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Sun splashed!



Sara Hammelef, 8, is reflected in the tile mirror creation of artist Taffnie Bogart last Sunday during Northville's Art in the Sun celebration.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville man faces child porn charges

Nine-month investigation results in three felony charges

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville Township resident David Scott Hutchinson, 40, tomorrow will face three felony counts of possessing child pornography.

His preliminary examination at 35th District Court in Plymouth follows a 9-month police investigation of the contents of his home computer.

Following his arrest last week, the retired U.S. Navy serviceman was released on \$2,000 bond.

Each count potentially carries four years in prison and/or \$10,000 in fines, if convicted.

Police said local computer support company, Vision Computer Solutions, alerted the Northville city and township police; who began their investigations last September after Hutchinson brought his computer in for repairs.

Technicians looking at information on the hardware to diagnose the problem found the sexually explicit images of children, police said.

"We don't go through materials," said David Marino II, Vision business development director. "I don't want people to fear Big

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David Scott Hutchinson

We're outta here!



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Kelly Maise gets a ride from fellow seventh grade Hillside Middle School student Amy Bernstein during activities last Thursday. On the final day of classes, students also flew kites, watched movies and eighth graders enjoyed a picnic and field day at Maybury State Park.

Roll out the orange barrels

Local road construction projects mark summer of detours, motorist frustration

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

The signs are orange and white, blinking and at every end of the city, warning motorists: Avoid Griswold Street construction.

Work on the north-south truck route from Main Street to Baseline Road will continue through September.

And in the coming weeks, digging will commence on nearby Grace Street and also last through September.

Those are the two areas in the city to avoid this road construction season, said department of public works director Jim Gallogly.

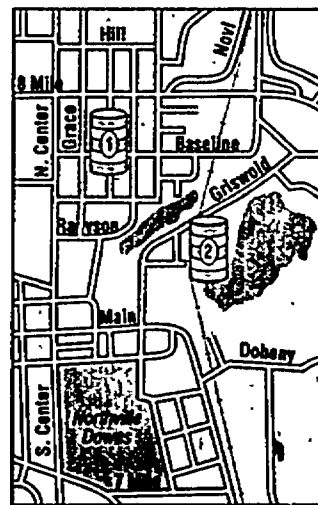
The Wayne County Division of Roads June 13 started concrete resurfacing of Griswold. The "white topping" calls for tearing up the asphalt, then capping it with four inches of concrete, Gallogly said.

"It will tie in nicely to the concrete bridge in the middle of the project."

The city and county each will pay \$40,000, Gallogly said, with the remainder of the \$400,000 project funded by federal grants. The north-south county road is one of city's most heavily traveled by trucks, he said.

Single lane open

After the initial close of the



Northville Summer 2005 Road Construction Projects

1. GRACE STREET
 - Rayson St. to Baseline Rd.
 - 60 days (July-September)
 - \$383,000
 - Complete Reconstruction
2. GRISWOLD STREET
 - E. Main St. to Baseline Rd.
 - June 13-September
 - \$400,000
 - Concrete Resurfacing

SOURCE: City of Northville
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"It's going to be a significant disruption."

Jim Gallogly
Northville Public Works Director

northbound lane, crews will block half the road at a time at six-week intervals, Gallogly said.

"Access to Mill Race and Ford Field always will be maintained," he said. Likewise, the county will try to keep commercial and residential driveways accessible.

More than 200 people who attended the Rotary Club's

Lobsterfest last weekend found their way to the park. Roadwork invariably coincides with the summer festival season, Gallogly said.

"They have no options really," he said. "We ask our residents to

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Landscaping Renovation is the latest trend

There is a growing trend in our area and many homeowners are choosing to stay in their homes and make major updates

A tradition in landscaping now into a second generation

Repeat business and referrals are always welcome. "It is amazing with our longevity in the business, we are finding customers that have used TSI for all of their landscape needs and are now telling their grown children who are buying a home for the first time that you must use Todd's!!!"

Todd's builder program is off to a fast start

The latest major trend is what TSI refers to as their "BUILDER PROGRAM". The inclusion of the lawn and sprinkler system in the base price of the home is becoming increasingly popular. TSI offers builders the opportunity to sell more homes and control the quality look of their developments by including the lawn and system in the base price of the home. TSI will even install the entire landscape package on builder's spec homes. The best part about this program is the builder does not have to pay for the services until the closing takes place. This is a great selling feature, the builder receives special pricing from TSI, not to be undersold by their competitors and not received by the general public. The builder's clients also receive a free "Turf Establishment Program" (four fertilizing applications) and a free full color landscape design rendering from a TSI design professional. By meeting with TSI early it also allows the customer

Todd's Services Incorporated is now in their 27th year of business. Todd and Kurt LaButte attribute their success and longevity to the wonderful community, family and employees that have surrounded and supported them in their endeavor over the years. "For this, we are forever grateful. Thank you."

Last year TSI set another record in sales volume. This is incredibly amazing considering that the economy had not been the most robust. TSI does think, however, that in any economy, people appreciate the impeccable quality and customer service that TSI consistently offers.

Todd's offers programs to help consumers

TSI offers tools that are unique to the industry, including various financing programs, one which allows customers to receive up to 12 months same as cash with no interest or 7.9% for 48 months. TSI also offers a "MEET or BEAT" and

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"BEST DEAL PROGRAM". TSI has a reputation of being the best landscaping company in the community, however they also are considered a little expensive. With the introduction of these programs, the consumer has been given an opportunity to put aside that misconception. "It always amazes our customers when they actually compare the services from our competition and then from us. We beat our competitors 100% of the time; we guarantee that TSI will beat their quote. We find that we are your best deal by far, when comparing apples for apples, but what we find when a competitor beats our prices it is apples for oranges" says Todd. Lets face it, if TSI wasn't giving the public the best deal, they would not have set a record sales volume in 2004, which was probably the worst economy since TSI was established in 1979. If TSI can't beat their competitor's deal they will give you 10% of the TSI bid in cash. If that is not putting your money where your mouth is, I don't know what is.

TSI still offers all of the services as in the past, including full color landscape designs, lawn installation, sodding, hydro-seeding, sprinkler systems, retaining walls, trees and shrubs, ponds, decks, brick pavers, stamped concrete, seawalls, water features, and a whole host of other services too numerous to mention. "If you can dream it, we can design and install it" says Kurt.

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Todd's employees truly do make the difference

"TSI is fortunate again this year. We have been able to retain all of the terrific employees that have been with us for many seasons" says Todd. "We've expanded our professional sales design staff to handle the volume we have come to expect in a growing community, especially in light of the fact that we have a 24 to 48 hour turn around policy to service our customer's needs."

TSI is consistently successful; they were selected by the community to receive the "PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD" for best landscaping company again this past year. In fact TSI has won every year the public has voted on it. "We really appreciate the level of confidence that the community puts in us" says Kurt.

We'll Meet or Beat any offer

to include their landscape into their mortgage if they choose. Why would a homeowner want to shell out cash after the closing for something that is absolutely required? You wouldn't pay for your electrical or plumbing after the closing, it would be in the base price of the home. It's part of the process, just like the lawn and sprinkler system should be. When these services are built into the mortgage, the typical lawn and sprinkler system increases the payment by about \$19.00 per month. Builders and Realtors, call TSI to find out more information about this program.

Potential homeowners looking to purchase a home can call TSI for a list of builders that include the lawn and sprinkler system installed by Todd's Services in the base price of the home.

and renovations instead of relocating. "Considering the fact that TSI has been in business 27 years, we are finding that a lot of our previous customers are ready to redesign and redo their original landscape project" says Todd. "We are just the company for that. We will redesign your existing landscape at no cost to you, even if you did not hire us on its original installation. Our promise not to be undersold still applies. Obtain a bid from a competitor and TSI will meet or beat it 100% of the time. If we can't beat our competition, yes you guessed it? we will give 10% of our bid to you in cash. It's that simple."

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PEOPLES CHOICE AWARD

Clean as a whistle

Duo keeps downtown looking glass sparkling

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Two ministers named Kenneth are in town every Tuesday, talking to pedestrians, joking with merchants, singing songs and washing windows.

Ken Stevens, pastor of Pathways Covenant Church in South Lyon, said his Ken's Custom Service polishes about 90 percent of downtown business windows.

He and graduate schoolmate Kenny Spain of Anchor Baptist Church in Monroe travel three days a week, earning money to support their ministries so their churches can pay them less.

Stevens, 51, said five years ago he assumed an established window cleaning and power washing route encompassing Northville's commercial district, outlying

Windows need washing?

Contact Ken's Custom Service at www.kenstevens@cheerful.com.

businesses and many residences.

He's pleased with his second calling. "I have a heart for this city," he said. "It's an incredible place."

The two men squirt, swab an "S" on the window, then squeeze their way along Main Street. The two travel from the First Presbyterian Church to Gardenviews and up Center Street, from Orin Jewelers to The Sawmill.

"I'm known as the jokester," Stevens said. "As a washer or a minister — either way I'm dealing with people's pains."

"They've got a million of 'em. We clean people's windows and tell them Jesus can clean their hearts," said Spain, 50.

Accomplished musician Stevens sometimes dons a hands-free harmonica, but all the time whistles, sings, jokes and talks. The bantering is continuous, between the two men, with their employers or anyone who happens to walk past.

"The interaction is fun, absolutely fun," he said. "People say, 'Ken, you're supposed to work.'"

"I love the merchants here. I try to brighten their day. They brighten mine."

The Howell-based business washes home windows from Fenton south of Ann Arbor. Ken's downtown routes include Farmington, Livonia, South Lyon and Whitmore Lake.

Stevens said inquiries while he's working on downtown sidewalks often add to his client list. He charges \$65 for up to 25 outside windows; \$95 for inside and out, with an additional cost per pane for more than 25.

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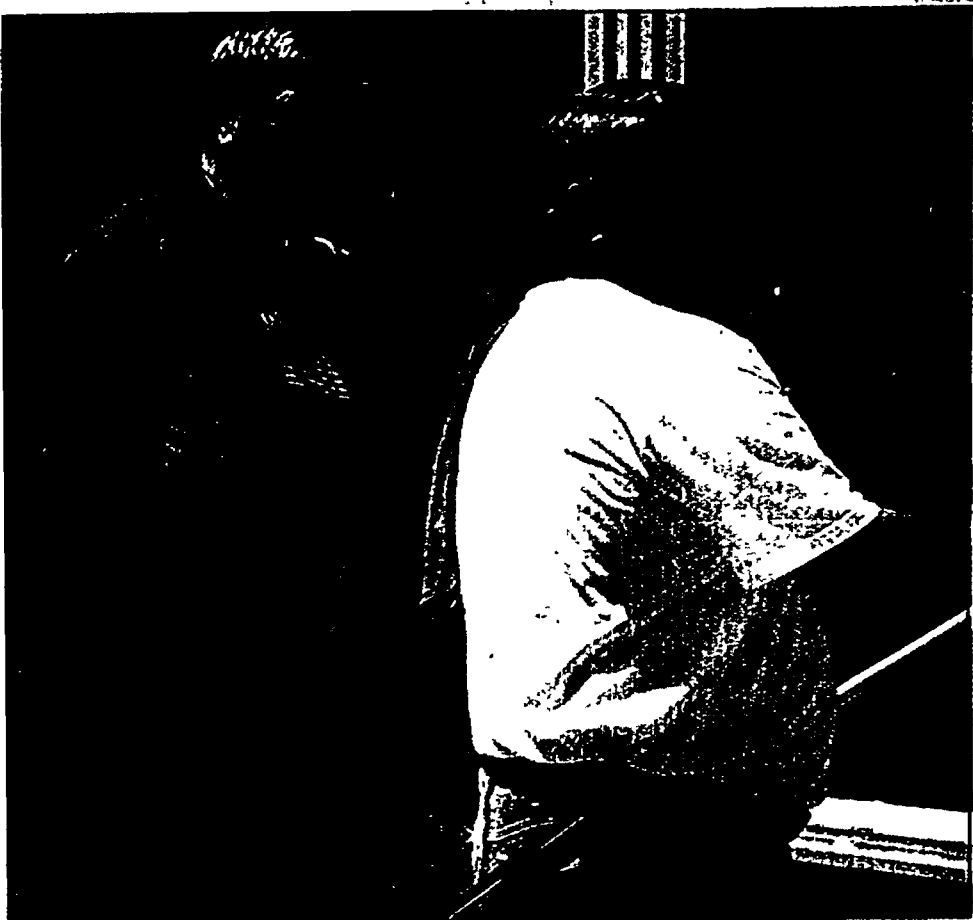
Ken Stevens
Ken's Custom Service



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LEFT: Ken Stevens enjoys spending time in Northville, talking to store owners and shoppers.

RIGHT: Ken Stevens, left and Kenny Spain share plenty of laughs while keeping downtown windows sparkling.



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A dairy cow is one of the most recent additions to the Maybury Farm.

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Maybury State Park, located off Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads in Northville, is offering summer programs Thursday evenings and Saturdays covering a wide range of topics for all ages.

Upcoming programs include:
 • From the Great Lakes to Your Sink: 6 p.m., Thursday, June 23. Meet at the concession building. Find out where the water you drink comes from and what you can do to protect it.

• The Wonderful World of Wildflowers: 11 a.m. Saturday, June 25. Meet at the stable parking lot, located off Beck Road entrance. Learn about the wildflowers in the area and then hike to see them in their natural habitat.

• Animals of the Night: 6 p.m. Thursday, June 30. Meet at the concession building. Learn about your favorite nocturnal animals.

• Save Our Swamp: 11 a.m. Saturday, July 2. Meet at the concession building. Learn about the benefits wetlands provide and about some of the creatures who make it their home.

• The Earth Below Us: 6 p.m. Thursday, July 7. Meet at the concession building. Discover how Michigan went from being

covered with a thick layer of ice to what it is today.

The Friends of Maybury will also be offering the following programs at the Hickory Shelter, off Eight Mile Road:

• Dog Obedience: 6 p.m. Sunday, July 10. Bring your dog for a "hands-on" session. problem-solving techniques will be discussed and demonstrated. Pet owners should bring a six-foot leash.

• All About Owls: 6 p.m., Sunday, Aug. 7. Learn what owls eat by dissecting an owl pellet. Discussion will also cover the food chain of this seldom seen nocturnal predator.

• 5/10k Run or Walk: Saturday, Oct. 1

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Traffic moves along Griswold Road in downtown Northville. The northbound lane of Griswold is closed for resurfacing.

CONSTRUCTION: local motorists prepare for detours

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cooperate with the construction signage. "If they have to go down Griswold, we ask they drive carefully."

Late this summer, the intersection at Main and Griswold streets will be completely closed, Gallogly said.

"They'll totally rip it out," he said. "My guess is it will be toward the end of the project."

"It will probably be after both sides are completed."

Additional detour signs will direct people who reside and work on Griswold to enter and exit at Eight Mile Road. Traffic that isn't rerouted at Seven Mile Road likely will be directed to Cady Street, Gallogly said.

Grace Street next

A few blocks west, total reconstruction of Grace Street is scheduled to start the middle of July.

Bids were due back Tuesday on the estimated \$383,000 project to be funded by the city's street improvement fund.

The two-month project will include new pavement from Rayson Street to Baseline Road, curb and gutter, driveway approaches and spot sidewalk repair, Gallogly said.

At the same time, the city will replace a four-inch water main with an eight-inch one to improve the fire fighting water flow, he said.

"It's going to be a significant disruption. It will be dusty and muddy when it rains."

Jim Gallogly
Northville Public Works Director

"It's going to be a significant disruption," Gallogly said. "It will be dusty and muddy when it rains."

"I think it will be a beautiful block when we're done. It will be a picturesque view in the city."

The street already is buzzing with home remodeling and building projects.

When the road contractor rolls in, the construction tradespeople will have to park a block over, Gallogly said. While driveway approaches are redone, homeowners will be granted permission to park overnight on neighboring streets, he said.

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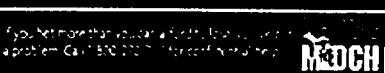
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Brother is watching them. They were sitting in plain view.

"In the 10 years of Vision Computer Services, we've never come across something like that," Marino said.

Marino said the graphic nature of the material made him call the police. He also said the way the Internet works now, a computer can end up with information on it the user didn't seek, he said.

"There are ways to tell the difference between what a user does and what's done by the Internet," Marino said. "The only thing we won't endorse is if it's breaking the law."

When authorities seized Hutchinson's computer in September 2004, they discovered nearly 600 images of pre-teenage females performing various sex acts in a file labeled, "Lolitas," police reports said.

As part of the investigation, a pediatrician who studied 19 images to determine the subjects' ages confirmed they were pornographic, the report said.

During one interview, Hutchinson allegedly admitted to downloading the pornography from the Internet, said Northville Det. Sgt. Michael Carlson. He told police he thought most were teenagers, the report said.

On June 1, Hutchinson had an unrelated run-in with authorities when he was stopped from taking photographs of women's buttocks outside a Northville Township store. He told officers then he had been convicted of criminal sexual misconduct in 1983, according to police reports.

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Safeguarding computer content

David Marino, president of Vision Computer Solutions, 511 N. Center St., said company owners should create guidelines for the power they put at their employees' fingertips.

"Every owner of a computer should be responsible," he said. "Owners of a company should have an IT policy on what's acceptable and what's not and they should enforce that."

"It's no different than a car that they give to an employee - it's a tool that needs to be handled the same way, with the same respect."

OBITUARIES

JOHN SANFORD ELLIS

of Novi, Michigan, died June 13, 2005. He resided in Jacksonville, Florida. His beloved Betty preceded him in death. He passed after a long pulmonary illness and related complications. John was raised Catholic and graduated from a Catholic High School. On October 24, 1939 he enlisted in the Army Air Corps where he received his pilot training and wings. On May 13, 1943 he was sent overseas to Belfast, N. Ireland where he spent two years before being sent to Germany for another tour of duty. John received numerous Army Commendations Medals and Decorations. Among those were the World War II Victory Medal (1941-1946) for service in Armed Forces. He received the Air Medal in 1942 for Aerial Flight and the American Air Corp. Campaign Medal. He was discharged from service on January 6, 1946. John was employed with the Penn Central Railroad as a Rodman after coming out of the service. During this time he attended night school pursuing his education. John received his Bachelor of Science, Civil Engineering Degree from Drexel University a prestigious Engineering College in Philadelphia, PA on January 12, 1950. He joined the ranks of the C&O Railway as a brakeman. He was promoted to a bridge inspector and later to a B&B Supervisor and ended his career in 1983 as the Regional Assistant Chief Engineer for Chessie System Railroad headquartered in Detroit, Michigan. Mr. Ellis is survived by his son Richard, daughter-in-law Carolyn, daughter Deborah, three grandchildren - Alicia, Richard II and Jacqueline. Three great-grandchildren - Stacy, Robert and Hannah. Memorial Services will be held at the Mary Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, Jacksonville, Florida on June 26, 2005 at 1:00 P.M. He will be missed greatly by his family and friends.

JOAN A. BERNS

Age 75, of Northville, died June 19, 2005. A Funeral Service will be held Sat., 11am at Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Memorials to the American Lung Association would be appreciated.

DOUGLAS C. RITCHIE

Age 51 of Ulita, KY, formerly of Northville, died May 31, 2005. Born May 10, 1954 he was son of Richard (Skip) and Ruth Ritchie. He is survived by his wife, Marilyn Petrie; mother, Ruth Petrie and husband Jim of Tucson, AZ; children Richard (Rick) and Jennifer of Texas; brother, David and wife Cheryl of Humble, TX; sister Barbara and husband Bob Harris, of Fenton, MI. He was preceded in death by his father.

CATHERINE "KAY" RICHARDVILLE

Age 76, June 16, 2005. Beloved wife of Dennis O. Dear mother of Susan (Timothy) Masters, Leslie (Bill) Ripley, Dianne (Mark) Glenville and Keith Leverton. Dearest grandmother of 18 and great grandmother of 1. Loving daughter of Ellen 'Nellie' (the late Lawrence) Mills and sister of Elaine Larson, Shirley Powser, Patrick Mills and the late Jim Mills. Dedicated secretary for Wayne/Westland schools and former employee of the Ford Motor Company. Active with CDC Ministries, Youth Haven Ranch and Compassion International as a member of Ward Presbyterian Church. Family received friends at the Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia. Funeral Services were held Monday at Ward Presbyterian Church, 40000 West Six Mile Rd, Livonia. Family appreciates memorials to Angela Hospice or Karmanos Cancer Society, Interment St. Joseph Cemetery, Monroe, Michigan.

What's in a name: cash

Local arts go the way of big name sponsorship

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

St. Mary Mercy Hospital backs Northville's Independence Day parade. As of last Friday, Tom Holzer Ford sponsors the downtown clock concert series.

But don't look for logos on fencing, water towers or city signs any time soon.

Northville arts commission chairman Ken Naigus said selling naming rights is a means to survive.

But city manager Gary Word said a promise of funding is not worth a potential conflict of interest for the municipality.

"Then what if that company wants to do something?" Word said. Questions about appearance and process rule out sponsorship as a funding source for the city, Word said, except perhaps at a particular event.

Meanwhile, the Northville Arts Commission is the community's latest non-profit organization to ask for a financial hand from a corporate partner. The 25-year-old special interest group landed the \$7,000 grant after years of pursuit.

"Especially the arts, everything has to be sponsored," he said. "When you don't get any money from the government and you're

working with volunteers, you have to get sponsorships. "Anyone who gets too critical is welcome to plan a fund-raiser."

Bills to pay

The arts commission, in its inaugural year of operating the Art House as a home base, has an estimated budget of \$25,000. Naigus said. The city's 2005 contribution, including a portion designated by the Downtown Development Authority, will be \$9,100.

Other revenue sources are art festival proceeds, fund-raisers and rental fees for events and courses held at the 215 W. Cady St. building. The commission's largest fund-raiser to date was the Art out of the Box auction in April which raised \$5,500, Naigus said.

That's what makes the Tom Holzer sponsorship so critical, he said.

"It was kind of an unexpected windfall," he said. The commission has not yet determined how to spend the \$7,000, Naigus said, somehow to cover Art House operating expenses or new projects.

"We have an annual challenge to pay for the Art House and the concerts themselves and to do new events," he said. "The bottom line

for this is we'll have a chance to move the Art House forward with new events.

"Specifically what, we don't know yet."

Both benefit?

Recent art projects in Northville include public art sculptures, refurbishing the former Cady Street Scout building as classroom and exhibit space, as well as the downtown concert series.

Audience size for the Friday night music in downtown Northville's bandshell varies by performer and weather conditions. Tom Holzer management handed Naigus a check last week for the weekly promotion opportunity through Aug. 19.

The Northville City Council May 16 agreed to a one-year trial sponsorship. The arts commission, comprised of members designated by council, remains responsible for coordinating the concert series.

"They've promised to keep the quality of the event to what they have been," Naigus said of the Farmington dealership. A salesperson will attend the concerts to display signs and a vehicle, and distribute fliers, he said.

The Oakpointe Church band's

"Anyone who gets too critical is welcome to plan a fund-raiser."

Ken Naigus
Arts commission chairman

performance tomorrow will be this season's fourth installment in the free concert series.

"At the end of the year, we'll look at was it beneficial to both of us," Naigus said.

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New friends

Northville Newcomer group welcomes residents old and new, share traditions of old cherry wine

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Nancy Murphy moved to Northville from New Jersey three years ago, she checked to see if there was a local newcomers group.

As she and her husband Mike had found in most of the seven other states they lived in, the Northville Newcomers and Neighbors proved to be a quick connection to friends with similar interests.

"We've found that newcomer groups are very helpful in meeting people," Murphy said. "I think this group is a lot of fun."

"It's been very helpful to me."

Still a newcomer?

Murphy said the club added "and Neighbors" to its name from just plain "Northville Newcomers" to reflect members' continuing involvement. Previous rules afforded alumni status and attached event participation restrictions so newer residents could have more access first.

"I know of a lot of people who have been in Northville a long time," she said. "Some people even went to high school here — they might have moved away for a while — then came back."

Murphy, who recently assumed membership chair duties, said part of the reason for the club's popularity is the Northville community's transience, particularly related to employment transfers.

"I think a lot of the people have moving around lifestyles," she said. "I think becoming involved in this is very helpful."

"We're always looking for new members."

Club dues are \$20 per year. Aside from membership kickoff events at the Northville District Library Aug. 24 and Sept. 13, Newcomers and Neighbors tries to publicize their activities via fliers in public buildings, Murphy said.

Monthly interest groups range from book review and bridge to dining light and Mah Jongg to scrap booking and walking. Couples' evening events during the past year included a theme dinner dance, bowling, road rally and beer tasting.

Cherry wine time

As chair of the club's wine tasting group, the Murphys organized a couples' annual golf outing June 25.

This time each year the wine tasters golf a four-person scramble at Downing Farms in South Lyon. Newcomer alumni often return for this event, even from out of state.

That was the case with Joe and Sue Boelter who were club members first in the 1980s. The wine-tasters golf outing was a reason to head north from Charlotte, NC, each year, Sue Boelter said.

They rejoined the club when they returned to Northville six years ago.

Sue Boelter is involved in several of the women's and couple's interest groups.

"It's all kinds of things throughout the year," she said. The appeal ranges from new mom to empty-nesters, she said.

"It's also for people who don't have kids to meet people," she said. "It give them a good base to move from when they first move into the area."

A realtor by profession, Boelter said tells her clients about the club.

"It's just a fun-loving group," she said. "We have a good time. The cherry wine is part of the whole thing."

The tasters created a tongue-in-cheek trophy from one of the Michigan-grown wines they sampled a decade ago and did not like. Custom requires the bottle be displayed in the recipients' home until the outing the following year.

That bottle, bearing countless signatures of past "winners," is presented to the foursome with the highest score.

Shaleen Atchison, who will host dessert at her Northville home after the outing, said the trophy presentation has become a humorous ritual.

"It is a riot really, because sometimes the people are new."

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Want to join?

For more information about the club, contact Nancy Murphy at (248) 305-5460 or via e-mail at murphyhm@comcast.net.

"It's just a fun-loving group. We have a good time."

Sue Boelter
Northville



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Northville Newcomers gets together to play Bunko recently. From left: Sue Engler, Nancy Murphy, Julia Martin, Kathleen Jones, Karen Deegen and Kathi Brandl.

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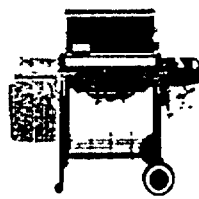
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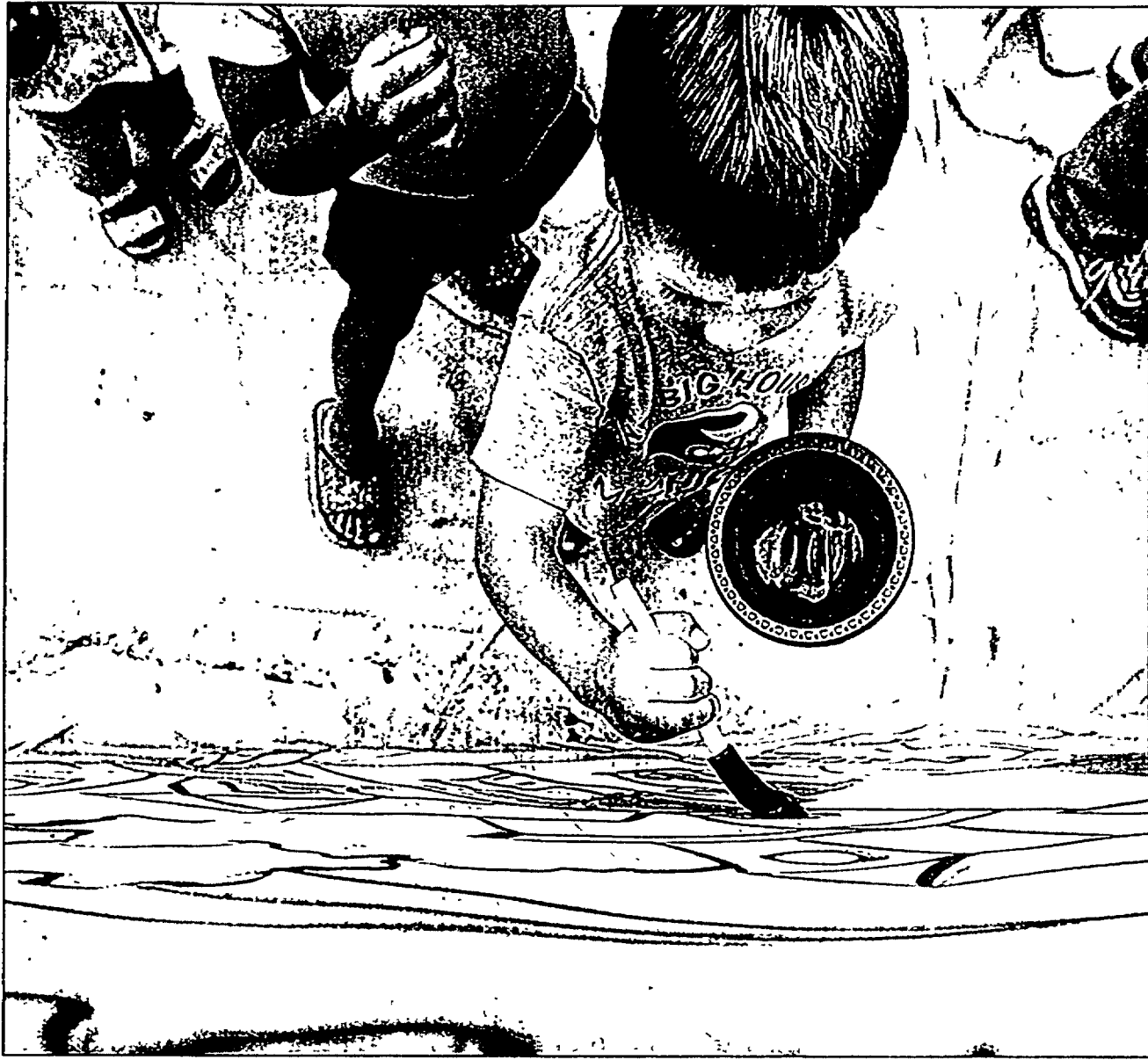
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Andy Swiecki, 4, helps paint a mural of downtown Northville scenes during last weekend's Art in the Sun event. The mural was designed by local artist Jeff VonBuskirk.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER

Art in the Sun draws crowd downtown

Cloudy skies Saturday turned bright for Art in the Sun shoppers and exhibitors Sunday.

Downtown Northville streets filled with people, music and conversation as visitors enjoyed day-long artistic displays.

"Overall, it was a good weekend," Jody Humphries, president of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, host of the 17th annual art fair last weekend. "Anytime you're outside, you're at the mercy of the weather."

"The crowd was a little lighter than we would have liked Saturday." Many of the artists said they were pleased with Sunday traffic, Humphries said. There were many new faces exhibiting this year, she said.

Shoppers strolling the city's core picked up wall art, yard creatures,

hand-painted furniture, glassware, custom clothing, jewelry, pottery and children's items.

Humphries said the children's interactive arts area introduced this year was a big hit, adding the chamber may expand the activities for youngsters next year.

Kids painted ceramics, played with sand and stuffed animals. All ages tried hand painting the oversized mural of local landmarks sketched by Jeff VonBuskirk.

"That went over really well," Humphries said. "The kids liked it."

"The parents loved it." The destination for the mural is not yet determined, she said.



Jeff Spade, of Brighton, shows his acrylic painting — placed on a window frame — to Linda Dinverno, left, last Sunday.



Casey Wilhelmi paints a kids' coat rack during Art in the Sun. Wilhelmi was at the fair offering custom decorated furniture for children's rooms.



The Dunn triplets, Abigail, Allison, and Noelle, 3, take a look at photos for sale during Saturday's Art in the Sun event held in downtown Northville.

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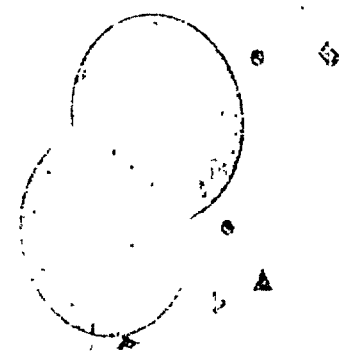
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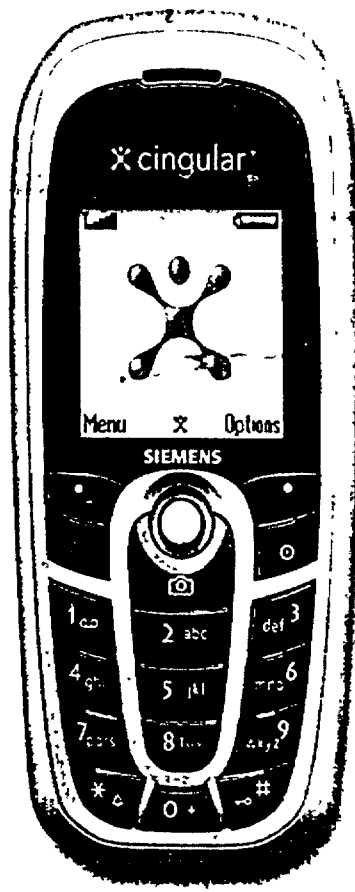


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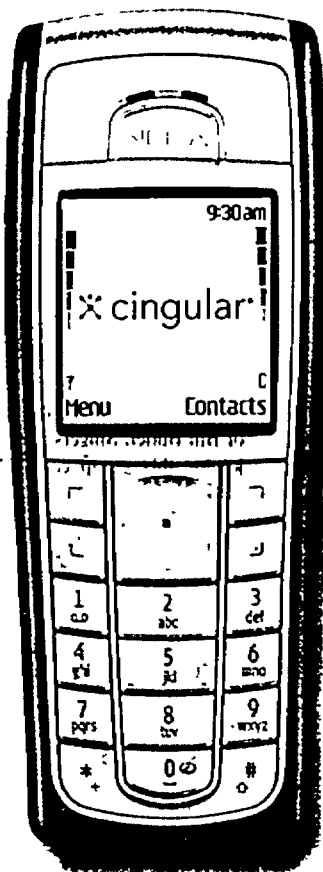


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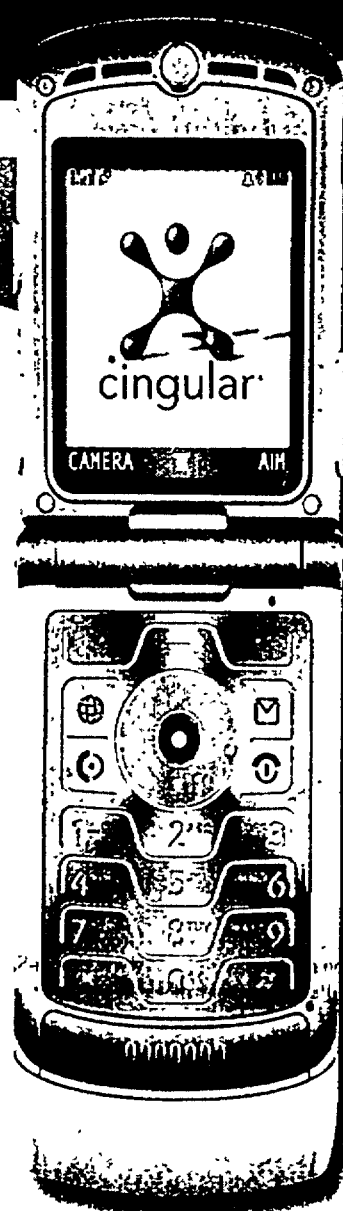
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Around Town



Zip code changing

Effective July 1, about half of the 17,400 addresses in the 48167 zip code area will be affected by the U.S. Postal Service changing their mail designation to 48168.

Affected postal customers received notice this week of the change. Homes and businesses south of Seven Mile Road, not including Seven Mile, will change to 48168.

Postal officials said the split was necessary due to an increase in population and the number of companies doing business in the area. The new zip code is intended to speed up correspondence by helping postal workers sort, ship and deliver mail more efficiently.

The post office will ensure delivery of mail with the old zip code for one year. For more information, contact Postmaster Tony Hubbard at (248) 349-2062.

Suicide support

New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering a support group for people who have lost a loved one to suicide.

The monthly group will meet 7-8:30 p.m. the fourth Monday of each month beginning June 27 at the First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road. No registration is necessary for the monthly drop-in support group.

For more information, call (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhope-center.net.

Griswold construction

The Wayne County Division of Roads last week began construction on Griswold between Eight Mile and Main Street.

During the construction period, Griswold will become a one-way street. For the first six weeks, only southbound traffic will be allowed while work is done on the northbound traffic lane. During the second phase of construction, Griswold will be open for northbound traffic only while the southbound traffic lane is being constructed.

Completion is targeted for early September.

Farmers' Market

Stop today to pick up your flowers, fresh produce and other interesting items at the corner of Seven Mile and Sheldon roads.

The Northville Chamber of

Commerce through the summer hosts the Farmers' Market 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays.

Shop tonight

The Northville Central Business Association's "Northville, We're Open!" campaign continues with extended hours Thursday evenings and Sundays.

More than 50 downtown Northville businesses are open Thursday evenings until 8 p.m., as well as Sundays, many noon-4 p.m.

For a list of participating businesses, visit the Northville Downtown Development Authority site www.downtownnorthville.org.

Concert tomorrow

The Northville Arts Commission's summer Clock Concert series at the Main Street bandshell continues 7:30-9 p.m. Fridays through the summer.

- June 24: Oakpointe Band
- July 1: Plymouth Community Band
- July 8: Rich Eddy's Rockin' Oldies Band
- July 15: Randy Brock Group
- July 22: Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble (reprise concert)
- July 29: Farmington Community Jazz Band
- Aug. 5: Chris McCall Band
- Aug. 12: Sirens
- Aug. 19: One Flight Up

The commission also will host a Saturday afternoon concert — the Northville Center for Music & Art Student Showcase — at 4 p.m. June 25.

Garden walk time

The Country Garden Club of Northville will host its annual garden walk 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesday, July 13.

The tour will feature five Northville gardens, from pristine and expansive to quaint countryside. Music, sweets, lemonade and local vendor offerings will await visitors at the final stop, the Cady Inn at Mill Race Historical Village.

The \$10 tickets are available at Gardenviews, 202 W. Main St.

Need style?

Shari Wilson, a stylist with extensive training in Redken hair color and design, recently joined the staff at Utopia Salon and Spa, 182 E. Main St.

Wilson has worked from coast to coast doing hair shows for Redken and photo shoots. She also has been published in several industry magazines.

For more information, contact Utopia at (734) 452-7700 or www.Utopia-Salon.com.

Tunes on Tuesday

The Northville Downtown Development - Authority and Northville Parks and Recreation Department soon will return their free family concerts 11 a.m.-noon Tuesdays.

All are welcome at the Main Street gazebo in Bandsbell Park. The fun-loving, crowd-moving performing artists the sponsors scheduled are:

- June 28: Guy Louis and the Chautauqua Express
- July 5: Rennie Kaufmann
- July 12: Beverly Meyer
- July 19: Adam Mellema
- July 26: Gemini
- Aug. 2: Grey Seal Puppets
- Aug. 9: Cirque Amongus
- Aug. 16: Instrument Petting Zoo by Strings in Our Schools

The rain location for Tunes on Tuesdays is Genitt's Little Theatre, 108 E. Main St.

Thirsty lawn?

The Northville Department of Public Works is requesting residents sprinkling their lawns to do so after 9 a.m. on odd/even days, corresponding to their address number.

Although not mandatory at this time, the practice will help conserve water and lessen the charges levied by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department.

Tour artist's home

The Northville Arts Commission has arranged a tour and lunch at Michael Farrell's home 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, June 25.

A frequent guest lecturer at the Art House, 215 W. Cady Street, Farrell will host the tour of his restored three-story historic home near Comerica Park in Detroit.

The cost of the tour and three-course luncheon, prepared by Farrell, is \$40. Tickets are available at the Northville Recreation Department, 700 Baseline Road.

Parade pre-registration

The Northville Community Foundation will host the historic Independence Day Parade at 10 a.m. July 4 in downtown Northville.

The theme for this year's parade is "Salute to Volunteerism." St. Mary Mercy Hospital is sponsoring the parade and Standard Federal Wealth Management is hosting the Opening Ceremonies.

To participate, entrants must pre-register by contacting the foundation at (248) 374-0200. Entries will not be accepted the morning of the Parade.

Once again, more than 100 singers will open the festivities with patriotic songs, under the direction of Bill Butler. Singers interested in joining this group can call (248)



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Horses graze in a field of grass at Skene Crest Farm along Eight Mile Road.

374-0200.

There will be a 'flyover' by the Michigan Air National Guard and Brigadier General Carol Ann Fausone again will attend. Also planned: a bike parade, a pet parade, 30 floats, 10 bands and numerous community groups and service organizations. To enter or to volunteer to work on the committee call (248) 374-0200.

Clippings?

Yard waste pickup is again underway in the city.

City staff requests residents place

leaves and small twigs in open top trash cans labeled "Yard Waste" or in paper bags.

Brush should be cut into lengths of four feet or less and tied into secure bundles. Trash papers and plastic items should be kept separate from yard waste.

Create a legacy

The Northville Community Foundation, the non-profit agency rebuilding the farm in Maybury State Park, is inviting businesses and corporations throughout metro Detroit to get involved in re-opening the unique attraction.

The farm, closed by fire in

February 2003, is preparing to re-open to the public this summer. A plaque hanging at the farm will list businesses contributing items such as shrubs, perennial flowers, ornamental bushes, benches, bricks or picnic tables.

For more information, contact the Northville Community Foundation at (248) 374-0200 phone, (248) 374-0403 fax or mail: 18600 Northville Road, Ste. 275, Northville, MI 48167.

To contribute an item for consideration in this column, e-mail mjohnston@hi.homecomm.net.

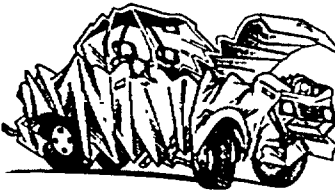
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But where? We think Wooliam was off to experience all the great restaurants, shops, concerts, galleries etc. in Downtown Northville. Wooliam, a real thespian, has put on a good act. He said something about his "costume" and heading to camp.

Name the business where you think Wooliam was headed to this week and you could win a \$25 Gift Certificate to Downtown Northville businesses. Let us know by 9am Wednesday, June 29th.


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School budget battles

Officials say district's pending budget leaves no room for cuts

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Are parents willing to pay \$600,000 for small class sizes?

That is the amount members of the Northville Public Schools board of education squeezed from next year's budget to maintain the district's small-class standard.

The money will be used to hire 12 new teachers for the upcoming school year, the amount needed for the expected near 250 new students.

The plan was laid out during the first hearing of the school's 2005-06 \$88 million budget.

Money was taken from all areas of the district's operations, with larger cuts in new text adoption,

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substitute salaries, curriculum development and the special education teacher resource room.

President of Hillside PTA Janet Naughton supports the board's commitment to keeping class sizes small.

"I definitely think that is a priority in the younger grades. I do support that," Naughton said. "You do have to balance it with everything else that needs to be done and there can be blips in how it works, but I think it definitely continues to need to be a priority."

But the commitment is not without consequences.

Northville Public Schools Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said hiring teachers further tightens an already bare bones budget.

"We have cut out everything possible and we are now down to people and programs. So if we lose anymore or if there are any executive order cuts we are at perilous points for district," he said.

Rezmierski said if there are any cuts in state per-pupil funding, the district's primary revenue

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Leonard Rezmierski
Superintendent, Northville Public Schools

source, the budget will collapse.

The proposed 2005-06 budget is based upon receiving \$8,225 per pupil from the state, last year's per-student amount, plus an additional \$175.

State Rep. John Stewart said the district's assessment looks realistic.

"The \$175 has now received bipartisan support and is a high priority in the budget process that we hope to wrap up for a K-12 budget by June 30," he said.

Stewart said what does look shaky is an additional \$50 per high school senior discussed earlier this year.

"That is not a sure thing at all because the Republicans have reworded that to \$65 per middle school student to cultivate, develop and grow math and science education in the middle school," he said.

The additional \$50 was not included as revenue in the Northville Public School's preliminary budget.

Northville school officials must adopt the 2005-06 fiscal year budget by June 30.

The adoption deadline falls three months prior to the state's budget deadline and ultimate announcement of per-pupil funding amounts.

The board will have its final hearing on the budget at the Tuesday, June 28 regular meeting.

Victoria Sadlocha can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 122 or vsadlocha@ht.homecomm.net.



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Play ball!

Trace Timmerman, 7, far left, tosses a baseball during a baseball mini-camp at the Northville Township Millenium Park last week. The training camp, directed by coach Pete Finn, was attended by mostly seven- and nine-year-olds from Our Lady of Victory School.



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Class NOTES

Openings

The Northville Public Schools Early Childhood Center has openings for the 2005-06 school year in two of its programs. Spaces are available in the 1-year-old parent and child classes at the Main Street location and the 3-year-old Kids' Creative Corner preschool class at Thornton Creek Elementary School. For more information, call (248) 344-8465.

Leader

Northville resident Patricia Eichholtz was selected to participate in the Global Young Leaders Conference from July 10-21 in Washington, D.C. and New York City. She will be among 400 scholars from across the world to attend the leadership development program.

Classes

University of Detroit Mercy is

offering a summer reading skills program next month in Northville. Customized programs for entering fourth through 11th graders will meet Wednesdays July 20-Aug. 17 at First Baptist Church, 217 N. Wing St. Tuition ranges from \$269-\$299, and classes are taught by professional instructors from the Institute of Reading Development. For class times and registration, call (800) 978-9596.

Enrollment

St. Paul's Lutheran School in downtown Northville is now enrolling for preschool-eighth grade. St. Paul's School is located on 201 Elm St. behind Hiller's Market. For more information, call (248) 349-3146.

Auditions

Dance Electric Performing Arts Studio is hosting auditions 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. tomorrow for "Behind the Scenes," a modern day musical about teenage life. Male and female actors, singers and dancers ages 8 through adult are welcome. Highlights from the show include, "Reflection" from "Mulan," "Only Hope" from "A Walk to Remember," "I've Had the Time of My Life"

from "Dirty Dancing," "Almost Like Being in Love" from "Brigadoon," and "Someone Like You" from "Jekyll and Hyde." Callbacks are scheduled for noon-2 p.m. Saturday, June 25 and the musical is set for October. Character descriptions, audition material and directions to the Farmington Hills studio are located online at www.danceelectric.com or by calling (734) 604-9351.

Meeting

The next Northville Board of Education regular meeting is 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28 at Old Village School, 405 W. Main St. For more information, call (248) 349-3400.

Reunion

Northville High School Class of 1985 will hold its 20-year reunion 7 p.m. Aug. 20 at the Iron Workers Union Hall, 25150 Trans X Drive in Novi. Tickets are \$40 per person and include a buffet dinner, drinks and music of the 1980s. Attendees must register in advance at nhsc1985.com by June 30. For more information, call (517) 552-6046.

Compiled by Record education reporter Victoria Sudlocha.

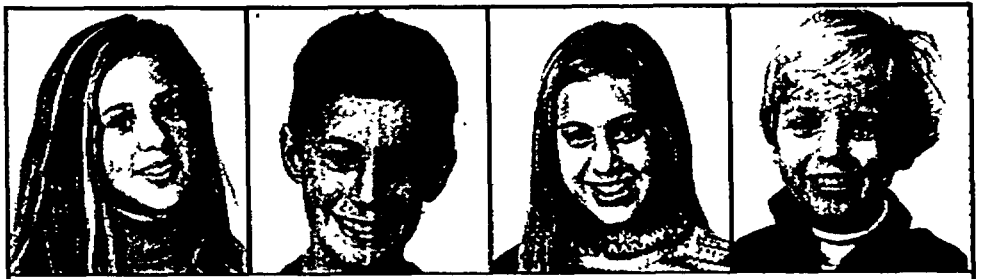
Northville Public Schools K-12 Calendar 2005

Teacher Report/Professional Day	August 23	Tue
Teacher Work Day	August 24	Wed
First Full Day of Classes	August 25	Thu
Labor Day Recess	September 2 & 5	Fri & Mon
Teacher Professional Day	September 26	Mon
Teacher Professional Day (Election Day)	November 8	Tue
Thanksgiving Recess	November 23-25	Wed-Fri
Winter Recess/Begins End of Day	December 21	Wed
Classes Resume	January 3	Tue
Last Day of Classes (1st Semester)	January 19	Thu
Teacher Work Day	January 20	Fri
First Day of Classes (2nd Semester)	January 23	Mon
Midwinter Break/Begins End of Day	February 10	Fri
Classes Resume	February 20	Mon
Teacher Professional Day	April 3	Mon
Spring Recess/Begins End of Day	April 13	Thu
Classes Resume	April 24	Mon
Memorial Day Recess	May 29	Mon
Last Day of Classes	June 15	Thu
Teacher Work Day	June 16	Fri



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Moraine principal Mary Kay Gallagher, passes the microphone from student to student during last week's school year-ending "Celebration of Success" assembly. Students gave presentations on what they've learned through the year on caring and compassion, honesty, fairness, respect, service to community, non-violence, and responsibility.



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Bond sale yields savings

District reduces interest expense in future

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Members of the Northville Public Schools board of education said a recent bond sale promises to save taxpayer dollars in the future.

Officials said the sale of the \$11.2 million refunding bonds will reduce interest expense by about \$735,830 through lower debt payments in the next 14 years.

"The board is pleased that there was an opportunity to refund the 2001 bonds and secure an over \$735,000 savings for the taxpayers of the Northville Public Schools," said Judith Wollack, Northville Public Schools board of education president.

The sale will refund a portion of the school district's outstanding 2001 school building and site bonds and cover issuing costs, officials said.

"It benefits the taxpayers by overall lowering the cost of repaying bonds," said John Street, Northville Public Schools director of business and finance. "It is somewhat like refinancing a mortgage in that you buy new bonds at a lower interest rate and then cash in your old bonds that are at a higher interest rate."

Street said the outcome is the result of a favorable market.

"We will be paying less for our bonds," he said.

This is the sixth time since 1991 the district has issued refunding bonds for the purpose of reducing interest expense.

In January, the board of education announced the sale of its \$40.5 million 2005 refunding bonds.

The bonds were issued for the purpose of refunding the school district's outstanding 1997 school building and site and refunding bonds and to pay the costs of

"The board is pleased that there was an opportunity to refund the 2001 bonds and secure an over \$735,000 savings ..."

Judith Wollack
President, Northville Board of Education

issuing the bonds.

The refinancing reduced school district interest expense by about \$3 million through 14 years of lower debt payments.

Prior to the sale, the district received an A2 rating from Moody's Investors Service and an A+ rating from Standard & Poor's Rating Service, a division of the McGraw-Hill Companies, Inc.

Officials said the district's favorable rating is the result of strong financial management and budget controls, steadily increasing enrollment and a growing tax base.

The school district's 2005 refunding bonds were sold at a true interest rate of 4.04 percent with a final maturity of 2019.

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ON CAMPUS

Columbia College Chicago

Northville resident, Lindsay Middlekauff, was among the graduates at Columbia College Chicago during spring 2005 commencement exercises.

Central Michigan University

Northville residents, Sarah Bowles, Derek Brown, Bree Hietala, Angela Heihoff, Sara Hickanen, Candice Rosinski, Kristy Webster, Amy Wild and Jessica Zwiesler, were named to the spring 2005 semester honors list at Central Michigan University.

Madonna University

Northville residents, Angela

Banks, Sandra Baughman, Michelle Gorton, Amber Grass, John Hettinger, Jennifer Hunley, Jacqueline Katrich, Ellen Klein, Esther Maize, Annina Mele, Edward Scharf, Traci Stewart and Stephanie Walker were among the recent graduates of Madonna University during spring 2005 commencement exercises.

Bowling Green State University

Northville residents, Erin Bzimek and Sarah Halash, were named to the dean's list for spring semester 2005 at Bowling Green State University.

Howe Military School

Cadet Casimir Huyck, of Northville, was named to the Headmaster's List for the sixth week grading period, 2004-05 at Howe Military School.

Sacred Heart University

Northville resident, Bradley Holland, was named to the dean's list at Sacred Heart University for spring 2005 semester.

Furman University

Northville resident, Julie Meisner, was named to the dean's list at Furman University for spring term 2005.

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School's out

Students celebrate end of classroom routine

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Northville students enjoyed the warm weather and final day of school last week with great gusto and revelry.

Thursday, June 16 marked the end of the 2004-05 school year, gearing kids up for summer vacation.

Many students spent the day laughing with friends, tossing aside school books and even flying kites.

The fifth graders at Amerman Elementary School had a bit more to celebrate last Thursday.

Students, teachers and parents enjoyed the celebratory last day along with the 50th Anniversary of the Northville elementary school.

"It was fantastic," said Amerman parent and organizer Karen Boll Robideau. "It was really fantastic."

Robideau said 105 fifth graders partied at the fifties-themed event taking place at the Northville Senior Community Center.

Kids hoola-hooped, played Fri-bee and crafted creations at the Playdough table. All activities originating in the 1950s.

Robideau said some Northville High School graduates also donated their time holding a cheerleading



Amerman Elementary School students compete in a tug-of-war contest last Thursday afternoon during a celebration marking the 50th anniversary of the school.

Photos by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

clinic and karaoke.

"It was a lot of fun," Robideau said.

The first full day of classes for the 2005-06 school year is

Thursday, August 25.

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Hillside Middle School students Rachael Ambler, left, and Lauren Evasic fly a kite last Thursday morning on the last day of classes.



A student pyramid collapses during last week's 50th anniversary celebration for Amerman Elementary School.

SPOTLIGHT ON: ORTHODONTIC NEWS
by Donald M. Wayne, D.D.S., M.S.
Orthodontic Specialist

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A Northville, Michigan native and 1997 honors graduate of The University of Michigan Law School, Jennifer worked until 2003 as a litigator at one of America's top corporate litigation firms in Chicago. She has recently returned to Michigan to practice and now lives with her family in South Lyon.

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ABOVE: Allen Terrace resident Marge Nelson waters her small garden in her ground level backyard. Nelson is one of many seniors at the Northville senior apartments who tend to tiny but colorful gardens.

RIGHT: Ruth Angel, an Allen Terrace resident, looks at some of the flowers she painstakingly tends.

Gardening efforts take root at Allen Terrace

Residents plant seeds, divine inspiration from floral displays

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

When Ruth Angell steps onto her Allen Terrace balcony, the sights, smells and sounds take her back to her youthful roots in nature.

"You can take the girl out of the farm, but you can't take the farm out of the girl," said the lifetime Northville resident.

These days, 89-year-old Angell relies on neighbors like Beverly Downing to help her maintain her pride and joy — the flower garden behind the 401 High Street senior housing complex.

A floor below, Marge Nelson, 88, has a walk-out patio where she has planted a combination of annuals and perennials, some from seeds or bulbs, some already plants.

"It's sort of an English garden is what I had in mind," Nelson said. "I've always loved gardening."

Nelson and Angell are two of Allen Terrace's many gardeners, said housing director Joanne Ingli's. Hanging plants and pots bloom with color at every level of the building.

Tending tradition

When Angell moved to Allen Terrace 18 years ago, she picked up the flower garden efforts where two predecessors left off.

"I've always loved flowers," she said. She used to garden at her 504 W. Cady St. family home for 62 years.

"It's therapy," Angell said. "When I'm out there working, I'm not thinking about anything else."

Purchasing annuals at the Thursday Farmer's Market downtown or elsewhere is a spring ritual for Angell. She said she may plant more flowers yet this year, do some weeding and some bulb dividing.

"It's been so hot, we couldn't

work out there," she said.

Nelson waters her garden in the morning and again in the evening, if it needs it. "Then, I like to just sit out here," she said.

Her favorite, Zinnias, grow amidst Shasta Daisies, Gazanias, Dalias, Verbena, Marigolds, ferns and Irises.

The 16-year Allen Terrace resident tried growing Zinnias from seed, but squirrels gobbled them up, she said. Same story with sunflower seeds, but they left the seed husks, she said with a laugh. "I had to buy the plants."

In all seasons

Sometimes the beauty inspires Nelson to paint.

The artist created a winter scene of the terraced garden, complete with wooden steps, bench, bird-houses and evergreen branches laden with snow, which she presented to her upstairs neighbor, Angell.

Two artificial knees have slowed Angell's dirt digging a bit, but don't prevent her admiring the view from her third floor perch.

She has a bird's eye view of tall spruce trees she purchased for planting near the garden and the variety of annual and perennial flowers.

Angell listens for the baby wrens, the gold finches and the breeze rustling tree leaves. She watches from her rocker inside or from her folding chair outside.

"We sit here and the deer come down the hill, woodchucks, skunks, you name it," she said. "When all the Sweet Peas come in bloom, it's just one mass of pink."

"Beautiful"

Maureen Johnston can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 103, or via e-mail at mjohnston@ht.homecomm.net.



"You can take the girl out of the farm, but you can't take the farm out of the girl."

Ruth Angell
Resident, Allen Terrace

Foot massage: testing reflexes

By Maureen Johnston
RECORD STAFF WRITER

Dennis Smith wishes he could visit his reflexologist more often.

The Northville Senior Community Center program coordinator turned to Clarence Brown's alternative healing therapy through his work with local seniors. He visits the professional's Bellevue office on his own time.

"It's amazing," Smith said. "He can tell by feeling an area in your foot if you've got sinus problems, pending gall bladder problems, anything."

"He does a holistic approach." Foot reflexology, strength training, massage therapy, a gym open for morning walking and a breathing and stretching class are

among the health and fitness offerings at the 303 W. Main St. facility.

Brown's \$30 one-hour appointments are 9 a.m.-1 p.m. the last Wednesday of each month.

Seniors always snap up Brown's five reflexology slots available per month, Smith said. He has a loyal following after treating Northville seniors for five years, he said.

"He's always booked way ahead, three to four months ahead," Smith said.

The therapist explains by diagram to his clients how his manipulation affects their body, Smith said.

"If you come consistently, he'll work on that particular area he might find," he said. "So, it is a healing thing, too."

Due to demand, the center

Foot reflexology

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recently contracted another reflexologist, JoAnne Meehl. Her \$30 one-hour appointments are 9 a.m.-2 p.m. the second Wednesday of each month, also scheduled in advance.

Once detecting a problem area through massage, Brown may recommend an herbal supplement, Smith said.

"He never pushes it," he said

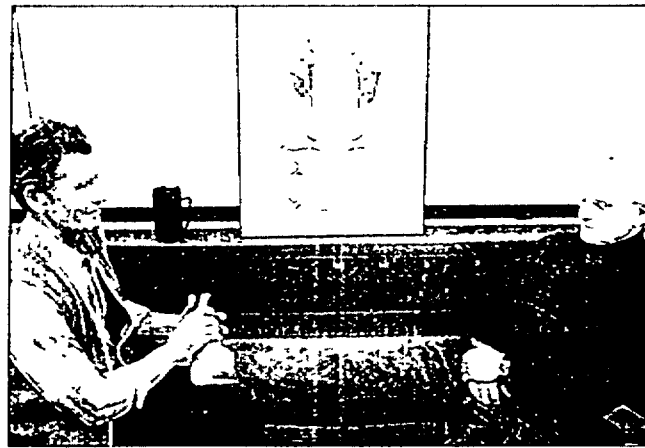


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NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville Senior Community Center employee Dennis Smith enjoys a foot reflexology treatment from Clarence Brown during last week's health fair at the center on West Main St. Reflexology uses the philosophy that ailments and aches and pains in the body can be relieved by massaging pressure points on the foot that correspond to different parts of the body through nerve endings.

"It's a matter if you believe that stuff. And if it helps."

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**CITY OF NORTHVILLE
CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT**

Notice is given that a "2004 Consumers Annual Report on Water Quality" for City of Northville's Water System is available to City of Northville Residents and any user of City of Northville water. The Northville Public Works Department wants you to know that your tap water is safe to drink and that it meets or surpasses all Federal and State standards for quality and safety.

Copies of the City's Consumer Confidence Report can be obtained at the Northville City Hall, 215 Main Street. Should you have any questions or comments regarding this report, please contact the Northville Department of Public Works at (248) 449-9930.

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DIANNE MASSA
CITY CLERK

(6-23-05 NR 221992)

**NOTICE OF
LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION
FOR THE ELECTION TO BE
HELD ON AUGUST 2, 2005
CITY OF NORTHVILLE, WAYNE COUNTY**

All electors are hereby given notice that an Election will be held Tuesday, August 2, 2005, in:

Northville City (Wayne County, Michigan ONLY)
To vote on the following proposal:

Proposal P
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To renew the millage authorized in 2000, shall Wayne County continue to levy this millage at the estimated 2005 rollback rate of 2459 (about 25 cents per \$1,000 of taxable valuation) for five more years (2006 through 2010) to continue to improve and operate several parks and related facilities, including major improvements to Hines Park, Elizabeth Park, Chandler Park and Fort Wayne on the condition that, for any year for which this increased levy would be imposed, Wayne County must budget from other sources an amount equal to its 1995-96 fiscal year appropriation for Parks? This renewal is projected to generate \$11,879,207 in 2006.

This election is for considering the Wayne County Parks Millage Renewal. In the City of Northville, qualified Wayne County electors are eligible to vote on this proposal. This election does not affect those persons registered to vote in the City of Northville, Oakland County. Wayne County electors who wish to vote in this Election must be registered no later than Tuesday, July 5, 2005. To register, visit any Secretary of State branch office, the County Clerk's office, the City Clerk's office at 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-349-1300, or visit our website at www.ci.northville.mi.us for a mail in voter registration application.

Electors may also register by mail by completing and forwarding their Mail-In Voter Registration Application to the election official as directed on the application by the close of registration deadline. Electors who register to vote by mail are required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the State of Michigan, are at least 60 years of age, or are handicapped.

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(6-23/30-05 NR 221433)

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A complete copy of the amended fee schedule is available for public review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, MI 48167, 248-349-1300, during normal business hours.

DIANNE MASSA
CITY CLERK

(6-23/30-05 NR 222059)

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
NOTICE
LAST DAY TO REGISTER TO VOTE
IN THE AUGUST SPECIAL ELECTION
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2, 2005**

To the Qualified Electors of the Charter Township of Northville, Wayne County:

Notice is hereby given that Tuesday, July 5, 2005 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the above stated election. Qualified electors may register to vote, or change their address, at the Township Clerk's office which is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Electors may also register at any branch office of the Secretary of State or any County Clerk's office during normal business hours.

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SUE A. HILLEBRAND,
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(6-23/30-05 NR 221435)

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**SYNOPSIS
JUNE 16, 2005
REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF
NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

DATE: Thursday, June 16, 2005
TIME: 7:30 p.m. Regular Meeting (Closed session 7:00)
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road
CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

ROLL CALL: Mark Abbo, Supervisor, Sue Hillebrand, Clerk, Richard Henningsen, Treasurer, Marjorie Banner, Trustee, Marv Gans, Trustee, Christopher Roosen, Trustee, Brad Warner, Trustee

CLOSED MEETING: Litigation Update

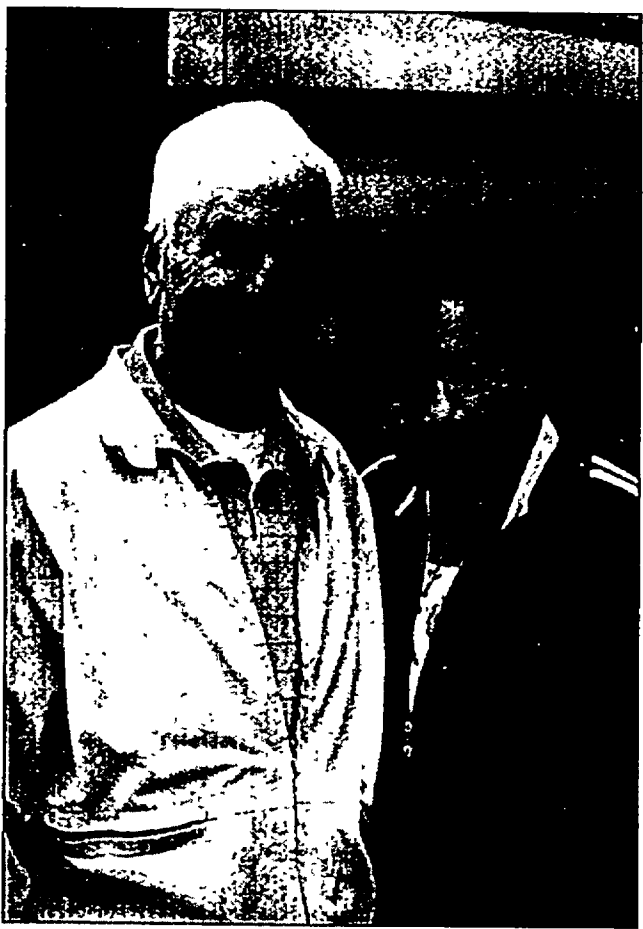
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: Approve Consent and Regular Agendas (REMOVE 2B.) - approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:
 - A. Michael G. Panagiotides Retirement - Presentation from State Representative John Stewart
 - B. Margaret Tegge Resolution - tabled
3. Public Hearings: none
4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Numerous residents spoke on the Sheldon Road Barn proposal.
5. New Business:
 - A. Municipal Building Project - Change order - approved
 - B. Municipal Building Project - Payment - approved
 - C. Quail Ridge Subdivision - SAD - approved
 - D. Five Mile Road Water Main Replacement - approved
 - E. SDM Liquor License - approved with conditions
 - F. Independence Day Parade Request - tabled
 - G. MTA Annual Dues - approved
 - H. Ridgewood Plaza - Consent Agreement Modification - approved
 - I. Folding/Inserter Machine - approved
 - J. Plotter Printer - Scanner Motion - approved
 - K. Community Park and DPS Building Drives approved
 - L. Northville Community Park Landscaping - approved
 - M. Sheldon Road Barn - tabled
6. Unfinished Business: None
7. Ordinances: None
8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$905,836.40 - approved
9. Board Communication & Reports: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Chip Sknder, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Warner
10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees:
11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned 9:30 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
SUE A. HILLEBRAND, CMC

(6-23-05 NR 221522)

ANNIVERSARIES



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Skynar: 60th Anniversary

Walter and Rose Skynar of Northville were married June 23, 1945. They are celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary, June 23 with a family and friends dinner.

Walter was born in Detroit and is retired as a Manager, Design Engineer for Ford Motor Company, after 38 and one half years of service. Rose was also born in Detroit and was a full-

time Mother and housewife. Before retirement, she was employed as a Beautician.

The couple's five children are Larry (Kathie) Skynar of Novi, Connie (Matt) Pether of South Haven, Greg (Kim) Skynar of Livonia, Mary (Scott) Cantor of Canton and Mark (Chrissie) Skynar of W. Bloomfield. They also have 11 grandchildren.

ENGAGEMENTS



Kohl-Bell

Judy and Jim Kohl of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Katie Leigh Kohl to Bel Air, Md. and Charles Bell of Pa.

The bride-elect is a 1995 graduate of Northville High School. She graduated from the University of Colorado in 1999

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We receive water from the Detroit River and Lake Huron. This water is treated by the Detroit Water and Sewer Department (DWSD) at the Northeast and Springwells Water Treatment Plant and is delivered to Northville via 25 miles of water distribution lines. The DWSD services approximately 4.2 million people in 126 southeastern Michigan communities. Northville's water system is an older system that has undergone many changes in its history and includes a 500,000 gallon elevated water storage tank and an underground water tank.

Who is responsible for safe drinking water?

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations which limit the amount of specific contaminants in water provided by public water systems. In turn, the City annually tests the water to ensure the regulations are being met. Additionally, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water, which provide the same protection for public health.

What do you mean by "contaminants"?

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, and residential uses.
- Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organics, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.
- Radioactive contaminants**, which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

"Northville's tap water meets or surpasses all 2004 Federal and State standards for quality and safety."

NORTHEAST AND SPRINGWELLS WATER TREATMENT PLANTS 2004 Regulated Detected Contaminants Tables

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Allowed Level MCL	Level Detected	Range of Detection	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Inorganic Chemicals - Annual Monitoring at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Fluoride	1/7/04	ppm	4	4	1.0	n/a	NO	Erosion of natural deposits, water additive when promoting strong teeth discharge from fertilizer and aluminum leaching.
Disinfectant Residuals and Disinfection By-Products - Monitoring in Distribution System								
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHM)	Feb-Nov 2004	ppb	n/a	80	24.6	10.0 - 49.5	NO	By product of drinking water chlorination
Halooacetic Acids (HAA5)	Feb-Nov 2004	ppb	n/a	60	12.2	5.3 - 40.1	NO	By product of drinking water disinfection
Disinfectant (Chlorine) Residual (ccm)	Jan-Dec 2004	ppm	MROGL 4	MREDL 4	0.73	0.51 - 0.85	NO	Water additive used to control microbes
2004 Turbidity - Monitored Every 4 hours at Plant Finished Water Tap								
Highest Single Measurement Cannot Exceed	1 NTU							
Lowest Monthly % of Samples Meeting Turbidity Limit of 0.3 NTU (maximum 95%)	100%							
Violation Yes/No	NO							
Major Sources in Drinking Water	Soil Runoff							

Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

2004 Microbiological Contaminants - Monthly Monitoring in Distribution System

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Highest Number Detected	Violation Yes/No	Major Sources in Drinking Water
Total Coliform Bacteria	0	Presence of Coliform bacteria > 5% of monthly samples	In one month 0	NO	Naturally present in the environment
E. coli or Fecal Coliform Bacteria	0	A routine sample and a repeat sample are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or E. coli positive	entire year 0	NO	Human waste and animal fecal waste

2004 SPECIAL MONITORING

Contaminant	MCLG	MCL	Level Detected	Source of Contamination
Sodium (ppm)	n/a	n/a	5	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

The Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal ratio is calculated as the ratio between the actual TOC removal and the TOC removal requirements. The TOC was measured each month and because the level was low, there is no requirement for TOC removal.

Symbol	Abbreviation	Definition / Explanation
MCLG	Maximum Contaminant Level Goal	The level of contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health.
MCL	Maximum Contaminant Level	The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set at twice the MCLG in facilities using the best available treatment technology.
ppb	Parts per billion (one billionth of a liter)	The part of a contaminant in a liter of water. A concentration of 1,000 ppb is equal to 1 milligram per liter.
ppm	Parts per million (one millionth of a liter)	The part of a contaminant in a million parts of water. A concentration of 1,000 ppm is equal to 1 gram per liter.
NTU	Nephelometric Turbidity Unit	Measures the cloudiness of water.
TR	Treatment Technique	A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
A	Action Level	The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.
DR	DRinking Water	Not applicable.
MROGL	Maximum Residual Oxidant Level Goal	The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MROGLs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
MREDL	Maximum Residual Oxidant Level	The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is a connecting evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
ccm	Chlorine Residual	Not applicable.

Is the water tested for lead?

With the cooperation of several loyal Northville residents, the Northville Public Works Department has been collecting samples from homes with plumbing systems that may contribute lead to the household water supply. The results of this testing show that lead levels are below action level. However, if your home is older and you believe it could have a lead service line or has piping that has lead soldered joints, you can take the following precautions to minimize your exposure to lead that may have leached into your drinking water from your pipes:

- Anytime your water has not been used for more than six hours, run your water for 30 seconds to two minutes.
- Always use cold water for drinking, cooking, or making baby formula.
- Use faucets and plumbing material that are either lead free or will not leach unsafe levels of lead into your water.

Health Effects: Infants and children who drink water containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning disabilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney problems or high blood pressure.

City of Northville Lead and Copper Testing

Contaminant	Test Date	Units	Health Goal MCLG	Action Level AL	90th Percentile Value*	Number of Samples Over AL	Violation Yes/No	Major Source in Drinking Water
Lead	2002	ppb	0	15	0 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits.
Copper	2002	ppm	1.3	1.3	20.8 ppb	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; erosion of natural deposits; leaching from wood preservatives.

*The 90th percentile value means 90 percent of the homes tested have lead and copper levels below the given 90th percentile value. If the 90th percentile value is above the AL, additional requirements must be met.

Should I be concerned about drinking the City's water?

Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. However, some people may be more vulnerable than the general population to the contaminants in the water. Immunocompromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (800) 426-4791.

The Northville Department of Public Works will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies of this report are available at Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167. This report is not mass mailed to the residents.

The City of Northville invites public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. Please refer to the City's website, www.ci.northville.mi.us for meeting dates and agendas of the City Council. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact the Public Works Department at (248) 449-9930. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater. (6-23-05 NR 221943)

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Road work: be safe out there

Warm weather and road construction comprise a poor recipe when it comes to safe driving.

Often, they add up to rising frustration, poor decisions and road rage.

Last week, for example, Northville police reported a man pulled a handgun following an accident along Eight Mile Road when the driver of the

What do you think?

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What's at stake is more than simply a potential fender-bender, roadway dominance and hand gestures exchanged between angry, childish motorists.

Swaying in the balance are the lives of passengers who rely on drivers to make good choices. Road construction workers roll the dice in similar

car he allegedly struck refused to let him merge near Taft Road. No one was injured.

But the incident, coupled with road projects recently begun locally, remind us again about the importance of patience and common sense.

An extra car length, alert driving and a deep breath go a long way toward keeping the roads safe. Put down the cell phone and drive the posted speed.

fashion, depending heavily on motorists to drive posted speeds and obey practical road rules.

Summer road construction is the bane of a southeastern Michigan existence, a necessary evil spurred on by uncontrolled growth and bad roads.

But as we grumble about taking a detour home, we should not bypass lessons of courtesy and safety.

Lives depend on it.

Keep it clean!



Photo by DAVID AGUILAR/RECORD EDITOR

RIGHT: Ken Stevens, left, and Kenny Spain clean Main Street store windows each week in downtown Northville.

LETTERS

Competition a good bet

Hallelujah! Competition with Romulus may soon destroy what our community has not had the courage to eliminate through other means: The Northville Downs racetrack. The building is a poorly maintained aesthetic nightmare, the interior smells of liquor and cigarettes, and the clientele is a disturbing class of hard-core gambling addicts in search of self-destructive thrills.

Drop in and see for yourself. Every Northville resident and prospective homeowner should spend a Friday evening at the Downs as a bitter antidote to the hype about why we need it.

How can we continue to justify the hypocrisy? We spend tens of thousands of dollars on a consultant to help make our downtown more quaint and family-friendly, while two blocks south we ignore the blighted facility that rarely races live horses and is little more than a betting parlor on a few acres of prime property. You can dip the front of Genitti's in 24-karat gold paint but it still won't glitter enough to distract me from the eyesore around the corner.

People in Northville Township may feel protected from the taint of the Downs, but it casts a large ripple. Drop into the party store at the corner of Northville and Six Mile road to see for yourself: six aisles of hard liquor and four aisles of hard-core pornography, primarily aimed at the folks who pass by on their way to the Downs. Children can wander in there, too, of course — to buy candy.

We turn a blind (yet greed-filled) eye toward Northville Downs because it brings in tax revenue. So this is the message our children learn, that we will tolerate what our values oppose, as long as the money is good? Why stop at gambling? Strip clubs are also big money makers

and don't need a track or stables. I'm not wealthy, but I promise you that if Northville must raise my taxes to compensate for the loss of the Downs, I will gladly pay the increase.

Cheryl Deep
Northville

Optimistic

I've recently been promoting the Optimist Club of Northville/Novi's 2005 Charity Ball to be held on July 8 at St. John's Banquet and Conference Center. To date, we've received generous cash donations sufficient to fund 20 special invitees and over 30 auction items. We want to thank everyone that is contributing and we are especially looking forward to thanking you in person, should you attend.

Coincidentally, a prominent city resident contacted me indicating they had original Optimist Club documents from 1949 and beyond. I became keenly interested as an Optimist but also as a 50th Anniversary Committee member. The items shared with me included photographs, programs from fund-raisers, the Optimist Creed and a Charter Banquet Event Program.

As I viewed the Charter Banquet Program, in particular, the names were all too familiar. Snow, Bemish, Taft, Johnson, Russell, Seeley, Langfield, Ely, Lapham, Bloom, Schrader, Casterline and more. A group of 47 founded the original Optimist Club of Northville, apparently while they were founding our city, raising families, running their businesses and probably raking leaves (the banquet was in early spring).

The Optimists of Northville/Novi extend a special thanks to Mrs. Betty Allen for sharing these historical documents. Mrs. Betty Allen's father, Dr. Linwood Snow, was the original Optimist Club Charter

We stand corrected

Last week, the Northville Record incorrectly listed Northville High School senior Robin Abbey-Lee's ACT score as 31. She scored a 35.



Robin Abbey-Lee

PARENTS:
Jim Lee and Toni Abbey

POST GRADUATION PLANS:
Attend Oberlin College

CAREER PLANS:
Oceanography

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES:

- Make A Difference
- National Honor Society
- Dance
- Band

ACADEMIC HONORS:

- National Merit Commended Scholar
- EF Global Citizen Award
- Stern Scholarship

MOST MEMORABLE HIGH SCHOOL MOMENT:

Making chlorine gas with Sarah and Jessie in chemistry for our final project, and having to evacuate the room.

WHO HAS INFLUENCED YOU THE MOST?

My parents

GPA: 3.981
ACT: 35
Score: 1967.765

CITY OF NORTHVILLE

Downtown: evolution, again

Downtown Northville is in the throes of retail change — again. Numerous downtown businesses are changing hands, closing down or opening soon. Local leaders should help coordinate efforts among building owners, businesses and support organizations to recruit and retain the right mix of long-term downtown tenants. Doing so helps promote a solid identity for downtown Northville and brands it as a family-friendly retail destination where business is transacted among shoppers who embrace the community's Victorian charm and business owners who offer customer-oriented service.

NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP

Barn effort needs private help

The township board of trustees acted prudently last week when it voted 7-0 to do more research before using taxpayer money to move, restore and undertake the liability for what some consider a historically significant barn located along Sheldon Road, just north of Six Mile Road. The board is scheduled to meet again on issue July 12. Saving the barn is a noble cause, but not one worthy of a blank check. Kudos to those attempting to get the job done by securing corporate assistance and donations. Doing so is more than smart. It's showing proper respect for hard-earned township money.

NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Budget: aiming in the dark

Northville Public Schools will adopt its 2005-06 fiscal year budget this month. Board members and administrators have a tricky task. The state does not have to adopt its budget until the end of September, meaning the district must make a financial blue print with an unconfirmed primary revenue source. Translation: Northville will hire employees, map out spending and set curricula all with preliminary numbers, not their preferred method.

NORTHVILLE ATHLETICS

Soccer players deserve honors

As a sophomore, Danielle Toney has showcased her talents not only on the local soccer pitch, but across the globe. During a recent meeting in Lansing, the Michigan High School Soccer Coaches Association selected her to the All-State Dream Team as well as the All-State First team. Earning second-team honors was junior Lauren Hill while senior Jen Kritch was named to the All-State Third Team. We'd like to congratulate all three outstanding athletes for earning well-deserved recognition.

President in 1949. We appreciate having the Club's history revealed and we hope to (at minimum) find their footsteps to follow.

An additional thank you all the families that have lived and contributed to Northville these last 50 years. In addition to being quaint and charming, we have a history of being charitable and optimistic.

Stephanie C. Flynn
Optimist Club of Northville/Novi

Keep barn

Pave paradise and put up a parking lot. Let the barn stay where it is. In the 35 years I've lived in Northville and watched the orchards, meadows, farm fields, etc. slowly disappear, the Pennsylvania Bank Barn is the most pleasant sight going or coming into Northville. It stands in sharp contrast to its garrish, white masonry monstrosity of a neighbor across the street and a bit north going into town. What will go in its place? A mini big mart.

Robert Townsend
Northville

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-First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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COMMENTARY

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Emergency measures needed for Michigan's financial crisis

Historians take note: May 5, 2005, is going to turn out to have been a red-letter date in Michigan's history.

And I'm not thinking about Cinco de Mayo, the Mexican national holiday which commemorates the Mexican army's stunning defeat of the imperialist forces of France and the Austrian Emperor Maximilian at Puebla in 1862, a major milestone on the way to Mexican independence.

No, ours is a much more gloomy May 5. We are talking about the date when Standard & Poors downgraded the bond ratings of both General Motors and Ford Motor Co. to what the headlines call "junk." Put in the fancy language the bond rating agencies use, that means "investors should not invest in bonds of either of these companies for the long term."

When historians look back on our times, I suspect they'll seize on May 5 as the symbolic date at which it became painfully clear to all that Michigan was in a major economic crisis of a new kind.

The symptoms have been clear for years. Manufacturing employment, the traditional core of our economy, is hemorrhaging. Our largest employers — GM, Ford, Chrysler and much of the automotive supply chain — are losing market share and their investment grade credit rating.

Soon, some may be facing bankruptcy. We're tops in the nation for unemployment — and dead last when it comes to forming new companies. The state budget is structured to produce a chronic billion-dollar plus deficit every year, while the political system seems paralyzed and the politicians unable to do anything about it.

We're in serious trouble. We've had tough times in the past, yes. But today's crisis is quite unlike what we've faced before. It is the result of complex and widespread changes

in the worldwide economy — think of outsourcing and off-shoring jobs to China and India as just the start.

The causes are far deeper than the usual cyclical changes in the economy; as a result, this crisis will not be resolved merely by an upturn in the domestic business cycle and a few more domestic auto sales some day.

These facts are finally beginning to penetrate even the thick walls of denial put up by Lansing's political class. Take Gov. Jennifer Granholm, without a doubt the most gifted political communicator Michigan has

seen in many years. My sense is that her re-election strategy (she's up next year) has been to run as Ms. Congeniality. This means she intended to try to slide through the recurrent budget problems, cut deals with the GOP-controlled legislature where possible and generally argue that while things may be tough just now, she's doing the best she can.

But the crisis has caught up with her careful, cautious planning. As anybody who heard the governor's speech at the Mackinac Island policy gathering (I wasn't there, but I read the text and have talked to plenty of people who were in the room), she didn't fudge this time around.

The governor made it clear that the biggest issue in Michigan is responding to the crisis, right now, and she talked about how vital it was to invest in Michigan's economic future via the \$2 billion bond proposal she wants to put on a statewide ballot later this year.

So what are the Republicans in the legislature doing? Slow walking, that's what, doing just barely enough to avoid being labeled as obstructionists but making sure nothing significant gets done before 2006.

That's to set up Richard DeVos, Amway heir and near-certain Republican nominee for

governor, to proclaim that Granholm has done nothing to resolve Michigan's economic crisis, that he's an experienced businessman, that he has a plan ... you get the picture.

Even if that were true, Michigan can't wait. Personally, I think the governor should be telling the Republicans to follow, lead or get the hell out of the way. I think she should be talking about \$5 billion for her bond program, not a measly \$2 billion.

And I think she needs to be much, much more hard-edged, bold and comprehensive in proposing a strategy to tackle Michigan's crisis than she has been. We're in major trouble, and we can't afford to fool around.

Incidentally, I think that positioning a "bond" as the remedy for our crisis is making a basic linguistic mistake. Nobody associates the word "bond" with "crisis." The solution to this crisis is a serious restructuring plan, and the word emergency probably needs to be used. Often.

Mark my words. From now until the next statewide election in November, 2006, Michigan politics and policy are bound to center around our present economic crisis. Like it or not, both parties will be obliged to address it — and they better do so realistically.

My friend, Mark Murray, now president of Grand Valley State University, offers another interesting historic parallel. He notes that May 5, 1959, was the date when Michigan suffered another symbolic financial and political crisis: Payless paydays for state government employees, thanks to another financial crisis during which the politicians couldn't agree.

History always repeats itself, but seldom quite as neatly as this.

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SPOTLIGHT ON: ALLERGY & ASTHMA

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CAN YOUR CAR TRIGGER ALLERGIES?

If you have allergies, you're probably taken steps to limit triggers in and around your home. But what about your car? If you notice symptoms kicking in whenever you're in your car or when its air conditioning is running, you may have some triggers lurking. Check under the hood. Keep it clean so that it can't trap allergens and irritants. Dirt and grime will provide a welcome spot for triggers. Regularly replace the filter in your car's air-filtration system, and dust and vacuum the inside of your car. Seats and upholstery can accumulate pollen, dust mites, pet dander, and molds. Before you leave your air conditioned car, power off the A/C, but leave the blower running to dry out vents.

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Historically speaking!



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TOP: The Northville High School marching band walking along Main Street, circa 1940s.

ABOVE: Police officers standing in front of the city hall/police station building, circa 1930s, featuring a restroom sign.

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WHAT'S GOING ON (CONT'D)

Parks and Recreation Commission

DATE: second Wednesday of every month
 TIME: 7:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Road

Parks and Recreation

New Residents

DETAILS: Northville Parks and Recreation invites new Northville residents to visit its parks and community centers to learn about activities and facilities.
 CONTACT: Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org or call (248) 349-0203.

Yoga Basics

DATE: Monday, June 27
 TIME: 7:30-8:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
 DETAILS: class will help bring mind-body into a mutual state of well being. Mat required. No class July 4
 CONTACT: Pat Brown, (248) 449-9949

Safety Town

DATE: June 27-July 8
 TIME: 12:30-3:00 p.m.
 LOCATION: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 201 Elm St.
 DETAILS: For children entering kindergarten to learn safety lessons including arts and crafts, guest speakers, driving on the town and a school bus ride
 CONTACT: Pat Brown, (248) 449-9949

Art Projects

DATES: Mondays; June 27, July 11, 18 and August 8
 TIME: 1-2 p.m.
 LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
 DETAILS: Wear old clothes or a paint smock to create art projects. For ages 6-10, the resident fee is \$16 per class per person
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 or www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Boater Safety

DATE: Tuesday, June 28 and Thursday, June 30 or Monday, July 25 and Wednesday, July 27
 TIME: 6-9 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
 DETAILS: The class fee is \$15 per person; additional non-resident fees apply. Participants, ages 12 and up, will receive a boater's safety certificate from the Oakland County Sheriff's Department, Marine Division.
 CONTACT: Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Music Class

DATES: Wednesdays; June 29, July 13, 20 and August 10
 TIME: 9-10 a.m.
 LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
 DETAILS: For ages 3-5, included will be marching, skipping, galloping, and dancing to children's tunes and other classics. Resident fees are \$13 per class per person; additional non-resident fees apply.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 or www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Mother-Daughter Class

DATE: Thursday, June 30
 TIME: 1-3 p.m.
 LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
 DETAILS: Bead-stringing jewelry class, cost is \$20 per person
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Family Event

DATE: Monday, July 4
 TIME: Immediately following the parade
 LOCATION: Ford Field
 DETAILS: This free family event includes a pie eating contest, live music with the Shawn Riley Band, a duck race, Eclipse Baseball, face painting, kid games, family picnic and Jasen Magic, with a drive-in movie at dusk; E.T.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Craft Mini-Camps

DATE: Wednesday, July 6-Friday, July 8 or Tuesday, July 19-Thursday, July 21
 TIME: noon-2:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.
 DETAILS: For ages 6-10, there will be stories, games, arts and crafts and snacks from different cultures.
 CONTACT: Call (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Babysitter Training

DATE: Tuesday, July 12 and Thursday, July 14
 TIME: 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
 DETAILS: American Red Cross Babysitter Training course offers instruction on safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action skills, interviewing for a babysitting job, diapering and feeding techniques. Youth must be 11 years old to receive a certificate. Fee includes course training manual and babysitter first aid kit. Students must bring a sack lunch (no refrigeration available). The cost is \$67 per Northville resident; additional non-resident fees apply.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-0203 or www.northvilleparksandrec.org

Summer Camp

DATE: now through August 11
 TIME: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
 LOCATION: Hillside Recreation, 700 W. Baseline Road
 DETAILS: Resident fee is \$150 per week, \$235 per 2 week registration and \$850 for all 8 weeks; non-resident fees apply. Geared for ages 5-12, campers take weekly field trips and each day will include games, sports, crafts, art, and drama.
 CONTACT: (248) 449-9949

Netball Players

DATE: Fridays, ongoing, June-August
 TIME: 7:30-9:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
 DETAILS: For ages 15 and over, a popular team sport imported from the United Kingdom.
 CONTACT: Sarah Weyburne, (248) 344-2828

Lap Swimming

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road



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Helping Habitat for Humanity

Northville residents Larry and Leah Parks are among the hundreds of volunteers lending a hand this week for Habitat for Humanity's Jimmy Carter Work Project. Volunteers will build 30 houses in Southwest Detroit and 230 homes throughout Michigan for families in need. The Parks, both DTE Energy employees, worked on a home June 18 in Southwest Detroit, sponsored by the company. Both are first-time Habitat volunteers.

CONTACT: For times and information, call (248) 349-0203

Open Badminton

DATE: Tuesdays and Fridays
 TIME: 7-9:30 p.m.
 LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road.
 DETAILS: Competitive style badminton is available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$7 per night, including bird fee.

Table Tennis

TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m., Mondays and noon-4 p.m., Saturdays
 LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 700 W. Baseline Road
 DETAILS: Eight tables are available. All skill levels are welcome. Cost is \$4 per day.

Open Basketball

TIME/DAY: 7-9:30 p.m., Tuesdays
 LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
 CONTACT: (248) 449-9947

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DATE: Saturday, June 25
 TIME: 11 a.m.-3 p.m.
 LOCATION: St. Vincent and Sarah Fisher Center, 27400 W. 12 Mile Road, Farmington
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Golf Lessons

TIME/DAY: times vary; Adults, Saturdays, Tuesdays or Thursdays; Youth, Saturdays
 LOCATION: Salem Hills Golf Club, 8810 Six Mile Road
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Un-tolled wedding bells

Wayne County marriages slow to a crawl; couples now waiting to marry, experts say

By Victoria Sadlocha
RECORD STAFF WRITER

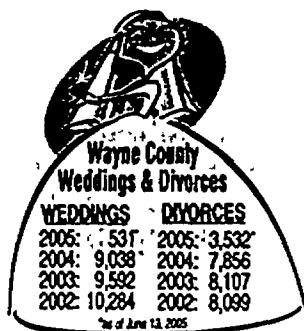
Throughout the years, docent Juliette Culp has seen many weddings at Northville's Historic Mill Race Village, a popular vow-exchanging destination for loving couples.

So far this year Mill Race has hosted 62 weddings, on track for the 80-plus marriages the locale hosts annually.

But the number of couples tying the knot in Wayne County tells a different story.

According to data issued by the Wayne County Clerk's bureau of records, 531 marriage licenses were applied for this year, compared to 9,038 last year.

With 2005 almost half complete, catching up seems nearly impossible. License requests would have to increase by 16



Wayne County Weddings & Divorces	
WEDDINGS	DIVORCES
2005: 531	2005: 3,532
2004: 9,038	2004: 7,856
2003: 9,592	2003: 8,107
2002: 10,284	2002: 8,089

As of June 13, 2005

SOURCE: Wayne County Marriage Department, Court Services

times.

Manuel Manrique, clinical psychology Ph.D. and director of Plymouth Psychology and Dearborn Modern Psychology, said trends in his clinical practice show people are deciding to wait before walking down the aisle.

Manrique said many couples are taking their time and some

even coming in for counseling before they decide to marry "to stem off any problems that might happen in the future."

In his practice, premarital counseling is up 50 to 75 percent.

"I think people are more psychology minded these days, more open to counseling and more willing to explore their own difficulties before they get married," Manrique said. "And it is both men and women, and I think that is a positive sign."

The decrease may also be attributed to ease and economics.

Jim Ehehalt, owner of Brookside Travel, said destination weddings are popular.

Ehehalt's Northville full-service agency has seen an increase in bookings in the past year.

"I think the main reason is cost," he said. The business owner said all-inclusive resorts catering to couples include marriage ceremonies for nominal fees with the price of a stay.

Ehehalt said couples together for long time periods prior to marriage makeup another portion of the population interested in marrying elsewhere.

Helping couple's obtain out-of-country marriage licenses is a service Ehehalt said he provides.

The number of divorces in the county according to Wayne County Clerk's data shows 3,532 divorce decrees have been filed this year.

In 2004, the county reported nearly 7,900 divorces.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Mill Race Village docent Juliette Culp talks to Collette DeGrez and Michael Coletta, visiting the historic area for engagement photos. Culp is in charge of the many weddings which take place at Mill Race each year.

"I'm mostly seeing a lot of people probably divorced before they should," Manrique said. "Not following up with therapy that is recommended and conceding to give up a little easier on marriage than they probably did traditionally in

the past 50 years."

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By: Mike Riley

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Garden walk tickets!

Twins Sara and Margret Bennett, 4, share a garden tea party with brother Nathan, 2, at a wrought iron bistro set in the Northville garden of Kathryn Novak. The bistro set, donated by Gardenviews, will be raffled off at the upcoming Country Garden Club of Northville's garden walk on Wednesday, July 13. Tickets are available at Gardenviews, located at 202 W. Main St.

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'Crooked Tree' making its comeback

Retired from legal career, township author picks up pen again

By Kim Kovel
SPECIAL WRITER

Images of killer black bears first prowled Bob Wilson's thoughts the night between his first and second law bar exams in Lansing.

"I was lying in bed ... imagining every horror of the universe coming down on me," Wilson said. "I just started thinking about setting a story up north."

"I got up and jotted down the germ of the idea."

Four years later, the Northville Township resident saw Crooked Tree, his first terror-suspense novel, land on the New York Times Bestseller List.

That was in 1981. This month, after more than two decades in the legal field, Wilson will see his tale back on store shelves.

"I kept up with a lot of writing of some sort," said Wilson, 54. "I would like to continue to pursue this and pick up where I left off."

One of Wilson's first pieces was one he penned as a seventh grader, at Detroit's St. Scholastica.

"It was about some kind of monster," Wilson said. "He was killing nuns, eating them. I'll never forget — Sr. Kathleen Ann gave me an A-plus."

"She wrote, 'You have a very macabre

imagination.'"

Under his teacher's guidance, the youngest of four boys recognized and honed his talent.

At the University of Michigan, interest in international law and travel prompted Wilson to study political science and history.

Course essays and freelancing kept skills alive.

"Even back then, I realized that it was difficult to get a novel published," Wilson said.

But after passing the bar, Wilson's vision of bears was too compelling to resist.

As a kid, he'd spent summers at a Northern Michigan cabin by Lake Margrethe in Grayling. Black bears were rare, but Wilson knew the animals weren't vicious.

He found reason for his tale's killer beasts in "Bear Walk," a Native American Ottawa religious belief that the shamans' spirits could inhabit animals' bodies.

"This was an unbelievable story," said Wilson. "One way to make it seem more believable is to surround the plot with as much credibility as you can."

Newly wed, Wilson researched and wrote while working full-time as Wayne County child prosecutor.

When finally published by Penguin Putnam, the 350-page, Michigan-based book was a hit. Paperback sales reached 1 million, Wilson

said, and movie rights were sold. Several directors, including 'The Exorcist's William Friedkin, were interested.

But progress was slow. Moviemakers moved on to other scripts.

"It kind of went dormant," said Wilson, who penned two more novels. "I did kind of walk away from the writing."

Soon, he was focused helping Coors and NASA alike develop industrial quality standards at his Northville-based company.

Writing training manuals, his writing style took a succinct turn.

Then, after 10 years off the market, Crooked Tree returned with a chance phone call from the University of Michigan Press.

Recently retired, Wilson was soon tweaking his tale, arranging book signings — and talking silver screen deals again.

"The timing is good," Wilson said. "At this stage, it's kind of like I'm a happy bystander."

He's hitting the books again. The author said he's almost finished researching his Crooked Tree sequel. More is in the works.

"Start on page one and keep going," Wilson said. "Don't stop. Just remain completely focused."

"Once you're done with the manuscript, there's all the time in the world."



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Bob Wilson authored the novel Crooked Tree in 1980. Now he's making a return.

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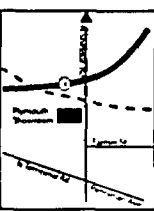
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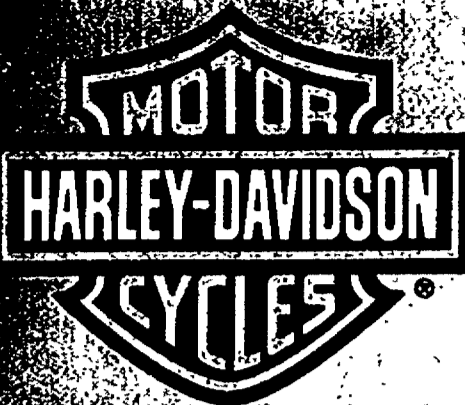
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Cheering for defense
The Northville Mustangs cheerleading squad isn't about to let summer slow them down. They have already had two car washes, a self-defense class, and cheered on bikers at the Tour De Cure event.
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The grass is greener
See what golf course caught the eye of our reviewers this week as they took a little trip out to Hartland to play one of Metro Detroit's favorites.
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RECORD SPORTS



Senior Mustang forward James Hannah keeps his eye on the ball near Plymouth Salem's goal. Hannah received a red card from the referee for disputing the Rocks' alignment on a Mustangs' penalty kick during the game. Hannah has decided to go to the University of Michigan to play soccer next year.

File photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

FUTURE WOLVERINE

Soccer standout James Hannah headed to U-M

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Even when he's running through the streets of Northville, working up a sweat while trying to get into top-physical shape, recent Northville graduate James Hannah finds time to smile and wave at everyone he knows. And why not? The standout soccer player is headed to the University of Michigan to play for the Wolverines next year. "They approached me back in late July or early August of last year," he said of U-M. "They had talked to me about my academics and my soccer play. They said they thought I'd do well at U-M with both of those."

Making a decision

So Hannah thought about it. Then, he thought some more. After several months of being asked where it was he would take his soccer talents, he finally decided. Of course it was already well into the signing season when he did. That would classify Hannah as a "late recruit" in most cases. "I would agree with that," he said, grinning. "But I feel U-M is the best school I could go to."

There were many factors in Hannah's decision. The academics, the performance of the team and its location.

Of course, the success from the relatively young team helped as well.

"They've only had a varsity soccer program for about six or seven years, so it's pretty new," he said. "Last year they finished, I think, in the top-10 in the country. They played well against Indiana and Michigan State, which bodes well for the coaches and the program. "They're going to be a force, that's for sure."

Fitting in

Hannah, who has been one of the top soccer players in Northville since his freshman year on varsity, will have to find a niche for himself.

The top-flight scorer has made a career out of playing forward, but a recent move to outside-midfield by his club team, the Michigan Wolves, has Hannah thinking that might be where he'll stay. In the end, he said it doesn't

matter what position he's called onto the field for.

"I'll play any position they want me to, except goalie," he said. "I just don't think I could do that very well."

The offers from the other schools interested in Hannah weren't anything to scoff at, but he said it just didn't fit.

"I just didn't feel right going to certain schools or playing for certain teams," he said. "I'm glad I'm staying in the Midwest and I'm glad I'll be able to play soccer."

The school that hung on his mind the most was the University of Detroit Mercy, an institution that offered him a full-ride scholarship to play soccer for them. Still, it just wasn't the right school, Hannah said.

Not playing, however, did cross his mind from time to time. Hannah said he was in doubt if he would be able to earn a spot on some of the more prestigious teams. He said one way or another, he would have kept himself on the soccer pitch though.

"I would have played club or intramural," he said. "Soccer is just a big part of my life. I couldn't give it up that easy."

Training

It's not easy trying to get noticed on a roster full of Division I players. Hannah's plan is to get in the best shape he can be in before he makes the trek to Ann Arbor.

"I'm still playing and practicing with my club team, but I'm still trying to get in shape on my own," he said. "I'm working out and running on my own. I want to be in pretty good shape before I get the team-training information from the coaches."

Then, it's off to team camp in August where Hannah will be expected to showcase his abilities.

There isn't too much pressure. Hannah, who is on an academic scholarship at the university, will only be looking to earn some playing time and, hopefully, an athletic scholarship by his second year.

"It's going to be a challenge," he said. "I think I'm going to be up for it though. It's going to be hard, but it's going to be fun."

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It's not too late to sign up for Solstice Run

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

This Saturday there will be some familiar vocals caressing the air with the words of the National Anthem.

Karen Newman will be singing at Ford Field in downtown Northville. No, it's not a Detroit Red Wings game. It's the Third-Annual Solstice Run.

The run, sponsored by Comcast and Fifth Third Bank among others, will take place Saturday at 7:30 a.m. with a 10-kilometer run kicking things off before leading into a Kids Fun Run, a 5-kilometer walk/run and an entertainment and food fest. Newman will sing prior to the 5K event at 9 a.m. The kids run is scheduled for 8:45 a.m.

"We're hoping everyone has a lot of fun at the event," said Alan Whitehead, the executive race director and founder of the event. "We want it to be a success so we can help the charities in our area."

Those charities include the Northville Parks and Recreation department, the Northville Arts Commission, the Northville Historical Society, the Northville Education Fund, the Novi Educational Foundation and the Thin Blue Line of Michigan, which assists families of the injured or deceased from law enforcement agencies in Michigan.

And it's not too late to help out and get a little exercise while doing it.

Whitehead said although the deadline for online registration has passed, people can still sign up at the Water Wheel Health Club, where packets and

new registrations will be processed. Those running a bit behind schedule can also sign up the day of the race, prior to the 7:30 a.m. start time at Ford Field.

The cost to participate in the races are as follows: Kids Fun Run: \$9 before race day and \$12 Saturday; 5K walk/run: \$20 prior to race day and \$25 Saturday; 10K run: \$25 before race day and \$30 Saturday.

All proceeds go toward the six charities. "It's really a good cause and it's a lot of fun too," said Whitehead.

The race will be televised to 1.3 million homes statewide later this summer.

The top 300 overall finishers in the 10K run will receive medals while the top three finishers in both

the 10K and 5K runs will receive prize money in the masters division.

There are several age divisions, from eight and under all the way through 75 years and older.

Northville is a good fit for the run, said Whitehead.

"We have no intentions of holding it any place besides Northville," he said. "We've even expanded to the township with our 10K run this year. They've been very excited and supportive."

For more information and for course maps, please visit www.solsticerun.org.

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By the numbers	7:30	1,200	1	2	0	1	11 a.m.
	Time, in the a.m., the Third-Annual Solstice Run will take place at Ford Field Saturday.	Participants the event is hoping to draw this year.	Northville players on the All-State Dream Team this year: Danielle Toney.	Novi girls on the same team, including Ms. Soccer Kristi Timar and Emily Esbrook.	Goals scored against soccer state champs Novi after Northville's one goal in districts.	Northville baseball players on the All-State Dream Team: Matt Williams.	Time the MHSBCA East-West All-Star game starts at Comerica today.

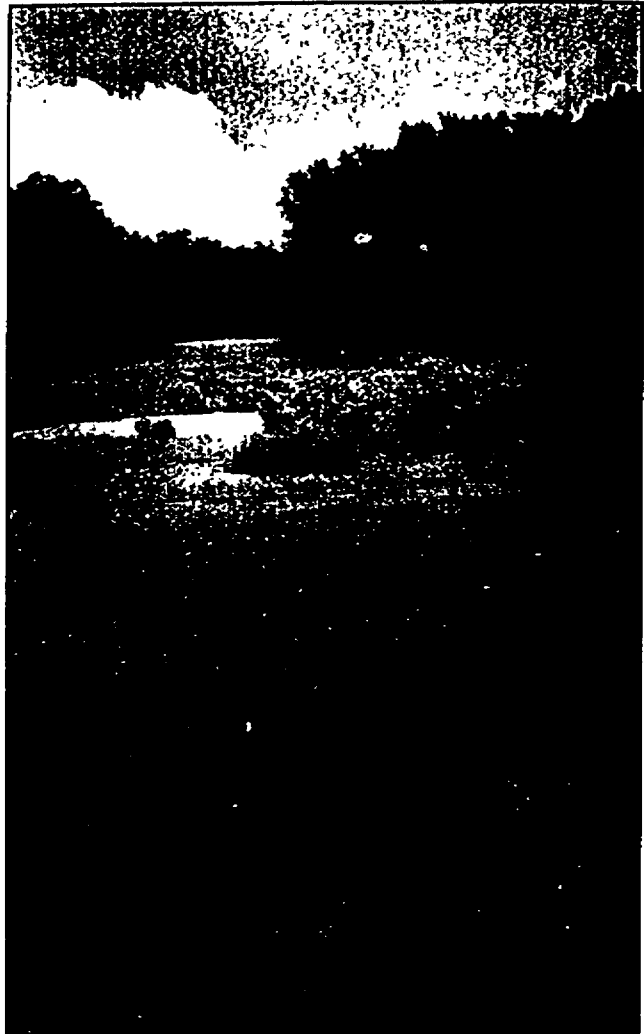
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The long, sweeping fairway of the par-5 12th hole at Dunham Hills Golf Club is typical of some of the longer holes on the back nine. The course features rolling hills and dense wilderness, offering golfers an exciting challenge.



The view from the 11th tee area shows the daunting task at hand — hitting a shot skilled enough to reach the green that is 215 yards away over water.

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Dunham Hills offers great views, challenging golf

By John Mueller
 SPORTS WRITER

One of the many eccentricities of the game of golf is that you can cover hundreds and hundreds of yards in just a few shots — only to waste several more shots in a space of 10 yards or less around the green.

Hartland's Dunham Hills Golf Club is one of those courses where this can happen quite easily. Yet, even if this does occur, you'll still find yourself having a ball.

But be warned, you'd better carefully clean your putting goggles before setting foot on the scenic and sprawling grounds at 13561 Dunham Road.

Dunham Hills Golf Club head professional Mike Spranger didn't hesitate when asked what makes the course unique.

"I would say the greens, the putting," he said. "They're very difficult and challenging."

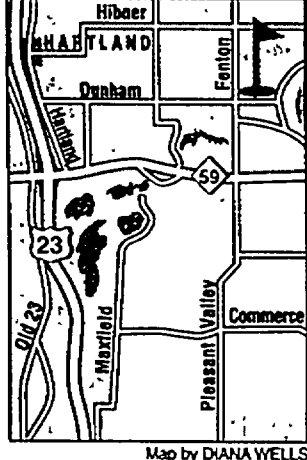
Indeed, the undulating greens require careful concentration, as subtle breaks can send even the softest struck of putts careening in the wrong direction.

But once you hole out and step off the green, you'll find that you can't escape these undulations. Quite simply, they're everywhere.

"The second thing about this course is the hills, and all the uneven lies you can get," Spranger said.

Sometimes the ball will be above your feet as you're addressing it. Sometimes, below. It all

Dunham Hills Golf Club



Map by DIANA WELLS

County-Oakland County stretch. With its lush slices of wilderness and galloping hills, Dunham Hills has been providing area residents with splendiferous views and challenging golf ever since.

"People who play here are usually very complimentary of the condition of this course," Spranger said.

Distance-wise, Dunham Hills is on the longer side, measuring out at 6,291 yards from the white tees. The front nine consists of a pair of par 3s, a par 5 and the rest par 4s, the longest measuring out at 447 yards (the sixth hole). The par-5 second hole, at 505 yards, is reachable in two shots by the big hitters, but a prudent three-shot approach is recommended for average golfers. The par 3s are 135 yards (fifth hole) and 191 yards (eighth hole).

Slightly longer than the front nine, the back nine features two par 5s this time around in addition to two par 3s.

The first four holes will have you reaching for your longer irons, starting off with the 410-yard par-4 10th hole and continuing with the longish par-3 11th hole (215 yards).

The two par 5s are up next, one right after another, measuring out at respective distances of 511 and 538 yards. Tempting as it is to slam a fairway wood on your second shot in hopes of reaching either green, it's definitely wiser to play these holes for what they are — par 5s. Pitching onto the green on your third shot is defi-



The par-3 16th hole, at 116 yards, is pleasant to look at but tricky to play, what with the intimidating presence of water in front of the green and woods behind it.

nately preferable to stomping through the woods looking for your lost ball.

Four par 4s — only one of which measures out at over 400 yards — and a pleasant but dangerous 116-yard par 3 (16th hole) round out the remaining holes.

Everybody knows how fun it is to try to hit a John Daly-sized shot off the tee, but Spranger pointed out that this isn't a safe approach when playing Dunham Hills —

especially those par 5s on the back nine.

"It's a tough course to try to overpower," he said. "You're better off just to go for what you see. Don't try to do too much, like hitting it an extra 10 yards, because those extra 10 yards can get you in trouble."

So, in short, just try to keep it in the fairway. Short, safe shots are much better than longer unpredictable ones.

And when you reach the green, take a good look at your line before putting.

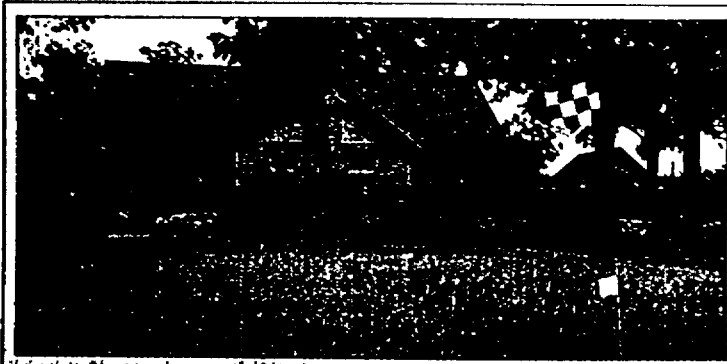
Take your time. After all, the longer it takes you to play, the longer you'll get to linger on a truly enjoyable golf course.

Reach sports reporter John Mueller by phone at (248) 685-1507 ext. 25 or by e-mail at jmueller@ht.homecomm.net.

Pro tip

Dunham Hills head professional Mike Spranger, on shots from the sand:

"The biggest mistake people make in sand traps is, they have too much lower body action. You want to take the lower body out of the shot, and you don't want to do a lot of turning. This can lead to inconsistent shots; you'll either hit it thin — by pulling up — or hit way too far behind the ball. For short bunker shots, keep your lower body still and try to hit two inches behind the ball. And follow through, by all means."



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THE SECOND HALF



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A Northville cheerleader prepares to punch a hitting bag during a recent self-defense session hosted at Northville High School. The event was for fund raising and to help the girls learn self defense techniques.

Cheerleaders finding ways to stay busy, raise funds

By Sam Eggleston
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Officially, cheerleading doesn't start until fall.

Don't tell that to the Northville Mustangs.

The cheerleading program has been busy at work, raising money for camp costs and new uniforms while trying to promote its sport.

They've hosted car washes, a self-defense course and even cheered on the fight against diabetes at the Tour De Cure bike ride.

"It was a lot of fun," said Anita Foss, who will be a junior next season.

Foss said she enjoyed all of the events the cheerleaders hosted and learned a little bit too when it came to self defense.

"Now I know how to save myself if someone attacks me," she said. "I think a lot of people learned a lot of things they can do to protect themselves in a relatively unsafe society."

One such thing is swinging car keys at an attacker. Another is learning how to break out of a choke hold and deliver a damaging blow to an attacker.

Foss said she hopes more high school girls take the class if it's offered again.

"I think it would be extremely beneficial," she said. "Just in case."

Beyond earning money, several cheerleaders took time out of their day to attend the Tour De



Photo by SAM EGGLESTON/RECORD SPORTS

Two Northville cheerleaders practice getting out of — and giving — chokeholds from behind.

Cure. They stood near the finish line and cheered on the bicyclists.

"We were cheering when they came in," said Foss. "People seemed to like that a lot, and that made us feel very good about ourselves."

And why not? Foss said everyone she knew participating in the event had diabetes associated with their lives in one way or another. Even one of the cheerleaders on the team has a brother

with the disease.

"We were there for about four hours," she said. "It was fun though and that's what matters."

The team's two car washes were also successful. One was held at the intersection of Taft and 10 Mile roads while the other was held off Haggerty Road.

"They help out a lot," Foss said of the car washes and the funds earned. "It goes towards our camp costs and everything, which were rather expensive this

year."

But most importantly the cheerleaders were busy representing Northville High School and their team.

"Everyone had a lot of fun," Foss said. "So far, it's been a great start."

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There are places for diabetics to turn

It's hard to take on the rush of a life-changing event when you stand alone. But as a group, weathering the storm is a lot easier.

For people with diabetes, the news is often that kind of storm. When they first find out about the disease — be it in their family members or themselves — it's as though they've been knocked over by a terrible wave. They tumble about, slammed this way or that by crushing blows.

Life becomes a mix of checking blood sugars and counting carbohydrates. Sweets are often out the door. The entire world changes in the blink of an eye. In those turbulent days, there is the promise of support. People who've been through it. People who are still going

through it. Together, they're just a little stronger than apart.

At the Web site www.diabetessupportforums.com, there is that kind of stability. It's an online forum that welcomes all types of diabetics and those who have had their lives touched by the disease. Members hail from all over the world and some as close as Northville.

Skin color, income levels and location may be different with most of them, but diabetes is the tie that binds.

Though the forums are fairly young, they've already started to build a strong base. They have discussion boards in exercise, type-1 diabetes, type-2 diabetes, eating right, recipes, diabetes in the news, diabetes on the Internet, pump therapy and even boards for kids, teens and adults. The list goes on.

The purpose of the Web site is a simple one: to support each other. There's no cost to become a member and any questions are usually answered quickly. There are few things a diabet-

ic or someone associated with a diabetic is going through that another person hasn't already gone through. The support group knows that, which is why they've made a point to reaching out to as many people as they can.

Often, there are evening chats where people can talk about being diabetic or just about anything in general. They're more than supporters of one another most of the time. They're friends.

Signing up is as easy as it gets. You create a screen name and start posting your thoughts, questions, concerns, advice and anything else on your mind. Don't feel like signing up right away? Not a problem. The forum allows "lurkers" to read what others have posted and the responses to the posts.

At just a year old, the forum is still young and in the world of Web sites, it's just a baby. There aren't thousands of members flooding the boards. Instead, there's a strong, committed core group of people. They're look-

ing for more members to join their community.

Diabetics can take comfort in knowing they won't get lost in the crowd with this forum. Instead, everyone posts and everyone supports one another. That's the point.

Initial glances at the site might discourage some, but push on. It's a young site that's still trying to find its wings. Redesigns are in the works. Just remember, it's the content that counts, right? Never judge a book by its cover and never judge the quality of a forum by its Web page.

Diabetics and those associated don't have to weather the storm by themselves. There's support out there and people who want to help. You've just got to know where to look. Start at www.diabetessupportforums.com. There are people there just waiting to offer friendship and support.

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SPORTS SHORTS

Novi Ice Arena to hold adult hockey leagues

The Novi Ice Arena will hold summer adult hockey leagues for adult teams, including 18 & Over "D" on Sunday nights, 18 & Over "C" on Wednesday nights, 18 & Over "B" on Tuesday nights and 30 & Over "C" on Thursday nights. League features include excellent game times, no checking, focus on fun and even competition, and trained scorekeepers.

The Sunday division will play a five-game schedule (plus playoffs) and Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday divisions will play a six-game schedule (plus playoffs), with one game per week beginning in early July. Games will consist of three 15-minute running time periods.

For information on adult hockey leagues at Novi Ice Arena, call (248) 347-1010 or visit www.novi-icearena.com.

Inaugural Basic Skills Competition

The First Basic Skills Competition sponsored by the Skating Club of Novi will be held at Novi Ice Arena July 16, 2005. The purpose of the competition is to promote a fun, introductory, competitive experience for beginning skaters who are enrolled in a United Skates Figure Skating Association Basic Skills Program (such as the Novi Ice Arena Learn to Skate Program) and/or are current full members of the USFSA (who have passed no higher than preliminary free skating, preliminary moves in the field or preliminary dance).

Skaters will compete at the highest level passed as of the June 4 registration deadline. To enter in an event, skaters must submit their entry forms along with \$40 for their first event (\$20 for each additional event) and a self-addressed stamped envelope (to receive their schedule of events). Everyone will receive an award and medals will be awarded to first, second and third places immediately following each of the events.

Entry forms can be downloaded from www.skatingclubofnovi.com. For more information, contact Suzy Malloire at Malkids4@aol.com or call the Skating Club of Novi at (248) 347-1010.

Volleyball camp

The Northville High School coaching staff will be offering sand and indoor volleyball camps this summer. Indoor clinics will run Monday and Tuesday nights and sand clinics will run Wednesday and Thursday mornings beginning the week of June 20. Clinics will run five weeks.

For more information, please contact Kate Woodrich by email at katewoodrich@hotmail.com.

Girls basketball camp

The Novi Wildcats girls basketball team will be hosting a girls basketball camp June 27-July 1 at the Novi High School Field House.

The camp, hosted by varsity

coach Bill Kelp and members of the girls varsity basketball team, will teach girls, grades 2-9, the fundamentals of the game of basketball.

Cost is \$126 and includes a T-shirt and a basketball in addition to the experienced coaching of skills and basketball basics. Registration begins May 2.

For more information, please call Novi Community Education at (248) 449-1206.

Novi Community Education Basketball Camps

Call (248) 449-1206 for registration, beginning Monday, May 2.

Boys Basketball Camp (grades 3-9)

DATE: Monday-Friday, June 20-24

TIME: 8:30 a.m.-noon, grades 3-6 and 1-4:30 p.m., grades 7-9

LOCATION: Novi Middle School Gym

DETAILS: Participants in this camp will receive knowledge of the game of basketball, as well as instruction to aid in the development of their playing abilities. Emphasis will be placed on all phases of the game including dribbling, shooting, pivoting, faking, rebounding, team play, sportsmanship, and defensive concepts. Students will be grouped according to age, size, and ability. Gym clothes and shoes are required. All participants will receive a T-shirt and outdoor basketball. The fee is \$126.

Boys and Girls Shooting Camp (grades 3-9)

DATE: Monday-Friday, July 18-22

TIME: 8:30-10 a.m., grades 3-6 and 10:30 a.m.-noon, grades 7-9

LOCATION: Novi High School Field House

DETAILS: This shooting camp will be packed with instruction, techniques, and the drills a player needs to shoot the basketball well. Emphasis will be placed on 3-point shooting, free throws, shooting off the dribble, and spot shooting. Awards will be given to shooting contest winners. Gym clothes and shoes are required. The fee is \$63.

Boys and Girls Basketball Camp (grades K-2)

DATE: Monday-Friday, July 25-29

TIME: 8:30-10 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.-noon

LOCATION: Novi Meadows 5 Gym

DETAILS: Learn basketball skills and build your confidence. Emphasis will be placed on dribbling, pivoting, passing, lay-ups and shooting. Gym clothes and shoes are required. The fee is \$63.

Girls netball players wanted

Want to be a part of a new and exciting game hitting the area? Then netball is the sport for you. Imported from the United Kingdom, netball is a very popular sport that is starting to creep into the United States.

Girls ages 15 and over are welcome to participate in the league. For more information, contact Sarah Weyburne at (248) 344-2828.



Submitted photo

Second-place Broncos

The Northville Broncos 11-year-old baseball team captured second place out of 16 teams in the 2005 Brighton Baseball Tournament held June 17-19. The Broncos defeated the Birmingham Bobcats, Brandon Hawks, and Riverside Royals in pool play and the Howell Hawks in the semifinals before losing to tournament host and league rival Brighton, 4-0, in a well-played championship game. The Broncos have captured three tournament championships and two second place finishes in the five tournaments they have entered this season, and their overall record now stands at 35-6. The Broncos continue their quest for the Kensington Valley Travel League championship at Ford Field against South Lyon Friday, June 24 at 8 p.m. Pictured are: (front row, left to right) Billy Mitchell, Jeffrey Gertey, Jeffrey Hewlett, and Michael Schultz; (back row) Coach Mike Putman, Greg Putman, Brett MacDonald, Andrew Potalera, Connor Smith, Bobby Nayh, Trey Slominski, Coach Chris Schultz and Eric Hutting.

IN THE KITCHEN



Antipasto Pasta Salad

Cool & Casual SUMMER MEALS

FAMILY FEATURES EDITORIAL SYNDICATE

When it's summertime and the livin' is easy, we all look forward to cool and casual meals with friends and family. The days are longer, the weather is hotter, and we want dishes that are easy to make and wonderful to eat.

No wonder savory and versatile salads are such a favorite summertime hit — from delicious pasta salads to fresh fruit and vegetable medleys. They're satisfying side dishes or well-suited for the main entrée, depending on the occasion and the whim of the cook. Pasta salads are perfect for family gatherings or potluck dinners because they appeal to almost everyone. For picnics or backyard barbecues, pasta salads can be made ahead of time and served chilled or offered alongside vegetables, burgers, steaks or chicken hot off the grill.

It's easy to keep your cool with recipes like these. Garlic Beef Bruschetta, an easy-to-make summer recipe that won't require heating up the kitchen, delivers favorite Italian flavors. Serve as an appetizer or pair with a pasta salad for a fast, delicious meal. And what better drink to serve on a hot day than a tall, icy glass of Lemonade Tea garnished with a fresh mint sprig?



Garlic Beef Bruschetta

Create Your SIGNATURE SUMMER DISH



Lemonade Tea

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4 servings

- 1 box (8.3 ounces) Betty Crocker Suddenly Salad Creamy Italian pasta salad mix
- Mayonnaise as called for on package directions
- 1 cup 1/4-inch strips salami
- 1 cup 1/4-inch strips provolone cheese
- 1 cup 1/4-inch strips red bell pepper (1 medium)

1. Make pasta salad as directed on package. Stir in remaining ingredients. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate any remaining salad.

California BLT Salad

Turn a classic sandwich into a delicious salad.

4 servings

- 1 box (7.5 ounces) Betty Crocker Suddenly Salad Ranch & Bacon pasta salad mix
- Mayonnaise as called for on package directions
- 1 large tomato, cut into wedges
- 1 avocado, pitted, peeled and cut into wedges
- 1 bag (10 ounces) ready-to-eat American blend salad greens (iceberg lettuce, romaine, red cabbage, carrots and radishes)

1. Make pasta salad as directed on package. Stir in remaining ingredients. Refrigerate at least 1 hour. Cover and refrigerate any remaining salad.

Garlic Beef Bruschetta

A few easy ingredients on toasted French bread spells *yum* for a quick-fix potluck or picnic appetizer.

30 appetizers

- 1 loaf French bread, cut into thirty 1/4- to 1/2-inch slices
- 2 tablespoons olive oil or vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup soft cream cheese with roasted garlic
- 8 ounces thinly sliced cooked deli roast beef
- 1/4 teaspoon coarsely ground pepper
- 4 Roma (plum) tomatoes, thinly sliced
- 8 medium green onions, sliced (1/2 cup)

1. Heat oven to 375°F. Brush both sides of bread slices with oil. Place on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake about 5 minutes or until crisp. Cool 5 minutes.
2. Spread cream cheese over each slice. Top with beef; sprinkle with pepper. Top each with tomato slice and onions.

Lemonade Tea

When served in restaurants, this half-lemonade, half-iced tea beverage is often called an "Arnold Palmer."

20 servings (about 1 cup each)

- 2 cans (12 ounces each) frozen lemonade concentrate, thawed
- 3 quarts iced tea
- Fresh mint sprigs, if desired

1. Make lemonade as directed on can, using punch bowl or large container. Stir in tea.
2. Serve over ice. Garnish with mint.

It's easy to create a pasta salad with your own personal touch. Start with a pasta salad mix and stir in your favorite ingredients. For a mouthwatering, main dish salad, add protein in the form of cheese, grilled chicken, bacon or ham and lots of fresh vegetables for color and flavor. Serve immediately or cover and refrigerate until dinner is ready. You'll know you have a hit when you take home that empty salad bowl — or get lots of requests for the recipe! Here are a few creative ideas to get you started:

- Grilled vegetables, cherry tomatoes and Parmesan cheese
- Sliced avocado and crisp, crumbled bacon
- Feta cheese, black olives, cherry tomatoes and sliced cucumber
- Chopped fresh vegetables, black bean and shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- Roasted red pepper from a jar, black olives and fresh basil.

For more savory summer salad ideas, visit www.bettycrocker.com. Under the "Products" heading, click on "More," then "Suddenly Salad" and discover great recipes and time-saving tips.

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NFIB UPDATE

Small-Business Focus: Who's Afraid of a Little Competition?

Ah, the traditional signs of summer—salt air, suntan lotion and that pungent smell without which no vacation trip is complete—the fumes of expensive gasoline. Although skyrocketing gas prices consume much of the nation's news coverage, it is a challenge that can be controlled by the most-proven tenet of free-market economics: competition—customers shopping around for the lowest price.

Imagine how quickly

America's health-care crisis could be solved if competition were allowed there. Instead, powerful insurance monopolies are determined to fight competition

Jack Faris

and keep their profit margins high at the expense of millions of small businesses that today are subject to 50 different state regulations governing health insurance.

According to the General Accounting Office, five or fewer insurers control at least three-quarters of the small-group insurance market. This lack of competition contributes to double-digit premium increases for many small businesses and forces an increase in the number of their employees who are uninsured.

Currently, 27 million working Americans are uninsured; 63 percent of those are either self-employed or work for a small business with less than 100 employees. The crippling burden of having to deal with state insurance regulations and the sky-high premiums they create is a problem in search of a solution. That solution is the enactment of a federal law to allow the creation of small-business health plans.

Three decades ago, Congress passed the Employee Income Security Act that pre-empted state insurance regulations for corporations and labor union organizations. The move allowed these large entities to self-insure under one uniform federal statute, thus taking advantage of group purchasing, volume discounts and administrative efficiencies.

One of the great mysteries of Capitol Hill is how a sector of the economy that represents 99.7 percent of all employers provides jobs for half of the private-sector workforce and generates 60 percent to 80 percent of net-new American jobs each year got overlooked to begin with. But it is long past time to undo that mistake.

The temptation for lawmakers to flee the nation's capital as warmer weather approaches is always strong, but the National Federation of Independent Business has called on its 600,000 small-business members to turn up the heat in Washington, D.C., to demand that Congress finally bring fairness and competition to the health insurance market by enacting the Small Business Health Fairness Act of 2005.

Twice-approved by the House of Representatives during the last Congress (the Senate did not act), the measure would open the way to fair, competitive health insurance for small firms by letting them band together across state lines to buy insurance through their bona fide trade associations. By making insurance more affordable, more small firms will provide it to their employees and families. Research indicates that as many as 8.5 million previously uninsured workers could get coverage if the act is passed.

Who's afraid of a little competition? That's a question members of Congress should ask those few insurance monopolies with the big profit margins.

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"Hearts on Fire" diamonds are "The World's Most Perfectly Cut Diamond". Less than one percent of all gem-quality diamonds are chosen to become a Hearts on Fire diamond. It takes a master diamond cutter four times longer to create the special Hearts on Fire diamond than any other diamond because it is cut to 100 power magnification—the most intricate and exacting standards in the world.

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Cut, color, clarity and carat weight—the four Cs—determine the beauty and value of a diamond. But it is the cut which has the most impact on the diamond's ability to reflect and refract light. That means the cut of the diamond will determine how brightly a diamond will sparkle and shine.

"Hearts on Fire diamonds received their name because when they are viewed upside down under a small ProportionScope, the diamonds reveal a perfect pattern of eight symmetrical hearts. When one views the diamonds from above, one will see a symmetrical fire burst phenomenon," explained Cindi Rottermond, company vice president.

The popularity of Hearts on Fire diamonds continues to grow, according to Cindi. In the April/May issue of *Modern Bride* magazine, Kelly Rowland (*Destiny's Child*) was featured wearing the Hearts on Fire Opulence necklace and earrings.

In addition, Melissa Fitzgerald, who stars on "The West Wind" as Carol Fitzpatrick, wore Hearts on Fire indulgence flex bangle bracelets and hoop earrings to the hottest Oscar parties in town.

Rottermond Jewelers is also a distributor of Scott Kay bridal designs in either 19 karat yellow gold or platinum. Engagements sets, semi-mounts, solitaires and wedding bands are all available. "When one thinks of wedding rings, he or she thinks of Scott Kay. His designs are in all of the most read bridal and fashion magazines."

Gregg Ruth is another top designer who is featuring fancy yellow and pink diamonds in bridal rings. Cindi noted, "Sometimes Ruth also uses sapphires, rubies and emeralds for very interesting, intense color—all available at Rottermond's."

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In men's wedding bands, Rottermond Jewelers is offering linked, expandable bands by Furrer Jacot of England in both white and yellow gold. "If a man has trouble with his hands and fingers swelling, this is the ring for him," said Cindi.

Couples wishing to purchase special rings have the option of having them custom made at Rottermonds. George Teufel and Eric Larvick, custom and award winning designers for Rottermond Jewelers, will work with couples to design and manufacture exactly what the couples want for their rings.

Unlike most jewelry stores, the Rottermond staff is highly educated. Libby Dart, Ron Peterson, Randy Steele and Fred Peterson are all Graduate Gemologists, with two staffers as diamond graduates and one

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earrings or pendants would make any bride ecstatic. The bride will also find a wide variety of gifts for her bridesmaids.

For couples who stop by Rottermond Jewelers to shop for their rings, the company gives them a free bridal gift of a satin

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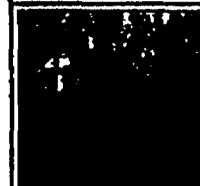
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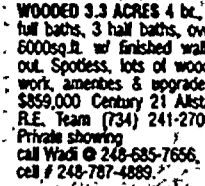
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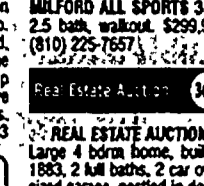
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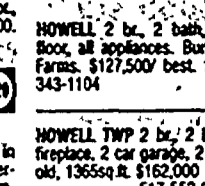
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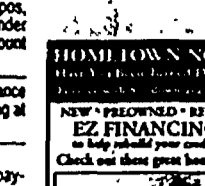
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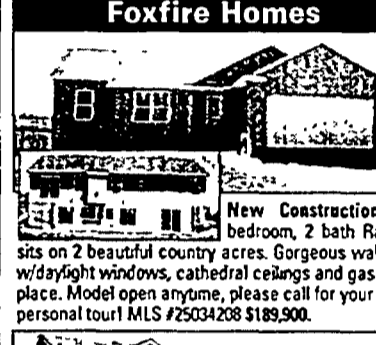
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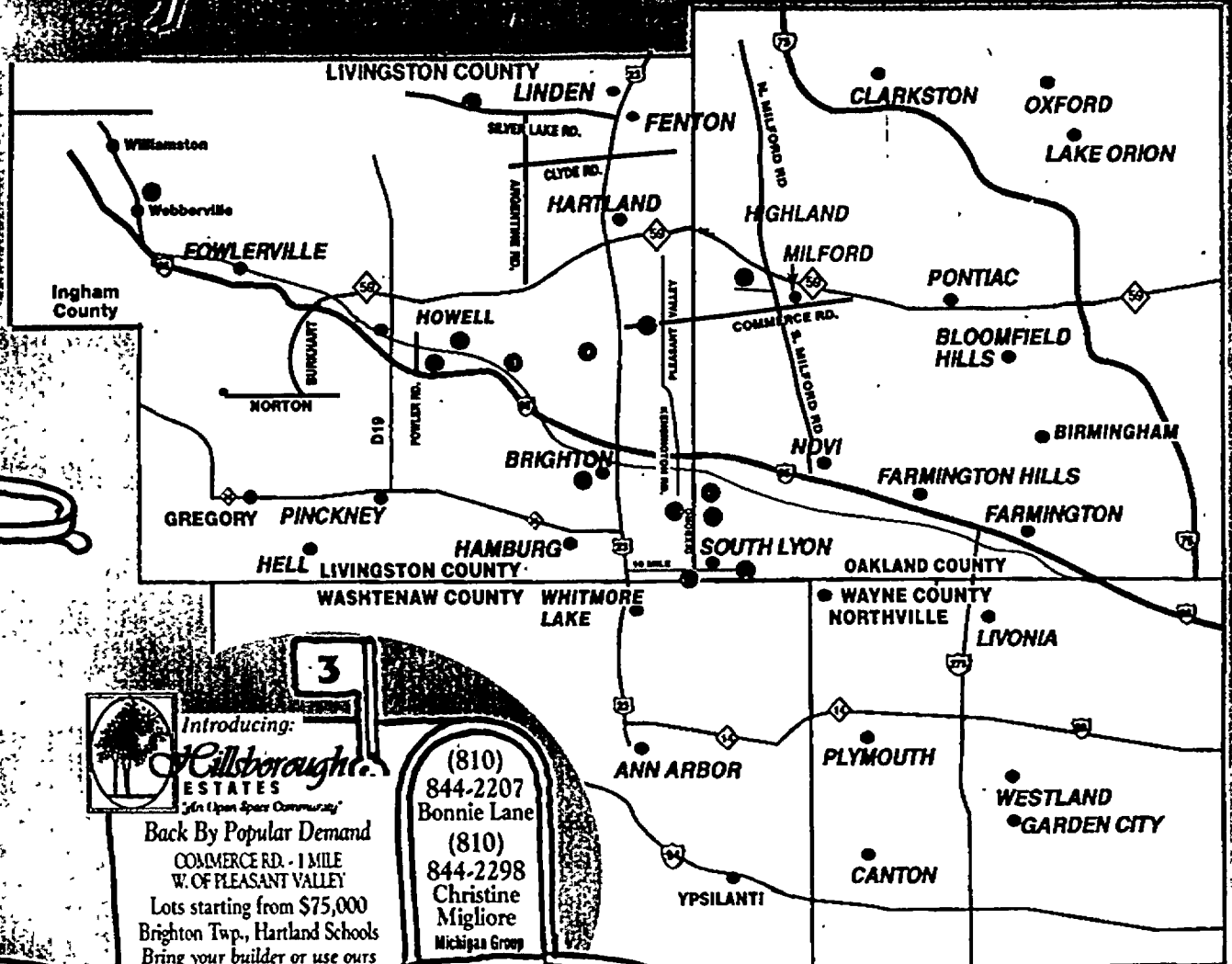


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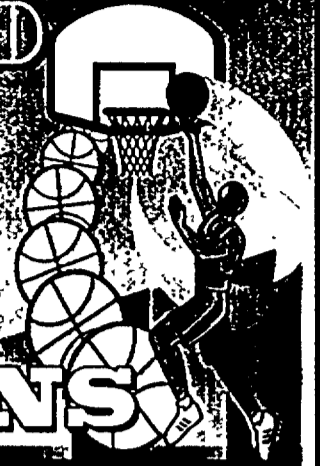
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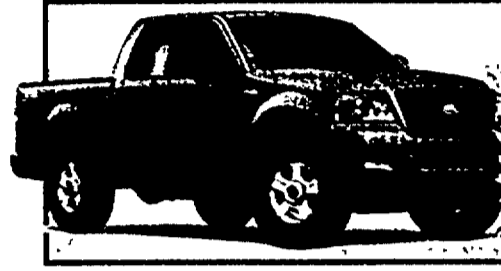
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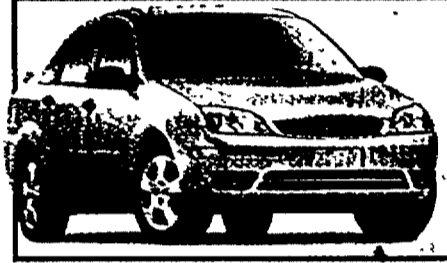
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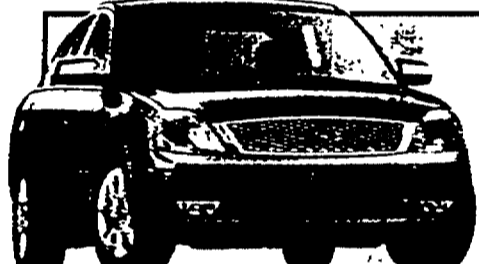
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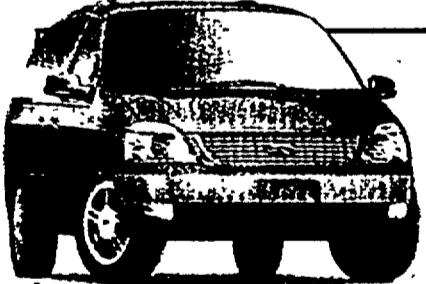
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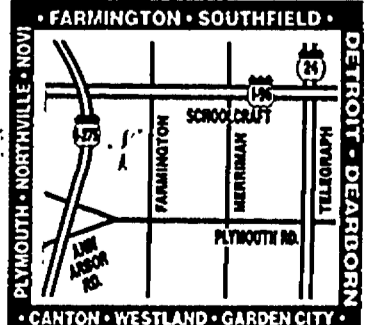
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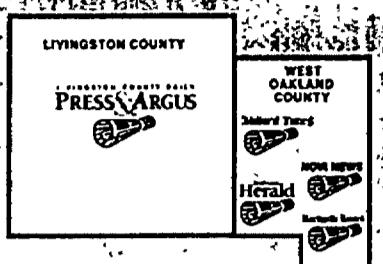
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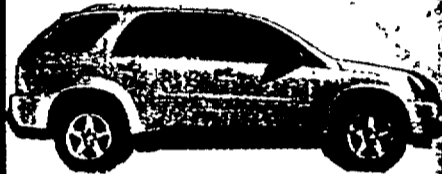
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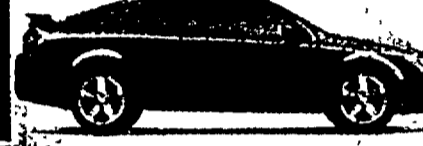
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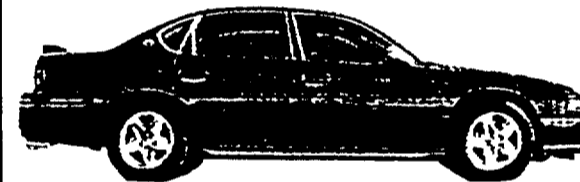
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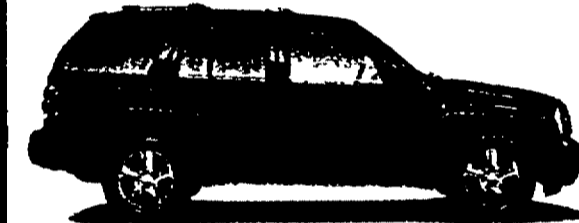
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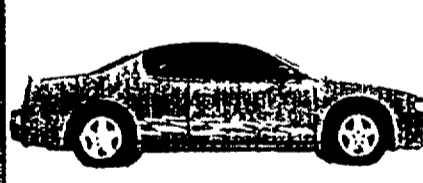
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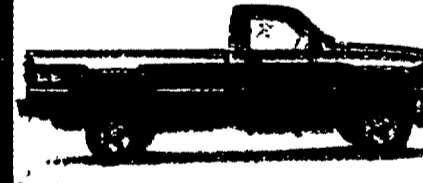
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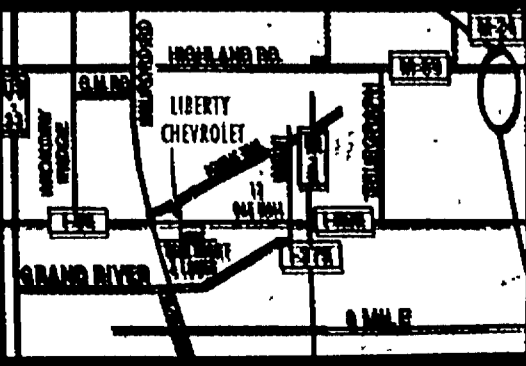
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2005 Five Hundred FWD Limited



Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDS/MP3 radio, Audible sound system, 18x7 5-sp. brt alum wheel, message center, storage compartment, in armrest, memory heated mirror, 3.0L 4V V6 Duratec engine, auto 6 spd, 4.0L V6 Duratec engine, auto 6 spd, 5.0L V8 Duratec engine, P225/50R16 BSW tires [SK #53545] WAS \$26,965

A-PLAN	\$22,407^{55*}
24 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN
	\$278.78** per mo. \$215.38** per mo.
	<small>\$378 51 AMOUNT DUE \$1921 30 AMOUNT DUE</small>

2005 F-150 Supercab XLT 4x4



Take a look at these features... Perf. Equip. Pkg. 5.4L 5.4L EFI V8, electronic 4-sp auto CD, P225/70R17 OWL, air-terra, 3.55 ratio brt. slip axle, 72000 GVWR Pkg., tow 6.5 gal. electronic shift-on-the-fly, 6-speaker stereo, window, trailer tow, 17 mach alum support accents [SK #53273] WAS \$32,855

A-PLAN	\$22,989^{00*}
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2005 Ford Freestar Limited



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A-PLAN	\$24,015^{90*}
24 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN
	\$327.85** per mo. \$265.05** per mo.
	<small>\$670 52 AMOUNT DUE \$2193 25 AMOUNT DUE</small>

2005 Freestyle FWD SEL



Take a look at these features... AM/FM/CDS/MP3 radio, anti-lock brakes, mess center, 17x7 5-sp. trngt alum wheel, string amp, audio controls, fog lamps, CD-changed, Equipped 3.0L 4V Duratec engine, coron variable trans, P225/70R16 BSW tires, 5-19 ratio rear axle, 5.0L V8 Duratec engine, 3.73 ratio, 4.0L V6 Duratec engine, 3-passenger 2nd row [SK #53525] WAS \$27,200

A-PLAN	\$22,697^{55*}
24 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN
	\$274.57** per mo. \$211.92** per mo.
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2005 Ford Escape Limited FWD



Take a look at these features... Leather comfort group, power 6-way driver's seat, front and rear air mats, speed control, air conditioning, perimeter alarm, durable 3.0L I4 V6 engine, 4-sp auto trans, 4.0L V6 Duratec engine, P225/70R16 all season BSW tires, cargo convenience group, rear cargo storage bin [SK #52042] WAS \$25,875

A-PLAN	\$18,566^{58*}
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	<small>\$497 38 AMOUNT DUE \$2316 78 AMOUNT DUE</small>

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2005 Explorer XLT 4x4 Four Door



Take a look at these features... Advance Trac with ESC, air conditioning, radio with single CD, 4.0L SOHC V6 flex fuel engine, five speed automatic overdrive transmission, P225/70R16 all season OWL tires, 3.73 ratio regular axle, trailer tow package, black roof rail with cross bars [SK #52281] WAS \$32,855

A-PLAN	\$21,316^{30*}
24 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN
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	<small>\$634 77 AMOUNT DUE \$2156 44 AMOUNT DUE</small>

2005 Expedition XLT



Take a look at these features... Auxiliary heater, air cond, (heat) turning, brake, air press, mirror, 9.5L V8, complete reflector mirrors, 17" alum wheels, 5.4L 5.4L SOHC V8 4-cyl, 5-sp auto CD trans, P225/70R17 OWL, air-terra, 3.73 ratio, 4.0L V6 Duratec engine, 4.0L V6 Duratec engine, coron variable trans, P225/70R16 BSW tires, 5-19 ratio rear axle, 5.0L V8 Duratec engine, 3.73 ratio, 4.0L V6 Duratec engine, 3-passenger 2nd row [SK #52744] WAS \$37,430

A-PLAN	\$25,146^{44*}
24 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN
	\$349.60** per mo. \$283.45** per mo.
	<small>\$725 58 AMOUNT DUE \$2243 46 AMOUNT DUE</small>

2005 F-250 Super Duty SE 4x4



Take a look at these features... Perm AM/FM CD/lock, Pkg. esp. pkg. 5.4L, PAFS, airbag, air 5.4L, EFI V8 eng, 5-sp auto CD, P225/70R17 OWL, air-terra, 3.73 ratio, 4.0L V6 Duratec engine, 4.0L V6 Duratec engine, P225/70R16 all season BSW tires, cargo convenience group, rear cargo storage bin [SK #52042] WAS \$27,530

A-PLAN	\$26,672^{84*}
24 MO. LEASE	ZERO DOWN \$1500 DOWN
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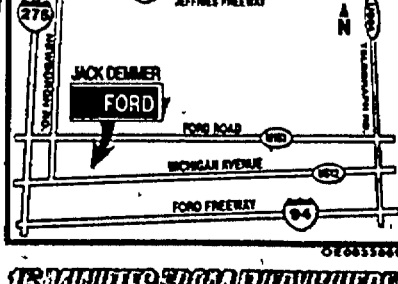
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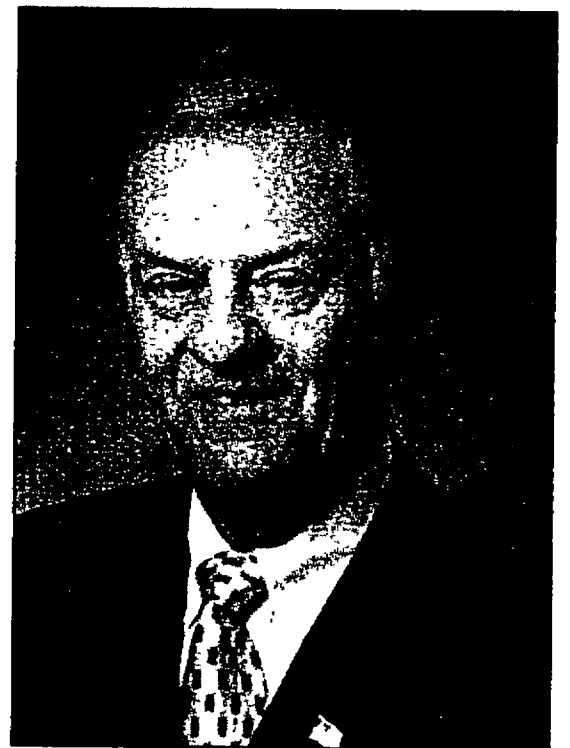
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Welcome to Spree – Livonia's 55th birthday celebration!

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Spree 55 promises some new attractions along with your old favorites. New this year, are the Flying Pages, a trapeze act. New musical performers included Maryz Eyez, Major Woody, Too Blue Feat, Crossover, The Forbes Brothers, The Blackjack Bank, and the Toll Gate Cloggers. The "Livonia Idol" contest will also be back by popular demand.



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WELCOME

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Every year, a week's worth of Spree fun and excitement is followed by the spectacular fireworks display on Sunday evening at 10:15 p.m.

Remember that by supporting Spree you will be helping the volunteer Spree organization raise funds for the City of Livonia and for many non-profit organizations in the community.

Spree contributes to numerous projects and programs, including sponsorship of annual Spree scholarships. Spree also pays for the Sunday night fireworks display. In addition, the Livonia Spree provides the opportunity for numerous participating civic and community organizations (such as local PTA groups, the Rotary Club and area churches) to raise tens of thousands of dollars over the years for their respective groups and projects.

For detailed information about the food, attractions, and scheduled entertainment - or to find out how you can get involved in Spree - go online at www.livonia-spree.com or call the 24-hour hotline at (734) 427-8190.



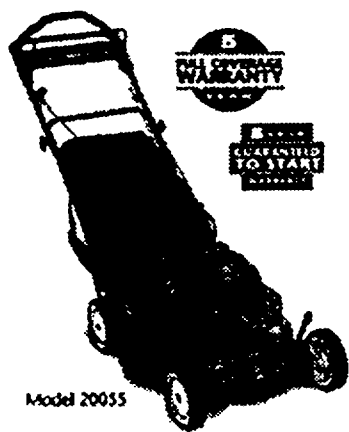
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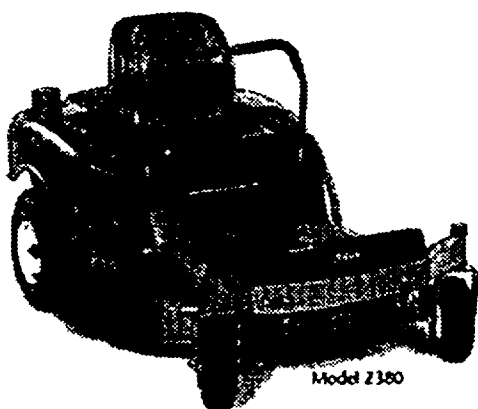
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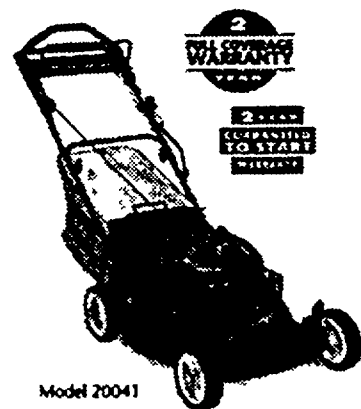
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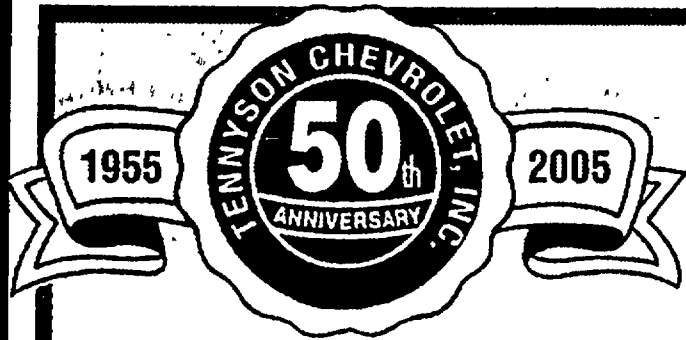
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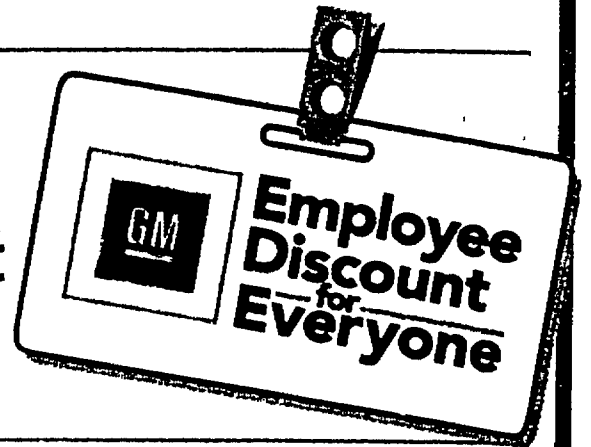
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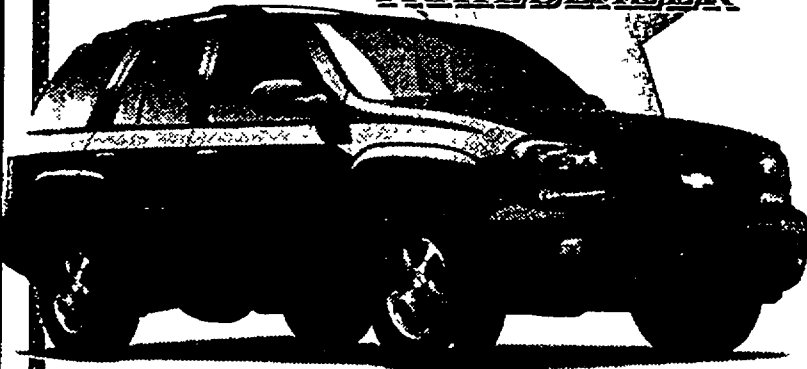
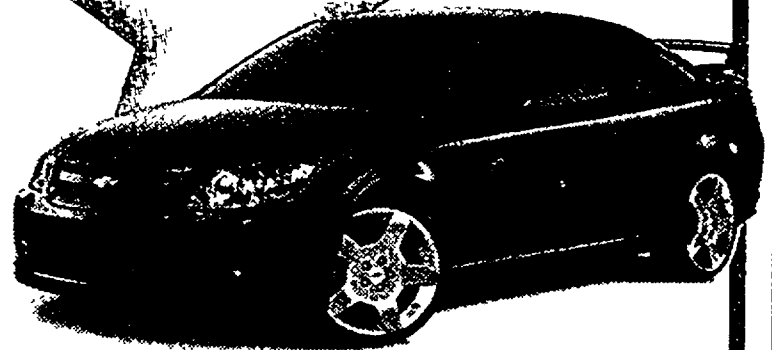


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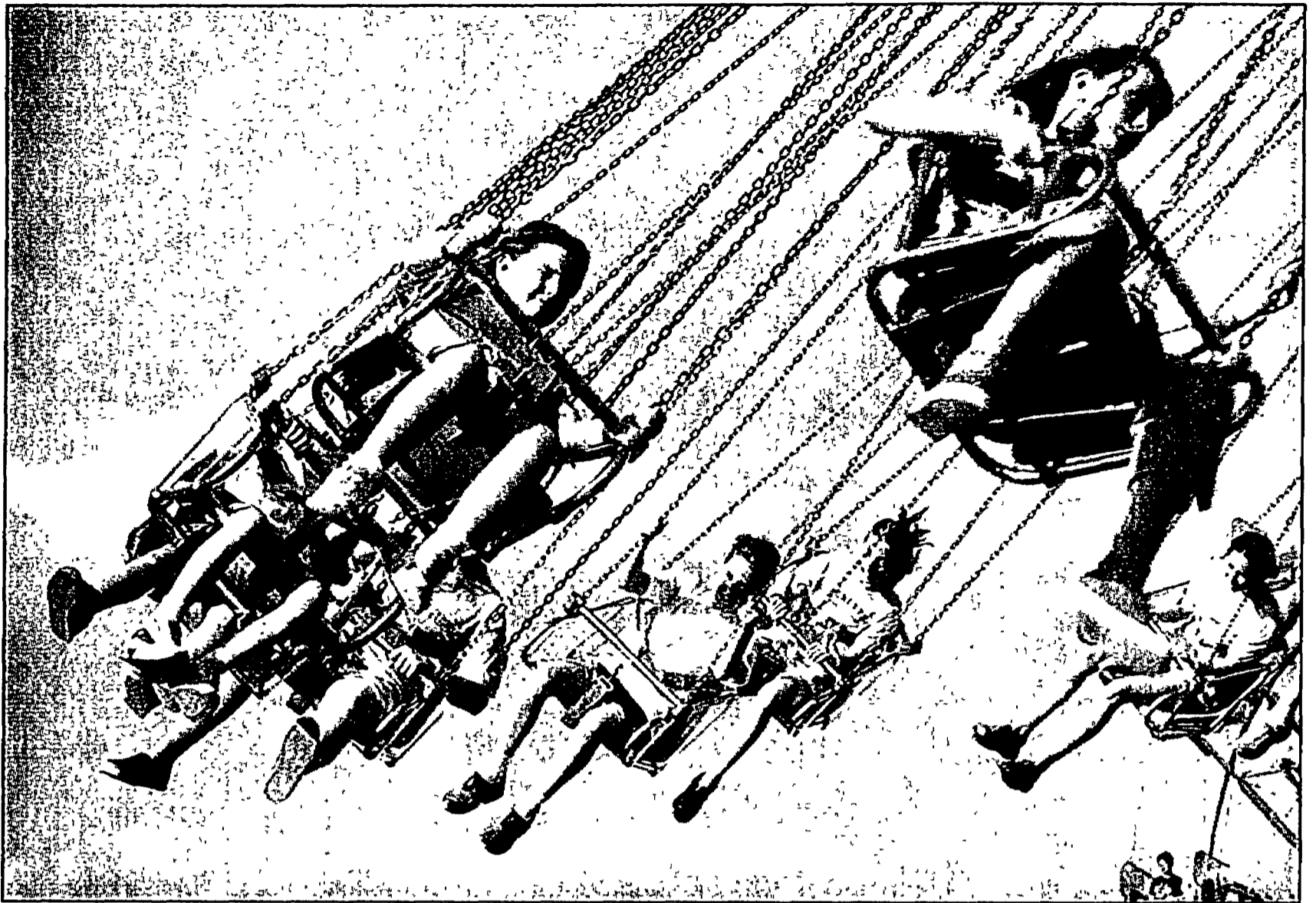
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Spree rides tend to draw plenty of young visitors in the evening. Look for a discount coupon for rides in this section.

Blowing out the candles

Festival marks the city's birthday by mixing new (trapeze act) and old (pig races, fireworks)

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Livonia Spree 55 – the city's weeklong 55th birthday party – offers a packed entertainment list from the perennial crowd-pleasing racing pigs to the new "Livonia Idol" karaoke contest.

Celebrating more than half a century since Livonia became a city, the Spree is 34 years old. This year the carnival and Spree 55 opens on Tuesday, June 21, at Ford Field at Farmington and Lyndon roads and ends with the last burst of color during the fireworks display that begins at 10:15 p.m., Sunday, June 26.

Flying Pages Trapeze is a new Spree act, but the old standbys, like the line dancing classes, kiddy tractor pull and pie-eating contest, sponsored by the Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, will be back. Every year organizers consider whether or not to bring back the pig racing contest, explains Ken Rogman, Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc. president.

"The fastest pigs to the finish line gets an Oreo cookie," Rogman says. "It's one of the biggest crowd pleasers."

Many people mistakenly believe the City of Livonia runs Spree, says Rogman who explains that Spree, which is one of Michigan's largest festivals, is actually operated by the non-profit anniversary committee.

"We pay for all the city services, DPW (Department of Public Works), fire and police departments for services rendered, at a reduced rate," he adds. "There are people who quietly do things and don't get a lot of recognition. The premise of Spree is that it is a family event. It's truly a safe and fun place to be. At the end we end up with basically sufficient funds to start Spree the next year."

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Thrill seekers, who wouldn't dream of launching their summer in Livonia without a spin on the tilt-a-whirl and a ride on the carousel can have their fill during the week-long carnival down the midway. All-day ride bracelets are \$20.

The ride bracelets are only good Tuesday through Saturday. On Sunday, June 26, visitors pay \$1 for each ride, and the same price for drinks

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Terri Janks, a brave audience volunteer, feeds Pee-Wee a cookie before a pig race at last year's Spree. Visitors to Spree 55 can catch the Robinson's Racing Pigs show - yes, it's more than just a race - several times each day.

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SPREE

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and hot dogs from noon to 6 p.m.

Free rides, provided by Wade Shows, are available for handicapped children and adults on Wednesday from 2-5 pm. However, assistance onto and off the rides won't be provided by Wade personnel.

Those who'd like a chance to sample the best of Livonia restaurants in the annual Taste of Livonia event will want to get their tickets early, because tickets are limited and usually sell-out. More than 1,000 people are expected at this event.

"Livonia Idol" karaoke contest, with DJ Chip Staley, will return for a second year and is bound to bring out those who want a moment in the

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spotlight and a chance to show their neighbors what kind of talent they have.

Kids day, filled with old-fashioned events with races, contests and games, is Saturday, June 25.

The Ed McNamara Pancake Breakfast is 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 26, is named in honor of the past mayor and a driving force behind starting Spree, according to Fernon Feenstra, a longtime Spree volunteer.

"About 30 years ago it went for a couple of years and diminished for a year and 25 years ago it really became what it is today," Rogman says. "We are now to a point that we don't wish to get any bigger. The only thing we want to improve is what we do and how we do it." Registration for the Freedom Run, presented by Livonia Family YMCA and St. Mercy Hospital, begins at 7 a.m., Sunday, June 26, with races following at 8 a.m., 8:15 a.m. and 8:45 a.m. Pre-registration is also available at the YMCA.

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The weeklong entertainment includes, Maryz Eyez, Spirit of Country Line Dance Team, Major Wood, Too Blue Feat, Just for Kids Dancers, Chain Reaction, Silent Hero, Bill Peterson Country Line Dancing, The Forbes Brothers, Mass Transit, Men in Black, Toll Gate Cloggers, Livonia Karate, Crackerjack Band, The Blackjack

Band, Crossover, Steve King & the Dittilies, Joe Podorsek & The Dr. Dixie Good Time Band, Dragon Academy of Martial Arts & Krav Maga and Dinky T. Clown & Snuckles T. Clown.

Car buffs can get their fill during the Classic Car Show, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday, June 25.

The Spree also gives local organizations – 17 this year – a chance to earn money for their groups by selling food.

It will all end when an expected 150,000 people view the fireworks display from vantage points that extend about a mile radius of the Five Mile and Hubbard launching site.

A limited amount of parking is available during Spree, however a free shuttle is provided from Livonia City Hall parking lot to the drop-off point in front of the Eddie Edgar Ice Arena.

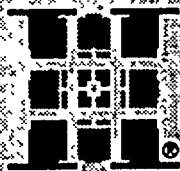
Each year the Livonia Youth Commission together with the Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc. presents the annual Spree Memorial Scholarships to commemorate the volunteer efforts of Sally Miller, Jim Morgan, Pat Bowman and the memory of other volunteers.

In 2005, five scholarships of \$2,000 each will be awarded to Livonia graduating high school seniors who plan to attend a Michigan community college, university or accredited technical school. A panel of judges select the winners on the basis of academic performance, extra curricular activities in and out of school and financial need.

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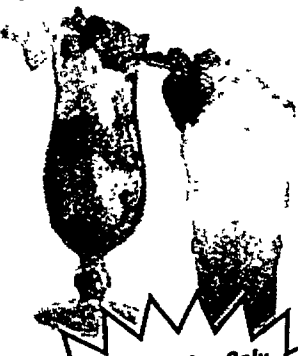


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Last year, Spree entertainment chairman Jamie Gruska witnessed the success of the hot television show "American Idol," and asked himself, "Why not here?" Thus began "Livonia Idol;" such a hit at Spree '54 that it's back for Spree '55.

Contestants of all ages and abilities will do their best to dazzle the judges with their singing talent, vying for a trip to the finals Sunday evening. Making the cut Thursday, Friday or Saturday ensures a shot at the title.

"To begin with, I thought it would be a fill-in, but it turned out to be a lot of fun," said Gruska, a Spree board member. "People came out of the woodwork and did a spectacular job. One little boy stole everyone's heart. He couldn't have been more than 6 years old. He sang with his father. They wrote an original song just for Spree."

Livonia Idol disc jockey/karaoke host - Farmington's Chip Staley - remembers the budding star. "The boy wore a little Elvis jacket. The dad came up, plugged in his amplifier and guitar, and the little boy was rocking to some little song. It was quite good," Staley said.

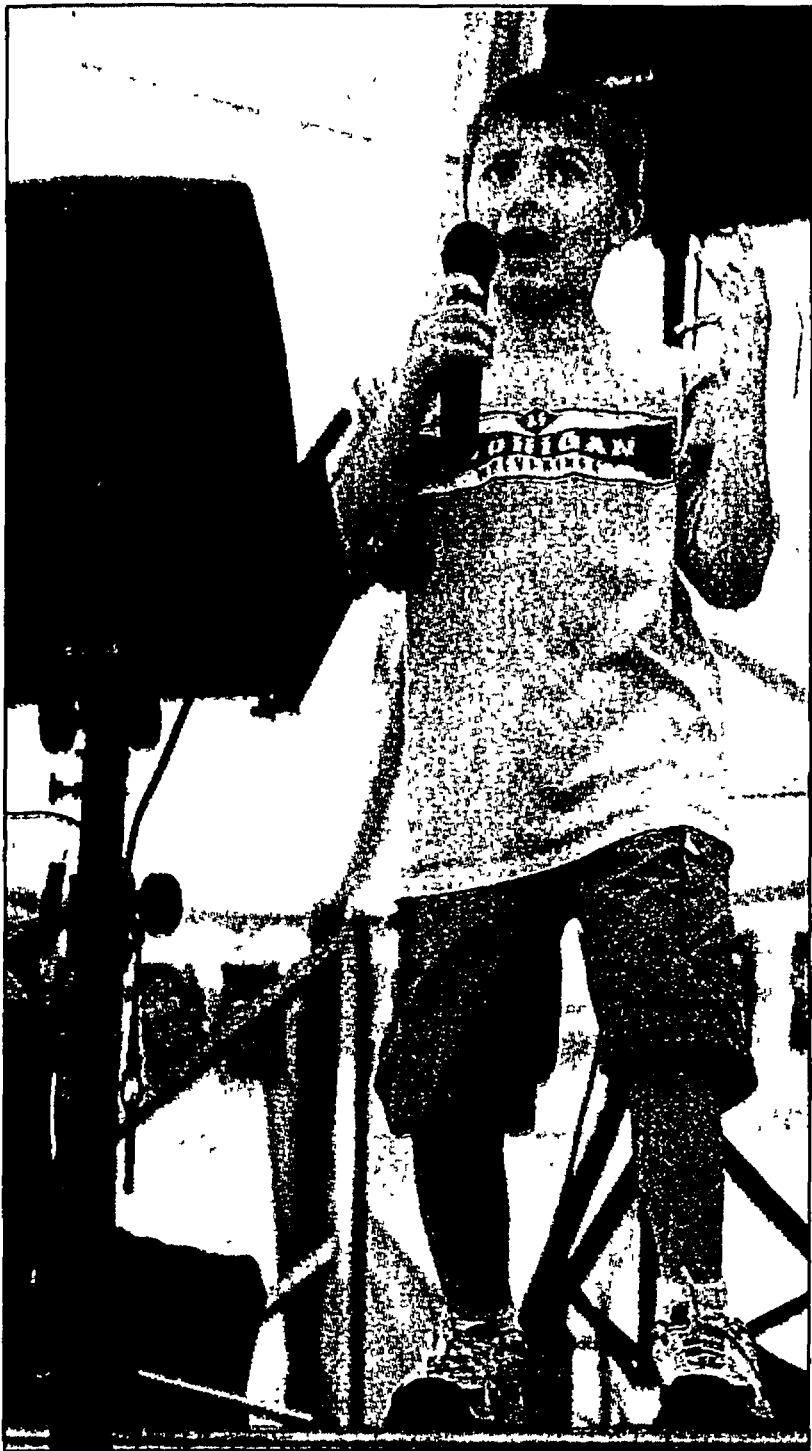
Rounds of the karaoke contest are set for 5-7 p.m. at the Labatt Stage both Thursday, June 23, and Friday, June 24. Livonia Idol moves to the Pepsi Tent from 5-7 p.m. Saturday, June 25. You can catch the finals from 5-6 p.m., Sunday, June 26, on the Labatt Stage.

Staley is impressed with the caliber of local talent. "The average karaoke singer in Detroit is far superior to most of the competitors on American Idol," he said. Staley lays claim to quite a track record himself. He signed on to take part in Motown's 40th anniversary celebration, as well as Mt. Clemens' New Year's Eve celebration where he's served as the resident "Dick Clark" for 12,000-plus revelers.

Livonia Idol is open to everyone. "There's not a minimum age or a maximum age," said Staley. "If you want to get up there and showcase your talent, this is the place to do it. We're not limiting anyone."

There's no charge, and registration isn't necessary. The only restriction is that songs be no longer than three minutes. "If you plan to sing the full version of 'American Pie,' it ain't going to fly," Staley said.

Staley's set-up is state of the art - digital



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Jack Hoover gave an animated performance of an Elton John song on karaoke during the 'Livonia Idol' contest last year during the Spree.

with synchronized video – and includes “more than 19,000 unique song titles, just for karaoke,” he said.

Livonia Idol judges are carefully chosen. “We select people who are actually there watching who don’t sing. And the people we select are not associated with someone there singing,” said Staley. “We give them some categories to judge them on, such as overall performance, vocal ability and a couple of other categories.”

Thirty contestants can be accommodated each night. It’ll be first come, first served, Staley said. Often, Staley kicks off the competition himself. “Usually in the very beginning, people are fairly reluctant. No one wants to be first, so I always go first. Then it gets going pretty good.”

Says Gruska: “Everyone tells me different ways to run it, but it’s just a fun little freebie. I don’t sweat the small stuff, and everything is small stuff. No one wins a trip to the Bahamas.

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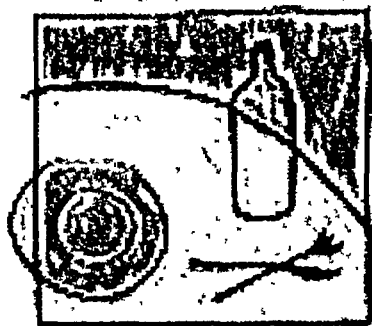
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The Pie Eating Contest begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, in the Pepsi Tent. Bring this form to the tent between 5 and 6 p.m. on the event day. Ages 7 - 12.

Contest puts a fun face on festival

Youngsters can start practicing their pie-eating skills right now.

The annual Spree pie eating contest, sponsored by the Livonia Observer and Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe Inc., will be at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 22, at the Pepsi Tent.

Youngsters ages 7 to 12 are invited to join in the sloppy sweet fun. Wear clothes you don't mind getting a bit messy and bring along the registration form found on this page. Register between 5 and 6 p.m.

Judges from the Observer will choose the winners in various age categories.

Mary Denning's Cake Shoppe will prepare the top-quality pies for the event.

And we'll bring plenty of paper towels.



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Danielle Slinder didn't win last year's pie eating competition, but you could see that she made a great effort.

Spree parking puzzle? Police help put pieces together, urge riding shuttles

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

If Spree is a success it will draw many thousands of people, and with a big crowd comes a lot of vehicles and potential traffic back ups.

But, the Livonia Police Department has a plan to help reduce problems especially after the biggest flow of people arrive and leave the epicenter – the night of the fireworks display, Sunday, June 26. Approximately 8 p.m., Sunday, June 26, Farmington Road will be closed from Schoolcraft to Five Mile, according to Livonia police Officer Michael Novak.

After the fireworks, around 10 p.m., Five Mile and Farmington roads will be closed. All traffic exiting Ford Field will go southbound on Farmington. Lanes westbound on Schoolcraft Road at Farmington Road will be closed, Novak added. Any traffic coming south from the subdivision onto westbound Schoolcraft will be required to go south on Brookfield and head east on Schoolcraft.

During Spree, Tuesday-Sunday, June 21 -26, Lyndon Road west of Farmington will be closed except to people in Silver Village senior apartments, across from Ford Field where Spree is held, Novak says. Spree vendors, volunteers and

residents living in the surrounding subdivisions will also be allowed to travel the road.

Livonia police are helped, each year, by reserve officers during Spree and the fireworks display, which is expected to draw more than 150,000 spectators.

“The largest contribution reserves make is providing the manpower,” Novak says.

Reserve officers assist in traffic direction on the perimeters of the Spree grounds; helping residents in the nearby subdivisions to and from their homes; walking the grounds looking for potential problems to report to police and fire personnel; and by being available in many other situations, Novak says, to help make Spree run smoothly and safely. Limited parking is available on the Spree grounds off of Stark Road and on Ford Field; along the grassy area to the east of the ball diamonds and between ball diamonds one and two. There are only several hundred parking spaces available. Overflow parking is at nearby Frost Middle School on Stark Road.

For easier access to the Spree grounds, a free shuttle service is provided at City Hall, 16th District Court and the Civic Center Library.

“We encourage people to actually take the shuttle,” Novak said

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Businesses reach out to residents at new commercial pavilion

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Livonia business owners will set-up mini storefronts to showcase what they have to offer the public during this year's Livonia Spree, which attracts thousands of visitors and potential customers for local businesses.

The Livonia Chamber of Commerce with American Home Mortgage in Livonia are sponsoring, Spree Commercial Pavilion, for businesses to reach out to residents.

This first time event will take place from 4-9 p.m., Saturday, June 25, in Eddie Edgar Arena.

"It's a great way for someone on one end of the town to get information out about their businesses to people who wouldn't normally drive by," explains Livonia Chamber of Commerce President Wes Graff.

The Spree Commercial Pavilion is a tabletop expo giving Spree attendees a chance to learn more about the companies in their own backyards. Businesses won't be selling items at the Spree and they must be members of the Livonia Chamber of Commerce.

"One of the nice things about this is that since we don't have a downtown area, this is a great chance for all of these businesses to get together in one spot," Graff says.

The Spree Commercial Pavilion is the newest program in a Livonia Chamber of Commerce drive to familiarize residents with local businesses. The chamber has more than 800 members.

Organizers are hoping to have between 25 and 40 exhibitors at the Spree Commercial Pavilion this year. The fee is \$150 for the display area.

By mid May there were 18 businesses that applied and they ranged from restaurants showing off their menus to a chiropractor who

will do spinal screens. They also run the gamut in size, from a woman who provides scrap book tips and supplies to representatives from the Livonia campus of Eastern Michigan University and Costco.

"I need to get my store out in the community," explains Karen Orban owner of Roses & Buds, which specializes in silk flower arrangements.

Oftentimes, she says, customers are confused by the name of her company and come in thinking she sells fresh flowers. The Spree Commercial Pavilion gives her a chance to show and tell potential customers what she provides.

Chamber organizers explain this event is different from the annual Livonia Business Expo at Burton Manor, which is designed for business owners to show what they have to offer to other business owners. Even though the public is invited to attend that event, the main

audience is entrepreneurs.

"This expo is different from our big expo as it is not geared toward business to business, but rather a consumer market," Graff says.

The chamber hopes to attract Spree visitors to the pavilion by giving away free door prizes, including a television, Graff adds. People who stop by throughout the day will be asked to leave their names and winners will be drawn.

"Our hope is that each year the Spree Commercial Pavilion will grow and become an annual tradition for the chamber," Gaff says. "This is a new and unique opportunity for local businesses to display themselves to the general public and for the public to see what's out there."

For more information about the Spree Commercial Pavilion or any other chamber program, call (734) 427-2122.

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Wes Graff
Livonia Chamber of Commerce



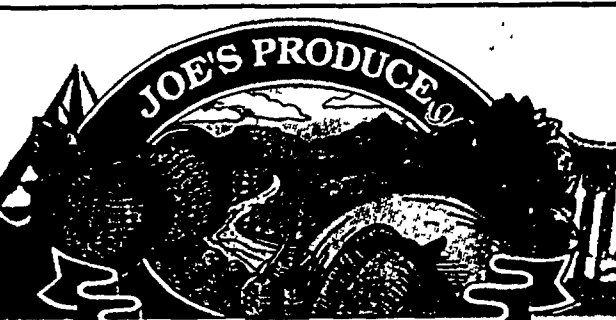
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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22
Labatt Stage:
Spint of Country Line Dance Team - 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Mary'z Eyez - 7:00-11:00 p.m.
Pepsi Tent:
Chain Reaction - 7:00-11:00 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 23
Labatt Stage:
"Livonia Idol" Karaoke Contest - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Major Woody - 7:00-11:00 p.m.
Pepsi Tent:
Bill Peterson Country Line Dancing - 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Too Blue Feat - 7:00-11:00 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 24
Labatt Stage:
"Livonia Idol" Karaoke Contest - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
The Forbes Brothers - 7:00-11:00 p.m.
Pepsi Tent:
Mass Transit - 7:00-11:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 25
Labatt Stage:
Toll Gate Cloggers - 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Livonia Karate - 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Crackerjack Band - 7:00-11:00 p.m.
Pepsi Tent:
"Livonia Idol" Karaoke Contest - 5:00-7:00 p.m.
Men in Black - 7:00-11:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, JUNE 26
Labatt Stage:
"Livonia Idol" Karaoke Finals - 5:00-6:00 p.m.
The Blackjack Band - 7:00-11:00 p.m.
Pepsi Tent:
Crossover - 7:00-11:00 p.m.
Ball Diamond #1:
Steve King & The Ditties - 7:00-11:00 p.m.
On The Lawn:
Joe Podorsek & The Dr. Dixie Good Time Band - 7:00-11:00 p.m.

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Just for Kicks Line Dancers - 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Pepsi Tent:
Simple Hero and Special Guest - 8:00-11:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22nd
SENIOR CITIZEN PICNIC
Eddie Edgar Arena - Rain or Shine - 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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TUESDAY, JUNE 21

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Spree Grounds

LABATT STAGE
DRAGON ACADEMY
MARTIAL ARTS
5:30-7:00 p.m.

JUST FOR KICKS DANCERS
7:30-9:30 p.m.

PEPSI TENT
SILENT HERO
8:00 to 11:00 p.m.

SPREE GROUNDS EVENT
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5:00, 6:00, 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.

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SPREE & CARNIVAL
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FAMILY NIGHT
6:00 p.m. • Eddie Edgar Arena
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7:00-11:00 p.m. • Labatt's Stage

PIE EATING CONTEST
6:30 p.m. • Pepsi Tent

CHAIN REACTION
7:00-11:00 p.m. • Pepsi Tent

Spree Grounds Events
FLYING PAGES TRAPEZE
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6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
The Forbes Brothers
7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

PEPSI TENT
Mass Transit
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Livonia Karate - 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Crackerjack Band - 7:00-11:00 p.m.

PEPSI TENT
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with DJ Chip Staley - 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Men in Black - 7:00 - 11:00 p.m.

Spree Grounds Events
FLYING TRAPEZE
3:00, 5:00 & 7:30 p.m.

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1:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 7:00 & 8:00 p.m.

DINKY the CLOWN & SNUCKLES the CLOWN
4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

CHILD "ID" PROGRAM
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SUNDAY, JUNE 26

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The Blackjack Band - 7:00-11:00 p.m.

PEPSI TENT
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Derek Hutton (left) and Steve Kinzer of Silent Hero performed last year during Spree. The group returns again this year, performing at 8 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, in the Pepsi Tent.

Where the bands are

Festival's free mix of local favorites, top performers aim to keep parents entertained

BY M.B. DILLON
CORRESPONDENT

If you're a metro-Detroit music lover, tell the boss you'd like June 21-26 off. Livonia Spree is the place for you. Top-of-the-line, live entertainment awaits. Best of all, it's free.

This summer's line-up features an inspired, diverse mix of big-name bands new to Spree, as well as favorites back by popular demand.

Most of Spree's acts boast local roots. They've either made it big, or have what it takes to be on their way. That's no accident, according to Jamie Gruska, who chairs the entertainment committee. "We used to have people come in from Chicago, Milwaukee - from everywhere - and they would get large sums of money. They are no better than what we have right here," said Gruska. "Last year, we had a record turnout, and I attribute it to our local talent."

The Detroit area is so rich with quality musicians, "I could go for 10 years and not repeat a lot of talent," Gruska added.

It's tough for Gruska to single out bands to talk about. "Honest to goodness, I'm excited about each and every one of them," he said, praising a litany of groups including Men in Black, Mass Transit, Maryz Eyez, Major Woody, the Forbes Brothers, and the Blackjack Band.

"Livonia is mostly people with little kids; that is who comes to the Spree. They like to be entertained, and I have mostly stuff not for the kids, but for the parents who bring them," Gruska

said. "It's mostly up-tempo rock - stuff from the '60s, '70s and '80s."

A big change Spree-goers will note is the absence of headliner Bobby Lewis. But not to worry. His crowd-pleasing CrackerJack Band returns; playing from 7-11 p.m., Saturday, June 25, on the Labatt Stage.

"Bobby's retired, but a couple people have taken his place (as front men)," Gruska said. Dance-lovers will welcome back band members David Eversole (bass and vocals), Bill Kamalay (guitar and vocals), Remy Lambert (guitar and vocals), and Rob Stawinski (drums, percussion and vocals). New to CrackerJack is vocalist and keyboard player Danny Taylor.

Newcomers include The Forbes Brothers, Too Blue Feat, Maryz Eyez, the Blackjack Band, and Major Woody, to name a few.

Winners of 23 Detroit music awards and lauded for their solid songwriting, superb musicianship and tight harmonies, the Forbes Brothers transcend categories. They forge their own sound using elements of country, bluegrass, hip hop, soul, and old-time rock 'n' roll.

The Forbes Brothers have recorded with Earl Klugh, Mitch Ryder, longtime Motown guitarist Dennis Coffey and Kid Rock protégés the Howlin' Diablos. The seven-piece band has appeared with national acts including Diamond Rio, George Jones, Tanya Tucker, Lonestar and

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Trace Adkins.

Scott and Dennis Forbes and company take the Labatt Stage from 7-11 p.m., Friday, June 24.

Major Woody, which features four Bentley High graduates and one Churchill grad, plays a variety of covers ranging from Good Charlotte and Weezer to Led Zeppelin and Sheryl Crow. Major Woody features Glenn Dickson on vocals, Pat Leonard on drums, Carl Gerhard on lead guitar, Greg Paneretos on guitar, Mike Wigand on bass and Susan Harwell on vocals.

Too Blue Feat - to perform in the Pepsi Tent from 7-11 p.m. Thursday, June 23 - is a self-described "jumpin', jivin', bluesy, swingin' rootsy, rockin' fun band."

Keyboard artist and singer Rick Pauline founded the group 10 years ago with the aim of "presenting authentic roots music that honors all of the great swing, rock 'n' roll and jump blues artists who've come before."

Too Blue Feat's Dan Hiveley (guitar and vocals) has performed with the likes of Bo Diddley, Johnny Powers and just about every blues artist you can mention. Hiveley hears in Pauline's playing "the cool of Charles Brown, the soul of Ray Charles, and the tradition they



The Forbes Brothers' music is described as merging categories - country, bluegrass, hip hop, soul and rock 'n roll. They'll perform from 7-11 p.m. Friday, June 24, at the Labatt Stage.

embody." Drummer Mike Kissick recently finished a national tour with the Starlite Drifters.

Maryz Eyez presents its brand of punk-rock party music on the Labatt Stage from 7-11 p.m. Wednesday, June 22. Three-part harmony is a Maryz Eyez trademark, and all three front men share the lead mike. The band is known for its mascot, crazy stage antics, and humorous, true-to-life tunes.

Everyone's welcome to join premier international square-dance caller/line dance teacher Bill Peterson for country-line dancing, 5:30-7 p.m., Thursday, June 23, in the Pepsi Tent.

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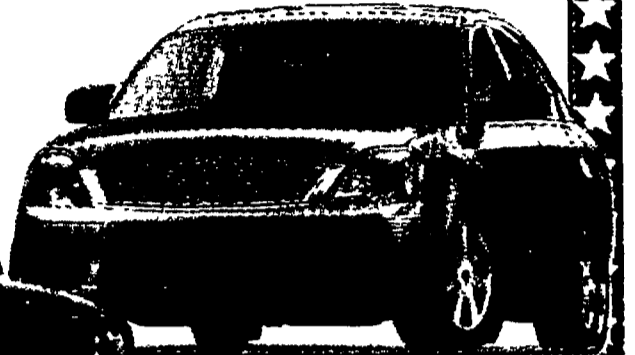
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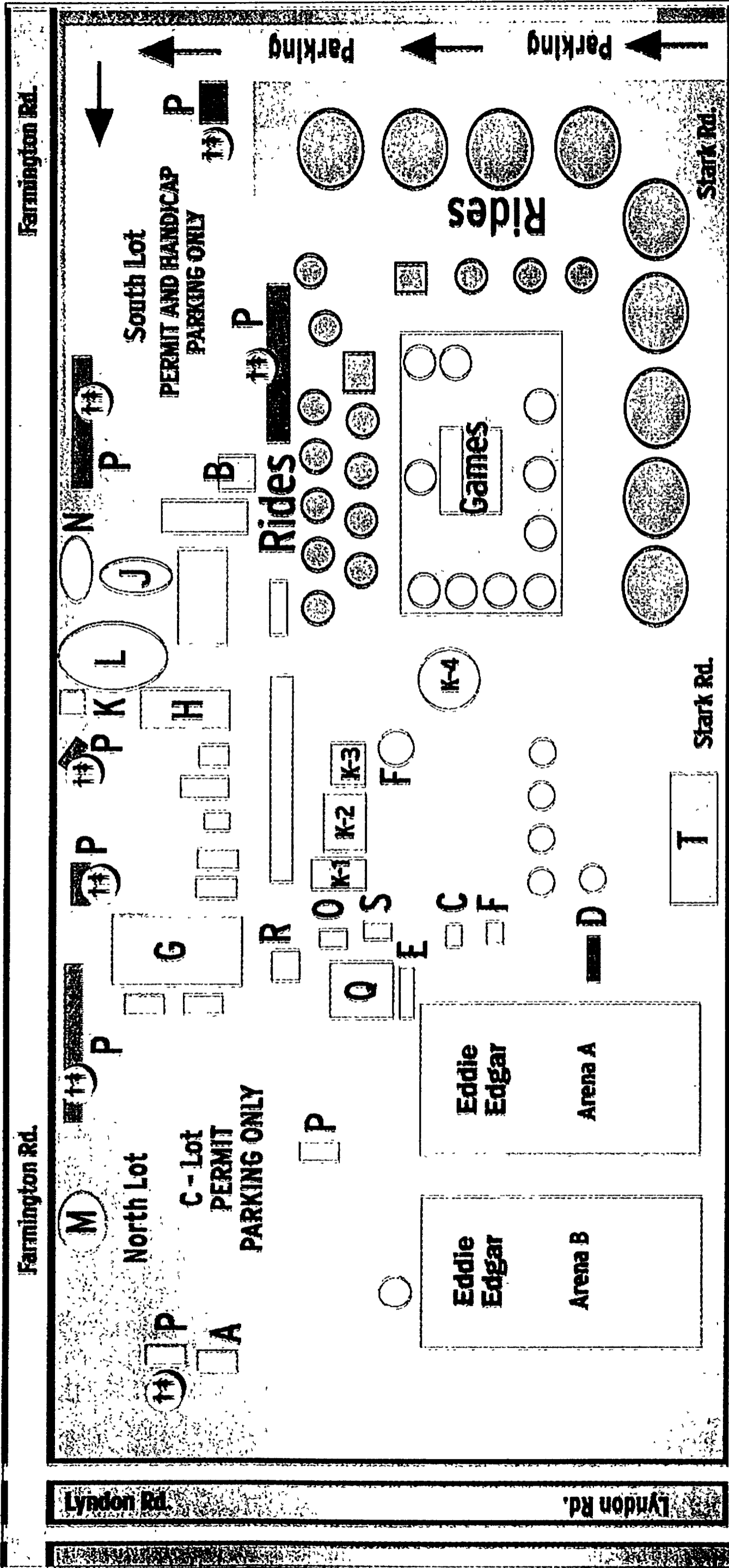
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Peterson has performed as a dance leader on numerous Holland America Dance cruises. His considerable talents have landed him to 40 states and 12 countries, including recent festivals in Finland, Sweden, England and Holland. Peterson also is the director of the "Spirit of Country" exhibition dance team.

The Musical Finale, from 7-11 p.m., Sunday, June 26, promises as much excitement as the evening's fireworks. That's when Steve King & the Dittilies; the Blackjack Band; Joe Podorsek & the Dr. Dixie Good Time Band; and Crossover will be entertaining throngs on the ball diamond, Labatt Stage, the lawn, and Pepsi Tent, respectively.

Steve King & the Dittilies pride themselves on "playing it all." A few years ago, the eight-piece band was designated "Michigan's Official Band" by then-Gov. John Engler; acclaimed for its "excellence, loyalty to the great State of Michigan" and "hard work spent making the soundtrack of every Michigander's life."

Featuring Jimmy Hodge and Melanie Michaels Hodge, Blackjack is a variety band that's played alongside such greats as Dave Brubeck, the Preservation Hall Jazz Band, Dr. John and Tito Puente. Jimmy's career took off after he was invited to be a Grand Ole Opry reg-



The CrackerJack Band returns to Spree with its mix of oldies and rock from 7-11 p.m., Saturday, June 25.

ular. Melanie's video "The Note" played on Country Music Television, and led to TV appearances on Nashville Network. The Blackjack Band has traveled the world as a regular act on cruise ships, wowing crowds with everything from jazz to hulas, from steel guitar to violin.

Joe Podorsek, leader of the Dr. Dixie Band, enjoys a reputation as one of the finest and most talented guitar and banjo musicians in the nation. He worked as a studio musician at Motown for five years, and has played as a regular in the pit orchestra at the Fisher Theater. He's performed with Henry Mancini, Andy Williams, Peter Nero, Bob Hope, Liza Minnelli and Danny Thomas, to name a few.

Crossover has been a perennial hit at Livonia's various daddy-daughter dances, said Gruska. "They've been around for years, and they'll attract an older crowd."

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Almonds to pizza

Groups unwrap fund-raising spree by selling snacks, dinners to festival-goers

BY DIANE GALE ANDREASSI
CORRESPONDENT

Spree isn't only about fun and games.

Some local organizations sell hot dogs and roasted peanuts at the city's largest festival as their biggest fund-raiser for the year. And Spree organizers like that the local festival is supporting Livonia schools and other non-profit organizations.

"We know the money will go back into the community," explains Fernon Feenstra, Spree food aisle chairman.

This year 17 organizations will sell everything from elephant ears and cotton candy, to corn dogs, hamburgers, French fries and ice cream to ethnic foods, chicken wings, sausage and pizza in the food aisle.

"There's everything you would find at a carnival," Feenstra says. "We're inspected by the health department and our prices are reasonable. A dollar fifty for a hot dog at a carnival is



BILL BRESLER | STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Erin McDonald of Livonia enjoyed a slice of pizza during Spree last year. Family Pizza Night - which is often a sell-out - starts at 6 p.m. Wednesday, June 22. Groups also sell the family favorite as a fund-raiser in the food aisle during Spree.

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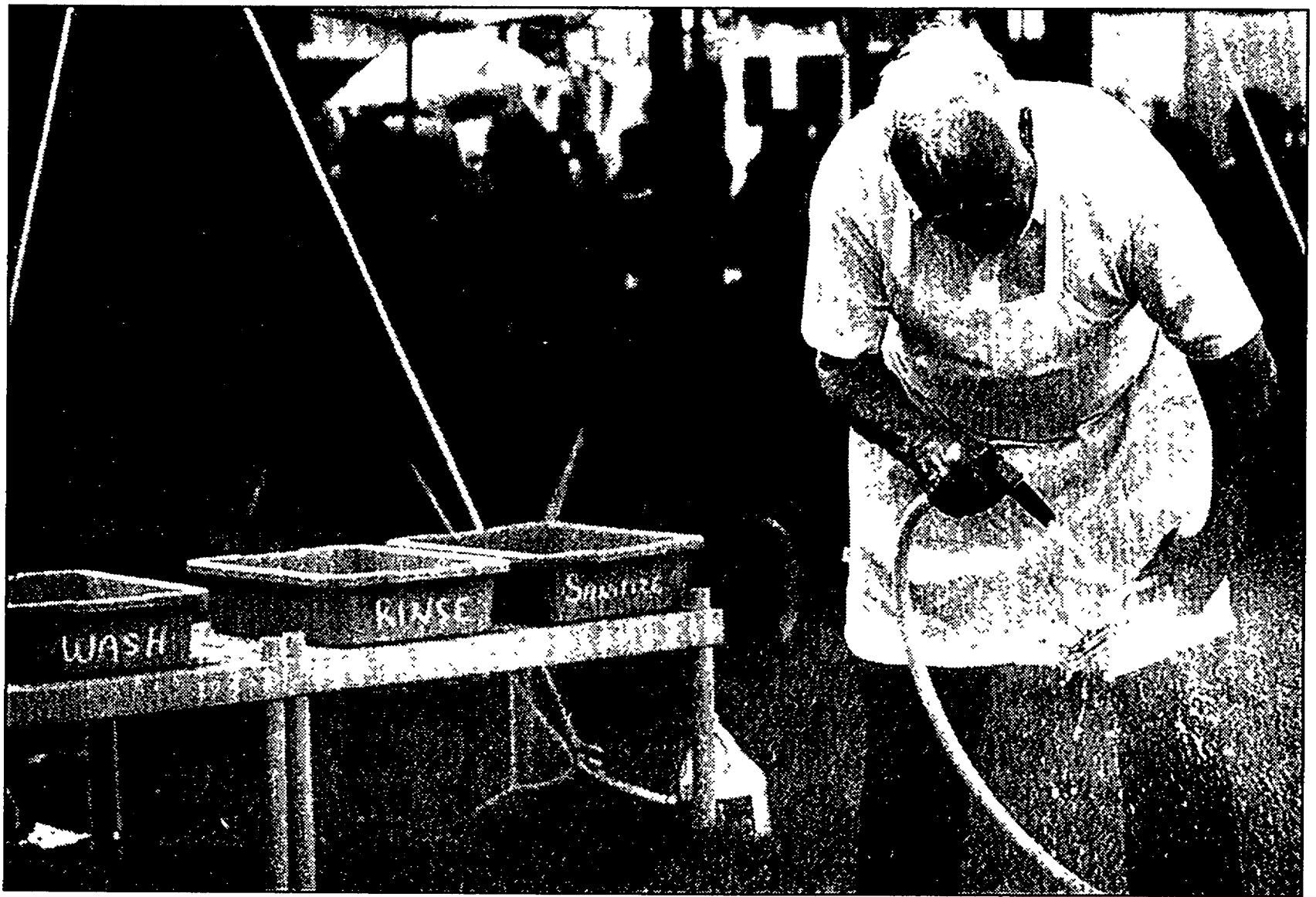
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Emilio Conti rinses some items outside the Italian American Club of Livonia's food booth last year during the Spree.

FOOD

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outlets they need.

"For some it's their main fund-raisers," Feenstra says. "It's a good deal for everyone involved. Some of them make a ton of money and some don't make a ton of money. But, we know the money will go back into the community."

Each organization has a choice of whether or not to have members sell their food or hire a vendor who they pay to man the booth.

This year the civic groups that will provide food and other refreshments at the Spree are the American Legion Post 32, Livonia Lions High Nooners, Italian American Club and Livonia firefighters, Grandview Elementary School in the Clarenceville School District, Clarenceville choirs, the Nativity of the Virgin Mary Greek Orthodox Church, VFW Post 3941 and Stevenson High School.

Other civic groups involved are the Livonia Symphony, St. Matthews Church, Botsford Elementary School, Franklin High School Patriots Club, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 114, Livonia Kiwanis Early Risers, Clarenceville High School Band Boosters and the Friends of Greenmead.

Selling food at the Spree is the biggest annual fund-raiser for the Nativity of the Virgin Mary

Greek Orthodox, at Five Mile and Haggerty, according to Afroditi Nicocisis, Spree fund-raiser chairperson for the church.

"The Spree helps the church pay a lot of bills," explains Nicocisis. "We love the Spree and we've been there for many, many years. It's like a family affair. It's nice and it's close to the church."

This year the church's menu will include gyros, Greek salad, spinach pie, cheese pie and soda.

This is the second year Grandview Elementary School will sponsor a food booth at Spree. Last year a vendor sold pizza and this year they're selling almonds. The pizza brought in \$300 to Grandview's coffers and this organizers are hoping the almonds will generate \$500.

"The funding we receive is used to bring authors and illustrators to our school to inspire the students to be good writers," explains Grandview principal Ellen Demray.

This school year, the money earned at Spree allowed Grandview to host Kelly DiPucchio, author of "Bed Hogs," "What's the Magic," and a number of other books geared for younger children. The school also invited the two authors of the "Knight Scares" series of books, David Anthony and Charles David, who write for older children.

"It shows the kids how their writing can be used in real life," Demray says.

The money raised at Spree this year will go toward the cost of bringing other authors to the school, as well, she adds.

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Head-turning show



At last year's Spree, Shane Allen, a student from PKSA Karate, demonstrates a defense move against mock attacker Ryan Odien. This year, Spree 55 hosts Livonia Karate with a demonstration at the Labatt Stage at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, June 25.

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Hand in hand

Spree, YMCA work together on fest, run

BY M.B. DILLON
CORRESPONDENT

To meet the needs of the six-day Livonia Spree and the Freedom Run on June 26, the Livonia Family YMCA will close early Friday, June 24, and remain closed Saturday and Sunday, June 25-26. But you won't hear any grumbling about it.

"We do impact the Y's day-to-day functions because of the road blockage and everything that goes on around the grounds," said Spree President Ken Rogman. "We definitely try to work with them, and the Y is helping us out with transportation. We do appreciate it and try to help them out.

"We assist with the fun run, and make special allowances for runners to get a discount on the breakfast," Rogman added. The Edward McNamara Pancake Breakfast takes place from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 26, at the Eddie Edgar Arena.

Greg Wolcott, who directs the Livonia Y, said, "Closing early is something that's been going on for years and years. Members are very aware of the fact the Spree festival is in town. It's the least we can do as a good neighbor.

"Spree is one of the premier festivals in the state of Michigan," Wolcott added, "and we're delighted that we can be a part of it. The Spree Committee works very closely with us with regard to everything from ensuring that our parking lot is cleaned after the fireworks to supporting us in promoting our race. I think it's a win-win situation for the YMCA as well as the Spree folks and the City of Livonia."

Exposure to the YMCA doesn't hurt either, given that the facility is just off the main drag on Stark Road. "From a positive standpoint, Spree allows people who may not have known it was there before to see our YMCA and beautiful campus," Wolcott said. "Who knows, it may lead to more business."

Spree mayoral representative Linda McCann complimented the Y staff and members on their sportsmanship. "I know they lose a lot of their parking space, and have to close down because of Spree and the fireworks," McCann said. "But they are good sports about it. They never complain, and they put on the run, which is well-attended."

Freedom Run race director Megan McGinty, the Y's wellness and fitness director, has big plans for this year's event. "We usually get about 100 runners: I want to double that," McGinty



KAREN VORAN

Volunteers put some batter on the griddle before last year's Edward McNamara Pancake Breakfast. This year's event takes place from 8:30-11:30 a.m. Sunday, June 26, at the Eddie Edgar Arena. It follows the Livonia Family YMCA's Spree Freedom Run.

said. "I'm hoping for over 200."

The fun runs kick off with the one-mile event at 8 a.m., followed by the 3-mile and 5-mile races at 8:30 a.m. "All races will start and finish at the corner of Stark Road and Perth near the baseball diamond across from the Y," McGinty said. There'll be water stations and course monitors along the routes, which are flat and fast.

Registration is \$20 for adults and includes a patriotic, short-sleeved T-shirt, while supplies last. Students up to age 25 with school ID may enter for \$15, while kids 13-and-under run for \$10 through race day. Race day registration will begin at 7 a.m.

Included for runners are all-you-can-eat pancakes; sausage; fruit; juice and coffee at the Ed McNamara Spree Breakfast in the nearby Eddie Edgar Arena. The charge for runners' family members will be \$3. Non-runners will pay \$4.

An added perk will be massage, compliments of Jensen Mobile Massage of Livonia.

Entry forms are available at the Livonia Family YMCA. "We'll send a few to Running Fit, one of our sponsors, and the REI store in Northville too," McGinty said. The Y is presenting the run along with Livonia's St. Mary Mercy Hospital and the Livonia Spree Committee.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND RESERVE BALANCE For Year Ended September 30, 2004

Net Reserve Balance at September 30, 2003		\$91,551
INCOME*		
Carnival Income	\$211,722	
Food & Beverage Sale	87,692	
Supportership & Acknowledgement Income	25,200	
Food Vendor Site Rental	5,943	
Pizza Night & Pancake Breakfast	3,412	
Taste of Livonia Income	5,390	
Interest Income	780	
Other Income	<u>1,150</u>	
Gross Income		<u>341,289</u>
Total Net Reserve & Gross Income Available		\$432,840
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Midway Operations & DPW/Police Billings	\$89,867	
Insurance, License & Taxes	33,900	
Board Operations & Meetings	12,899	
Rentals & Maintenance	23,913	
Advertising, Promotion & Supplies	<u>11,971</u>	
Less: Total Operating Expenses		<u>172,550</u>
Net Reserve After Operating Expenses		\$260,290
PROGRAM EXPENSES:		
Free Fireworks	\$50,500	
Free Entertainment	<u>36,875</u>	
Less: Total Program Expenses		<u>87,375</u>
Net Reserve After Program Expenses		\$172,915
Community Donations (See Schedule)		35,228
Net Reserve Balance for Spree 55, Sept. 30, 2005		<u>\$137,687</u>

SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY DONATIONS For Year Ended September 30, 2004 COMMUNITY DONATIONS

City and City Organizations		
Parks & Recreation	\$6,950	
Livonia Reserves & Explorers	1,500	
Livonia Youth Commission	1,000	
Friends of Greenmead	<u>200</u>	
Total Donations to City		\$9,650
Livonia Community Organizations		
First Step	\$1,000	
Livonia 'Symphony	1,000	
American Cancer Society	1,000	
Angela Hospice	1,000	
Churches	<u>600</u>	
Total Donations to Livonia Community Organizations		4,600
Livonia Schools/Organizations		
PTA Groups	\$10,778	
Scholarships (4)	8,000	
Clarenceville Schools	1,000	
School Graduation Parties	<u>1,200</u>	
Total Donations to Livonia School Organizations		<u>20,978</u>
TOTAL COMMUNITY DONATIONS		<u>\$35,228</u>

*Not accounted for in the above income, but contribution in-kind was advertising space provided by the YMCA in the June 2004 Schedule of Classes at no charge. This went to over 60,000 homes in Livonia, Westland, Novi and Northville, served by the Livonia YMCA.

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10/01/01-9/30/02	18,396	26,582	44,978
10/01/00-9/30/01	5,439	17,193	22,632
10/01/99-9/30/00	22,918	20,054	42,972
10/01/98-9/30/99	9,336	16,592	25,928
10/01/97-9/30/98	35,521	26,174	61,695
10/01/96-9/30/97	35,750	22,440	58,190
10/01/95-9/30/96	12,111	15,231	27,342
10/01/79-9/30/95	<u>196,996</u>	<u>187,447</u>	<u>384,443</u>
	<u>\$351,652</u>	<u>\$380,444</u>	<u>\$732,096</u>



All on board

Members of the Livonia Anniversary Committee board - the volunteers whose hard work helps bring about the Livonia Spree 55 - are (front row, left) Harry Tatigian, Brian Duggan, Linda McCann, Rich Skaggs; (second row, left) Ken Rogman, Keith Appel, Doug Coutts, Karen Voran, Fernon Feenstra, Dan Spurling, Paul Nallie, Conrad Gniewek; (back row, left) Ron Pearson, Jeff Nork, Dick Nogas, Bill Fried, Lee Morrow, Jamie Gruska and Dan Piercecchi.



Running the show

The executive board of the Livonia Anniversary Committee, Inc. features president Ken Rogman (left), secretary Bill Fried, second vice president Dan Spurling and first vice president Rich Skaggs.

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all runners in the 3-mile and 5-mile runs. Certificates will be awarded as well, said McGinty. The awards ceremony is planned for 9:45 a.m. at Eddie Edgar Arena.

Proceeds from the run will help fund the Strong Kids campaign, as does revenue from all special events at the Y, said McGinty and Wolcott. The Strong Kids campaign assists needy families who want to take part in Y activities. "Our YMCA goal is never to deny an opportunity to participate in our programs and mem-

bership opportunities," said Wolcott. "Part of the way we fund that is through our run."

Look for additional race-day parking at Frost Middle School just south of the Y. For more information, call the Livonia Family YMCA at (734)261-2161.

McGinty predicts things will go swimmingly. "I know the Spree takes away from some of our business over the weekend, but we've done this for many years," McGinty said. "Things work both ways."

The Y closure is planned ahead of time, so the festival events don't force games or programs to be postponed or canceled. "Families look forward to going to Spree and taking a weekend to have fun with their families," McGinty said.

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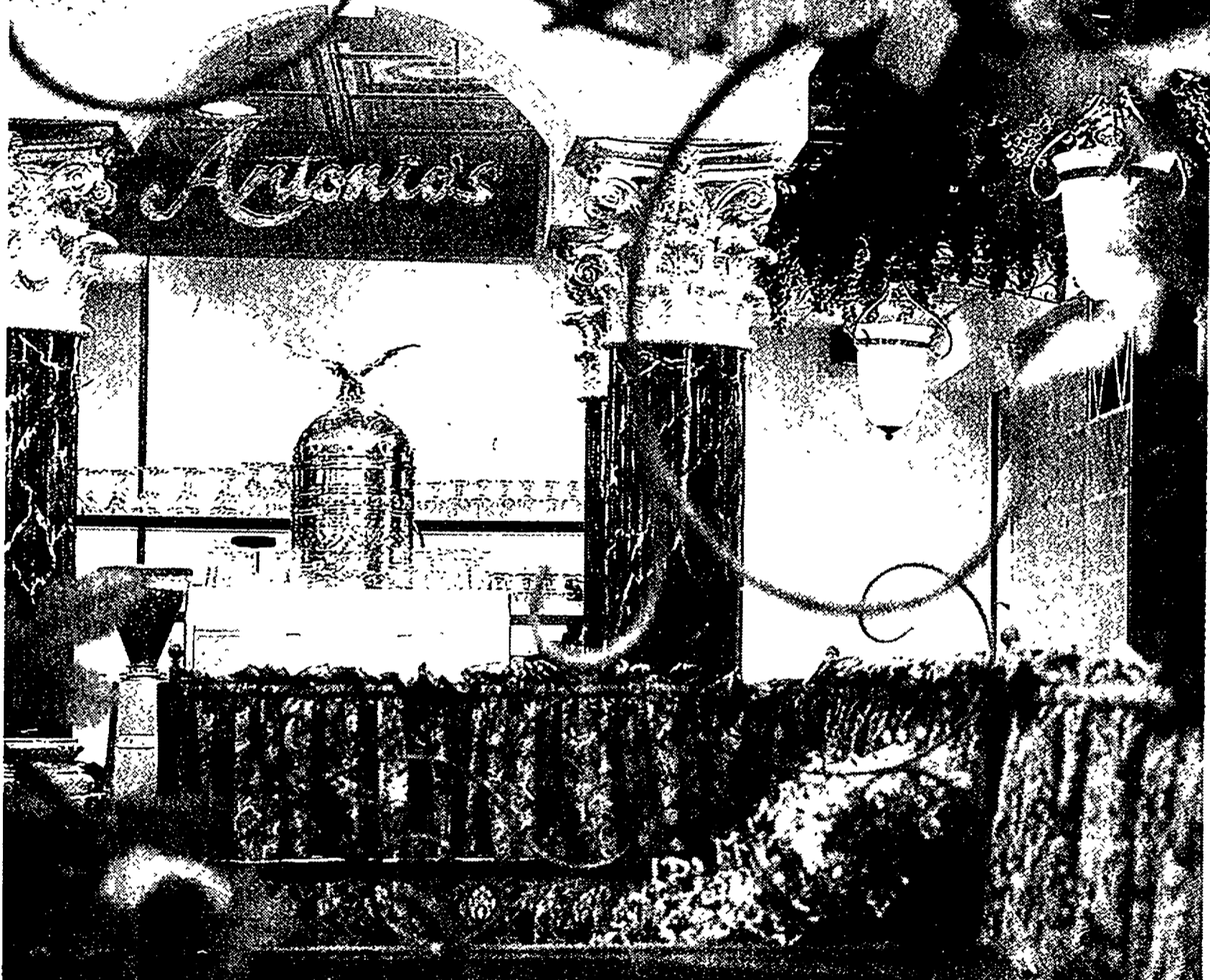
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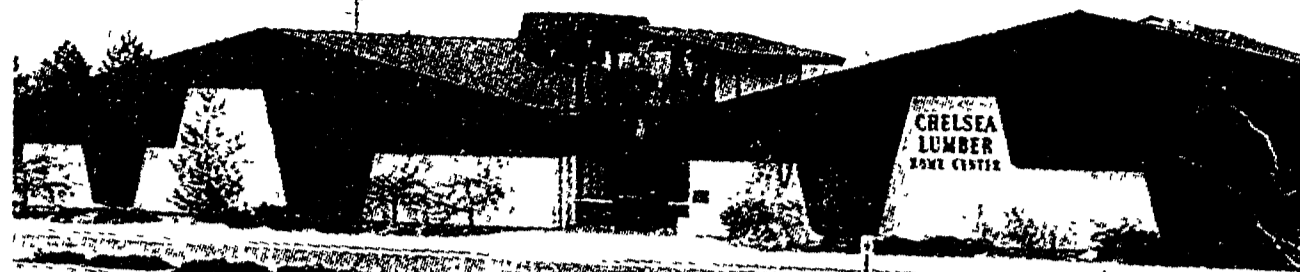
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CONSTRUCTION FINANCING
Tuesday, June 28th at 7:00 pm

Wed., June 29th
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**POLE
BARNs**

Wed., June 29th
at 7:00 p.m.

**WOOD
BASEMENTS**

Wed., June 29th
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DECKs

Of special interest in this issue

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Seated l to r: Shelley Wheaton, Jean Bust, CeCe Riley. Standing l to r: Kevin Kunzelman, Neal Moor, John Daniels, Case McCalla, Mandy Mahler, Joe Ewald.

When you visit us, we'll assign you to your own Home Construction Financing Professional, one of nine people who work exclusively in our Construction Financing Department. They have the expertise to explain the financing details *and* to help you with your construction from start to finish.

There is *one* person who is directly responsible for answering all your questions. You won't be shuffled from one person to another. You'll get as much or as little help as you want...just stop in or call toll free 1-800-875-9126 or 475-9126 locally.

Come meet our friendly and knowledgeable people who are dedicated to helping you build your dream home! We feature energy efficient Andersen® products.



Why consider a Home Construction Financing Plan?

- Compare our interest rate. Banks provide the dollars for a final mortgage, but not during construction. **WE DO BOTH!**
- You will save money by being your own general contractor and, if you choose, by providing some of the labor yourself, or by using your relatives' and friends' help. And remember, we're there to help guide you.
- You don't have to wait, why not start your home now? Nothing will make you prouder than building the home of your dreams.

Why select Chelsea Lumber Company's Home Construction Financing Plan?

- **EXPERIENCE!** Our Financing Plan is the original. All others have tried to copy ours! For more than 38 years, we've been financing new-home construction, making it possible for over 4,400 homes to be built in a 17-county area. We've helped more people and financed more homes than all the others put together.
- **WE MAKE IT SIMPLE.** When you talk with Chelsea Lumber, the whole process shifts from complicated to doable. All the estimating, qualifying and arranging for any outside contracting is done with the help of your personal Home Construction Financing Professional.
- **WE PROVIDE FINANCING.** Cash to build your home is provided by Chelsea Lumber Company, and no payments are due until your home is completed. We are your one-stop source for money and materials (You don't have to buy the materials from us).
- **FOR SEVENTY-SIX YEARS,** Chelsea Lumber has been selling top-quality building materials at low prices. As a Home Construction Finance customer, you will get our lowest cash 'n carry prices (not even the boss buys for less). Compare our material prices with any other dealer.
- **WE NOW OFFER A DESIGN LIBRARY LOUNGE WITH 40 PRE-PRICED HOME DESIGNS PLUS HUNDREDS OF OTHERS TO SELECT FROM.**
- **WE ALSO HAVE DESIGN CONSULTANTS TO MODIFY A CURRENT DESIGN OR TO DESIGN TO YOUR SPECIFICATIONS.**

How important is this decision?

- Building your home is the most important financial decision you'll ever make - *it's that important!* Join the hundreds of Michigan families who choose Chelsea Lumber's Home Construction Financing Plan each year. Come learn the facts...see our facilities...meet our people at our **FREE CLINIC** Tuesday, June 28th at 7:00 p.m., and then make an informed choice about this most important decision.

Chelsea Lumber has been the leader in Construction Financing Plans for 38 years. We now offer the most complete package available. Whether you are building a new home or want to re-mortgage your present one, we have services and rates that rival anyone...lumber companies or banks. The difference is, we know construction and financing like no one else. Our experience works for you.
Call us toll free now for an appointment at 1-800-875-9126.

FREE CLINIC!
Wed., June 29th - 7 P.M.

deck packages

Only Chelsea Lumber pre-prices 14 decks with 5 floor options!

We'll bid on any size or shape deck. Each Deck Kit includes: construction guide, nails and all lumber to build. We've assumed a deck height 1-ft. above grade for pricing purposes. Railing and stairs are extra.



Weatherbest Composite Decking, Plus Evernew Vinyl Decking Systems are now in stock at Chelsea Lumber.

DECK SIZE	TREATED				
	2X6 1S.Y.P.	5/4X6 POND. PINE	5/4X6 CEDAR	WEATHERBEST 5/4x6	EVERNEW VINYL 2x6
10X8	\$220	\$215	\$295	\$550	\$655
12X8	\$285	\$265	\$370	\$585	\$680
12X10	\$330	\$305	\$435	\$705	\$805
14X10	\$375	\$350	\$525	\$905	\$1025
14X12	\$465	\$450	\$655	\$1100	\$1250
16X8	\$380	\$345	\$495	\$760	\$880
16X10	\$440	\$400	\$590	\$925	\$1055

DECK SIZE	TREATED				
	2X6 1S.Y.P.	5/4X6 POND. PINE	5/4X6 CEDAR	WEATHERBEST 5/4x6	EVERNEW VINYL 2x6
16X12	\$555	\$515	\$740	\$1150	\$1280
18X12	\$610	\$595	\$805	\$1290	\$1440
18X14	\$695	\$630	\$900	\$1355	\$1725
20X10	\$525	\$500	\$710	\$1160	\$1535
20X12	\$635	\$615	\$870	\$1410	\$1840
20X16	\$840	\$795	\$1140	\$1855	\$2460
24X16	\$1090	\$1065	\$1515	\$2325	\$2590

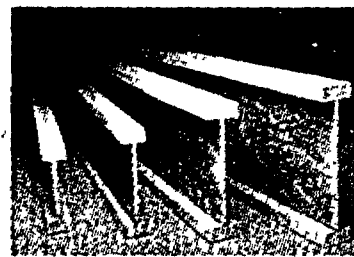
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WE'VE SWITCHED! Why did

Chelsea Lumber switch to Jager Super I Joists?

- **Provable better quality** - EVERY joint in EVERY joist is tested for strength!
- **More builder-friendly** - 2½ inch nailing flange rather than 1½" flange makes nailing the subfloor easy.
- **Mechanicals can be cut in** to the floor system rather than suspended below it.
- **Stronger** - will span further and reduce deflection, vibration and floor squeaks.
- **Codes and standards** - Meets the latest revisions of all applicable codes and standards.



Jager Super I products are guaranteed to be free from defects in workmanship and materials and will carry the loads specified provided they are used under normal service conditions and in accordance with the instructions and specifications as referenced in our literature.



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GLUED, NAILED SUBFLOOR, L-360 DEFLECTION

JAGER JSI 20	DEPTH (INCHES)	O/C SPACING				
		12'	16'	19'	24'	
9 1/4"	11 1/4"	18 9/8"	17 3/8"	16 1/8"	14 5/8"	
11 7/8"	24 2/8"	21 7/8"	19 8/8"	17 7/8"		

JAGER JSI 20 PRICING

JAGER JSI 20	DEPTH (INCHES)	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
9 1/4"	11 1/4"	\$16.60	\$19.96	\$23.29	\$26.59	\$30.98	\$34.44

DEPTH (INCHES)	20'	22'	24'	26'	28'	30'	32'	34'	36'	38'	40'
11 1/4"	\$36.12	\$39.75	\$43.36	\$46.98	\$50.60	\$54.21	\$57.82	\$61.44	\$65.05	\$68.66	\$72.28

construction lumber

	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
2x4 PRE-CUT FULL B'	\$2.89 \$2.79	\$3.59	\$4.29	\$5.19	\$5.97	\$7.29	\$8.19
2x6 PRE-CUT FULL B'	\$4.29 \$4.38	\$5.39	\$6.19	\$6.96	\$8.59	\$10.89	\$11.97
2x8	\$5.79	\$7.19	\$8.89	\$9.98	\$11.69	\$14.89	\$16.29
2x10	\$7.98	\$9.79	\$12.29	\$14.69	\$15.79	\$18.49	\$20.89
2x12	\$9.98	\$12.69	\$15.39	\$17.98	\$20.98	\$24.79	\$27.98

ALSO, PRE-CUTS FOR 9' CEILINGS: 2x4's - \$3.29 2x6's - \$4.89

Plate Stock	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
2x4		\$2.94	\$3.69	\$4.49	\$5.29		
2x6		\$4.39	\$5.89	\$6.89	\$7.89		

AND — NOW IN STOCK:

LVL BEAMS —

9 1/4", 11 1/4", 14", 16"

PER LINEAL FOOT	1 3/4" x 9 1/4"	1 3/4" x 11 1/4"	1 3/4" x 14"	1 3/4" x 16"
	\$3.80	\$4.75	\$6.15	\$6.99
	22'	24'	SPF EXTRA-LONGS	
2x6	\$19.89	2x6 \$21.69	26'	
2x8	\$24.98	2x8 \$26.59		
2x10	\$28.96	2x10 \$31.96	2x10	\$41.96
2x12	\$31.96	2x12 \$36.96	2x12	\$51.89

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We are truly a kitchen and bath specialty house.

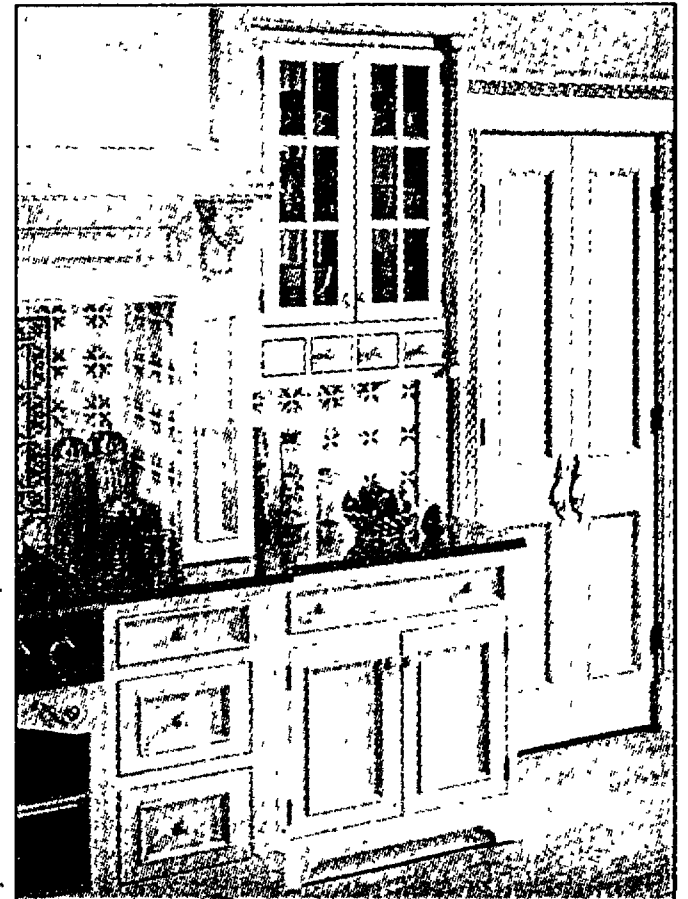
- 9 Experienced, creative staff.
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Service, Design Quality

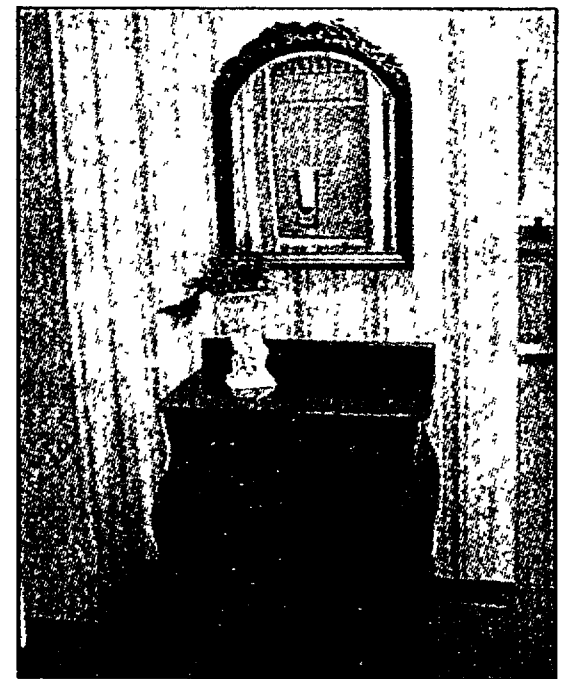
Chelsea Lumber Company is unique. We are small-town friendly, with big city capabilities. We believe we have the finest designers in the state. They will take whatever time you want until you're satisfied. People who know us come back time and time again because they know we are absolutely the best value. And, we have everything else you expect from a first class lumber company. If you're remodeling or building new, we have what you want. *Come on in and see for yourself.*

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Front Left: Becky Chamberlin, Mamie Wallace, Jennifer Mann, Pam Kiel.

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2005 NEW HOME PACKAGES

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Our Design Library Lounge has hundreds of plans for you to select from. Relax in our comfortable lounge while you view hundreds of home designs.

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1,605 Sq. Ft.



The Bellamy - \$50,380
1,660 Sq. Ft.



The Seville - \$57,670
1,735 Sq. Ft.



The Carlton - \$46,965
1,800 Sq. Ft.

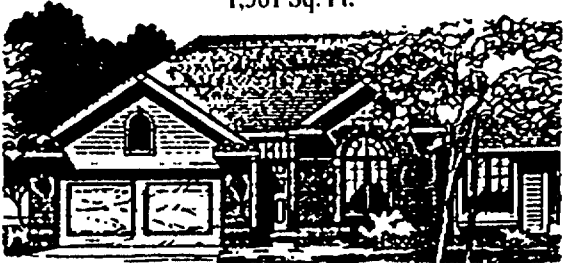


THESE ARE SAMPLES OF A FEW HOME DESIGNS FROM OUR NEW DESIGN LIBRARY. 40 GREAT PRE-PRICED PACKAGES FROM CHELSEA LUMBER.

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1,984 Sq. Ft.



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	2x6	\$11.89	\$14.89	\$17.98	\$20.89	\$24.89	\$28.79	\$31.79
	4x4	\$17.89	\$26.89	\$30.89	—	—	—	—
	5/4x6	\$8.49	\$9.98	\$12.49	\$15.69	\$17.98	\$20.98	\$23.98

1x8 CHANNEL SIDING CEDAR, RUFF-SAWED, KILN DRIED
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1x8	\$1.33 LIN. FT.
1x10	\$1.69 LIN. FT.
1x12	\$2.09 LIN. FT.

CEDAR 42" TAPERED-END SPINDLES	\$2.10
CLEAR PREMIUM CEDAR 2x2x8'	\$4.98

4'x8' REGULAR	\$20.95
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1x6 V-EDGE CEDAR Rough sawed face, sound knots, smooth back	\$1.06 LIN. FT.
1x4 V-EDGE CEDAR Smooth-face, Ruff-back, clear.	\$1.09 LIN. FT.

1x4	\$1.29 LIN. FT.
1x6	\$2.49 LIN. FT.
1x8	\$3.39 LIN. FT.
1x10	\$4.39 LIN. FT.
1x12	\$5.59 LIN. FT.

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Price per Linear ft.	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	10"	12"
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Clear Poplar - 5/4"	—	—	\$1.39	\$2.29	\$2.98	\$3.98	\$4.98
Clear White Pine - 1"	74¢	89¢	79¢	\$1.37	\$1.89	\$2.34	\$3.19
Sterling Pine - 1"	—	—	46¢	69¢	92¢	\$1.19	\$1.64
1&2 Premium Pine - 1"	21¢	32¢	39¢	59¢	69¢	\$1.14	\$1.33
#4 Utility - 1"	—	—	21¢	30¢	42¢	49¢	—
Rufsawn White Wood - 1"	16 1/2" (12 only)	23¢	31¢	49¢	63¢	79¢	\$1.09
Clear Oak - 1"	82¢	\$1.08	\$1.42	\$2.29	\$3.17	\$4.56	\$5.34
Price Per Piece	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'		
Furring Strips - 1"x2"	79¢	—	—	—	—		
Furring Strips - 1"x3"	\$1.26	\$1.59	\$2.08	—	—	\$2.89	

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SIZE OF YOUR CASH ORDER	MILES TO JOBSITE				
	UP TO 20 MILES	20 TO 45 MILES	45 TO 60 MILES	60 TO 75 MILES	75 TO 90 MILES
Under \$1000	\$30	\$45	\$55	\$65	\$75
\$1000 to \$1500	\$20	\$30	\$45	\$55	\$65
\$1500 to \$2000	-0-	-0-	\$30	\$45	\$55
\$2000 to \$2500	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$30	\$45
\$2500 to \$3000	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-	\$30
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DELIVERY CHARGES, IF ANY, SHOWN BELOW

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NEW! Azek is a solid white cellular PVC... perfect for trim, fascia and soffits. It is reversible, smooth one side and woodgrain on the other. It has the look, feel and sound of clear premium lumber and can be milled, moulded, shaped, and thermo-formed to any millwork profile.

1x4x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$21.50	5/4x4x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$27.25
1x6x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$33.50	5/4x6x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$43.50
1x8x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$44.50	5/4x6x6x10 AZEK CORN'R BOARD	\$57.25
1x12x18 AZEK TRIM BOARD	\$69.25	1/2x6x18 AZEK BEAD BOARD	\$29.50

primed trim boards

1x4 PRIMED RUSAWN SPRUCE	43¢ L/FT.	1x6x8 PRIMED PINE	\$8.50 EA.
1x6 PRIMED RUSAWN SPRUCE	67¢ L/FT.	1x6x16 PRIMED PINE	\$17.05 EA.
1x8 PRIMED RUSAWN SPRUCE	87¢ L/FT.	1x8x8 PRIMED PINE	\$10.55 EA.
1x10 PRIMED RUSAWN SPRUCE	\$1.13 L/FT.	1x8x16 PRIMED PINE	\$21.05 EA.
1x2x8 PRIMED PINE	\$3.15 EA.	1x10x8 PRIMED PINE	\$15.00 EA.
1x2x16 PRIMED PINE	\$6.25 EA.	1x10x16 PRIMED PINE	\$29.99 EA.
1x4x8 PRIMED PINE	\$5.40 EA.	1x12x8 PRIMED PINE	\$19.73 EA.
1x4x16 PRIMED PINE	\$10.80 EA.	1x12x16 PRIMED PINE	\$39.45 EA.

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	Actual Size	Each		Actual Size	Each
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1x6x16'	3/4" x 5-1/2"	\$9.98	5/4x6x16'	1" x 5-1/2"	\$15.39
1x8x16'	3/4" x 7-1/4"	\$13.94	5/4x8x16'	1" x 7-1/4"	\$20.89
1x12x16'	3/4" x 11-1/4"	\$21.98	5/4x12x16'	1" x 11-1/4"	\$31.96

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TONGUE & GROOVE SINGLE APPLICATION FLOORING

3/4" STURDI-FLOOR PINE	\$25.59
3/4" ADVANTECH ORIENTED STRAND BD.	\$28.98
3/4" ORIENTED STRAND BOARD	\$21.39
3/4" PREMIUM STURDI-FLOOR SPRUCE	\$33.98

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7/16"	1/2"	3/4"	1/4" \$10.89
\$11.59	\$13.98	\$21.39	3/8" \$11.49
GREAT NEW MULTI-PURPOSE 4x8 PANELS			
			5/8" \$19.29

HARDWOOD PLYWOODS

5.2mm OAK	5.2mm BIRCH	3/4" OAK ONE PIECE FACES, VENEER CORE	3/4" BIRCH
\$21.59	\$21.95	\$59.89	\$59.95

garages

Erected Packages to get the job done.

MATERIALS PACKAGE:

- Plans
- All materials including steel-clad walk-in door with Schlage lock
- 16x7 paneled steel overhead door
- Additional 9 x 7 overhead door included with the Cord.
- 12" overhang 4 sides (Hudson has 6" on eaves only)

ERECTED PACKAGE:

- Construction by dependable craftsmen backed by Chelsea Lumber

★ **THE PACKARD**
24 X 24

★ **THE CORD**
32 X 24

★ **THE HUDSON**
22 X 22

★ **THE REGAL**
28 X 24

TYPE OF SIDING	VERTICAL GROOVE SmartPanel® (TEXT 1-11)	VINYL WHITE DOUBLE 4.5"	ADD FOR SLAB ON LEVEL SITE SLAB BY US - AS PART OF ERECTED PKG. ONLY
MATERIALS ONLY	\$3915	\$4155	
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$7625	\$8440	\$4610
MATERIALS ONLY	\$4830	\$4925	—
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$9890	\$10,755	\$6145
MATERIALS ONLY	\$3395	\$3540	—
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$6805	\$7525	\$3875
MATERIALS ONLY	\$4275	\$4415	—
ERECTED ON YOUR SLAB	\$8560	\$9370	\$5380

landscape timbers

The rounded-edge timbers are pressure-treated to point of refusal. Red pine rough sawn timbers are treated for ground contact.

3"x4"x8' Rounded-Edge **\$3.98**

3-1/4"x5"x8' Jumbo Rounded-Edge **\$4.95**

4"x6"x8' Rough Sawn Red Pine **\$9.39**

6"x8"x8' Rough Sawn Red Pine **\$19.98**

5"x5"x8' (full 5"x5") Rough Sawn Red Pine **\$12.89**

#1 Railroad Ties **\$8.89**

OTHER PRE-FIGURED-PACKAGE SIZES: 16'X22' & 30'X22' (or we'll custom figure any size).

*SLAB (FLOOR) INCLUDES: A 4" slab rimmed with expansion joint, fiberglass reinforced concrete, a 42" deep footing, two rows of block, a 24" apron at garage doors, and a 3x3' apron at service doors. 4" of sand is included for the base. Certain soil conditions may require additional reinforcement of slab and/or footing at extra cost. Important Note: Erected prices are based on a pre-leveled site free of vegetation.

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| 7/8"x12' CertainTeed Fibercement Siding | \$5.49 | Ea. |
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| 12"x12' Vented Soffit | \$15.89 | Ea. |
| 16"x12' Vented Soffit | \$19.89 | Ea. |
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2x6x16	\$13.69	2x8x10	\$10.79	5/8" CCX PLY	\$29.98
2x4x16	\$9.79	2x8x16	\$17.59	3/4" CCX PLY	\$36.96
2x10x16	\$27.96	2x12x16	\$37.79	3/4" T&G PLY	\$42.96

docks

3-SECTION, 36 FT. DOCK

6-2x6x12 STRINGERS 2-3 FT. ALUM. SUPPORTS
9-2x2x8 NAILERS 1-4 FT. ALUM. SUPPORT
72-6"x36" DOCK BOARDS NAILS INCLUDED

Dock price can vary with water depth

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USING TREATED LUMBER

SUPPORT ASSEMBLIES ONLY:
(with stringer brackets & 36" cross arms)

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4'	\$95.43	7'	\$109.53
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10-ft. section with post

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	MATERIALS PACKAGES		ERECTED PACKAGES	
	STEEL ROOF	SHINGLE ROOF	STEEL ROOF	SHINGLE ROOF
THE OAKWOOD 24'x32' 8 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 7 FT. DOOR	\$4255	\$4220	\$6945	\$7290
THE ARROYO 24'x32' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$4550	\$4540	\$7205	\$7940
THE MESA 24'x40' 8 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 7 FT. DOOR	\$4925	\$4840	\$7865	\$8700
THE CORRAL 30'x40' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 14 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$6150	\$6235	\$9520	\$10,705
THE MESQUITE 30'x40' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 14 FT. x 11 FT. DOOR	\$6550	\$6625	\$9945	\$11,170
THE FRONTIER 30'x48' 10 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 9 FT. DOOR	\$6795	\$6965	\$10,735	\$12,210
THE ASPEN 30'x48' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 11 FT. DOOR	\$7245	\$7420	\$11,210	\$12,720
THE ROUND-UP 36'x56' 12 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 11 FT. DOOR	\$10,035	\$10,420	\$14,670	\$16,870
THE OSAGE 40'x64' 14 FT. HIGH WALLS 14 FT. x 13 FT. DOOR	\$12,755	\$13,015	\$19,535	\$21,455

BARN SIZE	NUMBER OF STALLS	MATERIALS ONLY SIDING OPTIONS	
		STEEL	T1-11
24 X 38 = 10' (INCLUDES 8' OPEN END) THE DOUBLE FURLONG	2	\$6535	\$6530
30 X 40 = 10' - WITH 8' x 16' LEAN TO THE STABLE	4	\$11,630	\$11,335
32 X 60 = 10' THE TRIPLE FURLONG	6	\$11,135	\$11,045

*STALL MATERIAL NOT INCLUDED. PRICES ARE FOR BASIC SHELLS ONLY. ASK YOUR SALESPERSON FOR PRICING ON STALL MATERIALS



GAMBREL-ROOF BARN

STEEL OR T-11 SmartPanel SIDING - SHINGLE ROOFS ONLY (INCLUDES 12" EAVE OVERHANG)

	MATERIALS PACKAGES		ERECTED PACKAGES	
	STEEL SIDING	T1-11 SDG.	STEEL SIDING	T1-11 SDG.
THE WESTERN 24'x32' 8 FT. HIGH WALLS 12 FT. x 7 FT. DOOR	\$8450	\$8375	\$14,340	\$14,330
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2x6	\$5.29	\$6.69	\$8.49	\$9.98	\$12.29	\$13.49	\$15.98
2x8	\$7.19	\$9.29	\$11.19	\$12.96	\$15.89	\$18.49	\$19.89
2x10	\$8.49	\$11.96	\$14.96	\$18.89	\$21.89	\$24.96	\$27.59
2x12	\$14.49	\$17.49	\$21.89	\$23.89	\$28.89	\$35.98	\$41.89
4x4	\$6.89	\$10.89	\$12.98	\$13.96	\$17.96	4x4, 4x6, 6x6 and 2x6 T&G are treated for ground contact	
4x6	\$12.69	\$14.69	\$18.39	\$20.69	\$23.89	\$32.79	\$39.79
6x6	\$19.59	\$22.98	\$26.49	\$31.89	\$36.98	\$52.98	\$59.98
2x6 T&G	\$6.49	\$7.69	\$9.49	\$11.89	\$13.49	\$15.96	\$17.96

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ACQ treated to .25 retention

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LAMINATED POSTS BUILT TO STAY STRAIGHTER .60 CCA TREATED	22'	24'	26'	28'			
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Treated Boards	8'	10'	12'	14'	16'	18'	20'
QUALITY DECKING 5/4x6	\$4.28	\$5.28	\$6.48	\$7.48	\$8.98	\$13.96	\$15.89
1x4 SELECT GRADE	\$2.59	\$3.39	\$3.96	—	\$5.89	—	—
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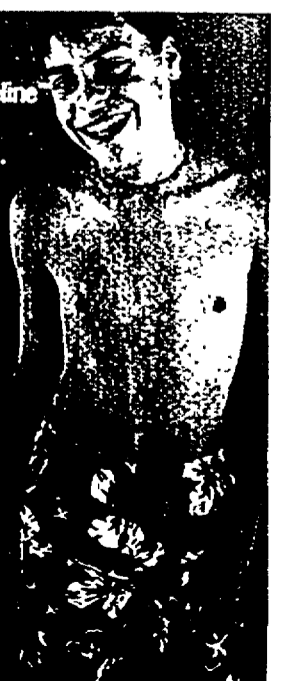
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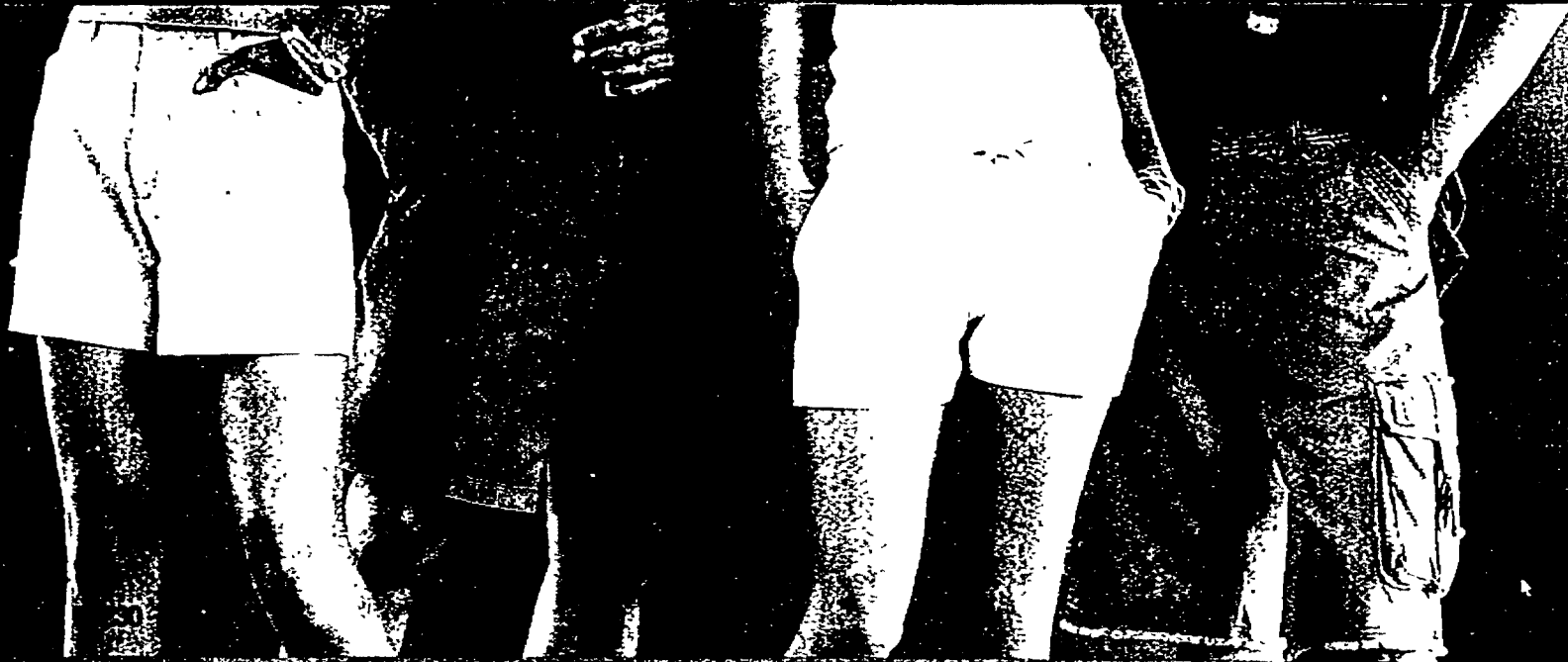


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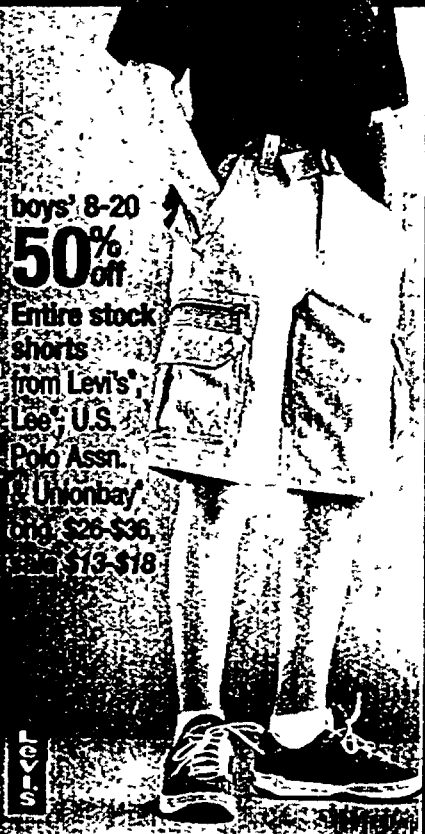
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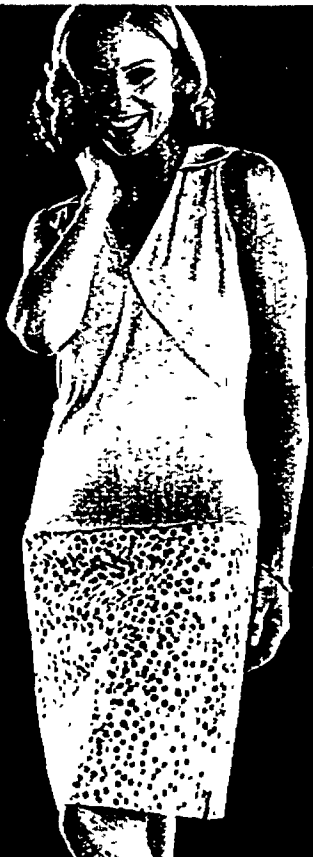
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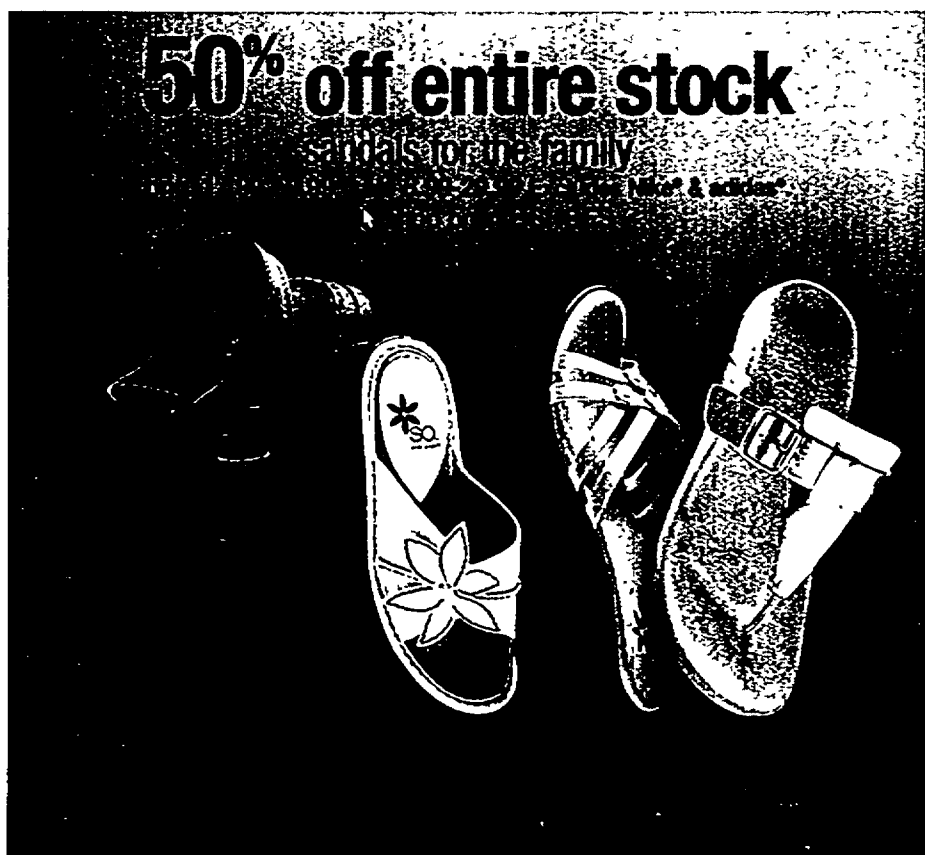
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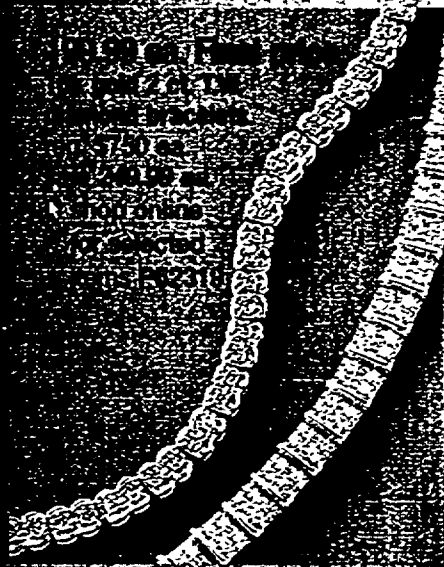
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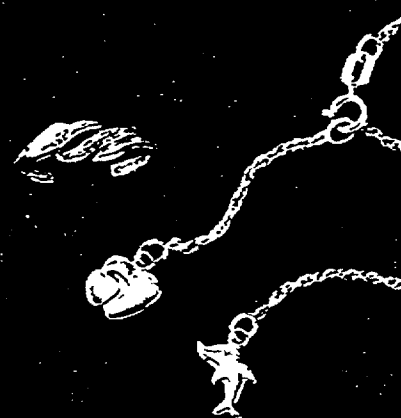
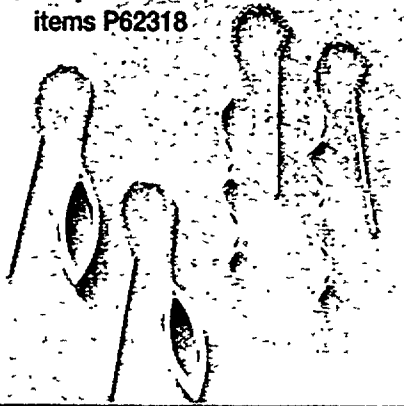
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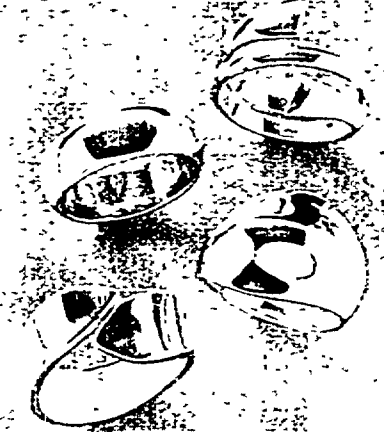
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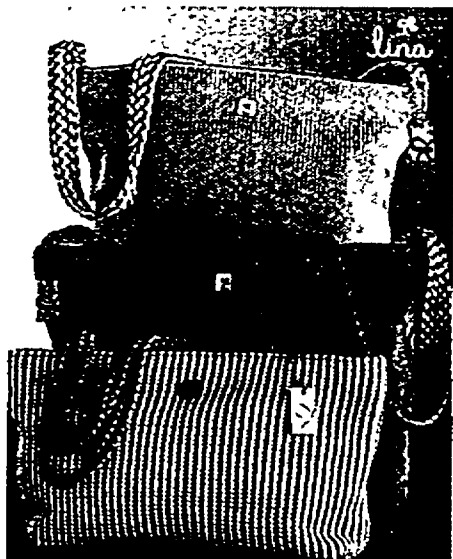
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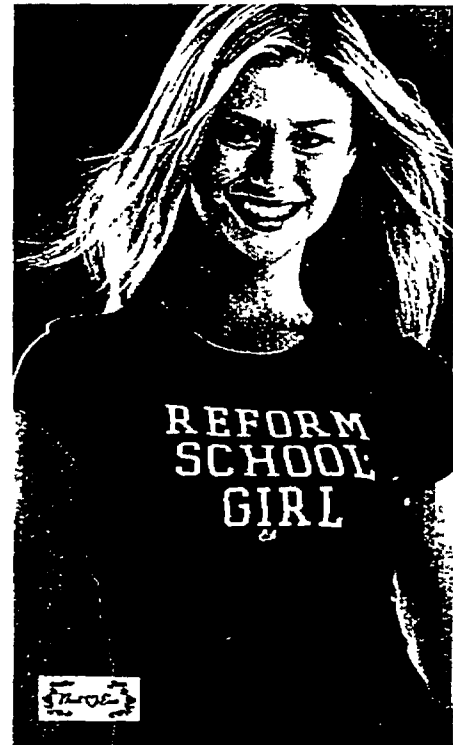


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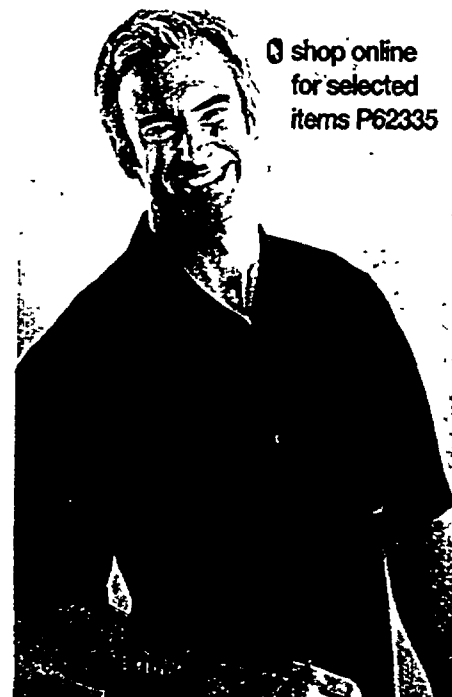
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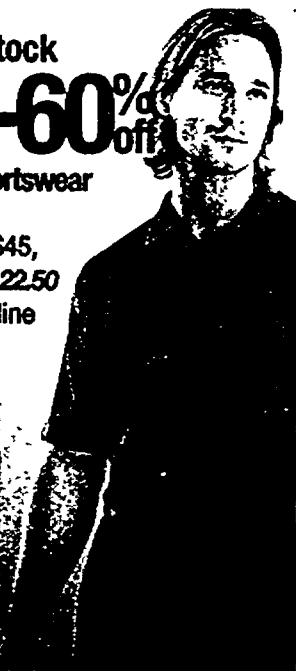
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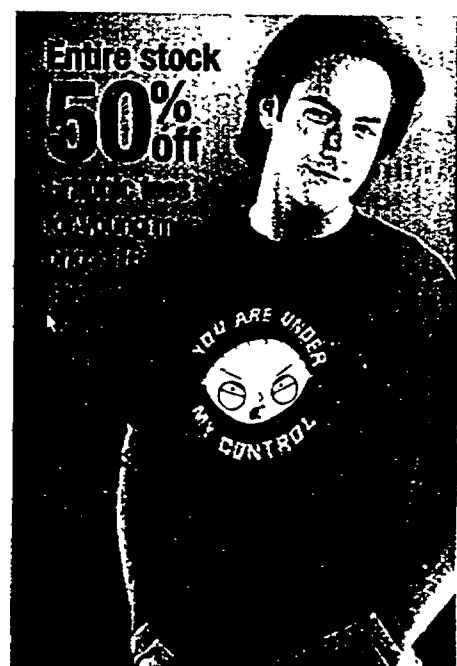
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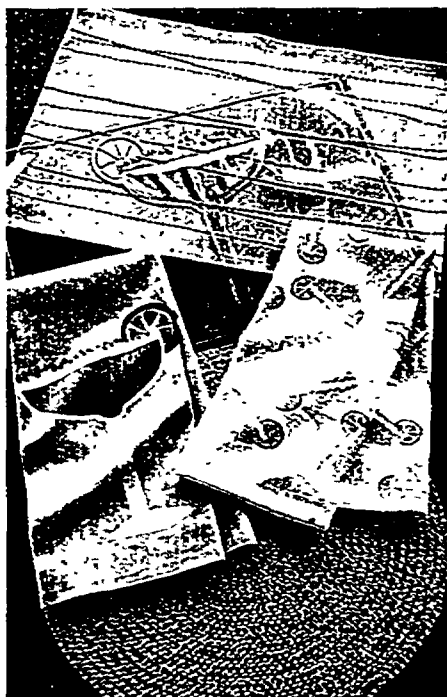
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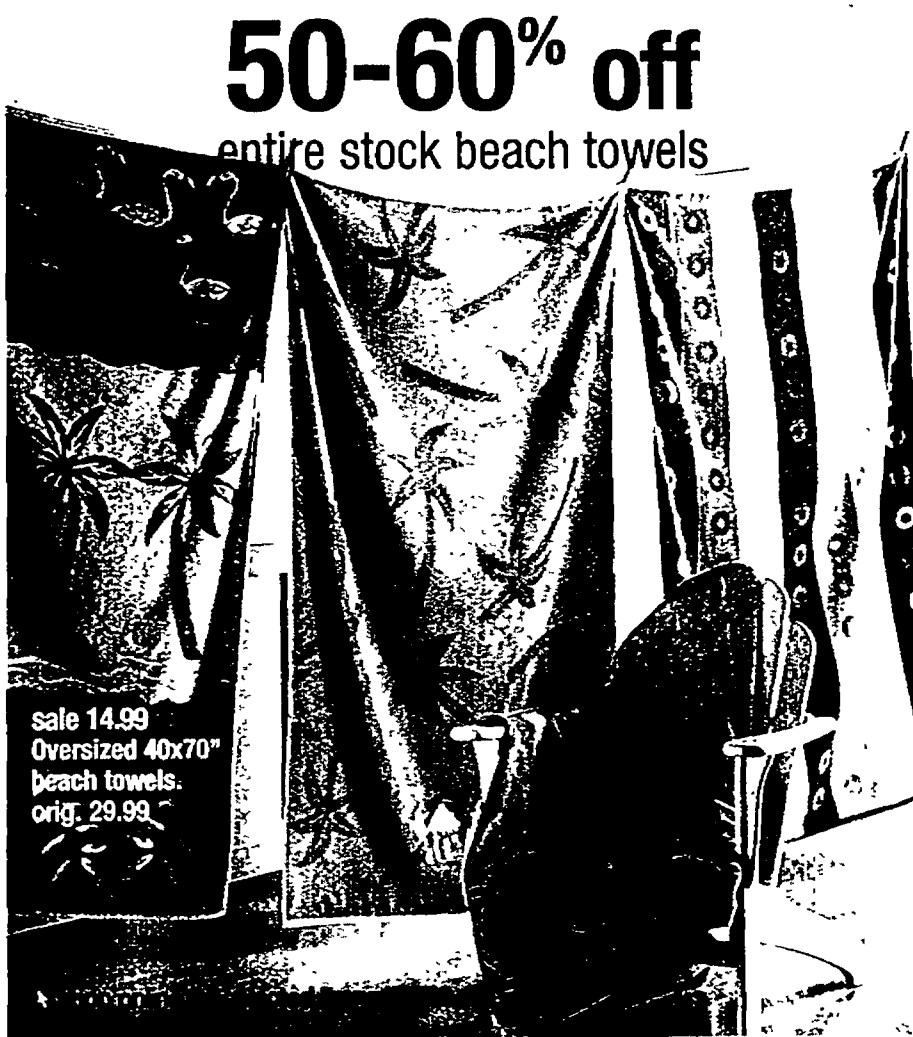


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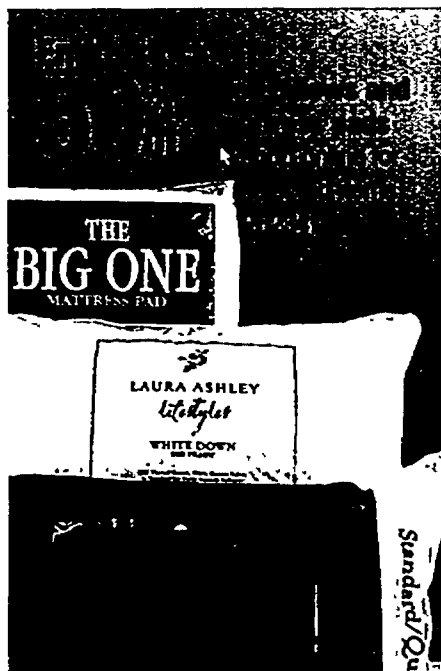
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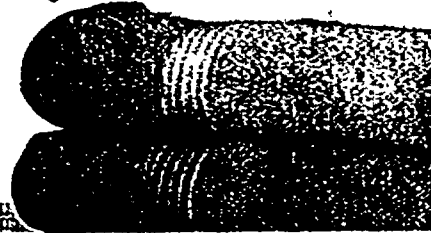
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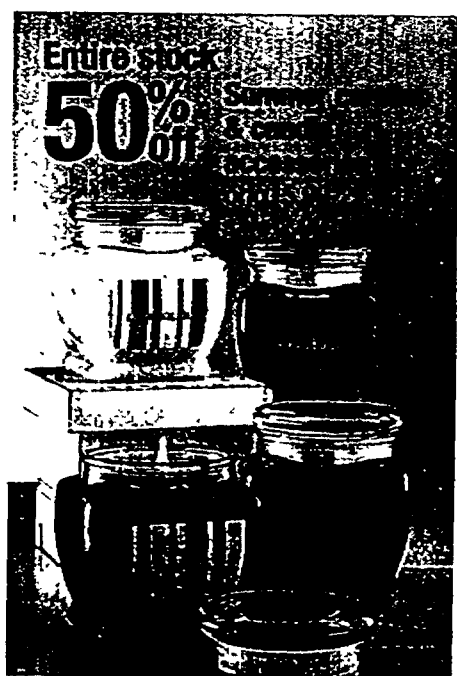
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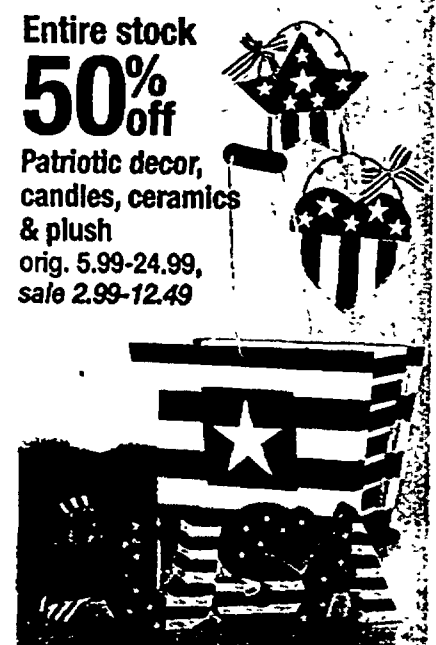


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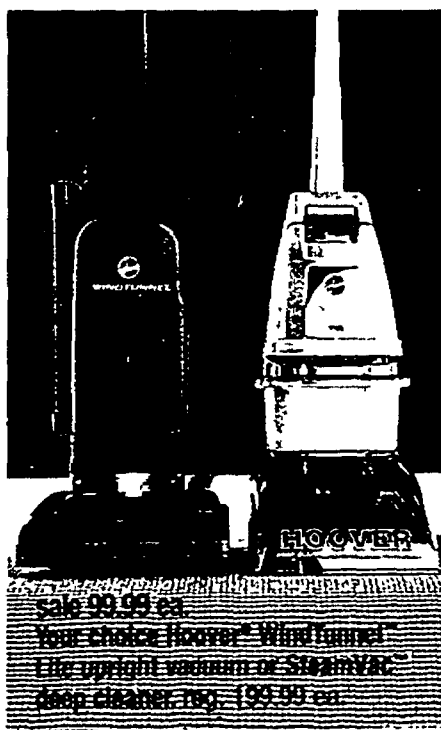
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Ask American Profile

Q What can you tell me about country singer Gentleman Jim Reeves? Does he have any concerts on video or DVD?

—Ruth B., Vermont

One of nine children, Jim Reeves was born and raised in Gallopway, Texas. In the early 1950s, he became the host of the popular *Louisiana Hayride*. Fate intervened when Hank Williams failed to make an appearance on the show and Reeves sang in his place. Abbott Records signed him and his first single, *Mexican Joe*, went to No. 1. Throughout the 1950s and early 1960s, Reeves had a number of major hits—*Hell Have to Go, Home and Four Walls*—and was at the height of his career when he was killed at age 40 in a plane crash outside of Nashville, Tenn., in 1964. His work still is available in CD packages, as well as some videos and DVDs. Check out the website www.purecountrymusic.com.

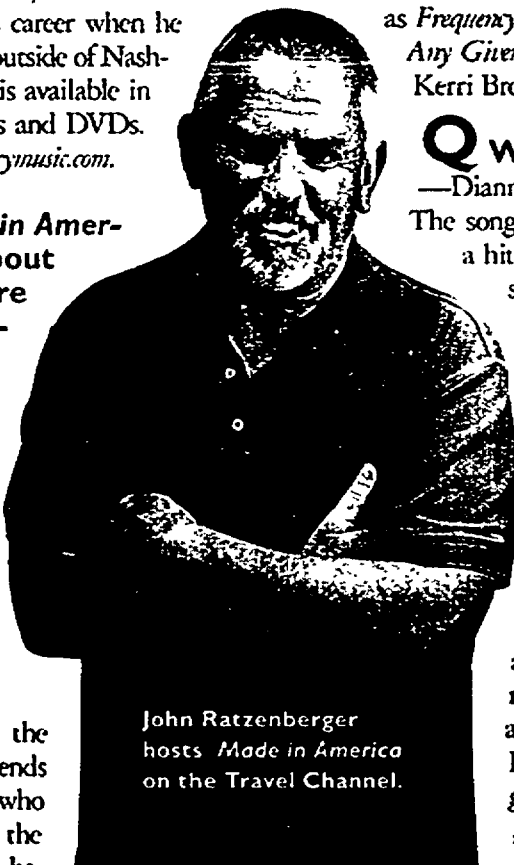
Q We really enjoy *Made in America*. What can you tell us about John Ratzenberger? Where can we write with suggestions of factories he can tour?

—Barbara C., New York

John Ratzenberger, 58, believes very strongly in the philosophy of his Travel Channel show *Made in America*. "The reason I wanted to do the show is that it really celebrates people who are responsible for themselves and their children. They get up early and put their hand to something useful. That's really the backbone of civilization. Hollywood tends to ignore that," says Ratzenberger, who is best known for playing Cliff on the TV show *Cheers*. When *Cheers* ended, he moved his family away from Hollywood. "We lived on an island in the Pacific Northwest, and I started a little farm just so my kids could put their hand to something useful," he says. "I'm a great believer that common sense comes from working



Country crooner Jim Reeves was known for his smooth voice.



John Ratzenberger hosts *Made in America* on the Travel Channel.

with your hands. We stayed up there for eight years, and I gave them a little Tom Sawyer/Huck Finn experience." Now divorced, he lives in a Los Angeles suburb with his two children—James, 17, and Nina, 16. He says the best way to make a suggestion is through the website www.travelchannel.com.

Q What is going on with that marvelous versatile actor, James Caviezel?

—M.O., California

Caviezel, 36, has been working on a few projects, including one that is being kept under wraps. The one that he can talk about is an MGM movie called *Madison*, which recently opened to a limited release. Mel Gibson's 2004 movie, *The Passion of the Christ*, put Caviezel in the limelight after years of trying to get noticed. The native of Mount Vernon, Wash. (pop. 26,232), made his film debut as an airline clerk in *My Own Private Idaho* in 1991. He followed that with roles in movies such as *Frequency*, *The Rock*, *The Thin Red Line*, *Ride with the Devil* and *Any Given Sunday*. Caviezel lives in Los Angeles with his wife, Kerri Browitt.



James Caviezel

Q Who sang the old country song *Running Bear*?

—Dianna S., Nevada

The song, written by J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson, was a hit for Johnny Preston in 1959. The song is available on several collections, such as *Feel So Fine* and *Running Bear*. "The Big Bopper was a disc jockey in my hometown and he gave me the song to record," says Preston, a native of Port Arthur, Texas, (pop. 57,755). "I was doing more rhythm and blues and rock and roll back then, and this was a little different, but he was so sure it was a hit and it was an opportunity to record. And what do you know? Right out of the box, first record I did was a multi-million seller." Preston, now 65, lives near Beaumont, Texas, with Sharon, his wife of 46 years. He has five children and 13 grandchildren, and they all live within 50 miles of each other. This year he's touring Australia and Europe with Brian Hyland, Chris Montez and Bobby Vee. "It's '60s music. A lot of the kids call it geezer rock," he says, laughing. ☆

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Hometown Spotlight

Out of this World!

by LYN KIDDER
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An alien carrying an American flag walks slowly down Main Street in Roswell, N.M. (pop. 45,293), trailed by a glowing spaceship, a green alien on a motor scooter and *Star Wars* characters twirling light sabers.

It's a familiar site for residents and thousands of visitors who line the streets to watch the Close Encounters Night Parade, part of the annual Roswell UFO Festival each July.

Nancy Fleming helps daughter Sienna prepare for the alien costume contest.



"This is how we let our creative side just have fun and not be serious," says Shirley Leif, a supervisor at Roswell's Eastern New Mexico Medical Center. Leif and dozens of other hospital employees spent two months working on their trophy-winning *Star Wars* float.

The festival, scheduled July 1-4, celebrates the town's most famous event—the "Roswell Incident."

Sometime in July 1947, something crashed in the eastern New Mexico desert 40 miles outside of Roswell. The first report said that a "flying saucer" had been recovered, but the U.S. military later identified the crashed object as a "weather balloon."

"I never saw any of the bodies, but I knew people who did," says resident Glenn Dennis, 81. "And people at Walker Air Force Base called the funeral home where I worked to ask about small coffins."

The incident made such an impression on Dennis and resident Walter Haut—who

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Alien-attired attendees roam the streets during the annual Roswell (N.M.) UFO Festival.

wrote the first newspaper article about a "flying saucer" a few days after the crash—that they created the International UFO Museum and Research Center in 1991.

The museum, housed in a 1940s-era movie theater, is a popular spot for people who want to learn more about Unidentified Flying Objects, or UFOs. Inside visitors can see a collection of photographs and newspaper stories from the time of the crash, as well as props used in various space alien movies. There's even a giant world map showing the location of UFO sightings.

"UFOs are a relatively new phenomena, and people come here wanting to be convinced one way or another," says Julie Shuster, director of the museum and festival co-chairperson.

For serious UFO buffs, the festival includes panel discussions and dozens of authors who give lectures and sign books on the subject. For others, the festival is purely entertainment, with music concerts, appearances by science fiction celebrities and an alien costume contest.

As for the latter, Sienna Fleming, 9, has donned an alien costume each year since she was born. "It's one of the most visual parts of the festival," says Nancy Fleming, who helps make her daughter's costume. "We like to do our part to make it worth coming to see. I think it's fun to have crowds once in a while in a quiet little town like Roswell."

Norma McQuaid and her husband, Richard, retired five years ago and moved to Roswell. They both volunteer at the museum. "I'm a greeter, and I always wear my headband with the alien eyes on the antennae," she says. "The local paper called me the Alien Ambassador."

"Some people would prefer Roswell be known as a dairy town," she adds. "One day at the museum, I met someone from Siberia. Now, I wouldn't come from the other side of the world to see cows, would you?"

"Everybody knows Roswell, and it's all because of the aliens," says Barbara Pruett,

who runs a local RV park. "We get people from all over. I bet I hand out 100 brochures a week for the UFO Museum."

Many local merchants make use of the alien theme for businesses as varied as bike shops, printers and carpet stores. Even the local Wal-Mart has a flying saucer painted on the front of its building.

Richard Hesse owns Starchild, one of the first gift shops in Roswell to adopt an alien theme. "When we moved here in 1991, people in town were just beginning to see the possibilities in using the alien idea to advertise the town."

But does he really think that it was a flying saucer that crashed in the desert outside of town 58 years ago?

"I'm not sure what to believe," Hesse says. "All I can say is, it's a blast. I meet people from all over the world, right here in Roswell." ☆

Lyn Kidder is a freelance writer in Ruidoso, N.M.

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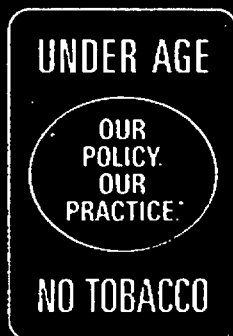
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When Leslie Morissette lost her 8-year-old son Graham to leukemia seven years ago, she converted her grief into a good cause by providing computers to other seriously ill children and their families.

Morissette, 42, knew how important technology was to her family during the 18 months that Graham was confined to his home or a hospital bed. Graham would use the family's computer for hours to draw, stay in touch with classmates through e-mail, or get support from other sick children in online chat rooms. And when Graham wasn't online, his parents were researching his disease and learning more about treatments and clinical trials.

Six months after Graham died, Morissette wanted to make sure that other families in crisis, and particularly their ailing children, had access to a computer, regardless of their location or income.

In 1998, she founded Grahamtastic Connection, a Springvale, Maine (pop. 3,488), nonprofit organization that lends laptop computers and provides free Internet access to seriously ill, hospitalized children and their families.

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A graphic artist, Morissette had no experience with a nonprofit when

she started Grahamtastic Connection, but that didn't matter—she substituted commitment for know-how. Her first call was to a local radio station she had worked with years earlier as a volunteer on a fund-raising campaign for a child's bone marrow transplant; she thought the staff could offer guidance. They took it further, interviewing her on the air about her plans. Donations arrived within days.

"I didn't realize at first how significant that first donated computer was," she says. "It really gave me a focus."

At the time, Morissette was on an extended leave from her job at Renaissance Greeting Cards Inc. in nearby Sanford (pop. 10,133). Now back to work as an art director, Morissette is grateful for her employer's continued support. The company donates shipping fees for the organization's 10 laptop computers, prints fund-raising note cards showcasing Graham's artwork, and



by SANDRA BECKWITH
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Leslie Morissette provides computers to hospitalized children such as Sam Robinson, a patient at Maine Medical Center. provides other assistance. Colleagues host yard sales and returnable bottle collection drives to help fund Internet access fees.

Morissette's husband, Gary, 42, and their daughters, Tiana, 22, and Deneka, 20, help by dropping off and picking up laptops as needed. High school technology students—including many who knew Graham—refurbish the donated laptops and maintain the group's website.

Eddie Riddle, 19, a Sanford Regional Vocational Center student who has rebuilt computers for Grahamtastic Connection for three years, appreciates the opportunity to help while he learns more about technology. Riddle recently met two families using the

Morissette lends donated laptops to honor her son, Graham.



laptops at the Maine Medical Center in Portland.

"Seeing the kids I'm helping did a lot for me," he explains. "It made all my issues seem so small."

Morissette smiles when she thinks about what the program would mean to her son. "I think he'd be very happy," she says, adding that Graham was the kind of boy who always wanted to help others.

She remembers when Graham was assigned to a hospital room near a toddler whose crying made him feel bad for her. Graham tugged a purple clown wig from the hospital playroom's collection onto his bald little head and made the child laugh.

Graham's legacy helped 9-year-old Clarice Diebold's family four years ago when she was hospitalized after receiving a stem cell transplant. "Being able to access the Internet provided a wonderful distraction for me," says her father, Thomas, 39. "In this situation, you have to get your mind onto something else or you go crazy."

Morissette understands. "My goal is to make it as easy as possible for other families with children experiencing life-threatening illnesses," she says. "I do this in my son's honor because I know he would be proud of me." ☆

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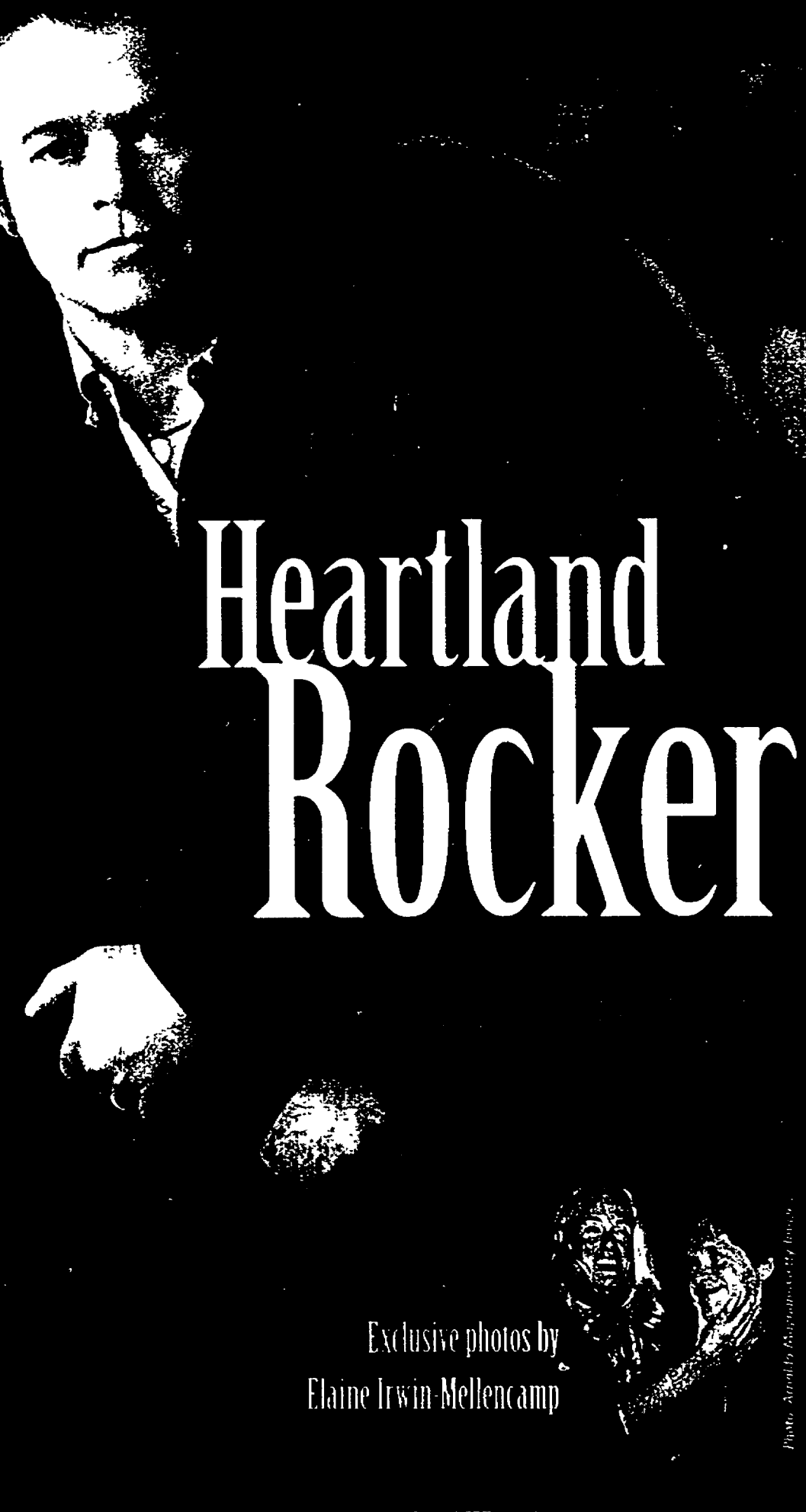
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Heartland Rocker

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Time and success haven't mellowed John Mellencamp. The 53-year-old Heartland rocker remains a headstrong, energetic and outspoken artist who wants to do things his own way.

This isn't to say that Mellencamp hasn't matured and evolved. By his own admission, he certainly has changed over the decades since he catapulted to musical fame in the early 1980s as a defiant singer-songwriter with a distinct sound and style.

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"Young people have a terrible problem," Mellencamp says. "They *want* certain things. But as you get older, you realize that you don't really *want* anything, but you would *prefer* it. There's a difference between wanting and preferring. Now I say, 'I *prefer* to do it this way,' instead of 'I *gotta* do it this way,' which is how I used to be."

Seated in the control room of his recording studio in Belmont, Ind., not far from his longtime home in Bloomington (pop. 69,291), Mellencamp has the air of contentment that comes with hard-won success. His unique talents as a singer-songwriter have allowed him to tour the world and collaborate with many icons.

"I am so fortunate," he says. "I have worked with Larry McMurtry, one of the greatest American novelists. I am working with Stephen King right now, who is a great American novelist. I've gotten to work with Bob Dylan, Donovan, John Fogerty and Willie Nelson. As far as that goes, I can't think of anybody else that I even care to meet. I've already met all my heroes."

Mellencamp was born and raised in nearby Seymour, Ind. (pop. 18,101), which is about an hour south of Indianapolis. His father, Richard, worked as an electrical contractor, and his mother, Marilyn, was a homemaker and postal employee. With the exception of a brief stint in the late 1970s—when he moved to London for professional reasons—Mellencamp has spent his entire life in southern Indiana.

Although he's a Grammy winner who has sold more than 40 million albums, Mellencamp maintains a relatively normal life when he's not on tour. While he may be approached by autograph-seeking fans, he doesn't hesitate to attend local public events and run errands.

"I've had a pretty up-and-down career," Mellencamp admits. "But even at the height of my career, I never allowed my career to get in the way of me doing anything. I never stopped myself from going someplace just because I might have to sign an autograph. The thing that I have found, which is lucky for me, is that most people like John Mellencamp."

A friend to farmers

After early struggles in the music business, the singer skyrocketed to stardom with his 1982 album *American Fool*, which contained the smash hits *Hurts So Good* and *Jack & Diane*.

Back then, he used the stage name John Cougar, which had been foisted upon him by a manager. On the cover of his classic 1983 album *Uh-Huh*, he billed himself as John Cougar Mellencamp. He eventually dropped "Cougar" and simply used the surname that appears on his birth certificate.

Capitalizing on the music-video revolution of the 1980s, Mellencamp became a mainstay on MTV, thanks to videos such as *Pink Houses*, *Small Town* and *Crumblin' Down*. His lyrics poignantly described the trials and



Mellencamp tours this summer with John Fogerty.

dreams of people living in small towns, and he has extended his concern for those in rural America beyond his music.

In 1985, Mellencamp, Willie Nelson and Neil Young co-founded Farm Aid as a way to help American farming families. The organization will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year by holding a star-studded benefit concert.

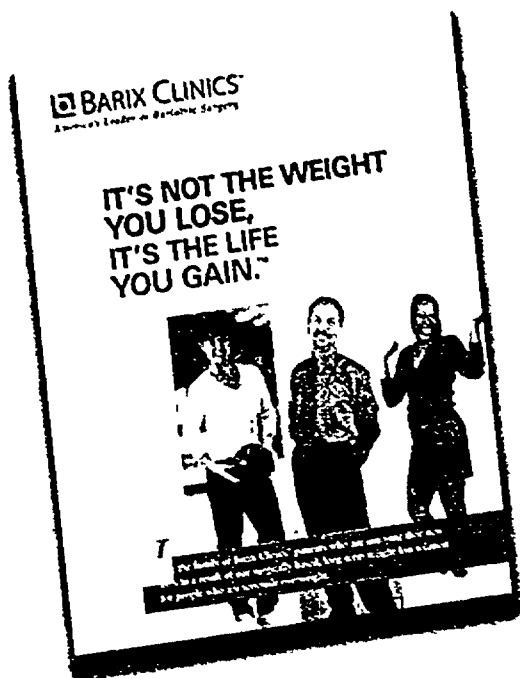
Mellencamp keeps up-to-date on many aspects of farm legislation. "The farm problem, like everything else, is always in motion," he says. "Politicians can pass bills that have nice names but that are misleading as to what the farm problem really is."

Many things have changed in Mellencamp's life since the first Farm Aid concert, but one constant has been the presence of his bandleader, Mike Wanchic. The Bloomington-based guitarist and producer has worked steadily with Mellencamp since 1978. Wanchic sees little difference between Mellencamp's public persona and his private side.

"I think that's why John has managed to survive in this business," Wanchic says. "He actually believes in what he's out there doing—as opposed to a band that puts on a costume and goes out and does an act. This is not an act. John's not kidding when it comes to this music. He's dead serious about it, but we have fun when we're playing it."

Wanchic adds that he and Mellencamp have a lot in common besides their profession: "John really enjoys the same things I do, which are a small-town environment, country living and family. He likes to travel with his wife, and he brings his children on the road a great deal."

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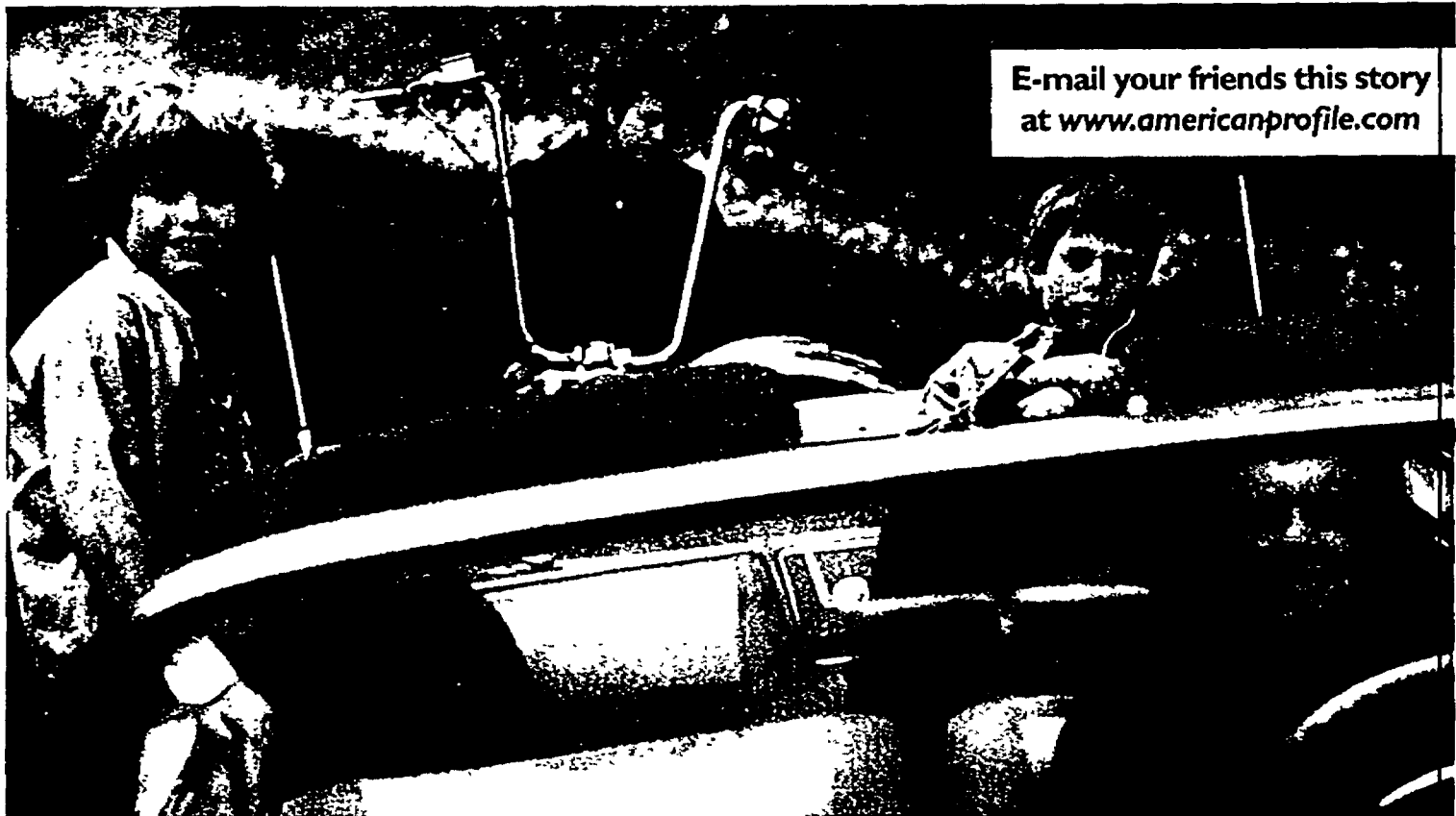
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Mellencamp's painting style has been compared to the German expressionists.

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Speck (left) and Hud enjoy the Indiana air in a convertible with their grandfather, Richard Mellencamp, as their father looks on.

A family man first

Mellencamp met his wife, supermodel Elaine Irwin-Mellencamp, in 1991 at the photo shoot for the cover of his album *Whenever We Wanted*. The following year, the couple got married in Seymour, at a log cabin belonging to the groom's uncle. They have two sons—Hud, 11, and Speck, 10—and Mellencamp has three children—Michelle, 34, Teddi Jo, 23, and Justice, 19—from two previous marriages.

Irwin-Mellencamp admires her husband's parenting techniques. "John makes an effort at being very fun, which a lot of dads don't do," she says. "John plays to his strong suits, and he tries to share with the kids the things that he is interested in. He's pretty smart about the activities that he does with them, and that makes things enjoyable all around."

Irwin-Mellencamp, 34, who has appeared in ads for Calvin Klein, Ralph Lauren and Victoria's Secret, currently is the spokesperson for Almay cosmetics. Despite her fame, she still sees herself as just a regular, small-town resident. "I grew up in Gilbertsville, Pennsylvania (pop. 4,242), a town much smaller and more rural than Bloomington, but with similar values," she says. "Obviously, you don't forget that. I like the way I was raised—in a very average way—and that's how I want my kids to be raised."

With his voice taking on a serious tone, Mellencamp comments, "I'm quite a different dad than my dad was. Fathers in the '50s were a whole different kettle of fish than



Irwin-Mellencamp snuggles with her two sons. fathers are today. For one thing, when I was growing up, I never saw my dad. He was always at work. Then, when I was old enough to realize what time he got home from work, I always made it a point not to be home. From age 14 to probably 20, that was a time when my dad and I were hardly speaking. Now, I see him every day and he's become a big part of my life and my kids' life. People do grow up."

And as he's matured, Mellencamp has built quite an impressive body of work, as evidenced by his latest album, the two-CD compilation *Words & Music: John Mellencamp's Greatest Hits*. He is promoting the album during a summer tour with John Fogerty.

Following the tour, Mellencamp will continue working on a stage production that he has been developing with Stephen King for the past three years. Titled *Ghost Brothers of Darkland County*, it includes music

composed by Mellencamp and dialogue written by King.

"The play has mystical qualities to it," Mellencamp says. "It takes place from 1945 to right now. Plus, it takes place in Louisiana and Mississippi, so I had the opportunity to write blues songs, Cajun songs and jazz songs."

Making music is Mellencamp's primary creative outlet, but not his only one. He directed and starred in the 1992 feature film *Falling From Grace*, which was written by Larry McMurtry. He also has been a devoted painter for many years, and has exhibited his work in art galleries. In 1998, dozens of his oil paintings were reproduced in the book *Mellencamp: Paintings and Reflections*.

The hallways and lounge of Mellencamp's recording studio are adorned with his colorful figurative paintings. After more than 30 years in the music business, Mellencamp hints that one day he will lay down his guitar and pick up his paintbrush—permanently.

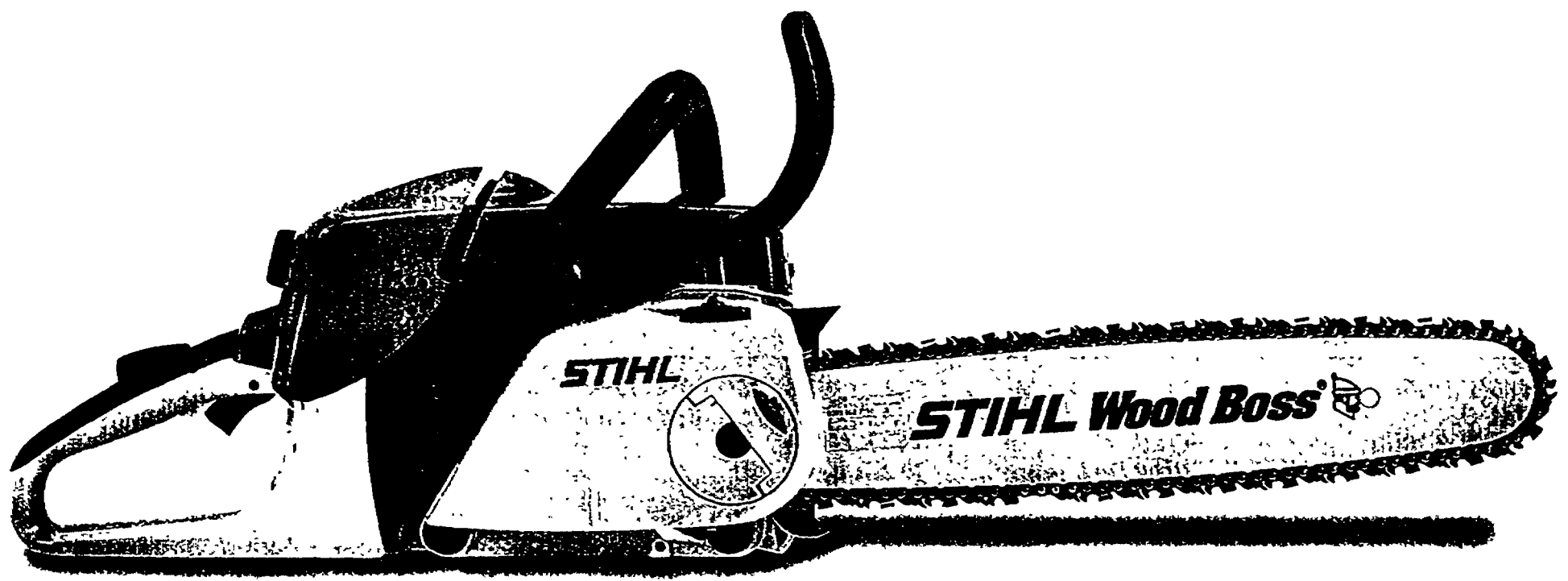
"I have an art studio, but I just haven't had the time to paint as much as I'd like to," he says. "Painting, for me, is something that I know I will return to. That's how I will live out my life—as a painter. I know it. My wife knows it. Everybody who knows me knows it. So, that is what I will do." ☆

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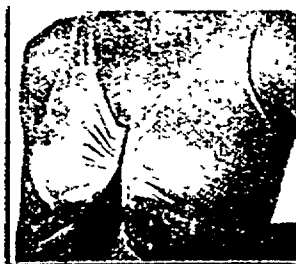
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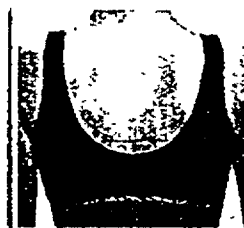
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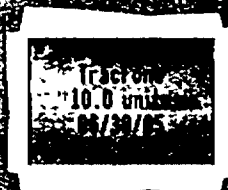
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"Prevention is the best way to protect your skin and your vision," says Dr. Isabel Zhu, a dermatologist in Boulder, Colo. "Just limiting the sun exposure you get can reduce your chances of developing skin cancer and help protect your vision."

Sunscreen and sunglasses

The first step, says Zhu, is to use sunscreen daily. She recommends products with a sun protection factor (SPF) of 30 or more. "Apply it about 30 minutes before you go out so it has a chance to soak in," she advises. "And use plenty, covering all exposed areas of the body with a thin layer." If you don't like the pasty white look that comes with most sunscreens, select a gel-based sunscreen instead.

Zhu says parents should be especially careful that children have daily sunscreen protection, too. That's because repeated early sunburns may increase skin cancer risk. To safeguard vision, select sunglasses for children and adults that protect against ultraviolet radiation.

Taking precautions year-around is important, says Zhu, noting that people living in the Sunbelt or at high altitudes are at greater risk because the sun is at its most intense there.

Zhu recommends the following sun safety tips:

- Stay indoors—Avoid outdoor activities between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. when the sun's rays are strongest. Ultraviolet radiation can penetrate clouds, so protect yourself even on overcast days.

- Seek shade—Staying in the shade can cut sun exposure, but remember UV radiation reflecting off water can burn skin and damage vision.

- Apply sunscreen—Be generous with the sunscreen (a palmful is a good start), and reapply it after swimming, toweling dry or perspiring heavily.

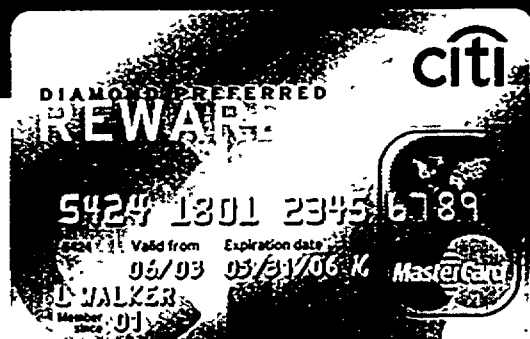
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