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Feb. 28 ballot proposals include building repairs, bus garage and new field house

**By Victoria Mitchell** RECORD STAFF WRITER

Swollen student enrollment and aging infrastructure are behind a \$69.3 million bond request expected early next year, district officials said. The Northville Board of Education

agreed last week to ask voters to approve two Feb. 28 ballot proposals: • \$24.9 million to acquire land and con-

#### Bond proposal

Northville Public Schools officials will hold a Tuesday, Feb. 28 bond election. The proposal will be divided into two and possibly three ballot questions: . . Bond 1 (\$24.9m): Purchase land and

Bond 2 (\$44.4m): Construct a high

• \$44.4 million to shore up aging build-

school field house, refurbish the football stadium adjacent to Amerman Elementary School, build a new bus garage, remodel the Main Street administrative building and upgrade technolo-

 Bond 3 (possible): Construction of an eighth elementary school.

School officials said they did not have enough information to determine how much the proposed bond would increase voter taxes prior to press.

"All of these issues will cost obviously but they are our future," said Leonard Rezmierski, Northville Public Schools superintendent.

The future includes an elementary school population boom district officials say is unmanageable without another building.

Elementary school enrollment has increased 280 students since 2004-05 and Rezmierski said another 50 students are expected by December.

Aging infrastructure is another concern. Projects included in the second ballot proposal include refurbishing the athletic field adjacent to Amerman Elementary School,

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Local officials question new law mandating post-Labor Day school start date

#### **Back to School Survey**

Question: Do you think Northville Public Schools should continue to start: Before Labor Day in Aug. After Labor Day in Sept. C. Undecided A. 42% **B.** 55% C. 3% SOURCE EPIC . MRA

#### **By Victoria Mitchell** RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jacci Gale hates waking early the first few days of school, having Labor Day break and then getting used to waking up early all over again.

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Gov. Jennifer Granholm signed a bill Sept. 29 requiring Michigan public schools start after Labor Day. "I think it is a good idea

because families can stay on vacation," Gale said. Keeping families on vacation is

the idea behind the action. A Granholm spokeswoman said the bill is aimed at boosting the state's tourism industry by length-

ening the summer travel season. The tourism industry calls the

decision victory after a nearly 20year crusade. "Micro management of the state

legislature for the sake of campaign contributions from the

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Italian products and food this weekend. See how, Page 16A.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER NORTHY LLE RECORD

Abby Richards, 3, grabs a pumpkin during the Northville Farmer's Market last Thursday. Pumpkins, mums, corn stalks and hay bales will be availble every Thursday though the month of October.

# Lights out!

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🖬 Storm leaves portions of Northville dark, cancels school

By Maureen Johnston, Victoria Mitchell and Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITERS

Gayle Edwards said patients didn't feel a hiccup.

Despite a weather-related blackout rendering most of downtown Northville without electricity last Thursday morning, Main Street Family Medicine conducted business as usual, receptionist Edwards said.

Thanks to a back-up generator: "There was no interruption in patient visits," she said.

For some city residents, the 10hour power outage was a wakeup call to a dark reality. For others, stop signs instead of traffic signals delivered the news.

John Austerberry, spokesman

for DTE Energy, said the outages started after midnight Sept. 29 and left about 22,000 customers without power.

Tree limbs falling on power lines during windy weather was cited as the cause.

The wind caused a lot of What small outages should you have and that can in your home take longer to when the lights repair," go out? Page Austerberry said. "Each

What do oniy repair students do brings back a when school small number of customers." gets cancelled? Wayne Page 3A.

County was the hardest hit by the storm, causing over 12,000

customers to lose power A spokesman for DTE Energy

said the majority of the city was

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER WORTHWILLE RECORD

A sugar maple tree lies on the Wieland family's W. Duniap Street home last Thursday following early morning high winds and storms.



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# Historic cider mill stirs another season

#### Family-owned business presses into October action

#### **By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER**

Lynda Fulton can't get enough apple cider and homemade doughnuts.

Fulton and her husband, Norman, have been sipping cider from Northville's Parmenter's Cider Mill for more than 20 years.

"There's nothing better," Fulton said, a Canton resident. "We love coming during the week when the lines aren't long, but I also come on the weekends for the crafts."

Parmenter's welcomes thousands of cider lovers each season, begining Labor Day and ending the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

In their 15th season as mill owners, sisters Cheryl Nelson and Diane Jones and their husbands, Rob Nelson and Mel Jones, love the hard work and excitement of owning a cider mill.

"We came to Parmenter's when we were kids," said Cheryl Nelson, 57, of Northville. "Our family was friends with the previous owner, Vern Bodker."

Bodker sold the cider mill, including the 5-acre parcel where it sits, to the couples in 1991. Nelson said they wouldn't have it any other way.

In 2003, Nelson and Jones had plans of relocating their 5-acre mill to Greenmead Historical Park in Livonia, but she said that idea quickly faded.

"Staying is the right thing to do," she said. "And we plan on staying right where we are. We love it here.'

#### Parmenter's

Hours: Sept. 3-October, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. daily. Starting in November, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. daily Location: 714 Baseline Road Web site: www.northvillecider.com

Contact: (248) 349-3181 What: Blended cider, doughnuts, apple pie, fudge, cinnamonroasted almonds, maple syrup, jams, caramel apples and a winery. On weekends, craft show, hot dogs and kielbasa. Apple varieties include McIntosh, Red Delicious, Gala, Ida Red, Empire, Jonamac

#### Historical landmark

and Jonathan.

Parmenter's Cider Mill, opened by Benijah A. Parmenter, began as a vinegar business in 1873 and is the second oldest operating business in the city of Northville.

"Staying is the right thing to do. And we plan on staying right where we are. We love it here."

> Cheryl Nelson Co-owner, Parmenter's Cider Mill

#### Hard work pays off

Employing 75 people, Nelson said owning and operating a cider mill can be quite expensive. The four of us work seven days a week at 12-

14 hours a day," she said. Nelson said their husbands also have full-time

jobs to compensate for the off season. "We wouldn't be able to survive on the cider mill alone," she said. "This is a weather-driven business, and some days you don't make a lot of

money." She said weekend business is brisk, and the wait for cider and doughnuts is about 20-40 minutes.

#### Mill goodies

Parmenter employees work by a one-doughnutper-day rule, which Nelson calls "quality control." 'We love doughnuts," she said. "We love cider

too. That's why we have to limit ourselves." KC Jones, Nelson's sister, bakes fresh spice and

plain doughnuts daily. "Working at a cider mill is intense and fun," she



said, adding that even after 14 years, she still has n't gotten tired of baking the tasty treats yet.

We keep coming back each season," she said. "I don't think we'll ever get tired of doughnuts." Jones also manages the Fudge Hut, open on weekends.

"We also have carriage rides and crafters on the weekends, and pumpkins for sale closer to Halloween," Nelson said.

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Photos by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Parmenter's Cider Mill co-owner Rob Nelson Sr. places a crate of golden deli-



Purses, Tewelry, bath and body, baby gifts, home decor, candles, birthday gifts, catds,







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Assemble essential supplies, including: • Flashlight • Batteries • Portable radio

At least one gallon of water
 A small supply of food.

Due to the extreme risk of

fire, do not use candles during a

oower outage.

SOURCE: American Red Cross

In case of a blackout

Top Safety Tips:

• Only use a flashlight for emergency lighting. Never use candles!

Turn off electrical equipment you were using when the

Avoid opening the refrigerator and freezer.
Do not run a generator inside

b) Do not run a generator inside a home or garage.
 b) if you use a generator, connect the equipment you want to power directly to the outlets on the generator. Do not connect a generator to a home's electrical system.

Listen to local radio and

television for updated

information.

Meanwhile the city police

Hiller's Market remained open,

But at Joseph's Coney Island,

owner Nick Berishaj, who arrived

at his dark restaurant at 6 a.m.,

said the worst part was waiting. "It's no good," he said. "Of

course it's money lost, but I feel

bad for the employees who have

thanks to a back-up generator.

# Students enjoy unexpected day off

#### Local students turn to shopping and studying

#### **By Victoria Mitchell** RECORD STAFF WRITER

Jessica Buczkowski knew school was canceled last Thursday very early in the morning.

"My mom works at the high school, so she knew at about 5:30 f in the morning," Buczkowski said

It wasn't long before the Meads Mill Middle School eighth grader was on the phone with friends.

The plan: hangout in downtown Northville.

"We thought we would just find out what had power," said Heidi Haller, Meads Mill student.

After buying a treat at Great Harvest Bread Company, the friends were going to head to the cider mill.

"We already did our home-work last night," said Liz Lin, a fellow Meads Mill friend.

The trio was not the only group deciding to spend the first canceled school day of the year downtown.

While township haunts like coffee shops, booksellers and clothing stores were void kids Thursday morning, city attractions were packed.

With the restoration of power at about 10:30 a.m., students enjoyed Parmenter's Cider Mill,

"There was a really big test that I was supposed to have today that got put off to Monday."

#### **Christopher Folas** Senior, Northville High School

Northville District Library, Starbucks Coffee and many shops.

Student Leanne Ellison spent the late afternoon downtown with friends.

'We're just Frappachinos and shopping at Sole Sisters," Ellison said.

Northville High School senior Christopher Folas spent the bonus day off with his friends

There was a really big test that I was supposed to have today that got put off to Monday," he said last week. "It feels really great. It was on a lot of material, so I can study over the weekend."

But his first thought was more

sleep. "I went back to bed for a couple of hours," he said.

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buying

and later did some homework.

Photo by JOHN HEIDER NORTHVILLE RECORD

Northville motorists carefully made their way through downtown intersections last Thursday morning after storms knocked out power.

## Home generators keep residents energized

#### **By Tracy Mishler** RECORD STAFF WRITER

Doug Nied knew the power was out last Thursday, but couldn't tell the difference once his generator was turned on.

Nied, store manager of Hiller's Market in Northville, said he wasn't worried about the store because two generators keep the business running when

the power goes out. "The store ran as usual," Nied saiding Weltholiced power was back on about 1:30 p.m."

Much like Nied, many people have jumped on the generator bandwagon to prepare for bad weather.

"We've been selling generators like crazy," said Doug Pierpoint, employee at Northville's Home Depot store on Haggerty Road.

portable and stationary whole home generators.

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home generators. "It all depends on what you

want to power up when the electricity is out," said Pierpoint. Some people don't need to power up their entire home, but others are sick of constant power outages and don't want to be bothered.

Home generators are wired directly into a home, and must be hooked up by an electrician. Typically, they are run by nat-

ural gas or propane. Portable generators are tun by gasolind. Q "When choosing a generator,

people need to consider the wattage in which they are trying to power," Pierpoint said.

Portable generators last about five-six hours. Pierpoint said a 15,000-watt whole home generator will power a 12-circuit home all day.

Prices vary from \$399-\$1,150 Home Depot carries several for portable generators, and types of generators, including from \$2,000-\$3,000 for whole "Generators are for more of purposes,"

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to wait." At the east end of Main Street, Starbucks was unscathed by the

outage and picked up the slack. "The same thing happened last year," barista Ryan Banar said.

"We didn't lose power at all. It's been busy all day."

#### **Unexpected day off**

Parents of Northville public school children learned of the Thursday blackout when greeted by building officials spreading the message: school is closed.

The district-wide closure canceled classes, one day after the critical student count day when student attendance determines per-pupil state funding. Joe Blake, Northville Public

Schools interim special education director, said the power outage would have deferred the count.

"If the power outage closed school on Wednesday, the count would have just went on the next day," Blake said. "There is a 10day period and a 30-day period where we continue to track students.'









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# Northville firefighters help plan your 'Great Escape'

#### Annual event slated for Oct. 12

#### By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

John Lapenta watched kids draw bedrooms, stairways, windows and doors.

He and fellow City of Northville firefighters visited schools this week talking about planning an escape route in case of fire.

It can be lifesaving knowledge: how to get out and where to go. Lapenta said. The school visits are preparation

for the fire department's annual Great Escape event. At 7 p.m.

#### Sparky the Fire Dog says:

1. Every room should have two ways out.

2. Make sure your home has at least one smoke alarm on every level.

3. Pick a meeting place outside the home where everyone will meet once they have escaped.

4. Practice your family plan at least twice a year.

5. If you are unable to leave the building, seal all doors and vents with lape or towels to prevent smoke from entering the room, open a window at the top and bottom so fresh air can enter (unless smoke is drawn in), call the fire department and let them know you are still in the building, wave a flashlight or colored cloth at the window to show firefighters where you are and be patient.

National Fire Protection Association

Great Escape Drill When: 7 p.m., Wednesday,

Oct. 12 Where: Northville City Fire Department will sound an atarm, signaling families to practice their escape route.

Wednesday, Oct. 12, the city will sound its emergency alarm, signaling participating families to follow their pre-planned route.

Think about the layout of your house, the firefighters encouraged the students. Is there a tree, mailbox or light pole at one corner of your yard that could serve as a gathering spot?

During stops at St. Paul's, Our Lady of Victory, Amerman and Elementary Moraine Elementary schools, the crew distributed graph paper to the students, asking them to diagram two routes and one meeting point.

After the city-wide signal Wednesday, children are invited to bring their drawings to the fire station for review by the 20 firefighters who volunteered for the "Great Escape" event.

Refreshments will follow at the 215 W. Main St. station, said Chief Jim Allen, Great Escape contest winners will be randomly selected from the drawings submitted, earning items donated by local business-

The grand prize will be a cookout lunch at the station. Firefighters pick up the winners at their school and they travel by firetruck to and from the cookout, meet members of the 30-member paid-on-call force and inspect the emergency vehicles.

"Some of them are very creative," Allen said. "They have to establish where their meeting place is, how they will leave their bedroom and get out to a safe meeting area.

"We stress the importance of

"They have to establish where their meeting place is, how they will leave their bedroom and get out to a safe meeting area."

> Jim Allen Northville City Fire Chief

never going back in until all the family is accounted for."

Lapenta said he explains the importance of having a plan B, in case the main door is blocked by smoke or fire.

Fortunately, the number of fires has decreased for every department, in part thanks to inspections and public education programs, Allen said. Northville's emergency calls "Kids are taught at a young age

not to play with candles, not to play with fire," he said.

Lapenta, organizer of the Great Escape program, said the firefighters review an interesting range of drawing ability.

"Some of them you can tell they've had help from Mom and Dad," he said.

That's OK, but the goal is to come up with a plan the family can live by.

During his four years as a Northville firefighter, Lapenta said he has not seen lives saved as a direct result of the Great Escape program.

"Fortunately, we don't have that many fires in Northville," he said. "Usually the families are already outside.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

On the suggestion of Northville firefighter John Lapenta, Amerman Elementary students cover their eyes to imagine what it might be like to be in their homes, in the dark, during a fire. Lapenta visited the school to go over home fire safety tips with the kids and to talk about the importance of establishing and practicing an escape plan.



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## ENGAGEMENTS



#### Hubbert-Ernst

Bob and Diane Hubbert of Northville announce the engagement of their daughter, Danielle Hubbert to Joe Ernst, son of Ray and Pat Ernst of Canton.

The bride-elect is a 1997 graduate of Northville High School and a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan. She is employed as a dental hygienist in Novi.

The groom-elect is a 1993 graduate of Divine Child High School and a 1997 graduate of the University of Michigan. He is employed as an accounting manager in Farmington Hills.

A May 2006 wedding is planned.



#### Marsden-Goodwin

Stephen Marsden and Kristine Frogner of Northville announce the engagement of their son, Matthew Steven Marsden, to Jodi Anne Goodwin, daughter of Thomas and Anne Goodwin of Jackson. Matthew is also the son of Sharon Gardner of Clarkston.

The groom-elect is a 1992 graduate of Country Day High School. He majored in political theory at James Madison College, Michigan State University and graduated in 1996. He has worked for President George Bush as an event coordinator and is currently employed as Chief of Staff for U.S. Congressman Joseph Swartz, 7th District, Michigan.

The bride-elect is a 1992 graduate of Jackson Lumen Christi High School, Jackson. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Michigan State University in 1996 and a master of arts degree in 2005. She is currently employed as an elementary teacher at Orion Oaks Elementary School, Lake Orion.

An October 2005 wedding is planned.

#### BIRTHS



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#### Julia Mackenzie Bugar

Robert and Jennifer Bugar of Plymouth are proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Julia Mackenzie Bugar on July 19, 2005 at Providence Hospital, Southfield. She weighed 8 pounds, 2 ounces. Julia joins big sister, Hadley, 2.

Proud grandparents are Michael and Sherry Bugar and William and Kathleen Clark, all of Northville. Proud great-grandparents are Kathleen Hanlin of Northville and Mary Clark of Tallahasee, Fla.



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#### **POLICE BRIEFS**

#### City

#### **Underage consumption**

Two Northville students were cited for alcohol possession while attending the Sept. 30 high school football game.

According to police reports. both were carrying soda bottles when stopped by Northville police. The 17-year-old was ticketed for possessing alcohol and tobacco and has an Oct. 13 court date. The 16-year-old, who was released to his aunt, will be notified by juvenile authorities about a pending court date.

#### Erratic driving

A 39-year-old Northville woman faces an Oct. 13 court date on drunk driving charges.

According to police reports, the woman was stopped Sept. 27 after driving her Ford Explorer erratically along Seven Mile Road.

Police said the woman failed sobriety tests and registered a .16 blood alcohol level following a breathalyzer test.

She was arrested and jailed at the Northville Township Police Station until she was sober and posted bond.

#### Township

MILITARY

#### **Running from the law**

A 23-year-old Farmington Hills resident was arrested after allegedly stealing two bottles of alcohol from Meijer on Haggerty Road. The suspect was confronted by loss prevention officials, but fled the scene, according to reports. Police stopped the vehicle

Air Force Airman Daniel T.

Massa has graduated from basic

military training at Lackland Air

Force Base, San Antonio, Texas,

ing, the airman studied the Air

Force mission, organization, and

military customs and courtesies.

During the six weeks of train-

heading south on Haggerty Road. The suspect was charged with larceny and retail fraud. She was given an Oct. 13 court date.

#### Stolen fireplace

Police were called to a construction site in Northville Township after a local builder reported a fireplace had been stolen from a home. The builder told police the fireplace was screwed into the framework of the house and the windows and doors were in place, but were left open. There was no damage and the case remains open.

#### Flowers smashed

A 73-year-old homeowner's association president from Blue Heron subdivision called police after a light fixture from his neighbors flower bed had been run over. The man told police his neighbor was doing yard work and noticed the damage. There were no witnesses.

#### **Credit fraud**

Township police and Citibank Identity Theft were contacted after a 42-year-old Northville resident was approached by a collection agency for an outstanding Home Depot balance. The woman told police the mailing address on the account was incorrect. According to reports, the woman never lived at the listed Saginaw address and did not open a credit account with the store.

#### Stolen and sold

Township police were called several ex-Pet Smart after

He performed drill and ceremo-

ny marches, and received physi-

cal training, rifle marksmanship.

field training exercises, and spe-

cial training in human relations.

plete basic training earn credits

toward an associate degree

In addition, airmen who com-

employees were fired for stealing. They were later suspected of selling the merchandise on E-Bay after a tip from other employees. Over 40 items were stolen. The case remains open.

#### Found

missing 22-year-old A Northville man who was last seen Saturday around midnight was found in Nevada suffering diabetic complications. His brother found what was interpreted to be a suicide note, before police traced the man's car and<sub>2</sub>discovered it had been stopped in Indiana for speeding. The man was transported to the Nevada Medical Center and his car was towed. His parents were contacted.

#### Lock your doors

A 50-year-old Northville man called police after several items were stolen from the bed of his Ford Ranger. The man told police he did not look in the bed of the truck between Tuesday and Friday. According to police, the man drove the truck to and from work in Livonia. The man told police he does not always lock his truck. There are no suspects.

#### Credit card found

Meijer loss prevention employees informed a 32-year-old Livonia man that his credit card was involved in fraudulent activity at the Northville store on Haggerty Road. According to police, the man's wallet was stolen from his locker at Gold's Gym in Livonia. The case remains open.

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#### Potluck for Katrina

Residents of Park Place of Northville came together Friday, Sept. 23 to raise money for Hurricane Katrina victims. Residents organized an international polluck offering raffle tickets and door

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## **BOND:** district officials propose \$69.3 million bond

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building a new bus garage and remodeling the district's Main Street administrative building. Rezmierski said the Main Street building was built in 1936 and if the

boiler goes he doesn't think parts will be available.

Board members also agreed to ask voters to subsidize a new athletic field house, despite June polling results indicating 62 percent of respondents expressed a negative reaction to such an idea.

Three hundred people were contacted during the poll paid for by the district and conducted by EPIC MRA.

District officials said next year's ballot may also include a third proposal requesting money to build an eighth elementary school.

The decision will be made later in the year, board treasurer Joan Wadsworth said, and is contingent on final development plans for the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road.

Last week, the 414-acre site was purchased from the State of Michigan by Bloomfield Hills-based Real Estate Interest Group, Inc. for \$31.5 million. In the past, the developer has expressed interest in developing the land as a residential-commercial project.

Plans submitted by Real Estate Interests last spring included 1,100 residential units. The plan also included a 40-acre land donation, including land adjacent to the Michigan State Police post for a possible elementary school.

"The eighth elementary school is still to come as far as a decision," Wadsworth said.

Also in flux: project cost increases caused by recent Gulf Coast hurricanes.

If the February proposal passes, taxpayers will have approved nearly \$196 million worth of school bonds during the past seven years.

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#### 'And then …'

Former Northville High School drama instructor Kurt Kinde tells a rapt audience of Ridge Wood students the tale of Paul Bunyan during recent Victorian Festival activities. Kinde spun his tall tales at the Northville District Public Library.



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# Athletes will face scheduling changes |LABOR: new bill

#### Late school start may mean more vacation. less preseason practice

#### **By Victoria Mitchell** RECORD STAFF WRITER

Thinking about another week of summer vacation makes parent Diane Smith smile. For years, the Smith family's schedule has

included an early August start for Northville High School football camp. But a decision last week, by Gov. Jennifer

Granholm mandating Michigan schools begin the year after Labor Day has put more summer into the athletic family's schedule.

The reason: The Michigan High School Athletic Association mandates official football practice may not begin until about twoand-a-half weeks before the start of school

"" "I'm excited about it," Smith said. "It will probably extend our vacation."

Football camp began this year Aug. 8 with

"You can't take a family vacation." Smith said. "It really isn't an option. So if we don't start until after Labor Day then that is great. "I think that most parents with children in

fall sports will welcome the change." Football parent Kelly Williams agrees. She is used to planning her summer schedule around camp,

"We work around our son's athletic and academic schedules," she said.

Williams said the family is normally in town during August anyway, so the change will not have a huge impact.

Thinking ahead, Smith anticipates the post Labor Day school start will push the football game schedule later into the year.

Playoffs could be pushed into December. "We could be finishing in snow flakes," she said.

"I think that most parents with children in fall sports will welcome the change."

> Diane Smith Football Parent, Northville High School

No decision has been made by school officials regarding academic or athletic schedules.

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tourist hotel industry in northern Michigan, come on," said State John Stewart (R-Rep. Plymouth). "My focus is what is in the best interest of the individual student."

Stewart said each district should set its own calendar.

"This year we wouldn't have been able to start until the 6th of September," Stewart said. "Just look at the calendar for this year. and that is the best case."

#### A new start

But parents don't agree. In a Northville Public Schools survey conducted in June by EPIC MRA, 55 percent of the 300 respondents, including Northville parents, said school should start after Labor Day.

The district's first day of school is Aug. 25.

Out of those who wanted the change, 96 percent said they didn't care if it meant extending the school year or eliminating vacation days. More than half voted to elimi-

nate days off from February or winter breaks.

Northville Public Schools superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said there has been no talk of how the late start will effect the 2006-07 school year. "Obviously this year's calen-

dar has been negotiated and in place," he said. "Contract negotiations for next year will include the post Labor Day start.'

President of the Northville Education Association, Ann Cook, said bargaining for a new teacher contract, which includes school calendars, will begin this year and is expected to be completed by the end of the school

"I think it is a good idea because families can stay on vacation."

> Jacci Gale Student, Meads Mill Middle, School

Cook said the Northville association is against removing local control.

#### Labor Pains

Rezmierski supports those against taking control away from local school districts.

The superintendent said he is also concerned with future Michigan Educational Assessment Program exam performance.

He does not feel, based on research, students will have adequate time to prepare for October MEAPs if they enter school after Labor Day.

This is the first year students are taking the MEAP in October. A state change moved the exam from late January and early February.

"So if our students dan't do well, if the MEAP window testing date isn't changed, then it is possible a lot of districts' performances will not be as good as they were before," Rezmierski said.

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Michigan schools will begin classes after Labor Day.





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# Earning merit: off the cuff

#### National Merit students don't sweat standing

#### By Victoria Mitchell RECORD STAFF WRITER

There was no sweat rolling off Scott Bowdich's forehead as he took a very important test last уеаг.

But the Northville High School senior's 2004 preliminary SAT score doesn't reflect his nonchalant attitude.

Bowdich, along with 10 of his classmates, scored among the best in the nation, qualifying them as semifinalists in the 2006 National Merit Scholarship Program.

The payoff for becoming a finalist can be substantial.

The not-for-profit organization rewards Merit Scholarship finalists with nearly \$33 million in scholarship money.

Northville High School principal Dennis Colligan said 11 national merit semifinalists. combined with 11 national commended students, is an excellent showing.

"The total is the highest I've ever seen, and I've been here a long time," Colligan said.

#### National what?

"I didn't even know what the national merit thing was," said senior Lauren Moak. "I just went in cold. I didn't even know when it was. My mom just said, 'Go take the test."

The Northville High School National Merit semifinalist said she took the PSAT when she was a junior to practice for the SAT. without realizing the test was also a ment program qualifier.

Moak isn't the only semifinalist in the dark about what the test



#### was for.

"I actually had no idea about the national merit thing," said semifinalist Ryan Pratt. "I was just taking it for practice." Pratt said he was surprised

when the announcement was made. "I didn't think I did that well,

but I was very happy because that means a lot of potential scholarships for me," he said. Senior Christopher Folas is

another semifinalist who just happened upon the qualifying exam.

"You just kind of take it because you are supposed to," he said.

#### The process

Becoming a semifinalist required taking the PSAT, Moak said. Students who scored in the top 1 percent nationally received the designation. Then we have to apply to

become finalists, which is where you get the scholarship money," Moak said.

According to National Merit Program guidelines, to become a finalist students must submit SAT scores, high school records, letters of recommendation and submit an application along with written essay.

The essay topic: write about yourself.

"It was kind of hard because it is hard to describe yourself," Moak said. "I mean I know who I am, but I can't really say who I am, but once I got going it wasn't so bad."

According to National Merit Program statistics, 35,277 students attending 724 schools across the nation took the exam. National Merit commended students received test scores falling in the top 5 percent in the nation.



#### The waiting game

Moak said she won't find out if she is a finalist until February. But that's fine, because right now she is more focused on filling out college applications.

She is applying to Davidson College, Wake Forest University. Hope College and maybe Michigan State University.

"Grades are fairly important," Moak said. "My family places a lot of emphasis on them, and I really strive to get good grades, but they are not everything."

Folas isn't eligible to become a National Merit Program finalist because he didn't take the February SAT.

But he will continue focusing on good grades.

Good grades are important, but I've learned it is kind of more actually about if I really enjoy about what I'm learning," he said.

All students will be honored at a celebratory breakfast in February.

"It is a group of kids to me that has excelled, set themselves aside," Colligan said, "Not that we don't have an intelligent student body, but these kids have just upped it up a notch."

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National Merit Scholarship Semifinalist and commended students from Northville High School for the 2006 competition include: Semifinalists Christina Black, Scott Bowdich, Michael Chang, Christopher Folas, Jacob Hoernschemeyer, Grace Huang, Lauren Moak, Ryan Pratt, Surya Sabhapathy, and Christoph Vandervoort. Commended students: Virginia Calkins, Roger Chen, Michael Cullen, Matthew Gray, Marie Greenman, Alex Jiao, Erin Kennedy, Mark Morrow, Melissa Narus, Nikhil Vadhavkar, and Ronak Vashi. Not pictured is Daphna Raz.

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Future leaders! Aris Zervos (left) and Viktoras Puskorius joined 200 middle school students throughout the United States at the Junior National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, D.C. in August. The Hillside Middle School eighthgrade students participataimed at inspiring them to recognize their own leadership skills while developing confidence in their abilities to exercise positive influence within the community. Both students were nominated by Hillside Middle School seventh-grade teacher Allisa Lowman.



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#### **Mothers' Club**

The Mothers' Club of Northville is proud to announce it's new executive board members. Officers for the 2005-06 year are: president. Joan Wadsworth; vice president, Mary Ellen Darish; recording secretary, Marnie Mertz; corresponding secretary, Sue Baldwin; and treasurer, Debbie Grant-Kelterborn. Mothers' Club donated more than \$51,000 to Northville schools.

#### **Baby Books**

The Early Childhood Center has something special for families of newborn children to welcome them into the learning community of Northville Public Schools. Contact the ECC Office at (248) 344-8464.

#### **Rummage Sale**

St. Paul's Lutheran School in downtown Northville will hold its annual rummage sale 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 and 9 a.m.noon Saturday, Oct. 8. in the school gym. 201 Elm. Proceeds from the sale will go toward upgrading the school computer lab.

#### **Blood drive**

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Northville High School and the Northville Rotary Club will host a blood drive 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Friday, Oct. 28. The drive will be held at the high school, 45700 Six Mile Road and benefit victims of Katrina.



#### **Raising funds**

The Northville Education Foundation is accepting donations to the organization supporting Northville public education. As a new-year enticement, the first 50 donors contributing \$250 or more will become founding members of the Mustang Corral Club, receiving a reserved parking spot behind Cooke School for all 2005 Northville home football games. Donors will also receive family passes to attend all regular games for the 2005-06 season with the exception of hockey.

#### 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.

#### Author

Northville Youth Assistance and the Northville Council of PTAs are sponsoring a presentation by Dr. Robert Brooks, 7-8:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 17 at the Northville High School auditorium, 45700 Six Mile Road. Brooks is the author of several books, including "Raising Resilient Children."



#### Mothers help

President of the Northville Mothers' Club Joan Wadsworth presents each new teacher with a \$50 check to assist them with setting up their classrooms. The presentation was made during new teacher orientation in August.

#### Presentation

M-CARE, in partnership with Northville High School and Northville Youth Assistance, is hosting a free presentation: Talking to Your Children About Drugs, 7-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 20 at Northville High School, 45700 Six Mile Road. Maher Karem-Hage, MD, Clinical Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Michigan Medical

School Medical Director, Chelsea Arbor Addiction Treatment Center (CAATC) will be the presenter. The presentation is for adults only and is open to the general public. Contact Northville High School Student Assistance coordinator Carolyn Miranda, (248) 344-8420 or Northville Youth Assistance Director Sue Campbell, (248) 344-1618.

#### Community Grant

Northville Public Schools received a \$4,555 grant from the Community Foundation for Southeastern Michigan for a standing and weight-bearing program for physically impaired students at Old Village School. Standing and weight-bearing encourages bone formation, helps to strengthen and stretch muscles and improves gastrointestinal, respiratory and circulatory systems.



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# Kids learn value of putting best foot forward

Northville children set the table for a lifetime of good manners

#### By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Pat League said Northville High School's self-serve soup area gets slopped up.

But overall local teenagers have pretty good manners, said the high school food service coordinator. In her nine years overseeing breakfast and linch lines, League said she has been impressed by student behavior.

"As bubbly and loud and excit-ed as it gets in here, these are some of the nicest kids," she said. "They really are respectful."

But Lily Lenbree's impression is much different. She said younger generations are losing the art of civility.

The Petite Maison owner cringed remembering the young girls who wo'e flip flops when they recently net President Bush.

#### Starting young

Lembree wants to help lay a foundation of good manners. Beginning Od. 15, her store will offer etiquette lessons to local youngsters.

The two-hour sessions will cost \$45, including a certificate upon completion. After Oct. 15, classes will codinue subsequent Saturdays. The limit is eight chil-dren, ages 6-1, per week.

Christian Hoppens, among a handful of children attending a sample session of the etiquette course, picked up a few mature mannerisms said his mom Germaine Hoppens.

The Hillide Middle School seventh grader's lessons included: setting a table, shaking hands with confidence and leaving a precise phone meisage. Cutting cake, then sampling pastries was the best part, he said.

Christian brought the lessons home with him, his mom said.

"He was correcting his dad on something the other night. It was

funny," she said, "MayBe" we're throwing' too



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Christian Hoppens, an etiquette class graduate, has learned to open doors for women and make eye contact while shaking hands with adults.

much at them all the time. Sometimes when they hear it from someone else, it seems to register better."

#### The golden rule

Melinda West, etiquette instructor for many years at the now-defunct Jacobsons stores in Dearborn and Laurel Park, said the underlying theme in table, telephone and party manners is treating others the way you would like to be treated.

These are principles they will use at the dinner table, on the playground, in college, wherever they go," she said.

As Petite Maison's instructor, West said she will encourage role playing: how to graciously accept a gift even when you don't like it; how to properly introduce friends, and how to behave in a theater. Participants also learn how to

set a table, practice ordering in a restaurant and receive phone calls "That's the fun part with the

kids," she said. "It can't be boring, I have to make them think. "It's education. They're not

going to learn it at home, the schools aren't going to teach them and they're not going to learn it on a sports field."

#### First impression

Lembree said she is trying to fill a void with her etiquette education.



During her previous corporate career, she said she met college graduates with looks, brains and a great resume But no manners.

#### Etiquette classes Who: Children ages 6-11

Where: Petite Maison, 103 E. Main St.

When: Saturdays, starting Oct. 15

Cost: \$45 For information: (248) 348-9710

#### ■ Minding your manners

Among Petite Maison etiquette instructor Melinda West's rules of proper behavior.

1) No ice chewing, ever. 2) Elbows never belong on the table.

3) Never blow bubbles with a straw.

4) Always pass salt and pepper shakers together,

never separately.

5) Once a napkin is placed on the lap, it stays on the lap or the chair, returning to the table only at the end of the meal.

"I think it's obvious to everybody it's really lacking," she said. "First impressions are so important.

"I think you feel good about yourself when you're acting properly. That affects every part of your life."

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# State closes \$31.5m deal for former hospital property

#### Appeals court overturns developer's restraining order, opens door to another era

#### **By Tracy Mishler RECORD STAFF WRITER**

Chip Snider is ready to start the show on Seven Mile Road.

Now that the state has sold the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property. the township manager said planning for the 414acre site blessed with an attractive Zip code and riddled by contamination cleanup issues can commence.

Last Thursday, the Michigan Court of Appeals allowed the state to sell the site for \$31.5 million to Real Estate Interest Group, Inc. by overturning a ruling from circuit court judge James Giddings in Ingham County.

Snider expects to hear from Bloomfield Hillsbased developer within the next few weeks.

"Now we can get those buildings down and focus on beautifying the township," Snider said.

The sale was temporarily put on hold due to complaints from Farmington Hills-based Grand Sakwa Properties, claiming the sale to Real Estate Interest Group, Inc. violated the state constitution.

"The restraining order was actually overturned earlier in the month," said Bridget Medina, spokeswoman for the state Treasury Department. "But Grand Sakwa raised issues on not being able to attend the hearing, so a second was held."

Medina said the state can apply sale proceeds to the 2005 fiscal year, which ended Sept. 30.

#### Bidder ending

Before the ruling, three other developers joined Grand Sakwa's complaint, contending they were unable to bid lower than the \$33 million minimum

bid. "We would have bid had we been aware of how the sale was going to take place," said Jaime Rae Turnbull, sales and marketing director for Auburn Hills-based Victor International.

"We have developed the majority of the surrounding areas in Northville, and we had requested that the bid process begin all over again," she said.

Victor International with Bingham Farms-based S.R. Jacobson Development and Diversified Property Group were all interested in the property.

"(The former hospital) is a very important and historic parcel of land, and it should have been a fair and open process," she said. "We were told the state would not accept a lower bid."

Victor International helped develop the 1-275 corridor and Northville's Home Depot on Haggerty Road.

Medina said the state handled the bid process fairly and did not violate the state constitution.

"All the interested parties attended the how-to bid seminar," Medina said. "All the questions and answers were presented to them

"The session made it clear that there were terms and conditions that the state could modify. It never stated you couldn't bid lower than the minimum."

State Rep. John Stewart (R-Plymouth) was dismayed by the battle waged by competing developers.

Stewart said he would not give the green light to township supervisor Mark Abbo and Snider until the check cleared from Real Estate Interest Group. "It's time to go onward and forward with the

#### "Now we can get those buildings down and focus on beautifying the township."

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Chip Snider Manager, Northville Township

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zoning and development," he said. "We really need to get rid of this attractive nuisance.

Medina said the sale of the former hospital makes 12 property sales by the state in 12 months. The State Administrative Board approved the

sale, and Real Estate Interest Group, Inc. will close on the property and pay \$25 million to the state. The remaining \$6.5 million will be paid on a land contract over the next four years.

"We're just happy we could finally close on this property," Medina said. "Now we can all move

Tracy Mishler can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 107, or at tmishler@gannett.com

#### Photo by JOHN HEIDER NORTHYLLE RECORD

The State of Michigan closed a \$31.5 million deal with Bloomfield Hills-based developer Real Estate Interests Group, Inc. for the sale of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property on the southwest corner of Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.



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#### **TOWNSHIP BRIEFS**

#### Bank soon to open

Citizens Bank announced the construction of a township branch on Haggerty Road is nearing completion and is expected to open in November.

The branch will include traditional lobby services, plus a Web-based self-service banking area, a drive-up ATM with a night depository and two additional drive-up lanes.

#### Lost in a maze of com

Northville Community Foundation is offering a 12-acre corn maze at Maybury Farm, 5-9 p.m. Fridays and 1-9 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays through Oct. 30. Adult tickets are \$8 and \$4 for children. Children 3 and younger enter free. For an annual membership to the farm or information, call (248) 374-0200.

#### **Change of address**

The Northville Civic Concern office remains in the Highland Lakes Plaza at 42951 Seven Mile Road. The social service mailing address had changed: P.O. Box 323, Northville, MI 48167.

#### Fall cleaning

The Northville Senior Community Center is asking for donations of purses and accessories for its senior citizens program.

The donated items are due by Dec. 6 for an all-day sale. Wallets, belts and scarves are also being accepted. For more information, call (248) 349-4140.

To contribute an item for consideration in this column, e-mail tmishler@gannett com.

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Chapter 170

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at the Northville Township Municipal Building at 44405 Six Mae Road, Northville, MI 48168. The Ptanning Commission will consider changes to the 7 Mile Road PUD Zoning.

The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their comments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. A complete copy of the proposed changes will be available seven days prior to the public hearing at the Northville Township Municipal Building Township office regular business hours are, 8:00 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday

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## Michigan Press Association results: Record makes its mark

The Nonhville Record features the best sports section, spot news reporting and enterprise reporting in its circulation class, according to results of the Michigan Press Association's 2005 Better Newspaper Contest results.

The Record twon first-place prizes in all three categories, plus a second place prize for editorial writing and third-place prizes for general excellence, news story and enterprise reporting.

The/ weekly newspaper. owned by Gannett, was also awarded an honorable mention for news picture.

'This was a total team effort," Record editor David Aguilar said. YOur entire staff deserves praise for committing themselves to excellence, day-in and day-óut.

"As an editor, I could not be more proud of the hard work our staff puts in each week, much of which goes unseen by those who pick up our newspaper, expecting excellence --- and getting it."

Only two newspapers were judged to have better overall

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Record. features than the according to contest results. The South Lyon Herald, also a Gannett newspaper, finished second in the general excellence category.

The Record earned five significant writing awards.

Record staff writer Maureen Johnston led the charge, earning three awards, including a firstplace spot news honor for a comprehensive team report following a downtown Northville jewelry store robbery.

Johnston also earned awards for her news and enterprise reporting. "Tracking

Big Foot" explained the growing trend of residents turning small city homes into large, upscale minimansions. "Town or City" was a news series exploring downtown Northville's many development options.

"Maureen has Northville in her heart," Aguilar said. "No one is more willing to dig deeper for a story and find exactly the right angle that helps readers better understand complex issues.

"It's fitting the judges recognized her determined effort." Sports writer Sam Eggleston's compiled work was recognized as offering the best sports coverage within the Record's circulation class. He also earned a firstplace sports writing award for the Novi News.

"Sam is relentless," Aguilar said. "Every week he looks for some way to make the sports section more appealing to readers and to add a voice we've not yet heard."

Victoria Mitchell was also recognized for an enterprise reporting story based on local special needs families.

"Victoria took the series to heart and it's fitting she was recognized for her dedicated effort on a very demanding project," Aguilar said.

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#### Record Awards

**General Excellence: Third Place** Northville Record "Excellent coverage of the area ..."

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**Broken Dreams** By Maureen Johnston and Kim Kovelle

The reporters were all over this heist. They should consider themselves suspect in the crime."

News Story: Third Place Tracking Big Foot

By Maureen Johnston

Great presentation, graphics, etc. A story that's hard to tackle, but it was well done by from all sides.

**Enterprise Reporting: First Place** A Village of Hope, 'Life Can Change in an Instant'

By Victoria Mitchell and David Aguilar

This series is a terrific example of narrative writing. And narrative writing requires exhaustive reporting. The series was moving and informative, the writing was eloquent but muscular. First-rate journalism.

#### **Enterprise Reporting: Third Place** Town or City

By Maureen Johnston The reporter took a potentially dry topic and brought it to life with deft writing and shoe-leather reporting. The series was an excellent example of enterprise and explanatory journalism.

#### **Editorial Writing: Second Place** Northville Record

Informative and provocative ... concern for the community comes through. Also, the desire to evoke response from the reader.

**News Picture: Honorable Mention** Branch Falls on Van By David Aguilar Great angle gives the photo visual impact.

#### **Sports Coverage: First Place** Northville Record

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# **OPINION**

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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.

## One \$17.1m field house to go, please

The Northville Public School District will ask voters to approve a \$69.3 million bond request Feb. 28.

If passed, the request would bring to nearly \$196 million the amount Northville taxpayers will have approved during the past seven years. That's a lot of

public money, even for a community regarded by some as deep-pocketed.

But the district's proposal, at least at this point, poses several significant concerns. The most significant is a proposed \$17.1 million athletic field house comprising nearly one-quarter of the overall request.

Constructing a state-of-the-art sports facility is a noble undertaking, and maybe even practical on some primal level.

But we find curious the district's willingness to look past a survey it commissioned earlier this year. Results of the EPIC MRA poll indicated 62 percent of respondents had a "negative" response when asked about constructing an athletic field house.

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So what does the district do? It bundles the field house with a proposed new bus garage, an administrative building renovation and district-wide technology upgrades.

#### What do you think?

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don't think bundling the field house with other bond requests is mere serendipity. We believe the field house request should stand alone as its own ballot proposal, allowing residents decide for themselves if they deem such an

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"Negative" results from the district's own survey compel such a strategy.

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Regardless, the district faces tough questions about the field house proposal: Why is it necessary now? Will voters pay twice for the field house, once to pay for construction bonds and yet again for future "membership opportunities?" What will it cost to operate? Why is the district so willing to disregard its own survey results? What other survey results are they willing to disregard? Why do a survey at all? Be assured, there's more a stake here than a field house. City and township taxpayers will also face tough November 2006 ballot questions regarding ongoing millages. Likely, the economy and public perception will determine their fate

By then, however, school dis-**GUEST COLUMN: BILL SLIGER** trict officials will have come and gone from the voting booth, and a \$17.1 million field house will be conveniently detached from possible reasons voters a year from now may finally say: "No, I just can't pay any more property taxes. Sorry." Is all this about a field house?

## Family unity is key homeschool lesson

Leah and Meryl Waldo mixed cookic dough and bad movies with their Victorian dresses. For nearly a year,

the Northville sisters, 17 and 16, and their Manchester pal Abby Dupree labored over the outfits they wore at the recent festival. The dresses are now tucked away but the lessons they

learned along the way are woven into their character. From 16-year-old Abby's sketches, the trio fashioned their individual dress styles, created patterns and sewed them, from boned corset to laced bustle to lined jacket. Though Dupree is the aspiring theatrical costume

designer, all the girls took their turn with needle and thread. At one point, Leah, Meryl and Abby sewed at machines simultaneously. Ba-ba-ba, ba-ba-ba, ba-

ba-ba. They laughed at the racket. "I was thinking how long it took tailors to make one dress," Leah said. "It's taking us a long time to do it by machine."

No question it was fun getting together to sew. In their jeans and T-shirts, they invested hundreds of hours (and dollars) in the layers of their 19th Century counterparts' fashions.

"For sure, the process is as enjoyable as the end product," Meryl said.

Family and friends applauded as the girls paraded past their West Dunlap home. But the three agreed, the string of experiences leading to the festival deadline was the real reward.

Appreciative of the effort it took to see the project from start to finish, Waldo and Dupree parents are awarding the three teens class credit. They are all homeschooled.

This type of project epitomizes the qualities children need to acquire, Carol said. She and husband Martin chose home schooling over the public system for all eight of their children.

Tailoring the purple, brown and burgundy dresses required the girls work together," research, meticulously plan and comparison price shop. Carol said they mentally took their drawings apart and put them back together again.



Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

They duplicated vintage methods of fastening with metal loops and studs. lacing through grommets and lined corsets with whale boning ordered via Internet from Canada. "I stand here

amazed," Carol said. She delivered lemonade to the teens who turned the basement workout area into their sewing room. She also supervised fabric purchases and watched their progress.

Carol, in her 11th year of home schooling, said three themes run through her program: academics, character and family unity. "It gives us a chance to pour all

we can into our kids." It wasn't strictly sewing each



Meryl Waldo, 16, displays her Victorian-era styled jacket.

time Leah, Meryl and Abby gathered in Northville or Manchester. They fit in some Monty Python and chocolate chips along the way

And as the parade day approached, classroom time stretched into the wee morning hours.

Once committed to the project, the girls tried to keep pace with each other, corset first, then petticoat and so on. When Leah missed a week's progress during a Virginia visit, her younger sister surprised her by completing her bustle while she was gone.



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Seamstress Abby Dupree, 16, right, works on the Victorian-era dress she made with her friend Leah Waldo, 17. The dress, modeled after fashion in 1878, was worn by Waldo in the Victorian Festival Parade.

about.

'Our goal is for them to surpass us in many things," the mom said. They can apply what they learned here in other facets of their lives."

For now, the multi-layered garments are put aside until next year's Victorian Festival.

"Maybe we'll wear them just to wear them," Leah said. "If we feel the need."

Or see the opportunity for some extra credit.

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That's what Carol's talking

Say no to one; say no to them all. How politically expedient. It's also dismissive,

Already, the bond election is scheduled at a time of year when senior citizens, generally considered the least likely to supwill find it most difficult to make it to the polls.

That's unfortunate, though

port school district proposals, No. Mostly it's about what should go on there.

level playing field.

#### **CITY OF NORTHVILLE**

#### Seniors stay young at heart

Congratulations to Northville area seniors who participated in the first-ever 2005 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics. Local participants brought home 75 gold, silver and bronze medals in competitions including baking, pinochle, golf and vollevball. Participants said team camaraderie and good-natured competition was the best reward. As one observer stated, they gave a new definition to the term "senior." It's a healthy lifestyle and attitude worth modeling. Way to go, team!

#### NORTHVILLE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### 'Count' numbers increase

The unofficial Wednesday, Sept. 28 Northville Public Schools student count day total is 6,995 students. The total is up 264 from the district's February 2005 Count Day total and 571 students from last year's September count day. The largest increase comes from the high school with 148 new students, followed by the elementary level with 107 additional children. The totals are unofficial, until audited by the State of Michigan.

#### NORTHVILLE ATHLETICS

#### Battling 'Baseline' behavior

It's almost time for the annual Baseline Jug football game between cross-town rivals Novi and Northville.

We'd like to remind fans that though the intensity and emotions may run high on the gridiron, the stands are a place to enjoy a football game. Be kind to your fellow spectators and refrain from being rude, obnoxious and embarrassing. You represent your school and your communities at and event like this. Make them proud.

It's about playing fairly, on a

Alvin L. Wistert "never met a stranger."

And he was a certified "All-American" in many ways. Alvin Wistert died Monday at University of Michigan Hospital. He was 89. He was best known as a two-time All-American at the University of Michigan. Along with his brothers, Francis (Whitey) and Albert, he formed a legendary trio at the university. He served as team captain and played on the winning Michigan team in the 1948 Rose Bowl.

Alvin was named to the National Football Foundation Hall of Fame. All three brothers played tackle and wore the No. 11, which has been retired.

Wistert didn't enter the University of Michigan until he was 31 years old. The delay was in part due to four years of service in the U.S. Marines during World War II.

Alvin also served his community. He became a volunteer probation officer for the city of Northville. As a youth growing up in Chicago and the son of a police officer, he knew something about youngsters in trouble with the law.

reacted to the words of the six-foot-five, 225 pound gentle giant. He was later named chief robation officer.

His devotion to community was only sur-assed by his love of family. He was adored by his wife, children and grandchildren. His legacy will live on through them.

Alvin and Nancy Scott met at U-M and were married 57 years ago. In addition to his wife he is survived by two daughters, Beverly Steven) Vandegrift of Austin, Texas, and their three children, Jenna, Carly and Mara; and daughter, Kristen Neeser and son, Jason of South Lake Tahoe, California, cousins Betsy and Susan Hushen; and Alvin's brother, Albert of Grants Pass, Oregon and his daughter, Kathy Jo.

Memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Northrop Sassaman Funeral Home in Northville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests mémorial contributions be made to the U-M Athletic Department Scholarship Fund, or the Salvation Army.

Bill Sliger is a longtime Northville resident And the young people under his guidance and a former owner of the Northville Record.



Alvin L. Wistert.

#### Historical Society offers thanks

On behalf of the Northville Historical Society, I would like to thank all those who attended our October 2nd Cemetery Walk at the historic Oakwood Cemetery. Everyone I talked to greatly enjoyed both the walk and our reception at the beautiful Northville Senior Center.

Our reenactors again put on a wonderful show. Thanks to Tom Swigart (Sexton), Martha Nield and Alex Draybuch (Martha Lapham and Mary E. Lapham), Eleson (Harriet Debbie Kellogg). John Bullington

(Benjamin Johnson), George Fomin and Melissa Cooper (Thomas and Jane Filkins), Al and Tammy Smitley (William J. and Rose Little), Shirley Halas and Patti Mitchell (Lydia and Caroline Pennell), Kurt Kinde (Michael Hughston), Tracy Sincock (Hannah Gardner), Russell Dore (Frank A. Lewis), and Chuck Burke (Elias Perrigo). On the day of the walk we lost one of our actors to an injured back. Special thanks go to Kurt Kinde, Northville High School drama teacher, who stepped in at zero hour and did an incredible job. All of our reenactors got rave reviews from the crowd.

Our guides also deserve recognition: Shelly Hill-Sussex, Wendy Gutowski, Kathi and

Larry Parks, Barbara Wilson, Heidi Neilsen, Stacie Ford, Peggy McMichael, Gail Peggy Smalley. Arline Catrett, Joanne Bernard, and Bill Basse.

Helping with reception and display were Mary Harris, Jan Roberson, and Marietta Rathbun, under the direction of Sue Seelye Judy Davis manned the book sale table. At the end of the night everyone transformed into the cleanup crew, helping us get on the road in record time. We greatly appreciated Linda and Bruce McKenzie's offer to sell tickets for us at their Knightsbridge Antique Mall. Thanks also to our Latter Day Saints volunteers at Mill Race for preparing 300 luminaria. Thanks to Barbara Davies for chairing the event this year and

for attending to the countless details involved.

Last but not least, we would like to thank Sonia Swigart, whose spirit drives us to always try to better ourselves each year.

No matter in what way people supported the walk, behind the scenes, on the front lines, or as paying customers, the Society thanks you for helping keep history alive in Northville. We are already making plans for next year. If anyone is interested in helping with research or would like to be a guide or actor, please contact the Historical Society at Mill Race, (248) 348-1845, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

> Sandy Basse Archivist, Northville Historical Society

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news for people who took



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## **Extending legislative term** limits is worth considering

Chamber of Commerce came forward with a reasonable, sensible, and constructive proposal which astonished me. Over the years, I've learned not to take anything proposed by the Michigan Chamber of Commerce too seriously.

When it hasn't been acting as a transparent shill right-wing for Republicans, the Chamber t00 often has been a willing lackey for libertarian the ideologues at the Mackinac Center.

But now, they've come up with a sensible idea: Extend term limits for our state legislature. Phil Power

The idea, according to Jim

Barrett, the chamber president, would be to mount a petition drive to amend the state constitution. The amendment would allow legislators to serve a maximum of 14 years in the legislature, though they could serve them in the House, the Senate or a combination of both.

The proposal would also require disclosure of lawmakers' financial holdings (Michigan is one of only three states not to have such a requirement), impose a ban on lobbying for two years after a legislator leaves office, and dock our highly-paid lawmakers' pay for each day they have an unexcused absence.

Here's the way it works now: Under'a constitutional amendment the voters adopted in 1992, state representatives can serve a maximum of six years in that body; state senators, eight. Then they are barred from future legislative service - for life.

Anybody who has experienced the chaos in Lansing in recent years knows that term limits are one of the major causes.

This is why: It takes a new legislator a couple of years just to learn where the men's (or women's) rooms are. Another two years is occupied with positioning

Last month, the Michigan for legislative leadership (the cur-hamber of Commerce came for-rent Speaker of the House, Craig DeRoche, is in his fifth year in the legislature). The final two years are typically devoted to figuring out how to run for some other office or lining up a job as a lobbyist.

The net result is that nobody knows anything. 174 Nobody except lobbyists the remembers anything. And no

complex or farreaching policy matter is ever given thoughtful consideration.

I was not surprised to see the Chamber's proposal immediately attacked by Democratic Party Chair Mark

Brewer as "nothing more than a Republican incumbent plan." Criticizing Chamber initiatives is by now a reflex action among Democrats.

He figures Democrats have a chance in 2008 of taking control of the House because several GOP incumbents in competitive districts would not be able to run again under present term limits.

Extended limits might allow them to run for several more terms and lock in continued Republican dominance.

Bob LaBrant, the chief political operative at the Chamber, disagrees, of course. But his disagreement isn't pure reflex, cither. According to Gongwer News Service, LaBrant says if Brewer wants a later effective date for extended limits, the Chamber would consider it. "If I could get Mark Brewer to endorse this particular proposal, we'd be happy to work out any starting date he wanted." If LaBrant means what he says, it's a big step forward toward real bipartisanship on something vitally important to our state.

Moreover, the Michigan Education Association helped underwrite the polling and focus groups used by the Chamber in developing the proposal. Usually a big Democratic ally, the MEA has for years opposed the current term limits, but says it has too many other priorities in 2006 to jump on board just now

But Al Short, the MEA's chief lobbyist, said the teachers' union is prepared to take a hard look in 2008, according to Gongwer. Well, well. The Michigan

Chamber of Commerce is the biggest kid on the block in Michigan politics. But the MEA isn't far behind. Any time these two powerhouse organizations get together to propose something, ears prick up all over Lansing.

They certainly pricked up at a national outfit called U. S. Term Limits and their Michigan affiliate, Don't Touch Term Limits. Patrick Anderson, the president of the Anderson Consulting Group in Lansing, and an author of the original term-limit amendment, told Gongwer he was "pretty mad about the whole deal.'

If the Chamber is serious about initiating a truly bipartisan discussion about how best to undo the damage Michigan's term limits have done, it deserves a big pat on the back. One of the reasons our politics are such a mess these days is that short-term legislators have no idea what they're doing, which puts them at the mercy of special interest groups with fat pocketbooks.

Extending the terms of service for our legislators would go a long way to repair the broken connection between our political system and the real needs of our citizens. Perhaps not long enough. As

Rick Cole, now the chief administrative officer for the Detroit Medical Center, noted that the way things now stand: "You and I are deprived of retaining quality Republicans and Democrats in legislative offices."

Still, he adds, "I am glad someone is doing something - however minor - to improve on a very defective voting rights resolution. and you can quote me on it." So I just did.

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## Historically speaking!



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A W. Center Street home was torn down during the 1970s to make room for a Chatham supermarket, now Hiller's.

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## **EVENTS**

**DIA Lecture** DATE: Thursday, Oct. 6

TIME: 7:30 p.m. LOCATION: Art House, 215 W. Cady St.

DETAILS: The Nonhville Ans Commission in cooperation with the DIA will present a lecture on Camille Claudel and Rodin: A Fateful Encounter - explore the personal and artistic relationship between these two sculptors. Admission is \$10 at the door. CONTACT: (248) 449-9950

#### Yoga Classes

DATE: now through Dec. 8 TIME: 5:20-6:45 TIME: p.m., Mondays, beginning students; 7-8:30 p.m., Mondays, continuing students

LOCATION: American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap, Northwest corner at Center St.

DETAILS: No charge for first visit, drop-in anytime.

CONTACT: Diane Siegel-DiVita, (248) 344-0928 or visit trianglesix@sbcglobal.net.

#### **Adult Drama Class**

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m , Tuesdays through Nov. 15 LOCATION: Art House, 215 W.

Cady St. DETAILS: This class will include a general theater overview, acting, character development, improvisation, pantomine, vocal preparation and stage directions and blocking. It is designed for high school level and above and led by Susan Storey.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203, extension #1408

#### **Juried Art Show**

TIME/DATE: various times; now through Oct. 7

LOCATION: First Presbyterian Church of Northville, 200 E. Main SL

DETAILS: The theme for the 13th annual juried fine art show and sale is "Sharing The Gift Within You." A cafe' luncheon will be 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 6 and Friday, Oct. 7. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911

#### Art Class

DATE: Four Thursdays, today-Óct. 27

TIME: 6:16-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Dancing Eye Gallery, corner of Main and Center streets

DETAILS: The class entitled Where Soul & Imagination Reside," will include journal writing, class exercises and discussions and experiential exercises. The facilitator is Kathleen Thompson, a Northville photographer and writer.



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Gina Mazzoni, of Orin Jewelers, is one of several downtown Northville merchants who will be featuring Italian creations this weekend.

#### Merchants celebrate Italian-style Saturday

#### Downtown will be awash with red, white and green this Saturday.

Local merchants are pooling the Italian heritage of their product lines to entice shoppers to visit

TIME: 5:30-6:30 p.m. LOCATION: Awakening...The Artist Inside Studio, 111 N. Center

DETAILS: For ages 8-12, new instructor, Hugheen, will explore a variety of comic styles in 'The Art of Cartooning."

CONTACT: (248) 347-0807 or visit AwakeningtheArtistInside.com.

#### **Blood Drive**

DATE: Friday, Oct. 28

TIME: 9 a.m.-3 p.m LOCATION: Northville High School auxillary gym

DETAILS: The Northville Rotary Club and Northville High School are co-hosting a blood drive. It is open to the community. Due to Hurricane Katrina, the Red Cross is in need of donors.

#### **Karaoke with Veterans**

TIME/DATES: 9 p.m.-2 a.m., Fridays and Saturdays

LOCATION: Northville VFW Hall, Post #4012, 438 S. Main St.

#### **Downtown Farmer's Market**

DATE: Ongoing, May-October DETAILS: Featuring Michigangrown annuals, perennials, vegeta-bles, fruits, Michigan-made crafts, garden accessories and baked

goods. CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce, (248)

349-7640

#### Art Walk

DATE First Friday of every month

TIME: 5-9 p.m. LOCATION: Downtown Northville

DETAILS: Northville's art galleries, arts and crafts stores and restaurants will be open; also art demonstrations and exhibits available in shops. Friday, Oct. 7, 6-11 p.m., opening night reception for artist Jeff Von Buskirk, Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 109 N. Center St.

CONTACT: Tom James, Northville Camera and Digital Imaging, (248) 349-0105

#### **Marguis Theater**

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-8110.

#### "Halloween Soup"

TIME/DATE: Various times; Friday, Oct. 28; Saturdays, Oct. 8, 15, 22, 29 and Sundays, Oct. 9, 16,

DETAILS: Tickets are \$7.50 per person, no children under age 3.

CONTACT: For <sup>i</sup>information about programs, services or to request or renew library materials, call (248) 349-3020.

#### Library Information

TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Mondays-Thursdays; 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Fridays and Saturdays; and 1-5 p.m., Sundays

#### Little Me Storytime

TIME/DATES: 10:30-11:15 a.m., Fridays, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 and Dec. 9

DETAILS: Babies to 2 years old, along with their parents or caregivers, can enjoy music, beanbag fun; and simple stories at this lap-sit program. Older children are also welcome to attend. No registration required.

#### **Fail Tot Storytime**

TIMES/DATES: 10:15-10:45 a.m., Mondays and Thursdays; 10:15-10:45 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.noon, Wednesdays

DETAILS: The 6 week storytime sessions begin Sept. 26 and are designed for 2 and 3-year-olds with a parent or caregiver.

#### **Stories for Children**

TIMES/DATES: 4-4:45 p.m., Mondays; 10:15-11 a.m. and 2-2:45 p.m., Tuesdays DETAILS: These 6 week story-

time sessions are designed for children who are 4, 5, or in kindergarten, and comfortable attending without a caregiver present.

#### **Kids Club**

TIME/DAY: 4:30-5:15 p.m., Thursdays DETAILS: This is an after

school program for, first, second and third graders featuring stories, games and crafts.

#### Junior Books, Chat and Chow

DATE: Wednesdays TIME: 4:15-5 p.m. DETAILS: This discussion, for fourth and fifth grades, on the book, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl.

#### **Fall Family Storytime**

TIME/DAY: 7-7;30 p.m., Wednesdays DETAILS: This drop-in pro-gram is designed for preschool

children (best suited for 3 and up, but younger are welcome) with parents or caregivers. Families are relcome.

#### **History of Maybury** Sanitarium



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The cost is \$80 per person. CONTACT: (248) 449-5031

#### Northville Woman's Club

DATE: Friday, Oct. 7 TIME: 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club, 40941 Eight Mile Road, Northville

DETAILS: This is the fall opening meeting for the Northville Woman's Club and will include a luncheon. Doris Biscoe, former local newscaster, will be speaking. Advance reservations required.

CONTACT: Karen Olson, President, (248) 347-4299

#### **Single Place Activities**

#### Dance Lessons

DATE: Six Fridays, beginning Friday, Oct. 7

TIME: 6:30 p.m. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 for

details and to register. Fall Ball

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 15 TIME: 6 p m., dinner; 8-11 p m., dancing

LOČATION: American Legion Hall, 100 Dunlap St.

DETAILS: The cost is \$10 for dinner, reservations needed in advance by Oct. 10. Music provided by M Xpress.

CONTACT: M Xpress, (734) 730-3537

#### Maybury Park Benefit

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 8 TIME: 9:30 a.m., 1-mile walk/run; 10 a.m., 8K run

LOCATION: Northville Maybury State Park, Eight Mile and Beck roads

DETAILS: Entry fee is \$12 before 9/21; \$15 after, includes food, music, award and surprises. Proceeds donated to the Friends of Maybury.

CONTACT: Nonhville Road Runners, (248) 231-6114 or visit www.friendsofmaybury.org.

#### Quift Show

TIMES/DATES: 10 a.m.-4 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 8; 11 a.m.-4 p.m.,

their stores.

Three stores near the corner of Main and Center streets will offer the taste of Italy in food, clothing and jewelry during this second annual event.

Orin Jewelers and Fine Threads will serve hors d'ouevres 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. prepared by Little Italy restaurant on Hutton Street. American Spoon's owner Kim Behmer will provide samples of sorbetto and gelato.

"I thought it went real well last year," said Orin manager David Beyer. Whether or not of Italian descent, people will enjoy the added attractions, he said.

Orin Jewelers' owner Orin Mazzone will host Italian designer Arthur D'Annunzio. The store will also highlight a special collection of Italian gold. Designers will be in the store 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Fine Threads' owner Mark Trudeau will showcase Italian clothiers: Andrea Benedini of Lubiam, Frank Luizza of Zanella and Pino Tricase of Gran Sasso and Gino Sartore.

The store is offering discounts on selected merchandise and a complimentary fitting for custom clothing and shirts.

Sunday, Oct. 9 LOCATION: Att House, 215 W. Cady St.

DETAILS: Over 30 quilts will be

on display with styles ranging from antique to contemporary. Quilts are designed by local artists and include quilts made by renowned quilt artist and teacher, Kaye Whittington. The fee is \$3. CONTACT: (248) 449-9950

#### Northville Genealogical Society

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 9 TIME: 2:30 p.m. LOCATION: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.

DETAILS: Speaker Shirley Hodges will be discussing immigration into America and the resources available. A computer genealogy class on Family Tree Maker 2005 - Should I Upgrade? will be held at 1:15 p.m. (prior to the regular meeting). The public is invited to attend both, free of charge.

CONTACT: Grace Wilfong. (248) . 349 9079 or visit www.rpotsweb.com/~mings

#### Gardeners of Northville/Novi

DATE: Monday, Oct. 10 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville Library, 212 W. Cady St. DETAILS: MaryAnn Farrel and

Dan Brighton of Bordine Nursery will be the speakers on "Finishing off the Garden."

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CONTACT: (248) 348-1946 or

visit www.gardenersnorthvillenovi.org

#### Northville Garden Club

DATE: Monday, Oct. 10 TIME: 10 a.m.

LOCATION: Cady Inn, Mill Race DETAILS: This is a pinecone

and bow workshop for the annual Holiday Greens Mart Fundraiser. November 14-15. Monies raised are for scholarships at Northville High School, Schoolcraft College and civic improvements in Northville. The meeting is open to all. CONTACT: Julie Mantay,

(248)349-1602

#### **Grief Support**

DATES: Tuesdays, Oct. 11-Nov. 29, New Pathways Adult Loss Support Group; Wednesdays, Oct. 19-Dec. 14, Loss of an Adult Sibling

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Arbor Hospice & Home Care, 331 Center St., Nonhville

DETAILS: Groups are open to the community. There is no fee. Advance registration is required Van CONTACT: Sandy Koevening, (248) 348-4980

#### WyldLife Information Night

DATE: Wednesday, Oct. 12 TIME: 7:30-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: Nonhville Library, 212 W. Cady St. DETAILS: WyklLife is a non-

denominational, non-profit

#### Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com

#### "The Shades of Blue" Concert

DATE: Friday, Oct. 14 DETAILS: The cost is \$45. Call for reservations.

#### "The Teen Angels" Concert

DATE: Friday, Nov. 4 and Saturday, Nov. 5 DETAILS: The cost is \$45. Call for reservations.

#### **Children's Lunch Theater**

TIMES/DATES: 11:30 am, Saturday, Oct. 29

DETAILS: "The Dragon of Elderberry Castle," an interactive comedy. The cost is \$16.95 per adults and \$14.95 per children.

#### **Comedy Night**

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p m., Friday, Oct. 28

DETAILS: Family style dinner and "The Dynamic Duo" Show, The cost is \$35 per person.

#### **Dinner Theater**

DATES: Various Thursdays,. Fridays, and Saturdays

DETAILS: The theme is "Spaced Out." Tickets are \$45 per person and includes dinner and show.

#### **Maybury Park Programs**

LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road between Beck and Napier roads. CONTACT: (248) 349-8390

#### Library Lines

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall; parking off Cady Street

TIME: 7 p.m.

DETAILS: Find out more about the beginning of Maybury State Park, which was originally the site of a tuberculosis treatment center, with a self-contained community of patients and doctors. Jennifer McFall, of the park's committee to develop a Maybury history trail, along with local historian Bruce Turnbull, will be the speakers. CONTACT: (248) 349-3020

#### **Book Discussion Group**

DATE: Monday, Oct. 10 TIME: 7 p.m. DETAILS: This regular adult monthly group will be discussing The Life of Pi" by Yann Martel.

#### Spooktacular Halloween

DATE: Tuesday, Oct. [] TIME: 4:15-5 p.m. DETAILS: Grizelda the Witch

never bothered with her homework, and now she can't fly. With a giant cauldron and a secret recipe, she stirs up a' magician's help. Children of all ages welcome. 100 free tickets available at the information desk five minutes prior to the program at 4:10 p m. Tickets not available in advance.

#### Library Board of Trustee Meetings

DATE: Fourth Thursday of the month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

DETAILS: Public is welcome.

Church Events

#### **First Baptist Church**

DATE: Friday, Oct. 14 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: First Baptist Church, 217 N. Wing St.

DETAILS: The "Children of the World" Choir will be performing. The choir consists of children. ages 6-13, from third world countries.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1020

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#### DATE: Saturday, Oct. 15 TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: An House, 215 Cady St. DETAILS: This event is open to traditional, folk and acoustic music

with host performer, Jar. Tickets are \$5 per person/no charge for performers. There are 5 open mic spots available on a first to sign up basis. Base Line Folk Society hosts an open mic evening every third Saturday through May 2006. CONTACT: (248) 449-9950

Art Classes DATE: Six consecutive Tuesdays, Oct. 18-Nov. 22

· CONTACT: Sue Anker, (248) 349-8425 **Newcomers and Neighbors** DATE: Thursday, Oct. 13

TIME: 11:30 a m. LOCATION: Paesano's Restaurant and Wine Bar, Ann Arbor, DETAILS: "Autumn

Christian outreach for seventh and

eighth grade middle school stu-

dents. This meeting is for all inter-

ested parents and community mem-

bers.

Piedmont Italy" cooking class with Chef Isabella Nicoletti and lunchcon to kick off daytime events. The cost is \$30 with wine and \$24 without.

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CONTACT: Jackie Sharp, (248)

**Open Mic Night** 

#### WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

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#### **Single Adult Ministries**

DATE: Sundays, ongoing ministry

TIME: 11:30 a.m. LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road CONTACT: (248) 374-5920

#### **Healing Service**

DATE: First Monday of each month TIME: 4 p.m.

LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, west of Taft Road

#### **Grief Support Group**

DATE: Fourth Monday of each month

TIME: 7-8:30 p.m. LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight

Mile Road DETAILS: New Hope Center for Grief Support is offering this sup-

port group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide. No registration is necessary. CONTACT: New Hope Center

for Grief Support, (248) 348-0115 or visit www.newhopecenter net

Thursday, Oct. 6 6:45 a.m.: Sue and Dennis' Mystery Trip 9 a.m.: Taking Off Pounds Sensibly class 12:30 p.m.: pinochle 1 p.m.: Tai Chi Class 1 p.m.: Computer I By appointment: massage Friday, Oct. 7 10 a.m.: strength training 10.30 a.m.: Live Longer, Stronger Program 11 a.m.: Computers II 1 p.m.: Friday Flicks: Fever Pitch By appointment: massage Monday, Oct. 10 10 a.m.: Driver Safety Class 10 a.m.: Line Dance 10 a.m.: Oxycise 12:20 p.m.: pinochle Tuesday, Oct. 11 10 a.m.: Driver Safety Class 10 a.m.: Blood pressure and glucose check 12:30 p.m.: pinochle 1 p.m.: Computers I 1:30 p.m.: Games 4:30 p.m.: "Menopause, the Musical" Trip Wednesday, Oct. 12 9:30 a.m.: Ford Factory Tour, , 10 a.m.: Oxycise noon: bridge

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1 p.m.; Computers II 1 pm: Exercise Your Brain By appointment: foot reflexolo-

#### **Board Games**

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DATE: Tuesdays, ongoing TIME: 1 p.m. LOCATIÓN: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

#### **Ongoing Card Games** Bridge

TIME/DAY: noon-3:30 p.m. Wednesdays

Pinochle (double deck)

TIME/DAY: 12:30-4:30 p.m., Mondays and Thursdays

#### Pinochle (single deck)

TIME/DAY: 12:30-3:30 p.m., Fridays

#### Euchre

TIME/DAY: noon, Fridays LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

#### **Friday Movies**

TIME: 1 p.m. DETAILS: Oct. 7, Fever Pitch

#### **Healthy Walking**

DATE: Monday through Friday TIME: 8-10 a.m. DETAILS: Monday-Friday LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center gym. 303 W. Main St.

#### **Computer Courses**

TIME/DAY:1-3 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays, Beginning Computers I: 1-3 p.m., Wednesdays Beginning and 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Fridays, Intermediate Computers II LOCATION: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St. Pre-registration CONTACT: advised, call (248) 349-4140

#### Visiting Nurse Program

DETAILS: The Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services is offering a complementary in-home falls prevention program to individuals 65 and older who are residents of Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties.

CONTACT: Call Visiting Nurse Association Home Support Services for 'appointment at (800) 882-5720, extension 8755.



#### Show your support!

Friends of Judy Kohl draped dozens of bras around her Northville residence last Monday to celebrate her 60th birthday and show their "support" for her. The sign on the garage reads "Happy 60th Judy. We support you."

#### Ole' Bag Sale

DATE: Dec. 6 LOCATION: Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main St. DETAILS: This is a fund-raiser for senior programs. Donations of gently used purses, scarves, belts, and wallets may be dropped off at the senior center at the front desk at

any time. CONTACT: (248) 349-4140

#### Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: Griswold Ave., north of Main Street, near Ford Field

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845 Thursday, Oct. 6: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 3:30 p.m.; Rehearsals, 6-9 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Service Unit B Scouts, 9:15 a.m.: Wedding\*, 3:30-6 p.m.; Rehearsal, 6 p.m. Saturday, Oct 8: Wedding\*,

1:30-3:30 p.m.; Wedding\*, 4-6 p.m.; Wedding\*, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 9: Mill Creek, 10 a.m.; Rug Hookers, 10 a.m.; Village open, 1-4 p.m.; 17th Michigan, 3-4:30 p.m.; Venture Scouts, 6:30-8

Monday, Oct. 10: Northville Garden Club, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 4:15 p.m., Lions Club, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 11: Stone Gang, 9 a.m.; Private Tour, 4 p.m.; Brownie

Thursday, Oct. 13: Archives open, 9 a.m.; Brownie Scouts, 3:40 p.m.; Rehearsal, 6 p.m.; Cub Scouts, 6:45 p.m. \*Grounds closed to public

Looking for You

#### **Parasol Ladies Needed**

DETAILS: Uptown Ladies Parasol Promenade is looking for new members. This group, dressed in Victorian clothing, participates in various parades around the Northville area. CONTACT: Tracy Sincock, tsincock.comcast.net

#### Meals-on-Wheels

DATE: Ongoing TIME: 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. DETAILS: Permanent and sub-

stitute drivers needed CONTACT: Eileen at Allen Terrace (248) 231-9950, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday-Friday or Judy LaManna at (248) 348-1761

#### **Volunteers Wanted**

DETAILS: There are a variety of volunteer opportunities available for all age groups. Assignments include Northville Senior Community Center front desk, special assistance and special park projects. Northville High School volunteer hours and scout badge projects are welcome.

CONTACT: recreation@ ci.northville.mi us

#### **Camera Club**

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

CONTACT: Tom James of Northville Camera at northvillecamera@sbcglobal.net: Ken Naigus of the arts commission at kdn@comcast net or Northville Arts Commission at (248) 449-9950

#### Arts Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: An House, 215 W. Cady St.

#### **Beautification Commission**

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

TIME: 7 p.m. LOCATION: Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main St., Meeting Room B

#### **Housing Commission**

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month TIME: 6 p.m.

LOCATION: Allen Terrace, 401 High St.



#### Youth Assistance

DATE: Second Tuesday of every month

TIME: 8 a.m.

LOCATION: Northville Youth Assistance office, 775 N. Center St. CONTACT: Northville city clerk, (248) 349-1300

#### **Parks and Recreation** Commission

DATE: Second Wednesday of every month

TIME: 7:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Northville Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

#### 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. The fall 2005 Northville Parks and Recreation Activities Brochure is now available on-line. This activity guide is mailed to all Northville Residents.

CONTACT: Visit www.northvilleparksandrec.org or call (248) 349-0203

#### **Babysitter Training**

DATE: Saturdays, Oct. 8, 15 or Nov. 12

TIME: 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 775 N. Center St.

CONTACT: The American Red Cross Babysitter Training course offers youth the opportunity to learn the skills that every parent looks for in a babysitte including safety, basic child care, safe play, first aid and critical emergency action skills. The fee is \$66 per Northville resident; additional non-resident fees apply.

CONTACT: Parks & Recreation. (248) 349-0203

#### **Badminton Tournament**

DATE: Saturday, Oct. 15 LOCATION: Hillside Recreation Center, 775 N. Center St.

DETAILS: Registration is \$20 for the first event, \$10 for each additional event. Registration must be postmarked no later than October 8.

CONTACT: Visit

www.cinorthville.mi.us/Services/P arksAndRec/BadmintonTourname nt051015.htm

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#### 18A NORTHVILLE RECORD-Thursday, October 6, 2005



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYILLE RECORD Northville Newcomers Gina Wasilesky, left, and Marge Rose, center, listen to Cheryl Fant and learn about opportunities the social club provides.

# **Northville Newcomers**

#### New residents learn to • Northville Chamber of Commerce ask around about town

#### By Maureen Johnston

RECORD STAFF WRITER

Mike Garliauskas became his own customer this summer.

When the real estate agent went to preview a Northville Township home for a client, he thought it had the look he and his wife Jen were seeking. It did.

So they moved to Knightsford Road from their smaller Plymouth home.

A moving truck pulled away and left their life possessions on a new driveway.

Now the big hurdle: where to turn for information about their new environment?

Come to us, said Janet Bloom, marketing and events director for the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

"We consider ourselves a first stop for people new to the area or people looking to move to the community," she said. "Until I started working here, I think I visited a chamber maybe once. I didn't really know what it's role was.

"We really are a clearing house of information."

#### Settling in

Most new residents ask about grocery stores, banks and the post office. Bloom said.

Chamber relocation packets include information about schools, clubs, local businesses and service organizations.

For computer-friendly new comers, Web sites posted by the chamber. City of Northville and Northville Township are filled with information, Bloom said. ...,

New Northville residents tend to get into the groove pretty quickly, Bloom said.

"It seems like a transient group," she said. "They're on the fast track of those frequently transferred"

#### **Getting connected**

Municipal staff members also are on the front-line, accepting paperwork for utility transfers and homestead exemptions.

Whenever we recognize that is a new person, if

Phone: (248) 349-7640 Web: WWW.northville.org Address: 195 S. Main St. Hours: 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Mondays-Fridays

 Northville Newcomers and Neighbors Membership chairperson: Nancy Murphy Phone: (248) 305-5460

 City of Northville Phone: (248) 349-1300 Web: www.ci.northville.mi.us

• Northville Township Phone: (248) 348-5800

Web: www.twp.northville.mi.us

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"We consider ourselves a first stop for people new to the area of people looking to move to the community."

> Janet Bloom Northville Chamber of Commerce

'They do the welcoming."

Northville's churches and schools also offer quick connections.

The Northville Newcomers and Neighbors Club accepts new members throughout the year and hosts a registration drive in the fall.

For the Garliauskas family, settling in this September wasn't a huge adjustment.

Jen said she and her husband wanted a larger house for their three-year-old son Riley, but they didn't want to start over completely. Their move from Plymouth was about a mile away.

They endured the inevitable: moving arrangements, change-of-address forms and learning routes through the new neighborhood. But not a new dentist, hair stylist and dry cleaner. "We decided we're only going so far," Jen said. "I didn't want to take us from what we knew."

#### WHAT'S GOING ON? (CONT'D)

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#### Pumpkin Walk

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 23 LOCATION: Mill Race Village DETAILS: There will be trickor-treating, games, crafts and magician, Jasen Magic. Timed tickets are \$6, for ages preschoolthird grade. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203,

extension #1411

#### **Chicago Shopping Trip**

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 5 DETAILS: This is a shopping and touring trip to Chicago including round trip airfare, via United Airlines, and a daylong metro pass (good for all L-trains and busses) for \$130. Registration deadline is Wednesday, Oct. 5. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

extension #1411

#### **Kid's and Sports Equipment** Sale

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Mom-2-Mom Sale; 9 a.m.-noon. Sports Equipment Sale, Saturday, Nov. 12

LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

DETAILS: Tables are available to rent for selling used kids

clothes, toys and sporting equipment. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203, extension #1411

#### **Turkey Shoot**

DATE: Saturday, Nov. 17 TIME: 7-8 p.m. LOCATION: Hillside Middle

School Main Gym, 700 W. Baseline DETAILS: This is a family free throw contest for ages 8-13 and an adult. Donations are for the Northville Civic Concern for distribution to residents in need. Preregister by Nov. 16.

CONTACT: Parks & Recreation, (248) 349-0203

#### Girls Youth Basketball

DETAILS: Fourth-Sixth grade girls basketball has been expandwith several openings. ed Enrollments will be accepted until league is full.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203, extension # 1405.

DETAILS: Coaches are urgently needed for Northville Parks and Recreation's youth basketball

free if you volunteer to be a head coach.

CONTACT: Dave Demattos, (248) 349-0203, extension #1405

#### Ski and Snowboard Club

DETAILS: Registration has begun for students in middle and high school. Membership includes motor coach transportation to local ski areas on Friday evenings and some Saturday evenings, group lift tickets, rental equipment discounts, and lessons at Mt. Brighton Ski Area. Registration fee is \$155 for city and township residents; \$160 for school district residents in the City of Novi; and \$165 for nonresidents.

CONTACT: Parks & Recreation, (248) 349-0203

#### Junior Ski and Snowboard Club

DETAILS: This club is for fourth and fifth grades and includes two afternoon trips to Mt. Brighton. Registration fee is \$56 for one trip and \$100 for two trips; additional fees apply for non-residents. Motorcoach transportation is included.

CONTACT: Parks & Recreation, (248) 349-0203, extension #1408

#### **Drop-In Cheerleading**

DATE/TIME: Ongoing Tuesdays, 4-5 p.m., sixth grade and up; 5-6 p.m., first-fifth grade LOCATION: Recreation Center, Hillside, 700 W. Baseline DETAILS: This drop in program promotes fitness, dance routines, stretching, jumps and cheers. The fee is \$6 per person per day.

CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

#### **Open Basketball**

DATE: Tuesdays TIME: 6-8 p.m., age 18 and under; 8-10 p.m., age 18 and older LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main

DETAILS: The fee is \$2 per person.

#### 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

í TIME/DAY: 6-10 p.m., Mondays and 1 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.

#### **Candy Cane Creations**

DETAILS: Create a Candy Cane to decorate Candy Cane Lane and you could be selected to win a prize. Candy Canes must be at least 2 foot tall or larger, you choose the materials and style. Deadline for entries is Tuesday, Oct. 25. The prize for Best Candy Cane will be awarded on Nov. 5 prior to the start of the Candyland

Extravaganza. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203, extension #1408

#### 🔳 Local Art Première

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art will premiere the first public exhibit and sale of Northville artist Jeff Von Buskirk ----"Child of Dreams."

The exhibition will open Friday with a wine & hors d'oeuvre reception (6-11 p.m.) and continue with an after party at Little Italy. The? "Child of Dreams" exhibition will extend through the end of October.

Von Buskirk will be in the gallery to meet and greef the public during the reception. with DJ Brownstudy of Really Nice Recording spinning and creating urban ambiance. Refreshments will be provided.

During the past/10 years, Jeff Von Buskirk has built a reputation as a mural artist . locally and abroad. His client list includes: Géneral Motors World Headquarters, Club Envy, Marriott Detroit, Hvatt-Key West, Greektown Casino, Pan Pacific Montreal, Magnolia, Sweet Lorraine's, the Marquis Theatre, Fishbone's Grosse Pointe. Pike Street and Little Italy.

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someone comes to the counter, we offer them a packet," said executive secretary Carol Kasprowicz.

New residents receive a stack of information about city services, brochures, a map, a welcome letter and an invitation to subscribe to the city Internet new sletter.

"The gals at the front office are truly wonderful," Kasprowicz said. "Everybody smirks at this being Mayberry RFD, but they answer unbelievable questions

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# What's wrong with you?

Local clinic offers help to families, individuals who need it most

#### **By Maureen Johnston** RECORD STAFF WRITER

While his family sleeps, he slips downstairs to surf Internet porn sites.

He can't explain or control his obsession. His wife is at her wit's end.

Issues simmering within relationships bubble into conflict, couples bringing into Psychotherapy and Counseling Services.

For 25 years, executive director Arnold Keller's team of psychologists, therapists and counselors have been assisting Northville families through treatment at the Griswold Street clinic or referrals elsewhere.

"I feel that we've assisted many families to manage their children and teens," Keller said.



Since Keller and two peers founded the clinic, clients have contended with teenagers exclaiming, "I hate my parents," marital strife and job pressure.

Meanwhile, treatment during the past two decades has expanded to include increased anxiety, addictions and stress, Keller said.

#### **Everyone has issues**

Seeking therapy no longer carries the societal stigma of lifelong mental illness, said Dr. Russell Dore, a 30-year licensed psychologist. Five years ago, the Northville resident added his experience in organizational psychology and private practice to Keller's clinic.

"It's not an either/or you're emotionally disturbed, it's much more of a continuum," Dore said. "Everyone has problems,



"There are times when it gets a little overwhelming in a particular area ---that's the time people should seek help."

> Dr. Russell Dore Psychotherapy and Counseling Services

issues and concerns with life. There are times when it gets a little overwhelming in a particular area --- that's the time people should seek help."

Residents from Northville, Novi, Plymouth, Canton and elsewhere seek the relative seclusion of the Griswold Street location, Keller said. The practice has grown from three founders at the original Center Street location to a staff of 18 at the office Keller opened in 1982. He opened a Brighton clinic in 1992.

Progress might take six visits:

sometimes longer. To combat addiction, professional recommendations frequently include continuous affiliation with a 12-step program.

#### Addressing addiction

Through continuous education and contacts with fellow mental health professionals, Keller has guided the growth of Psychotherapy and Counseling Services.

An increase in compulsive and obsessive behavior prompted Keller to add the Milestones Addiction Programs arm to his practice.

He said Northville residents battle several familiar addictions: excessive gambling, work, sex, eating, drugs and alcohol.

We're seeing more stress and burnout than we did in 1980," Keller said.

Job concerns and new distractions have translated into an increased caseload.

An attorney who lost two big cases in a row began drinking heavily. A husband started regular 4 a.m. visits to pornographic Web sites. Increasing trips to



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHYLLE RECORD

Arnold Keller, his Northville Psycology Center and its staff have spent the past 25 years helping teens and their parents through difficult times.

What to look for Early phases of problem drinking may include: · increased tolerance of alcohol

 sneaking drinks blackouts

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another family's finances. Keller said professionals can steer people toward a solution, including white-collar professionals and executives. He said diagnosis leads to treatment.

'Usually, there is a cause, sometimes it's biological," he said. "My philosophy is to avoid medication at all costs, but sometimes it's needed for neurological disorders.

What has to come at some point is deep feeling work." ... .. Eighty percent of all addicts have two or more addictions,



#### Keller said.

They can maintain recovery in most cases, they cannot be cured." he said. "Most can relapse even decades after cessation of an addiction."

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# Under pressure: teenagers among clinic's clientele

Old challenges get fresh solutions from Northville clinic

#### By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

Who's got the cash, trips, cars and clothes? It's a competition that's eating at some local youngsters, said Dr. Russell Dore, a psychologist specializing in treatment of local teens at Psychotherapy and Counseling Services.

The conflicted feelings arising from the tug between the haves and have-nots sometimes leads to mood disorders or misbehavior, Dore said.

#### Part of fitting in

It's not as easy as it used to be for teens to flow across the socio-economic lines, Dore said.

"Part of it's the affluence, not that everybody that has money is bad," he said. "Affluence brings it's own kind of barrier.".

Students who work to acquire hip things sit in class next to peers whose parents simply hand them over.

It's not a phenomenon unique to Northville, he said, but the impact has surfaced recently in his local practice.

Sometimes a half dozen visits can shape a new perspective, Dore said.

Meanwhile, students new to the area or making the transition to high school level have had trouble adjusting to their new school. Other cases have involved drinking and driving incidents.

Psychotherapy and Counseling Services executive director Arnold Keller said his team advises parents to allow children to experience natural consequences, rather than use sarcasm, ridicule

"We even teach parents it's healthy for kids to have problems with appropriate consequences early in life."

> Arnold Keller Executive Director, Psychotherapy and Counseling Services

#### and punishment.

"Then you put the responsibility on the child," he said. "The child becomes concerned about his own behavior."

#### No rule book

Keller said he has seen both extremes in parenting: from overindulgence with permission and money to overparenting by imposing inappropriate restrictions

"Our main objective is to empower our kids, to let them become independent and leave home." he said.

Dore has helped guide parents and their children through a variety of conflicts, including the

teenager's exclamation, "I hate my parents." "That's all normal stuff," he said. "Sometimes it gets to the point that people want help."

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# Tough as medal

Northville senior Olympians bring home the gold (and the silver and the bronze)

#### By Maureen Johnston RECORD STAFF WRITER

For Ken Murray, bronze was as good as gold.

His team's third-place finish in the 2005 Western Wayne County Senior Olympics golf scramble topped off birdie weather, above-par camaraderie and eagle-sharp competition.

Murray, a part-time receptionist at the Northville Senior Community Center, said he would definitely participate in the second annual Olympics next year.

"It was a wonderful experience," he said. "I got personal calls at home thanking me for getting them involved.

"I was just happy to participate."

#### Northville's triumph

Murray's team accounted for three of the 75 medals Northville representatives claimed during the Sept. 12-16 competition.

Van Buren Charter Township hosted Olympians from 16 communities.

Northville senior program coordinator Dennis Smith watched the medal presentation during the closing ceremony held at Wayne County Community College.

"People were very proud they won," he said. "It was cute. It was cool."

Amelia Honkala's baking, Joe Barberio's softball throw and Dan Biedzen's billiards prowess all translated into bragging rights for the local set 50 and

older. The seniors traveled to 15 locations as part of the first-ever senior Olympics in this region. Northville hosted basketball in the senior center gym.

That gave Tom Trexler a home court advantage when he earned the top prize for sinking baskets. The Northville team brought home gold medals in basketball. golf, volley ball, bowling, horse-

"It just gives a whole new definition to the term senior."

> Joanne Inglis Senior Housing Director, City of Northynlle

shoes, cards, tennis, and football and ring tosses.

#### Northville's turn

Next year, Northville will host the Western Wayne County Senior Olympics, modeled after the 20-year-old Downriver competition.

"That one has just grown, as this one will," said Northville senior housing director Joanne Inglis. She said Allen Terrace could host the pinochle or other card contests next fall.

"I think the camaraderie is wonderful," she said. "You're in the Olympics! How exciting and youthful is that?

"It just gives a whole new definition to the term senior."

Joseph Flower golfed his way Olympic stardom on into Northville's team, bagging three gold medals.

"If I would've known what it was like I would have got more people and got into more activities, like shooting pool," Flower said. "My wife would have (golfed) in the women's part."

The 67-year-old's highlight: he won closest-to-the-pin honors when he stuck the ball 18 inches from the flag after teeing off on a 130-yard par-three at the Inkster Valley Golf Course. He also was on the winning scramble team and hit the longest drive.

"Everybody I talked to and played with had a super time," Flower said. "The only thing they didn't like was they had an ambulance up there at the clubhouse, just in case.'

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

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF** NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **AMENDMENTS TO THE** ZONING ORDINANCE Chapter 170

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at the Northville Township Municipal Building 44405 Soc Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The Planning Commission will consid-er rezoning the former State Hospital Property located at 41001 7 Mile Road from 7 Mile Road PUD to OS-Office Service, R-3 One-family Residential and RM-1 Multiple Family Residential. The OS district will be located at the intersection of 7 Mile and Haggerty Roads. The RM-1 district will be located adjacent to the State Police and Innsbrook Apartment properties. The balance of the property will be rezoned R-3 The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their com

ments and questions Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168.

A complete copy of the proposed changes will be available seven days prior to the public hearing at the Northville Township Municipal Building. Township office regular business hours are, 8 00 A.M. to 4 30 PM, Monday through Friday

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#### **CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF** NORTHVILLE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AMENDMENTS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE **CHAPTER 170**

The Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, October 25, 2005, at 7.30 p.m. at the Northville Township Municipal Building, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Mil 48168. The Planning Commission will consider the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance

Provisions for the use of Conditional Rezoning Agreement are pro-posed to be added to the text of the Township's zoning ordinance. The proposed amendment will provide a process in the zoning ordinance by which an applicant seeking rezoning may propose a Conditional Rezoning Agreement, with conditions and commitments attached thereto, as part of the application for a requested rezoning. The township recognizes that there may be instances where it would be in the best inter-ests of the Township, as well as advantageous to property owners seeking a change in zoning, if certain conditions and limitations could be proposed by applicants as part of an application for a rezoning The public is invited to attend this hearing and express their com-

ments and questions. Written comments regarding the proposed changes will be received by the Township Planning Commission, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. A complete copy of the proposed change is available at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8 30 A M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday

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The ranch-style home at 645 Potomac in the city of Northville is owned by Dr. Tom Prose, the Czech Republic's honorary consul.

## One street removed, no tax controversy

Czech honorary consul pays tax bill for 645 Potomac home



#### **By David Aguilar** RECORD EDITOR

Who said Dr. Tom Prose doesn't pay his property taxes?

The man who last year sold his \$5 million Northville mansion for \$1 to the Czech Republic, a central -European country now claiming tax-exempt status for the 590 Dubuar St. home it uses as an honorary consulate, has paid his property taxes in full for another home one street removed.

According to Wayne County records, on Aug. 25 Prose paid in full an \$8,603 summer tax bill for a 645 Potomac home he purchased this spring.

On May 27, Prose purchased without financing the 2,120 ranchstyle home from Thomas H. McNamara, Wayne County records indicate. Price tag: \$475,000.

Prose's prompt property tax payment is in sharp contrast to an unpaid \$100,419 2004 property tax bill looming over the Dubuar Street home.

The Czech Republic purchased the nearly 16,000-square-foot hilltop home from Prose via quit claim deed July 1, 2004, according to documents filed with the city. The following day, Prose was named the country's first-ever honorary consul for Michigan and Ohio.

Since then, Czech officials have questioned their taxpaying respon-

#### Floors To Your Door

He said if the Czech Republic loses its Michigan Tax Tribunal

"We don't negotiate tax payments," Grden said. "There's no let's-

unconvinced Prose uses the Dubuarss business

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By: Mike Riley

#### The Basics of Carpet

How carpet yarn is tufted or locked into a backing affects its texture and, ultimately, the long-term durability of your carpet.

There are several types of carpet constructions, each offering different features and benefits.

Level loop pile carpets have a smooth surface formed by loops of the same height. Informal looking, they are excellent for rooms that get lots of use.

Multi-level loop pile carpets usually have two to three loop heights that create patterned effects for a casual look. These carpets typically provide good durability and retain their appearance longer.

Cut and loop pile is a combination of the two. Often multicolored, cut and loop helps hide soiling and footprints. Multi-colored carpet can be used for just about any room setting except the most formal.

Cut-pile carpets, featuring loops that are cut (leaving individual yam tufts), come in four basic styles. Plush and velvet carpets offer a smooth, luxurious surface. Saxonies have a similar finish, but pile yarns have more twist, creating a less formal look. Friezes use a tightly-twisted yarn to form a curly textured surface which is less likely to show footprints and vacuum marks.





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# Northville's bags are packed

Mustangs head for regional tournament with high goals

By Sam Eggleston **RECORD SPORTS WRITER** 

Midland, expect to see the Northville Mustangs soon.

The northern city, located about midway up the lower gles players to be seeded and peninsula, will play host to the girls tennis state finals next teams. week and the Northville Mustangs are expecting to be finals are mostly about who there.

Of course, they have to work rounds. their way through the regional tournament first, but their

the state finals. With the exception of other state-ranked teams like Novi, they've been unbeatable. They're hoping their records will find at least the first, second and third sinhopefully one of the doubles

Woolfall is aware the state you draw in the opening

"If we get some good draws,

"If we get some good draws, we should be able to get a few girls past the semifinals and maybe even a couple to the finals."

> Sandy Woolfall Northville Tennis Coach

we should be able to get a few those teams in one regional," Marlins will help them prepare said Woolfall. for the top-shelf teams they'll Last season the Novi face at Midland.



# Queens of the WLAA

■ All aces: Mustangs score league title

#### By Sam Eggleston **RECORD SPORTS WRITER**

Sandy Woolfall should sell her talents as a fortune teller.

The Northville tennis coach successfully predicted her team would win the conference and didn't expect too many bumps in the road.

She was right.

The Mustangs tennis team dominated the Western Lakes Activities Association championship tournament as they scored 31 of 32 possible points. You never know just how

well you'll do," said Woolfall. "This year I had a lot of d it wasn't until atter Novi I was able to get the lineup as strong as I wanted it.



The Mustangs were led by the impressive play of first singles standout Christina Ruiz, who earned a 6-0, 6-1 victory over Franklin's Kelsey Judd before moving on to beat Erica Rouleau, 6-1, 6-1, and Stevenson's Amanda Moccia, 6-0, 6-1, for the championship.

It was a scene repeated throughout the day as the Mustangs won every flight with the exception of fourth singles. Sarah Koupal faired well in the first two rounds, defeating Plymouth's Chelsea Woodruff, 6-2, 6-0, before topping Walled Lake Northern's Shelby Miller, 6-0. 6-2. It was in the champi-

stiffest competition is going to girls past the semifinals and be Livonia Stevenson. The maybe even a couple to the Spartans were only able to earn finals," she said. Spartans were only able to earn a victory in one flight against Northville when they met top-10 finish and are hoping to head-to-head, losing to the Mustangs, 7-1.

Woolfall. "We've played in ahead of them. some tournaments and we've seen some really good teams. Against (Ann Arbor) Pioneer we really showed we can hang in there."

The Mustangs are hoping to

The Mustangs are eying a place even better. Currently the team is ranked eighth in the "I think we'll do fine," said state with teams like the Ann Northville coach Sandy Arbor schools and Novi ranked

Three other top-10 teams are playing in the same regional as Novi, mathematically eliminating at least one of them from the finals.

"I feel bad and I don't underget several players seeded in stand how they can have all ing stiff competition like the

Wildcats didn't make the trek with Northville up to Midland. "I don't know why (Novi coach) Jim Hanson isn't just jumping up and down and complaining about this," she said. "He definitely belongs at the state finals. He's stronger than a lot of the teams that will go."

Northville will prepare for the regional tomorrow by scrimmaging Farmington Mercy. They are hoping play-

A little luck wouldn't hurt. "You need a few breaks to get there," said Woolfall. "I sure wouldn't mind getting a few good draws."

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onship game where Koupal met her match, falling to Stevenson's Lindsay Hostetter, 6-3, 7-5.

"We still dominated," said Woolfall, "We really didn't have any difficulty in the conference this year.'

Next up for the Mustangs is the regional tournament. A toptwo finish or a netting of 18 points or more earn the Mustangs a trip to the coveted state finals.

It shouldn't be a problem for Northville.

"I think we should dominate the regional much like we did the conference championship," Woolfall said.

So the Mustangs are headed for the state finals?

"The bags are packed," laughed Woolfall.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD Mustang Christina Ruiz prepares to serve.

# Mustangs take 'flight', nearly sweep conference championship

The Mustangs had little to worry about when they went into the conference championship tournament last week.

The girls dominated from top to bottom, winning every flight, with the exception of fourth singles, on their way to the WLAA title.

First singles: Christina Ruiz defeated Kelsey Judd (Livonia Franklin), 6-0, 6-1; Erica Rouleau (Walled Lake Central), 6-1, 6-1; and Amanda Moccia (Livonia Stevenson), 6-0, 6-1

Second singles: Chelsea Johnston defeated Megan Stachula (Livonia Churchill), 6-0, 6-1; Karen Mullane (Walled Lake Northern), 6-2, 6-1; and Corrine Pasley (Livonia Stevenson). 6-1. 6-2

Third singles: Haley Johnston defeated Stephanie Hagen (Plymouth), 6-0, 6-0; Erin Goldman (Walled Lake Western), 6-1, 6-0; and Amanda Khoury (Livonia Stevenson), 6-0, 6-0



Fourth singles: Sarah Koupal defeated Chelsea Woodruff (Plymouth), 6-2, 6-0; Shelby Miller (Walled Lake Northern), 6-0, 6-2; and lost to Lindsay Hostetter (Livonia Stevenson), 6-3, 7-5 First doubles: Jackie Talyor and Alicia Weber defeated Meryl West and Brittney Nelson (Walled Lake Northern), 6-2, 6-0; Allie Rotenberg and Megan Hoddard (Walled Lake Central), 6-2, 6-2;

and Laura Sims and Julie Francisco (Livonia Stevenson), 6-4, 6-4 Second doubles: Lindsay Hagan and Sindhu Ravipati defeated Jenny Lyp and Samantha Giles (John Glenn), 6-2, 6-1; Lauren Arnold and Candace Berry (Walled Lake Central), 6-2, 6-1; Dana Anderson and Claire Madill (Plymouth Salem), 6-2, 6-2; and Danielle Price and Caitlin Stott (Walled Lake Northern), 6-2, 6-2

Third doubles: Caitlin Wheeler and Christine Curran defeated Lauren Wella and Kelly Feiner (Livonia Churchill), 6-4, 6-4; Kelly Doherty and Carly Maniewski (Walled lake Western), 6-1, 6-0; and Jordan Simpson and Amy Woody (Walled Lake Northern), 6-1, 6-3

Fourth Doubles: Virginia Calkins and Ursula Cauffield defeated Jenny Nisenbaum and Jenny Zuccanni (Livonia Churchill), 6-0, 6-1; Amy Provost and Emily Misko (Plymouth Canton), 7-5, 6-2; and Audrey Topp and Jessica Len (Walled Lake Northern), 6-3, 6-2



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# Mustangs do well in division action

# Soccer and golf teams win division titles

It was a week of victories for the Northville Mustangs girls cross country team.

The squad, coached by Nancy Smith, earned a first place finish in the first of two Western Lakes Jamborees.

Northville ended the day tied with Canton, but won the tie breaker thanks to the running of their sixth harrier. Megan Sheremet.

The Mustangs earned 52 points, as did Canton, while Plymouth had 54, Walled Lake Western earned 92, Franklin scored 116 and Wayne had 176.

"This was one of the more competitive races we have had in a long time on the Western side of the divisions," said Smith. "Plymouth and Canton have improved greatly since last season and really gave us some competition. I was really happy with the race even though we struggled as times."

Leading the way was Bryn Smetana, who placed third in 20:40, while Jenny Murphy was eighth in 20:51. Meghan Keiffer was ninth in 21:21, while Vicki Gutowski was 15th with a 21:55 and Julia Bawden was 17th in 22:02. Rounding out the running was Megan Sheremet with a 22:12 and Mary Sprader with a 22:19.

Northville also ran in the Divine Child Invitational and won the Division I race.

"The Mustangs ran the best I have seen them run all season long and almost every runner on the team ran a season PR (best) or a career best time." Smiths

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aid. Smetana led the way in fifth place with a 20:17 while Murphy was sixth in 20:29. Keiffer was eighth in 20:42, Sarah Aquinto was 10th in 20:45, Bawden 11th in 20:52, Gutowski finished 12th in 20:52 and Karina Puskorius was 14th with a 20:54.

"The Mustangs ran as a pack, which is something we have talked about and worked on doing all season long," Smith said. "We have finally gotten our pack time down to the .37 mark, which will make us a stronger team."

#### Two more for cagers

The Northville Mustangs basketball team is back on track with four-straight victories.

The squad notched a 36-28 victory over Walled Lake Northern before topping John Glenn, 41-32.

Against the Northern Knights, the Mustangs jumped to a 19-15 lead by the end of the first half. The team looked shaky in the third quarter, scoring just three points as Northern narrowed the gap, 22-20. The fourth quarter was all Northville

as they netted a 14-8 difference for the victory.

The Toney sisters netted 24 points combined, with Simone leading the way with 14 and Danielle sinking 10. Heather Cox added four in the victory while Sarah Stern and Lindsay Blair notched three and Krysta Cicala had two.

Against John Glenn, the Toney girls were key once again as Danielle scored 13 and Simone earned eight. Stern notched seven in the victory while Cox scored five and Cicala four. Theresa Yankovich and Blair had two each in the victory.

The Mustangs had 12 steals on the night.

#### Boys cross country running well

The Northville boys cross country team turned in some strong performances recently when they ran against some very stiff competition.

On Oct. 1, the Mustangs were led by Jasen Turnbull's time of 16:25.6 for an overall first-place finish as the squad finished second behind the Plymouth Wildcats.

Northville's Nick Kolbow ran to eighth place in 17:23.2 while • Tommy Farrell took 20th in 17:50.2. Tommy Sugawara had a nice day, running an 18:02.2 for 26th place while Jack Dalton ran an 18:05.2, Jake Myers ran an 18:25.1 and Jon Zuerk ran an 18:27.7 to round out the Mustang harriers.

Turnbull continued his fine running in the WLAA Jamboree as he took first overall with a 16:52. Not far behind in fourth place was Kolbow, who ran a 17:35 on the day while Dalton finished in 15:21 for 13th place. Zuerk finished in 21st with an 18:36 while Myers ran an 18:52 and Neil Das ran a 19:25.

#### Back-to-back division champs

Northville Mustangs soccer team earned it's second-straight Western Division title with a 4-0 win over Plymouth Monday.

Northville led 2-0 after goals by Jon Junca and Nick Kaldis in the first half.

"I was pretty comfortable with that heading into halftime," said coach Henry Klimes. "Unfortunately, a 2-0 lead is the worst lead to have in any soccer or hockey game. The other team can easily get the momentum with one goal, or you can put the nail in it with a goal."

And Northville put the nail in on a score by Justin Lockwood, who hustled down the pitch for a score early in the second half.

The wind was out of Plymouth's sails and Northville finished up the scoring on a goal by Chris Lorente, who transferred to Northville from Plymouth his sophomore year.

"It was a very emotional goal," Klimes said.

Ryan Pratt earned the shutout in goal.

The Mustangs will play for the conference championship against Stevenson Oct. 19 at Stevenson. It's a game that will rematch the two teams after the Spartans earned a victory Sept. 14.

"There's a good month between then and the championship game," said Klimes. "Earlier in the year we weren't at our best and Stevenson capitalized on a couple mistakes we made. "A lot of practice and a lot of games have made us a stronger and a better team than the first match-up."

#### Golf finishes league play in style

Conference champions? Regional berth?

What a week for the Northville Mustangs golf team. Coached by Matt Stetson, the squad won the Western Division, finished second in the Western Lakes Activities Association and qualified for the regional with a fourth-place finish at the district.

Northville had an All-Conference golfer in Wes Gates, who shot a 76 in the conference championships. while Chase Dehne. Pete Curran and Phil Snow shot 78, 79 and 79, respectively, to earn All-Division honors. Richard Allen shot an 81, missing All-Division by one stroke, as Northville took second in the tournament behind Franklin.

Walled Lake Northern won

the conference while Northville finished second.

In the district, the Mustangs finished fourth, qualifying for the regional tournament tomorrow.

"We finished ahead of some very 'notable teams," said Stetson.

Such notables were Novi and Walled Lake Northern, who were expected to qualify for regional play.

Northville shot a 329, beating Brighton in a tiebreaker for fourth place, while Catholic Central was first with a 313, Milford was second with a 323, Lakeland was third with a 328 and Walled Lake Western was sixth with a 334.

Phil Snow shot an 80 on the day while Curran and Gates each carded an 82 and Allen shot an 85. Dehne's 90 was the tie breaker.

In junior varsity action last week, Dan Kozerski, a freshman, shot a hole in one on the sixth hole at Tanglewood. He used a four iron to sink the 165vard shot.



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Max Bojovic is like any boy who looks up to his father. He wants to be just like him

when he grows up. Unfortunately, Bojovic's dad,

Novo, used to be a National Football League kicker. "I'm going to take it one step at

a time," said Bojovic, who is a sophomore kicker with the Northville Mustangs football team. "Right now I just want to get to college and get a good education and then I'll think about the NFL."

Bojovic has a long way to go. He currently kicks about 40-43 yards, which is strong for

though he measures about 5-feet-4-inches, 100 pounds.

His father is about 5-feet-9inches, the product of a sophomore year growth spurt himself. "I expect to grow about four or

five inches by next year," said Bojovic. "I'm just going to keep practicing." His father is also his coach,

bringing years of experience from Central Michigan University, the USFL's Michigan Panthers and the NFL's St. Louis Cardinals and Tampa Bay Buccancers.

Novo Bojovic enjoyed a promising career, but after the USFL folded he headed into the NFL. Two years later he found out his wife, Lynda, was pregnant with their daughter, Halie, and chose

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#### to leave kicking.

"He retired around 30 or something but he can still get out there and kick 55 or 60 yarders," Bojovic said. "He joked around and said he should try out for the Lions."

Instead, Bojovic's dad watches his son kick and

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cheers him on. So far this season Bojovic kicked off five times and converted four extra points. His two field goal attempts one against Saline and the other against John Glenn — have been blocked. Bojovic said having big brutes

sophomore, Sam Eggleston

his nerves. The trick? Just don't look up. 'I don't pay attention," he said.

"I look at the tee and the ball going down in front of me and I kick it."

He said the key is technique. Bojovic works on his steps and his style while focusing on keeping his legs in shape with workouts designed by strength and conditioning coach Steve Mandregger.

When he isn't hitting the weights or at practice, Bojovic attends kicking camps and focuses on his goals for next year.

"I'd like to be able to kick around 50 yards next year," he said. "I need to add some range and start kicking my kickoffs into

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/NORTHVILLE RECORD

Mustang placekicker Max Bojovic warms up before Northville's home game against Westland John Glen.

Even though kicking could very well end up being his ticket to the collegiate ranks, Bojovic said he wouldn't mind taking a

Maybe a little wide receiver or runningback?

"I don't think my dad wants me to play anything but kicker, but I wouldn't mind playing corner-back or something," he said. "It would be a lot of fun."

left by the graduation of current kicker Evan Corbeil this coming spring. He'll likely take over kickoffs, field goals and extra

Until then, he's just going to keep practicing and trying to get

"During the summer I'm going to go to the high school stadium and practice four times a week," he said. "I want to get to college and maybe the NFL. I have a great coach to help me, but I have a lot to do and I have to take it one step at a time."

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#### **COLTS FOOTBALL**

#### **Freshman Colts ground** Falcons, 27-0

The Northville Colts freshman team improved their record to 4-0 Sunday with a 27-0 road victory against the Livonia Falcons.

The stingy Colt defense recorded its third consecutive shutout and put the first points on the board when Shane Gregory crashed through the Falcon line and sacked the quarterback for a safety and an early 2-0 lead.

Four plays later, Rob Parks raced 12 yards around left end for a touchdown, pushing the Colt lead to 8-0.

Livonia was unable to sustain a drive after Chad Berryman made a touchdown-saving tackle at the Colt 45. Colts Nick Koehler, Alec Melucci and Jake Cheslik then took control of the middle and stifled the Falcon offense.

The Colt ground attack moved into high gear during the second quarter, led by Parks who rushed for 64 yards on seven carries. Tyler Kwasne added a touchdown on a 19-yard quarterback keeper around right end.

To begin the second half, Northville mounted a 57-yard, seven-play drive using its running game. Following key rushes by Evan Kilkeen, Kyle Kilkeen and Alex Thomas, Sean Conway dashed 20 yards over right tackle for a touchdown.

The Colts converted the extra point on a pass completion from wasne to Nick Stegmeyer.

Defensively, the Colts swarmed the ball, recording seven tackles for a loss and forcing two fumbles behind solid performances by Owen Kipke, Jake Slominski, Kyle Clary and David Blough.

Jake Cheslik's 27-yard intercep-

tion return led to another Northville touchdown when Krishan Patel threaded his way through the Falcon defense for a 46-yard rushing touchdown.

Northville gained 253 rushing yards while utilizing 15 different ball carriers. The Colts play at Novi Saturday at 11 a.m.

#### **JV Colts upend** Falcons, 13-12

The undefeated junior varsity Northville Colts continued their winning ways by defeating a stubborn Livonia Falcon team, 13-12.

The win set up showdown with undefeated Novi (4-0).

The Colts overcame an early deficit and tied the score 7-7 with a 4-yard touchdown run over left tackle and successful PAT by Jeffrey Hewlett.

That conversion loomed large. Hewlett finished the day with 171 vards on 23 carries. The Falcons answered with a 24-yard touchdown pass, but missed the extra point and left them with a 12-7 half time advantage.

In the second half, the Colts pounded the ball between the tackles. Connor Pollifrone rushed for 59 yards on 11 carries. The Colts scored on their second possession, a 77-yard drive capped by a 2-yard plunge by Dawson Laabs.

A missed extra point left the Colts with a 13-12 Colts lead.

Led by Max and Marshall Williams, Michael Walukas, Trevor Maresh, Brendon Hannah and Brock Drogosch, the Colts' defense stiffened when it had to, and forced the Falcons to attempt a failed game-ending field goal attempt.

Northville plays at Novi Saturday at 1 p.m.



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# Big plays sink Mustangs

#### By Sam Eggleston RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Ryan Hockman is well aware one httle mistake can make a big difference in football.

The Northville Mustangs made a few mistakes last week, equaling big moments for the Canton Chiefs as they rolled to a 35-0 victory.

"I thought we played very hard," said Hockman. "We gave a great effort. There's not an ounce of quit on our football team."

Northville fell behind, 7-0, in the first quarter on a one-yard plunge into the endzone before making a defensive stand throughout much of the remaining half.

It wasn't until the Mustangs had a small mistake with under a minute left in the second quarter that Canton was able to score again.

"We made a coverage mistake and it gave them a chance to get down to the goal line," said Hockman. "Other than that, we played them toe-to-toe, play-to-play in the first half."

The Chiefs went up 14-0 with 28 seconds left in the first half on a quarterback keeper.

The Mustangs came out in the second half and stalled, going threeand-out before punting on fourth down. The result was devastating as Deshon McClendon snagged the punt and tore down the field on a 76yard return for a touchdown and a 21-0 lead.

The play deflated the Mustangs. "After that we would drive the ball but we just couldn't do anything to finish off our drives in general." said Hockman, "We had them on their heels at times and they were doing things defensively to adjust and we had counter adjustments.

"We just couldn't finish our drives. We couldn't make enough plays to produce points. That's been our story the last three weeks."

Canton added another score in the third quarter on a two-yard run by Andy Rossow before he scored again to seal the game, 35-0, with 10:44 left in the game.

Northville has taken plenty of



#### Leaders

Rushing: Dittrick Williams, 17-114; Mike Deluca, 2-12 Passing: Deluca, 6-19-80 Receiving: Evan Corbeil, 2-58; Williams, 1-10 Sacks: none Tackles: Greg Hasse, 16; David Bandy, 10; Chris McGuire, 9, Matt Wollack, 8; Evan Duey, 8

bumps this year, falling to 1-5 overall with the loss and 1-3 in the Western Lakes Activities Association Canton is now 4-2 overall,

The key for success in the future. said Hockman, is to play for perfection.

"When you're young and you have to try and be perfect, it's not easy," he said. "We are not a talented enough team to overcome mistakes though. Teams with tons of talent can have a mistake here and there and still execute and win games

"We're not that kind of team and right now we have to play for perfection."

The Mustangs have improved, Hockman said, but there have been bumps in the road outside of losses. He said it's part of bringing a new

program to a school. There are guys who haven't real-

ly understood how to commit to being a team member," he said. "It's part of the growing, or adjustment, pains.

"We're trying to get the message across that we're trying to change the culture here. We don't want to have a team that is good a year here or there because there's some talent. We want a good program and that's what we're building."

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Mustang runningback Dittrick Williams stiff arms a Canton Chief while gaining some yards during last week's home game. BELOW: A Canton ballcarrier is tackled by MustangChris McGuire.

#### Enough is enough.

The Northville Mustangs have had enough losing and nay-saying

to last any player a career. And they've had it all in one massive dose this season.

The squad, led by first-year coach Ryan Hockman, has limped to a 1-5 record as they've been in close games and big blowouts. They've had players quit, made mental mistakes and have been the punching bag for nearly every team they've faced.

But the Mustangs haven't gone down without a fight. Teams look at our scores from

the last three weeks and they think we're not very good," Hockman said. "I think people are a little surprised when we start battling them.

"We need to have success early against Walled Lake Western and maybe we'll surprise them. We're trying to think upset minded, but we've still got a lot of work to do if we want to win this game."

The Mustangs will travel



three years and is hoping to keep his team on the playoff path wit over the Mustangs They'll use a combination of run-



isn't in any playoff picture, but they sure wouldn't mind getting back to winning. The squad has started to use runningback Dittrick William's ability to pick up yards while quarterback Mike Deluca is finding his rhythm and setting down as a serious passing threat. Northville will have to find points

early to get a win in this contest, but

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it's not beyond their abilities. They

Walled Lake Western game," Hockman said. "They're a good

football team that does some good

things. Who knows, maybe we're a

good enough football team to win

"We're looking forward to the

just have to strive to be their best.



Photos by JOHN HEIDER'NG

Can this be win two?

The Northville Mustangs' offensive line prepares to go into action against Canton.

Walled Lake Western to take on the 4-2 Warnors, who have lost their last two games. Western couch Mike Zdebski has watched as Northville punched his team's ticket the past

ning and passing in their quest for victory

Northville, on the other hand



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Northville's Sarah Bardsley swims the butterfly in a 200-meter relay medley.

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# Mustangs diving right in



#### SPORTS SHORTS

#### Laugh your skates off

The Northville High School hockey boosters will host "Laugh Your Skates Off," a fund-raising event for the hockey team.

The event will be Oct. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Monaghan Knights of Columbus hall in Livonia.

Steve Sabo and Bil Bushart are the featured comedians at the event, which includes pizza, munchies, an open bar, door prizes and dancing after the show.

Tickets are \$50 each and a portion is tax deductible.

For more information or to order tickets, call Karl Ziomek at (248) 347-4383.

#### Travel basketball tryout

A travel basketball team will be holding tryouts Oct. 9 at the Senior Center in Northville. The tryout will run from 4:30-6:30 p.m. and is open for boys in sixth grade.

Come dressed and ready to play basketball during the open tryout.

Please contact Brian Pennington at (248) 348-5070 for more information.

#### Travel baseball and softball

The Kensington Valley Baseball Softball Association (KVBSA) is accepting applications for travel baseball and softball teams for the 2006 season. There are currently openings in all age brackets in both baseball and softball. Baseball will have divisions for U9 through U18 and softball will have divisions for U12 through U18.

For more information contact Jeff David at (586) 206-7646 or e-mail at jeff.david@kvbsa.com. You can also visit the website www.kvbsa.com.

#### Adult hockey leagues

Suburban Ice-Farmington Hills will offer separate Beginner Adult Developmental Hockey Leagues presented by Labatt for men and women during the fall/winter season. Both leagues will run once per week for 25 weeks and will have similar structures. The first six weeks will consist of an instructional training camp before dividing players into teams. Once teams have been formed, there will be two practices prior to the beginning of games. The remainder of the season will consist of three games and one practice per month.

Included in the league fees is the cost of jerseys and instruc-



Mustang Amy Reynolds dives in a meet at Novi.



Northville Mustang Jessica Webber swims freestyle.



Mustang Ava Ohigren swims in the 200-meter freestyle against the Wildcats. Ohigren won the 50-meter freestyle with a time of 23.94 seconds.



Northville Mustang Hannah Gill performs a dive during a competitive meet.



Northville's Sarah Carr swims the breaststroke during a meet held at Novi High School.

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tors, who will also serve as referees during games in order to coach the players and teams during the play, on the bench and in between periods. As a bonus, all players in the BADHL will get a free membership to the SIFH Fitness Club from September to March, as well as the opportunity to purchase a RBK 5K Modano pattern hockey stick for just \$75 (retail is \$150) courtesy of RBK Hockey.

The women's league will run 6:30 and 7:30 p.m., Sept. 11, 2005-March 26, 2006 (no sessions on Nov. 27, Dec. 25, Jan. 1, or Feb. 5). The men's league will run 8:30 and 9:30 p.m., Sept. 19, 2005-March 20, 2006 (no sessions Oct. 31 or Dec. 26).

Registration is limited, call (248) 888-1400 or visit www.suburbanice com.

#### **Girls Youth Basketball**

DETAILS: Fourth-Sixth grade girls basketball has been expanded with several openings. Enrollments will be accepted until league is full. CONTACT: (248) 349-0203, extension 1405.

#### Basketball Coaches Needed

DETAILS: Coaches are urgently needed for Northville Parks and Recreation's youth basketball leagues. Your child will play for free if you volunteer to be a head coach. CONTACT: Dave Demattos.

(248) 349-0203, extension 1405

#### **Coach wanted**

Northville High School is in need of an assistant gymnastics coach that has experience in spotting. Please contact Bryan Masi, Athletic Director at (248) 344-8414.

# **REGIONAL MARKETPLACE**

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Thursday, October 6, 2005

#### **NFIB UPDATE**

#### Time to cure America's legal disease

Americans are famous for rallying to great causes. When natural disasters strike, the nation's citizens never hesitate to reach out to those who are suffering. When challenges to our national security occur, the hands of volunteers rise instantly. Major strides in medical science have become possible through the fund-raising efforts of those who cared enough to get involved.

Today, there is a disease that, if not treated and cured, could become fatal to millions of American small businesses and the jobs they create. It hasn't attracted the public attention that human diseases gamer, but the potential for spreading like a plague exists. In fact, it has already taken root within our legal system and is growing at a phenomenal rate.

Spreading its malignant fingers to endanger the nation's free enterprise sector is a deadly practice of lawsuit abuse that today costs Americans more than \$200 billion dollars a year - the equivalent of a 5-percent tax on wages. While some claims are legitimate, a large percentage of lawsuits are completely without merit. But even when cases are frivolous, businesses have no choice but to dig deep to defend themselves, spending hardearned dollars that should be allocated to growing their businesses and adding employees.

To draw attention to this dangerous disease, small-business activists

will raise this and other issues during National Lawsuit Abuse Awareness Week, Oct. 3-7. During the week, local, state and national organ-

**Jack Faris** 

cast the spotlight on individuals and attorneys who file baseless claims and victimize innocent people. These abusers of our legal system should be held accountable for their actions.

izations will

Pro-small-business members of Congress also are joining the search for a cure by working for passage of H R. 420, the Lawsuit Abuse Reduction Act. The legislation discourages frivolous lawsuits by reinstating several important provisions of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedures rules that were changed in 1993. It also adds several new provisions to deter baseless claims.

A recently released NFIB Research Foundation poll found



Three Cedars Farms' owner Gary Whitaker, right, is joined by grandkids Alexis and Briana Thomason (2 and six months respectively) and "Hillbilly" Joe Hoskins at the Six Mile Road farm with its pumpkin patch, corn maze and other attractions.

# **THREE CEDARS FARMS**

#### DETAILS

Three Cedars Farm is open Sunday through Thursday, 10 a.m. to dusk, Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. or by appointment. School and group packages may be arranged. These events will be featured from now until Halloween. During the holiday season the farm will be transformed into a display resembling a Currier and lves. At that time they'll feature trees, wreaths and roping for sale. Children can visit Santa and Mrs. Claus. Three Cedars Farm is located at 7879 Six Mile Road in Salem Township (Northville Mailing



#### A FAMILY AFFAIR

Why not make a visit to Three Cedars Farm a family event? The whole family can head out for a hayride, like three generations of the Inarte family did one sunny afternoon. Mom, Lisa Iriarte, said it was so refreshing to spend the afternoon outdoors. The family was visiting from Wellington, Florida to escape the heat and the hurricane weather.

Nanna, (or grandma) Kathy Ehlert, reminisced about her life on the farm, remarking she never did get a tractor to ride so smoothly. Four-year-old Gabriella Iriarte

that the median total cost to settle a legal dispute is about \$5,000. Considering that the average smallbusiness owner's salary is less than \$50,000 a year, it should be easy to understand why the economic pressures to settle are enormous. In fact, small-business owners say being sued is one of the most threatening experiences they encounter - especially for the smallest firms that could be put out of business by one frivolous lawsuit.

Liability reform is gaining momentum. States across the nation have recognized the need for change and have taken steps to lumit fravolous lawsuits

Anyone who doubts the need for lawsuit reform need only look to the recent attempts by trial lawyers to threaten legal action against caring citizens who rushed to aid Hurricane Katrina victims. When an institution of American society becomes so diseased that Goed Samaritans are sued when trying to help people, the search for a cure must begin in earnest.

Jack Faris is the president of NFIB (the National Federation of Independent Business), the nation's largest small-business advocacy group. A non-profit, non-partisan organization founded in 1943, NFIB represents the consensus views of its 600,000 members in Washington, D.C., and all 50 state capitals. More information is available on-line at www.NFIB org.

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If you think the days of visit-

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Cedars Farm in Salem

Township. Only a quiet country drive from South Lyon, Novi,

Plymouth or Northville, it fea-

tures all the charm of an old

fashioned farm with a twist of

The farm itself resembles a

Norman Rockwell painting

with colorful landscaping and

folk art accenting well-tended

buildings and picket fences.

This time of year it's surround-

ed by piles of pumpkins and colorful mums. Not only are the

grounds attractive. Three

Cedars is a fully functioning

farm, harvesting their corn and

pumpkins as well as providing

entertainment. Owner, Gary

fun.

"We bought the farm ten years ago, and decided to plant pumpkins and it's taken off from there.

Eventually they opened the farm for the public to enjoy. They now feature activities for all ages with twelve acres of U-Pick pumpkin patches and goat farm for the entire family to enjoy. There are group bonfires and an amazing corn maze - a great hit with all ages. The corn maze covers seven acres and is professionally designed by a company in Missouri.

"A lot of people who come through the com maze during the day like to come back with flashlights at night," observed Whittaker's wife, Sherry.

Every size of pumpkin is available for purchase, including the designer white as well as squash. Visitors can also find ready picked pumpkins and fall decor including corn stalks and bales of straw.

"It's fun to have people come

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out year after year to bring their families out and enjoy it," said Gary Whittaker.

Fresh baked donuts and apple cider are new this year, he added. Fall is the perfect season to visit the donut hut, where you can smell the fresh cinnamon and apple cider inside. You can buy cider by the glass, half or whole gallon. Seating is available for visitors to sit down and relax.

Whittaker and his wife, Sherry, took over the farm ten Photo by JOHN HEIDER

The "General Store" gift shop at Three Cedars Farm.

years ago from his best friend, Fred Verran, whose name still remains across the big red barn. A packaging executive by trade, he is grateful to Verran for the opportunity to enjoy the agrarian lifestyle.

It's a family affair at Three Cedars where Whittaker's children, Jamie Martin. Carrie Thomason and Travis Whittaker can all be found working, along with their spouses. Matt Martin, Ryan Thomason and Jennifer Whittaker. Thomason is the

owner of Three Cedars Landscape Company, which keeps the grounds attractive and well groomed.

Whittaker's wife, Sherry, is the mastermind behind the general store on the premises.

The store resembles a neighborhood shop in Mayberry. Young and old alike enjoy looking through the old fashioned candy and assorted goods like the galvanized tub filled with vintage "small" bottles of coke.

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and her brother, 2-year-old Mikel watched pumpkin patches and cornfields sitting atop bales of straw. Gabriella remarked that she liked the pumpkins and tractor best of ail.

Stop by the visit the friend-ty crew, Hillbilly Joe, Bub the famous farmer. Bonnie the donut lady and Corn Stalk Darrell.

barn contains an old fashioned barbershop, a tribute to Sherry's grandfather, a former barber and minister. The room is equipped with antique bottles of potion, brushes and an authentic barber's chair.

"I've always loved the Andy Griffith Show, so I wanted to make this into an old fashioned barbershop," said Whittaker.

The upper level features a spacious floor area. All three of the Whittaker children were married there.



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Q I would like to know what Gary Chapman is doing and did he remarry after the divorce from Amy Grant? —Dorothy B., North Carolina



Songwriter Gary Chapman

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Gary Chapman, a songwriter and former talk show host on The Nashville Network, enjoys projects behind the camera these days. He produced the MuzikMafia TV series for CMT, which he said was "an absolute blast," and the recently aired CMT special for the duo Big & Rich called *Big & Rich in Deadwood*. "It's actually more pressure than being in front of the camera," Chapman says. "Before, I was just responsible for what came out of my mouth and how

stupid I might appear, but now a lot rides on what I do." He's currently working on a documentary for a song Big & Rich wrote that deals with the Vietnam War. A short version should be ready by November and the full-length project will be ready by l'ebruary 2006. Chapman and his wife Jennifer, an animal trainer be married in 2000, live on a 220-acre ranch outside of Nashville, Tenn. He and former wife, singer Amy Grant, have three children.

### **Q** Please give me information on one of the best actors in the world, Gary Oldman. What is his next project? —Donna R., Indiana

In 2006, Gary Oldman will reprise his roles of Sirius Black in the next Harry Potter film, as well as Jim Gorgon in a sequel to Batman Begins. But according to Oldman's manager, Douglas Urbanski, Oldman's greatest and most important project is the raising of his two sons, Charlie, 6, and Gulliver, 7, whom he was awarded full custody of about five years ago. "He's a fulltime single dad," Urbanski says. "He does their homework with them, he makes their lunches for the next morning, he tucks them in and he takes them to school the next morning. He does not have any social life at all. Gary's life completely rotates around his two boys." The London native now makes his home in Los Angeles, although he spends time in his homeland working on films. "He chooses his films very carefully," Urbanski says. "When he made Potter, when his kids were not in school, they were with him in London. When he did Batman Begins, his work in London was spread over about six or eight months, so he made something like 20 trips back and forth.'

### JUST=RELEASED... Two New Projects Honor Johnny Cash and June Carter Cash

A four-disc collection called The Legend is being released by Legacy Recordings to mark the 50th anniversary of Johnny Cash's first single, Cry, Cry, Cry, in 1955. It contains 104 songs,

The collection is being released in two configurations: standard, which is packaged in a display book layout containing a booklet and newly commissioned liner notes; and the deluxe, a coffee-table sized edition that includes a color lithograph, a book of photographs, a bonus DVD

and a bonus CD. The release of *The Legend* is complemented by the simultaneous release of a 40-song collection by his wife, June Carter Cash. *Keep on the Sunny Side—Her Life in Music* chronicles her amazing career, one that began the day she was born into the Carter Family dynasty.



Who is the little old man who does the dancing on the Six Flags commercial? —Rebecca H., New Mexico

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Strap yourself in! R&B legend James Brown tells his rollercoaster life in his own words—from hardscrabble childhood and social indifferences to his anointment as the Godfather of Soul; from singing at The Apollo to endless run-ins with the law.

As you read you can almost imagine Brown speaking from a stage, wiping sweat with his trademark towel as he recounts bizarre incidents, including his stint at the Georgia State Penitentiary, his rocky relationships and his rise, fall and rise on the music scene. Brown is an important part of American music culture, and these pages are laced with great stories and insight. Elvis, he says "took a lot of my style and my teachings and put them into his own music, something I didn't mind at all." He describes how his relationship was initially strained with Ray Charles. "Then we became such good friends," he writes. He even defines the difference between soul and funk. Hollywood made a great movie out of the life of Ray Charles; Brown's bio would also be hot stuff on the big screen.

### The Breakdown Lane Jacquelyn Mitchard HarperCollins

Early in Jacquelyn Mitchard's involving family novel, Julieanne Gillis—wife, mother and advice columnist for her Sheboygan, Wis.,



newspaper—communicates a secret she doesn't even know she has: she's suffering from multiple sclerosis. And that's the least of her troubles.

Her lawyer husband is deep in mid-life crisis and feels the need for a "hiatus," the effects of which will permanently rip apart not only Julieanne's world, but that of her two teens, particularly the mildly learningdisabled Gabe.

Julieanne, who easily solves other's problems, doesn't see it coming, and finally realizes she's "the poster princess for willful self-delusion." The narrative turns on two stories—Julieanne's wrestling with more than her share of bitter pills, and Gabe's premature coming of age. Mitchard's tale is overlong and meandering, but humor, hardship, and heart turn this soap opera into an indulgent bubble bath of a read. (Continued on page 4)



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Lee Ann Womack There's More Where That Came From MCA Nashville Records



Country traditionalist Lee Ann Womack scored

a crossover career song most performers only dream about with 2000's *I Hope You Dane*, but she faltered with her next album, the pop-ish *Something Worth Leaving Behind*. Now the two-time Grammy winner returns with *There's More Where That Came From*, a stunning album of deep-dish country that fits perfectly alongside the best work of female masters Dolly Parton, Tammy Wynette and Loretta Lynn.

Womack listened to more than 1,000 songs for the album she's "dreamed of making since I was a young Texas girl listening to the classics." It shows. I May Hate Myself in the Morning may make cheating songs all the vogue again, while Tuenty Years and Two Husbands Ago, which Womack co-wrote, will likely become a standard. Delivered in her feathery soprano that dips and soars with nuanced emotion, this is a remarkable collection of exquisite pain.

### Sunday Money Jeff MacGregor HarperCollins

Stock car racing has traveled from the South's moonshine backroads and the back of newspaper sports pages to Wall Street, multi-million dollar sponsorships and national television deals.



In Similary Money, author Jeff MacGregor and his photographer wife, Olya Evanitsky, follow the NASCAR circuit for one season to bring you the glitz, glamour and grease pits of this high-speed phenomenon. MacGregor brings you close-ups of today's cover boy race drivers like Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt Jr. But he's equally adept at setting up the present by taking you back to the early years of dirt tracks, Bill France's Daytona Beach, Fla., racing dream and yesterycar's tire-tool heroes. The book serves as a good orientation handbook for the new fan as well as an enjoyable read for the stock car fanatic.

MacGregor describes the 1950s, which were the flourishing years for stock car racing with the opening of asphalt ovals in Daytona and Darlington, S.C. He also pays homage to names like Richard Petty, Buckly Baker and Fireball Roberts. But the real nuggets are found in detailed chapters with insight into the more than 70 million fans who follow the NASCAR circuit on the colorful and lively weekend pilgrimages. *Sunday Money* is like a season pass on the circuit. Set yourself on cruise control and enjoy.

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When 3-year-old Morgan Moss watches her dad, Larry, put his vintage tuxedo jacket over his purple shirt, adjust his lilac-colored suspenders and add a silly-looking red hat, she usually starts crying. "When the balloons come out, she knows I'm leaving her to go to work, and she really bawls," Moss says.



Moss transformed his twisting hobby into a career.

Moss, 34, usually makes people smile with his wildly inspired sculptures made entirely of balloons. While his work clothes are as silly as Charlie Chaplin's, Moss is serious about his inflatable art, which has grown to gigantic proportions, setting workl records and raising money for charitable causes.

"Balloons get attention, and they are fun," says Moss, of Henrictta, N.Y. (pop. 39,028), who was inspired as a chikl while watching balkon artists twist balloons during a Barnum on Broadway show in New York City. "I was hooked," he recalls.

In 2000, Moss and a team of halloon artists fashioned 41,000 oblong halloons into two 25-foot-tall soccer players hattling on halloon-made Astroturf in Spain. The giant sculpture, measuring 25-feet high and 80-feet wide, got Moss listed in the Guinness Book of Records for creating



Larry Moss of Henrietta, N.Y., has discovered how to p the workd's largest non-round balloon sculpture. And in 2002, Moss and helium-balloon pilot John Ninomiya teamed up for the first-ever airborne latex balloon sculpture. Their smiling octopus, made of 40,000 balloons, soared over Sodus Bay, near Rochester, N.Y., and eventually deflated on a bouthouse roof.

Moss started twisting balloons when he was 10 or 11. By age 15 he was earning money creating balloon animals at birthday parties. His visions of balloon art took hold by age 18. Balloon performing even helped Moss pay his tuition at the University of Rochester, where he earned a degree in computer science.

Once he started his computer career, however, he says he felt deflated working in a windowless office. In 1997, Moss married Judy, an engineer eager to financially support the couple while her husband transformed his hobby into a career. Judy still calls those days her "contribution to the arts." In 1992, Moss created the first website for balloon enthusiasts. By tapping interest in his performance art through the Internet, Moss found work around the world. Today, he earns a living creating his elaborate inflatable artwork and selling books, CD-ROMs and videos on the subject.

From the beginning, a non-profit group called Young Audiences of Rochester has hired Moss to perform his signature act, in which he demonstrates to school children how simple, yet functional, screws, levers and pulleys made entirely with balloons can "catch" a teacher during a giggled-filled grand finale.

"There isn't a kid who can't learn from balloons and Moss," says Cathie Wright, Young Audiences' director of development.

Moss' balloon art also is used to infuse fun into charitable causes. Last Halloween, Moss helped raise nearly \$34,000 for research at the James P. Wilmot Cancer



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Helium balloons take an inflatable octopus skyward. Center in Rochester by building Balloon Manor—a 10,000-square-foot, haunted but non-scary all-balloon house—with the Greater Rochester Jaycees, 400 volunteers and about a clozen out-of-town volunteer balloon artists.

"He's amazing," says Kim Ziegler, the center's assistant director for special events. "Staff and volunteers can't wait until 2006 so they can volunteer again."

Visitors paid \$10 for the balloon mansion experience, and some were taken on a wheekhair-guided tour by Judy Moss, who was diagnosed with Hodgkin's lymphoma shortly after Morgan's birth in 2003.

Publicity from Balloon Manor led Moss to his next corporate assignment—again a message of hope. For an enthusiastic crowd pleaser at a Party City store's grand opening in Henrietta, Moss twisted a plump and pink Valentine teddy bear—complete with bow and arrow—that he delivered to a nearby Ronakl McDonakl House, which provides lodging for away-from-home parents visiting their hospitalized children.

"It's not just about setting records and numbers," Moss says. "It's about satisfaction in what you do and the pleasure you give others. It's hard to look at any balloon and have the blues at the same time."

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## Unconventional Agriculture By MARTH ATHORN

Don Phillips measures his farm by square feet of growing space, not acres. He doesn't plow or weed. He doesn't even plant his crops in direct sunlight.

Little about the nation's largest grower of exotic mushrooms fits the picture of a traditional farm. Don and his brother, Marshall, co-owners of Phillips Mushroom Farms, grow 35 million pounds a year of portabella, shiitake, enoki, maitake and other fancy fungi in chilly dark buildings on 220 acres of farmland at Kennett Square, Pa. (pop. 5,273). Mushrooms sprout in sterile bottles, on homemade sawdust logs and in wooden compost beds that are 60 feet long and stacked six-deep like bunk beds.

Their father, William Phillips, started growing white button mushrooms in 1927 and sidestepped convention, too. Mushrooms then were a wintertime-only crop, but William

cleckled in 1939 to grow them in muggy summer. "Dad would take a dump truck and get 250pound cubes of ice and slick them into the rooms and blow fans over them," recalls Don, 70.

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While most farmers in the mushroom mecca of Chester County grew for local canneries, William catered to the fresh market. His pioneering spirit guided the Phillips brothers in 1979 when they ventured into growing specialty mushrooms and became the first U.S. commercial shiitake grower. Six years later, they introduced the wiklly successful portabellas.

"We literally gave the portabellas away to chefs from Maine to Miami," says Jim Angelucci, the farm's general manager. The hearty-flavored fistsized-and-bigger brown mushrooms caught on as the fiket of mushrooms and as "bella burgers" for vegetarians in the 1980s.

"We're all looking for that next portabella," Angelucci says.

### Specialty crops for niche markets

Across America, farmers and ranchers produce a variety of specialty crops and livestock-from elk



Don and Marshall Phillips grow exotic mushrooms, including shiitake and portabella (above) varieties.





Heirloom apples are among Herb Teichman's specialty fruit crops in Eau Claire, Mich.

and heirkoom apples to alligators and vanilla orchicls—for niche markets where less competition means more dollars. Some of these unconventional farmers are seeking a career and lifestyle change; others are trying to save the family farm.

"There are thousands of niche markets," says Ron Macher, the publisher of *Small Farm Today*, who has tracked unconventional crops for 30 years. Small farmers can't make money by miniaturizing a large farm and growing commodity crops, Macher preaches, but they can thrive with specialty crops and value-ackled products, such as jellies and sauces made with homegrown berries and commeal produced from homegrown com.

No one keeps tabs on the number of U.S. niche farmers and ranchers, but a sign of their flourishing numbers is the boom in farmers' markets, up from 300 to 3,500 in the last 10 years, says Macher, a diversified vegetable and livestock producer in Clark, Mo. (pop. 275).

### Heirloom apples and elk antlers

Fruit is sold fresh off the branches at Tree-Mendus Fruit Farm in Eau Claire, Mich. (pop. 656), where 250 varieties of heirloom and modern apples and pears grow alongside groves of plums, apricots, peaches and cherrics.

"A lot of older folks will be making a recipe that calls for a certain apple, and they can find it here," says owner Herb Teichman, 75, whose parents started the farm in 1928.

Teichman's daughter Cindy Devalk, 44, ricks on horselxack through the orchards, helping pickers identify the ripe fruit. Some families rent an (Continued on page 11)



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apple tree and return year after year to pick and picnic. Popular heirloom apple varieties include Goklen Russet, Newtown Pippin and Jonathan.

"We're trying to create a market for fresh air, fresh fruit, blue sky and country fun," Teichman says. "We can't compete with the world market. We decided not to compete but to put a value on what we sell."

Farmers Ernie and Shari Mau of Tolley, N.D. (pop. 63), were struggling financially in 1988 when they turned to elk ranching to help pay the bills.

"The crops were a little short here," says Ernie, 60. "I like elk meat, and I've always been a hunter."

Mau bought two bull elk calves and eventually built the herd to 750 head. He sells elk meat and big-game hunts at Silverwing Ranch and harvests antlers each spring to sell to Asian markets as a health supplement.

"It's got a lot of phosphorous and calcium," Mau says. "When an antler drops in the wild, it doesn't lay there for long before a coyote or something's chewing on it."

### Earthworms, alligators and orchids

Niche marketing was the ticket home for Bill Vierra, 55, who longed for a career change after driving a truck for 26 years. He and his wife, Markie, now commute 50 feet to their barn, home to Vierra's Worm Farm in San Andreas, Calif. (pop. 2,615), where 500,000 earthworms squiggle in 5-gallon buckets.



Bill and Markie Yierra pose with their squiggly livestock in San Andreas, Calif.



Earthworms produce castings, or manure, which is sold to gardeners for plant fertilizer.

The Vierras raise earthworms for their castings, or manure, which is sold to other farmers and nurseries as plant fertilizer.

"We work the worm business from the other end—what they leave behind," says Bill, who feeds his worms a custom organic diet, including grains and oyster shells.

"You can't improve on the worm, but you can improve on what you're feeding the worm," Bill ackls. "We have happy worms. They're in 72 degrees. Basically, they have a complete diet and eat better than I do."

In Louisiana, alligator rancher Mike Ragusa, 66, sought a new career, too, and switched in 1991 from building houses for alligators to raising the reptiles for their hides and meat. He and his daughter, Micah Ragusa-Bujol, 28, harvest 20,000 gators a year at Circle M Ranch near Hammond, La. (pop. 17,639).

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Mike Ragusa and his daughter, Micah, raise alligators for their meat and hides.



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"It doesn't take a lot of land or have its ups and downs like other farming," says Ragusa, who raises the gators in 22 buildings with floors that slope to a drain for easy cleaning.

Alligator eggs are gathered each June from nests on private marshland. In about 15 months, the hatchlings grow to 4 feet and are ready for market. Fourteen percent of the alligators are returned to the wild every two years to replenish the population.

"Skins are bringing their highest now,

about \$100, and we can't supply enough," Ragusa says. "This is the Cadillac of leather."

Alligator skins are sold to overseas tanneries, which supply manufacturers of high-end watchbands, boots and belts. The Ragusas also sell alligator meat for \$4 to \$5 a pound wholesale.

A yearning to ruse their children on a farm in Hawaii inspired Jim Recklekopp, 11, and his wife, Tracy, 36, to chose the ultimate niche crop--vanilla orchids--which only grow within 25 degrees of the equator. The couple started Hawaiian Vanilla Co. in Paauilo, Hawaii (pop. 571), in 1998, the only U.S. vanilla plantation.

"Nine years ago, we were having a dinner conversation, and my mother-in-law mentioned vanilla," Jim recalls. "We'd talked about macadamia nuts and papayas. Nobody was growing vanilla here."

Vanilla orchids blossom only one day a year between February and May and must be hand pollinated to produce a vanilla bean pod. If pollination is successful, a bean pod forms and matures in about nine months. The beans are blanched in water, sun-dried, and then split to release thousands of flavorful seeds, which are used to make vanilla extract.

In a 30,000-square-foot greenhouse, the Recklekopps annually harvest 200 pounds



Jim and Tracy Reddekopp found their niche harvesting vanilla beans in Paauilo, Hawaii.

of dried bean pools, which sell for up to \$300 a pound. The Reddekopps give farm tours and sell leauty lotions and chocolate truffles flavored with natural vanilla, and their five home-schooled children help serve homemade vanilla-spiced dishes to visitors.

"Vanilla is a tiny commodity, and supply has never met the demand," says Jim, who may be the world's happiest niche farmer-and bean counter. He sells single vanilla beans for \$10 apiece.

Such stories of successful specialty and niche farmers delight Macher.

"It's a grassroots movement led by farmers who want to stay on the land with their families," he says. "It's more than just commerce." 🌫

Marti Attoun is a frequent American Profile contributor.

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Vanilla orchid blossoms are pollinated by hand.







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Autumn Arts Festival-North Platte, Zoo Boo-Sioux Falls, Oct. 28-30. This spook-tacular outdoor event at the Great Plains Zoo features trick-or-treating among the animals along pathways lined with 200 hand-carved pumpkins. (605) 367-7059.

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## Hometown Recipes Pumpkin Pleases the Fall Palate

The crisp, cool days of autumn are a great time to experiment with pumpkin recipes—from breads and soups to pies, cookies and cakes. While your chiklren carve their jack-o'-lanterns, you can fill the house with the worderful aroma of baking pumpkins, which pack a lot of flavor and nutrition within their bright orange shells.

You can use either fresh or canned in any recipe calling for pumpkin. When buying pumpkins to bake, look for small varieties that are blemish-free and have been harvested with their stems intact. The pie pumpkin, or sugar pumpkin, with its sweet taste and smooth texture, is the best variety for baking.

To make pumpkin purée, split the pumpkin in half, remove the seeds and strings, and place the halves cut side down on a baking sheet that has been lined with aluminum foil. Bake for 1 to 1 and 1/2 hours at 350 degrees, until the pulp is soft. Spoon out the pulp, and measure the quantity needed for your recipe. As an alternative, cut the cleaned pumpkin in chunks, and cook it for 20 to 40 minutes in simmering water until the pulp is soft. Then pare off the skin, and mash the pulp. A 4-pound pumpkin will yield about 1 and 1/2 cups of purée.

If your family likes to snack on pumpkin seeds, you may want to roast your own. Rinse the seeds carefully to remove all the pulp, and set them aside to dry.

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### **RECIPE:** Stuffed Shells with Pumpkin



- I 12-ounce package jumbo pasta shells
- I/2 cup butter or margarineI/4 cup, plus 2 tablespoons, all-purpose
- flour
- I and I/2 cups milk
- 1 and 1/2 cups grated Parmesan or Romano cheese
- 2 cups cooked pumpkin or squash
- 2 cups ricotta cheese
- I cup chopped raw spinach
- Salt and pepper to taste
- l clove garlic, crushed Olive oil
- I cup shredded mozzarella cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Boil pasta until done, and rinse with cold water. Do not overcook or shells will tear when being stuffed. Melt butter in a medium saucepan. Stir in flour; continue stirring and add milk. When sauce thickens, stir in 1/2 cup Parmesan cheese. If too thick, add another 1/2 cup milk. Season to taste and set aside. In a medium bowl, combine 1 cup Parmesan cheese, pumpkin, nicotta, spinach, salt, pepper and garlic. Lightly oil a 2-quart baking dish. Stuff shells with pumpkin filling, and place in baking dish. Cover shells with sauce. Sprinkle mozzarella over top. Bake 30 to 35 minutes, until golden and bubbly. Cool for 10 minutes before serving. Serves 6 to 8.

Tips From Our Test Kitchen: Gruyere cheese is a nice substitute for mozzarella.



### Pumpkin Dump Cake

- I 29-ounce can pure pumpkin I 12-ounce can evaporated
- milk
- 3 eggs
- l cup sugar
- l teaspoon salt
- 3 teaspoons cinnamon
- I box yellow cake mix
- I cup chopped pecans
- 3/4 cup melted margarine

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Mix first six ingredients until well blended, and pour batter into a 9-by-13-inch greased pan. Sprinkle cake mix on top, and then cover with pecans. Pour melted margarine over top. Bake 50 minutes.

**Tips From Our Test Kitchen:** Top with whipped cream. *Photo: David Damer* 

Styling: Mary Carter





Selenda Girardir Newbury,Vt.

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Spray a baking sheet with cooking oil, spread the seeds on the sheet, and sprinkle with salt. Roast the seeds at 250 degrees for about 1 hour, or until the seeds are golden brown. Be sure to stir the seeds every 15 minutes to ensure even cooking. Let cool and store in an airtight container.

Cindy Gissy of Vienna, W.Va. (pop. 10,861), sent us the recipe for pumpkin dump cake. "With two active teenage boys, anytime I can use a recipe that is quick and easy, I will." This recipe has "the great taste of pumpkin pie" and is "a great choice for dessert any time of the year," Gissy says.

Selenda Girardin of Newbury, Vt. (pop. 396), sent us the recipe for pumpkin stuffed shells. "I developed this recipe after I tasted some squash-stuffed ravioli in a restaurant. I raise a lot of squash and pumpkin, and this is a great way to prepare it," Girardin says.

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