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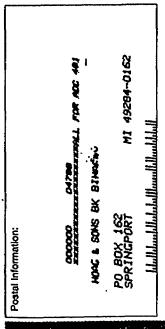
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Hitch a ride: district seeks new bu

Bond wish list also includes technology

This is the tenth and final installment in a series of stories examining the \$35.7 million June 14 Northville School District bond proposal.

By Victoria Sadlocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

A fleet of buses, plus equipment and technology upgrades at the high school finalizes the list of

needs the district will put before voters as part of a \$35.7 million bond proposal.

Voters will cast their ballots Monday, June 14.

Along with deciding the fate of repairs, improvements and in some cases additions to nine district buildings, voters will decide if purchasing buses is in Northville Public School's future.

Officials are asking \$850,000 for 10 new 84-passenger school An 84-passenger bus is the size

of a standard full-size yellow school bus.

The district's existing count is 34 buses, plus three spares.

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The count was 35 non-supplemental buses, but one was redtagged during a recent State of Michigan Police safety inspec-

David Bolitho, Northville schools assistant superintendent for administrative services further anticipates two more buses will be

eliminated from service.

One of the buses is a special education wheelchair lift bus, that is extremely old, has in excess of 200,000 miles on it and did pass inspection, but we indicated to the state police that it was only going to be used up until the new one arrives in August and they said good don't try to get it past another inspection," Bolitho said.

The district will take possession of five new buses at the beginning of the 2004-05 school year, bringing the grand total to 40 varying-capacity buses.

The five buses scheduled for August delivery were purchased from the 2001 bond issue.

Although some residents have expressed concern some of the buses provide a rickety ride, school officials say the need for 10 additional buses is meeting capacity demands.

'We need to add to the fleet," Bolitho said. "We haven't been able to add to the fleet to keep up with our increase in enrollment

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Next Week: a review of the four Northville Public School board candidates, along with a bond recap.

Save the last dance!



Photo by MIKE SHUSTER/NORTHYILLE RECORD

Meaghan Higgins and Ross Abraham enjoy the atmosphere at the Northville Senior Prom, helad last Friday at the Dearborn Hyatt Regncy. For a pictoral review of the 2004 senior class' final public gathering, please see page 6A.

Memorial Day tribute honors fallen soldiers

By David Aguilar RECORD EDITOR

Residents lined Main Street Monday morning as Northville paid tribute to its fallen heroes.

The Memorial Day parade began at Main Street and Griswold, cut a straight-line path through town, then spilled into local neighborhoods where it followed a circuitous path to Rural Hill Cemetery.

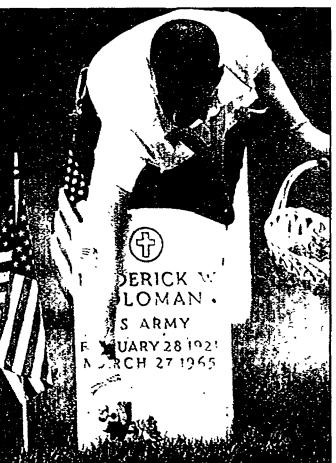
At the cemetery, a 45-minute public tribute was held.

The Memorial Day parade is special." Henry Smirton said, a 17-year Northville Township resident who fought in World War II. "So many people think about this day and think it's nothing more than an extra day off or a day to take advantage of local store sales.

There are many men and women who spilled blood for this country... that's what this day is

Paradegoers watched as armored vehicles, jeeps, local police agencies and youth service organizations waved as they

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Photos by DAVID AGUILAR/NORTHYLLE RECORD EDITOR

Fallen soldiers were honored Monday at Rural Hill Cemetery, where following an extended ceremony, poppies were laid beside the gravesides of soldiers laid to rest there.

Northville teachers receive high praise

By Victoria Sadlocha RECORD STAFF WRITER

Many of the district's outstanding teachers were honored last week during the Northville School's regular board of education meeting.

Six teachers throughout the dis-trict were recognized May 24 for achieving great accomplishments in their fields.

The honorees were Michigan Teacher of the Year, Heidi Capraro from Hillside Middle Fulbright-Hayes Fellowship to Vietnman winner, Dee Krause from Hillside Middle School; Metropolitan Detroit Science Teacher Association -Outstanding Educator of the Year, Roy Hall from Hillside Middle School; Presidential Award for Excellence in Science Teaching, Julie Hardy from Hillside Middle School; Walmart-Sam's Club Teacher of the Year, Amy Nemeth; and American Legion Teacher of the Year, Jeree Akin from

Amerman Elementary School. "It was a very easy application," said Steve Anderson, principal of Amerman Elementary School.

Anderson said Akin exhibits exceptional community service and teacher skills and was recognized for winning Metro Parent Teacher of the Year and organizing a cookie sale where \$900 was donated to Civic Concern.

Hillside science teachers Julie Hardy and Roy Hall received high praise from Hillside Middle School principal James Cracraft.

"He is an exemplary teacher," Cracraft said of Hall. Cracraft listed kitchen chem-

istry and drag racing in the hallways as some of Hall's innovative teaching techniques.

Capraro and Nemeth received recognition not only from school principals, but also from special

Sen. Nancy Cassis (R-Novi) spoke highly of Capraro during the meeting and Nemeth's nominator attended the event hugging the Old Village teacher and thanking her for going well beyond the scope of her duties as a teacher.

"She gives so much to our little ones with special needs each and every day," said Nemeth nominator JoAnn Johnson. "She gives emotional support to all the families without even realizing it."

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Half a century of weather

Hammond found love of weather through his son

By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Cris Hammond's appreciation of the weather began more than a half century ago when he watched the awe in the eyes of his young son as thunderstorms and snow squalls

That son, Gordon Hammond, went on to make meteorology a career, and a passion he still shares with his dad. Today, Cris's fellow residents at American House on Seven Mile Road know the 94-year-old as "The Weather Man." When they ask, umbrella or not that day, Hammond has an answer.

A first-floor resident of the assisted-living complex, Hammond gauges current conditions using a sophisticated weather station erected just outside his window. His age 60-plus children purchased the \$1,000 equipment as a gift for his 90th birthday. A monitor inside Hammond's apartment displays the readings; that information he combines with U.S. Weather Bureau data he locates on the Internet.

Hammond's daily routine includes a 7 a.m. trip down the hall to post the readings outside the American House dining room. They know it's there," he said. "Quite often you see someone up there, reading it. When they see me in the hall, they ask me what the weather's going to be like."

He shares his knowledge of temperature, precipitation, barometric pressure, humidity, wind, and visibility. Also daily he sends an automated 6:30 a.m. five-day forecast of weather to his children and grandchildren living in the area.

The long-time local resident moved into American House a year and a half ago, after losing his wife Eleanor. From 1950 until 1972, the couple called Northville home before retiring to the Cheboygan area. After 30 years north, the Hammonds in 2001 returned down-

state to be closer to family. Eleanor, Northville Township clerk for eight years, and Cris watched their six children graduate from Northville High School. Peggy Meyer, one of four surviving children, resides just down the road



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYLLE RECORD

American Houses' amateur meteorologist Cris Hammond gets some information from a digital readout display on a recent rainy afternoon. Hammond has a bank of gauges ourside his window that will relay air temperature, pressure, humidity, and wind speed and direction to this display.

from her dad.

When he is not checking the mercury, the retired accountant spends time traveling to visit his family, all 30 grandchildren and 30 greatgrandchildren. "It keeps me busy all year, just sending them birthday cards," he said. He makes them on his computer. Edgar, his son who resides in Walled Lake, assists him with his computer needs, while his son James, who resides in Wisconsin, followed in his father's certified public accountant foot-

Hammond and his wife used to combine their woodworking and sewing talents to make gifts for each family member. But he said he cannot maintain that tradition on his own. He still dabbles in crafting, but he spends more time corresponding by e-mail, a half dozen each morning. Up next are trips in July to Wisconsin and September to

Hammond and his son Gordon, who resides in Vermont, still share pictures and stories about dynamic weather events. The meteorologist credited his dad for festering his love and excitement for the weather. He turned that interest into a 20-year career as an Air Force weather forecaster, then defense contractor supporting military weather units around the world.

Guided by Gordon's expertise for equipment selection, Hammond's family set up the Northville station a year and a half ago. But "The Weather Man's" career dates back 30 years when his son first taught him how to record conditions at his retirement cottage on the shores of northern Lake Huron. The professional meteorologist provided a life-time supply of National Weather Service forms on which to archive the daily condi-

Local television and radio stations from northern Michigan would call and interview "Cris the Weatherman" for special observations during major rain and snowstorms in the Cheboygan area, Gordon said. Similar to his routine today, he would post the lake temperature on a chalk board at the end of his driveway for all passersby to see, his son said.

A recent printout Hammond posted for his fellow residents told them the temperature was 70 degrees outside, 80 degrees in, with 38/100ths of an inch of rain. Time to run the next five-day forecast.

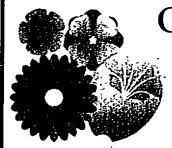
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Around & Town



Clock concerts resume Friday

The Northville High School Jazz Ensemble is up first on the schedule when the Northville Arts Commission resumes its summer concert series tomorrow night. The clock concerts run through Aug. 20.

The free entertainment runs from 7:30 to 9 p.m. under the bandshell across from the Main Street clock.

American House anniver-

It will be a Free-for-all party on Saturday when the American House community celebrate the organization's 25th year. Residents of all 31 facilities, including the one on Seven Mile Road, are invited for hot dogs, ice cream, cake and entertainment from noon to 5 p.m., June

At the Northville residence on Seven Mile Road near Haggerty, Manager Sue Mize will accept a citation from Governor Jennifer Granholm, commending American House for 25 years of service to seniors. State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) will make the presentation at 1 p.m.

For more information, visit www.american-house.com. or call American House headquarters in Bloomfield Hills, (248) 203-1800.

Call to artists

"The Art House," a new home for artist endeavors in the community, is in need of a logo. The partnership between the Northville Arts Commission and the Northville Parks and Recreation Department will be located in the soon-to-be-former senior center at 215 Cady Street.

The Art House will offer a variety of art-related classes, workshops, exhibitions, recitals and shows to appeal to the entire community. The logo will be used on the facility's sign as well as marketing materials, letterhead and so on.

For more information on submission guidelines, call the Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950.

Time for trail maintenance

The Friends of Maybury invite anyone interested in a productive day outdoors to National Trails Day on Saturday. The volunteers will meet at 10 a.m., June 5, inside the Eight Mile Road entrance of Maybury State Park, at the concession stand.

Volunteers will be eligible for door prizes and handouts courtesy of the Friends' partner for the event, Eastern Mountain Sports. The SOLARS club of Michigan also will attend.

Organizers suggest wearing gloves and appropriate clothing. Volunteers also might want to bring their favorite shovel.

Pancakes for a cause

The Maybury Trail Riders and Raisin River Riders are hosting their annual pancake breakfast and ride-along from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday, June 6.

The site is the Maybury State Park Staging Area, accessible at the Beck Road entrance to the park. A \$13 donation includes a chance in the host's drawing as well as breakfast. The meal only cost is \$3.

Drawing prizes include a La-Z-Boy chair; 18 holes of golf at Pheasant Run Golf Club of Canton, a \$25 gift certificate from Tractor Supply in Monroe and a \$50 gift certificate from Lakeside Saddlery.

Proceeds go to benefit Maybury State Park and other horse related charities. For questions or advanced tickets, call Jean at 248-349-2687.

People are invited to bring their own horses to ride, or arrange for a ride at the Maybury

White Pine planting

The White Pine Award that the Johnson Creek Protection Group

earned in April will become permanently planted Monday. The public is invited to a ceremony at 6:30 p.m., June 7, at the Western Wayne County Conservation Association, 6700 Napier Road.

State Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Plymouth) honored the local volunteer group during Earth Day festivities April 22. The planting Monday will be formal recognition of the protection group's contributions to conserve the state's natural resources.

For more information, contact Michelle West at (734)761-1010 or mwest@alnm.com.

'Old Timers' unite

Genitti's. 108 E. Main St., will host the annual reunion of the community's "Old Timer's" on Tuesday, June 8. The event begins at 11:30 a.m., with a \$12.50 lunch at noon.

As in previous years, the gathering caters to retired and stillworking, mostly 62 and over, long-time community residents who like to chat about "the old days" in Northville For more information, call Hal Wright (248) 349-1276 or Dick Ambler at (248) 349-1814.

Barns Moving

Sections of Wixom, 10 Mile, Beck and Eight Mile roads in Novi are expected to be closed for periods of the day on Sunday, June 13, so that two barns can be moved from the Wixom/10 Mile area to Maybury State Park. The Road Commission for Oakland County (RCOC) is one of several agencies involved in arranging the logistics of the move.

Developer Toll Brothers donated the barns, which are currently on the site of a former farm to be transformed shortly into a subdivision. The vintage buildings will replace the original barns destroyed by fire in February 2003.

The largest of the barns to be moved is 42-feet tall, 40-feet wide and 70-feet long. If there is inclement weather on June 13, the move will take place on June

If the move takes place as scheduled on June 13, beginning at 6 a.m., 10 Mile will be closed between Napier and Wixom, and Wixom will be closed just north of 10 Mile. Each road will close prior to the barn actually moving onto the road (so utilities can be moved) and will re-open once the utilities have been

New kind of camping

The redesigned former golf course at the Oasis Golf Center, 39500 Five Mile Road, this summer will be the site of kid activities from model rocketry to theater to soccer to "Girl Power."

"Camp Mirage" is offering 19 different week-long activities for children age 8-14. The programs will run from 9 a.m. to noon June 21 through Aug. 20. Depending on the activity, the camps range in price from \$55 to \$220.

'All campers will have the option of additional activities such as a trip down the facility's 80-foot Slip-N-Slide, and climbing a 30-foot rock wall. Each camp includes a session on Mirage Adventure Challenge Course, where they will learn team-building and leadership skills, as well as a Friday barbecue with all the fixings.

For more information, call Camp Mirage at (734)420-4655 or visit www.mirageadventruechallenge.com.

Calling the creative

Crafters are invited to sign up now for downtown Northville Merchants' Shopping Jubilee on Saturday, August 7. The cost is \$40 per 8-foot booth for crafters. Set up for the old-fashioned sidewalk sale is at 7 a.m. For more information, call Toni Genitti or Sally at (248) 349-0522.

ENGAGEMENTS

Pepino-Dimitrescu

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Pepino of Northville anounce the engagement of their son, Christopher Michael, to Diana Dimitrescu, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Razvan Dimitrescu of Toronto, Canada.

The groom-elect is a 1999 graduate of Kalamazoo College and is currently employed by Akebono.

The bride-elect is a 2001 graduate of Western Michigan University and is a teacher in Hamtramack. An August, 2004 wedding in Toronto is planned.



Birth

Hannah Noelle Smith

Katrina (Heckemeyer) Smith and Capt. Timothy J. Smith, of Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska, formerly of Northville, announce the birth of their daughter, Hannah Noelle Smith. She was born April 9, 2004 at Ft. Wainwright Hospital, Fairbanks, Alaska. She was 8 pounds and 12 ounces and was 20 inches long.

She joins big brothers, Jackson, four years old and Hughston, two years old.

grandparents Anthony and Phyllis Heckemeyer of Northville, Linda Moore of Fountain Hills, Ariz, formerly Northville and Dr. Bradley Smith of Concord, Mich. Proud-greatgrandparents are Hannah Jane Yackle of Pigeon, Mich., Jackie



and Joseph Heckemeyer of CHattanooga, Tenn., Mildren Fulks of Knoxville, Md., and Ruth MacLaughtin of Concord,

MILITARY

Pvt. Brian D. Hudson

Army Pvt. Brian D. Hudson has graduated from the multichannel transmission systems operatormaintainer course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Ga. He is the son of Michael P. and Suzanne E. Hudson of Garfield Road, Northville and is a 2003 graduate of Northville High School.

Sgt. Kathryn M. Aleshire

Air Force Tech. Sgt. Kathryn M. Aleshire has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy. She is the daughter of Mary and Dave Kelley Northville and is a 1979 graduate of Bishop Borgess High School, Redford, Mich.

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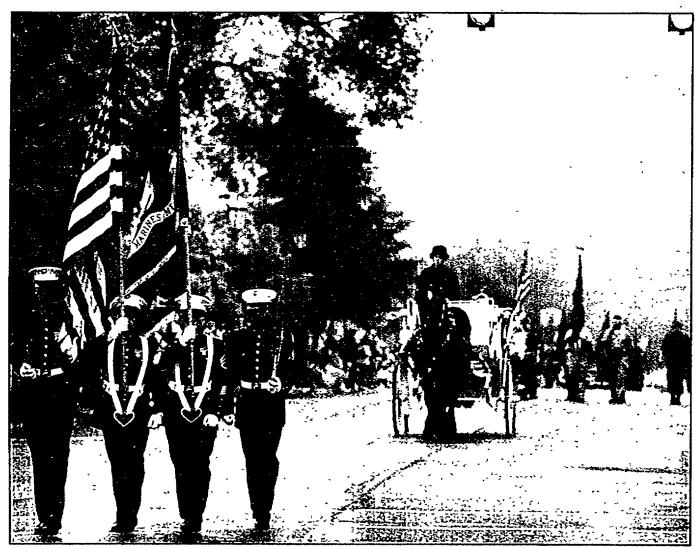
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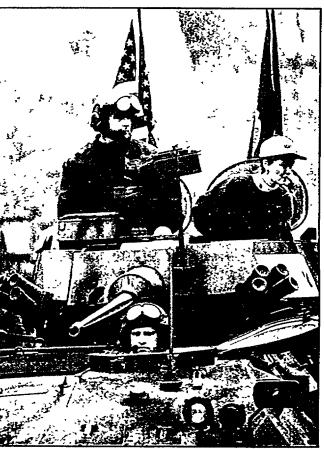


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MEMORIAL: Northville stands to salute fallen war heroes

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walked. Several times, those gathered along the sidewalk cheered and applauded as military personnel — veterans and current service officers alike - walked

Shirley Mazur and Betty Smith never miss the annual parade that culminates with a procession to Rural Hill Cemetery.

"We don't miss this, rain or shine," Mazur said, a city of Northville resident who husband once went away to war, World War II. "This is a special parade." Smith, a Plymouth resident,

This is for the good guys we've lost, and for the boys still fighting," she said.

Bob Kegler, a 16-year Northville Township resident who during World War II spent 17 months in the South Pacific aboard the U.S.S. Antietan, said Memorial Day is also a celebration of American freedom.

"That's how I look at it," Kegler said. "It's a day to celebrate freedom, and to honor the soldiers we have lost trying to protect that freedom."

At Rural Hill,, residents tromped up a rain-soaked entrance and gathered at the cemetery's southern end, where local veterans were buried.

One by one, public officials including City Mayor Chris Johnson, State Rep. John Stewart and parade grand marshall Mert Brevik --- spoke briefly to a solemn, respectful crowd.

Stewart cited former President

men and women have laid down their lives so that we can enjoy freedom.' Paying tribute to them one day out of the whole year doesn't seem like so much to ask."

"So many young

Rebecca Stallworth Resident, city of Northville

Abraham Lincoln and called the soldier's ultimate sacrifice as 'the last full measure of devotion."

You come to an event like this, and it really reminds you how tenuous are freedom is," Rebecca Stallworth said, a city resident whose brother, Leon, was killed while fighting in the Vietnam War.

"So many young men and women have laid down their lives so that we can enjoy freedom. Paying tribute to them one day out of the whole year doesn't seem like so much to ask."

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Top: Military personnel and local community organizations marched down Main Street during Monday's Memorial Day parade.

Far Left: Aniela Crayton, 4, watched intently as the parade marched in front of her.

Left: Heavy-armor vehicles were among the vehicles that moved slowly through downtown Northville Monday

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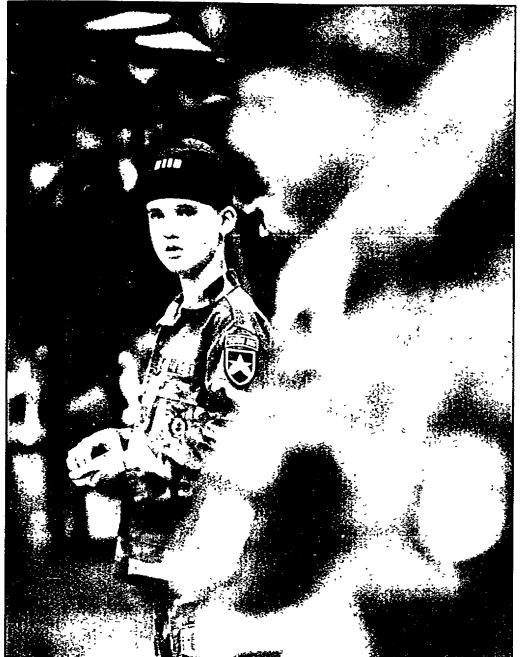
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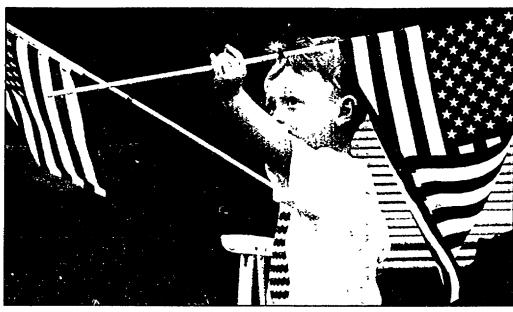
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Left-Above: Joshawa Hall looked on during Memorial Day ceremonies held at Northville's Rural Hill Cemetery. Left: Veterans and resi-

dents honored fallen soldiers with a moment of silence.

Top: Jack Story, who lives in the city of Northville, had his hands full of freedom during Monday's Memorial Day parade. Above: U.S. flags decorated the gravesides of fallen U.S. soldiers at Rural Hill Cemetery, where four sodiers are women and four more represent unmarked graves. Left: Joe Dorey, a Vietnam Lake resident, was part of a 21-gun salute that honored fallen soldiers Monday.



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Leadership

Mary Ellen King, MSW director of Northville Youth Assistance was honored last month by Schoolcraft College with the 2004 Distinguished Alumni award. King said she was very pleased to accept the award.

The following parent-citizen boards were recognized at the May 25 Northville School board for the organizations generous contributions to the district throughout the school year: The Mother's Club, The Music Boosters, The Athletic Boosters and the co-council of PTAs and PTSAs. The Mothers Club and Athletic Boosters donated more than \$105,000 between the two groups.

Educators

The following teachers were granted tenure, pending their 2004 Anniversary dates: Suzanna Aheimer, Clinton Alexander, Deborah Arindaeng, Rachel Besco, David Bowen, Tina Bozarth, Jason Brooks, Jean Calabrese, Joseph Cislo, Arlette Comben, William Cornelius Jr., Isaac Cottrell, Kimberly Dean, David Dickson, Lisa Esparza-Sadikot, Amber Furst, Matthew Ladach, Pamela Lazarus, Brian Long, Lori Manoogian, Kristin Miller, Melissa Millgard, Matthew Minard, Aubree Pagel, Jonathan Palmer, Monika Reiter, Jesse Roe, Teri Scott, Paul Sklut,

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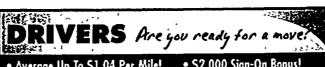
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Future scientists in the making



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/ Students of Hillside Middle School Roy Hall's science class pose with their award-winning Metro-Detroit science fair projects. From left are eighth graders Allison Holmes. Carrie Pichan, Jon Berry, Max Pierson, Megan Piotrowski, and

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Date: Thursday, June 17, 2004 Name of SAD: Northyille Commons Subdivision Purpose of SAD: Pathway Reconstruction, Paving and Improvements Special Assessment District (SAD)

To the residents and property owners of the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County, Michigan, and any other interested per-PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that as a result of petroons signed by the

record owners of land whose area constitutes more than 51% of the total area of the hereinafter described Northville Commons Subdivision special assessment district, the Township Board believes the project to be in the best interests of the subdivision and the township; and to create a special assessment for the recovery of the cost thereof by special assessment against the properties benefited therein.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the district within which the foregoing improvements are proposed to be made and within which the cost thereof is proposed to be assessed is more particularly described as

Northville Commons Subdivisions

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Board of Trustees, of the Charter Township of Northville will meet at Township Hall, located at 41600 W. Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan on Thursday, June 17, 2004 at 7:30 p.m. for the purpose of reviewing said petition and hearing any objections thereto. Said petition may be examined at the office of the Township Clerk during regular business hours of regular business days until the time of said hearing and may further be examined at said hearing

An owner, or party of interest, or his or her agent may appear in person at the hearing to protest the special assessment, or shall be permitted to file his or her appearance of protest by letter and his or her personal appearance shall not be required.

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Doing their part

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Northville High School junior Alison Perrin takes part in a massive cleanup of the school's grounds last Friday afternoon, Students, faculty and staff pitched in to collect trash, weed garden beds and plant new flowers, shrubs, and trees to spruce up their property.

A collection of news & notes from across the Northville School District.

Ice Cream Social

Amerman Elementary School will be hosting an ice-cream social 5 p.m. Friday, June 4 at the elementary school, 847 N. Center Street. Area residents are invited to join the frozen fun.

Board News

During the Northville Board of Education May 25 meeting, members made the following unanimous decisions:

•The district will once again opt-out of participating in schools of choice. Northville Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski cited the districts growth as the deciding factor .--744 * The classes Michigan National Resources, A.P. Chemistry, A.P. Calculus BC, Informal Geometry, A.P. Music Theory, Select Ensemble, Chamber Choir and High School

P.E. Skill- Water Polo were formally introduce as part of the district curriculum.

Purchasing the text book Middle School Science - Grade 6 Materials - Purchase for Light, Matter and Space was approved.

Amerman Ecosystems Tour

Fifth-grade students at Amerman Elementary School will host unique tours of six ecosystems during Biospheres U.S.A. 7-8 p.m. today in the school's gymnasium, 847 N. Center St. Preparing for the event, the students constructed inflatable biocubes with different environments represented. Along with Death Valley and Yosemite National Park, the environmental sites featured will be Rita Blanca Grassland, National Washington's-Hoh-Temperate ·Rain Forest in Olympic National, Park, the Hawaii Volcanoes National Park and the new out-

door education area of Hillside

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344-8405.

Confirmation letters and forms have been distributed to families enrolled in 2004-05 Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center programs. Completed paperwork must be returned by June 28 to maintain program placement. Additionally, first payment for Kids' Creative Corner and Parent and Child classes is due by July 1. First Payment for Child Care, Wondergarten and Kids' Club is

Early Childhood Center



life-size cubes for an up-close look at the land features, plant life and animals found in each individualized environment. For more information, call (248)

due by Aug. 1. Kid's Club

An informational meeting for parents of children participating in the Amerman 2004 Summer Kids' Club Program will take place 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 8 at Amerman Elementary School. This meeting is rescheduled from today's date.

School board meeting

The next regularly scheduled Northville board of educationmeeting will take place 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 7 at Cooke School. 21200 Taft Road. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

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Amerman Elementary School fourth grade students Colin Russell, left, and Jacob Pool watch as their solar powered car "The Road Ripper" rolls past the start line of Monday morning's competition at the Northville school. Students tested the speed and efficiency of their solar cars and Russell and Pool's was one of two finalists. This Friday, the school will be visited by a team with the UofM solar car to further enhance their understanding of the mode of transportation.



Moraine Fun Fair

The Moraine Fun Fair will take place 5:30-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 4 at the Northville elementary school: The Moraine event will feature games, food and festivities planned for the entire family. Confirmed food selections for the evening are pizza, pop, cotton candy, snow cones, popcorn and water. Other familiar favorites will return once again in 2004 including cakewalk, face painting, obstacle course, Dr. BooBoo and the silent auction.

Annual Golf Outing

The Old Village and Cooke schools Annual Golf Outing will take place at 8 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 2 at Woodlands of Van Buren. Entrance fees include: Golf, and dinner for one \$100; dinner only \$30; hole sponsor-ship, \$100; or contest sponsor \$50. Raffle and door prize donors are also needed. Old Village and Cooke schools service handicapped students from 14 school districts in Wayne

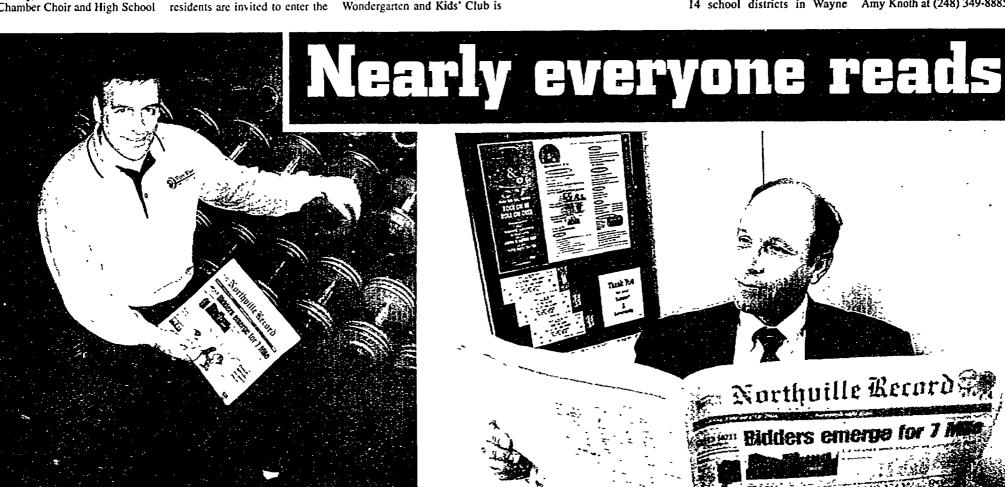
County. The proceeds from the scramble will be divided evenly between the two schools and will be used to support music therapy, leisure recreation and student equipment needs. Registration deadline is Sept. 13, but advance support from donors and entrants is sought. Registration forms are available from Old Village and Cooke schools.

All-Night Party preview

Members of the Northville community are invited to walk through the site of the Northville High School Senior All-Night Party from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, June 5 at the school, 45700 Six Mile Road. Come see what is in store for the class of 2004. Attendees are asked to enter at the west entrance of the high

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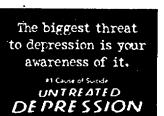
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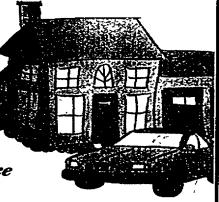


TOP: Nicole Timmerman, Nick Diedo, Rebecca Kurtz, Billy, Guglielmo, Andra Lane, and Mike Bosko make their entrance: BOTTOM LEFT: Daura Nelson; Katie Mues, Devon, Rupley, Ashley Morris, Julie Peterson and Laura Prendergast dance the night away; STAGGERED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM: Amy Step, Dennis VanLoozen, Andrew Maguire, and Lauren Duggan enjoy hors d'eouvres from the chocolate fountain as they wait for diner to start; Karen Gonch, Kevin Adkins, Allie Spencer and Katie Hietta smile for the camera; Parents take a moment to snap photos of the prom attendees.

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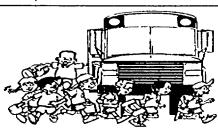
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NOTICE OF REGULAR ELECTION OF THE ELECTORS OF NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS WAYNE, OAKLAND AND WASHTENAW COUNTIES, MICHIGAN TO BE HELD JUNE 14, 2004

TO THE ELECTORS OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT:

Please Take Notice that the regular election of the school district will be held on Monday, June 14, 2004. THE POLLS OF ELECTION WILL OPEN AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING AND CLOSE AT 8 O'CLOCK

At the regular school election there will be elected two (2) members to the board of education of the district for full terms of four (4) years ending in 2008.

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Joan Wadsworth

Cheryl Drogosch Robert Sochacki Judith Wollack

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Regular Biennial Election of Oakland Community College, State of Michigan, will be held at the same time and at the same voting places as the regular election of Northville Public Schools on Monday, June 14, 2004, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. prevailing Eastern time, and will be conducted by the same officials, for those electors of the community college district residing in Northville

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Voting Place: PRECINCT NO. 4

Amerman Elementary School, 847 North Center, Northville, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 5 Voting Place: Voting Place:

Northville City Offices, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan Moraine School, 46811 West Eight Mile Road, Northville, Michigan Voting Place:

PRECINCT NO. 7
Thornton Creek Elementary School, 46180 Nine Mile Road, Novi, Michigan PRECINCT NO. 8 Voting Place:

Voting Place: Meads Mill Middle School, 16700 Franklin Road, Northville, Michigan All school electors who are registered with the city or township clerk of the city or township in which they reside are eligible to vote at this election.

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Record accepts public fitness challenge

owner Chris Klebba playfully, and publicly, challenged the Northville Record to a physical fitness event.

Klebba, who owns the Water Wheel Health Club in Northville, is part of Northville's organized fitness effort, 'No Stoppin' Northville.'

'No Stoppin' Northville' also includes the Northville Parks and Recreation Department and was formally begun last November in an effort to thwart obesity and better promote local physical fit-

Last year, the city of Northville publicly challenged township employees, and tracked the number of miles each community's public employees walked. According to Klebba, the city won, averaging 135 miles per month, per person. The township averaged about 115 miles per month, per person.

Impressive, yes. But what's more impressive is Northville's ambition to leave the local community's good health better than they found it. Promoting good health at a time when obesity and heart disease pose such serious public health concerns is a laudable goal.

And an even more worthy public challenge:

.....That's , why ... the : Northville Record proudly embraces Klebba's public challenge, and enthusiastically picks up the gauntlet put at its feet. Using individual belt-clipped pedometers,

the Northville Record will track

the number of staff miles it walks

Two weeks ago, local business between June 7 and August 7, the date of the next official 'No

Stoppin' Northville' event. But that's not all. Five staff members — sports writer Sam Eggleston, education reporter Victoria Sadlocha, sales representatives Ed Fleming and Lisa Tincu and editor David Aguilar
— challenge Klebba and his staff to put their fitness experience where their mouth is.

Eggleston's goal: lose 150 pounds during the next three years. Sadlocha: outline a practical fitness strategy that best accommodates an expectant mother set to deliver her first child later this year. Tincu and Fleming: maintain established fitness regimens. Aguilar: make time for fitness, despite a frenetic

Each week, staff members will publish short diaries of their weekly successes and failures. Our goal: promote local fitness via a public 'No Stopping

Northville' challenge.

The Northville Record is ready to put its best fitness foot forward. We encourage you to follow our sometimes comedic attempts. Or join us for a walk around the block.

Thank you to the 'No Stoppin' Northville' effort for the public challenge. And for reminding us that personal health is everyone's concern.

(To register for 'No Stoppin' Northville,' visit online at www.wtrwheel.com. Registration includes a free source book, Tshirt and valuable health tips.)



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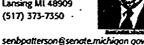


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God bless America

Even the youngest citizens of the United States are quick to show their support. Here, two girls from the city of Northville cover their hearts and recite the Pledge of Allegiance during Memorial Day celebrations held Monday morning at the Rural Hill Cemetery. At the left is Madeline Chen, who is six, along side Molly Bis, who is also six.

Voting "yes" for the bond

I have two chapters to my story. Chapter one: I am a former Northville teacher who taught fourth and fifth grade in the ALPS Program at Amerman from 1990-1995. I have many fond memories of my teaching days there. I remember how fortunate I felt every day knowing that I was working with the most dedicated staff, a team that went out of its way constantly, always putting the students and their learning first. I remember how lucky I felt to have such incredible parental support, both in the classroom and in the home. I remember the curricular meetings, the conferences, and the guest speakers, and I remember how proud I felt to be a teacher in the Northville Schools. Most of all, however, I remember the students. I remember the learning and the growth that took place r from September to June. I remember the variety of resources available that let the students learn through an integrated curriculum, experiments, nands-on activities, computers, and nigher-level thinking skills. I remember the teaching that took place throughout the entire school providing the environment necessary to create life-long learners. I remember that building the best educational system possible was always the priority in Northville, and I remember thinking what a privilege it was to teach the children of such a won-

derful community. Chapter two: Eight years and two moves later, I returned to Northville last fall not as an educator, but as the mother of three school-aged children. Looking at education from a parent's point of view. I researched many school districts and, to no surprise, found that Northville continues to excel. It ranks as one of the top districts in the state for MEAP scores, and it offers courses and programs that I couldn't find in many other districts. It has up-to-date technology in all of the classrooms, and it offers clubs, organizations, and community service projects from the elementary schools on up. These are the reasons I came back to Northville. This is where I want my children to receive an education.

Whether you're an educator, parent, or resident, an outstanding school districts doesn't happen by itself. It takes considerable effort from many people. It takes the whole community, each and every one of us. I hope each and every one of you takes the time to vote "yes" on the bond issue on June 14th. The school administrators, teachers, and students of Northville have earned our support and deserve our votes.

Guest columns are welcome

at the Northville Record. All sub-

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Northville Youth Assistance has plenty to offer families, children

Record for allowing me to outline are also many other services availthe services of Northville Youth Assistance.

The community of Northville Youth Assistance is to be commended for having the foresight 17 years . ago to realize that some of our kids and their families may need a little extra help from time to time.

n 1987 as a program for kids who of out-of-school suspension got into trouble for the first time with the police. Instead of these kids going to Juvenile Court in Detroit they stayed

Northville, were assigned community service work, possibly placed with a mentor participated in individual family counseling.

But

and g. Mary Ellen King

2004, Northville Youth Assistance looks a whole lot different. We are not only servicing kids who may be in a little trouble but we are trying to meet the needs of all of our local kids and their families. Mentoring kids from five to fifteen years old has been the mainstay of the program and the Northville Youth Assistance commission has pledged to keep it a

Thank you to the Northville viable part of the program but there able to our youths.

Northville Youth Assistance provides to the community:
• A free tutoring program to ele-

mentary school students · Referrals to professional social

service agencies

• Referrals to community service Northville Youth Assistance began sites for high school students in lieu

· Supervision of community service work to middle school students

in lieu of out-of-school suspension · On-site counseling of youths and

their families Homework help by certified

teachers for students at both middle schools · Sponsorship of parent education

· Facilitation of Girls Empowered and Kids Empowered classes and

summer camps

• Summer camp scholarships to that will send thirty-five kids to fifteen different camps this year.

As time goes on, I will be explaining in detail each of these components of the program.

For further information contact Mary Ellen King, director, or Sue Campbell, assistant, at (248) 344-1618 or fax at (248)344-8806. They can also be reached via e-mail at youthassistance@northvillemich.co m or in-person at Hillside Middle School. Northville Youth Assistance information can also be found on the City of Northville or the Township of Northville's Web site.

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COMMENTARY

On the way to Rural Hill, an awakening

As it turns out, getting up the hill was the easy part.

Yes, to get there you first had to following the recently concluded parade past city hall, then hang a left onto one of Northville's pictur-

streets where Victorian houses big and small stood lined up like slices of nostalgia.

Past homes with welcoming front porches thick and streetside trees, Memorial Day paradegoers walked and

walked, hanging a left here, a right there. Somewhere in

loomed: Rural Hill. That's where a some of

David Aguilar

RECORD EDITOR

Northville's veterans were buried. That's where wars too often ended up, beneath a clump of overturned soil and an etched white marble tomb.

But like war, getting there, to that final resting place, is rarely a straight-line trip. Often the path is convoluted,



confused. A right here, a left there. Which way do we go from here? Past houses from which parents send away their sons and daughters. A ways ahead, the

Northville marching band can still be

heard. People wanting to forget gather with deterthose mined remember.

In the distance. past shadedrenched homes, Rural

Hill Cemetery sits. But first you must climb the rainsloshed hill; muck through mud puddles.

the distance, a cemetery Another right, then another left. It's a straight shot from there, to the place where the crowd has hastily assembled, beneath high treetops that stand like sentries, beneath a U.S. flag drawn to half-mast.

Those who would know

On the street, city resident Shirley Mazur, along with friend Betty Smith, said it best. The two never miss the Memorial Day parade.

"It's a way to honor the guys we've lost, and the soldiers still fighting now," Mazur said.

"It's a way to honor the guys we've lost, and the soldiers still fighting now."

🧀 🚓 🕴 Shirley Mazur 🧎 Resident, city of Northville



Photos by DAVID AGUILAR/RECORD EDITOR

Residents young and old gathered at Rural Hill Cemetery Monday morning to honor fallen U.S. soldiers.

Betty's husband went away to war once, World War II. "It's heartbreaking to watch them go away like that," she

As she spoke, Shirley looked into the street, at the makings of a parade about to heave an unsettled soul, maybe free a life's worth of tear-soaked memories.

"I always get tears in my eyes when they go by," she

Sixteen-year township resident Bob Kegler was also in World War II, aboard the U.S.S. Antietan. He waited for the parade on the opposite side of the street.

Memorial Day is a celebration of American freedom, he said. And a day to honor the Caid.Ca

ាកាលសូវគឺរ To me, it's a freedom day, he said. *But it's important to

remember those who are still fighting. It's not just individuals over there fighting. It's our whole country over

there.

At the cemetery, a crowd assembles. It has followed the marching band. Inside the cemetery, the Main Street rumble of Americana songs has ominously given way to the repetitive, lonely cadence of drum sticks tapping against each other. It's the sound footsteps; time marching by: clickety-click! Clicketyclick! Clickety-clickety, clickety-click!

Marching home again

The cemetery is lined with moss-covered grass, small 'sponges that soak 'up a ' mother's burdened tears. In ' the distance, another sound: an umbilical coursing still

with love, hope, .

A community reaches out, then for a day joins hands with itself. Someone makes a public pledge, of allegiance. Then a moment of silence. And a 21-gun salute.

Words are never enough. Everywhere there are echoes of someone who once charged up a distant hill, alone, then lost a limb, a life. Young boys marched away, and never came home young again.

Now thank you is all that comes to mind. And it seems so trite, hollow. But that's all there is. The heart pumps full just as a crowd begins to dis-

Then the rain comes, heavy and in full straight-line sheets, Amid the rain, a clear thought: it's a long way;back to Main Street from here, down the backside of some

"It's not just individuals over there fiahtina. It's our whole country over there."

> **Bob Kegler** Resident, Northville Township

hill, through the mud, past the houses that once seemed so cheery. Something changes on the way back from the cemetery.

Perspective. Getting around the block is the easy 'part. Finding' your 'home again is the part that so often breaks your heart.

Slowly, Tigers step up to plate and repair broken public rift

that hasn't happened for

people are hesitatingly beginning to not only think about but them again, even in public.

We are talking, of course, about the Detroit Tigers, the city's oncemighty baseball team.

Someplace deep down in Motown psyche, Detroit is a baseball

town; always be. Yes, the football team, the Lions, moved back to the city from the suburbs a few years ago. Yes, the Detroit Red Wings are always in con-

Jack Lessenberry

EDITORIAL VICE PRESIDENT,

HOMETOWN COMMUNICATIONS

tention for the Stanley Cup. Yes, the Pistons are still in the playoffs. But forget all that. The Detroit Tigers seem gasp - on the verge of

Something is happening becoming respectable again. Last year, the Tigers were years. Slowly, cautiously, not just the worst in the

league. They were the worst that has ever been in the

just League, one notch short of tying all-time the record for losses. They were nearly as bad the year before.

Not only were they horthey rible. weren't even interesting.

There were no characters like

has been, maybe always will Mark "The Bird" Fidrych, no fading sluggers like Willie Horton who at least could deliver a mammoth home run from time to time. Nothing.

Attendance dwindled. They fell off the front pages of even the local sports section. Hallof-Fame Broadcaster Ernie Harwell's retirement at the

end of 2002 ended many people's last reason to keep listening.

It was as if there was a hole in the city's athletic heart. Then, this winter, Mike Ilitch, the pizza baron who rebuilt the Detroit Red Wings while presiding over a decade of disaster with the Tigers, opened his wallet to sign star catcher Ivan "Pudge" Rodriguez, for \$10 million a year, plus star left fielder Rondell White and a few other respectable, if less

glamorous, free agents. Fans remained skeptical. They'd been fooled before. But an amazing thing happened. The Tigers won not only on Opening Day, when they shut out Toronto. They went on to win their first four games. When you consider that they started 0-11 and 0-6 their last two years, that was an awesome perform-

People started trickling back to the ball park.
Attendance officially has increased from 319,000 to 409,000, but in reality has

ballooned by more than that. .The American League counts tickets sold, including season packages, not people in the stands. Last year, there was little reason to come.

As the season blossomed, ugger Dimitri Young got hurt, and the pitching was still dicey, but last week they were hovering around .500. When you consider that last year they were 9-34, the improvement seems miracu-

lous. *People are talking about them again," said Ernie Harwell, who thinks he has detected a resurgence of interest. In part, he thinks this is because of affection for Alan Trammell, the longtime Tigers star who is in his second year as manager, and staff of coaches that includes two other veterans of the Tigers' 1984 World Series team, Lance Parrish and Kirk Gibson.

"Even when they lose, they are interesting, and they are in every game to the end." said Sonny Eliot, Detroit's legendary weatherman who has been a part of Opening dry spell in history. During Day ceremonies since at least the 1960s.

Novi native Jennifer Sullivan, 29, has a framed jersey signed by Trammell, who she worshiped as a 9-She h a game in years, "but I definitely want to go this year. I'm starting to pay attention again," she said.

Nobody is looking for a pennant this year. Nobody is even dreaming of the playoffs, which makes it a bit easier to woo back the fans. Their aim deesn't have to be too high," Harwell notes. Ernie thinks the team will win perhaps 70:75 games out of 162 this season. That would be a dreary showing for most teams.

But after last year's 43-119 season, even coming close to breaking even may be enough to win back the hearts and minds of disappointed Detroiters.

They have reason to feel hurt. The Tigers haven't had a winning season in a decade. That is their longest

that time, fans have endured a nasty strike, controversy over a new stadium, and an ever-shifting roster of nobodies. Things like that put a strain on a marriage.

But the Tigers and have been together through two world wars and two riots, from streetcars to motor cars, from Ty Cobb to Al Kaline, and since before anyone heard of Henry Ford. Bonds like that aren't easily broken.

So far this year, they are being repaired. That's not hard when expectations are so low. This year, their aim doesn't have to be too high," Harwell said. Next year, the public may be more demanding. But it seems safe to say that's one problem the team. and their town, would very much like to have.

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Why does your HomeTown Newspaper write editorials?

Readers often have ques- about the community. tions about our editorials.

opinion do they represent? What they aren't signed? How is editorial the position determined?

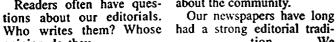
And, perhaps favorite: Why are your editorials so biased?

These are fair questions, particularly since editorials are such an integral part of a good HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS community

newspaper. the time or nerve to write edipers that don't give a darn role to bring to light issues

Rich Periberg

GENERAL MENAGER



endorse candidates, we take positions and we suggest alternate courses of action. In so doing, we sometimes

draw the ire of our friends and neighbors who live in our hometowns.

But we think it's our responsibility and we won't shirk from

Sometimes we Newspapers that don't have are the only ones in a position to boldly say what others are torials are generally newspa- thinking. Sometimes it's our that others would rather lie dormant. To do the job right, we have

to know what we are talking about. And that, as you might imagine, is the biggest challenge. Personally, I have no problem if you disagree with our opinion. But I am concerned if you can fault our conclusion because it is based on faulty or incomplete information.

Not all newspapers are willing to take on the responsibility of an editorial page. Some run no editorials at all. Others have an opinion page but the editorials, such as they are, seldom dwell on controversial topics.

It's not just weeklies that shy away from local editorials. In nearby Washtenaw County, the Ann Arbor News rarely tackles local subjects in editorials, preferring instead to frequently reprint editorials from other newspapers such as the Boston Globe and the Washington Post.

All of our weekly newspapers have the charge to produce a uniquely local editorial page.

How, then, do our editorial positions come about? Positions are staked out at

weekly meetings with editors and reporters.

Positions are hashed out based on our coverage of issues, the input that is supplied by reporters on the beat and the knowledge we've accumulated over years of covering news in this community.

If we are doing our job right, we also consult frequently with people in the community - especially those who disagree with us so we can better understand

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positions.

Someone is then assigned to write the editorial. We don't sign them because they represent the opinion of the paper and not the writer. In theory, the writer could disagree with the position, although usually, editorials are better if written by someone who believes in the conclusion.

A good editorial should certainly state our position. But it should also set the stage for why we reached that conclusion. If we criticize a course of action, it's best if we can suggest another solution. It's even better if we can recommend a position before a decision is made.

Not all editorials have to be negative, critical or even controversial. There is nothing wrong with praising a great downtown event, saluting a

winning high school sports team or a tipping our hat to someone who contributes to the community.

should focus on the issues and refrain from personal attacks. People can disagree without being disagreeable. And you should always feel that, even when you disagree

When we do criticize, we

with our position, that our editorial is written with the idea of making our great communities even better. These are our hometowns.

That's why we care about

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Continued from IA

because of the budget problems." Northville Schools had a bus replacement cycle detailing the purchase of three buses each year, until the school board was unable to authorize any additional bus purchases from the gener-

"Now we're kind of into a catch up because of the 300 plus enrollment increase last year and another 300 plus this year," Bolitho said. "It's necessary for us to not only upgrade the fleet, but add to it to keep up with that increase in enrollment.

Officials said results of the decreased fleet include late delivery of children because of the multiple grade-level bus

"More times that not we are later delivering the children home from elementary because they are last in

the three tiers," Bolitho said. "Plus we are severely constrained for buses for athletic trips in the fall and in the spring."

The assistant superintendent said sometimes bussing is not provided for athletics and other times two to three different teams are loaded in the same bus and

delivered throughout varying includes \$1 million for technolocommunities.

"We are not delivering the efficient type of service we're accustomed to and that our community is accustomed to," Bolitho said.
"This will give us the ability to meet the demands of the increase in enrollment and also fulfill the rest of our mission with regard to buses on time, and also for the athletic trips."

Bolitho said if field trips were ever reinstated then the district would also be in a better position to accommodate timely bussing requests if the bond is approved.

Proposed bond spending also

gy upgrades and maintenance equipment at Northville High School.

Suggested purchases include phone equipment, floor sweeper, power washer, lawn mover and a wet-dry vacuum.

Bolitho said the suggested equipment purchases would replace malfunctioned equipment out of warranty and machines out of the routine replacement cycle.

Next year will mark the fourth year the high school is open.

Technology costs at the Six Mile Road campus will mainly go toward purchasing new computers for the department labs.

Bolitho said the computers at the high school were brought over from Hillside and range in age from 5 to 7 years old.

Printers and cameras also exceeding district-determined life expectancy are a part of the June bond proposal.
Other miscellaneous costs pro-

posed as part of the bond include architect fees and bond financing

If approved, voters owning a home with a market value of \$200,000 will pay about \$100 a year for 20 years.

suffering. The officer fired one round, killing the raccoon.

The Northville Township

Police Department was contact-

ed late last month by adminis-

trators at Northville High

School reporting a fraudulent E-mail investigation. Officers

were told on Friday, May 21,

the principal and assistant prin-

cipal of the school were trying

to find the identity of those

responsible for sending a bogus

E-mail to the entire district K-

12, including staff and students.

The investigation led to two

students who said they were

sending funny E-mails to each other during "down time" in

class when they realized gener-

ic passwords accessed many

students' accounts. A 16-year-

old male student was accused

of sending the sexually explic-

it e-mail as if written from an

18-year-old female student at

the school. He later confessed.

According to the report, the

victim's father inquired about

prosecuting the boy because his

daughter was innocently,

Bogus communiqué

BOND PROPOSAL

Items included in the Northville High School and Transportation bond proposal:

- Phone equipment Floor sweeper
- Power washer Lawn mower rider
- Wet-dry vacuum
- · technology
- Ten 84-passenger school

Source: Northville Public Schools

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POLICE

City

Suspect shatters screen

A man suspected of smashing a touch-screen display window at Northville Downs reported a problem with the self-service terminal, then ran.

Track personnel called Northville Police approximately 7 p.m. last Wednesday to report damage estimated at \$1,000 to a terminal, according to police reports. The incident started when a track technician was called to window number 316 in the lower club level to assist a man whose credit youcher was stuck in the terminal, the reports

When the technician asked the suspect how the touch-screen on the terminal shattered, according to police reports, the latter responded, "I must have touched it too hard." While the technician turned to retrieve the stuck voucher for the man, the suspect left, the report says. According to police, he was described as a white male, approximately age 30, 6'3", short dark hair, wearing tan pants and a dark suit coat.

An officer contacted the Maryland-based company, Amtote, that supplies the terminals to Northville Downs,

according to the police reports. A company representative said the suspect "must have punched the screen pretty hard in order to shatter glass."

Amtote will not file a complaint against the suspect and Northville Downs will be charged for the damage, a company representative told the officer. A clerk turned the retrieved \$89 voucher in to the track's mutual department in case the suspect returns for it, according to the police report. That would be available in the event the track pursued civil litigation against the suspect, the report

Sign found across town

A Wolverine Lake police officer responding to an ordinance violation complaint spotted a City of Northville street sign in the subject's home.

When the officer asked the Ladd Road homeowner about the sign, the 23-year-old Wolverine Lake man said he found it behind a shed when he moved into the home three months ago, according to police reports. He told the officer he liked it, so he brought it in.

City staff identified the green Old Novi Road and Baseline Road sign as one stolen in early spring, the report says. The new

sign, emblazoned with the city's logo, is valued at approximately \$300, according to the report.

A Wolverine Lake officer who resides in Northville returned the city property.

Not in our town

Northville police Thursday issued a drunk driving ticket to a 44-year-old Alabama man in town consulting for a local company.

Around midnight May 27, an officer spotted the Jeep driver turn into the church parking lot at Eight Mile and Taft roads, according to police reports. Exiting the lot, he headed east on Eight Mile, touching the white line with his tires as he drove, past Randolph, Center, then Novi Road. The officer also noted he was traveling 25 mph in a 40 mph zone, while hugging the right side of the road, according to the report.

When the officer signaled him to the side of the road, he detected a "strong odor of intoxicants" from inside the vehicle, the report says. The driver said he had "some" to drink. After performing numerous sobriety tasks, the driver admitted to drinking two to three Wild Turkey bourbons, mixed with beer, according to the report.

The preliminary breath test

12-Ball Pack

showed a .213 blood-alcohol level, the report said. The officer arrested the driver, processed him at the station and put him in Cell 3. After sobering in the morning, officers took him to an ATM machine to access the cash to post his own bond. He was given a June 10 date to appear in 35th District Court in Plymouth.

Township

Raccoon control

Two raccoons were shot in the township last month following resident calls reporting the ill animals. The first call to the department was received Sunday, May 23 from a resident living in the 40000 block of Stoneleigh Drive. After arriving at the 71-year-old woman's home, the officer found the animal in the grass off the side of the house. According to the report, "the animal's breathing was very rapid, however the movement was slow and lethargic." The officer said the animal tried to stand, but could not. The officer discharged one round into the animal, and the woman said she would dispose

of the remains. The second call came in Sunday, May 30 from a resident living in the 19000 block of

Find out.

involved and her reputation had Balance and a cold that has a contracted

'Scenic Harbour. The township been damaged. The parents of resident said the animal was ill the boys questioned were called and aggressive. According to for further action. the report, the officer found the **Huge trouble** animal and it appeared ill and

Northville Township police apprehended a 27-year-old male last week after he allegedly hit a car and then took off, all while drunk. The call came in to the department about midnight Thursday, May 27. The caller said someone hit the back of his car on Six Mile Road near Winchester and fled the scene. The caller said the suspect was driving erratically. Police located the described vehicle on Eight Mile Road, west of Currie. After stopping the driver, the officer asked the Northville resident for his drivers information. According to the report, when the man opened his center console, the officer saw a "teak wood one hitter," a device used for smoking marijuana. The officer also smelled a strong odor of intoxicants coming from the driver's breath. The driver admitted to having a few beers. After failing field sobriety tasks, the Northville man blew a .166. The driver was arrested for possession of narcotic paraphernalia, operating a vehicle while intoxicated and leaving the scene of a property damage accident. tem, designed reforder Conapproaching e

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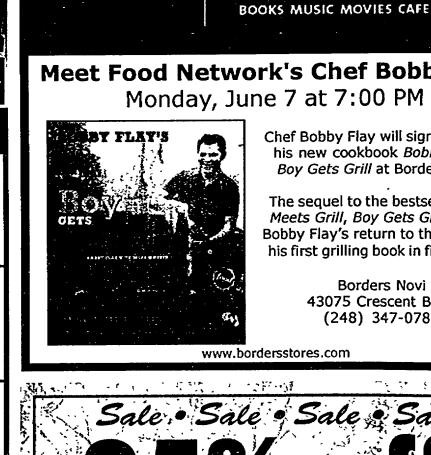
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By Pam Fleming HOMETOWN NEWSPAPERS

Have you ever wanted to see your name or a friend or loved one's name in print?

Well, now you can with a new business that just started called, PageOne created by Novi resident Chris Davis.

Davis, who recently left his job as editor of the Northville Record to embark on the new home-based business, is using his skills in the newspaper business to build a front page of a newspaper that can feature an individual's special event or accomplishment.

The front page, which is suitable for framing, can feature a person's special birthday, engagement, anniversary, retirement, graduation, promotion or what have you — "any occasion you can think of that's deserving of a gift but you want something very personal," Davis said.

Davis officially incorporated the business with Oakland County as of last week and already has several jobs in the

He originally wanted to name the business FrontPage but discovered that MicroSoft has a piece of software by the same

"Your 15 minutes of fame can last forever."

> Chris Davis Owner, PageOne

"I didn't want to cause any problems by using that name, and then the name PageOne just kind of jumped out at me," Davis

"I got the idea for the business when I was working at the Northville Record. For a long time, it was tradition to give a fake front page of the newspaper that featured the employee to outgoing employees. I was the one who started doing it, and it seemed to go over well," he said.

Actually, Davis created his first pseudo front page that featured his wife, Emily.

"I was running short of ideas for her 25th birthday and came up with this as a gift. My friends saw it and liked it. People kept saying, 'You really should do this for money," Davis said.

front pages for his brother-in-law when he graduated from Harvard and for a friend at his bachelor

Davis, a lifetime Novi resident, graduated in 1992 from Novi High School and earned a degree in journalism from Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant.

He's been in the newspaper business for 10 years and worked at the Northville Record for six and a half years. He's excited about the new business.

"I realized that I'd put in my time (at the Northville Record), and it was about time for me to be moving on. I wanted to do something I felt passionate about and that I could have fun with. My goal is not just to be selfish and indulgent in creating these. however. I really want to partner with school districts and charities and give 10 percent of the profits back to the client," he said.

Clients provide their own photos. The front pages are 11 X 17, in full color and designed using professional newspaper software.

"It's the same program that real newspapers use to design themselves. It looks like a real newspaper. It makes the recipient or money," Davis said. the star of the page, with the He made other newspaper emphasis is on the individual,"

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Chris Davis takes a look at some of the "fake-front" newspapers he's created for his Page One business based in Novi. Davis is the former editor of the Northville Record.

Davis explained.

Davis' slogan for the new business is "Where the news is you."
"Your 15 minutes of fame can

last forever," he quipped.

The newspaper page can be framed or unframed, and Davis offers a choice of about 50 different mat colors and several metal or wood frames. Cost for each starts at \$125, with framing an additional \$45.

"I can also ship the front page anywhere the customer wants, and turnaround time can be as

short as 24 hours for an unframed page," he said. Framed works take a couple of weeks.

Davis noted that he can work with the gift giver if he or she wants the front page to be a surprise. "I can be as discreet as needed," he said.

A Web site for the business (www.yourpageone.com) should be up and running by the end of the week. Those interested in purchasing one of the unique gifts can contact Davis via his Web site. e-mail e-mail

pageone@att.net Or on his cell phone at (248) 320-8862.

This is the first time Davis has had his own business.

"I hope to have some fun with it, and, hopefully, other people will, too. There is nothing like this anywhere that I've looked," he said. "It's a unique business because it's tailored to the indi-

Pam Fleming can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or at pfleming@ht.homecomm.net.

Local couple develops device for emergency radar warning

By Duane Ramsey SPECIAL WRITER

A local couple is awaiting word to learn when a company might be interested in an idea they have developed for an innovative new product that could help increase safety and saves lives on the road.

Novi residents Brian and Carolyn Yurkunas developed the concept for a new invention, which they call the Early Emergency Radar Warning system, designed to alert drivers of

approaching emergency vehicles.
"It's a good safety feature," Carolyn said: "And it could save a lot of lives," Brian added.

Emergency vehicles often move at high speeds and drivers may not hear the sirens or see the flashing lights making it difficult

for them to know the vehicle is approaching. This unique device would inform drivers of the direction from which an emergency vehicle is coming and allow the driver plenty of time to pull over in the proper direction.

Brian and Carolyn began developing their idea for the Early Emergency Radar Warning device in 2000. They were motivated to develop such a product by seeing and hearing about so many accidents involving emer-

gency vehicles and automobiles. They talked about their idea for some time but didn't know how to go about pursuing it, Brian said. He saw a commercial on television for an organization called Invention Technologies, Inc. that helps people get their inventions developed so he requested some information about it.

After discussing their idea with Invent Tech, the couple sent a draft of their product to the company in late 2000. The company liked their idea and they called to discuss it with them by telephone, Brian said.

The couple decided to invest \$600 to proceed with Invent Tech, which developed a rough blueprint for the device. The inventors made some minor changes to the proposed product and Invent Tech tweaked it a bit

over the past few years, he added. Invent Tech is now marketing their original idea for the device to manufacturers interested in new product development, especially in the automotive industry. They have advertised and marketed it at trade shows for automotive manufacturers in California and Germany, according to Brian.

Invent Tech is seeking a manufacturer that would sign a licensing agreement with the Yurkunases as owners of the product. The licensing agreement grants the company the right to manufacture, market and profit

from the product. Once a licensing agreement is reached with a manufacturer, Invent Tech would then obtain a patent on the product for their clients, according to a company official in Inventor Relations at Invention Technologies, based in Coral Gables, Florida: . . .

Brian and Carolyn have invested an additional \$10,000 with Invent Tech to find a manufacturer, sign a licensing agreement and obtain the patent for their 'product. Brian's brother Chuck and his wife Brenda provided some financial backing for the product as an investment.

The two couples hope to make a return on their investment orce a licensing agreement is reached with a manufacturer, Brian said.

How much money can they expect to make for their Early Emergency Radar Warning device?

In addition to an acquisition fee or up-front payment, royalty payments to the developers could equal roughly 25 percent of any profits on it. Depending on the specifics of the product, a royalty rate of 2 to 20 percent of

the invoiced selling priced could be paid to them, according to Invent Tech.

The investment was a sizable risk for the Novi couple. Brian has worked in the tool and die business for the automotive industry but is currently unemployed. Carolyn works as a waitress at a restaurant in Brighton.

The couple hopes to have the Early Emergency Warning device in production and available to the public in the

near future. The sooner we get them in vehicles, the sooner it can help prevent tragic accidents, injuries and deaths," said Brian.



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Top: Ann Zimmerman and her 16-month-old daughter, Ann, take time to smell the roses during last weekend's annual flower sale, organized by the Northville **Central Business** Association.

Left: one of many iron-cast garden art selections for sale during last weekend's annual flower sale.

Middle-Left: Northville **Township resident Nancy** Lorence, picks out a plant with the help of her mother, Ann Lniski, of Livonia.

Below-Left: Judy Pickett and her daughter-in-law, city of Northville resident Etsuko Kosuge, ponder a flower sale purchase.

Bottom-Right: Sophia Malbouef, 15 months, sits among Saturday's bright sun and fresh flower selec-

Flower power

Sales, friendships blossom during annual Northville street sale

By Larissa Barlow SPECIAL WRITER

Northville's 17th annual flower sale got off to a chilly start Friday, but the cold weather didn't deter

shoppers from bargain hunting.
"It's cold, but it's good,"
Livonia resident Nancy Findley said. "I'm just looking for something unusual in a pot."

Findley was searching for gifts to give out on Memorial Day, while others were hunting down the perfect addition for their home.

"I'm putting these in my win-dow box," Milford resident Ellen VanderRoest said of her wagon full of white annuals. "I've already unloaded one cart, and I'm going back for more after this

Seventeen vendors were on hand at the show, each selling a wide variety of plants and various garden items to the chilly crowd.

Ingrid Jenkins, owner of The Grass Garden in Howell, was selling ornamental grasses and small herself from pouring concrete. Her third year selling at the

flower show, Jenkins said the weather wasn't a factor. "Every year it's cold. It would scare me if it was nice weather,"

Jenkins laughed, keeping a pair of sandals and shorts with her in case it warmed up. Nancy Lindley, a Belleville res-

ident who has been selling roses at the show for seven years, was more concerned about the cold.

"When it's warmer, people buy more flowers," Lindley said. But despite the cold, Lindely was

Another vendor, Cheryl Goode, co-owner of the Willow

Greenhouse in Northville, has been coming to the flower sale for 17 years. With her daughter Nicole help-

ing out, Goode was selling a wide variety of flowers and plants outside Salutations stationary store, a place she's occupied every year

"Every year it's cold. It would scare me if it was nice weather."

> Ingrid Jenkins Owner, The Grass Garden

"Historically, this is a good week to plant," Goode said of the pleased with the morning turnout.

"Northville people are great;" row after row of flowers she said. "We real Plot Or She said.

Goode enjoys coming to the flower show every year because she said it has a great sense of

"I think it's great," Goode said. 'It creates a real hometown atmosphere."

Larissa Barlow is a Wayne State University journalism student and a Northville Record intern. She can be reached at





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Dear Not:

It sounds like someone might have been trying to take your mother for a ride. The sad truth is that you might have been approached by a con man who works shopping malls because that's where many seniors like to walk for exercise.

Medicare Fraud

Wheelchair scams have become the fastest growing segment of Medicare fraud. Here are some statistics that show how bad this problem has become.

 Spending on power wheel-chairs has increased 450 percent in the last four years, according to an administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

· Nationwide, payments for power wheelchairs have risen from \$299 million in 1999 to \$1.2 billion in 2003, while overall Medicare benefit payments rose only 11 percent during that period.

How To Be Swindled

There are as many kinds of cons as there are con artists. Here's how most wheelchair and scooter fraud works:

• Some dealers offer a free or discounted wheelchair or scooter to get a patient's Medicare number. Once the crooks get your number, it can appear on fraudulent bills from across the country.

Some dealers pay doctors to say chairs are medically needed even when they're not.

 Some dealers charge Medicare for an expensive chair, then deliver a cheaper one or sometimes none at all.

What Can You Do?

The best defense against this and other Medicare fraud, is to be aware of the possibility. Here are some additional tips that can help you protect yourself:

· First and foremost, always rely on your personal doctor to recommend all medical services and equipment for you.

 Beware of pressure or scare tactics to sell you medical equipment or supplies.

• Never give your Medicare or Medicaid number to strangers, even for a free service or benefit. They don't need your number if

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Friday, June 11 and 25, 1:45 p.m. Everyone welcome.

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Monday; June 7: 9 a.m. Tai Chi, 12:30 p.m. Pinochle.

Tuesday, June 8: 9:30 a.m. Grocery Shopping to Meijer, 10 a.m. Blood Pressure/Glucose Checks, 10:30 a.m. Michigan Alliance to Strengthen Social Security/Medicare, 12:30 p.m. Pinochle.

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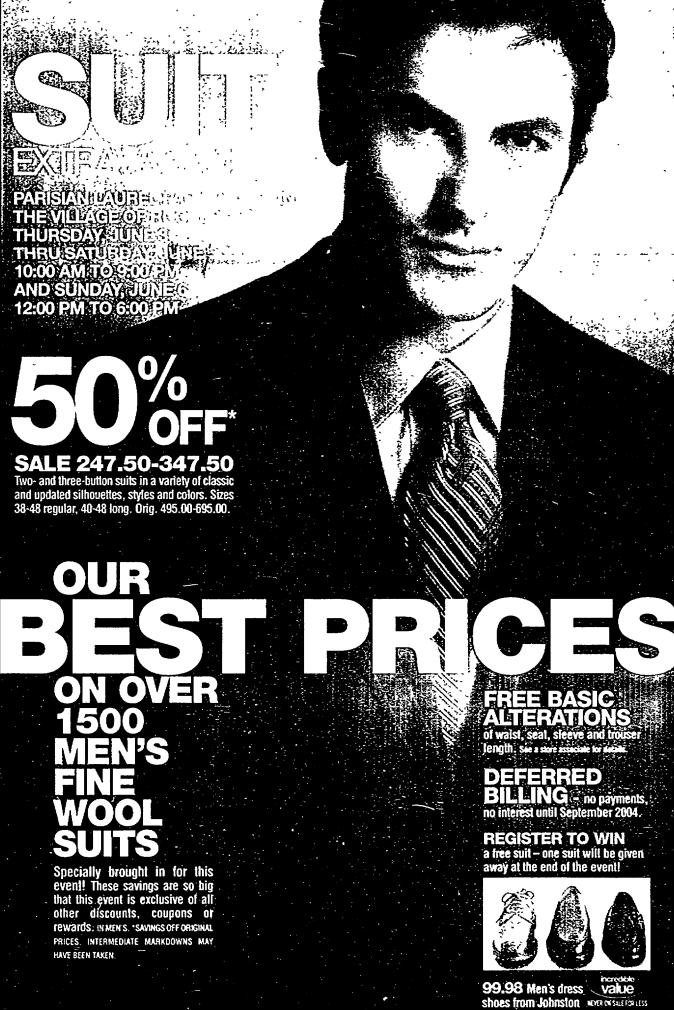
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Western Township Utilities Authority **Board of Commissioners** Regular Meeting Synopsis 3:00 p.m. Monday, May 24, 2004

Regular meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m. Present: Terry Bennett, Steve Mann, Richard Henningsen Agenda - adopted as presented. Minutes of the regular meeting of April 26, 2004 - approved.

Schedule of disbursements totaling \$758,258.59 - approved.

Operations & Maintenance Report for April 2004 - received and Director's Report for May 2004 - received and filed. Financial Statements for the Six Months Ended March 31, 2004 -

received and filed. Requests For Proposals; Interceptor Repairs (CIPP Lining Installation) - Project 4 - approval to advertise for proposals. Request to Rescind Resolution #R04-01-12 on Alternate Electric

Suppliers - approved. YCUA Plant Expansion Update - received and filed. The regular meeting was adjourned at 3:43 p.m.

> Alternate Chairperson TERRY BENNETT

This is a synopsis A complete copy of the minutes may be reviewed at the WTUA offices located at 40905 Joy Road, Canton, MI 48187 (or) by vinting our website at

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Edward A. Brazen

Edward Brazen of Northville died May 27, 2004. He was 82. Mr. Brazen was born in Detroit on May 27, 1922 to the late Anthony Brazinskas and Antonia Bezich Brazinskas.

He served the United States Army Corps during WWII. His unit fought in the Algeria-French Morocco, Tunisia, Sicily, Naples-Foggia, Southern France Amo, Normandy, Northern France, Rhineland, Central Europe and Ardennes Campaigns. He was a member of the VFW Post 4012 in Northville and the Detroit' Fire Department from 1946 to 1982. He was an engineer with the department at the time of his retirement and most of his active duty was spent with Engine 5 and Engine 54.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Ann H. Brazen of Northville; four children, Michael Brazen of Wixom, Robert Brazen of Northville, Edward (Cindi) Brazen of Northville and Janice (Richard) Nedroscik of Wixom; eight grandchildren, Julie, Nick, Stacy, Jaclyn, Ashley, Christopher, Kristen & Bobby, and one sister, Mary Tulas of Dearborn.

Preceding him in death were four siblings, Walter, Joseph, Alice and

A mass was held May 29, 2004 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville with Father Terry Kerner officiating. Interment will be at Rural Hill Cemetery, Northville, An Honor Guard Unit from the United States Army will perform graveside military honors.

Memorials may be made to Angela Hospice in Livonia.

Arrangements were made by Northrop-Sassaman Funeral Home, 19091 Northville Rd., Northville.

Kerry A. Pattison

Kerry Pattison

Northville/Plymouth died May 26, 2004 at the Michigan Masonic Home, Alma, Mich. She was 87. Mrs. Pattison was born on October 4, 1916 in Farwell, Mich. to the late Nickolaus Schneider and Eva Meier.

Kerry lived in Northville from 1948 until 1968, then moved to Plymouth and lived there until 1999. She then moved to mid-Michigan to be close to her family. She graduated from Mumford High School in Detroit and was self employed by Roy Dean Products Company in Dearborn. She was a member of the First United Presbyterian Church of Northville, past Matron of Eastern Star Chapter 77 of Northville, past president of the Northville Garden Club, and past president of Vivians Club, Plymouth Elks. She was an avid golfer and an excellent artist.

Survivors include one son, Daniel (Mary) Pattison of Lake Isabella; five siblings, Frieda Schaupeter of Ariz, Thressa (Harry) Pratt of Trenton, Nickolaus Schneider of Ariz., Bernadine Bowen of Barryton, and Kathleen Pauquette of Fla; three grandchildren, Cristine (Chet) Sproles of Ind., Norman (Lisa) Pattison of Bangor, and Jamie (Jacob) Kaniuparamban of Ga.; and five great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Norman K. Pattison and three sisters, Anna Fishwick, Catherine Rodgers, and Marian Schneider.

A funeral service was held June 1, 2004 at Casterline Funeral Home, Northville with Pastor George Ayoub of Michigan Masoni. Home officiating. Interment will be at Michigan Memorial Park, Flat Rock,

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Soon-to-be-graduated Northville soccer star Whitney Guenther is saying thanks but no thanks to every college that calls for the sport she has dominated. Find out why.



Many local athletes are turning to the Northville Parks and Recreation Department for the organized lacrosse fix. See how to get in the game! - Page 5B



What's Going On?

If you want something to do this weekend, then check out Northville's official events calendar. One thing's for sure: there's always something going on in Northville!

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"Enjoy the Good Life"



With the opponents glove with ball resting on her knee, Mustang Kimberly Bagian tries to keep her foot on the bag during a hit and run play during a home game in late April against Walled Lake Central. Bagian was called out on the play by the infield umpire.

Playing extra innings

Mustangs prepare for post-season tournament play

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville softball coach Jean Calabrese expected her team's growth to happen rapidly.

And that's exactly what she got.

The Mustangs Softball ended their

regular season with a 12-14 mark, twice the win total the team compiled last year. Now they prepare for post-seasốn play.

or two runs," Calabrese said. Tim very proud of how well these girls did this year."

The Mustangs have just four seniors to lose to graduation this Saturday and just four juniors to lose next year. Calabrese said she expects the Mustangs will be

competitive for a few years to

"We're very young," she said. "Young, but we have a lot of talent. This team should be strong for the next couple of years."

The Ups

The Mustangs earned themselves a 20-5 win over the Wayne Memorial Zebras last week in a game that found the umpires calling it over after just three

"By league rules, the game has by 15 runs after three innings or by 10 runs after five," Calabrese

Lisa Mueller started the game off on the mound and shared the victory with Jane Kruszewski. who came in as relief to finish the contest.

On the offensive end of the game, the Mustangs were on fire.

"We just crushed the ball," Calabrese said. "The bats were just going. We were hitting the long ball, the short ball and everything in between. We were connecting with everything."

The Mustangs were also able to use the game to their advantage in the way of getting experience for those players who may not normally play or may not normally get a change to swing

"It's a lot of fun to give so many people a shot at bat," Calabrese said. "They really contribute when they are hitting the ball like that."

And the Downs

But not all games are victories. The Mustangs found themselves losing to division foe Livonia Franklin 5-4 in a game that they won earlier this year.

"It was somewhat of a disappointment," Calabrese said. "We were doing everything right for six innings and then we just kind of fell apart."

Kruszewski took the loss on the mound despite throwing a nohitter for six innings before giving up four hits in the final stanza. Errors and mental mistakes didn't help the process either.

"We just had some mistakes and some bad choices," Calabrese said. "That allowed them to score some runs."

Northville had a strong defensive performance from Laura Zima at third base and was without Erin Fleishaker through the majority of the game after a nagging injury caused her to leave the contest.

Heading into the post sea-

The Mustangs were unfortunate enough to draw the "pre-district" contest against South Lyon Tuesday, which was played after the Record went to print. The game was to be played at Plymouth Salem. The winner will move on to play a powerful Canton squad Saturday.

If one this is for sure, the Mustangs will be coming to play.
"I'm confident in this team," Calabrese said and noted she believes she has one of the top pitchers around. "If Jane's on, you're going to have a tough time touching her. I'd put her up

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against anyone and everyone."

NHS athletes: time to take a short walk

Graduation is a blessing and a curse at the same time.

For those who are walking to receive their high school diplomas, it's the greatest moment in the world. For those who are missing a sporting event or just dropped out of the playoffs and are walking those same steps, the taste may not be quite as sweet.

Take Northville senior Devon Rupley for example. Rupley took a disputed second-place finish (many thought a first-place finish) in the

800-meter event in the Division I state finals last year. This year, she won't be trying for the top

No, it's not that the college recruit didn't qualify. Actually, SAM

won the EGGLESTON Milford Regional SPORTS & LIFE

and was expected to be one of the favorites to win. But the race will be taking place during the same time Northville High

School will be graduating. Rupley has spent a considerable part of her life running. For the past four years, she's been a major competitor in the high school ranks on the track. Yet, she's spent even more time in school. Since kindergarten up through her senior year, she has studied with one moment as the ultimate prize: Graduation.

A Quizzical Quandary

This is a situation that plagues many athletes. The tennis team will make the trip to the state finals tomorrow and will hopefully be around to play Saturday. The golf team will look to do the same. Between the two teams, there are 11 seniors who will be wearing a cap and gown. Which is more important?

"For the most part, I think our parents want us to be at the graduation," said Matt Lewicki, a tennis captain. "They've put up with 13 years of school to see us graduate. But I think we're going to be able to make it on time. If we aren't, I think most of the guys are willing to be late."

The guys might be, but the parents might not be. This is the ultimate moment for so many who reserve the right to be called a parent. They've labored to help their kids through school. They've helped teach them to read, to count, to be good students and get good grades. To many parents, the scales aren't very even between a graduation and a state final.

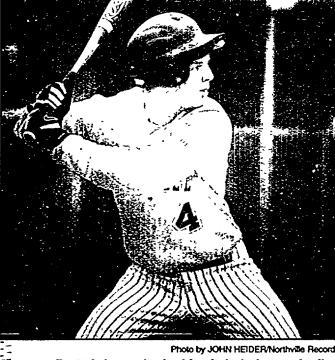


One way or the other, a sacrifice has to be made. Graduations are once in a lifetime moments, but so are state finals. If a team stands the chance to win that state crown, or even an individual, which sacrifice is the greatest? Sports moments come and go. For many, they will just be fuzzy memories. The diploma is there to stay forever and ever, though it hardly means much once the collegiate degree is achieved. The question, it seems, is which is the irreplaceable moment? The diploma is given to a graduate if they show up to their own ceremony or not. A state title, however, is not.

Many parents would disagree at this juncture, but isn't the moment of graduation easily replaced by a college ceremony marking the same accomplishment at a higher level? In two years, how many graduates will really sit back and think of their graduation and how much it meant to them. In two years, athletes will be thinking about their state title and what it took to get there and what it meant to win it. The title can't be replaced in an athlete's heart, but a diploma eventually gathers dust in a box long forgotten about.

"I talked to the girls about this way back in January," golf coach Trish Murray said. "They don't have a problem with it. They want to play golf, then worry about graduation. They might be a little late, but we should make it."

It's the individual that has to decide, as well as the individual's parents. A hard choice? There's no doubt about that. One just has to sit back and ask themselves which is the greater sacrifice and which is the moment that can never be replaced. Hopefully, the final decision is the right one.



Mustang Brett Asher waits for his pitch during an April game at Northville's home field.

Mustangs are the kings of the Western Lakes

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It's official. The Northville Mustangs baseball team is the king of the Western Lakes Activities

After securing the Western Division two weeks ago, the Mustangs had to wait and see who they'd be taking on for the confer-

ence title. The foe ended up being Wayne Memorial, who played Northville every

step of the way Baseball before Mustangs

emerged victorious, 4-2. "We knew they had a great

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Northville qualifies four for state final

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It's easily considered one of the toughest regionals in the state, and the Northville Mustangs girls' track and field team knew that they were going to have to be at the top of their game to suc-

The team, as a whole, finished seventh out of 16 teams and managed to qualify four girls in two

Girls' Track events.

"We had a good showing at Regionals after taking two days to complete due to bad weather," Northville coach Nancy Smith

The 3,200-meter relay team of Devon Rupley, Kate McClymont, Bryn Smetana and Liz Hrivnak qualified with a third-place finish in 9:42. The time was a season-

best for the squad.
"Devon and Kate will be making return performances this season as they also competed last year in that same event," Smith said. 'The girls all ran impressive

Also qualifying in the 800meter run were Rupley and Hrivnak.



Photo by HAL GOULD/HomeTown Newspapers

Northville's Emily Kreichelt pushes herself to the limit in the 100 dash at the Milford Regional.

an automatic bid for the state Rupley, who was regional champion for the third time in her high school career, ran a season-Unfortunately, Rupley won't be best time of 2:17 for the top spot. running for a title this year. The Hrivnak will be making her first event, which she took second in appearance at the state finals,

clocking a 2:22 at the regional for

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Mustangs get four in state finals

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last year, will be run at the same time as her graduation ceremony.

The Mustangs had a slew of other impressive performances, despite not reaching the finals. Emily Kreichelt took fifth in 27.5 seconds in the 200-meter dash while McClymont took fifth in the mile run with a career-best time of

Andrea Wattstook fifth in the high jump and ran a career-best 48.2 seconds in the 300 low hur-

Kari Oshanski also had a season-best showing, running a 49.2 in the 300 hurdles.

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Northville takes fourth at WLAA

Rupley sets school record in grueling 1,600-meters

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It was a year of improvements for the Mustangs girls' track

From individual accomplishments to team finishes, they've seen improvements throughout the season. That didn't change as they took fourth in the conference meet last week, improving from the 2003 finish of ninth place.

"I am extremely pleased with the performances that were put in today," Northville coach Nancy Smith said. "We had a lot of season (bests) and you can't ask for any more than that."

The highlight of the day came from senior Devon Rupley, who will be attending Cornell University in the fall. One of the events the Big Red hopes Rupley will compete in is the one-mile run, also known at the 1,600meter, Rupley, prior to this season, hadn't run the event.

Now, she's the school record

Rupley ran a 5:14 for a firstplace finish in the event to break the record held by 2003 graduate Nicole Cauzillo. The previous best time was a 5:17.9.

The 3,200 relay team of Rupley, Bryn Smetana, Liz Hrivnak and Kate McClymont took second in the Western Lakes Activities Association with a run of 9:45.

Taking a third place was Andrea Watts, who cleared 5-1 for a career-best leap in the high jump. She also took fourth in the 300 hurdles in 48.75 seconds.

"Rupley and Watts capped off their high school careers by leaving everything on the track today," Smith said. 'They will be extremely missed next season."

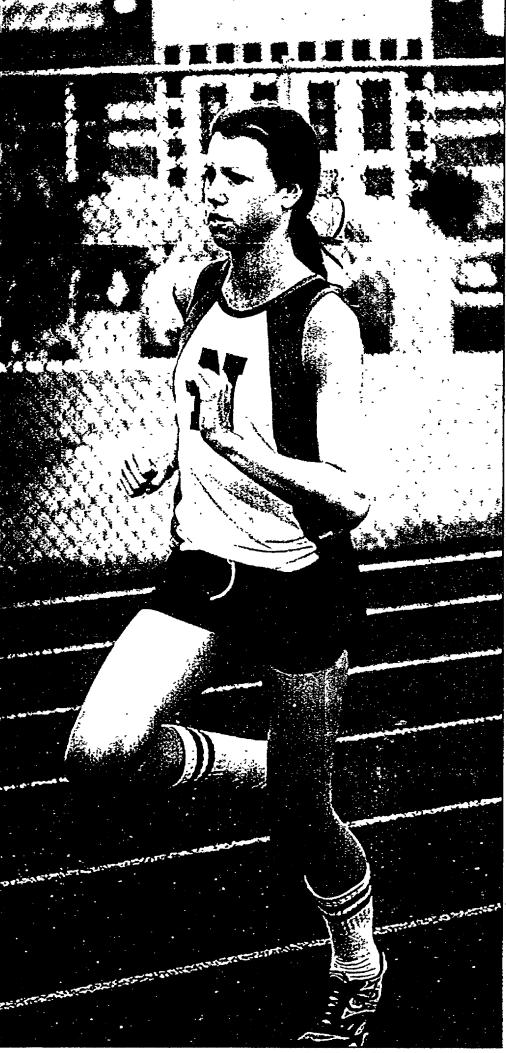
Other impressive individual performances | for Northville came from Kari Oshanski, Emily Kreichelt, Molly Gavin and

Oshanski took fourth in the 100 hurdles with a season-best time of 16.6 seconds while Kreichelt placed fifth in the 200meter dash in a time of 27.1 seconds. Gavin was fifth in the two mile, running a best-ever time of 11:48 to help her squad along.

Hrivnak was a double scorer individually. She placed seventh in the mile with a time of 5:31 while taking sixth in the 800 in § ad variation of

In the relays, the Mustangs had fine showings from the 1,600-meter and the 800-meter squads. In the 1,600, Smetana, Hrivnak, Brais and Grethen Warner placed sixth with a season-best time of 4:15 while the 800 team of Brais, Jamie Somerville, Kreichelt and Julie Foucher took fifth in 1:50.

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Devon Rupley rounds the track at an early track meet at Northville High School. She recently won the Regional in the 800 run and set the school record in the mile in the conference meet.

Champs!

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pitcher," Northville coach Mickey Newman said. "We wanted to be patient and make him throw a lot of pitches. If we could tire him down, we figured we'd be able to hit him in the later innings."

Smart thinking

The strategy worked brilliantly. The Mustangs fell behind almost immediately and found themselves down 1-0 after two innings of play. Mark Sorensen stepped up to the plate after Steve Besk singled to get on the bag. A double by Sorensen, who is a senior, scored the junior for the tied game.

In the fourth, the Zebras struck again, going up 2-1.

It wasn't until the sixth inning that Northville's plan began to work as they had hoped.

"We had their pitcher at 81 pitches going into the sixth inning," Newman said. "By the end of the game, he had thrown 126."

The Mustangs were quick to take to take advantage of the tiring hurler. They scored three runs in the sixth to seal the victory, 4-2.

Matt Williams, who is considered one of the best catchers in the state, led off with a double before Brendan Buckley beat out a throw to first base on a single to putt runners at first and second. Buckley then stole

Hey batter, batter!

That's when senior Brett Asher stepped up to the plate. He didn't exactly knock the dirt from his cleats and call his shot, but he was just as effective in demoralizing the Zebras. With a swing of the bat, he cranked out a hard base hit that scored both Williams and Buckley for a 3-2 lead.

With two outs, Brian Tellish finished Northville's foes off with a double to score his teammate. Sorensen, who was the winning

pitcher, sealed the contest with six quick outs in a row. He finished with five hits, one walk and six strikeouts on just 90 pitches.
"While their guy was getting more and more tired, Sorensen was

getting stronger an stronger," Newman said.

The Zebras had a chance to put the game away in the fifth with no outs and a runner of first and thirdwith a 2-1 lead. The third batter popped out before Jeff Richard keyed a double play to get them out of the inning.

"It was a huge play by Jeff," Newman said.

The victory marked the second of Northville's season goals. They won the division and then moved on to win the conference.

"They were very excited," Newman said of his squad. "Our number one goal every year is to win the division and then the conference. In the playoffs, we'll just do the best we can

Golfers prepping for state final

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It takes hard work, dedication and determination to be one of Michigan's top high school golf teams.

That's precisely why the Northville Mustangs were in Lansing practicing on the course that could yield them a state title. The

Golf

state finals will be held tomorrow and Saturday.

We had a practice round today and Layne Scherer's dad took three of the girls up yesterday," Northville coach Trish Murray said Sunday afternoon. "Some of the girls (were) going back up Memorial Day to get some more practice in.

Murray said it's never too soon to get in some early swings. She said due to the odd weather patterns that have been plaguing much of the country, the Mustangs haven't had much time to get the practice in that they'd like.

"The course has been closed," Murray said of the Forest Akers golf course, the Lansing course at which the finals will this year be held. "The east course is completely flooded and the west has pumps going."

All fore one

The Mustangs will be bringing Layne Scherer, Andrea Fillipps, Marie Snyder, Therese Juthage and Allison Grant to the finals in hopes of earning a fourth-place finish or better. Currently, they are ranked fifth in Division I and have a schoolbest finish at fourth place to

"That's our goal right now," Murray said. "First, we'd like to play well Friday and advance to day two. Then, we'd like to finish in the top four."

To compete in the second day of competition, the Mustangs have to finish in the top-12 of the field tomorrow.

Unfortunately, the second day of competition happens to land the Mustangs smack dab on the day of graduation ceremonies. The shot gun start is 9 a.m. and graduation isn't until 3 p.m. Saturday - that leaves little room for error.

"It'll be extremely close," Murray said of the girls making it back in time. Out of the five players going to the finals, three are seniors in Snyder, Fillipps and Scherer. "They'll just have to wear what they have on. Golf shoes and everything. It won't be the first time athletes had to come to graduation as-is."

The squad was informed of the conflict back in January when Murray first came across the information and realized the days would conflict. All of the seniors were quick to give their points of view.

"They said they were going to play," Murray said. "They know they're going to be late, but I asked them if it would be nice to walk in with something in their hand to show for it."

Driving ambition

So far, none of them seem to

"I just don't want it in the back of their mind and having them trying to hurry their game so they can make it back in time," she said. "They seem pretty comfortable with it right

now.' Murray said she'd much rather contend with graduation than the senior prom.

"That would just be a night-

a line to the court of the cour

mare," she said. "For graduation, they just have to throw on a cap and gown. It's a completely different problem when it comes to prom."

But graduation or no graduation, the Mustangs have a job to do. All of them have pledged that they are ready to do it. 'We're going to finish as high

as possible and maybe break the

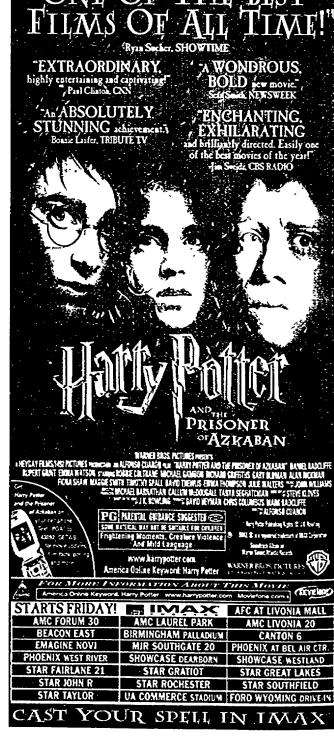
school record if we finish higher than fourth," Murray said. "I just want this to be the best experience possible for all of the girls. Especially my three

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'Enjoy the Good Life'

'Stangs fall in title tilt

By Matt Simich SPECIAL WRITER

Last Wednesday, the Northville As Varsity Girls Soccer team took on earthe Stevenson Spartan's for the . 3 : League Championship.

Pre-game ceremonies included the recognition of several Mustangs as All-Division and . All-Conference. Danielle Toney, Lauren Hill and Tessa Adkins received All-Division honors and ... Whitney Guenther and Deanne Kubas received All-Conference honors.

game The began Stevenson taking the ball out of the gates with some ferocious g offense. But keeping up, step-forstep, was the Mustang defense of Loren Tacconelli, Lindsey Hill, Atkins and Guenther.

Snagging the ball out from ... under Stevenson's feet was keeper Katie Weicksel who also prevented some key shots. Jen ... Kritch, Vanessa Bailey, and ... Kubas did a good job of handling the ball and clearing it when

Offensively, the Mustangs had a hard time getting the ball up the field. The defense of the Spartans made things difficult as they usually got to the ball first from the air and then kicked it out of bounds.

After the 25 minutes passed in the first half, the two teams were at a stalemate. But four minutes : later Stevenson finally broke that :::stalemate with a goal at 11:10.
:.. Spartan Lia Williamson scored ... the goal. With the remaining minutes of the half going scoreless, the score was 0-1, Spartan

In the second half the Mustangs came out much stronger offensively. Danielle Toney, Lindsey Blair and Lauren Hill led the offensive charge. Many L. Northville chances to score came and went but the Stevenson defenders were always on top of things. Eventually the clock at wound down and the scoreboard showed 0-1 with a victory for the onSpartans: die

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Athletes of the Week

Devon Rupley, a senior, once again earned her stripes at the Milford Regional by winning her bread-and-butter event in the 800 meter. The senior will make the trip to

the state finals
Saturday to
compete in a
separate event. separate event. but will not try to earn to top

spot in the 800. Graduation, which also happens to be Saturday, will be run at the same

time as the event.

Matt Williams, a junior catcher for the Mustangs base-ball team, has been making Some noise. The Internet is abuzz with talk of the backstop, who has been tossing out runners whenever they've tried to sneak in a base against him. Of course, his statistics are impressive too. Only two runners have tried to steal and Williams has picked off nine in total — seven at first base.

It's that time of year

Seniors are graduating yet gagain. When sports writer Sam -Eggleston first came to the Northville Record, those gradu-ating now were just sophomores. Yet, if you scan the list of names that are now impact players, most of them were timpact players then too. It's hard to see anyone leave, but the INorthville Record sports department wishes all of the senior athletes the best in all of their Fendeavors at the next level —

both athletically and academically.

Hopefully, they take what Hopefully, they take what they've learned on the fields of Fplay and apply it to their collegiate years. The determination and dedication they've used to be successful at this level should translate nicely into a successful college career in the classroom and out.

Ferriman continues impressive balancing act



Justin Ferriman became a starter at Albion thanks to his dedication and determination. Though he's at the top of his game, Ferriman plans on trying to improve.

Determined

Justin Ferriman grits teeth, becomes defensive starter for Albion soccer

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Many athletes hesitate before admitting that they've had trouble advancing to the collegiate level in the sport they've excelled at their entire life. Not Justin Ferriman.

The Northville graduate who was All-Conference, All-Area. a captain of his team and one of the best prospects out of Northville last year made the transition to being a starter in the world of collegiate soccer via the school of hard knocks.

"I went to Albion about a week before school actually started to work out in pre-season training," he said. "It was possibly the hardest week of my whole life. It was all two-adays with sprinting and running in some of the hottest

weather of the year. "I almost quit soccer that week and came real close to actually doing it. I managed to hold on though and I'm real

proud of myself for that." And thankfully the defender stuck around. About halfway through the season, after adjusting to the amazing amount of work that college had to offer as well as soccer, he found himself taking a moment to realize he could

push himself just a little more. "One time, during practice, I just decided to step it up a little," he said. "I started hustling to every ball and basically just

sprinting the entire time.' The following week, against Hope College, the number one team in the conference, Ferriman was informed that he'd be a starter at lest desense. He replaced an upperclassman in the slot and didn't lose his starting spot for the remainder of the year. He was one of just

two starting freshmen. "That was my biggest



achievement in Ferriman said.

Balancing act

As if balancing soccer and school wasn't enough, Ferriman looked to fill his plate as much as possible. As a high school student at Northville, he was known for always being involved in about as many events as a single person could balance. He carried

that over to Albion. "Keeping busy has always worked for me," he said. "I just had to keep doing that."

And so he did. Ferriman joined the Gerald R. Ford Institute that focuses on public service and public policy. He ran for the council of the institute and was selected.

During his time with them, he helped work different events, set up various happenings and even assisted in building a park of the community of Albion.

But even that wasn't enough. He took his time with the musigroup Backbeat at Northville and went to a group called Euphonic at Albion. They held a concert in April in front of over 500 people.

"I've never experienced something like that before," Ferriman said. "It was well worth it."

It was also worth the twoday-a-week practices until March and the everyday practices for three hours leading up to the concert as well as a full rehearsal every Sunday.

"The students really loved it," Ferriman said of the concert. "It was great to be a part of that."

As though that weren't enough, the achieving student also became and assistant coach for his Albion coach's U17 soccer team based out of Jackson.

"From a player's and a coach's standpoint, I really learned a lot." Ferriman said.

Lesson learned

The tactic must have paid off. When all was said and done, Ferriman left Albion for summer break with a 4.0 grade-point average.

Before the year ended, he also ended up hosting perspective students and also became a tour guide at the college.

Ferriman said he's ready to do it all again next year. He's already training himself to be in the best shape of his life and is determined to gain his position back as a starter and keep

"I'm not losing it to anyone next year," he said. "I put too much blood, sweat and tears into getting it. There's no way in hell I'm going to give it up without a fight.'

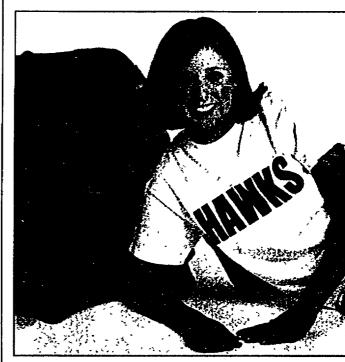
Through it all, Ferriman has learned his limits aren't what he thought they were. He can push himself more and more and be all the better for it.

"I'm in the best shape of my life playing the best soccer of my life," he said. "There's still room to improve."

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Recruiting Realities

Whitney Guenther refuses offers from top college soccer programs



Whitney Guenther won't be playing college soccer next year as she has decided to focus on school instead.

By Sam Eggleston and Matt Simich RECORD SPORTS WRITER

She's a powerful soccer player and one of the best in the Western Lakes Activities Association. She's a HomeTown Newspapers All-Area selection as well as All-Division, All-Conference, All-District, All-State honorable mention and a nominee for the Most Valuable Player of the Year on defense.

And yet despite allothose mafter all.". accolades, ... Northville / senior - Alice () ... () ... () Whitney Guenther won't be taking the jog onto a college soccer field next season.

She earned the trip, that's for sure. Colleges had been showing interest from the time she was a sophomore. But Guenther will turned her back on all of

Different goals

"I just burned out on soccer," she said. "I've been playing since I was five. I'm done with it. After this season, that will be about it."

Mustangs career as part of a Western Division championship team and one now vying postseason play. She will also finish her time with the Michigan

After that, she said she's all about school. But not soccer.

The soon-to-be Northville graduate will attend Lansing Community College where she will study massage.

"I've always had an interest in it." Guenther said of the curriculum. "From there, I hope to go to Florida State.'

Defining herself as a "warmweather girl," Guenther said that the sunny state has been a draw of hers for years. Of course, there were interested colleges from the southern states, but she just shrugged them off.

"I told them I wasn't interested in playing soccer any more," she said. "They basically just said that if I changed my mind to give them a call."

And nothing says Guenther won't change her mind eventually.

"I'm a little nervous about that," she said. "If it gets to the point that I'm just sitting around bored, I might start playing some pick-up soccer. If I start missing the competitive nature of the sport, I might even start talking to a couple of the colleges that contacted me."

Being one of the best her whole life has led to expectations that she was going to play at the collegiate level.

"Growing up and being a part of the Hawks, you're just destined to play college soccer," she said. "Anyone who wasn't going to play was crazy. They know I'm not going to play and they don't care anymore. I'm sure they think in their heads that I'm crazy, especially after how much my parents spent over the years.

Her parents, Kim and Janette, were slightly concerned at first, but Guenther said they recovered nicely.

"They just want me to be happy," she said. "With me turning down so many colleges and saying I didn't want to play soccer, they knew I wouldn't be happy if I had to play."

But with the playing time left ahead of her in her senior year with the Mustangs and her remaining time with the Hawks, Guenther said she's going to give it her all.

"I want to end it with a bang," she said. "It's my senior year

Youthful enthusiasm

Northville

Athletes

Guenther began playing soccer when she was five years old and hasn't stopped playing since. As a young player, she started in the PeeWee division and then earned spots on several

different travel teams. One

of her early role models was John Bucahanan.

"He didn't make soccer seem like hard work," said Guenther. we were learning the game."

During her freshman year at Northville High Guenther played basketball as

well as seccer. As a sophomore she added volleyball to her already-busy schedule, but soccer was still her main interest. Both her sophomore and junior year, she earned the titles of All-Area, All-District and All-Conference

player. In addition, she was nominated for Defensive MVP and was All-State honorable mention:

Guenther is supported by her family members and friends. Her parents and older brother, Blake, are often in the stands cheering the Mustangs to victo-

Besides her teammates, Guenther likes to hang out with friend Caitlin Conway.

"Caitlin and I are around each other 24-7," said Guenther.

Preparing for a big game is essential. Guenther likes to spend some quiet time off on her own to focus on an upcoming game. Mental toughness is just as important, if not more important, than being physically prepared.

But, there's always more to an athlete than just their game. Off the soccer field, Guenther, who is 18 years of age, concentrates on her schoolwork and is looking to work at her parents' business in Plymouth this year, Gladstone.

"Maybe I can be a waitress or something," she said. "Maybe I can even work at the bar."

As the school year winds down for the underclassmen and she prepares for her own graduation Saturday, Guenther has some words of wisdom for the underclassmen in her sport:

"Have fun during high school and enjoy life," she said. "Try not to siress over the little things.

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Grilling in the garden for a summertime treat

To truly appreciate the great outdoors, fire up the grill and enjoy the culinary bounty of nature in al fresco dining. Rebecca Kolls, lifestyle expert and host of "Rebecca's Garden," loves to take fresh garden-grown vegetables, baste them with honey and spices and lightly grill them for exquisite flavor. The grill can produce mouth-watering entrees and side dishes that are simple and delicious.

Honey is an all-natural ingredient that is the perfect complement to poultry, pork and seafood, as well as fresh fruits and vegetables. Not only does it enhance the taste of the food, but the honey also marries the flavors, making chicken more delicious and vegetables extra scrumptious.

"I put honey on everything," said Kolls. "I'll mix it into a grilling sauce or brush it straight on vegetables when they are on the grill. It is so versatile, and it's all natural, so I feel good about feeding it to my family."

Try these sweet recipes hot off the grill. For more delicious recipes, go to www.honey.com. Grilling tips

From "Rebecca's Garden" resident chef Andrew Zimmerman come the following tips for using your grill:

· Gas is all about convenience. Coals can be messy and often are a deterrent from grilling, so gas grills are another choice. With a gas grill it is easy to regulate the temperature using the knobs, as low as 175°F or as high as 600°F.

· Vegetables will benefit from a little smoke flavor, especially the ones that take longer to cook. Some gas grills come with a handy smoking device that adds soaked smoker chips. Try drizzling honey on the vegetables right when they come off the grill for a sweet and smoky flavor.

• For the garden-fresh fruits and vegetables that will take 5 minutes or less to cook, such as peaches, pears, com on the cob, peppers, zucchini and yellow squash (cut 1/2-inch thick), try a charcoal grill. Use skewers or a grill pan for smaller items to keep them from falling through the

Grilled corn with spiced honey butter

Prep time: 15 minutes 'Cook

time: 15 minutes 1/2 cup butter, softened (or

reduced fat margarine) 1/3 cup honey I teaspoon chili powder

8 ears fresh com

1/4 cup chopped fresh cilantro 8 lime wedges

In small bowl, stir together but-ter, honey and chili powder; set

Fold back husks and remove silk from corn; pull husks back up over corn. Place corn in large bowl of ice water and soak 15 minutes. Remove and shake off excess water. Place on grill over medium hot coals and cook 15 to 20 minutes, turning frequently. Remove husks and spread each ear with seasoned butter. Sprinkle with cilantro and serve with lime

Makes 8 servings

Sweet spicy salmon with honeyed mango salsa

time: 10 to 15 minutes

I large ripe mango, peeled and



Grilled corn with spiced honey butter and sweet spicy salmon with honeyed mango salsa.

Prep time: 20 minutes Cook

chopped

1/4 cup finely chopped red bell

1/4 cup finely chopped red 2 tablespoons chopped fresh

cilantro 2 tablespoons fresh lime juice.

divided 1/3 cup plus 1 tablespoon

1 small jalapeño pepper, seeded and minced 2 tablespoons Mexican hot

4 (4 to 6 ounce) salmon fillets To prepare salsa, in medium bowl, combine mango, bell pep-per, red onion, cilantro, 1 tablespoon lime juice, I tablespoon honey and jalapeño. Stir well and refrigerate until ready to use.

Whisk together 1/3 cup honey, hot sauce and remaining lime juice in small bowl. Rinse salmon and pat dry; brush liberally with honey mixture. Place skin-side up

on well-oiled grill over medium coals; cook 2 to 3 minutes until lightly charred. Turn and cook 8 to 10 minutes more, basting liberally with sauce during cooking. Remove from grill and transfer to serving platter. Top with mango salsa. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

Maintaining a healthy brain is something to think about

Here are suggestion for maintaining a healthy brain (The following suggestions are not just for seniors. Some of them could be helpful for maintaining a healthy brain at any age):

• Také supplementary vitamin -B12. Some older people can't absorb this from food but can from a supplement,

• Exercise. Walking and activities such as golf, tennis and dance increase blood flow, providing more oxygen for the brain.

· Play mind games with yourself. Take up a new hobby or work on an old one. Read books. Go to museums. This list is endless: These all help strengthen connections between brain cells and reduce the risk of Alzheimer's

 Keep your blood pressure low. Help yourself by losing weight if necessary. Engage in physical activity. Avoid alcohol. Keep salt consumption down. Eat low fat dairy food. · Have more fruit and vegeta-

 See your doctor if your blood pressure is high.

• Remain or become socially engaged. Being with other people stimulates your brain. Take part in church, social and educational

· Reduce stress and anxiety. Chronic stress can damage memory cells. Consider taking a class in Tai Chi, yoga, deep breathing,

Get enough sleep. Avoid caf-feine late in the day Don't eat a lot after dinner. Go to bed about the same time every night. Avoid alcohol before bedtime. Ask your doctor if your medicine seems to be causing sleeplessness.

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 Treat depression. These condition can cause memory loss.

• Stay on top of your medication regime. Ask your doctor if your medicines or interaction between them could be affecting memory and ability to learn. The doctor máy bể làble tó chẳnge thờ đỏse or dosing schedule.

• Get help for pain. Ask your doctor what can be done. Sometimes weight loss or exercise

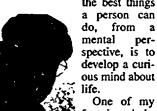
can help, as might relaxation, meditation or having fun.

Focus on specific memory skills: Focus on specific information, maintain your desire to learn, and keep a positive attitude toward learning and remembering.

Two Internet sites with an assortment of puzzles and games, which might help in keeping your mind sharp: www.aarp.org/games and www.thinks.com.

improve yourself through healthy curiosity

I've always believed that one of the best things



spective, is to develop a curious mind about One of my favorite hob-

bies is asking people about their families, where they grew up, their jobs, whatever. I joke that I'm the biggest busybody around, but the truth is that I like finding out about people, what experiences have shaped them, what makes them tick. It's great fun and a wonderful way to learn and build relationships with people.

There are other things we can do, too, to exercise our minds. Next time you come across a word you don't know, instead of skimming by it, find a dictionary and learn about it. What does it mean? How did it originate? How is it used? It might just stick in your head for the next time you're searching for that perfect word or phrase.

Traveling is another great way to expand your horizons and see how other people live. Our country is so beautiful and diverse, and full of learning opportunities. I also highly recommend traveling abroad, if you're able, because it can really give you a new perspec-tive on the world and life.

When we cultivate our minds, we improve ourselves and become more well-rounded.

And that's a healthy way to be. And remember, take care of your health before it's lonngggg gone!

Emie Harwell, "the voice of the Detroit Tigers" for more than four decades, retired after 55 years behind a major league microphone. Today, at age 86, Ernie's days are filled with serving as a health and fitness advocate for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Michigan, public appearances, writing, traveling and taking long walks with "Miss Lulu," his wife of more than 60 years. His latest book, a collection of his baseball columns entitled "Life After Baseball," is available at local bookstores or by calling (800) 245-5082.

Dehyration

Avoid common summer condition

The dog days of summer are here. With them come hot, humid weather and the perfect time for outdoor activities, summer sports and for fall sports conditioning.

But athletes beware! Hope for fun summer sports and conditioning activities can quickly evaporate in the hot summer sun if athletes do not properly hydrate themselves before, during and after a workout. Without proper hydration, the body can lose water and essential elements and run the risk of kidney problems or even death.

To help athletes avoid the risks of dehydration, physicians at the University of Michigan Health System's MedSport are advising summer athletes to drink large amounts of water during their workouts, know and recognize the signs of dehydration and begin to prepare their body for its heavy summer fluid needs by drinking extra water during cooler times of the year.

Although thirst may seem like it would be a sign of dehydration, it may not always be the case. That lack of a thirsty feeling, in fact, poses a greater problem because it is a time when the body needs fluid the

But when the body does need fluids, there are other signs as well. The true signs of dehydration include an uneasy feeling and a noticeable decrease in energy and performance levels. Some athletes also may develop a headache and feel achy if their body is running low on fluids.

Coaches and parents of summer athletes also need to be aware of the dangers of dehydration and supply their athletes with plenty of fluids during games and workouts. Coaches should provide several breaks every hour and remove any athlete from the field who is exhibiting signs of dehydration and who have nausea or have vomited.

But drinking all of that extra fluid in the summer can sometimes make an athlete feel sluggish or bloated. So, athletes should build up that extra hydration during the cooler months -- before they actually need them -- to get used to the heavier fluid load.

And to stay hydrated before, during and after a workout, athletes should drink water or a balanced salt solution like Gatorade. A balanced salt solution will work to not only meet the body's water requirements. but it will also provide it with the essential elements that are lost during perspiration.

But if a Gatorade-like substance is not available, drink water instead and avoid any type of soft drink or juice drink.

Although balanced salt solutions will replenish fluids and elements lost while working out, young athletes should not use salt tablets to achieve the same outcome.

Facts about summer sports dehydration:

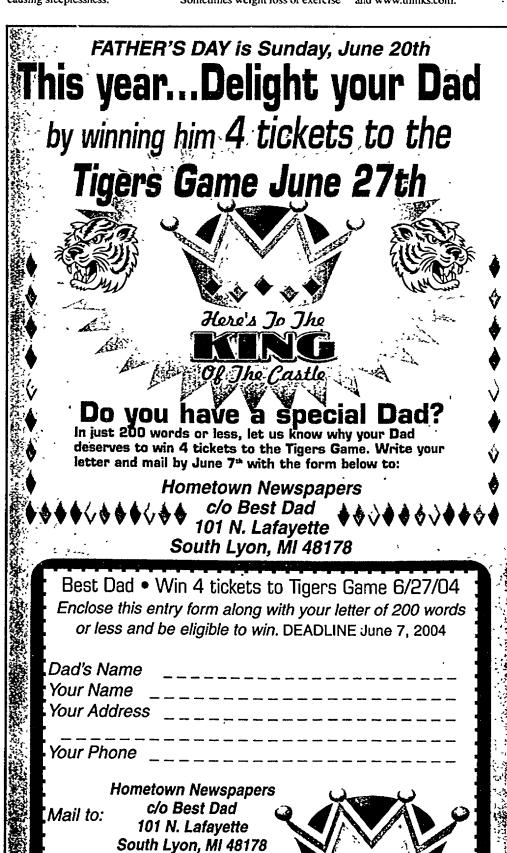
To prevent dehydration before it even begins, athletes should drink plenty of fluids before, during and after any workout.

• Dehydration can occur when there is not enough fluid in the body to maintain kidney function, which can be potentially fatal, even for younger

• Thirst is not a sign of dehydration. In fact, most athletes who are in a dehydrated state do not feel thirsty. True signs of dehydration include dizziness, headaches, body aches, and a decrease in energy and performance levels.

 Water or a balanced salt solution, like Gatorade, work best to replace the fluids lost during a workout.

· Coaches should provide young athletes with plenty of breaks to drink as much fluid as possible and watch for players exhibiting signs of dehydra-



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Kids

Photography Camp

From June 21-25, students in grades 6-8 can explore the exciting world of photography. Campers will learn to shoot intriguing pictures, express themselves creatively, and integrate other arts such as papier-maché and calligraphy into their projects. Camp hours are 9 a.m. to

Camp Crafters

Join us for a fun-filled week of arts and crafts. Activities may include candle making, tie-dye, scratch art, and more! June 14 -18, 9 a.m. -4 p.m. at the Recreation Center at Hillside. For ages 6-10

Summer Volleyball Camp

All skill levels ages 8-18 are welcome. Players will be divided into groups depending on skill level. June 28-July 1, 9 a.m. to 1

Fourth Annual Lacrosse Camp

June 21-25, 9 a.m. to noon for ages nine to 13. Beginners are welcome. Fee is \$150 per person. Camp Director is John Beard, head coach of the Michigan Knights

Tunes on Tuesday

Get ready to move, shake and shimmy to Tunes and Tales in the sun this summer! Tunes events begin Tuesday, June 30 at the Main Street Bandshell: 11 a.m. to noon. Concerts are free, thanks to the Northville DDA & Central **Business Association**

SKRUFF 3.

Suburban Kids Rockin' Under Ford Field will feature local talent from Northville and Brighton. Saturday, June 12 from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Fee is \$5 at the gate. Food, drinks & merchandise will be available for purchase.

Cedar Point Escape

We are selling out fast! Students'in Middle School and up can travel to Cedar Point in luxury air-conditioned motor coaches. On June 11, we will leave from the Recreation Center at Hillside at 7:00 a.m. and return at 11:00 p.m. Students will not be under constant supervision.

Adult Sports/Classes Step Fit

A fun calorie-burning, heartpumping work out. Step aerobics is suitable for all fitness levels. Classes are Saturdays, June 19 -August 28 from 9 a.m. -10 a.m.

Summer Golf Conditioning

Keep your golf game sizzling through the summer. Led by a certified golf conditioning specialist, this program will help you increase your power for more distance and reduce the amount of joint pain you experience through an integrated exercise approach. Mondays, June 7- July 12, 7:30 -8:30 p.m. at the Water Wheel Health Club. You do not have to be a health club member to participate in this class.

Women on Weights

Tone, firm and shape your body with this exciting program. A certified trainer and small class size ensures you will get the most out of this class! Class includes one on one assessment. nutritional review, improving flexibility, and a customized resistance & cardio plan. Wednesdays & Fridays, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Water Wheel Health Club beginning June 9. You do not have to be a health club member to participate in this class.

Sculpting/Boot Camp

Build muscle strength and endurance & burn fat all in one class! Strength training with weights mixed with Boot Camp type cardio drills for a challenging workout you will love! Tuesdays & Thursdays from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Kick, punch & sweat to the hottest music! Kickboxing routines, weight toning, and floor workouts! Mondays & Wednesdays, 6 p.m. to 7 p.m., beginning June 28

Sports Opportunities

Volleyball: Thursdays, 7-10 Tuesday/Friday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., \$7 per person (Includes bird fee); Table Tennis: Thursday, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., \$4 per person; 50-plus Coed Volleyball: Mon.-Weds.-Fri., 10 a.m. noon, \$1 per person

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays starting mid-June, \$345 per team for 8 weeks. Referee and non-resident fees are extra. Call (248) 449-9947 for

Adult Coed Kickball League

Doubleheaders begin Friday, June 11, \$240 per team for a minimum of 12 games, umpire and non-resident fees are extra.

Used Badminton

Arts

Watercolors

Learn the basics of watercolor painting. Individual attention for students. Mondays, June 7 -28, 10 a.m. to noon for ages 16 and

Jewelry Making Class

Recreation Center at Hillside Pool

Aquatics

The Recreation Center at Hillside Pool will be closed for maintenance May 28, June 13. The pool will re-open on Monday, June 14.

Come ready to swim! All guests will enjoy splashing around in the water during the first half of the party. Then have all of your guests retreat to the balloon décorated party area. Children will receive a goody bag, party hat and a balloon. The birthday child receives a special T-shirt. Parties are available on Saturdays from June 19 to August 21, 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Prices are determined by party

Registration is currently underway for all ages and ability lévels of swimming. Group and private lessons available. Days and times vary. Classes do fill quickly. Register early to reserve your spot.

Other

ties are waiting for you at Northville Parks & Recreation. We are looking for people who would like to share hobby, talent, and meet new people and get involved in the community. We are currently seeking instructors to teach a class for Fall 2004. Call for details.

Kickboxing Cardio Kickboxing is back!

Summer Open

Volleyball, etc.

p.m.., \$3 per person; Badminton:

Men's Summer Basketball Leagues

Shuttlecocks

Free to any level school badminton programs. Call (248) 449-9947.

Learn the basic and advanced beading techniques in this fourweek class. Each class will incorporate a new project and tech- . nique. Wednesday, June 23- July 14, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for ages 16 and up.

Birthday Parties at the Pool

Swim Lessons

Fun and rewarding opportuni-

located at Hillside Middle School. "Always eager to add more fun and enjoyment to the

community, we said we would." The growth spurt: from 17 boys to 160; from one lacrosse

By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

that dream a reality.

waiting list.

Five years ago, Andy Koupal had dream. He wanted to play

lacrosse in Northville and his

mom, Kathy, was determined to

do whatever she could to make

Since then, the Northville

parks and recreation program that Kathy Koupal helped start

has grown into seven teams with

about 160 kids and others on a

"It has been tremendously suc-

cessful," said Koupal, who is the

lacrosse coordinator. "We had

just 17 boys the first year and

had to go recruiting to get

enough to play. It has just been

amazing with how quick this

Unlike many communities that have to combine their teams with

neighboring areas, the Northville

program was able to stand on its

"John Beard, a coach from

Novi, visited and asked if we

would be interested in offering

lacrosse so they would have

more local teams to play," Joe

Barberio said, who works at the

parks and recreation department,

own two feet right away. .

program has grown."

LACROSSE What: Lacrosse leagues

Thanks to a Parks and Recreation league, Northville lacrosse players can now compete locally.

League makes local team competition possible

Where: Community Park and the Plateau (Hillside Middle School)
When: Various times with

Lacrosse

various leagues

How to get involved: Call (248) 449-9947

team to seven. The recreation department now offers boys a fourth-fifth grade team, a sixth grade squad as well as seventh and eighth grade teams. There is also a junior varsity and a varsity

The girls currently have a combined sixth, seventh and eighth grade team and may be looking to grow soon enough.

There are some girls trying to start a club team at the high school," Koupal said. "I expect there to be one either next year or the year after."

The boys team will have grown even more by then. The team will fall under the umbrella of the Michigan High School Athletic Association, which governs all sanctioned sports in the state.

"It was the most amazing feeling to hand out the first letter for lacrosse last year," Koupal said. "Next year, we get to hand out a varsity letter."

Lacrosse has seen such a

growth the Northville parks and

recreation department that they are beginning to gear some playing fields towards it. "I would say that it has been a

welcome addition to parks and rec," Barberio said. "So much that with the expansion (of Community Park) we are building a lacrosse game field and a practice field."

According to Koupal, the reason lacrosse is such a well received sport by the athletes is because it draws skill from multiple areas.

'If you've played baseball, hockey, soccer or even tennis, you have the skill base to play lacrosse," she said. "A lot of kids are just tired of their old sports and are looking for something different and something new. Lacrosse is often the sport they are looking for."

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For more information about Parks & Recreation activities, call (248) 349-0203.

Or visit online at www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Spec"Craft"ular Classes

Join us for this fun craft class creating two craft projects to take home. June 19 we'll make a Father's Day craft and June 26 we'll make a July 4 craft. Class time is 10-11 a.m. At the Recreation Center at Hillside.

Summer Day Camp

We are currently enrolling for our 2004 Summer Day Camp. Space is limited so sign up early. Campers can register for one week, two or all 8! Early drop off

and late pick up is available for an additional fee. Camp runs from June 14 - August 5, Monday - Thursday and is held at Maybury State Park.

Safety Town

Lessons include information on pedestrian safety, police officers, auto and bus safety, electricity and poison safety, fire and water safety, use of the telephone and stranger danger. Registration begins Tuesday, June 8.

Eclipse Base Ball Club

We are seeking players, umpires, and tally keepers for our 1869 period Base Ball Club. Season opens mid-May and extends through October. For details call Wayne Titus at (248) 305-5572 x101. www.eclipsebbc.com

Open Badminton

Tuesdays & Fridays, 7-9:30 p.m., come and experience badminton indoors! We have seven of the best courts around!

Adult Golf Lessons

Beginning Ladies & Beginning Adult Lessons available Wednesdays, June 9 - June 30 from 11-11:50 a.m. and 7-7:50 p.m. at

Salem Hills Golf Club. The Salem Hills Golf Club is located at 8810 W. Six Mile Rd. For more information, call (248) 437-2152.



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NORTHVILLE'S OFFICIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

— To submit information about local events to 'What's Going On?' please e-mail to nrevents@ht.homecomm.net. —

Local Events

Farmer's Market

The Farmers Market is open every Thursday from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. until October 28. Arts and crafts, garden art, baked goods and various handmade items are for sale. It is located in the Northville Downs parking lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon Road. For more information call (248) 349-7640.

Flea Market

The Kings Mill Cooperative annual flea market will take place Saturday, June 5 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a 50/50 raffle and a bake sale of coffee and donuts. The Kings Mill is located on Northville Road between Six and Seven Mile.

Maybury Trails Day

The Friends of Maybury State Park will help celebrate National Trails Day, Saturday, June 5 at 10 a.m. by performing trail maintenance at the park, located on Eight Mile Road in Northville. Snakes, tee shirts, water bottles and door prizes will be distributed to participants. This free event requires a state park pass. The public is welcomed. Wear appropriate clothing and bring a

shovel. For more information, call (248) 347-0899.

playing a double header Sunday, June 6 starting at 1 p.m. at Mill team, that plays by 1860s rules, is up against the Sterling Uptons and the Royal Oak Wahoo Club. For more information, visit

Rockin' Under Ford Field, will be p.m. The concert features bands made up of teenagers from the community, like Tony Flow, a group of Northville High School students. Five bands in all will perform at Ford Field located off gate is \$5 and a rain date is scheduled for June 13. Food, drinks and merchandise will be on sale during the concert. For 0203, ext. 1411 or visit

Mill Race Village opens to the

Vintage Baseball

The Eclipse Baseball Club is Race Village. The vintage baseball eclipsebbc.com.

SKRUFF Concert

The third SKRUFF concert, which stands for Suburban Kids held Saturday, June 12 from 5-10 Hutton Street. Entrance fee at the more information, call (248) 349www.skruff.com.

Opening Day

public with guided tours, free



Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/NORTHYILLE RECORD EDITOR

Mary Theisen-Goodvich, a city of Northville resident, was one of many bargain hunters combing through rows of fresh flowers last weekend during the annual event organized by the Northville Central Business Association.

refreshments and live music Sunday, June 13 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The country store and blacksmith show will also be open. Mill Race is located on Griswold, between main Street and Eight Mile. For more infor-

mation, visit www.northvillarts.org.

Lobster Dinner

The Northville Rotary Club is hosting, "Lobster on the Green," Saturday, June 19 from 5:30 p m. to 8 p.m. at Ford Field. There will be a lobster dinner, 50/50 raffles, entertainment and a cash bar. Tickets are \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. They are available at the Northville Chamber of Commerce; Main Street Bank, 201 E. Main; and Comerica Bank, 129 E. Main.

Art in the Sun

Art in the Sun is in its sixteenth year of showcasing over 100 artist booths from around the area in this annual art show. Enjoy the creative designs set up on the streets of Northville Saturday, June 19. For more information, call (248) 349-0522.

Bicycle Safety Rodeo

There will be a bicycle Safety Rodeo at the Northville Township Hall parking lot, 41600 Six Mile Road, Sunday, June 27 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bring your kids, bicycles and helmets. In case of rain, the event will be moved into the Fire Hall. For more information, call (248) 349-9400.

Garden Walk

The Country Garden Club invites you to attend the Eleventh Annual Garden Walk Wednesday, July 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Six gardens will be featured, from pristine and expansive to quaint countryside. Cady Inn will be offering complementary homemade delicacies and lemonade will be served. Tickets are \$10 and available after June 14 at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main, No. tickets will be sold the day of the walk. For more information, call (734) 591-0360.

CLOCK CONCERTS

Rock Around the Clock The Northville Arts Commission presents Northville Clock Concerts at The Banshell every Friday to the end of August from 7:30-9 p.m. The events are free and open to the public. For more information visit www.northvil-

learts.org. June 4: Northville High School Jazz Ensemble June 11: Equinox, Irish/Gaelic music

June 18: Novi Concert Band June 25: MB2 - 5 decades of hit song covers

July 2: Plymouth Community Band July 9: Rich Eddy's Rockin'

Saturday, July 10: Randy Brock Group, guitar driven

July 16: Schoolcraft Community College Winds Ensemble July 23: Bugs Beddow,

rockin' rhythm and blues July 30: Farmington Jazz

August 6: Oak Park Band August 13: One Flight Up; folk music

August 20: Ick & Erk. pop/folk music

MARQUIS THEATRE

Theatre Day Camp for Children.

Have fun while learning a wide range of theater skills and be part of a musical production. For children ages 7-14.

 Session 1 June 14-25 from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

 Session 2 July 5-16 from 8:30 a m. to 3 p.m.

July 19-30 from 8:30 a.m. to Session 4 August 2-13 from 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Tuition is \$365 per session. For more information, call 248, 349-8110.

Library Lines

Library Hours
The Northville District Library is open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Friday and Saturday from 10 am. to 5 p.m., and closed on Sundays for the summer. The library is located at 212 W. Cady St., near Northville city hall, with parking off Cady St. For detailed information about programs, services, or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

Library Board Meetings

The Northville District Library Board of Trustees typically meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

Summer Reading Program

The Northville District Library summer reading program is open to kids ages 2 to 12, and will feature a variety of fun activities including the "Discover New Trails . . . READ!" Reading Game, and a weekly prize drawings. Register in person at the library to receive a Summer Reading Program activity guide. The program begins Friday, June 11 and ends July 31.

Book Discussion

"Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett will be the featured title for the June 14 bock discussion group. Join us at 7 p.m. to discuss this acclaimed first novel about wealthy industrialists held hostage by terrorists in a South American country.

Children's Comedian Children of all ages will enjoy

the zany comedy of O.J. Anderson's "Laughin' Loud @ The Library!" show at the Northville District Library, Tuesday, June 15 from 2 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. A limited number of free tickets are available at the library's Information Desk.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Eclipse batsman Steve "Anchor" Fecht hits an RBI single during a home game last year.

Vintage baseball

'Eclipse' team conjures historical baseball images

By Larissa Barlow SPECIAL WRITER

Northville's Eclipse baseball team won their first game against the Plymouth Lone Star team 53-36.

That was 134 years ago. The team, which never had another recorded game, was brought back to life by accountant Wayne Titus.

"I started playing vintage baseball 10 years ago," Titus said, who had played in a team in his native Ohio. "And two years ago I had the idea at the Victorian Festival to start up a team here."

He wore his old baseball uniform to the festival, which represented the only Victorian clothes he owned. He was surprised that someone recognized it. He then thought that Northville might be interested in a vintage team like the one he used to play on.

Looking to recreate history, Titus enlisted the help of Northville librarian Al Smitley to search for local baseball histo-

Smitley found a record of the first game in an early edition of the Wayne County Record, later renamed the Northville Record.

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"I knew of an article that was in the paper in 1869," Smitley said. "It was the first documented game in Northville."

According to the article, "Eclipse" was the Northville team's original name. Titus adopted the old moniker and formed a club that would play by 1869 rules.

"I wanted to somehow link the team to Northville's history," Titus said.

Smitley, who is also part of the team, said the game itself is much different from modern baseball because the players look, act and talk like they're from the 1860s.

"We try to speak in 1860s language," he said. "We complement opposing teams and joke around with them. It's a more gentlemanly game."

Titus agrees, saying that it's nore family-oriented than more today's baseball.

"You certainly won't see any spitting, scratching or swearing because that would be un-gentlemanly," Titus said.

The Eclipse play against other vintage baseball teams, some of which use different rules, but as Smitley explained, it's not all

about the baseball.

ECLIPSE BASEBALL

Vintage Baseball Date: Sunday, June 6 Time: 1 p.m. Place: Mill Race Village Game 1: Eclipse vs. Sterling Uptons Game 2: Eclipse vs. Royal

Oak Wahoo Club

For more info, visit

www.eclipsebbc.com

"It's kind of half and half. We enjoy the physical side but we're kind of interpreters in a way," he said of their unique playing

The players will exaggerate parts of the game, at times playing up to the fans, Titus said.

The team is also trying to think up ways to get the fans to participate in the action more, Smitley said. But for the players, it's all

comes down to a love for the

game. "People who play this

way," Titus said. "Either have a

love of history, a love of baseball

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What's Going On?

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Arts and Crafts

Children of all ages can drop in at the Northville District Library to make a variety of fun crafts Wednesday, June 16 and Wednesday, July 14 from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. Different craft projects will be featured for both programs. No ticket is required for the event

1:50 p.m.

Summer Storytimes

Summer storytime sessions will be featured as part of the Youth Summer Reading Program on a "drop-in" basis with no need to register. The free 30-minute programs are best suited to children ages 3 and older, but everyone is welcome. Join us on the following dates: 11 a.m. on June 17 and July 12; at 7 p.m. on June 24 and July 21. The full schedule of storytimes will resume in September.

Puppet Show

The Northville District Library presents Fantasy E-Fex Puppeteers' musical puppet show "City Mouse, Country Mouse," Tuesday, July 20 from 2 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. A limited number of free tickets available at the library's Information Desk at 1:50 p.m. Children of all ages welcome.

Charity Events

Barry Sanders-Sciero Derma

Football legend and former Detroit Lions player, Barry Sanders, joins the Michigan Chapter Scleroderma Foundation for their "Stepping Out to Cure Scieroderma" 25th annual 5K walk and run June 6 at the Maybury State Park. The day's activities begin at 9 a.m. with registration and end with an awards ceremony at 1:30 p.m. Activities include a silent and live auction, a raffle, prizes and giveaways. For more information, visit the Michigan Chapter's website, www.scieroderma.org/chapter/michigan or the official event site, www.scleroderma.org/steppingout/michigan.htm or call toll free, 1-800-716-6554.

Talent Show

The Northville Christian is presenting its First Annual Local Talent Show and Fundraiser on Saturday, June 12 at 6 p.m. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Royal Family Kids Camp, a one week summer camp for Tickets are \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door. Northville Christian is located at 41355 Six Mile Road. For more information, call (248) 348-9030.

Soistice Run

A 5K run/walk will be held Saturday, June 26 beginning at 7:45 a.m. at Ford Field in downtown Northville. There will also be entertainment, refreshments and raffles. Guaranteed shirts for all entrants if you register at solsticerun.org by June 20. Net proceeds will be donated to various local groups, including: Northville Parks & Recreation, Northville Schools Education Foundation, Northville Historical Society and the Northville Arts Commission.

Classes & Workshops

Internet Instruction

Learn the fundamentals of the world wide web at the Northville District Library, Wednesday, June 9 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The class is two hours, including demonstration and hands-on experience. The Northville District Library is located at 212 W. Cady St. For more information, call (248) 349-3020.

Yoga classes are available at the American Legion Hall through July 1 on Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m. in eight class blocks for \$56. Thursdays from 9:30-11 a.m. for eight classes is \$56 and 7-8:30 p.m. for nine classes is \$63. Students can drop in for classes at \$10 each. For more infc mation, call (248) 344-0928 or e-mail trianglesix@msn.com. The American Legion Hall is located at 113 Randolph.

Looking for You

Sidewalk Sale Venders Needed

Vendors are wanted for Northville's Sidewalk Sale held August 7 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The cost for an eight-foot space is \$40 per booth for crafters and \$100 per booth for food vendors. For more information, call (248) 349-0522.

Independence Day Parade Volunteers

If you would like to dress up as one of America's heroes for the Saturday, July 3 Independence Day Parade, pick up an application at the Northville City or Township Halls. For more information, call (248) 374-0200.

Regional

Lecture Series

The public is invited to attend a lecture at The Ptymouth historical Society on The 20th Century: A Time of Innovation & Progress," featuring the computer, Thursday, June 10 at 7:30 p.m. Computer collector Wade Myers will be speaking. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. The Plymouth Historical Museum is located at 155 South Main St. Plymouth, MI. For more information, call (734) 455-8940.

Arts Festival

The 18th Annual Detroit Festival of the Arts, featuring over 100 music, dance and theatrical performances is taking place June 11-13 in a 20 block area around Wayne State University in Detroit, MI. The festival has everything from interactive activities for kids to food courts with international cuisine. The festival begins at 4 p.m. on Friday and at noon on the weekend. For more information,:call (313) 577-5088. tu Morthur's Pountain p

Comedy Play

Northville native Andrew Huff is appearing in a comedy play by Timothy Campos called "Yard Sale," at the Hastings Street Ballroom in Detroit. Both men used to perform at Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall. Tickets are \$15. Show dates are June 11 and 12 at 8 p.m., June 13 at 4 p.m.,

THE BANDSHELL

Tunes on Tuesday is a concert series for kids held at The Bandshell from 11 a.m. to noon. It is sponsored by the Northville Downtown **Development Authority and** Northville Parks and Recreation. Rain location is Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall. For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

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June 18 and 19 at 8 p.m., Sunday June 20 at 4 p.m. and June 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. The Hastings Street Ballroom is located at 715 E. Milwaukee, Detroit. For reservations, call (313) 873-

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ple of all ages.

The Gardeners of Northville & Novi invite you to join them for a presentation on ornamental grasses in companion planting by Gabe Tiberio, Monday, June 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Novi Civic Center. The Novi Civic Center is located at 45175 W. Ten Mile Rd. For more information, call (248) 348-1946.

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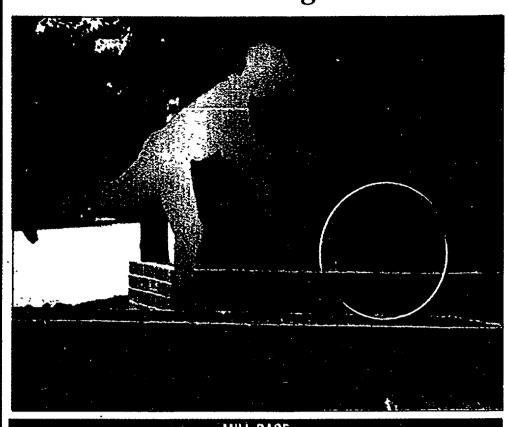
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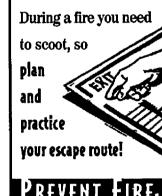
27 at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$45, including meal and show.

• "The Trouble with 12," children's lunch theater. Saturday, June 5 at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 12 at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 19 at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, June 26 at 11:30 a.m. Tickets are \$16.95 for adults and \$14.95 for children for meal and show. Reservations and more information, call (248) 349-0522 or visit www.genittis.com.

Music in the Park

The 20th anniversary of Plymouth's Music in the Park kicks off Wednesday, June 16 with musician Guy Louis. He will

be playing at Kellogg Park in Plymouth, Mi from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Children of all ages welcome. For more information, call (734) 416-4278.



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Scam-proof financial information

Victims of fraud reported losing over a half a billion dollars in 2003, according to the Federal Trade Commission (FTC). The agency logged more than 500,000 consumer complaints. Fraud related to Internet auctions, Internet sales, bogus sweepstakes, as well as other kinds of fraud, accounted for more than 58 percent of the complaints. Identity theft accounted for the remaining 42 percent of complaints, an increase of about 2 percent over 2002.

Education and awareness' are your best defenses against fraud. By learning about fraud-and how you may be vulnerable — you remove the element of surprise, the scammers' biggest advantage in his scheme to separate you from your money.

Here is a sampling of scams (there's too many to list) to be on the lookout for along with some steps you can take to protect yourself. You can view additional scams on Bankrate.com at http://www.bankrate.com/brm/news/advice/20030620a1.asp#main.

Counterfeit credit cards. A fraudster, posing as a clerk, waiter, or anyone whom you've handed your card to for payment, uses a process called "skimming" to pull data from your card. Instead of just charging your card, the scammer will make an extra swipe into a device the size of a pager called a skimmer. The skimmer stores the data until it can be downloaded and sold to make counterfeit cards.

To protect yourself, keep an eye on your card at all times. Use your card at trusted businesses and establishments where you're familiar with the staff. And each month review your credit card statements, line by line, to make sure there aren't any unauthorized transactions on your account. While you won't be responsible for the purchases with a counterfeit credit card, it could take you months, even years, to sort out your credit report after a thief

makes the charges in your name.

Twice a year order a copy of your credit report from the three reporting bureaus-Transunion, Experian and Equifax.

Online-auctions-with-a-twist scams. If you're on an online auction site and you get an e-mail from someone offering you the same product at a cheaper price, delete it. If this mystery person is anything like a Kentucky man arrested in November of 2003 for offering to sell items he didn't have, he'll ask you to send money for the item. And you'll receive nothing in return.

Credit card three-digit code scams. The three-digit code on the back of your credit card may be all that a crook needs to complete a fraudulent transaction. Be wary of callers who say they're with the fraud departments at VISA or MasterCard and then ask you if you've purchased an anti telemarketing device. When you say "no" they then tell you that there's been an unauthorized charge to your account for this device. Then they ask you to verify your credit card information and reveal your threedigit code so they can "block" the charge for this device.

To protect yourself...don't provide any personal informationyour social security number, bank account numbers, passwords, credit card numbers, three digit credit card codes or your mother's maiden name-to anyone who calls or e-mails you

or e-mails you. "Dot-com fraud" with an international flair. If you're selling an item on the Internet, a car, for example, and you're contacted by someone who says he buys cars for oversees clients, think twice if he references a Nigerian connection. There have been numerous fraudulent schemes where buyers have sent cashiers checks for more than the amount than the sellers have requested, and have asked the sellers to send the difference. The sellers refund the difference and later learn the cashiers

check has bounced.

To protect yourself...steer clear of busir*ss opportunities that involve a Nigerian connection. File complaints with the Michigan Attorney General's Office at www.michigan.gov/ag. Questions can be directed to 1 (877) 765-8388. Also consider filing a complaint with the FTC by phoning 1 (877) 382-4357. Or visit

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Mary Davis manages public affairs for the Michigan Credit Union League. Send questions to "Your Money Matters" c/o the Michigan Credit Union League, P.O. Box 8054, Plymouth, MI 48170-8054, or mcd@mcul.org.

Advertorial

Details transform so-so to spectacular

Remodeling Remedies cures make over woes

By Annette Jaworski SPECIAL WRITER

The kitchen is heart of your home and the hub of entertainment. Now it can be as beautiful as it is efficient, says Jim Faydenko of Remodeling Remedies in South Lyon.

Paying attention to details can transform a kitchen from so-so to spectacular, and there are lots of exciting new trends that can make it attractive and functional. A kitchen remodel is one of the most practical and satisfying improvements a homeowner can make, says Faydenko.

Two Rooms In One

One of the latest trends in kitchen design is the open floor plan, which includes the dining room area. That is, literally removing walls and combining the dining and kitchen area to create an open, airy look and a free flow of traffic.

In many cases, the formal dining room is more like a museum - attractive but not very functional. The open floor plan makes use of valuable space as well as the dining room furniture, which is usually a big investment. Now the family can use both on a daily basis.

Faydenko incorporated the concept into his own custom home, saying, "With the open floor plan, we don't have a dining room. It's built around the way we live."

The layout suits their family with three children well, since they love to entertain and require a kid friendly design.

Lighten Up

Along with the open floor plan, creative and innovative uses for lighting are another of Faydenko's specialties. He suggests installing lighting in unique areas, such as underneath the upper cabinets allowing for optimal task lighting. When



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installed with a dimmer switch it's especially nice in the evening, casting a soft glow and allowing you to navigate through the kitchen. He uses a special kind of xenon bulb that stays cooler than a typical halogen

"I won't do another kitchen without it," the builder adds.

Get Cooking

Today's appliances are among the hi-tech trends. Many come in stainless steel or commercial styles. For the family that's serious about cooking, wine refrigerators, warming drawers, second dishwashers, and double ovens make for an ideal place to prepare a meal. Panel kits can camouflage refrigerators to match the kitchen cabinetry. Custom made cabinetry offers built in specialty drawers for conveniences like pull-out cutting boards, hidden bread boxes,

full extension glides for deep drawers, spice drawers and silverware dividers.

Today's islands also expand counter space and often use upscale materials such as solid surface countertops, like granite, or furniture-like detailing to become a focal point of the room. They also provide significant storage and offer extra serving space while entertaining.

Hardwood flooring and ceramic tile adds a sleek contemporary look to the latest kitchen floors. Central vacuuming makes clean up quick and easy with a conveniently located toe-kick was nan for disposal

vac pan for disposal.

When it comes to fixtures, Faydenko favors Grohe kitchen and bath fixtures for quality and styling. New set-in sinks make wiping up a breeze. There's no lip around the edge, so sinks are flush with the counter. Even tangled electrical cords can disappear into the countertops with the use of a few tricks.

No Time Like The Present

Faydenko and his partner, Gary Hess, encourage anyone thinking of kitchen improvements not to wait. Often customers remodel just prior to putting their homes up for sale. They're missing out on years of enjoyment.

"Why wait when they can enjoy them new?" he points out. Remodeling dollars are not only a sound home investment, but something the client can also enjoy. A kitchen remodel that costs between \$28,000 and \$32,000, can net a 90 percent return on value when sold, according to Faydenko.

Finish The Job

Since the kitchen is the heart of the home, it stands to reason that a remodel project can be disruptive. Faydenko understands this, and takes careful precautions to ensure the process runs as smoothly as possible. One way they can ensure results at Remodeling Remedies is by controlling their labor force. Hess and Faydenko have employees who are scheduled in for clients'



Tire of your kitchen, get help from Remodeling Remedles by calling (866) 226-9080 or (248) 486-7494. Check out their website for a wealth of information at www.remodelingremedies.com.

projects weeks in advance. "I know where the guys are going to be working well before they do. I'm in control of scheduling. My guys have my tools and I know when they clock in," he said.

Their decades of experience provide valuable input to any remodeling project.

"We've been doing this for years, and our experience shows in the quality and service we provide," he said.

Contact Remodeling Remedies toll free at (866) 226-9080 or (248) 486-7494. Check out their website for a wealth of information at www.remodelingremdies.com. They have taken the time to add links to all their favorite picks for materials.

Steps to a dream kitchen

It all starts with the client's call to the Remodeling Remedies office. The conversation will include talk about the project's budget, initial concepts and ideas for the proposed work and both the homeowner and Remodeling Remedies will have a chance to decide if they are a good fit for one another.

If it is agreed that the next step should be taken, Faydenko will make an appointment to meet with the client and discuss the project further. He strongly urges that both the husband and wife (or whoever else is involved in the decision making process) be on hand for this meeting. "Too many details get lost in the translation when one party tries to relay information on to the unavailable partner," says Faydenko. "It's a large investment and needs to be thoroughly understood by everyone involved."

At this point a fee is collected by Remodeling Remedies and a design is created. This is a 3-D computer generated drawing of proposed plan. Simultaneously, the client begins shopping for their products and fixtures. Remodeling Remedies provides a list of required materials and recommended vendors. They're tried and true suppliers in the area. Once the design and product selection is finalized an exact detailed quote is calculated and presented to the homeown-

If the client chooses to go ahead with the project, the fee is credited toward the cost of the project. If the client chooses another contractor - the plans, the product selections and the quote are still theirs to keep.

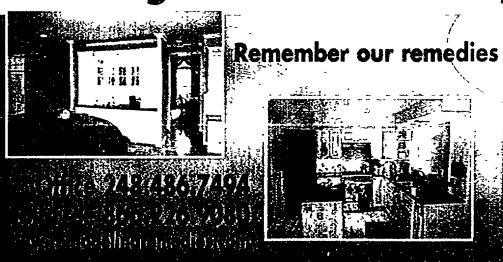
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Home offices don't need

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By Rose Bennett Gilbert COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Q: I opened my own little business at home about six months ago, but am having a hard time adjusting to my new scenario. Maybe the problem is that my home office is in a corner of the family room and looks like it. I added a desk, phone, all the computer stuff I need, and put up a screen to give a little privacy, but I didn't change the decorations. Would that help?

A: Yes, and no. One pleasure you get working at home is that you're allowed to take the hard edge off your 9-to-5 environment, relax more, and enjoy your workaday world. The benefits of emotional comfort have not been lost on designers of work-work offices, either. Residential furniture, softer colors, and more personal styles are showing up in executive suites and corner offices everywhere.

If you're like me, however, a bit of discipline is required to keep focused in a houseful of distractions (for example, I have à photographic memory of what's on every shelf in the refrigerator). Home workers like us need constant reminders that this IS a workday. The right office environment can help.

Take, for example, the home office in the photo we show here. Like yours, it was the family room once upon a time. Now the space is streamlined — but not strictly business — thanks to a warm color scheme, natural woods, and homey touches, like the sofa and table lamps.



CNS Photo

Vertical blinds help change a family room into an efficient home office.

The window treatment is perhaps the most prominent element in the changeover. Wall-to-wall fabric cúrtains have been replaced by more straightforward vertical blinds. While verticals are the height of efficiency when it comes to light-and-privacy control, they needn't be severe throwbacks to the minimalist 70s. These ("Vinylwoods" from Hunter Douglas, www.hunterdouglas.com) are in a rich rosewood color and mounted under a custom contoured head rail to, give the ordinary sliding-glass window a well-tailored finish.

Q: What's the new ultimate in home spa luxury?

A: According to the trendspotters at Jennings & Company, it has to be a new bronze bathtub from founder Joe Jumalon and, his team of artists at Elite Bath in Newberg, Ore. Called "Serenity," the tub is a handcrafted work of art, sculptured

all around with soothing scenes, such as a bamboo forest, trees in bloom, koi, and what looks like a life-sized heron.

Never mind that the tub costs more than a Mercedes (think \$100,000-plus): It can take you places a car can't. To inner peace, perhaps, or, at least, a new appreciation for the beauties of a bath. Better act fast: "Serenity" is a limited edition, www.elitebath.com.

Q: Ready for some real indoor flag-waving?

A: Just when we need it most, June 14 brings us Flag Day. It's an old-fashioned national holiday that slipped out of sight for a while in the welter of days devoted to secretaries (oops, "administrative assistants"), smoke-outs, and the like. I bring this up because eBay is reporting a brisk business in vintage American flags — some 600 sell every month - many of which

end up decorating the interiors of America's homes, rather than our flagpoles:

Old Glory's colorful stars and stripes have long been a personal favorite decorating scheme of my own (sea No. 1 grew up in a room filled with stars and bars). And I'm in good company: In the June issue of "Country Home" magazine, TV anchor Harry Smith reveals a houseful of flags, a collection inspired by his wedding one June 14 to sportscaster Andrea Joyce.

So let's hear a hip-hip-hooray for the red, white and blue long may it wave inside our homes, too.

Rose Bennett Gilbert is the co-author of "Hampton Style" and associate editor of Country Decorating Ideas. Please send your questions to her at Copley News Service, P.O. Box 120190, San Diego, CA 92112-0190, or online at copleysd@coplevnews com.



Wave Crest is a great design for a sloping lot

By Scott McAlexander COPLEY NEWS SERVICE

Are you looking for a narrow home for a sloping lot? The Wave Crest (G24-319) has three levels that combine to make this stylish home spacious, large and ideal for hillside construction.

The total living space for the three-bedroom, two-bathroom Wave Crest is 1,710 square feet. It has a large deck around the front of the first floor, and a balcony deck off the master suite. Clerestory windows bathe the loft in light and add a nice touch to the home's facade.

Stairs to one side of the deck provide entry into the home. The front door opens directly into the living room with the stairs on the right. Large windows across the living room make the area bright and inviting. A circular fireplace separates the living and dining rooms.

The kitchen is in the rear of the first floor. There is a door to the back yard adjacent to the kitchen. The C-shaped counters have an eating bar facing the dining room. Dual sinks, the range and oven, along with the refrigerator and a broom

closet complete the kitchen space. There is a large full bathroom behind the second bedroom. It has a tub and a linen closet. There is also a linen closet in the hall out-

Real

side the second bedroom. This room features a long wall closet and a door that opens onto the front deck, making it ideal for guests.

On the top floor is the master suite and a loft bedroom. The master suite has a door opening onto the deck and another door opening into the hall. There is a corner walk-in closet and full bathroom with a shower and separate tub.

The loft has the overlooking windows that bathe the room in light. A railing acts as a wall, between the area below and the loft. It has a long wall closet and another window on the rear wall.

The lower floor houses the garage and the large recreation room. The garage has a covered area in front, similar to a carport, and has a door that opens into the back yard. The recreation room has a corner spa and a wet bar across the back of the room.

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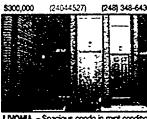
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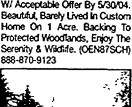


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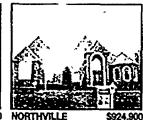
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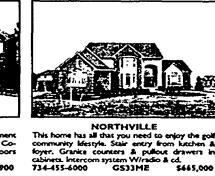
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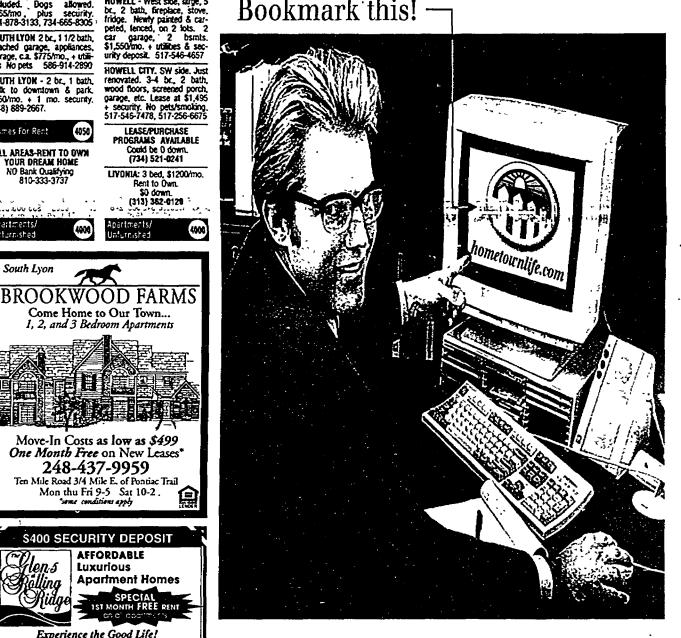
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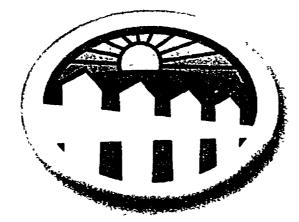
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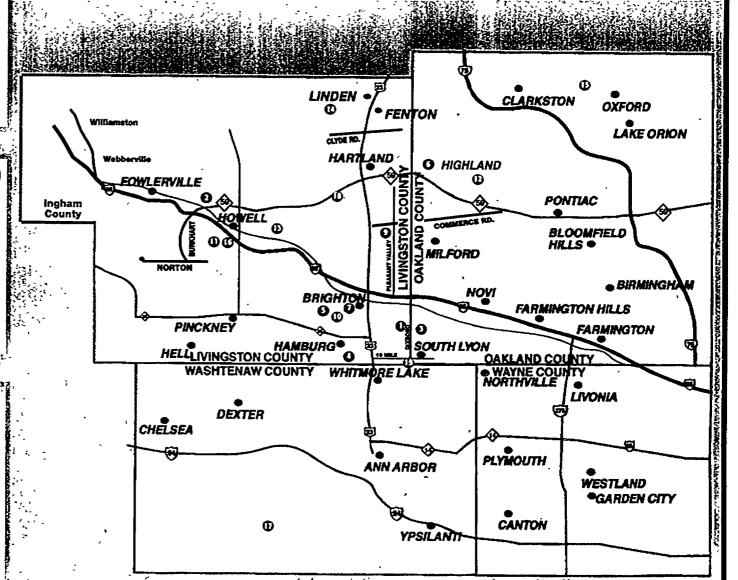




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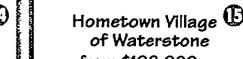
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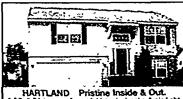
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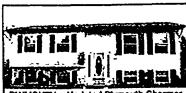
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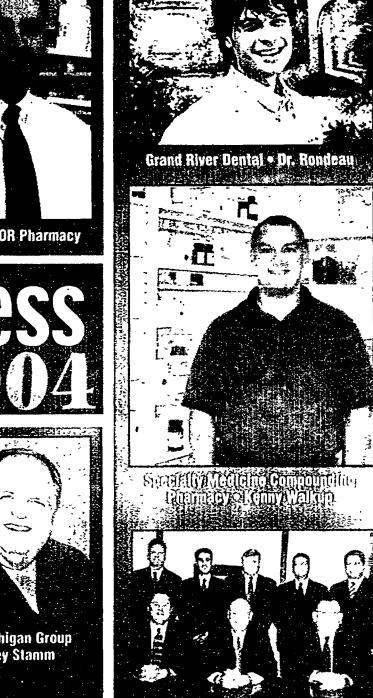
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ob Shepard of Brighton developed and has run the Brighton office of Beacon Financial since it opened in July of 2000. He has been Beacon's vice president of operations since 1998.

"What I like best is helping people and educating consumers about their mortgage needs," Shepard said.

Beacon Financial, Inc. has been in business for over 12 years, opening in 1991 in Lake Orion, Mich. During that time, the company provided mortgages for approximately 1,500 clients, totaling more that \$150 million in successfully closed mortgages.

"Our level of integrity and education and service that we extend to each client makes our business special," Shepard pointed out.

"I strive to educate clients through

every step of the loan process — my clients appreciate that there are no surprises in the end," remarks Shepard.

He ensures clients' satisfaction by attending all closings, unless logistically impossible.

Mortgage programs offered include conventional, fixed rate, 10, 15, 20 and 30-year terms, adjustable rate, balloons, jumbo loans, 100 percent fianacing, and non-conforming loans.

Shepard runs his business with a personal touch.

"Service your clients as if they were family," he advised. "Serve your family always and give back to your community. Look for the best in people, not the worst."

Shepard is a past president of the Brighton Lions Club and is on the finance council at St. Mary Magdalyn

BOB SHEPARD

- Magazines: "Our Daily Bread," "Golf Digest"
- Hobbies: Sailing, boating, fishing, golf, basketball
- Family: Married to Robin with daughters, Courtney, 9½, and Melanie, 7½.

Church of Brighton.

Beacon Financial is a member of The Brighton Chamber of Commerce and The Livingston Association of Realtors.

His office is located at 108 E.

Grand River, Suite 1, in downtown

Brighton. — By Cynthia Grochowski



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Bob Shepard, vice president, owner of Beacon Financial, treats every client like family.

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r. Robert
Brateman and
Dr. Peter
Bullach have
one thing in
common—
their professional lives revolve around the
wants and needs of their patients.

That philosophy is also shared by Dr. Olga Mondrusova, who was featured in the recent "Women in the Know" supplement May 6.

The office, located on Grand River Avenue, just west of Haggerty in Novi, is state of the art as Brateman describes.

"We try to be the best doctors with the best equipment in the best office," Brateman added. "We have an on-site medical lab and are located close to Providence Hospital in both Novi and Livonia."

Brateman and Bullach are both on staff at Providence.

"We work in partnership with our patients and do what is in their best interest," added Bullach. "We tailor each program to individual patients who need individualized care. We do not take a cookie cutter approach to treatment."

Both doctors have very caring approaches to their professions.

"We take care of people when they are sick, help healthy people remain healthy and ease the suffering of those people we cannot cure," said Brateman. "We want to make an influence on people's lives by making their personal and professional lives more satisfying. We want to make the world a healthier place."

Bullach added, "We are here to provide the best possible care—not only physically but mentally and spiritually. And we are always available to our patients, whether it is being on-call or working late."

Brateman's care for his patients is deeply rooted in his childhood days, thanks to his family doctor.

"My family doctor was my mentor," he added. "He took care of the whole family and he was always there for us, not just for physical problems but for other things like grief counseling."

He graduated from Indiana University School of Medicine in 1979 and then completed a residency in family practice at Providence Hospital in 1982.

After his residency, Brateman served in the Providence Family Practice residency program as a faculty physician for six years.

He founded this practice in 1989.

Bullach has been influenced by the teachings of the various doctors he has worked for.

The graduate of Albion College shows a special concern for his young patient athletes, thanks to his own background.

Bullach played baseball in college and baseball and football at his high school Warren DeLaSelle. He is a graduate of Wayne State University's School of Medicine.

He completed his residency at Providence Hospital and Medical Center in Southfield and joined this practice in 2002.

Brateman and Bullach never rest on their laurels, believing that life is a learning and improving process.

"We are always striving for improvement," added Brateman. "We are always looking for ways to make the practice better."

But in the end, the brick-andmortar building and the equipment inside are only secondary tools for this practice.

"Our patients are the most important feature of our office," added Brateman.

Drs. Brateman, Bullach and Mondrusova are located at 40015 Grand River Ave., Suite 100, in Novi.

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Peter Bullach, M.D., at left, and Robert Brateman, M.D. have very caring approaches toward their patients and believe in treating the mental and spiritual as well as the physical.

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-Dr. Robert Brateman Family practice doctor 经接触 经成功

Dr. Bulloch and Dr. Brateman know that their patients are the most important part of their office and love helping them live healthy lives.

www.drbrateman.com, which features interesting and educational topics that change monthly.

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Jeffrey Allen Jeweiers • Jeffrey A. Orzech (248) 684-4483

effrey Orzech has had his career path as a jeweler cut in stone since learning the jewelry trade from a long-time family business almost 20 years ago.

As owner of Jeffrey Allen Jewelers in downtown Milford since 2000, he has become well-known in the area for his extensive knowledge of diamonds — hand-picking each of the stones he sells in his store.

"I deal only in premium to ideal diamond cuts," says Jeffrey. "How well a diamond is cut is just as important as its Gernologist Institute of America certification."

His knowledge of diamonds has created a niche for Jeffrey Allen Jewelers as a specialist in the area of diamond engagement rings.

"Couples who come into the store's for a diamond ring will likely leave with much more knowledge about what to look for when selecting a diamond," says Jeffrey. "They also find out that I can create for them a custom-made setting if they prefer to have a unique, one-of-a-kind piece."

Other jewelry services include replacing diamonds, ring sizing, prongs re-tipping, new clasps, appraisals, watch batteries and onsite repair.

In addition to selling certified GIA loose diamonds, Jeffrey Allen Jewelers is well-known for the quality of its 14 karat, 18 karat and platinum jewelry, watches by Citizen and Tissot and a huge selection of quality colored stones garnered from

JEFFREY A. ORZECH

- Hobbies: Spending time with family
- Family: Married to Sara with son, Thomas, 2½, and newborn daughter, Emma.

all around the world — including emeralds, rubies and sapphires.

Jeffrey Allen Jewelers is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Thursday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

— By Sally Rummel

Jeffrey Orzech strives to educate each customer on how to select a diamond before they buy one.



Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

Danillo's Pizzeria Dan Gottardo

(248) 486-2900 • www.danillos.com

f it's 9 a.m., you know where to find Dan Gottardo. The owner of Danillo's Pizzeria in New Hudson is preparing homemade pizza dough.

It's the only way for this perfectionist, who makes everything he serves by hand, right down to the sauce.

"I do everything by hand. I make the dough, I hand chop the vegetables. There's no assembly line," Gottardo explained.

Morning operations manager, Art Dicicco, is also busy making dough. He agrees with Gottardo that the customers do notice the difference.

"You can't go from this pizza to another without tasting the difference. We let the quality speak for itself," Dicicco said.

Gottardo has been involved in the food business since the age of 13 when he begged to get a job at a local pizzeria. He credits his grandfather, Danillo Gottardo, with his work ethic and ambition.

This is the time of year when Danillo's gears up to cater at local graduation parties.

"No worries, no hassle, just excellent food and service," Gottardo said.

Pizza trays, ribs, chicken, chicken wings, pasta dishes such as lasagna and mostacolli, as well as three to six foot party subs made to order, are available for the special event.

The menu can be rounded out with side dishes, such as mashed potatoes — from scratch — green bean almondine and salads.

Chicken is also on the catering menu and will soon be part of the regular menu. A New York style pizza will be added as well.

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Photos by ANNETTE JAWORSKI

The secret to the great pizza at Danillo's Pizzeria is the crust. Every day, owner Dan Gottardo, left, and assistant Art Dicicco make fresh dough for the pizzas. Danillo's also offers ribs, chicken, chicken wings, lasanga, party subs, real mashed potatoes, green bean alondine, salads and more are available for catered events, dinner or an exceptional lunch.

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Free flavored crust is available on request.

Some customers have missed out by checking Danillo's former location.

They're still in New Hudson, however they've recently opened a new location not far from their original store. It's near the new Wal-Mart shopping center, at 30478

DAN GOTTARDO

- **Age:** 33
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Europe, specifically Italy
- Hobbles: Weightlifting and running
- Family: Married to Maggie with two chocolate labradors
- Hours worked per week: Enough to make the homemade dough and sauces and prepare the vegetables, lunchmeat, etc.
- Unique Fact: Dan loves the culinary arts and would love to put his knowledge to use by opening a full-service restaurant.

Milford Road, near Grand River Avenue. Seating is now available, and delivery has been added for \$1.50, \$8 minimum

Hours are 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 3-8-p.m. on Sunday.

For more information, visit the Web site at www.danillos.com.

- By Annette Jaworski

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As the owners and operators of for comfort and safety empha-South Lyon Cycle, the Childs brothers are devoted to bikes.

South Lyon Cycle stocks a large selection of bicycles at great values — including hard-to-find women's, children's and comfort models!

Mountain, Comfort, Hybrid, Road, Cruiser, Recumbent, BMX, Freestyle and Juvenile bicycles from top brands including Trek, Giant, Haro, Electra and Townie are offered with expert assembly of all bikes. Bikes are offered in a variety of sizes including 12inch, 16-inch, 20-inch and 24inch wheel bikes for children, as well as adult models.

Customers are sold a bike that meets their needs with proper fit sized.

Helmets are recommended and correct sizing and fit for safety and comfort is free.

South Lyon Cycle offers an extensive parts inventory and popular accessories — including trailers, pedal trailers, child carriers, bike carriers, and women's and men's gel comfort saddles.

One-day repair service is available on all brands. Tune-ups are a specialty for better performance and safety of any bike.

South Lyon Cycle sponsors two charitable bicycle events — The American Diabetes Association Tour de Cure and The Multiple Sclerosis Society MS 150.

South Lyon Cycle is located in

downtown South Lyon at 209 S. Lafayette (Pontiac Trail), two blocks south of Ten Mile - minutes from Island Lake State Recreation Area, Kensington Metropark, Maybury State Park, the Huron Valley Trail System, and South Lyon's Rail Trail.

Hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Quality bikes, one-day repair service, tune-ups and more are available at South Lyon Cycle. The store is just minutes from Novi, Northville, Milford and Brighton.

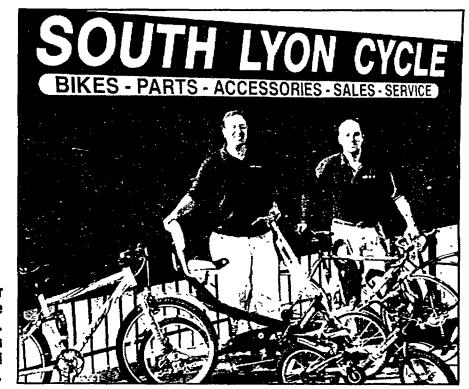


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Country Water Treatment Warren Brisbois & Dean Brisbois

(248) 437-9136

hen it comes to water softeners, it's like father, like son, at Country Water Treatment in South Lyon.

After 65 years in the water softener business, Warren Brisbois has seen it all. In 1938, when he began maintaining and repairing machines, they were simple and unsophisticated. They were basically just big tanks that operated manually.

"Now, they have everything but the kitchen sink," he chuckles.

The invention of the automatic valve revolutionized the industry, as well as opened the door for future

They keep improving, now they have some really good machines," he notes.

Warren operated his own softener business in Waterford for years. During that time, his son, Dean, worked by his side, occasionally starting other ventures, but always. returning to the water softener business. He eventually started his own company at Country Water Treatment.

Warren and Dean believe that reliability and quality equipment are the foundation for Country Water Treatment. A good softener can remove rust, odors and bad tastes. Their specialty is custom building water softener systems that are tailored specifically to the customer's needs. Warren notes his machine is 42 years old, is well maintained and can be overhauled if necessary.

Using quality salt that dissolves properly is also important, he added. At Country Water Treatment they use only Dura Cube salt.

At 82 years old, Warren is happy to help his son, Dean, with his expertise. In fact, he's often there six days a week. However, don't be surprised if you see him driving his motor home up to Alaska in the near future.

Dean and Warren Brisbois are available to solve all of your water problems at Country Water Treatment, which is located west of town at 13658 Ten Mile Road, in South Lyon. Business hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday. - By Annene Jaworski

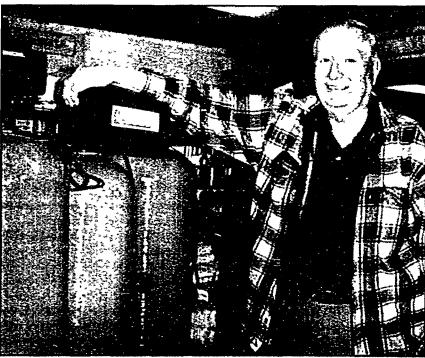


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Warren Brisbois shares his lifetime of experience with water softeners with his son, Dean, owner of Country Water Treatment.

O'Brien/Sullivan Funeral Home

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The biggest change in the funeral business is that it has become a corporate industry. "O'Brien/Sullivan is still a family operation," John P. O'Brien emphasized. "We are a 24/7 family business here to respond to the needs of the community."

In this fast-paced world, family-run businesses offer an oasis.

"We continue to serve our community with the same individual, caring service that has been a hallmark of our firm since 1898," O'Brien said. "We continually look for new and better ways to serve our families and respond to changing needs and individual concerns, while maintaining our traditional values we have always

"We provide the opportunity to celebrate the life of your family member according to the religious beliefs and the traditions of the family," O'Brien said.

Arrangements offered include funerals with visitation, memorial services, cremation, anatomical donations, and alternative funeral services.

The O'Brien/Sullivan history is about families serving families. T.P. Sullivan founded the business in 1898 in the Del Ray neighborhood of Detroit as a response to the need for a funeral service that would provide integrity to the large Hungarian immigrant population.

In 1950, O'Brien's father, John J. O'Brien, or J.J. as he is affectionately known, joined the Ted C. Sullivan Funeral Home as an apprentice and later became the branch manager of the Sullivan funeral home in Northwest Detroit. He assumed the

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role of president in 1970 after the death of Ted C. Sullivan and moved the business to Novi in 1976. John P. O'Brien, J.J.'s son, joined the staff in 1986 after graduating from Wayne State University.

The O'Briens feel their responsibilities to others doesn't end after the funeral. A monthly aftercare program was established in 1985 to inform and educate families dealing with their grief. Assistance is available to help with pre-arrangement counseling, insurance claims, Social Security and Veterans benefits, pension funds, public speaking services and monuments and headstones.

All of the directors are community ininded and are active in their children's lives, their churches and community programs.

- By Cynthia Grochowski

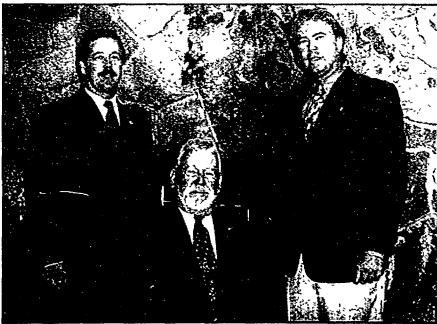


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Helping clients through their difficult times are, from left, John P. O'Brien, John J. O'Brien and Michael Watt, funeral directors at O'Brien Sullivan Funeral Home. Troy Williams is not pictured.

Enderle Fastening Systems • Mark Enderle (810) 229-5959

ark Enderle, owner and operator of Enderle Fastening Systems located in Brighton, provides construction supplies to the building trades. Enderle's construction supply company sells many types of fastening systems, from drywall supplies, screws, drill bits and poly, to epoxy. anchoring systems, fire stop and much more. After working in this field for 20 years, Mr. Enderle, along with his wife Sandy, decided it was time to go into business for themselves. "Starting your own business and working for yourself is one of the hardest jobs I have ever undetaken," Enderle admitted.

He credits his grandmother, who raised him, with teaching him the work ethics and values that gave him the tools to succeed. Enderlee believes that success has come because he and his staff never take their customers for granted. "If a customer has an emergency we handle it 24/7," Enderle explained. "That builds customer loyalty. We try and respond quickly to any request."

Enderle works hard to provide a depth of knowledge in his field, believes in working for his customers to provide them with the proper products to complete their jobs correctly which helps establish a long-standing relationship with customers.

"We want to be the first and the last place a customer calls to get the job done," Enderle stated. Enderle says even with the business his greatest joy is his family. He lives in Hartland with his wife and daughters, Taylor and Hannah.

Enderle Fastening Systems is located at 4123 S. Old US 23, Unit 115 in Brighton. Hours are 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, (810) 229-5959.

- By Carol Palmatier

MARK ENDERLE

- Age: 44
- Hours worked per week: 60 or more
- Hobbies: Spending time with family; Golf
- Family: Married to Sandy with daughters Taylor and Hannah

Mark Enderle, owner of Enderle Fastening Systems in Brighton, sells a full range of construction supplies to satisfy your construction needs, including such products as drywall supplies, anchors, poly, firestop and more.



Photo by CAROL PALMATIER

Grand River Dental • Dr. Brad Rondeau, D.D.S.

(810) 225-8338 • www.grandriverdental.com

he hub bub of a general dentistry office is missing from Grand River Dental. The modern office of Dr. Brad Rondeau, D.D.S., is busy, but quiet. Calm is important.

Treating patients who have above-average anxiety and fear with sedation dentistry has opened the door to dental health for the first time for many.

"We wish for everyone to know that dentistry does have a comfortable answer to what seems like difficult situations," Dr. Rondeau said.

Patients gaze out onto Lake Edgewood through a picture window wall at their feet as the dental "Don't let guilt, fear, or embarrassment keep you from the dentist. The best part of my career is changing people's lives positively through dentistry."

> -Dr. Brad Rondeau Grand River Dental

professionals work. The color and decor of each area brings about a comfortable, upbeat atmosphere.

Dr. Rondeau, 36, is a graduate of the University of Michigan's Dental School. Prior to establishing his practice in Brighton, Dr. Rondeau treated many patients in Manistee, Mich. at a practice that provided oral surgery, dentures, pedodontics and other oral health programs to a population that included homebound and handicapped patients. He also set up a hospital dentistry program in Manistee, which he consideres his greatest accomplishment to date.

Grand River Dental opened in April. Dr. Rondeau runs a modern, paperless office using the latest equipment and technology, offering both digital x-ray and photography, intraoral vision and the Zoom Whitening system.

The patient record system can be accessed in each treatment room. Digital x-rays are immediately available and placed in the computerized patient chart.

Large operating monitors are used so patients are able to actually visualize decay and other problem areas.

"Digital x-ray also produces a dramatically reduced amount of radiation resulting in less individual dosages to our staff and patients," Dr. Rondeau pointed out.



Photos by CYNTHIA GROCHOWSKI/DULY PRESS & ARGUS

The latest technology in tooth whitening is available at Grand River Dental by Dr. Brad L. Rondeau, D.D.S.

Copies of x-rays and photography can easily be printed off the office printer, although originals remain the property of Grand River Dental.

"Don't let guilt, fear, or embarrassment keep you from the dentist," Dr. Rondeau advised. "The best part of my career is changing people's lives positively through dentistry."

Grand River Dental is located in the last tower of The Livingston Center, 7600 Grand River, Suite 295, 1½ miles west of I-96 on Grand River Avenue just beyond Bendix Road, in Brighton.

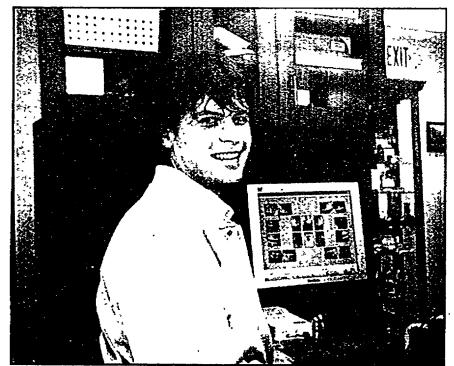
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- By Cynthia Grochowski

DR. BRAD RONDEAU

- Magazines Subscribed
 To: "Architectural Digest,"
 "Food and Wine"
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Europe, specifically Italy
- Hobbies: Downhill ski-
- ing, music, travel, vintner

 Family: Married to
- Victoria for seven years.
 Parents, Dale and Joyce;
 siblings, Katie and Kile; and
 nieces, Elizabeth,
 Savannah and Emma.



Dr. Brad L. Rondeau, DDS, keeps his Grand River Dental office paper free. All patient information, including x-rays and records, are computerized.

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Bifano Eye Care • Dr. Christopher Bifano (248) 446-1146

t Bifano Eye Care, the emphasis is on family in more ways than one.

"My father, Dr. Albert Bifano, was an optometrist with an office in Dearborn," Dr. Christopher Bifano said. "So as a kid, I was around the eye care business all the time. My sister Lisa is also an optometrist."

Dr. Bifano bought his father's practice after working there for a few years, and the South Lyon office has been open since 1998.

Bifano Eye Care offers the full range of eye care services including exams, contacts, eyeglasses and eye disease treatments.
Refractive surgery is offered in partnership with TLC Laser Eye Centers.

Dr. Bifano, a 1991 graduate of Ferris State College of Optometry, has been in business for 13 years.

According to Bifano, his staff and office atmosphere are what sets his business apart from others. Indeed, the converted pink house on Lafayette Street contributes to a small-town, caring feel for customers.

"We have a great staff and patients feel comfortable here," Dr. Bifano said. "The atmosphere is cozier than at the eyecare chains."

Small town and cozy do not mean limited services. Bifano Eye Care handles all types of eye problems, with products that can fit all styles and budgets.

Stop by the pink house with your eye care needs. Bifano Eye Care is open from 9 a.m. to 5:30

CHRISTOPHER BIFANO

- Age: 37
- Hours worked per week: About 35
- Hobbies: Golf, softball, spending time with his kids
- Family: Children, Lauren, 6, and Michael, 7

p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; 9 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday.

- By Rebecca Foster



Photo by REBECCA FOSTER

Dr. Christopher Bifano and his staff, Nora Morin, left, and Ann Lukasik, along with Pat Bedwell, not pictured, provide quality eye care.

State Farm Insurance • Dan Kramer (517) 545-1357



Photo by CAROL PALMATIER

Dan Kramer of State Farm Insurance in Howell knows helping people and building relationships with his clients is much more important than selling insurance. These qualities helped Kramer gain recognition as one of the 26 "Most Engaged Agents" in Michigan, Illinois and Indiana.

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hen Dan Kramer started his State Farm Insurance Agency in Howell just over two years ago, he never imagined that today he would provide insurance benefits to more than 700 households.

In fact, he was recently named one of the 26 "Most Engaged Agents" in Michigan, Illinois and Indiana for his production in all categories of financial products.

He credits two of his mentors, Mark Storm and Greg Harlin, both of State Farm Insurance, with encouraging him to give insurance a try.

"They helped me realize that it's all about helping people and building relationships — not about selling insurance," Kramer said.

"I work to create an honest, trusting relationship with each customer and their family, and truly want to help them reach their goals and ensure their financial well-being. The bottom line is, who do you trust with your financial secrets? It has to be someone you can trust, who has integrity and your best interest at heart."

Kramer tries to be that person and says he chose State Farm because of "their solid reputation, financial stability, and the fact that they are a mutual company," meaning the executives are accountable to the policy holders, not the stockholders.

Kramer attended Michigan Tech on football and ROTC scholarships; he then served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force for four years, and he "I work to create an honest, trusting relationship with each customer and their family, and truly want to help them reach their goals and ensure their financial well-being.

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-Dan Kramer State Farm Insurance

joined the Michigan Air National Guard in 1998. He continues to serve, having recently returned from a deployment overseas in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom as a navigator on C-130 transport planes.

Kramer's office is located at 903 E. Clinton St., Suite 2, in Howell, one block north of Grand River, just off National Drive.

His office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To schedule an appointment, either at the office or in your home, call (517) 545-1357.

- By Carol Palmatier

DAN KRAMER

- Age: 32
- Hours worked per week: About 60, including National Guard duty
- Hobbles: Flying with the Air National Guard; sports and camping with his family
- Family: Married to Susan with six children, including a newborn

Livingston Pediatric Center Brighton • Bipin Desai, M.D.

(810) 229-7337

r. Bipin Desai is beginning to treat his second generation of young patients at the Livingston Pediatric Center.

The children he watched grow up in his 24-year practice in Brighton are now bringing in their own babies to be under Dr. Desai's care.

"I really enjoy having a close relationship with the parents of the children I take care of, and getting to know their families as these children grow up," says Dr. Desai. "When they do well, it's a pleasure to watch them and be a part of their lives."

As the sole practitioner of the Livingston Pediatric Center which he founded 24 years ago, Dr. Desai appreciates these one-on-one relationships because it allows him an opportunity to know each family and their history.

"When patients come to this clinic, they are always under my care," says Dr.

Desai. "They always see the same doctor, so we become well-acquainted with their health history on a personal basis, not just through their medical chart."

Dr. Desai completed his pediatric residency at the Medical College of Ohio in Toledo.

Board certified in pediatrics, he is associated with St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Livingston County and in Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Hospital, Huron Valley Sinai and Providence Hospital.

The Livingston Pediatric Center is open from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, from 3-7 p.m. Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday.

The office is located at 136 Kissane Dr., in Brighton.

DR. BIPIN DESAI

- Hobbies: Golf, sports, politics, current events
- Family: Married to Pamela with three sons: Shawn, 15; Devon, 11; Brenton, 9

Dr. Bipin Desai treats children at Livingston Pediatric Center in Brighton.



Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic

Dr. Ronald Studer & Dr. John S. Parker

(248) 449-7447 • www.bpvet.net

riarpointe
Veterinary Clinic
opened in June
1996. Originally, a
satellite practice for
Pearce Veterinary
Hospital in Southfield, the practice
has grown so much that both Dr.
Studer and Dr. Parker are now at
this location on a full-time basis.

Briarpointe is a full-service veterinary clinic offering surgery, dentistry, diagnostic work, prescription diets, preventive medicine programs, vaccinations, pet education and more.

"We recommend that people bring in their pets for yearly check-ups. Because a dog's life is five to seven years to one human year, their life is more compressed and therefore a lot more things can change within a year," said Dr. Studer.

Dr. Studer enjoys the ever-changing aspect about being a vet.

"Every situation is unique even though you've seen it many times before," said Dr. Studer.

Dr. Studer graduated from Michigan State University as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine in 1973.

His interests include dentistry, dermatology, surgery, and internal medicine, as well as preventive medicine. In 1993 he received a masters degree in counseling from Oakland University and is a Licensed Professional Counselor. More often than not, he finds many similarities between helping animals and people

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-Dr. Ronald Studer Briarpointe Veterinary Clinic

as far as their behavioral patterns.

Dr. Studer also participates in a mentor program in Farmington Hills—edumentor program in Oakland Schools. High School students observe, visit and work on projects showing what it's like to have a career as a vet. Dr. Studer has two grown children and a golden retriever, Jennie.

From an early age, Dr. Parker knew he wanted to be a vet. He graduated from Michigan State in 1982 with an undergraduate degree in medical technology and again in 1988 as a Doctor of Veterinary

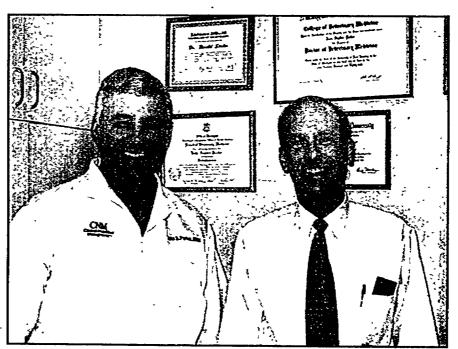


Photo by SANDY KUAN

Dr. John Parker, left, and Dr. Ronald Studer have over 50 combined years in experience as veterinarians in the area.

Medicine. He is a member of the Association of Avian Veterinarians and has a special interest in gastrointestinal diseases. Dr. Parker has a golden retriever, Cider, and a cat named Bob Dole.

"We share the same goals and positive attitude when it comes to treating our patients," said Dr. Parker.

Even though some of the fourlegged patients may put up a bit of a struggle when coming in for a visit, their owners know they're in good hands with the caring and knowledgeable staff at Briarpointe Vet.

Briarpointe Vet is involved with Paws With A Cause®, a nationwide organization similar to Leader Dogs. Their mission is to train assistance dogs nationally for people with disabilities and provides lifetime team support which encourages independence.

Briarpointe Vet is located at 47330 Ten Mile Road, in the

DR. PARKER

- Last Movie Watched: "Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King"
- Age: 43
- Family: Married to Kathy with sons Karl, 12, and
- Kevin, 9
- Hobbies: Playing the bagpipes and building trebuchets for pumpkin tossing competition
- Hours worked per
- week: 45

DR. STUDER

- Last Movie Watched: "Laws of Attraction"
- Favorite Television Show: NASCAR races

Briarpointe Plaza on the northeast comer of Beck and Ten Mile Roads.

Hours are Mondays and Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

- By Sandy Kuan

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Master Home Services • Mark Schniers

Professional Home Inspections (517) 223-9885 • (877) 229-8281

uying a home can be an overwhelming experience. No one understands that better than Mark Schniers, owner of Master Home Services, LLC.

"We deliver peace of mind," Schniers said.

Master Home Services provides professional, home-inspection services with a 100 percent, money-back guarantee.

"We aim to help people make an educated and informed decision on what is possibly the largest investment of their lives," Schniers said.

Master Home Services uses experienced building consultants to give each client personal atten-

tion. The potential home buyer is encouraged to be involved in the inspection process. On-site computer reports with a summary page and personal review eliminates waiting in time-sensitive real estate transactions. Schniers also provides an e-mail digital photo journal to take the guesswork out of interpreting the report.

Master Home Services has a Certified Radon Measurement provider on staff, and is one of only three Gold Providers on www.EthicalInspectors.com.

Other services provided are termite inspection, mold identification, and well and septic evaluations. All is done with a focus on honesty and integrity.

"My philosophy is simple. I put myself in your shoes, treat you like family and treat your money like it was my money."

-Mark Schniers
Owner of Master Home Services

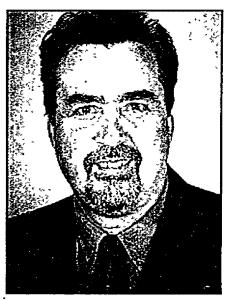
"My philosophy is simple," Schniers explained. "I put myself in your shoes, treat you like family and treat your money like it was my money."

To schedule a hor. Inspection Monday through Saturday from 8

a.m. to 8 p.m., call Master Home Services at (517) 223-9885.

·-- By Carol Palmatier

Mark Schniers, building consultant, provides home inspections and peace of mind for his clients.



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AAA • David Skown & Amir Graham (248) 437-1729

AA agents David Skown and Amir Graham don't have a crystal ball, but they know the importance of planning for the future.

The two sales and service repre-

sentatives from South Lyon can help protect their customer's most valuable assets — their home and family. Skown and Graham offer experience, a friendly, comfortable atmosphere as well as the backing of a reputable insurance company.

This time of year is a good time

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to reevaluate coverage on seasonal items, such as boats and motorcycles, reminds agent, David Skown.

"The cost for insuring these items is reasonable," he said.

In fact, if you haven't recently reviewed your coverage, the agents recommend a yearly insurance checkup, just like a physical to make sure everything is on track. They also offer financial planning services, such as fixed and variable annuities, IRA's and other products geared to planning for retirement. This makes AAA a complete onestop shop for insurance and financial planning, including auto, home, life and medical, says Graham.

AAA still offers the valuable security of 24-hours-a-day-7-days-a-week claims and road service to ensure their clients are always protected.

"We're the top-rated claim service in the state," noted agent Amir Graham.

He adds there are many other benefits to the AAA membership such as valuable savings for hotels and amusement parks and more.

Working as partners helps to make them more accessible to the customer, said Skown.

"We complement each other well, and we can share each other's knowledge," he said.

In appreciation for their support, South Lyon AAA gives back to the community by hosting special programs like VIN number etching, safety child seat inspection as well as child fingerprinting at their location. They also support local charities and are active in the Chamber of Commerce.

AAA South Lyon business hours



Photos by ANNETTE JARWORSKI

David Skown doesn't have a crystal ball, but he knows the importance of planning for the future.

AMIR GRAHAM

- Favorite Way To Relax: Reading to daughter
- Hobbies: Sports, spending time with family
- Family: Married to Ebbonye with daughter, Amia, 2.

are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, or by appointment.

Their newly expanded facility and friendly staff is located two

DAVID SKOWN

- Last movie Seen: "Brother Bear"
- Hobbies: Golfing, sports fan of all Detroit teams
- Family: Married to Stephanie with son, Nathan, 5; and daughter, Olivia, 3.

doors down at 582 N. Lafayette St., in the Huntington Plaza, north of Ten Mile Road.

Amir Graham enjoys working with AAA — a company always available to assist customers when they need it.

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Elite Home Foods • Mark Dowdy

(248) 673-FOOD (3663)

Recent massive food recalls and foodborne illness outbreaks have made the public aware of the risks to the nation's food supply.

With this in mind, Mark Dowdy set out to find a way to provide for himself and his family the cleanest and best quality of meat available. Mark's research led him to the processing plant in America receiving the highest rating by USDA inspections. The plant processes all the meat in separate buildings to reduce the risk of cross-contamination that may result in salmonella. The meat is then aged for 21 days, then cut to prime choice.

Mark knew other people would appreciate and enjoy the same high standards behind these products. He started Elite Home Foods to distribute the best quality of meat on the market for the best price.

Today, Elite Home Foods caters to families all over metro Detroit. Mark has a 92 percent re-order rate — his customers are so impressed with the product that they no longer buy their meat from the grocery store.

"You will not find better beef in America," Mark said. "Better than Angus, Sterling Silver Beef is top-ofthe-line beef in America. I'm able to deliver this beef to people for about the same cost as the beef they buy in the grocery store," Mark said.

Mark tailors a menu to the customer's needs, then delivers the food from his freezer truck to their freezer within three weeks. The meat, guaranteed fresh for two years, is consistently fresh and safe to eat because the product is flash frozen and vacuumed sealed in clear, easy-to-see packaging.

The product is "frozen once and kept frozen until you thaw it at home," Mark explained.

Grocery-store or butcher-shop meat goes through the repetitive process of thawing and freezing in which most of the nutrients and flavor are lost.

Elite Home Foods offers beef, pork, poultry, lamb, veal and seafood selections. Dairy products, vegetables, pizza and hot dogs are also available to help complete a family's meals. Every Elite Home Foods product is guaranteed to meet the customer's complete satisfaction.

Mark cites his father, a church pastor, as his mentor teaching him good character and values.

"He didn't necessarily teach me business skills," Mark explained, "but I learned many important lessons from him about human principles."

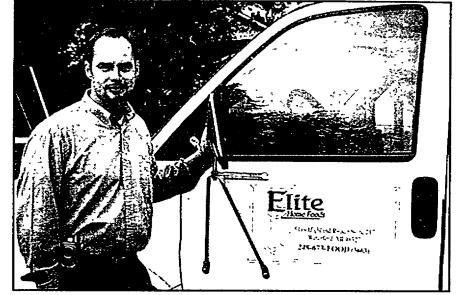


Photo by SANDY KUAN

Mark Dowdy, owner of Elite Home Foods, will deliver the best quality of meat right to your front door — guaranteed.

The Michigan Group • Jeffrey Stamm (810) 844-2225

hen Jeffrey
Stamm
returned to his
roots in 1989,
he brought his
passion for opera and the performing arts with him. After more
than a decade as a tenor with the
Metropolitan Opera in New York,
where he once stood in for
Luciano Pavarotti, Stamm
returned to Michigan to be closer
to his family.

Once settled in, Stamm dove into the local real estate market and founded the Livingston Arts Council — becoming the driving force behind the renovation of the historic Howell Opera House, and one of the top producers at The Michigan Group. He has a passion for helping people achieve

heir goals.

"It's so important to work with someone you can trust when you're making this kind of important investment," says Stamm. "I like making a connection with people, and building lasting relationships — most of my business ends up being repeat business and referrals. Your realtor should be working for your best interest!"

Stamm works a lot in new construction and development and currently has the successful subdivision Sundance Meadows, in Marion Township. The sub has four of the county's best builders: Hamway Homes, Walter Construction, Maplewood Builders and Progressive Builders.

The newest phase of Sundance Meadows is scheduled to open in the fall with 60 new sites. You can visit them at www.sundanceliving.com.

Stamm is a Realtor with The Michigan Group, located at 6870 Grand River Ave., between Brighton and Howell. You can reach Jeff at jstamm@michigangroup.com.

- By Carol Palmatier

Jeffery Stamm has a passion for the arts and helping people meet their real estate goals. A top producer at The Michigan Group, Stamm founded the Livingston Arts Council, the driving force behind the Howell Opera House restoration Michigan Group.



Milford SAV-MOR Pharmacy • Tim Cavanaugh (248) 685-8363

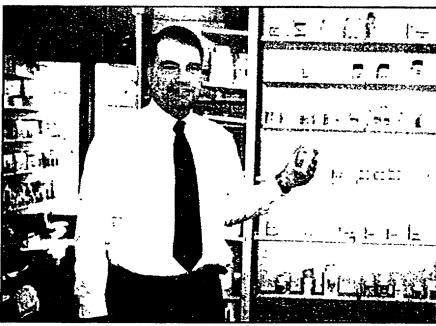


Photo by SALLY RUMMEL

im Cavanaugh, a registered pharmacist for almost two decades, has always known the type of service he would provide to customers if he had his own store.

That long-time dream came true for Tim in July 2003 when he opened the Milford SAV-MOR Pharmacy, located conveniently next to the Milford Health Care Clinic at 1191 N. Milford Road.

It's also a dream-come-true for

Tim Cavanaugh owns Milford SAV-MOR Pharmacy. His wife, Jeanne, is also a registered pharmacist. In their free time, the couple enjoy renovating their Victorian Howeli home. Milford area residents who appreciate the attentive detail and efficient service that Tim provides to each and every customer.

"I really enjoy providing that extra level of service," says Tim. "I know how important it is that each customer is knowledgeable about the medicines they are taking and I will go the extra mile to give that person education and expertise with each pharmaceutical sale."

For the customer, this small-town, independent pharmacy means no more long waits to dispense prescriptions, plus easy-in-easy-out parking.

A variety of other convenient services also await customers. Tim offers free home delivery; in-store accounts so that customers can pay on a monthly basis rather than per-visit, if they choose; drug packaging for

more convenient tracking of daily medications; in-store diabetic training for newly-diagnosed diabetics; a private conference area and other services that build trusting relationships between pharmacist and customer.

"I am more than happy to give customers my home phone number, so they can reach me after-hours if they need my services," says Tim. "Parents of young children also appreciate having prescriptions called in and delivered so they don't have to drive their children to the pharmacy when they are ill."

Milford SAV-MOR Pharmacy is open Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.; Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

--- By Sally Rummel

Michigan Grand Golf Trail • Jim Dewling (248) 684-3333

im Dewling lives and breathes the game of golf. A designer, builder and manager / owner of golf facilities for 27 years, Jim's expertise has placed him among the top of Michigan's golf elite. He has worked his way up from golf professional and manager at several clubs early in his career to the position of PGA Master Pro and as principal of Total Golf, Inc. and Conroy-Dewling Associates.

For the first time ever, Jim is teaming up with three golf professionals at southeastern Michigan's most prestigious country club-style public courses: Trent Smith of Timber Trace in Pinckney, Justin Mathers of Mystic Creek in Milford and Glenn Busam of Boulder Pointe in Oxford, to offer a

unique, players-benefit program. Using a Play & Save membership, golfers can participate in "Michigan Grand Golf Trail," a frequent player rewards program pro-

viding a number of player benefits.

Golfers can choose between a \$9.95 Birdie membership or a \$59.95 Eagle membership.

The Birdie membership includes a \$10 bonus on green fee per course and a \$20 bonus towards a player's next visit for playing five times at any one course per month.

Eagle members will enjoy 10 percent off green fees per visit, free bucket of range balls prior to play, free handicap service, 10 percent off merchandise from the pro shop and free green fees for the Michigan Grand Golf Trail Scramble to be held in October.

To register for Play & Save, con-

• Boulder Pointe in Oxford at (248) 969-1500 or www.boulder-pointe.net

 Timber Trace in Pinckney at (834) 878-1800 or timber-trace.com

• Mystic Creek in Milford at (248) 684-3333 or wwwmystic-creekgc.com

All are located at One Champions Circle in their respective communities.

- By Sally Rummel

Pictured from left are: Jim
Dewling, Trent Smith, Glenn
Busam and Justin Mathers take a
swing at a new golf program
offered at three local courses.



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Premier Mortgage Funding, Inc. • Matthew Litzelman (248) 889-0899

hree friendly faces greet clients as they enter Premier Mortgage Funding in Highland: Matthew Litzelman, branch manager; Cynthia Dent, loan officer; and Kanyon, Litzelman's Weimaraner dog.

It's all business with Litzelman, but it's all enjoyable at the same time.

"I have always enjoyed the variety and

"I have always enjoyed the variety and challenges of working with the public, even with part-time finance jobs during college," Litzelman said.

An interest in finance-related occupations in his early years led to a finance degree from Arizona State University.

"My business philosophy has always been learn from the best, do your best, and be your best," Litzelman said.

At 29, his five years in the industry haven't dampened his enthusiasm.

"Doing my best revolves around cus-

tomer service. Every client gets 100 percent. I do my best to find and explain every mortgage option that fits the client's needs"

The continually changing mortgage industry is very challenging.

"I feel the responsibility to always be aware of market conditions and any current mortgage options," Litzelman said. "Being a broker for Premier Mortgage Funding allows me access to hundreds of different banks, the best programs, interest rates, and lowest closing costs available."

A good portion of Litzelman's client base is built from referrals of other satisfied clients.

"Success, to me, is having such a good working relationship with a client from start to finish that they can't wait to spread the word to anyone that will listen about their great mortgage experience."

Premier Mortgage Funding is an afford-

able lender with over 300 branches across the country — enabling brokers to write loans in almost every state. Loans available include FHA, VA, conventional, nonconventional, construction, Jumbo, Home Equity Lines and A to Z Credit.

Premier Mortgage Funding Inc. is located at 2550 E. Highland Road, Suite 1, in Highland.

- By Cynthia Grochowski

Matthew Litzelman, branch manager of Premier Mortgage Funding, Inc. in Highland, gives each client his best. When he isn't helping customers, he enjoys spending time with his dog, Kanyon.



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Beauvais and Associates • Andrew Beauvais (248) 390-6972

You might call Andrew Beauvais detail oriented. He admits he is someone who has to balance the checkbook to the penny.

That attention to detail is a good thing when it comes to the tax and accounting services he performs at Beauvais and Associates. It means careful attention to the customer's needs as well.

Beauvais and Associates offers services ranging from tax consulting and payroll to accounting, retirement and health. He points out that many small business owners try to keep their books while running their business. In most cases, it's difficult to perform both tasks well.

"It's really important to use a professional. A lot of individuals don't go through all of the new tax law changes, they're too busy running their own business," he said.

Beauvais enjoys keeping on top of all the latest strategies and is careful to advise his customers of changes that may affect them.

"I like a challenge. I like staying on top of the tax laws. I find it interesting and it keeps you on your toes," he said.

Andrew Beauvais credits his father, Tom Beauvais for his ambition and business savvy. They remain close, and he appreciates the time they can spend together.

"He's taught me so much in regards to being a business owner and investor," said Beauvais proudly.

Enterprising by nature, Beauvais is also president of Payroll Consulting Services, which is a unique service that specializes in filling company's needs for staffing.

Not a temporary service, Payroll Consulting Services' employees are leased on a full-time basis fulfilling a company's specific requirements. Payroll Consulting caters to each individual client, finding exactly the right kind of employee. Beauvais deals with job seekers as well as employers. Streamlining the employment process, he performs background checks as well as handling paperwork.

Contact Andrew Beauvais at (248) 390-6972 or send him an e-mail at beauvaispc@aol.com.

- By Annette Jaworski

Andrew Beauvais keeps track of all the details so small business owners can concentrate on their business.



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Mancino's Pizza & Grinders • Travis Howard (517) 545-0700

owell-area fans of authentic-style pizza and overloaded grinders have something to cheer: Mancino's Pizza & Grinders of Howell is now under new management, and is serving up the same great quality food as its sister location in Brighton.

Co-owned and managed by Travis Howard, Mancino's is now dishing up the famous fare and friendly service that has made the Brighton-location a local favorite.

We are providing the same quality food and service as our Brighton shop," Howard said. Howard managed the Brighton location until last September. "Good service, good value, good people, good food, it's all here."

The restaurant offers handmade pizzas, grinders loaded with meat and toppings, and fresh salads. A coffee shop is being considered for the not-too-distant future, a feature that has been a definite plus in Brighton.

And how's business now that the ownership has changed?

"Business is definitely increasing week by week," Howard said. "The word is getting out that we are under new management and making some great changes."

Don't let the construction work on Grand River deter you: there is a traffic light at the entrance to the plaza, and easy access to Golf Club and Chilson Roads to bypass any backups.

Mancino's Pizza and Grinders is located next to the Whistlestop

at 2375 E. Grand River, in Howell, and in the Grand Crossing Center (near VG's) at 6864 Grand River, in Brighton.

The Howell location is open from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and from 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday. They are closed on Sundays.

For more info call (517) 545-0700.

- By Carol Palmatier

Travis Howard is the new manager and co-owner of Mancino's Pizza & Grinders in Howell. The 33-year-old is married to Tracey and recently welcomed Kristen to his family. Kristen joins older sisters Nina, 6, and Nova, 4.



LaClair Farrier Services • Allen LaClair

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llen LaClair is used to the puzzled looks people give him when they ask him about his profession.

"Exactly what does a farrier do?" they'll ask.

Without missing a beat, LaClair makes a play on words using the title of a classic movie and replies, "They shoe horses, don't they?"

On a more serious note, shoeing horses and caring for their hoofs is exactly what a farrier does in his daily work. It's a demanding, yet rewarding profession, requiring education and state certification— and even more importantly, a love of horses and a compassion for their care.

"I've always loved horses," says LaClair, who grew up around them, then got caught up in a construction career which took him away from one of his early passions.

Now in his second career, he greatly

enjoys the satisfaction he gets from having performed his job well.

"Your reputation is only as good as the last horse you did," he says.

A graduate of the Michigan School of Horseshoeing in Belleville, LaClair knows how to trim hoofs, watch for disease and do corrective trimming for a variety of special needs.

"Trotters and jumpers take specific shoes, while many pleasure horses usually run barefoot," explains LaClair, whose gentle manner makes him a favorite with horses.

He worked on more than 100 horses at the school, and graduated with 98 percent on both the oral and written exams — placing him at the top of his class. He is a member of the Brotherhood of Working

LaClair Farrier Services is now available for on-site care of horses by calling (248) 887-9722 or (248) 303-4942.

ALLEN LACLAIR

- Hobbies: Woodworking, mostly hardwoods and antique-style furniture
- Family: Married to Colleen, with grown children Amy and Jeff
- Wife: Colleen owns Sweet Retreats in downtown Milford

Allen LaClair opted for a second career as a farrier. He visits houses, farms and stables and cares for the feet and shoes of horses.



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Mayfair Realty • Abe Ayoub

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be Ayoub has a lot of experience and knowledge in the real estate business, thanks to an impressive list of mentors.

The associate broker at Mayfair Realty, which serves the South Lyon, Livonia, Redford, Plymouth, Lyon and Milford communities, has worked with three giants in the real estate business.

"I have worked with Marvin Moser, Jay Hughes and Bill Willis," Abe said. "All of these individuals had between 30 and 50 years in the business. They were all different people and I took a little bit from all of them."

Abe is an associate broker at Mayfair Realty and has worked for the company for 12 years. He likes the challenge of the work because no two days are ever alike.

"You learn something new every day," he added.

Abe said that he initially entered the real estate business to make extra money — and then his career just "took off." But money is not his only motivation — family is.

"Some people would say their business or how much money they make is their greatest accomplishment," he explained. "My greatest accomplishment is my family. They are what drive me."

Abe is also committed to the communities he serves. He is a member of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce and South Lyon Kiwanis as well as a volunteer with the Lyon Township Fire

"A lot of real estate signs turn into lawn ornaments. If you want a sign that says, 'SOLD', call Abe."

-Abe Ayoub Mayfair Realty

Department. He manages to combine a busy professional and personal life and personal contact is a major reason why he enjoys both.

"When people call Mayfair, they are dealing with an agent, not a company," said Abe. "I work 24/7 for customers and work very hard."

· Abe also believes that personal contact, such as Open Houses, should be supported by technology, too. "I stress technology, like our Virtual Tours and Internet presence," he added.

Contact Abe at (248) 486-9227 or via e-mail at soldabe@com-cast.net.



Photo by HAL GOULD/DALY PRESS & ARGUS be Ayoub of Mayfair Realty

Abe Ayoub of Mayfair Realty likes the challenge of the real estate business.

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Farm Bureau • Matthew Lewandowski

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nsurance can be complicated. That's why Matthew Lewandowski likes to keep it simple.

"My goal is to make sure every family is protected and to help them realize their dreams and goals," he

As a family man, he understands the need to plan for the future. As a Farm Bureau agent, it's his specialty to help clients understand the various products and how insurance can protect their home and family.

He understands that some people put off reviewing their insurance policies or even talking about life insurance. It's not always an easy subject. However, good agents strive to help clients prepare for good times or bad, and he believes everyone needs to be involved in their insurance and financial planning.

That's why an overview of insurance and financial needs is extremely important. In fact, it doesn't really take that long, most often it can be done in a half an hour.

"The idea is to look at the big picture," he added. "I want to help them prepare to get their children through college, for retirement or be prepared if there's an injury."

Lewandowski understands the various insurance products and is able to clearly explain them to his clients. He'll help them choose the products that best suits their needs.

"You don't have to be a millionaire to be protected," he pointed out.

Lewandowski came to the insurance industry through his father-inlaw several years ago. It was a perfect combination of business opportunity

MATT LEWANDOWSKI

Age: 32

■ Magazines: "Smart Money," "Financial Advisor," "Wild Earth"

■ Hobbies: Collecting architectural pieces from old homes

■ Family: Married to Tammi with daughter, Athena, 3

and working with people.

Visit Matthew Lewandowski for an insurance check up at 47680 Grand River Ave., in the Kroger Shopping Center across from Providence near Beck Road in Novi.



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At Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy, they create drugs from scratch. They customize medications to fit the individual needs of people, and animals.

"We match the right drug and the right strength to the patient, and we put it into a form that they want to take," says owner and pharmacist Kenny Walkup.

His fussier customers range from babies and toddlers to dogs, horses, and recently, a duck.

"I checked on what ducks like to eat, and bought a can of creamed com, which I pureed to mix with the drug the duck needed," he says, as if this was just a perfectly nor-

mal task. "Then the owner came in and we tested it out, and the duck thought it was fine.'

Other examples of this customization include modifying adult heart medication for infants, and producing a variety of children and adult medications in lollipop or popsicle form. You name it, and Walkup can make it taste good.

The pharmacy also specializes in natural and bio-identical hormones for men and women. Saliva test kits are available to help determine the hormone activity in your body, and the staff at Specialty Medicine will work with your doctor on the appropriate treatment. Seminars on natural, hormone-replacement therapy are offered regularly. In addition, the pharmacy can provide sterile products such as IVs,

injectibles and eye drops.

In May 2004, the shop celebrates five years in the business — a business, according to Walkup, that provides an increasingly popular

Specialty Medicine Compounding Pharmacy is located at 116 N. Lafayette, Suite B, in South Lyon, just north of the intersection of Lafayette and Ten Mile.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and the shop is closed for lunch from 12:30-1:15 p.m.

- By Rebecca Foster

Kenny Walkup, owner and pharmacist at Specialty Medicine, creates the perfect, custom prescriptions.



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Republic Bank • Tom Tuckey (248) 437-8186 • www.republicbankcorp.com

f you don't already know Tom Tuckey from Republic Bank, you'd probably recognize his familiar face a friendly smile on a tall, 6'5" frame.

After nine years in the community, he's like a neighbor and friend to many. Born and raised in a small town in Michigan's thumb, he right at home in the South Lyon commu-

"One thing I love about South Lyon is that it's a thriving up and coming community that's retains its small town charm," said Tuckey.

That friendly, small town approach is also why he's such a good fit for Republic Bank, where he's been for the past six and a half years. Reputation is crucial in the loan industry and for repeat business. That's why his motto is "Your Lender For Life."

"I truly feel that mortgages and loans are my calling," said Tuckey.

An honest approach and excellent customer service are two good reasons why Republic Bank, where he and John Rawcliffe are loan officers, was voted the best mortgage company in The 2004 People's Choice Awards. In other awards, he's also been a member of Republic Bank's President's Gold Club in 2001, 2002 and 2003 and Rookie Loan Officer.

Tuckey notes they offer virtually every kind of mortgage product under the sun at Republic, including bridge, construction, zero down, and more. He'll help choose the one that's best for his customers - not what's the most

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income producing. What he enjoys most about his job is making people's dreams come true.

His extensive education gives him an edge in the mortgage business. He possesses a bachelor's of economics from Michigan State University and a masters in finance from Walsh College. He also keeps on top of all the current trends in the industry by attending educational seminars.

Business hours are flexible to suit the customer's needs, with weekends and evenings available upon request.

Visit Tuckey at Republic Bank at 419 S. Lafayette St., in downtown South Lyon.

Or visit his Web site at www.republicbankcorp.com.

- By Annette Jaworski



Tom Tuckey is "Your Lender For Life." **Contact him** today at Republic Bank In downtown South Lyon.

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Dr. Ryan Long, D.C., of Great Lakes Spinal Care, administers a low-force spinal adjustment at his Family Wellness Practice.

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t a young age chiropractic care made such an impression on Ryan Long, he chose it for his life's work.

"As a child I developed severe headaches," Long recalled.

Chiropractic care helped.
Long's mentor is B.J. Palmer, the developer of Chiropractic.

"Without him I wouldn't be here to see the miracles we see in our office everyday," Long said.

Long, 31, opened Great Lakes Spinal Care three years ago in Brighton. His family practice offers Chiropractic care called orthospinology, a gentle, low-force procedure focusing on the upper cervical (neck) area of the spine. Orthospinology is also considered to be the Grostic Technique.

"We provide precision upper cervi-

cal adjusting by using a little-known chiropractic procedure that corrects the position of the two vertebrae in the spine to improve posture."

There are over 100 different
Chiropractic techniques available in
Chiropractic today, all of which get
results and improve quality of life.
However, Dr. Long utilizes
Orthospinology to analyze and evaluate this most important area of the
spine due to its proximity to the brain
stem (which is the lifeline of the body
responsible for some of the most
important functios of body - including
heartbeat and respiration.)

In the upper cervical area, the atlas — first spinal bone — and axis — second spinal bone — are the lifeline to your nervous system, (which is your mind-body connection).

'This is why the upper cervical

area is so critical and should be adjusted in a very precise way," Long explained.

A special device delivers a gentle % of an inch movement to specific areas of the neck to deliver the adjustment.

The purpose of Long's family practice is to provide every man, woman and child with the opportunity to live life to the fullest.

"Being healthy is more than simply feeling good. Good health is a state of optimal physical, mental and social well-being and not just the absence of disease or pain.

In order to have optimal health, the body doesn't need so many things done to it: it needs no interference in normal brain to body communitation. Subluxations (misalignments of vertebrae in the spinal column) can inter-

fere with normal nerve function and compromise health.

"Please get a check-up on our safe, state-of-the-art technology that will detect any subluxations that might be interfering with normal function."

"If you want to live the best quality of life possible, then live a life without any interference to normal nerve function," Long advised. "Give, give, give to humanity on a daily basis and the universe rewards you."

Great Lakes Spinal Care is located at 136 Kissane Ave., Suite C, across from Taorello's, on the east side of Brighton.

Office hours are 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. Monday, Tuesday and Thursday.

- By Cynthia Grochowski

Republic Bank • Daniel B. Smith

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itting in his office with a picturesque view of downtown Plymouth, Dan hears the sound of the train going by every day.

"Welcome to Plymouth," he said with a good-natured laugh.

Daniel R. Smith Sr. vice president

Daniel B. Smith Sr., vice president and branch manager of Republic Bank in Plymouth, is better known as Dan the Mortgage Man in the area. He is an exceptional loan lender, as recognized by financial press such as, "Mortgage Originator Magazine" and "The Mortgage Generator," and has been in this business for 22 years.

Dan started in the mortgage business fresh out of college and made \$3,000 in three weeks. He was hooked.

Today, each member of the Smith family shine in their own right in the mortgage arena. Their father, George Smith, was the founder of Mayflower Mortgage Corp., which merged with Republic Bancorp Inc. in 1987. Now retired, he lives in Naples. Fla. Brother, Tom, manages the Farmington Hills branch; sister, Barbara, manages the Ann Arbor branch; oldest brother, Gregory, is branch manager in Petoskey, and youngest brother, Tim, is in charge of the company's Bloomfield Hills branch.

What separates Dan from other loan officers in the area?

"One, I have a lot of friends and two, I've been in the business



Photo by SANDY KUAN

Ready to update your mortgage? Call Dan Smith at Republic Bank and he'll answer your questions and even treat you to lunch.

a long time. Sixteen years ago, I made up Dan the Mortgage Man and any advertising I do has that on it. People know me by that. I also send out a Lunch-With-Your-Lender ticket. I'm a big believer

in promoting yourself," said Dan. What do you like best about your job?

"The freedom to do whatever I want. I'm my own boss, selfemployed with little risk and it pays very well. It's the best of both worlds. I determine my own paycheck — pay for performance," explained Dan.

Republic Bank was ranked as the fifth Best Company to work

DANIEL B. SMITH

■ Age: 43

■ Hobbies: Golf, skiing, gardening and boating

for in America by "Fortune Magazine" for 2004. Customer satisfaction demands high performance and energy from the employees at Republic Bank.

"You sit down, meet your customer, tell them everything they need to expect and deliver. Good customer service is so simple, but so many people in the country have a hard time understanding this. I know how I like to be treated, and price is secondary," Dan said.

In addition to Dan's regular schedule, he has been a national speaker for "Mortgage Originator Magazine" and Deis Mortgage Banking Seminars. Recently, Dan penned a chapter in an upcoming e-book which focused on divorce from a lender's perspective.

Dan believes in the idea of finding a mentor and emulating them.

"Look at someone who is successful and mirror what they do. Look for a mentor and whatever he is doing," advised Dan.

Republic Bank is located at 186 S. Main St., in Plymouth. The office is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Call Dan Smith at (734) 459-8499.

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hen your company is a familiar name to consumers across the state of Michigan, there is an automatic competitive edge.

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"We are the largest travel agency in Michigan'and for the past three years in a row we have been recognized as the best travel agency in the state," added Anleitner.

Why is the South Lyon agency is so successful?

"We have a large number of preferred travel companies that we work with," Anleitner explained. "These companies provide great incentives and discounts that may not be available anywhere else. We also have a very large number of special group travel that offers even more travel bonuses and discounts."

Anleitner is well qualified to advise his customers. He is a Certified Travel Associate.

"I have been in the travel business for the past eight years," he added. "I have traveled throughout the United States, cruised the Caribbean and Alaska, have specialized in travel to Hawaii, Las Vegas and Walt Disney World," he

Office hours at the South Lyon

agency are 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday. Appointments are available for non-office hours.

Working extra for his customers — regardless of the time of day - is part of the overall job satisfaction that Anleitner enjoys.

"I make vacation dreams comes true," he added. "I provide the best value vacations for my clients. There are no ordinary vacations - each one is very special to everyone that I talk to. I consider it a privilege to help customers reach their dreams."

Steve Anieltner is a travel agent for AAA Travel Agency, located on Lafayette Street in South Lyon.



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Lyle is a retired banker with over 40 years of experience — 22 in the Milford area.

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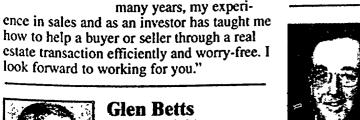


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Norm brought over 25 years of sales and marketing experience with him when he switched into the real estate field.

The experience and his love of historic homes, which grew out of owning his own historic house in Milford, led to a specialty in marketing historic homes in the southeastern Michigan area.

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The Michigan Group Real Estate • Rick Beaudin

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e wears many hats in the community, including real estate agent, busy dad and tireless pirate.

It's true, this Hamburg resident helps raise money and awareness for the Pinckney Schools through his alter-ego, the Pinckney Pirate.

As an agent with the Michigan Group in Brighton serving all of Livingston County, Rick Beaudin helps local buyers and sellers connect to secure their dreams. And he is all about making connections in the community as well. In fact, Beaudin was named the first ever Volunteer of the Year by the Livingston Association of Realtors.

Beaudin has been active with the Pinckney-Lakeland-Hamburg Chamber of Commerce since moving to Livingston County and Zukey Lake. He is now serving his third term as president of the Chamber, which is a division of the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce. While leading the PLH Chamber, Beaudin helped promote the Shop and Dine M-36 program. This involves signs, publications and newspaper and radio advertising promoting the businesses along the M-36 corridor.

Beaudin is also an active member of Arise Church. To encourage teens, he helped create a safe place for them to go after Pinckney High School football games. The Fifth Quarter includes a bonfire and live music on the church grounds. Beaudin also organized a program that earns money for Arise when members shop at Meijer.

Of course, local food pantries and



Rick Beaudin

other organizations also benefit from Beaudin's tireless devotion to volunteerism.

His most recent event was the
Relay For Life, sponsored each year
by the American Cancer Society.
Beaudin has been active in this group
since his dad died of cancer in 1993.
He works to recruit teams, motivate
participants and make sure everyone
knows how to reach the American
Cancer Society. In fact, Beaudin is
known for walking in the opposite
direction and quizzing everyone who
passes him.

"If they don't shout out 1 (800)
ACS-2345 or www.cancer.org when
they see me, I teach them how important the number is."

"Relay For Life keeps growing every year," Beaudin said. "This year we raised over \$407,000."

With all this volunteer work, how does he have time to build a successful business?

"I take a slightly different approach to real estate," Beaudin explained.

"PIRATE" RICK BEAUDIN

- Age: 49
- Favorite Vacation Spot: Europe and California traveled both extensively
- Hobbies: Boating on Zukey Lake, volunteering and attending plays. Recent ones have included "The Music Man," "Jesus Christ Superstar," "Lion King," and "Les Miserables"
- Family: Daughters
 Andrea, 17, and Rachel, 16

"Through my volunteering, I make a lot of contacts, and much of my business comes from people who I meet through these activities."

To better service his customers, Beaudin teamed up with Lisa Erhard. Now, while Beaudin is out with other customers or volunteering, Erhard assists clients.

"She will also make sure that all of the details are covered — a trait that many out-going, active salespeople like myself are not the best at. Lisa has those strengths that I need help with to better service clients,"

Beaudin said.

Of course, Beaudin finds everyway he can to help groups he is fond of. For example, if someone meets Beaudin through the Pinckney High School Booster Club or the Whitmore Lake Clinic and buys or sells a house through him, he will donate \$200 to either organization.

But it isn't just volunteering that



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Rick Beaudin enjoys helping out the community. He is frequently dressed as the Pinckney Pirate, helping to raise money for Pinckney Schools.

Beaudin excells in. He also offers special services to his clients. He pays for a home warranty for each property he lists. He also makes sure each listing has a virtual tour and other enhancements on Realtor.com. And, he sends a monthly real estate newsletter featuring properties for sale to over 3,000 Internet users. (Sign up by sending an e-mail to

beaudin2@aol.com)

Although he may be known as the Pinckney Pirate, Beaudin helps real estate buyers and sellers thoughout the Livingston County area and southeastern Michigan. Contact him today at The Michigan Group.

The Michigan Group is located at 6870 Grand River in Brighton, between Brighton and Howell.

American Express Financial Advisors • Dominic J. Sacca (248) 893-0170

ominic J. Sacca, independently owns a financial advisory branch of American Express Financial Advisors, Inc. in Novi. He credits several mentors who have helped refine his business philosophy over the years.

But Sacca has been honing his business acumen since he first began buying stock in high school; his early experience in the market actually paid for his college education. He says his success comes from a "true passion about finances."

"Managing other people's money is a huge responsibility," explains Sacca. "My clients understand and appreciate that I am just as passionate about their money as I am about my own."

As a Certified Financial Planner®, Sacca designs comprehensive and customized financial plans using a six-fold approach: budgeting, protection planning, investment planning,

income tax planning, retirement planning and estate planning.

As Sacca develops these programs for his clients, they soon realize that he actively manages each client's needs according to current economic conditions, rather than adhering to the let-it-ride approach so common these days. His approach pays off: his clients' portfolios have outpaced the market over the last one, three- and five-year periods. He is also one of the top American Express Financial Advisors in the country based on client satisfaction, client retention and performance.

American Express Financial Advisors, Inc. is located at 39885 Grand River Ave., Suite 200 in the Grand Oaks Center near Haggerty Road in Novi. The office is open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and 8 a.m. to noon Saturday.

AEFA, Inc. is located in Minneapolis, MN.

- By Carol Palmatier

<u>Dominic J. Sacca</u>

- Age: 46
- Family: Married to Eileen with three children: Dominic, 6; Bridget, 4; and MaryClare, 2
- Hobbies: Golf, triathlon, Dominic and Eileen are club champs at Walnut Creek Country Club
- Hours worked per week: "Money never sleeps."

Dominic J. Sacca knows how important money is. He takes his clients' investments just as seriously as his own.



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Brighton Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep • Jim Ritz (810) 229-4100



Photo by CAROL PALMATIER

Jim Ritz knows customer satisfaction makes his business.

t seemed like a gutsy move when Jim Ritz decided to buy Brighton Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep back in 1982. At the time car dealerships were facing uncertain times and trying to overcome huge obstacles within the industry.

Despite the challenges, Ritz believed he would succeed as long as he and his staff were committed to operating like a hometown dealership with a focus on customer satisfaction.

Ritz's dealership, which sells both new and pre-owned cars, has weathered the storm and is now ranked among the top dealerships in the Michigan, Ohio and Indiana sales regions.

"We depend on repeat customers and word of mouth. One unhappy

customer will tell 10 people; each customer has to be treated well and get a fair deal. We treat our customers almost too good. We can match any deal, and still give personal service to each customer," Ritz said.

Building a successful business is Ritz's greatest accomplishment. He credits much of his success to the help he received from his loyal staff, many who have been with him since opening in 1982.

Ritz also credits his success to his wife Pam who has always supported him in all his business ventures.

Brighton Chrysler, Dodge, Jeep is located at 9827 E. Grand River, 4 mile west of Old US 23 in Brighton.

Hours are Monday and Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesday,

JIM RITZ

■ Age: 52

■ Family: Married to Pam with children Matthew, 21, and Lauren, 20

■ Hobbies: Racquetball, golf

Favorite Television
Show: Fox News

■ Hours worked per week: At least 50

Wednesday and Friday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.; and, Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

- By Carol Palmatier

Jet's Pizza • Larry Lavigne

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ittle did Larry
Lavigne know when
he gave up a teaching
career to become a
Jet's Pizza franchisee, that his daily work would
involve interacting closely with
kids.

This interaction with people—both staff and customers—is one of the things Larry likes most about his business, which now includes the ownership of three Jet's Pizza locations in Milford, Hartland and White Lake.

His background in teaching taught him patience and determination — two attributes that have served him well as he has built his own small pizza empire, beginning with a Grosse Pointe location in 1998, which he has since sold.

Larry opened the Milford store in 1999, followed by Hartland in 2001 and White Lake in 2003.

Jet's Pizza's motto of quality products at a cheaper price, places this franchise in a top competitive position in a busy pizza market. Their traditional square deep dish pizza — made with pizza dough made fresh daily at each store — is what first put Jet's Pizza on the pizza map, followed by a number of flavored crusts and other specialty products. They now have over 100 stores in Michigan.

He owes much of his business success to the quality of the Jet's Pizza products and his own passion for consistency.

"It's absolutely essential that we stay consistent with both our products and service," says Larry.

LARRY LAVIGNE

- Family: Married to Julie, "I couldn't have done this without her," with two children: Larry, 2½, and Ava, 1
- Favorite Food: Jet's Pizza, of course

Making his home in Milford, Larry invites pizza lovers to stop in at Jet's Pizza, Millpond Plaza on North Main St., or in Hartland at M-59 and US-23, or in White Lake at M-59 and Bogie Lake Roads. Convenient, easy-access free parking at all locations.

- By Sally Rummel



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(248) 474-1904 Abe & Adel Hamka

rothers Abe and Adel Hamka of Oxford Tailor & Clothing know something about transforming the average Joe into Mr. GQ. They've been doing it for more than 18 years.

The brothers' store offers a wide selection of comfortable, dress-casual clothing and contemporary suits, shirts, pants, and ties for men.

And, they offer tailoring services for men, women and children. They can alter prom dresses, hem pants, take in the waistline of slacks or shorten sleeves so the entire family is dressed in clothing that fits them perfectly.

Don't you wish everything else in your life were that seamless?

Men are becoming increasingly aware of their physical appearances

in today's world. With metrosexual now part of our daily lexicon, buying and wearing clothes that actually fit is very important to men. This is especially true if they're trying to make a good first impression — be it on a job interview or a first date.

That's where experienced and crafty tailors like the Hamka brothers come in. Not only do Abe and Adel make expert alterations for your entire family, they also offer a wide selection of business men's and casual apparel with top brand names such as DKNY, Ralph Lauren, S. Cohen, Valentino, Bugatchi, Tulliano, Lorenzo Latini, Brighton belts and accessories and more.

Famous-designer tuxedo rental is also available at Oxford Tailor & Clothing. A wise option to consider is purchasing a tuxedo and the

Hamka brothers will expertly outfit the customer style.

For last minute occasions, Oxford Tailor & Clothing also offers same day quality service in the nick of time.

Customers consistently give rave reviews for Oxford Tailoring and say the service is "better than excellent" and that "Abe and Adel do it right the first time." In turn, Abe and Adel would like to thank all their loyal customers for making their 18 years in Novi a wonderful success.

Oxford Tailor & Clothing is located in Pheasant Run Plaza at 39863 Grand River, just west of Haggerty, in Novi. Business hours are 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

For more information, call (248) 474-1904. — By Sandy Kuan



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Adel, left, and Abe Hamka of Oxford Tailor & Clothing do expert alterations for men, women and the entire family.

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Gino P. Conedera Agency of Farm Bureau Insurance • Gino Conedera

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he insurance business affords me the opportunity to help clients before they experience a claim or loss,"

Gino Conedera said as an explanation for

his affection for his business.

It comes from personal experience in a

It comes from personal experience in a life lived witnessing the need for insurance.

"I love to help people," the owner of Gino P. Conedera Agency of Farm Bureau Insurance said. Conedera worked as a firefighter/emergency medical technician with the Brighton Fire Department for 11 years.

"I saw the lives of my fellow community members being changed everyday by personal and economic tragedy caused by many things including house fires and car crashes," Conedera recalled.

Training to be a firefighter/ E.M.T. and working for the Brighton Area Fire Department is considered by Conedera to be his greatest accomplishment.

"I am proud to be affiliated with such a great fire department," Conedera said.
"Those guys work hard and are dedicated to their jobs."

Conedera has been an insurance agent for five and a half years.

"I love giving good sound advice and finding gaps and or potential problems that may exist in their current financial plan," Conedera said. "I love seeing the children of my insureds and knowing that I have helped their parents to create a more predictable future for them."

"With my firefighting background, I know what areas to especially concentrate on as it pertains to various property and injury losses before they happen," Conedera said.

"I listen to my clients needs, and work really hard to achieve their goals," Conedera said. "I am a perfectionist and my own toughest critic. I also truly care about my clients just like they were family."

Conedera keeps his work week hours to "as many as it takes to service my existing clients properly and to expand my business."

"You won't catch me golfing!" Conedera laughed. "I am a terrible golfer so you will always be able to get a hold of me if you need to."

Conedera's work ethic stems from his family, particularly his father.

"My mentor would have to be my father," Conedera said. "My father has taught me to be persistent and never give up. My father and I talk a couple times a week. I am always amazed by how hard he works everyday."

Conedera's mother has had a lasting impact on him as well.

"My mom should be a saint!," he exclaimed. "I have 12 siblings. There are seven children still at home."

Eight of Conedera's siblings reside and or attend school in the Livingston County area.

The Gino P. Conedera Agency of Farm Bureau Insurance is a full-service, multi-

line insurance agency. The product lineup includes home, auto, life, health, disability farm, commercial, bonds, and retirement products. Conedera shares an office with Shawn Pipoly of the Shawn Pipoly Insurance Agency.

"For the most part, if you need insurance for something, we have a product for you," Conedera said.

Conedera's advice to everyone who asks is "plan, plan, plan for the future."

"I am a true believer that nobody plans to fail," Conedera said, "they just fail to plan."

Gino Conedera can be reached at 10049 E. Grand River Ave., Suite 400, Brighton.

- By Cynthia Grochowski

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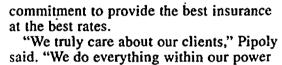
lways keep your life's priorities in order," Shawn Pipoly advised. "God, family, friends, personal happiness."

After 16 years in the insurance business, Pipoly knows what he's talking about. In addition to putting in a 50-hour work week, Pipoly found time to do the Christian workbook "The Purpose Driven Life," by Rick Warren, but didn't give up Scooby Doo time with his 10-year-old daughter Lexi.

"I watch it with my daughter all the time," Pipoly laughed. "My girls are my life," he said, referring also to his wife

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Jeff Toole, recruited me. I
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Shawn Pipoly Insurance Agency



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Although Piploy did not originally plan
on an insurance career, his own agent, Jeff

Toole, saw Pipoly's potential.

"My agent and mentor, Jeff Toole, recruited me," Pipoly recalled. "I like the people the best. I love to talk to people and help them. Jeff Toole is my mentor because he is the agent I want to be. My father is the man I want to be."

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Gino Conedera, right, and Shawn Pipoly run independent insurance agencies out of the same Brighton office.

GINO CONEDERA

- Age: 33
- Hobbies: Boating, fishing, whitewater rafting, snorkeling, target pistol shooting, working out
- Favorite Television Show: "The Sopranos"
- Magazines: "Hour Detroit," "Rough Notes"
- Vacation Spot: Chicago
- Last Movie Watched: "The Passion of the Christ"

and childhood sweetheart Carrie. "They're the greatest. I can have the worst day ever, come home and my daughter always runs to the door yelling "Daddy!" Nothing can melt you faster."

"Balancing my business needs with my family and partner is my greatest accomplishment," Pipoly reflected. "It's very hard to balance because you inevitably leave somebody dissatisfied."

Pipoly, owner of Shawn Pipoly
Insurance Agency, shares the Brighton
Farm Bureau office with insurance
agent/owner Gino P. Conedera of The
Gino P. Conedera Agency of Farm Bureau
Insurance.

Pipoly and Conedera stand behind their

Server and the server

SHAWN PIPOLY

- **Age:** 39
- Hobbies: Golf, hunting, antique furniture, cooking
- Favorite Television Show: "CSI," "Scooby Doo"
- Magazines: "Michigan Magazine," "Handy Man"
- Vacation Spot: Hawaii "we just came home from there. Normally it's right here in Michigan."
- Last Movie Watched: "Scooby Doo 2"
- Family: Married to Carrie with daughter, Lexi, 10

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righton Commerce

to look back, but its vision is way into the

future. Founded in 1997, it stands proud-

nity bank guided by a dedicated board of directors primarily comprised of local business owners and under the leadership of President and CEO Gary Nickerson.

What this means for Brighton Commerce Bank's commercial and individual banking customers is that all financial decisions and transactions are completed at this location in their own hometown — by a pro-

"I believe so strongly in the concept of local ownership that I took my quarter-century banking experience and gathered other experienced, professional bankers together to form what is now Brighton Commerce Bank," says Nickerson.
"Most of our employees came to Brighton Commerce Bank with years of banking knowledge to their credit. Our customers have all the benefit of their many years of expe-

fessional staff of 27.

rience."

our yéars living in a community might not seem like a long time, but Greg Downey has made the most of

He opened his Edward: Jones office in South Lyon in 2000. after spending time as a financial planner in Chicago. The venture has been a success, and he has jumped right into the South Lyon community.

'Community activities are my current recreation," he says with a smile.

Downey is the president of PumpkinFest, vice-president of finance for the South Lyon

"Community activities are my current recreation."

-Greg Downey **Edward Jones**

Chamber of Commerce, and serves on the board of directors of the South Lyon Kiwanis.

Downey grew up in a small town and thrives on getting to know the people of South Lyon.

"I like being involved in the community and getting to know the people here allows me to advise them better, to help them achieve their dreams and goals." he adds.

As an investment representative

for Edward Jones, Downey offers a full range of financial products, including stocks, bonds, mutual funds, annuities, certificates of deposit and insurance.

"Retirement planning seems to be the main focus, our clients tend to be looking longer term," he says. "I care about my clients and want to give them the individual advice that they deserve. It makes me feel great to see my clients achieve their goals and

GREG C. DOWNEY

■ Age: 30

Family: Married to Karyn, with son Logan, 3

■ Hobbies: Softball, almost any sport, community activities ·

■ Favorite Television

Show: CSI

that I helped them get there."

Greg Downey's office is located at 22312 Pontiac Trail, across from Farmer Jack in South Lyon.

Office hours are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, and other hours by appointment.

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Making the decisions at Brighton Commerce Bank are, from left, front row: John Szydzik, Gary Nickerson, Joe Petrucci and back row: Mark DuShane, Corey Ruthig, Bill Anderson, John Novak and Ryan Mason.

experience is especially helpful to customers in Brighton Commerce Bank's Trust Department. "Mark DuShane is our full-time investment professional," says Nickerson. "He is on staff as a resource for our customers to answer their financial questions as well as guide their investments."

This level of knowledge and

Another unique service offered by Brighton Commerce Bank is its Courier Service for commercial customers. "Our courier can pick up any banking transaction - at no charge — from your business," says

Nickerson. "It's our way of helping you balance the demands of time on your already busy schedule as a business owner."

Extended lobby and drive-in hours are another convenience of doing business at Brighton Commerce Bank. The lobby and drive-in are open Monday through

Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Drive-in hours are extended on Thursday and Friday evenings until 6 p.m.

A sophisticated Internet banking system makes banking even easier, allowing customers to make almost any transaction or check on their

account status by contacting the Brighton Commerce Bank website at www.brightoncommerce.com.

There's also no charge for the bank's automatic bill paying system, which allows customers to pay many of their bills on-line.

"As an industry, banking has never been more complex," says

Nickerson, "yet it's easier, faster and more convenient in Livingston County, thanks to the commitment of Brighton Commerce Bank to its local customers."

Brighton Commerce Bank is located at 8700 N. Second St., in . Brighton, adjacent to the Meijer Store, just off Grand River Ave.

Allen Physical Therapy • Jeffrey Allen, PT, OCS

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s a physical therapist, Jeffrey Allen believes in a hands-on approach to

In fact, Allen's most valuable tools are his two very strong hands.

A power lifter and black belt in karate, Allen uses his strength and experience to help patients get back on the road to health. Allen offers a different approach when it comes to physical therapy.

py.
"When you come in here,
there's no doubt that I mean business," said Allen, who is a 1992
graduate of Wayne State
University and a board certified
orthopedic specialist.

His background also includes manager of industrial rehabilitation for the General Motors Flint North American Operations at Buick City. He also possesses extensive experience in manual therapy and sports medicine.

"I like to give an exercise program that's practical for the patient so that it will continue to be beneficial on an ongoing basis. We're striving for independence, not dependence."

- Jeffrey Allen Allen Physical Therapy

"My big emphasis will be on quality care. I don't want to be the best-kept secret in town. I think in a small town, the news will spread by word of mouth," said Allen.

Opening this June, he plans to offer specialized skills, particularly in the neck, spine and shoulder area. Not every person is the same, so he uses a multi-disciplinary approach. He describes it as an integrated manual therapeutic approach with osteopathic techniques. These include myofascial,

muscle energy, counter strain and cranio sacral methods.

Whether he's treating a new patient or one familiar with all the above techniques, he'll find the best program to suit each person's needs. Once treatment has begun, he encourages patients to continue with a progressive exercise program.

"I like to give an exercise program that's practical for the patient so that it will continue to be beneficial on an ongoing basis," said Allen. "We're striving



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As a physical therapist, Jeffrey Allen believes in a hands-on approach to healing. "When you come in here, there's no doubt that I mean business," said Allen, who is a 1992 graduate of Wayne State University and a board-certified orthopedic specialist.

for independence, not dependence."

Although chronic pain is never pleasant, Teri Ciucci, a patient at Allen Physical Therapy, said that her experience with Allen has been entirely positive. She and her daughter have benefited from Allen's skills during the past two years.

"He's respectful and effective. He makes it a comfortable experience," said Ciucci.

She noted Allen has very high standards and uses time efficiently.

"He's very businesslike, but compassionate, a great combination," she added.

Don Williams was diagnosed with a shoulder/rotator cuff injury. His first experience with physical therapy didn't yield

Jeffrey Allen will offer specialized skills, particularly in the neck, spine and shoulder area. Because every person is not the same, Long uses an integrated manual therapeutic approach with osteopathic techniques.

results. Another physician recommended Allen.

"From the first minute, it was like night and day. He spent a lot of time and went over everything thoroughly every step of the way," said Williams, who fortunately saw immediate improvement.

Williams continues therapy, and although he's not 100 percent, he's recovered enough to return to golf.

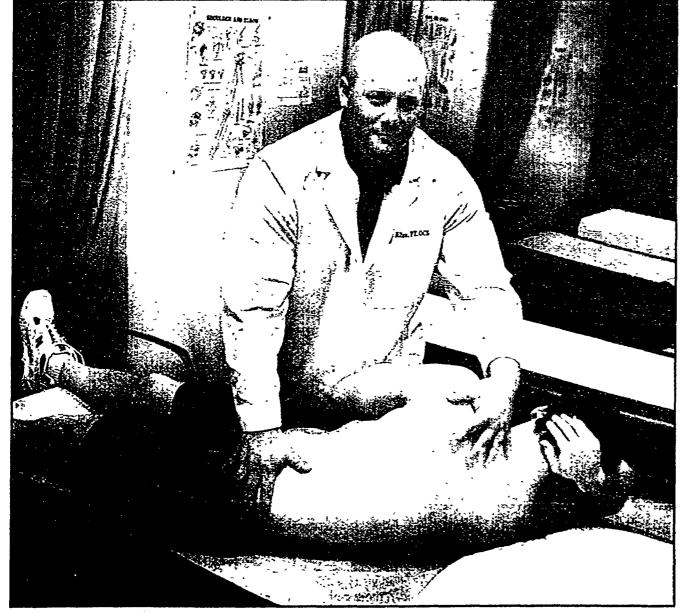
"I see improvement every time I go," said Williams.

Allen Physical Therapy will open in early June at 304 N.
Lafayette St., in downtown South Lyon, adjacent to the Providence Practice. Allen hopes the convenient location near the clinic will be beneficial to patients.

Allen looks forward to helping patients in his hometown of South Lyon. His new Web site will be functioning soon.

To schedule an appointment with Dr. Jeffrey Allen, call Allen Physical Therapy at (248) 437-2322. Flexible hours are available.

- By Annette Jaworski



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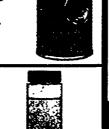
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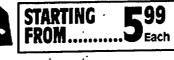
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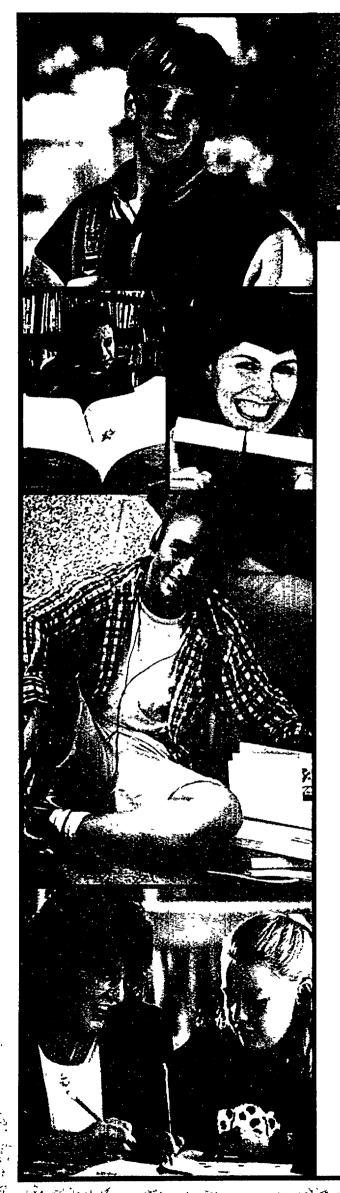
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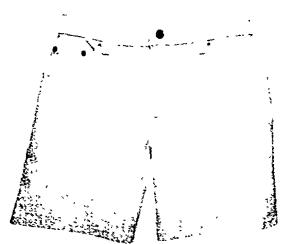


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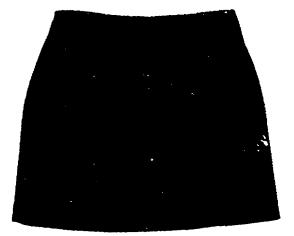
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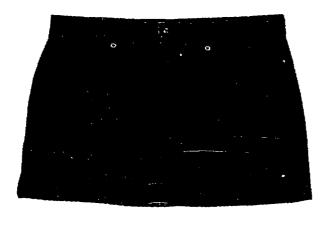
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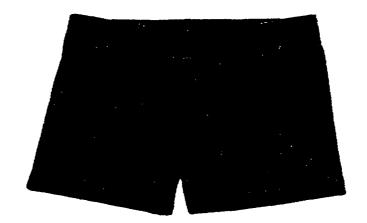
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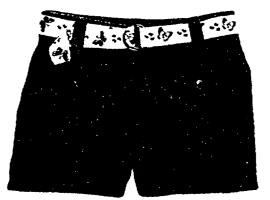


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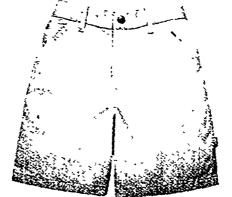


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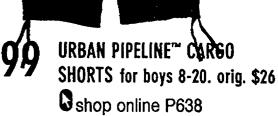


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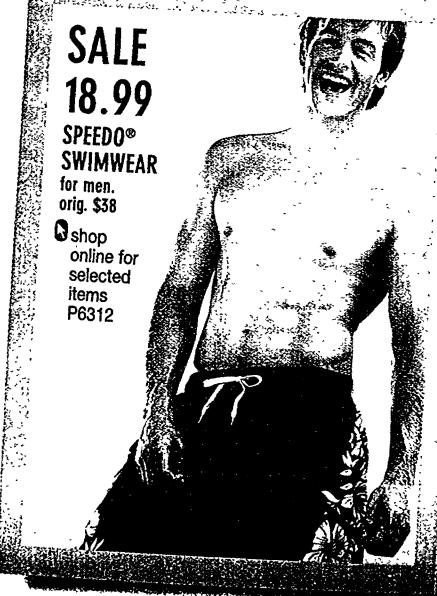




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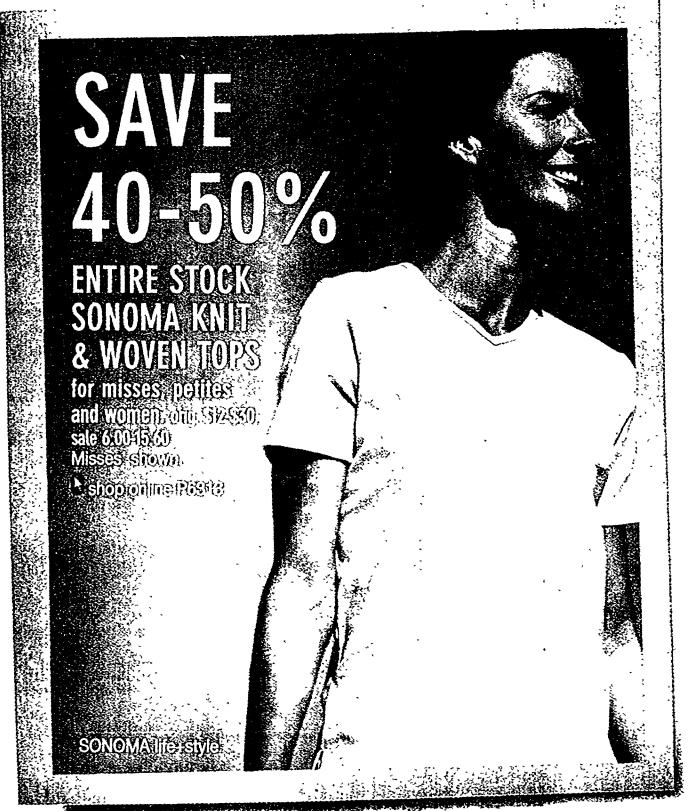
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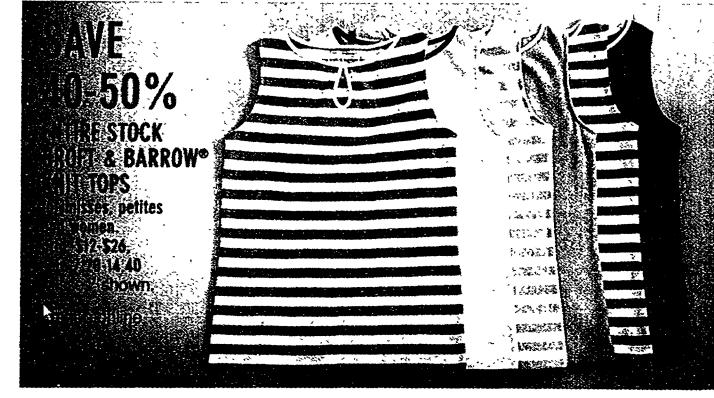
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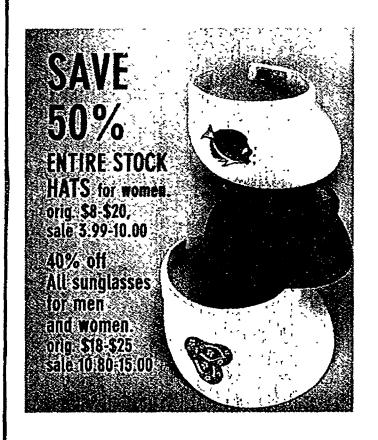
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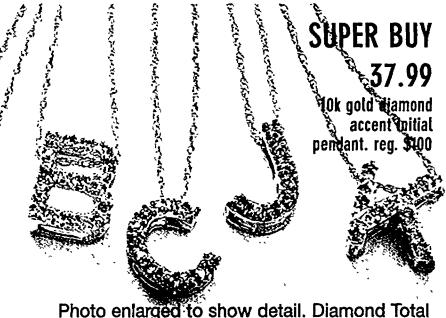
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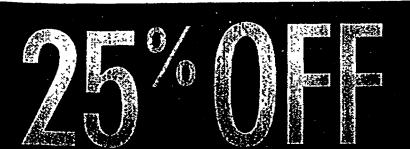


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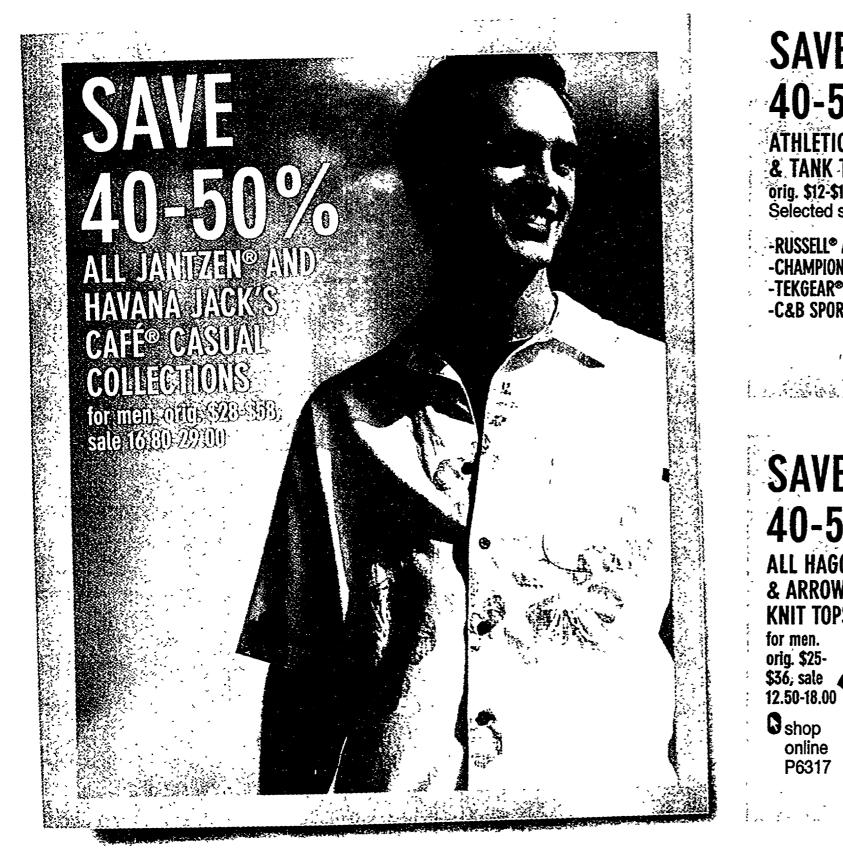
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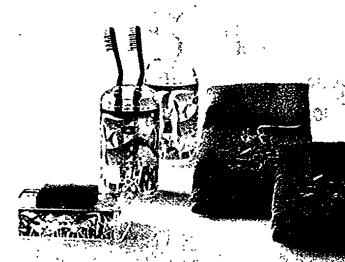
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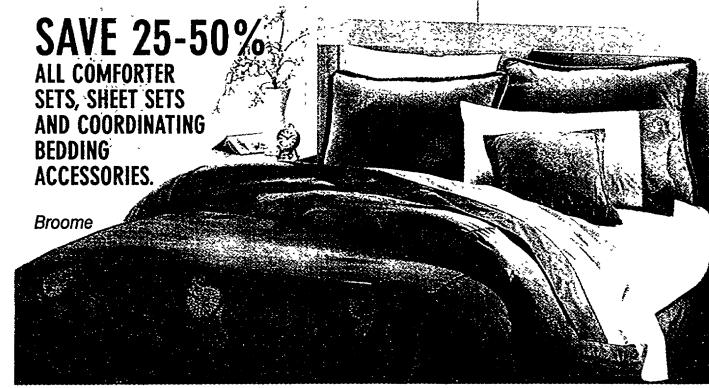
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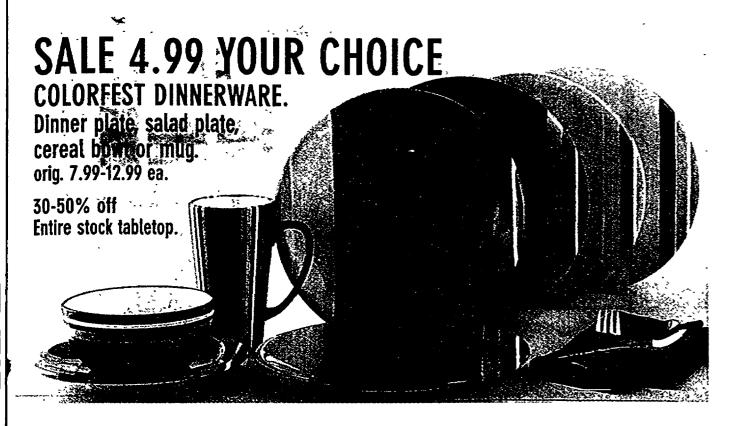




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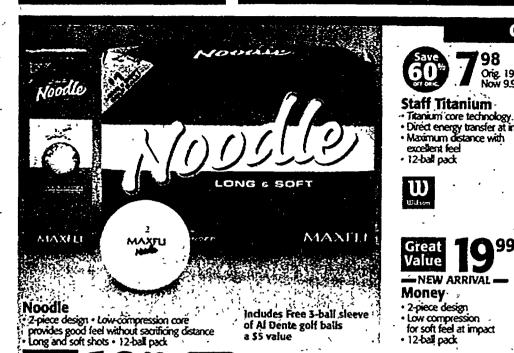
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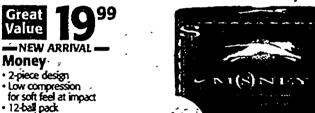
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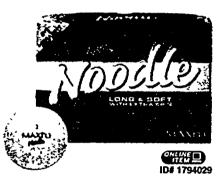
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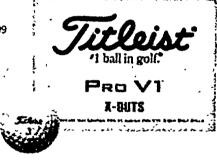
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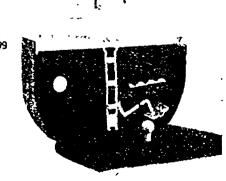
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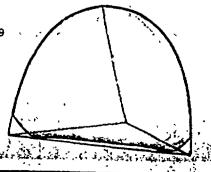
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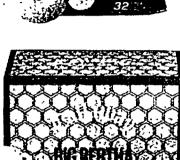
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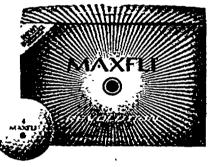


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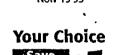
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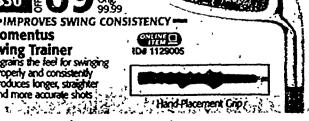






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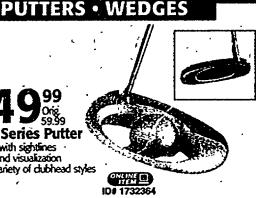
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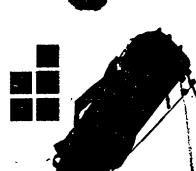
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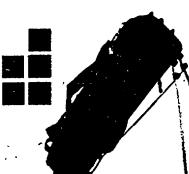
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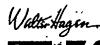




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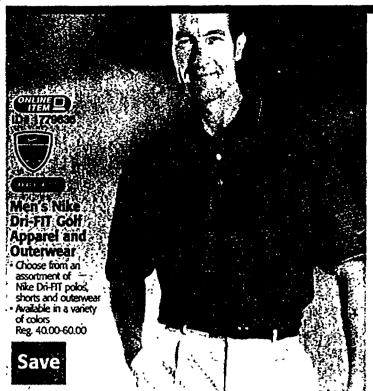
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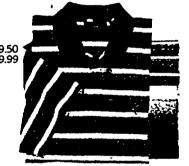


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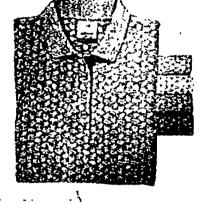
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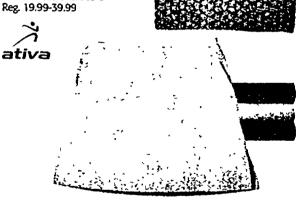
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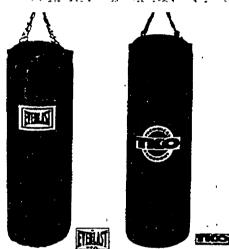
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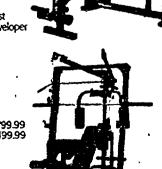
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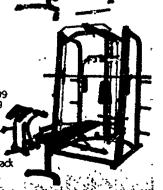
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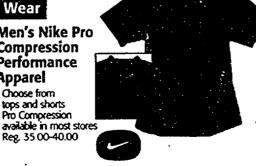


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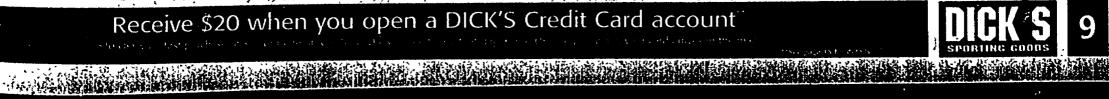
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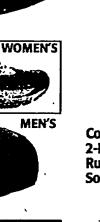
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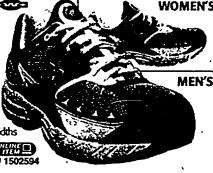


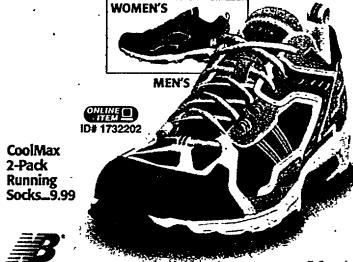
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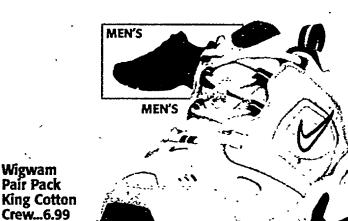
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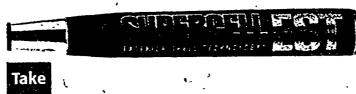
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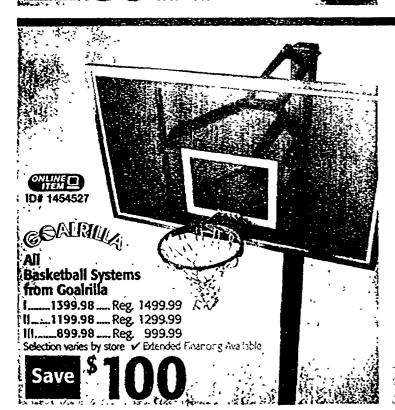
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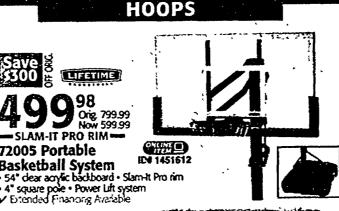
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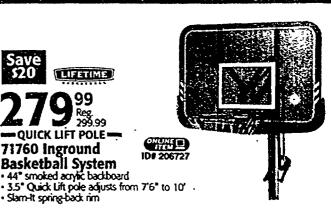


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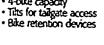




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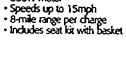


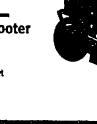
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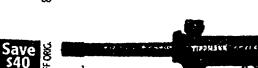




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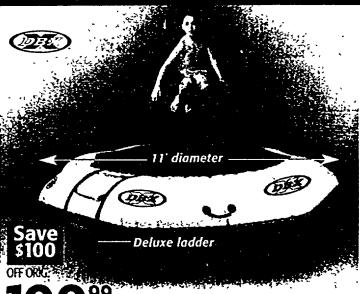
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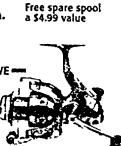
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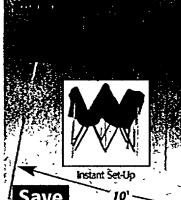
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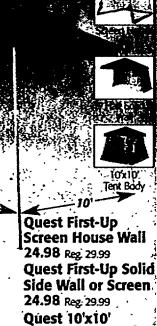


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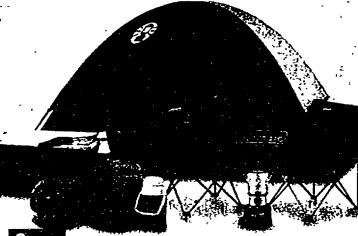




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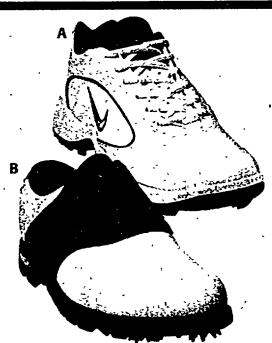
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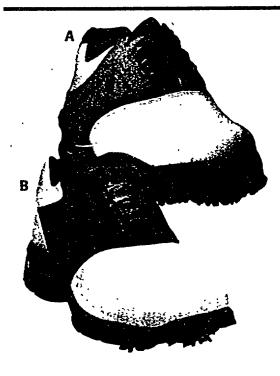
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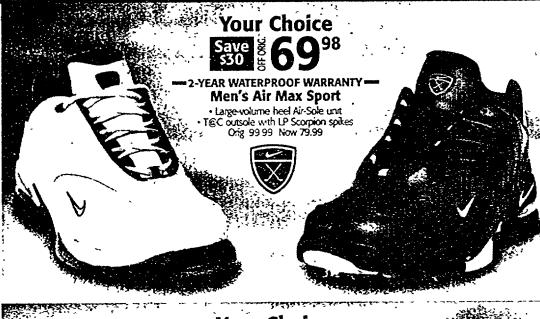
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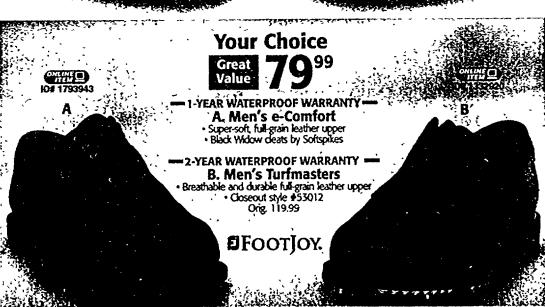
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-Albert D., Kansas

Yes, Jason Ritter, who plays Kevin Girardi on Joan of Arcadia, is the son of actor John Ritter, who died in 2003, and the grandson of famed film cowboy Tex Ritter. Ritter says his dad supported his choice to become an actor. "My father loved it so much, and he overcame all the difficulties of trying to become an actor.

And in that struggle he decided he would support his children in whatever they wanted to do," Ritter says. But he says his father insisted that he study acting, rather than to "just try to sort of ride in on whatever sort of natural thing I had." He's a graduate of New York University's Tisch School of the Arts and he also studied at London's Royal Academy of Dramatic Arts. He was featured in the movies Swimfan and Freddy vs. Jason.

What happened to the old host of While You Were Out, Teresa Strasser?

—Joni S., Ohio

Teresa Strasser left TLC's hip decorating show, While You Were Out, when her contract ended last year. She says she chose not to renew her contract because being on the road for more than 200 days a year was not the lifestyle she wanted. "After leaving While You Were Out, I metaphorically started dating other shows," she says. "I went out with The View, E! News Line and Miss Match. I went out on some dates with Donny Osmond and Pyramid. I went out with a bunch of countdown shows for the E! network and some episodes of Style Court for the Style Network. I finally settled-down with a daily, down-to-earth, dependable kind of show called Good Day New York on Fox." She also writes for Us Weekly's



Jason Ritter follows in his dad's footsteps.

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Teresa Strasser.

Fashion Police and the Jewish Journal of Los Angeles and maintains a website, www.teresastrasser.com. "I miss the old While You Were Out gang, but we actually stay in pretty good touch," she says. (A side note for One Life to Live fans: Robin Strasser (Dorian Lord) is Teresa's aunt.)

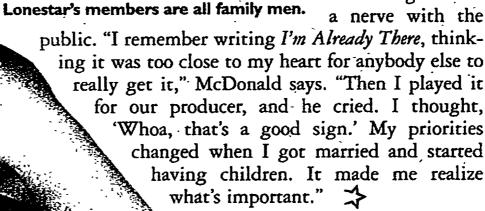
What can you tell me about the members of Lonestar? Are they married and do they have children?

-Linda P., Oregon

All but one are married, but the "lone" unmarried Lonestar is engaged. That's drummer Keech Rainwater, and he's getting married this September. And all of Lonestar's members are fathers. Lead singer Richie McDonald and his wife, Lorie, have three—a boy, Rhett, and two girls, Mollie and Maisie. Dean Sams (keyboards) and his wife, Kim, have a boy, Bryson, and a girl, Britney. Michael Britt (lead guitar) and his wife, Renee, have a son, Ethan. And Rainwater has a son, Dakota. McDonald immortalized his family in the

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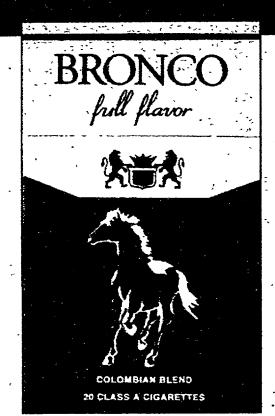
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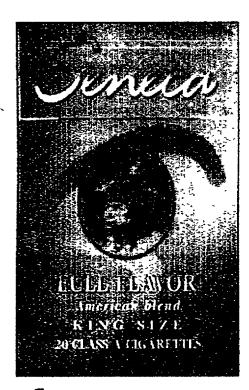


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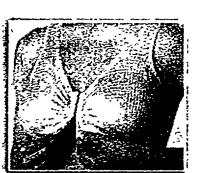
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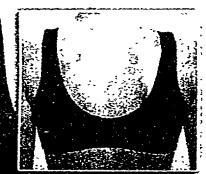
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took second place at Weiser last year. Another final

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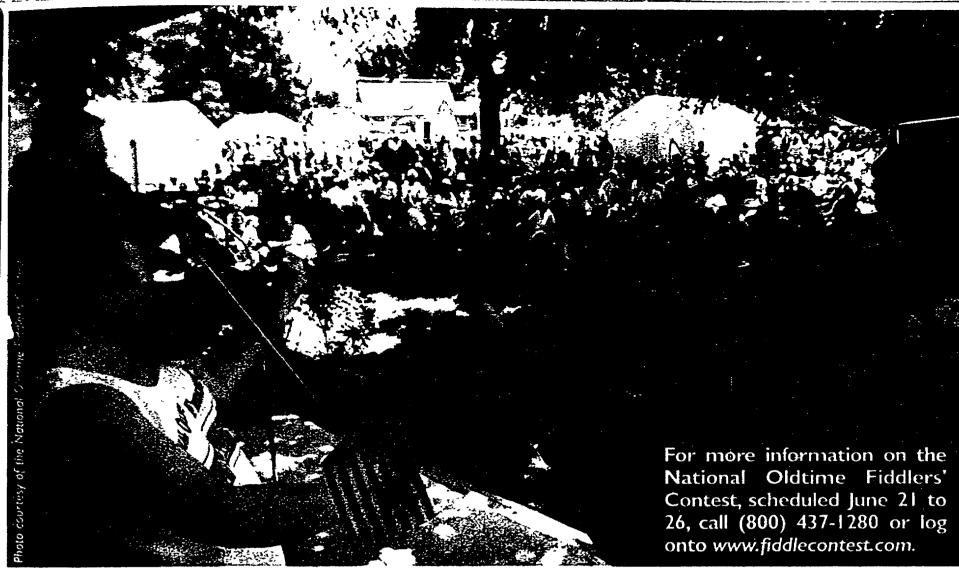
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must be memorized, because no sheet music is allowed on stage. So despite the repetition of popular favorites, 421 old-time fiddle tunes were committed to memory and performed at Weiser last year.

This is important to advocates, who say sheet music can't capture the life in these tunes, a fiddler's fancy licks or their "attitude."

But to see music do what it did when those old songs were young, it's best to leave the gym. Living



Daily—and nightly—musical entertainment is part of the weeklong fiddling competition held in Weiser since 1963.



Fiddler Seth Mattison renders a first-class performance.

library or no, that stage is not where music weaves real magic.

That happens on the football field, full on contest week of RVs and pop-up trailers. Campground rules require generators to be turned off at midnight, but nobody ever makes the fiddlers stop playing.

And they don't. In groups of two or 10, players find their way into, around, and back out of tunes together. The songs shared by the players over the years have forged a musical community and turned Weiser into a down-home family reunion.

"Weiser is Christmas in June," says Tony Ludiker, five-time winner of the contest whose daughter, Kimber, also competes. Ludiker has attended for decades and says when he dies he wants his ashes scattered on the football field where contestants camp. It's hard to tell if he's kidding.

Musical magic

The magic happens across the road, too, in a camping area full of musicians who won't set good on the contest stage. Some are fiddlers, but gethe air also is laced with the sounds of dobro, accordian, spoons and mandolin.

As at the gym, performing isn't the point. It's not even about winning. These players come by the hundreds, from across the country, to jam and to learn from each other. Some wander from group to group. Others gather under a shade tarp for the afternoon. Here and there stand spectators, many of them non-musicians. These small audiences seldom clap, but they're not being impolite: They understand it would only cut into playing time.

Not every musician at Weiser wants to jam. The afternoon before her bid for grand champion, Tashina Clarridge practices alone outside a locked entryway to the school. She wears a red velvet skirt, a battery-powered metronome on a cord around her neck, and a calm, but serious look on her face, like that of a concert violinist.

"This place is so full of music," she says. "I get into bed at night with 20 versions of *Hotfoot* in my head."

Three couples wander up. They have tickets to the contest. They're looking for the school's main entrance.

"You're going to practice? Can we listen?" a woman says.

"As long as you don't play," Tashina replies.

"All I play is the radio," a man says.

Everyone laughs and then Tashina draws her bow across the strings and they stop. The girl closes her eyes, her bow arm swoops downward, and she begins playing in earnest. Fast notes bounce like Ping-Pong bails off walkway, ceiling, and walls, filling the space around her with sound.

"This," she says, stopping to gesture at the walls with her bow, "makes me sound better than I am." Nobody laughs. They just wait for her to play again, which after a moment she does.

And that's the best thing Weiser offers non-players: the chance to take beautiful songs, like ripe fruit, straight from the hands of first-rate musicians, to join in some small way the community that music has made here. Just like old times.

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CONNECT WITH MONTGOMERY GENTRY AT

Hometowill Hero

Riding KARVONEN KARVONEN Photos by Lou Sennick to Responsibility

Police Chief Rhett Davis has

taken an innovative approach to crime in the town of Powers, Ore. (pop. 682). Instead of arresting wayward teenagers, he wants to give them a horse. There are some stipulations, however: the youths must stay free of crime, drugs and alcohol, must not get pregnant, and must get passing grades for three years.

Since Davis started his RIDER (Realizing Individual Dreams Equestrian Ranch) program in May 2000, nearly 150 youths have signed contracts to live clean lives. In return, Davis, 46, promises them a horse, and instructs them how to ride, train, and care for it, all the while teaching them self-respect and responsibility.

"I've arrested some of these kids for marijuana, alcohol, criminal mischief and vandalism," Davis says. "But it's a lot more pleasant to deal with them this way. I'd rather be proactive now than actively arresting them later on."

About 10 to 15 percent of participants drop out because of drug and alcohol problems, but the ones who stay in the program turn their lives around.



Rhett Davis (center) rides with beneficiaries of his youth outreach program.

"Two girls who had failing grades and brushes with the law recently completed high school and went on to college, donaring their horses back to the program," Davis says proudly.

Kathwryne Carter, 12, who recently joined Davis' program, signed up because she was getting poor grades and having a difficult time at school.

"Now, I don't get so upset in class," says Carter, who helps out around the 92-acre ranch. "It's a real motivator to keep my grades up because I love the horses and I like to ride Romeo in our special event-barrel racing."

Kids such as Carter not only take care of the ranch's 70 horses, they also cut firewood, fix fences, and build corrals. To keep the horses in hay and ride herd on his young charges, Davis relies on a core of community volunteers, plus grants (the Ford Foundation gave the ranch \$25,000) and local donations of money and feed.

But Davis' most valued commodity is his time, acting as a surrogate father to eight to 10 kids every day, and upwards of 45 youths during trail rides. "It's quite a posse," says Davis, a single father with six children of his own.

In fact, his cowboys and cowgirls-in-training often turn to Davis when they're having problems. "I really trust him," Carter says. "He has helped me and the other kids be more confident."



A horseman at heart

Davis is single-minded in his devotion to keeping kids out of trouble. He invites them to use the gym in his house and has even opened a teen drop-in center at the RIDER office in downtown Powers, where kids can play pool and computer games, and watch movies.

"My vision is that we will someday have satellite ranches all over the nation with bunkhouses for inner city kids to spend a week at these ranches and ride horsès," Davis says.

Those satellite ranches don't have bunkhouses yet, but Davis now has six volunteers around Oregon—in Eugene, Springfield, Cottage Grove and Salem—who have expanded his outreach to troubled kids.

Amanda Bollhorst, 13, of Springfield, joined Johnny Van Ordon's program in Eugene after her grades started to slip. She now rides in 4-H and Pony Club shows.

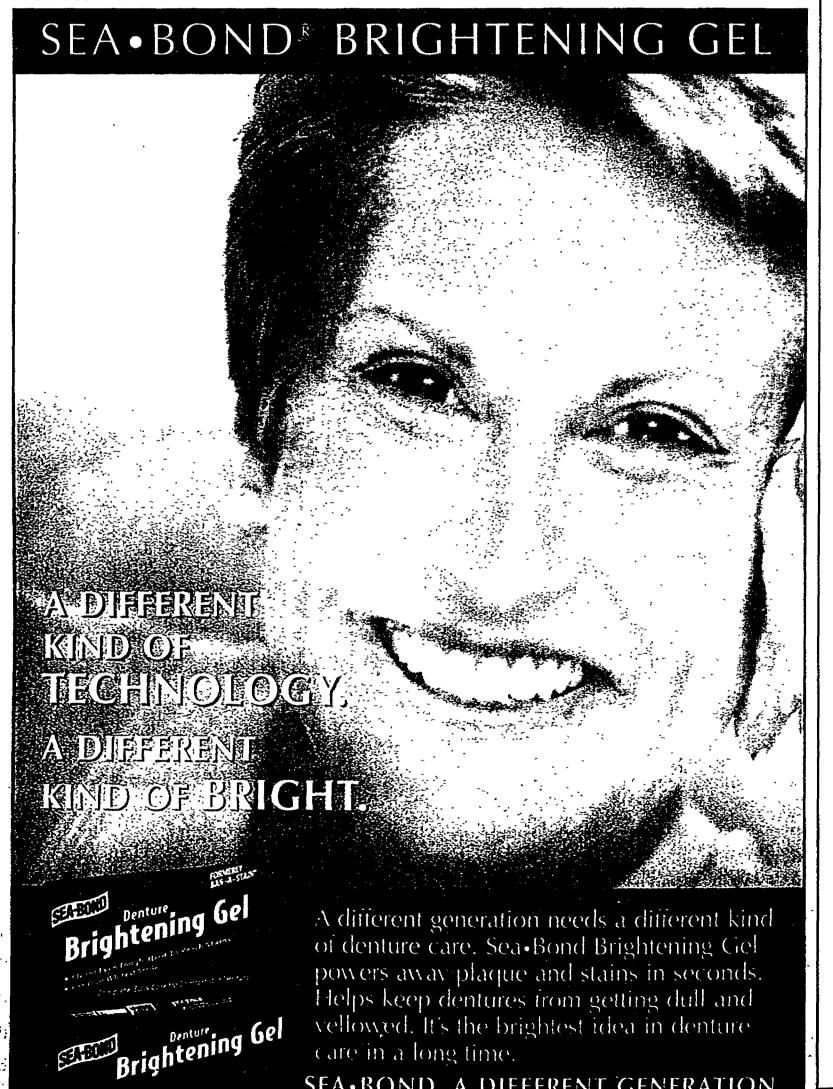
"The program has made me work hard to keep my horse, Herbie," Bollhorst says. "If I keep my pledge, he will be mine someday."

But Bollhorst does more than just ride. "I have to help pay for his food and care, so we hold candy fund-raisers and car washes to raise money."

Helping kids learn responsibility is an important part of Davis' program, but nothing gives him more satisfaction than "watching kids that come from homes with abuse and drugs, who were angry and cussing when they first arrived, and then seeing them smiling and happy."

Most of all, Davis, a police officer since 1978, has accomplished what many law enforcement officers only dream of doing: he's won the trust of teenagers in his community.

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NORTH DAKOTA

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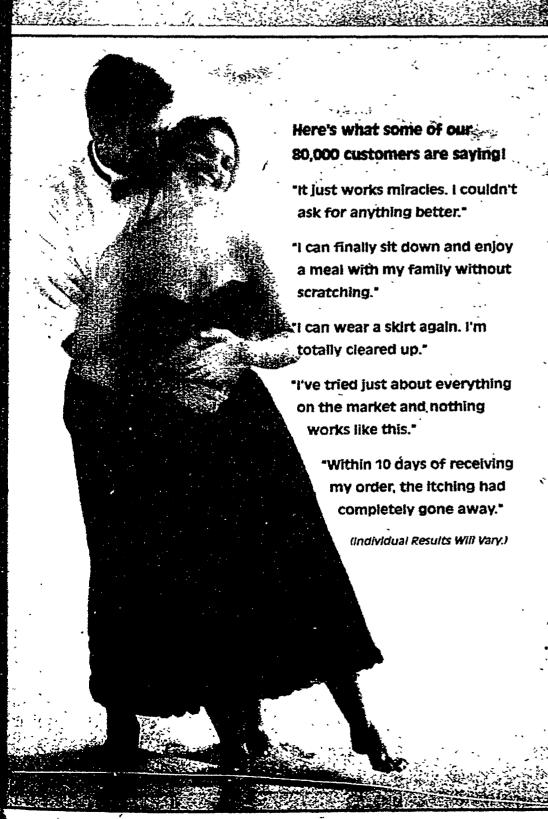
Black Swamp Benefit Bazaar Wauseon, downtown for this 1899-style revival event June 18-19. Celebrate Mennonite culture with an auction of Mennonite and Amish quilts and handmade items, plus enjoy other activities at the Fulton County Fairgrounds. (419) 335-3763.

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Tooting Glenn Miller's Home



Big Band leader Glenn Miller is Fort Morgan High School's most celebrated graduate.

When Cathy Shull was in junior high school, she learned to dance to Glenn Miller's In The Mood, never imagining that the famous trombonist and Big Band leader was a former resident of her hometown of Fort Morgan, Colo.

In fact, it wasn't until 1995, when the nostalgia of World War II's 50th anniversary sparked a swing music revival, that the town of 11,034 rediscovered its most famous resident. "I heard people around town mentioning that Miller had lived in Fort Morgan," says Shull, who then set out to spread the word. "I told the Chamber of Commerce that we had a great opportunity to bring people to our town and celebrate this great local hero."



tos-one of Miller with the Fort Morgan High School Maroons football team. It was at the high school that Miller started his first band, the Mick-Miller Melody Five. Other mementos include a copy of his 1942 record Chattanooga Choo-Choo (earning Miller the music industry's first gold record); a ticket he signed at his last civilian concert; and the flag that flew over the Capitol on the 15th anniversary of

The town's festival is appropriately dubbed Glenn Miller SwingFest and annually draws 3,000 music lovers from as far away as Alaska and New York. Shull, who serves as

his 1944 disappearance over the Atlantic.

executive director of the Fort Morgan Area Chamber of Commerce, has become an expert on Miller, who joined the local football team when his family moved to town in 1918. Although he was named "Best Left End in Colorado," and given a college football scholarship, music was his first love.

"He and his brother got caught on the high school roof playing his trombone at midnight," Shull says. "On graduation day his mom picked up his diploma because he was playing a gig in Cheyenne, Wyo."

This year's SwingFest, scheduled June 17-20, will include a music scholarship competition, a multi-media presentation on Miller's life, an afternoon concert, and a dinner dance. Fans, dressed in '40s military uniforms and evening gowns, will waltz and swing to the strains of the Glenn Miller Orchestra at the Jensen Onion Warehouse.

"We always pick one of his songs as our theme. Last year, it was Chattanooga Choo Choo," Shull says. "We expect this year's event to be our biggest yet because it marks the 100th anniversary of his birthday."

This year's festival theme is The Glen Island Special, a song written after Miller hit the big time with an engagement at the Glen Island Casino on New York's Long Island.

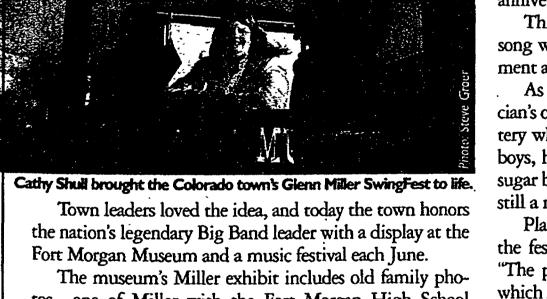
As for Miller fans, they also can tour the famous musician's old haunts, places he lived and worked, and the cemetery where his parents are buried. Like many Fort Morgan boys, he was employed by Western Sugar, the local 1906 sugar beet plant that once fueled the town's economy and is still a major employer.

Plans also are underway to dedicate a new park during the festival, marking the opening of Glenn Miller Park. "The park will be located next to our original city hall, which is being restored and should be open and occupied by 2005," Shull says.

> You might say all the hoopla came about because Shull and community leaders rediscovered a former resident and American music legend, who used to toot 🗟 his own horn in Fort Morgan. 🖈

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