leftover from a barn that was torn down.

I turned a basement into my own paint laboratory a few years ago, using leftover partial gallons of paint. I experimented and mixed colors together and used the results to paint the music room at my mom's house.

So many things that are usually classified as leftovers can still have purpose and be of use.

In high school, I was what might be classified as a 'leftover' student. I wasn't into sports, FFA or any of the other activities. I wasn't a bad student, but just wasn't interested in that

many of the activities at high school.

That was until a spark of insanity caused me to try out for the high school musical. Now, to understand what an odd thing this was for me to do, you need to know that I was one of the shyest people that could be found. I was such an introvert that I was too shy to even order my own food at a restaurant — that would involve talking to a stranger, something that scared me more than a pool full of piranhas.

I have absolutely no idea what motivated me to step up onto that stage and sing "Amazing Grace" in front of several dozen of my classmates, most of whom I had never even said "hello" to before that time.

I was cast in the chorus, and the rest, they say, is history. I had found my niche. Thanks to the stage, I don't really have any issues being around strangers. My mother would actually say quite the opposite.

My point is that, although I might have been a 'leftover' student, I just had to find the thing to spark my interest.

Linda Boyce, one of my co-workers, spent Thanksgiving with her family and some people who might be classified as 'leftovers.' They worked at restaurant, serving Thanksgiving dinner to those who otherwise wouldn't have company, or a home-cooked meal or a meal at all.

Maybe, we should give the 'leftovers' just as much attention as the main course. The term leftover may have negative connotations, but sometimes, the leftovers are the best part.

## Kalamo church to hold second food distribution

The second monthly Kalamo United Methodist Church food distribution will take place Wednesday, Dec. 16, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the church located at 1475 S. Ionia Road.

Residents in the Kalamo Township area in need of food assistance are asked to register by calling 517-588-9430 before Dec. 11, between 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. to speak with a church representative. Only those who pre-register can expect to be served.

Kalamo United Methodist Church is located four miles east of M-66, then 1.5 miles south on Ionia Road.

Those receiving food, who have not been to the previous food distribution will be

asked to provide a current driver's license and two recent bills that show the address listed on the driver's license as proof of residency.

People currently receiving food from other food pantries are asked to only be involved with one food pantry. Those folks who live in the Kalamo Township area who would like to switch to this distribution are welcome. Those not involved in any food distribution and who have run out of food before the month is over are especially welcome to receive help from Kalamo United Methodist Church's food distribution.

A very generous donation from "John Smith" will help feed many people.

## WORKSHOP, continued from page 1

us would happen, but we were a bit skeptical," said Boldrey. "The kids are not only writing more, they're not complaining about having to write. Kids are asking me, when do we get to write some more? It has also inspired some students to ask for a notebook to keep at home."

Boldrey said the program has even helped her become a better writer. Rather than move on to another task when the students write, Boldrey took the time to write some of her own sto-

ries. She has seen the positive results of the program and plans to take the program with her wherever she ends up teaching after graduation.

"I'm glad Mrs. Boldrey has been here to work with me. She's been wonderful in the classroom," said Baker. "The writing workshop has been exciting from Day 1, from not knowing how the students would adjust to a new way of writing, and now we've seen the results."

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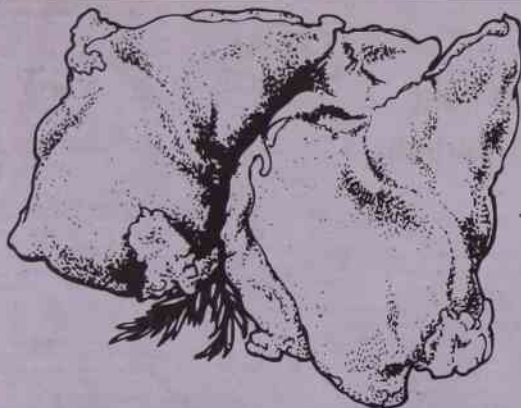
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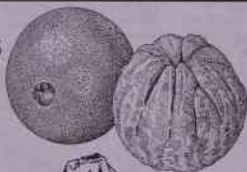
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