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Nashville gives Ohler deadline for property cleanup plan

Ron Ohler (left) shows photos of his property to Nashville Village Council members (from left) Gary White, Henry Felder, Johnny Hartwell and Mike Kenyon. The photos were taken in 1963 to illustrate the history of his property as a junkyard. (Photo by Taylor Owens)

Taylor Owens
Staff Writer

The Nashville Village Council gave Ron Ohler one month to present a plan for how he will clean up his properties.

At the start of a regular meeting Thursday, Ohler asked the council what were its problems with his properties. He owns a residence on M-66, south of Nashville, and an adjacent property with a junkyard and two businesses, Maple Valley Concrete Products and Ohler Machine. Both businesses, involving 7,000 square feet of buildings, were largely destroyed in a fire during the summer of 2018.

The cost of the damage was between $500,000 and $600,000, Ohler said, and what was left on the property are the only retirement assets he has left.

"Have you met with anyone in this room in the past 12 months?" Kenyon asked.

Ohler said he was contacted by Zoning Administrator Mike Norton in June 2019, and Norton told him he had received a complaint regarding a residential roof in need of replacement on Ohler's property.

As zoning administrator, Norton is directed by the village council to enforce ordinance violations, in partnership with the police department. He operates separately from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ohler is the chairman of the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Ohler then met with Norton and council trustees Johnny Hartwell and Steve Priddy about the properties. Ohler recalled telling the others he would replace the roof in 2020, because he has a full-time job and had to salvage equipment still exposed to the weather after the fire, before he could move on to the residence.

"The next thing I know you guys start picking on me about the plant," Ohler said.

Ohler read in the Maple Valley News that Hartwell asked Norton to pursue ordinance enforcement on the properties during a December meeting.

"I'm trying to figure out why, all of the sudden, it's a problem," Ohler said.

He brought photos and documents from back to 1963 to show the history of the property as a junkyard, before and after he bought it in 1978.

"Do you think the issue is because people want you to clean your place up, yes or no?" Kenyon asked.

"If you're given permission to have a scrapyard, you can't go back 42 years later and say, 'We changed our mind,' " Ohler replied. "It was a scrapyard when I bought it."

Ohler told the council to look back at the meeting minutes from 1990 to see that the council told him the property could remain a scrapyard. "I'll be honest with you, I feel I was lied to by the council, not by this council, but years ago."

"Well, we can't speak to that," Kenyon said.

Trustee Gary White told Ohler the council was not singling him out, but was making a larger push to clean up properties in the village.

"Something's got to start happening," White said. "I don't think there's a need to have a big fight."

"My neighbor can have 30 boats stored on his property for money, why can't I?" Ohler asked.

"If it's for money, there's a purpose for them," White said.

"Your contention is that what I'm doing is wrong," Ohler said later.

"What do you mean?" Kenyon asked.

"Because you're telling me that I have to do something," Ohler said. "I will admit to this council right here and now that I don't like the way it looks."

The council told Ohler they could have a discussion on the zoning of the property after he brought a plan for how he would clean it up.

Kenyon gave Ohler until the Feb. 27 council meeting to present a plan, including a timeline. He acknowledged the plan may not have answers for everything, but it needs to show how progress will be made.

Norton said, when he and the trustees met with Ohler during the summer, they gave him 45 days to come up with a plan.

But, when they were set to have a followup meeting in September, Norton said, Police Chief Chris Koster, who died in car crash Sept. 26, asked him to back off

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Schools prepare shift to 'whole child' reporting

Taylor Owens
Staff Writer

A new initiative from the Michigan Department of Education will likely change the landscape of education for years to come, by focusing on the 'whole child.'

"What they mean by the 'whole child' is that schools now must look at emotional, mental, physical and academic well- being," Maple Valley Data Coordinator Jeff Byrne said. "It will be a whole new way of looking at things."

Comparing it to previous education overhauls like No Child Left Behind, Byrne said the Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Plan will likely be in place for at least 15 years.

The plan is being piloted in specific schools starting this month, and will be gradually rolled out until it becomes standard at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

Instead of the annual reporting system schools currently use, which focuses largely on academics, MICIP will be a continuous process with 10 separate categories to put focus on whole child wellness. These will cover aspects such as employee wellness, community involvement, health, physical activity, nutrition, environment and social, emotional and psychological climate and services.

"That's going to change the landscape of education," Maple Valley Superintendent Katherine Bertolini said.

"It's vitally important," Hastings Area School System Superintendent Dan Remenap said. "The state is taking a good step."

"I think the shift is much needed," Lakewood Public Schools Assistant Superintendent Jay Larner agreed. "For the past decade or longer, there has been such a high focus on overall academic achievement."

But education is cyclical, Larner said, and is constantly changing to incorporate new information.

"There is a serious need of focus on social and emotional process," Larner said.

"With mental health issues right now, its imperative that we look at whole-child development," Remenap said.

If students are struggling socially, emotionally, and psychologically, educators say they will struggle with academics.

"A lot of our kids need mental health support," Delton Kellogg Schools Superintendent Kyle Corlett said.

When students are struggling with their emotions, they tend to have act out in class, which requires their teacher's attention and takes away from instructional time for the rest of the students as well.

"Our teachers are not counselors," Corlett said.

Delton Kellogg, like other schools in Barry County, partners with organizations like Barry County Community Mental Health and Spiritual Care Consultants to provide counseling for students and training for teachers on how to deal with behavioral issues.

But administrators say they didn't need a mandate from the state to pay attention to mental health, or other areas such as nutrition and community involvement.

Barry County superintendents say they've been taking the whole-child approach for years.

"In all of my work in education, the most rewarding places I've taught have had a whole-child focus," Bertolini said. "I think, when we teach and learn, we're not just dealing with a cognitive brain in isolation, we're dealing with a heart, and nutrition, and sleep and we're dealing with how secure the kids feel about themselves in relation to their peer group.

"I don't see it being a huge shift in how we do things," Remenap said. "It's already part of our belief system."

Hastings school initiatives, such as multi-tiered systems of support and extending recess time, have been geared toward meeting whole-child needs.

While the MDE is currently training and educating staff on the new system, there are still a number of unanswered questions for educators.

The state Legislature has not informed school officials about how much they plan to allocate toward meeting the new mandate.

Some superintendents wonder about the timeline of the rollout, and whether it will meet the state's goals.

"A lot of the time, the state will come up with something, and delay it several years," Corlett said.

"School districts sink or swim based on decisions made locally, not mandates from the state, in my opinion," Remenap said.

Regardless of what the new system looks like, or when it will be implemented locally, educators plan on continuing to focus on the whole-child approach.

"I just think it's good practice," Bertolini said. " We're not doing this because it's a mandated thing, we're doing this because its the best thing for our kids."

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Area Obituaries

Dale Kenneth Foote, Jr.

VERMONTVILLE, MI - Dale "Sonny" Kenneth Foote, Jr., of Vermontville, died on January 17, 2020.

Dale was born on February 4, 1929 to Dale K. and Irene (Frank) Foote. Dale lived a simple life and was proud of the farm work that he did and the improvements that he made to his land throughout his life. He loved working with his tractor: planting seed and watching his crops grow. He also loved driving his semi across the country, which he did for 30 years before retiring in 1992 from Fleet Carrier of Pontiac. At home he loved fishing in his pond with his granddaughter, Shamarr.

Westerns were a favorite of his, especially anything with Clint Eastwood. He could watch them over and over and never tire of them. He truly was a "cowboy at heart." Dale enlisted in the Navy in 1946 serving two years on the east coast. In 1948, he married Patricia Dickey, divorcing in 1953. In 1968 he married Lorraine Grzadzinski. Dale was a proud member of the American Legion, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, and the N.R.A.

Dale is survived by his son, Ken (Anne) Foote; daughter, Charlotte Garlinger and Deborah (Jack) Vineyard; step-daughters, Jodie (Steve) Kilpatrick and Tammi Gearhart; brothers, Raymond (Mary) Foote and Edwin (Alice) Foote; sister, Phyllis (Leo) Trumble; four grandchildren, two step-grandchildren, ninegreat-grandchildren, one step-great-grandchild and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dale was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Lorraine; sisters, Barbara Hess and Pat Sayles; brother-in-law, Kendal Sayles; son-in-law, Jerry Garlinger, and step-daughter, Lauren Coddington.

Funeral services were held Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020 at Pray Funeral Home in Charlotte with Pastor Kevin Barker officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery, Vermontville.

Friends and family are encouraged to share memories of Dale on his Tribute Page at www.PrayFuneral.com

Lorraine Altoft

HASTINGS, MI - Lorraine Altoft, age 77, of Hastings passed away Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2020 at the Hastings Rehabilitation Center in Hastings, surrounded by her loving family.

Lorraine was born in Battle Creek, on September 20, 1942, the daughter of the late Paul and Arlie (Reneau) Goforth. Lorraine was raised in the Nashville area and attended Maple Valley Schools.

Lorraine had three daughters from a prior marriage before marrying her best friend and life-time partner Lester Altoft on August 27, 1971. Together they made their home in Hastings.

Lorraine spent her working career at Hastings Manufacturing serving faithfully for over 25 years before retiring in 1992.

During her younger years, Lorraine was always very active, and enjoyed camping with her family and working in her gardens during the summer months and snowmobiling in the winter. Lorraine loved to collect dolls, many of which were hand made by her sister Mary Ann, and Native American artifacts. In her spare time she enjoyed spending quiet time putting together jigsaw puzzles. Lorraine's most valued hobby was any time spent with her family.

Lorraine is survived by her beloved husband, Lester, her two daughters, Chris (Mike) Horstman, Deb (Joe) Sprague; stepson, Adam (Lisa) Altoft; four sisters, Mary Ann (Wes) Erwin, Kathy (Leo) Hine, Bernice (Dan) Shilling, Brenda Davis; two brothers, Paul (MaryJo) Goforth, and Joe (Gayle) Goforth; son-in-law, Joe Welch; 12 grandchildren; 22 great grandchildren, and three great great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughter, Denise Welch; stepson, Jon Altoft; sister, Delphia Totten, and brother, Tom Goforth

Funeral services will be held at the Daniels Funeral Home, Nashville, at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2020 with Pastor Lester DeGroot officiating.

The family will receive visitor from 4 to 6 on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020 at the Daniels Funeral Home, in Nashville.

Interment will take place at Wilcox Cemetery

Memorial contributions can be made to Elara Caring Hospice or Hastings Rehabilitation and Healthcare Center in lieu of flowers.

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

From the Pulpit

Seek first

Pastor Glenn Branham
Nashville Assembly of God

"But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33)

The context is that of worry. Jesus addresses our daily, earthly, physical and material concerns. These are the things we tend to worry about.

This verse is about priorities. It is about putting the things of first importance, first. Jesus breaks down the order of our priorities as they should be in the simplest of terms: First, the kingdom – the rule and reign – of God; second, His righteousness; and third, everything else.

To seek the kingdom of God first is to put the will of God ahead of our own. To obey this command of Christ, God's will and ways as revealed in His Word must be first in our lives. Jesus' sermon (Matthew 5-7) provides a good description of God's will. It affects every aspect of our being — our thoughts, attitudes and our conduct. The Christian learns to be kingdom-first minded. We must think and act in the best interest of the King and His kingdom.

The righteousness of God — His righteousness — is the highest standard. It is total and complete holiness with no gray areas, variables or tolerances. We are to seek His righteousness, not our own. We could never be good enough in and of ourselves. (Romans 10:3) His righteousness is: Put on. (2 Corinthians 6:7; Ephesians 4:24; Ephesians 6:10-19; Isaiah 59:17) Received by faith. (Romans 1:17, 3:22, 4:13, 10:10; Philippians 3:9; Hebrews 11:7) Imputed. (Romans 4:6, 11, 22) A gift. (Romans 5:17-18) An act of obedient faith. (Romans 6:13, 16, 18, 9:30; 1 Timothy 6:11; 2 Timothy 2:22) A work of the Holy Spirit. (Romans 8:4, 10; Ephesians 4:24) A fruit of the Spirit. (2 Corinthians 9:10; Ephesians 5:9; Philippians 1:11) Must be submitted to. (Romans 10:3) Learned in Christ. (2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 5:13)

Once we have our priorities right, the promise is engaged: Seek first God's kingdom, and God's righteousness, and all these things (all the things we tend to worry about) will be added unto you. This is one of the great promises of God.

Man crashes into deck and smashes windows with sledgehammer

A 44-year-old woman called police at 11:58 a.m. on Jan. 9, to report a 44-year-old Ionia man vandalized her residence and vehicle in the 1000 block of South Woodland Road in Castleton Township. The woman said the man had been staying at the residence off and on for three months. He had his Subaru Outback parked underneath the deck of the house and was loading tools into it. When she confronted him that some of the tools were hers, he became "enraged" and smashed the windows of a truck with a sledgehammer. He then backed his own vehicle into a pole of the deck, then ran it into another pole, and drove away. The case is still under investigation.

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MSU dean's list includes area students

Michigan State University has released its dean's list for the 2019 fall semester.

The dean's list honors all full-time undergraduates who earn a 3.50 or higher grade-point average f 12 or more credits in a given semester.

Local students who qualified include:

Battle Creek – Will Bailey, Mason A. Bauer, Kaylee L. Case, Margaret B. Comai, Alissa A. Coughlin, Cameron A. Crespo, Ethan J. Dalek, Diana J. Dalski, Asia T. Hawkins, Meg Jones, Brett L. Keagle, Noah T. Kelly, Aysiah K. Kirk, Derry K. Kramer, Brodie H. Landstra, Keith R. Leroux, Nyah R. Mcdonald, Kelsey M. McGraw, Jack H. Means, Morgan R. Mowry, Alec J. Parr, Alex Phillips, Morgan E. Ramsdell, Christopher J. Rau, Dawson L. Robinson, Landon J. Saxton, Adam B. Stagner, Emma R. Stagner, Emmie Tolf, Bobby Vette, John R. Volesky, Ryan T. Wakley, Baylee M. Wilkins, Jacob D. Wilkinson.

Bellevue – Maya A. Campbell, Zach Daniels, Lauren R. McIntyre.

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Sunfield – Samuel D. Tennant.

Vermontville – Cooper C. Adams.

NEWS FROM THE EATON COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

In the past week, Eaton County Deputies responded to 35 alarms, 34 car accidents, 33 citizen assists, 12 well-being checks, 18 domestic disputes, 23 shoplifting complaints, 22 larcenies, nine personal-injury crashes, nine hit-and-run incidents, 33 property-damage crashes, 36 suspicious situations, 29 traffic hazards, 224 traffic stops and 22 traffic violations.

Parents worry about their teenagers after they first pass the driver's license test and are legally allowed to venture out in a vehicle on their own. For many, that worry is compounded during the winter months, when the cold and snow can add extra challenges to road travel — often challenges teens haven't experienced. But the more prepared teens are to face the elements, the safer they'll be and the less parents will worry.

Expose them to harsh weather while you're in the passenger seat. Whether your teen is fully licensed or still using a learner's permit, it's important for you to be sitting in the seat next to them when they first set out in snow or ice. The more hours you log together, the better. By being there, you'll be able to teach them what you know about driving in the snow, and you'll see firsthand how quickly they're learning and dealing with whatever winter weather is thrown at them.

Teens may be itching to get out on their own, but they'll learn faster, and you'll both feel better if you're there to teach the basics of winter driving, like how to handle potential emergencies, how to follow a safe (and further than usual) space behind vehicles in inclement weather, and how to properly (and slowly) accelerate and decelerate, to name a few.

Help them learn to stay calm and patient — while you try to do the same. Cooler heads tend to prevail in cold weather, so it's important to instill calmness and confidence in teenagers and their driving skills. Having both will help them drive better in winter—and any other kind of weather, for that matter. Keep in mind that staying calm on your end is crucial when teaching a teen to drive.

Spend some time in an empty, untreated parking lot. A deserted, snow-covered parking lot is the perfect practice ground for a new driver to learn the winter rules of the road. You can usually find a lot to use shortly after a snowfall, before road crews and plows get to it. If it happens to be a weekend, a place that is closed, like the local school, may be a solid option.

In the lot, you can simulate some of the issues your teen could run into out on the road, such as how to correct their course if they find themselves fishtailing and how to get a feel for braking in snow and on ice. You can even bring along cones to set up a makeshift obstacle course.

Encourage them to keep practicing in the right places at the right times. Eventually, you'll have to exit the vehicle and let your teen head off on his or her own. The more teens drive in inclement weather, with or without parents, the more their skills and confidence will increase. When your teen sets out, make sure you know the routes planned for travel and that he or she is comfortable behind the wheel before gradually moving into higher-traffic areas. Practice is important, and you'll probably find it's worth the gas money.

Make sure your teen knows when to stay home. Sometimes, especially when you're an inexperienced driver, the best thing they can learn is patience — and patience is sometimes best applied when you make the decision to stay home instead of venturing out on snowy or icy roads. The new license might be burning a proverbial hole in your teen's wallet, but some weather is just too terrible to drive in, and the risk is not worth it.

You'll likely be making the final ruling on whether your kid can go or hand over the keys and stay home, but make sure he or she learns to keep an eye on the weather forecast as well. Teens will eventually have to learn to independently plan for and navigate bad weather, and will mature to a level where they can make their own responsible judgment calls.

MSU EXTENSION CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Barry County Extension Calendar of Events

January 2020

27	Rabbit Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office
31-Feb. 1	Horse Judging Workshop & Mini Contest, MSU

February 2020

1	4-H Horse Benefit Clinic, 10 a.m., MSU
3	Goat Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office
5	Dairy Developmental Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., location TBD
6	Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center
12	Teen Leader Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Commission on Aging
17	Extension Office closed
20	Fair Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Expo Center
21-22	4-H Veterinary Science Teen & Adult Leaders Workshop, Kettunen Center
22-23	4-H Beef, Sheep & Swine Leaders Workshop, Kettunen Center

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517-231-3434

Fuller Street students show school spirit

Maple Valley's new lion mascot stops by a school homecoming spirit assembly at Fuller Street Elementary Friday morning. High school students, including cheerleaders and members of the band, dropped in at the school gym. (Photo by Taylor Owens)

High school students show elementary students how to move a hula hoop from person to person for a competition.

Fuller Street Elementary students prepare to sing the fight song in the high school gym.

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because Ohler was having health troubles.

Ohler said Koster told him not to go to the meeting.

Hartwell suggested Ohler call a company to pick up the scrap metal in exchange for a percentage of the profit from selling it.

"You know, that is my retirement John, OK?" Ohler said.

"It doesn't matter; it's junk now, it's burnt-up junk you just showed us on your computer, it's iron," Hartwell replied.

"So instead of me selling it, you want me to give it away," Ohler said.

"We're not going to tell you how to do it, unless you want us to do that," Kenyon said, with a raised voice. "'Cause the next time we have this conversation, that's what's going to happen. . . . If Feb. 27 gets here and we're doing the same thing we're doing now, you might just well forget even having an extra day.

"You know that you've had more than enough chances to show us what you're going to do out there."

"We don't want a fight, because it's just going to cost everybody money. Period," Hartwell said.

Ohler said Nashville Police Officer Chris Underhile told him he was asked to write Ohler a citation, but Underhile did not because he had not personally seen the violations.

Once he is cited for an ordinance violation, Ohler would have 90 days to comply.

"Is there any reassurance we can get, that if we show good faith that you guys will not cite us?" Ohler's wife, Mary, asked. "I think his main concern is that once we're cited, we're on a timeframe that is impossible to keep."

Kenyon said if Ohler presented a plan that showed an effort toward making progress on the properties, the council would accept it.

"Can we agree to what we discussed here today, can we do that?" Kenyon asked.

Nashville Council President Mike Kenyon (left) tells Ron Ohler to have a plan for how he will clean up his property by the Feb. 27 council meeting.

There was long pause.

"I will attempt to do so," Ohler said.

Pilgrims top Lions for first conference win

Lansing Christian earned its first Greater Lansing Activities Conference win of the season, dropping Maple Valley to 0-5 in conference play, with a 46-38 win over the Lions at Maple Valley High School Tuesday.

Maple Valley falls to 1-8 on the season with the loss.

Dansville scored a 56-33 win over the Lions last Friday, Jan. 17.

The Lions were scheduled to host Leslie for Winter Homecoming at Maple Valley High School last night. The Lions return to action Jan. 31 at Stockbridge.

Barry County Commission on Aging Menu and Schedule of Events

Barry County Commission on Aging Menu and Activities Friendship Sites Congregate Menu

Monday, Jan. 27

Baked pollock, sweet potatoes, seasoned green beans, whole grain roll, orange.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Soft tacos, fiesta corn, broccoli, diced peaches.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Open face roast beef sandwich, glazed carrots, seasoned Brussels sprouts, apple.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Oven roasted chicken, sweet potatoes, sautéed spinach, dinner roll, fruited jello.

Friday, Jan. 31

Smothered pork cutlet, baked potato, broccoli, stuffing, banana.

Home Delivered Hearty Menu

Monday, Jan. 27

Chicken tenders, roasted red potatoes, corn, mixed fruit cup.

Tuesday, Jan. 28

Beef stew, broccoli, dinner roll, applesauce.

Wednesday, Jan. 29

Roast beef, mashed potatoes & gravy, broccoli, whole grain roll, banana.

Thursday, Jan. 30

Oven roasted chicken, sweet potatoes, apple.

Friday, Jan. 31

Smothered pork cutlet, baked potato, broccoli, stuffing, applesauce.

Activities Calendar

Monday, Jan. 27 - Hastings: Regain Control: Physical Therapy for Incontinence 10:30 a.m.; Painting Group 1 p.m. Delton: Walking 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Woodland: Card Games 11 a.m. Nashville: Dominoes 11 a.m. H,W,N - Reminiscence.

Tuesday, Jan. 28 - Hastings: Eating Well and Dinner for One 10:30 a.m.; Line Dancing 9:30 a.m.; Train Your Brain 1 p.m. Nashville: Dominoes 11 a.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 29 - Hastings: Walk With Ease Sample Class 10 a.m. Big Room; Euchre 12:30-3 p.m. Delton: Walking 11 a.m.-1 p.m.; Reminiscence; January Birthdays. Woodland: Card Games 11 a.m.. Nashville: Dominoes 11 a.m.

Thursday, Jan. 30 - Hastings: Popcorn & Pens: Creative Writing with Lois 10 a;.m.; Line Dancing 9:30 a.m. Nashville: TV Time; Dominoes 11 a.m. Delton: Puzzles/Trivia; Walking 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 31 - Hastings: The Open Road: America Looks at Aging video 12:30-1:30 p.m.; Exercise 9 a.m.; Bingo 9:30 a.m.; Iron Rails 10:30 a.m.; Matter of Balance 1:30-3:30 p.m. Woodland: Card Games 11 a.m. Nashville: Dominoes 11 a.m.

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Nashville pioneer's travels up north

This column by Susan Hinckley originally appeared in the Sept. 19, 1989 Maple Valley News.

The following piece was written in 1924 by the late William DeVine, grandfather to Mrs. Nelson (Geneva) Brumm of Nashville. It appeared in the Nashville News on Sept. 11 of that year, and details an auto trip through Northern Michigan. It also recalls a walking trip young DeVine had taken many years earlier.

William and his mother were early settlers of the Nashville area, coming here from Alsace-Lorraine, a region in the northeastern French-German border. The family put down roots about three miles west of Nashville, along what is now known as DeVine Road. Here, William married the former Anna Palmatier and raised three children: daughters Nellie and Maude and son Ralph, who became Geneva's father.

William was a farmer, and in his later years recalled many of the early events in the fledgling village of Nashville, which were reported from time to time in The News.

On the morning of July 27, our grandson Dale and wife, the writer and wife, started out between three and four o'clock to follow the North star. Somewhere around Ionia the star disappeared, but we had gotten our bearings and were on the trail to Houghton Lake.

Crops through Ionia and Montcalm were about the same as in Barry County. Just before reaching Mount Pleasant, in Isabella County, we saw some of the finest pieces of corn I have seen anywhere this year. From there north, the crops began to grow poorer. Saw a good many pieces of oats only 18 inches high.

At Mt. Pleasant we saw 25 or 30 well-dressed, good-looking young people of both sexes, coming down the walk, two and two. On closer inspection we saw they were all Indians. They have an Indian school there and a reservation a little farther north. Mt. Pleasant is rightly named, as it is a very pleasant place.

At Clare, we stopped a little while. I got out to walk. After walking a ways, I looked around and saw a car filled with Indians.

At Harrison we ate our dinner then went on north. Before getting to the lake there was something the matter with the road ahead. We turned off the woods on a trail for a number of miles. The trail was so crooked we could see only a few rods ahead. Before getting to the lake we came out on the gravel road again, and a little after noon were at the lake, having made 150 miles.

Houghton Lake is the largest inland lake in Michigan, 20 miles long and nine miles wide, with fine bathing beaches. At Thornapple and Gull Lake, Petoskey and Bayview, you have to keep close in shore. It looks strange here to see them out half a mile and their heads and shoulders showing above the water.

Even the dogs go in bathing here. One morning early I saw two of them out in the lake, swimming and playing around. After a while one tried to get back on the dock and every time it would get most up, the other would pull it back, then they chased one another to shore. After running around and shaking the water off, one started on the run down the dock. When it got to the end he gave a spring and landed nearly 20 feet out in the lake.

Tuesday afternoon we drove to Cadillac, 40 miles west, passing through Lake City. Cadillac is a fine city on the shore of Lake Mitchell, with some fine stores. Main Street is very wide. They park their cars in the center

At Mt. Pleasant, during an 1924 auto trip, William DeVine and his party noticed a group of young Indians marching two by two to classes at their school. This photo, some 15 years earlier, shows the State Normal College, now Central Michigan University, at Mt. Pleasant, a city DeVine thought was appropriately named.

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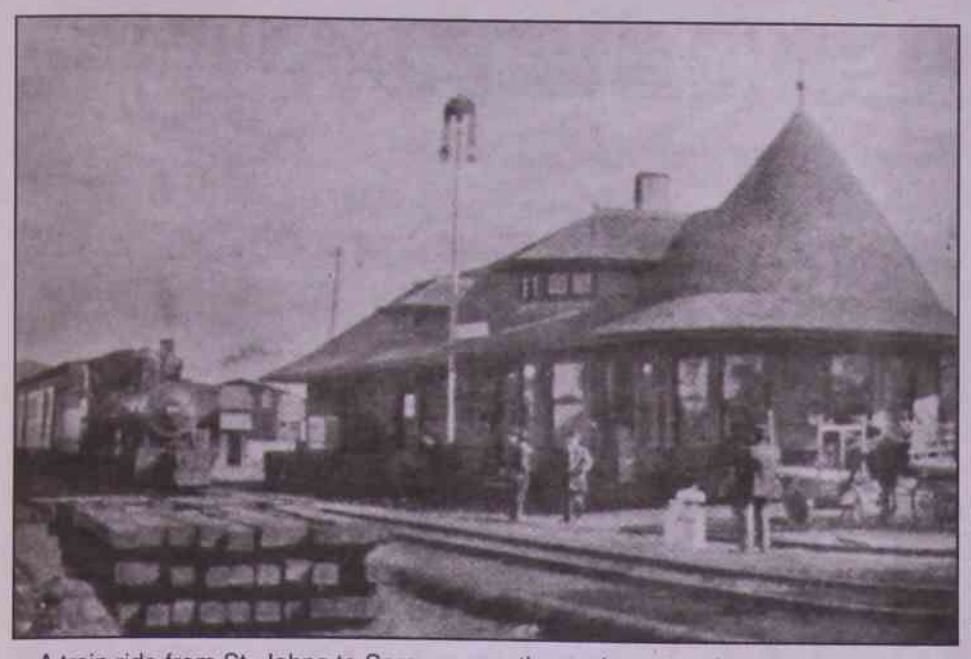

A train ride from St. Johns to Saranac was the easiest part of a week-long journey, in which young William DeVine walked most of the way from Saginaw to his home west of Nashville. That trip, in 1863, proved to be quite an adventure in an era when travelers normally sought accommodations at the at the sparsely scattered homes along their route. This circa-1910 scene shows the Grand Trunk depot at Saranac

of the street, with plenty of room on each side.

As I walked down behind the string of cars, I saw a familiar name on one car - "Nashville." I wondered if it was anyone I knew up there, but as I looked at the line below, I read Tennessee.

We drove around the lake on a paved boulevard of eight miles. Just at the north end of town we passed piles of lumber that covered acres of ground. A little further on, we passed a free tourist camp in a fine grove between the pavement and the lake at Cadillac. I tried to look up an old school mate, Phil Bolinger. We went to school together in the old checkered school house 60 years ago, but he had gone across to Milwaukee to his daughter's.

Thursday afternoon we drove down the lake on a fine gravel road through Prudenville, then turned off the gravel at a place marked the end of the trail to another resort, then out on the gravel again, then nine miles farther on Higgins Lake, which is a very deep lake. Some claim there are places where they have never found bottom.

After picking winter greens on the bank we started to drive to Roscommon, nine miles farther out, then back to the cottage, having drove clear around Houghton Lake.

To get to the fishing ground you have to row out into the lake about one-half mile, because the larger boats can't get to shore, then hitch on tow. The morning we went out there were 12 boats in tow.

It is about 10 to 12 miles to the fishing ground and generally takes about an hour to get out there. The boats cast off and row to different parts of the lake. At noon they will ring the bell and the boats gather and start for shore.

Friday afternoon we started for Chesaning, 100 miles down the pike. At one place, coming out, we drove nearly an hour on a gravel road and only saw two or three houses where anyone was living and about as many where they had tried it and pulled out. At one place we could look ahead and see the road seven or eight miles, then turn around and see it as far back. No farms, nothing but brush beside the road.

We stopped at Midland for a while.

In the fall of 1863, 61 years ago this fall, I walked from Saginaw to Midland, then on to St. Louis and Ithaca to St. Johns, took the train there to Saranac, then walked home.

The first day out the houses were so far apart I did not find a place to stop for the night until in the evening. When I went to bed I found the bed tick was filled with corn stalks. I was tired and slept well. The night I stayed at the hotel in Midland.

Midland at that time was a small rough lumber town just about one-third as large as Nashville is now. Midland now is a fine city of 5,000 inhabitants, with fine bank buildings, fine stores and the largest chemical works in the world.

A few miles out of Midland to the last house before getting to the 17 or 18 miles of woods, as it was then the middle of the afternoon, I stopped for the night. The man was out in his log barn threshing out his crop of wheat with a flail.

After sitting and watching him for a while I told him that if he had another flail I would help him. He got another and we finished up all he had a little after sundown. He said he commenced that morning, and that was the largest crop of wheat in Midland County.

Just before night another young man came along and stopped, so not to get in the woods at night, and we traveled together the next two days.

The man where we stopped had been up north somewhere hunting and had killed a moose. We had moose meat for breakfast. If you have ever eaten moose meat you will remember it, as it will stay in your mouth one day at least.

About sunrise we started in to the woods. There was no cut-out road, just a road to get hay and supplies to the lumber camp, most of the way in sight of Pine River. A little after noon we came to the next house and stopped for dinner.

We found an oldish man with a younger wife. They were just setting up a new stove. He was grumbling and said he didn't believe the newfangled thing was any good. He said he had never been where they used a stove, but she had used on before. With her directing and our help, we got it up all right and she got us a good dinner.

This was the fourth day for each of us on the road and our feet were getting sore. We asked the old gentleman if he had any whiskey. He said he had, and he brought out a big bottle and glasses. We each poured out enough for a good big drink and poured it in our boots.

The old man was terrible mad at us and said if he had known what we were going to do with it, we would not have gotten it. We told him we couldn't see what difference it made to him as long as he got pay for it. He said it was too bad to waste good whiskey that way. I have always thought it done us more good than if we had drank it as we made 40 miles that day.

After our swing around the circle through the counties of Ionia, Montcalm, Isabella, Clare, Roscommon, Missauka, Wexford, Gladwin, Midland, Saginaw, Clinton, Ingham and Eaton, Barry County looked good.

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Nashville returns to marijuana discussion

Taylor Owens
Staff Writer

After going six months without discussing marijuana, the Village of Nashville tested the waters during a meeting Thursday.

Last summer, the village passed an ordinance banning recreational marijuana businesses. At that time, the council said it would return to the issues after more information became available.

Since then, the State of Michigan has released rules for recreational marijuana licenses, and several businesses have opened in the state.

Council President Mike Kenyon said it was time to have another discussion.

> "I already know what my opinion is because I know what the federal law says."
>
> – Jason Sixberry
> Nashville Police Chief

"What would be the purpose of bringing dispensaries to the village of Nashville?" Trustee Gary White asked.

"Money," Trustee Johnny Hartwell said. He pointed out that each marijuana business must pay the village a $5,000 fee each year.

"If all we're looking at is $5,000 to bring recreational drugs in here, it's not worth it," White said. He maintained that revenue would come at the expense of targeting Nashville's youth.

"They're already being targeted," Kenyon said, pointing to alcohol and cigarettes. "I was a firm user of all kinds of things when I was in my younger days, and alcohol was a hell of a lot worse than pot, at least for me and the ramifications of my life. People could say, 'Well, why do any of it?' and I understand that."

Kenyon said he did not believe the village was prepared to make a decision, but the issue was worth pursuing.

"I think we're already such a destination drug place that it's hard to invite more," Trustee Page Headley said. "I mean if you go anywhere else, what do people say about Nashville? It's second meth capital of the world, right below Ionia. Why would you want to coax any more of that here than you already have? The police are already so busy trying to police what we currently have."

"My issue is, is it going to bring more users into the town to come get it?" Police Chief Jason Sixberry said. "I already know what my opinion is because I know what the federal law says."

"What do we want the face of Nashville to look like?" Trustee Tanett Hodge asked. "We're not necessarily an industrial community. We don't bring a lot of commerce into the area. So, basically, we're like a bedroom community. People are going to come here if there's something to do here. . . . If that's what we want to make it, then I say bring 'em in."

"I think we have to decide what Nashville is supposed to look like, and what we want it to be, and then we make our decision from there."

In other business:

The parks and recreation committee received 73 responses to its survey on the future of Nashville's parks. Feedback showed people would like a farmer's market, more information on activities at the parks, developments to the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail, and an emphasis on renovating current assets, rather than purchasing new equipment.

Hodge said the committee will be applying for grants to put in bathrooms at Riverside Park, near the baseball field, similar to the bathrooms at Putnam Park.

Lions bested on the mat in two duals at Gull Lake Quad

The Maple Valley varsity wrestling team fell in a pair of duals at Wednesday evening's Gull Lake Quad.

The Lions were bested 60-14 by the host Blue Devils and 39-30 by the Kalamazoo Central grapplers.

Maple Valley got major decisions from Jesse Brumm and Gage Ertman in the dual with Gull Lake, and victorious decisions from AJ Raymond and David Hosack-Frizzell.

Brumm bested Patricio Ortiz 13-5 in the 130-pound match. Ertman topped Caleb Mason 13-4 at 103 pounds. Raymond pulled out a 10-5 win over Jacob Wiley at 171 pounds, and Hosack-Frizzell followed up with a 6-3 win over Colton Hicks at 189 pounds.

Ertman opened the night for the Lions by pinning Kalamazoo Central's Henry Huynh in their 103-pound bout. Ertman, Brumm and Raymond each finished the night with two victories.

Brumm pinned Alex Dotislager from Kalamazoo Central in the 135-pound match and Raymond stuck Sean Vasquez at 171 pounds in the middle of the second period of their bout.

The Lion team also got a pin from Dante Buttleman at 140 pounds.

Cody Taylor scored a 13-11 win for the Lions in his 152-pound match with Kalamazoo Central's Sean Vasquez and Jordan Thornton earned a 7-3 win for Maple Valley over Hudson Bishop in the 119-pound match.

The Lions are set to travel to Quincy's Shawn Cockrell Memorial tournament today and will be a part of the Dansville Quad Monday.

Maple Valley closes the season of Greater Lansing Athletic Conference duals at Lakewood Wednesday.

Maple Valley girls overtake Pilgrims in fourth for first win

The Maple Valley varsity girls' basketball team held Lansing Christian to 11 points in the second half Tuesday and nudged in front of the visiting Pilgrims to score its first victory of the season.

The Lions knocked off Greater Lansing Activities Conference foe Lansing Christian 36-32 in Lansing to improve to 1-9 overall this season.

"It felt good. I was happy for the kids. That is my biggest thing, I am happy for them. It was well-deserved for that group of young ladies," Lion head coach Landon Wilkes said.

Ashlyn Wilkes had a team-high 16 points for the Lions, going 6-of-6 at the free throw line in the fourth quarter and 8-of-8 from the line overall on the night.

The Lions as a team were 13-of-16 at the free throw line, going 10-of-13 in the fourth quarter.

Alison McGlocklin and Megan Valiquette put in nine points each for the Lions.

"We were more methodical on offense," coach Wilkes said. "We looked to attack the basket. When we attacked and they collapsed they kicked the ball out. All nine girls contributed in some way."

"Defensively, we have been getting after it pretty good and that is a huge positive for those young ladies. It goes to show their work ethic and the stuff they have done," he added.

Katelyn Bontrager led the Pilgrims with 13 points, but had ten at the half. As a team, Lansing Christian managed just three field goals in the second half.

Maple Valley was scheduled to return to action last night against Leslie.

The Lions were bested by Lansing Catholic 51-24 last Wednesday evening. Wilkes had 17 points in the loss to the Cougars.

Snowy owl lands at Vermontville Library

The Howell Nature Center Bus will stop by the Vermontville Township Library at 6 p.m. Jan. 28, to show off its newest ambassador - Yeti the snowy owl.

The bus will have opportunities to dissect owl pellets, games and more. Visitors will learn how animals, including a variety of owls, have adapted to cold weather by seeing them up close.