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Hiller's brings in most money

■ Salvation Army still seeks bellringers

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

In a time where some store chains push groups like The Salvation Army away from seeking donations on their grounds, Northville's Hiller's Market has done the exact opposite.

"Hiller's has been good to us since a lot of stores won't let us ring at their spots," said Judy Kohl, coordinator of the Plymouth Corp Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign. "It's a really good spot because it's inside and our volunteers, or the people giving, don't have to freeze."

Kohl said of the communities in the Plymouth site's group — Belleville, Canton, Northville, Plymouth, Sumpter Township and Van Buren Township — the Hiller's Market bell-ringing station, located on Center Street north of Main Street, brings in the most donations each year.

The Salvation Army Red Kettle Campaign began Nov. 16. This year is more critical than ever because the economy has hit so many families very hard, Kohl said. Her group continues to seek volunteers, as the campaign runs through Christmas Eve.



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Salvation Army bell ringer Dick Gray accepts a donation at his Hiller's Market station on Center Street in Northville. Gray has been helping out The Salvation Army with its holiday drive for about eight years.

Kohl said she has a group of four people — Ron Bush, Charlie Cox, Dick Gray and Carol Livermore — who she can call at

the last minute to come to a spot and ring a bell. Kohl said, however, that she would like to have a more extended list of partici-

pants, since the event is so important to so many people.

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Mark Abbo
Northville Township supervisor

Twp. sues developer

■ REIS claims proper permits were obtained for people living on former psych hospital parcel

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township officials filed a lawsuit last week in Wayne County Circuit Court against developer REIS to prevent four families from living on the former Northville Psychiatric property.

The lawsuit alleges that the families, one of which has a woman who is reportedly pregnant, were illegally moved into security trailers on the site.

REIS did request permits to place temporary trailers on the property to accommodate security personnel. The property contains approximately 20 vacant and deteriorating structures and medical waste disposal sites, and REIS said it was responsible for

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taking over security from the State of Michigan.

However, instead of placing security personnel in these trailers, REIS moved families into the trailers. Residential occupancy of these trailers not only violates township ordinance and code requirements, but is also unsafe and reckless, according to township officials.

"We had heard rumors that REIS was not happy with the plan

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NYC to Northville

■ New deli hopes to bring Big Apple taste, style downtown

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Tim Walsh, owner of the set-to-open Empire Deli, located at 133 W. Main St., Suite 212, inside Northville Square, wants his establishment to be more Satriale's than Subway.

Walsh's shop will, though, in ways, emulate the deli made famous by "The Sopranos" in what it will offer.

Aside from making fresh hot and cold sandwiches, including a seven-ounce Vienna corned beef sandwich, Empire Deli will be an actual delicatessen, as patrons will have the option of buying imported meats and cheeses by the pound and 10 varieties of

Zingerman's breads by the slice and loaf.

Walsh, a Brighton resident who is originally from Illinois, has experienced several authentic New York delicatessens. He said they're different from their Michigan counterparts.

"Most delis (in Michigan) are essentially sandwich shops," Walsh said. "I classify mine as a 'true deli.'"

That true deli will feature imported meats and cheeses that are delivered daily. It will also serve 32 signature sandwiches, salads, paninis, fresh mozzarella breads and 12 varieties of Zingerman's gelato — an Italian ice cream made from milk and sugar combined with other flavorings — desserts, pastries and kosher items.

Gift baskets are available and items will be imported from New York, Italy, Greece and Paris. Along with offering catering and deliveries to local businesses that are in walking distance to the shop, Empire Deli also seats 42



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Tim Walsh, right, and his son, Mike, will soon open the Empire Deli in Northville Square. The deli will feature all kinds of sandwiches, both cold and those from the grill, and customers will be able to take home their favorite meats and cheeses.

inside and will offer outside seating on the Wing Street side of the eatery. Prices range from \$8.50-\$12.50 for the sandwiches, which include cole slaw and a choice of macaroni salad or potato salad.

Pickle spears will come with all sandwiches as well Walsh said. "We want to give our customers a great experience and

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'Voices' postpones meeting

■ Group is to meet tomorrow with Foundation

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Voices for Maybury Farm members plan to visit the Northville Community Foundation office on Friday to review public documents regarding the foundation.

The meeting was originally scheduled for Monday afternoon but was moved to Friday because Susan Greenlee, Voices president, had to work Monday.

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Old Village fund-raiser

Joanne Johnson explains some of the goods for sale to a customer at last Monday's Imagine Nation Book Fair at the Northville District Library. The book fair sold books and other gifts to raise funds to purchase exercise equipment and communication devices for students of Old Village School. Johnson's son attends the school, located on Main Street in Northville.

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Family affair

provide them with high-quality food and exceptional service," he said. "I've flown more than 1.5 million miles from Dublin to Honolulu, so I've experienced some high-quality food and I want to bring that to Northville."

Walsh said meetings with several Northville business people prompted him to include the delivery option. He said he found out that a number of downtown Northville shop owners don't have staff that makes it possible for them to leave for lunch, so Walsh has opted to come to them instead.

"(Business owners) can put their orders in and we'll take it to them," Walsh said, adding that orders will be made via fax or on the restaurant Web site once it's up and running. Standing and advance orders will be available, as well, Walsh said.

Walsh's son, Mike, will be at the head of that great customer service. The 20-year-old will have a hand in overseeing the day-to-day operations of the shop. Mike Walsh will receive assistance from a chef who studied at New York's Culinary Institute of America.

Mike Walsh, 20, was away at college studying business when his father brought the idea of starting the business to him. Tim Walsh said his inspiration for pursuing his first restaurant venture came from a higher power.

"I'm excited about getting started," Mike Walsh said. "I've trained for the past few weeks and I'll be able to learn the business. I think this is a really good opportunity for me."

While Mike may be taking the experience in, the elder Walsh said the process has been a whirlwind.

Empire Deli was built, from the ground up, in 35 days, Tim Walsh said. But it's the way that members of the Northville business community have embraced him and his endeavor that have pushed the entrepreneur.

"The people (in Northville) have been tremendous and I really like the sense of community I get from everyone. It seems like it's really important to them to support local businesses," Walsh said.

Walsh is looking forward to being a part of that community and used many local businesses to construct the deli and provide support services during construction.

"I've experienced several delis in Manhattan and I want to replicate that in Northville."

More ventures in the works

Tim Walsh leased the spot next to where Empire Deli will sit, too.

His daughter, Shannon Walsh, will be opening Doggie Couture in that space in the near future, Tim Walsh said. The store will be a dog bakery shop and will sell high-end dog apparel and accessories.

For now, though, Tim Walsh's focus is on his ribbon-cutting ceremony at 6:30 p.m. tonight and his grand opening at 10:30 a.m. tomorrow.

"It's going to be something," Walsh said.

Empire Deli will be open 10:30 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 10:30 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. The shop can be contacted by telephone at (248) 349-5536 or by fax at (248) 349-5539.

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REIS Spokesperson

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approved by the Board of Trustees and was trying to find a way to strengthen their position," said Chip Snider, township manager. "However, if placing families in such a contaminated and unsecure environment was an attempt to accomplish that goal, I am deeply saddened."

Soil samples have shown the hospital property to be contaminated with arsenic, barium, copper, lead and silver, Snider said.

Besides ground contaminants, the property has open dumps that, through first-hand accounts included in a report on the environmental state of the property, are said to contain trash, wood, pharmaceutical containers, syringes, drums, 5-gallon containers, autopsy organ samples, glass jars used for chemical storage, railroad ties, fly ash and brick.

At least 20 vacant and abandoned buildings are also scattered across the property.

"The township has tried to negotiate with REIS in good faith," said Mark Abbo, Northville Township supervisor. "However, placing a woman who may be pregnant in a location that is filled with lead, medical waste and several other contaminants is disturbing at best. Unfortunately, REIS left the township with no other alternative than to take action to remove these families to ensure that they are safe and that their health is not in danger."

"In addition to the dangerous environmental contaminants, the buildings still standing on the property have been classified as 'dangerous buildings,'" Abbo said.

REIS confirmed Nov. 21 it had rented four houses on the former site

of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital with the full participation and approval of Northville Township, according to Steve Mitchell, REIS spokesperson.

"REIS sought and received approvals from the township," Mitchell said. "It bought and installed residential housing that met building codes and permit requirements; utilities were connected for residential purposes."

"All necessary permits were issued by the township, and all necessary inspections were carried out by the township before undertaking any applicable work."

He said each of the four residences received addresses and certificates of occupancy from the township. Only after receiving all required paperwork were the houses completed, leases signed and tenants allowed to occupy the homes, Mitchell said.

Mitchell said the families have even formed a neighborhood watch group to help prevent trespassing. "In fact, township police department personnel conducted neighborhood watch training for the residents," he said. "The area on which they live is safe and uncontaminated."

Snider said a hearing will take place Friday on the issue.

"Our hopes are that a judge will issue a revocation of their permits and permission to occupy and will affect the immediate removal of these squatters," he said.

Background investigation of the families reveals questionable character of certain individuals living on the property, Snider said.

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Inspectors take hits at council meeting

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The city of Northville's interim building inspector Bill Myers and plumbing and heating inspector Lenny Czinski ears' must have been burning during the Nov. 19 Northville City Council meeting.

The two inspectors took several hits during the meeting from a downtown Northville real estate agent, two property owners and two new tenants.

Realtor Kathleen McLallen, mayor of Novi from 1992-97 who works for Century 21 Town & Country in Northville, criticized the inspectors for their lack of consistency in inspecting Northville homes.

Myers, who formerly worked as a part-time inspector for Northville Township, has been working for the city part-time while the regular building inspector, Rick Starling, is on medical leave.

Chip Snider, township manager, said Myers was released not based on performance issues but due to declining number of inspections required by the township. Myers served as a mechanical and building inspector while at the township. He has not worked in the township for more than a year, according to Snider.

Snider added that, to his knowledge, there were no complaints or concerns about Myers during his

service to the township. Don Weaver, director of public services for the township, agreed with Snider.

"He worked here for several years as a contract employee, and there were no major complaints issued against him," Weaver said.

Bob Buckhave, who owns the new Northville Square with wife, Margene, and Jim Long, owner of the Long Building across the street on W. Main Street, also spoke out against Myers and Czinski, as did Bret Konol, co-owner of the new restaurant and bar in the building, The Chase, and Timothy Walsh, owner of the Empire Deli, scheduled to open tomorrow at Northville Square.

"The inspection department in our town is in shambles," Bob Buckhave said. "Consistency is not one of the things we've experienced."

Buckhave said Czinski told him he could not place a wood cover over a baseboard heating system at the Empire Deli but needed an approved cover. But Buckhave checked with a distributor of this particular heating system and was told the wood cover did not violate any building codes.

"I've spent hours researching these things," Buckhave said.

"I'm afraid if things continue along these lines that Northville is going to be known as an extremely

expensive place to work and do business," he said. "It's happened in Ann Arbor and Dearborn."

Buckhave said Myers doesn't have the knowledge or experience to tackle some recent projects in Northville.

"He also has zero respect for any contractor," said Buckhave, who would like a board, committee or commission created in the city where people can get a fair hearing to mitigate such issues.

Sullivan said the city may seek out a building inspector who is more experienced than Myers, but no plans have been made yet.

Long, who has been a plumbing contractor in the city since 1949, and oversees about 80 employees, called Myers' interpretation of portions of the city's building code "off the wall."

"His interpretation is wacko, arrogant and antagonistic," Long said. "Common sense has gone right out the window."

Konol also criticized Myers for his lack of respect for James Allen, city fire chief.

He said Myers forced a more-than-two-hour discussion about the lock for outdoor seating gates at The Chase. Konol suggested a thumb lock, but Myers wouldn't approve it.

"He wanted a key lock and kept going to one line in the code book," Konol said.

Plus, "Every time he comes back,

he finds something else (wrong)," Konol said, adding that he spent many hours meeting Myers' demands, only to receive more.

McLallen said when it comes to building inspections, it's a matter of time, money and consistency, and that a lot of the city's 100-year-old buildings "just don't fit the box."

Walsh, whose new deli is his first business, said, "I want to do everything right, and I want a fair shake. It really affects me if the rule book is unclear."

Sullivan said the council instructed him to look into the allegations and that he preferred the two inspectors not respond to the press until a complete review of the files and the complaints has been made.

City manager's response

Pat Sullivan, Northville city manager, was asked to investigate complaints made against Myers and Czinski and report back to council. Here are his findings to date:

- Two asked if there was some appeal available on a disagreement or issue needing clarification on the building code or inspector's interpretation of the code. The city already has a Construction Board of Appeals established by the State Building Code to hear such appeals.

- The Commercial Building Code is complicated. The inspectors, some of the contractors and property owners don't come in contact with it daily. This can lead to confusion or delays.

- The city is investigating contracting additional help from someone experienced in the Commercial Code. "We are presently evaluating our options in this regard," Sullivan said.

- "We are still investigating the specific complaints of the individuals who attended the meeting," he said.

- A report is expected to be completed in December. "Should that report reveal any need for improvement, the city will work to implement changes that make our Building Department as user-friendly as possible," Sullivan said.

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A book with Grandma
Sally Groves reads a book with her grandson Destin, 3, last week at the Northville District Library. Groves was in town from Colorado for Thanksgiving.

Hiller's brings in most money

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"Since I've been doing this for 12 years now, I think it's time for more people to know about what we're doing," Kohl said. "It's a two-hour shift, and I find if people do it together, it's more fun and the time goes by faster."

Livemore said she has rung a bell since 1995. At that time, her daughter, who was a freshman in college, came home for Christmas vacation, and the mother-daughter team thought helping The Salvation Army would be a good idea.

"We thought it would be something fun to do as a family," Livemore said. "Now she's 32 and a mom and I'm still ringing the bell. I think you get more out of giving than anything else, so I'm glad I can help."

The Red Kettle Christmas campaign enables the Army to provide food, toys and clothing to more than six million people during the Christmas season and helps more than 34 million Americans recovering from all kinds of personal disasters nationwide.

The campaign, established in San Francisco in 1891, has traditionally been The Salvation Army's most

Ding Dong

There are four locations in Northville for bell ringing: Hiller's Shopping Center (downtown), the Northville Post Office, Orin Jewelers (Main and Center streets) and Kroger (Six Mile and Haggerty roads).

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prominent fundraiser. In 2004, the campaign raised more than \$100 million in communities nationwide, with the nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars all remaining in the towns where the money was deposited into the kettles. The funds raised help support many of the 37 million people in poverty who turn to the Army for food and toys at Christmas, utility and homeless assistance, senior and child care, drug abuse treatment and many other social service needs.

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'Voices' postpones meeting

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Last week, Voices members sent petitions to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources containing 820 signatures from local residents, with more signatures mailed late last week.

The petition states that the undersigned are not satisfied with how the Maybury Farm has been run since the fire in 2003. It also states they are specifically concerned about: lack of accessibility; lack of financial accountability; lack of community involvement; the firing of the beloved Farmer (John) Beemer; quality of animal conditions since his departure; and the secrecy regarding the future direction of the

farm. Beemer was fired by foundation board members in September.

The petition asks that the DNR and/or the Michigan Attorney General's office investigate the matter.

Greenlee said Ron Olson, chief of the Parks and Recreation Division for the DNR, confirmed the petitions with the 820 signatures had been received last Wednesday.

"We also discussed at length

strategies we can use concerning our complaints about management at the farm," Greenlee said.

Although invited to attend the next Voices for Maybury Farm meeting on Sunday, members of the NCF Board said they will not attend the meeting, but did say they will discuss at their next board meeting in December if they plan to attend a future Voices for Maybury Farm meeting.

"They did not state a reason for deciding not to attend the Sunday meeting," Greenlee said.

Greenlee said in their letter to Voices, NCF board members included a new e-mail address for the Northville Community Foundation Board — NCFBoardMembers@yahoo.com.

"They thanked us for communicating directly with the board, and the letter was signed by seven NCF

Foundation Board members, but not Shari Peter, president of the foundation," Greenlee said.

The Voices still plan to meet at 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday at the Northville District Library. The meeting is open to the public.

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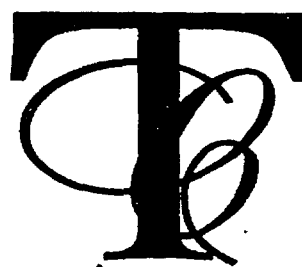
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Retired history professor says Bush won't bring troops home

■ He'll leave that job to next president

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Former history professor Tom Collier believes that with the 2008 presidential election looming on the horizon, President George Bush has no plans to bring U.S. troops home from Iraq.

"The administration's current plan is to stay in Iraq forever, or at least until Hillary Clinton is elected," Collier said.

Collier was the guest speaker at the Nov. 20 West Oakland Democratic Club meeting at the Maples of Novi Restaurant. His topic was, "So What's Plan B? — Getting Out of Iraq."

Collier, of Ann Arbor, served in the U.S. Marines right out of high school and was later a U.S. Army officer, with three tours in Vietnam.

He is also a former professor of military history at the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., and a retired history lecturer at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.

Collier said the current war in Iraq reminds him of the science fiction book, "The Forever War," and that although it was poorly planned, the war was indeed planned.

"The war was supposed to end in 2003, but it failed on the civil side in Iraq," he said.

Citing the fact that it took two years to plan the occupation of Germany in World War II, Collier said the U.S. learned quickly that a short-sighted military plan to invade Baghdad and get out didn't work.

"It was a bust," Collier said. "By the summer of 2003, U.S. troops started to lose the respect of the Iraqis, who quickly started to form an insurgency."

The same year, U.S. troops con-



West Oakland Democratic Club members welcomed guest speaker Tom Collier of Ann Arbor to their Nov. 20 meeting at the Maples of Novi Restaurant. From left are Jim Gualdoni, president of the club; Carol Poenisch of the Northville Democratic Club; Collier; and Karen Zyczynski of Novi from the West Oakland Democratic Club.

ducted large sweeps of Iraq, kicking down doors at 2 a.m., dragging out the male members of the family and producing 25,000 detainees.

"They also used tactics to humiliate Arab males," Collier said.

The next U.S. campaign in the Iraq war, named "Capture or Kill," was aimed at suspected insurgents. Collier said this effort is a never-ending battle, with more insurgents volunteering daily.

He noted that 70 percent of the city of Fallujah was leveled by U.S. troops but produced nothing.

'Clear, Hold and Build'

From the fall of 2004 to the spring of 2006, the U.S.'s "Clear, Hold and Build" military campaign also failed, according to Collier.

"This was also known as the Purple Finger Campaign, in reference to the January 2005 election in Iraq to create a constitutional assembly," Collier said. (Iraqis were required to dip a finger in purple ink to show they had voted.)

Collier said the elections were successful, but then a mosque was blown up by insurgents, and the Iraqi civil war accelerated.

In the summer of 2006, the military campaigns "Victory in Iraq" and another, "Forward Together" had the goal of passing military operations on to the Iraqis. These plans also failed, according to Collier.

A new campaign called, "The New Way Forward," better known as "The Surge," began in the winter of 2006.

"The U.S. didn't want the war to continue, so Bush increased the number of U.S. troops," Collier

said. "But even with 175,000, the U.S. was only able to pacify Baghdad."

The current campaign, called "The Long-Term Strategic Relationship," is slated to carry the U.S. military into 2011 or 2013.

Collier said the only way the war will come to an end is if legislators in Washington don't submit a defense appropriations bill.

He also said that although the new Iraqi government really hasn't done anything yet, the future of the country will be determined by the Iraqis, not Americans.

Collier said stability in the Middle East is important to the U.S., because Americans need the region's oil.

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Former Novi city manager running for 11th District seat

By Hugh Gallagher
STAFF WRITER

Longtime Novi City Manager Edward Kriewall, 66, is seeking the Democratic nomination in the 11th Congressional District to challenge incumbent Republican Thaddeus McCotter, who is expected to seek a fourth term, in the 2008 election.

Thomas Spencer, a Methodist lay minister and Air Force veteran, announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination two weeks ago.

"I see myself as a change agent and I'm not going to be a follow-the-leader congressman when I get there," Kriewall said. "I think that's one of the problems with the Legislature that exists now. They tend to go along with what the president says."

Kriewall was Novi city manager from 1974 to 2000. He began working for Novi in 1969 as a public works superintendent and was director of public works and interim city manager before becoming city manager.

"I was there when they went through most of their growth," Kriewall said. "It was very exciting and very tough. We went from a 9,000 population to almost 50,000. We actually led the state in growth through most of that time."

Kriewall said he was involved in the development of the M-5 Haggerty Road connector, the Novi Expo Center and, as an administrative assistant, coordinated the development of Twelve Oaks Mall.

"I understand government and what drives people, department heads," he said. "A lot of the time they are looking for more funding than they need and you've got to see through that. I believe you could cut government spending by 10 percent right off the bat."

Kriewall is a licensed builder. After retiring as city manager, he developed a condominium development in Tecumseh and is currently developing a commercial property in Green Oaks.

He has a bachelor's degree from the Detroit Institute of Technology and a master of public administration degree from Nova Southeastern University in Florida. He is single and has two adult daughters and two grandchildren.

As with Spencer, the war in Iraq is the No. 1 issue for Kriewall

in this election.

"I want to get out of there. We should never have gotten in there," he said. "I'm a firm believer that we are looked upon by the rest of the world very negatively because of our intervention in some of these areas."

The economy and immigration are other key

issues for Kriewall. "The outsourcing of jobs overseas and what we are doing in this country with manufacturing and our ability to manufacture is a sad situation," he said.

He said Washington has not been respectful to the domestic auto industry.

"Immigration is a major issue," he said. "I believe that illegal immigration is totally out of control. Even legal immigration is at too high a level. I think it's causing problems with our natural resources and I think it's taxing to the American public."

He said immigration has contributed to urban sprawl and infrastructure problems.

Kriewall said he believes McCotter is vulnerable because of his ties to the Bush administration.

"I also think he's vulnerable because there's going to be a Democratic administration in the next election and a lot of Republicans are vulnerable," he said.

Kriewall doesn't have a strong feeling for any of the Democratic presidential candidates, but he said a Hillary Clinton-Barack Obama ticket would be "hard to beat."

Kriewall said he has received encouragement from supporters of Tony Trupiano, who challenged McCotter in last year's election.

He said he has begun fundraising and will be distributing campaign material. He doesn't have a Web site yet, but said he will have one soon.

"From now on, it's full speed ahead," Kriewall said. "We're up and running."

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BRIEFS

Realtors show concern

Century 21 Town & Country is accepting donations again this year for Northville Civic Concern from Dec. 1-31. Items needed are boxed or canned foods, cleaning supplies, paper supplies, and personal hygiene products.

Please drop your donations off to Century 21 Town & Country at 175 Cady Centre in downtown Northville. The lobby is open 9 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday & Saturday; and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday.

Any questions, please call Amy Zubor at (248) 349-5600 or Northville Civic Concern at (248) 344-1033.

Optimists Christmas tree sales benefit local youth

The Optimist Club of Northville/Novi (OCNN) will sell Michigan-grown Christmas trees during their third annual fundraiser at noon tomorrow on the front lawn of the American Legion, 100 Dunlap, in downtown Northville. Proceeds benefit Northville and Novi youth through sponsorship of educational enhancement, scholarships, and other programs.

Sale hours thereafter will be from 6-9 p.m. weekday evenings; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays; noon-9 p.m. Sundays, continuing until the trees are sold.

Trees are available in sizes to fit any home, with heights ranging from 6 to 12 feet or more. They were fresh cut the week before Thanksgiving at a tree farm on the west coast of Michigan (Pentwater).

For more information, contact Jim Keskey, (517) 214-0267 or JKESKEY@aol.com.

New Hope for the New Year

"New Hope for the New Year" — this year's benefit for the New Hope Center for Grief Support — will take place from 7-10 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 7, at Tuscan Reserve's Bella Casa Guidobono model home, 20966 Barola Drive, on the north side of Eight Mile Road west of Beck Road in Novi.

The event will include valet parking, food, entertainment, raffles, door prizes and model home tours. Cost is \$35, with payment needed Monday. Make checks payable to New Hope Center for Grief Support and mail to 113 E. Dunlap Street, Northville, MI, 48167. Credit card charges can be faxed to (248) 348-6815. Include credit card type, cardholder name, account number, expiration date

and daytime phone number. Memorial contributions can also be made. For more information, call (248) 348-0115.

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OBITUARIES



GARY DENESZCZUK

Age 60, of Northville, passed away peacefully on November 20, 2007. He was born on December 6, 1946 in Dearborn to Thaddeus Max and Cecelia Delores (Cielefski) Deneszcuk. He was united in marriage to Mary L. Gorman on March 24, 1984. Gary graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Mathematics. Gary joined Compuware Corporation at the age of 26 in 1973 as their 10th employee. Gary was a past member and officer of the First Society of Detroit which raised funds for children's charities; he met Mary through this philanthropic activity. He was involved with the MSU alumni association and very active with the First United Methodist Church of Northville. Gary enjoyed traveling, skiing, swimming, playing tennis, trading stocks, playing black jack, and gardening. The "controlled chaos" in his garden won him the Northville Beautification Award. He is survived by his beloved wife Mary; his loving daughters Lauren and Caroline; and his dear brother Tad. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Memorial Service was held Sunday November 25 at the First United Methodist Church of Northville. Contributions appreciated to the First United Methodist Church, 777 West Eight Mile Road, Northville, MI 48167 or the Hermelin Brain Tumor Center, Henry Ford Health System, 1 Ford Place 5A, Detroit, MI 48202.

CYNTHIA M. HOWLAND

Age 59 of Northville, peacefully passed Nov. 18, surrounded by her family after a courageous 8 year battle with breast cancer. Loving wife of Frank; beloved mom of Jennifer (George) Linart Jr., Sarah Anne (Wm. Jason) Lowe and Emily; dear daughter of Nancy and the late Arnold Benes; dear daughter-in-law of Helen Howland Andrews; proud grandma of Luke and Kelly Linart and Wm. Henry Lowe; caring sister of David Benes, Christine Driscoll, Carol (Fred) Durst and Jane (Steve) Denton. Memorial Service will be held on Friday, Nov. 30 at 1 pm at First Presbyterian Church of Northville. Memorial contributions may be made to Josephine Ford Cancer Center and to the First Presbyterian Church of Northville Memorial Garden Fund. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home, 734-459-2250. To leave a message of condolence log on to: www.vermeulenfuneralhome.com

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State parks citizens committee meets on funding alternatives

Budget crisis could cause closure of 37 state parks

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

The Citizens Committee for Michigan State Parks met yesterday to discuss long-term sustainable funding alternatives for Michigan's state parks.

The committee is an advisory group created by

Public Act 392 of 2004 to address issues concerning state parks and recreation areas, including planning for long-term sustainable funding.

The meeting took place at the Ionia State Recreation Area near Ionia.

After the committee's working session on funding alternatives, a regular meeting was held that included public comment followed by a presentation from the Department of Natural Resources' Office of Communications on their programs.

The committee then reviewed a discussed a proposal for long-term sus-

tainable funding for the Michigan state parks and recreation system and the state forest campground and pathway system.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources is experiencing a funding crisis, with a proposed reduction of 253 staff members from the Park Improvement Fund alone.

This means the department will cease taking reservations in April 2008 for at least 37 state parks, which will close during fiscal year 2009. Closure of at least 37 state parks, recreation areas and scenic sites would take place in fiscal

year 2009 as well as eight interpretative centers.

Visitors to state parks contribute more than \$580 million each year to the state.

It is not known at this time whether Maybury State Park in Northville would be closed.

Members of the citizens committee also received updates and reports on various parks and recreation programs, including strategic planning, motor vehicle permits and camping reservations, performance indicators and various land, policy and legislative issues that affect the state parks and recreation system

For more information about the outcome of the meeting, contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Parks and Recreation Division or visit the CMSP Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Ron Olson, chief of the Parks and Recreation Division, said the Michigan State Park & Recreation System (not including boating) is funded by the following sources:

- 47 percent by state camping fees;
- 25 percent by the Michigan Natural Resource Trust Fund; the primary funding source for

this fund is state oil and gas revenues; the parks' share was established in 1994 by Proposal P;

- 25 percent by motor vehicle permit fees; and
- 3 percent by miscellaneous fees, such as concessions, interest, shelter, rentals, etc.

No funds come from the state's general tax fund.

For more information, call Olson at (517) 335-4827 or e-mail him at olsonr@michigan.gov.

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Children's Hospital Toy Drive

Pictured, from left, are Melissa Jagst, Gabriella Duhn, Judy Rathwell and Susan Bolley-Guleff, members of Northville Women with a Purpose, a local organization that will have a toy drive for Detroit's Children Hospital patients next week. "So many Northville residents generously donated last year, and the group is asking for assistance again this year to help bring a smile to children spending their time in the hospital this holiday season and throughout the year," Rathwell said. Donations of new, unwrapped toys, games, books, craft projects and stuffed animals will be collected from Monday through Sunday at the Northville Senior Center, 303 W. Main St., and the Northville Hills Golf Club Clubhouse, 15565 Bayhill Drive. Items are needed for infants to teenagers. For more information, e-mail womenwithapurpose@gmail.com.



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WITH GARY S. WEINSTEIN
GEMOLOGIST

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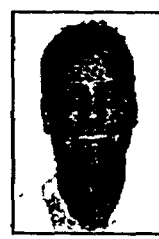
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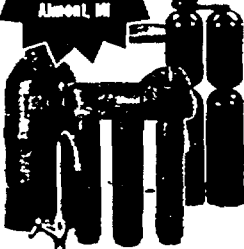
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From left: Lauren Lane, Katie Howe, Kristen Jarzembowski and Anna Filler, all of Northville, will perform with the Cincinnati Ballet in "The Nutcracker" next month at the Fox Theatre. Howe is a student at Miss Harriet's Dance Studio in Northville.

Northville girls to join dancers from Cincinnati Ballet Dec. 6-9

'Nutcracker' to be double cast

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Four local girls are living their dream by performing with the Cincinnati Ballet in upcoming performances at the Fox Theatre in Detroit.

The four Northville residents — Lauren Lane, Katie Howe, Kristen Jarzembowski and Anna Filler — will perform at the Fox when the Michigan Opera Theatre presents "The Nutcracker" Dec. 6-9.

Howe is a student at Miss Harriet's Dance Studio in Northville.

"The girls are working so hard, and it is such a huge accomplishment for them to make it in the performance of the Cincinnati Ballet production of 'The Nutcracker,'" said Karen Howe, Katie Howe's mother.

"Anyone who spends an afternoon or evening at this performance will be sure to remember it for months to come," she said. "This can also be a special family night out, as well as a way to show children support of the performing arts. When young people

see other young people on stage, it motivates and inspires them."

The girls answered the call for dancers in the Metro Detroit area to join the Cincinnati ballet dancers in September.

On Sept. 27, hundreds of boys and girls auditioned at the Fox Theatre for a special role in this season's "The Nutcracker" by the Cincinnati Ballet. From these dancers, about 60 were selected that same evening during call backs.

This year, the performance will be double cast, so more children were able to dance.

Those auditioning came from as far away as Canada.

The performance will feature the Cincinnati Ballet and the Michigan Opera Theatre Orchestra with choreography by Val Caniparoli, who has contributed to the repertoires of more than 35 dance companies and is most closely associated with San Francisco Ballet, his artistic home for more than 30 years.

Caniparoli began his career under the artistic directorship of Lew Christensen, and in the 1980s was appointed resident choreographer of San Francisco Ballet. He continues to choreograph for the company under Artistic Director Helgi Tomasson. Those selected for the perform-

How to purchase tickets

The Nutcracker will be on-stage Dec. 6-9 at the Fox Theatre. Ticket prices range from \$25-\$100.

They are on sale now and can be purchased at www.OlympiaEntertainment.com, the Fox Theatre and Joe Louis Arena box offices, Hockeystown Authentics in Troy (without service charge) and at all Ticketmaster locations, including Macy's and Ticketmaster.com.

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ances must drive to downtown Detroit every Saturday and Sunday for more-than-two-hour practices at the Detroit Opera House.

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'Nutcracker' performances to feature number of dance troops

Shows to kick off holiday season

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Dancers from the Metro Detroit Area will play a large role in the "Nutcracker Holiday Tradition" for 2007. These Dancers are members of Grosse Ile's Metro Shores Ballet Company and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company.

The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company will team up with the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra for the 18th time. Three performances will be presented at the Salem High School Auditorium in Canton on Dec. 8 and 9. Ron Lowe, 35th District Court Judge, will read "The Night Before Christmas" at the beginning of each show.

More than a dozen dance programs from Novi to Gibraltar have dancers participating this year, according to Director Dawn Greene.

"Our auditions are held in August each year. Dancers from any program are welcome to audition for membership in the companies," Greene said. "All dancers are required to continue their dance studies at their home studio. It is rewarding to bring these dancers from different backgrounds together and train them to work as a company."

Rebecca Link and Cori Goei, both from Grand Rapids, will perform as the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier. Both dancers have extensive training and professional experience most recently with the Grand Rapids Ballet. Goei has also performed with Dayton Ballet, Ballet Met and Joffrey Ballet in New York, while Link was trained at the Joffrey Ballet, as well. She has also danced with the American Repertory Ballet, Connecticut Ballet and Granite State Ballet.

"I like to think of these performances as a Michigan version of the 'So You Think You Can Dance' show," Greene said. "We have very talented dancers who have won numerous solo and group awards in dance competitions."

The group's other featured



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Clara & Nutcracker Prince, Lindsay Powers and Lauren Hansen share the role of Clara with Aaron Smith.

dancers include:

Nutcracker Prince - Aaron Smith, Great Lakes Regional Mister Dance

Snow Princess - Kristin Reeves, Great Lakes Regional Miss Dance

Spanish Soloist - Amber Lawson, Great Lakes Regional Teen Miss Dance

Chinese Soloist - Reid Conlon, Great Lakes Regional Jr. Mister Dance

Snow Queen - Erica Marshall, CCA Summer School Scholarship Recipient

Angel - Alex Kelly, Great Lakes Regional Petite Miss Dance

Audience members can meet all the dancers on stage after the performance during the Sugar Plum Parade. Sugar Plum Parade Tickets are \$2 per person. Tickets for the Canton shows are \$14-\$18 for Adults and Teens and \$8-\$10 for Children. Tickets for the Canton shows can be purchased by calling the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company at (734) 676-

7233, the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra at (734) 451-2112, Summit on the Park in Canton at (734) 394-5460, Joanne's Dance Extension at (734) 455-4330, Children's Dance Theater at (734) 207-3377, P&P Dance Center at (734) 697-6110 and Dancewear Gallery (734) 207-7730.

Tickets for all performances can also be ordered online at www.PlymouthCantonBallet.org.

More information on these performances and the companies is available online at www.PlymouthCantonBallet.com. These performances are sponsored by the Grosse Ile Academy of Dance. The Metro Shores Ballet and the Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company are 501(c)(3) nonprofit Educational organizations.

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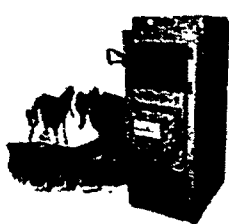
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■ Twp. grants rezone request

A new Italian market, the Cantoro Market & Bakery, will open in the future at Five Mile and Haggerty roads.

Mario Fallone of Milford, a native of Cassino, Italy, opened his Cantoro Market in Detroit in 1965. In 1974, the market moved to its present location in Livonia on Middlebelt Road between Seven and Eight Mile roads.

"It's a family-run business, and we're definitely looking forward to coming to the township," he said. "A lot of our customers live in that area."

The Fallon family has been baking Italian breads for more than 30 years. They now supply markets and restaurants in the area through a bread handler.

In 2004, Metro Times news magazine in Detroit named the Livonia market as the Best Italian Market in the area, citing the best prices and freshest bread. The market sells a variety of Italian specialties, such as ciabatta.

Fallone's sons, John of

Bloomfield Township and Michael of Novi, will be involved in the new township market as well as the elder Fallon.

"Our customers comes from as far as Rochester Hills, Kalamazoo, Traverse City, downriver and Ann Arbor," Fallone said.

The building is estimated to be about 17,000-20,000 square feet.

Beer and wine will be sold, along with Italian cheeses, Italian cookies and cannoli, espresso, meats and groceries from all over the world.

Northville Record staff writer Pam Fleming can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 105, or pfleming@gannett.com.

The Northville Township Planning Commission and Board of Trustees approved a rezoning request from the Mario Falone family for a new market in the township. The Falones already own a Cantoro Market & Bakery at 19710 Middlebelt Road in Livonia.

The planning commission approved the rezoning on Oct. 30, with township trustees giving final approval at their Nov. 15 meeting.

approved at the NOV. 13 meeting.

The property was rezoned from R-3 (One Family Residential) to B-1 (Local Business).
The applicant is proposing an Italian market, but the property could be used for any of the uses permitted in the B-1 zoning classification.

The property consists of 2.15 acres on the east side of Haggerty Road north of Five Mile Road. Through the master plan update process, the township determined that single family use and zoning were no longer appropriate for this parcel, given its location on Haggerty Road and the uses that have developed around the site.

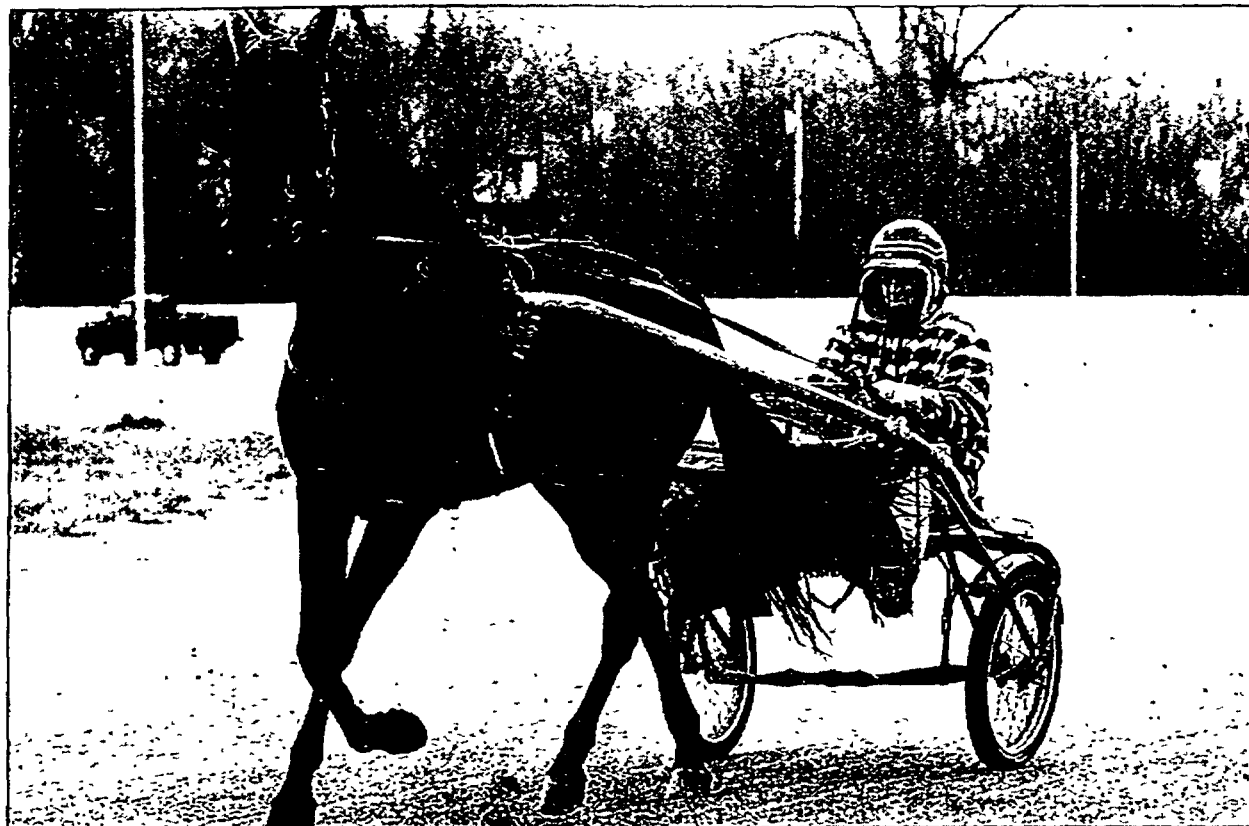


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Off to the races

A trainer takes a horse through its paces on a recent Thursday morning at Northville Downs' racetrack. The Downs recently opened its fall and winter schedule (it has harness races Wednesday-Saturday) and will continue until April. Post time is 6:40. Northville Downs is located at Center Street and Seven Mile Road in Northville.

BRIEFS

Rocky's of Northville observes 15-year anniversary this month

Happy anniversary to Rocky's of Northville Restaurant at 41122 W. Seven Mile Road, which marks 15 years in business this month.

Owner and chef Chuck "Rocky" Rachwitz said the restaurant's success can be attributed to lots of hard work, attention to detail and continuous staff training.

Rocky's offers theatre packages and is the exclusive preferred caterer for all of Northville's new Tipping Point Theatre's special events.

The restaurant also features a Customer Loyalty Program, which provides guests with a 10-percent discount on meals, complimentary meal on their birthday and 25-percent discount on their anniversary.

The program is also recognized at Rachwitz's second operation with partner Steve Allen, Steve & Rocky's, at 43150 Grand River Ave. in Novi, which will celebrate its 10th anniversary in January.

Rachwitz, Allen and Dan Meier, longtime chef de cuisine at Rocky's of Northville, also

recently opened Rocky's Rotisserie at 37337 Six Mile Road at Newburgh Road in Livonia.

Starbucks helps local needy

Starbucks Coffee, including the downtown Northville Starbucks at 302 E. Main Street, and several YMCA chapters in Michigan are kicking off the holiday season by serving area families in need.

The more than 100 Starbucks stores in Michigan have adopted more than 100 YMCA families in several local communities.

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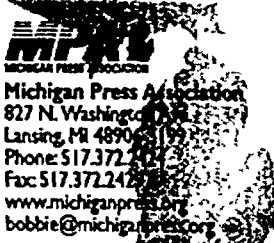
clothes, home goods, toys and other items to support the YMCA Adopt-A-Family initiative — part of Starbucks worldwide customer call to “Pass the Cheer.”

In addition to Metro Detroit, other YMCA branches and Starbucks locations participating in this initiative include Ann Arbor, Flint, Grand Rapids, Saginaw, Jackson, Muskegon, Bay City, Lansing, Tri-Cities and Kalamazoo.

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Jingle Bell Run/Walk helps combat arthritis

By Heather Luka
SPECIAL WRITER

At age 25, the doors of the world open faster than you can walk through them.

Change is the key to life and keeping up with the pace is a feat. At 25, life challenges are minor, or are they?

Meet 25 year-old Novi resident, Andrea Kruszka.

Diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis (RA) over two-and-a-half years ago, she has had to re-evaluate the words "challenge,"

"pace" and "feat." After seeing her physician for what she thought was the typical Michigan "flu-bug,"

treatable with a stint of antibiotics, Kruszka was shocked when advised to see a rheumatologist.

Numerous pokes, prods, blood tests and questions later, she was prescribed to a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID), and given a diagnosis of RA. Although Kruszka has been rather fortunate, in that her RA does not seem to be particularly aggressive, minor tasks performed since childhood are suddenly challenging. Walking up stairs, tying shoe laces, and brushing one's hair

now include pain and difficulty.

Kruszka knows that in the larger spectrum of arthritis and related diseases, she's one of the luckier ones. On a mild combination of a NSAID, a disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drug (DMARD), and during flare ups and steroids, she has her RA under control for the time being. However, living with RA is difficult especially when you're young.

"People who don't know my situation probably think I'm lazy when I take the elevator up one floor at work or mention that I'm going right home from work and sleeping," Kruszka said.

RA has also brought along a new set of fears for Kruszka. She worries about everyday things that she has always counted on happening in her life. Children, for example.

"I'm afraid that by the time I'm ready to have children, my disease will have progressed to the point where I won't be able to, or I won't have the energy to, play with them if I am able to have them," Kruszka said.

She also struggles with worries of losing her independence and requiring hip replacement surgery in the near future; real and unfortunate fears.

Kruszka, however, is a fighter and an optimist.

Since learning of her disease, she has made conscious choices to become more active. Joining Weight Watchers, she has suc-

cessfully lost 30 pounds and is still going. She understands the importance of weight management in easing stress on her joints, especially her knees.

A study released in May 2007 by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) reported that losing just 10 pounds relieves 40 pounds of pressure on knees, and losing as little as 11 pounds may reduce joint pain and help prevent knee osteoarthritis. For those living with symptoms, losing 15 pounds can cut knee pain in half.

The Arthritis Foundation recommends and supports Tai Chi by the Arthritis Foundation, as well as Arthritis Foundation approved Warm-Water Aquatics, Land-Based Exercise and Self-Help Courses.

This year, in celebration of The 20th Annual 5K Jingle Bell Run/Walk for Arthritis, the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan

Chapter, has partnered with Lila Lazarus (anchor and health reporter) and the Fox 2 News Team to help promote active lifestyles for Metro Detroiters, collectively offering a six-week training program lead by local fitness authority and personal trainer, Dave Davis.

Together, we will be embarking on a mission to retrain the "couch potato" mindset to one of a "5K finisher." Not just any 5K either—the 20th Annual Jingle Bell 5K Run/Walk for Arthritis.

This year's signature events are scheduled for Sunday at Northville Downs Race Track in downtown Northville, and Saturday, Dec. 15 at Covington School in Bloomfield Hills.

This is truly a unique and family-friendly event. Participants are encouraged to dress in their most festive holiday attire, tie bells to their laces, and jingle along the

competitively timed race route. Children under the age of 12 participate in the "Snowman Shuffle." Snacks are provided along with a post-race chili party made possible by TOPZ and the Great Harvest Bread Company. Complete with a costume judging contest and award ceremony, the event is an all-around enjoyable experience for everyone.

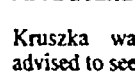
So come out, tie up your laces, and join Kruszka, Lila, and the Arthritis Foundation, Michigan Chapter, as we raise awareness and dollars for the 7,000 children and 2.4-million adults living in Michigan with arthritis. And be there with bells on.

Heather Luka is a development manager for the Arthritis Foundation Michigan Chapter. She can be reached at (248) 649-2891, ext. 232. Visit www.arthritis.org for more information.

Event details

- Northville Downs Track
 - Sunday
 - 7:30 - doors open
 - 8:30 - 1/4-mile Snowman Shuffle race for children
 - 9 - 5K Jingle Bell Run/Walk, competitively timed
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- The event will include a chili party sponsored by TOPZ; an awards ceremony; goodie bags; long-sleeve T-shirts for participants; and WCSX 94.7FM will be on site. Dress in festive holiday attire!

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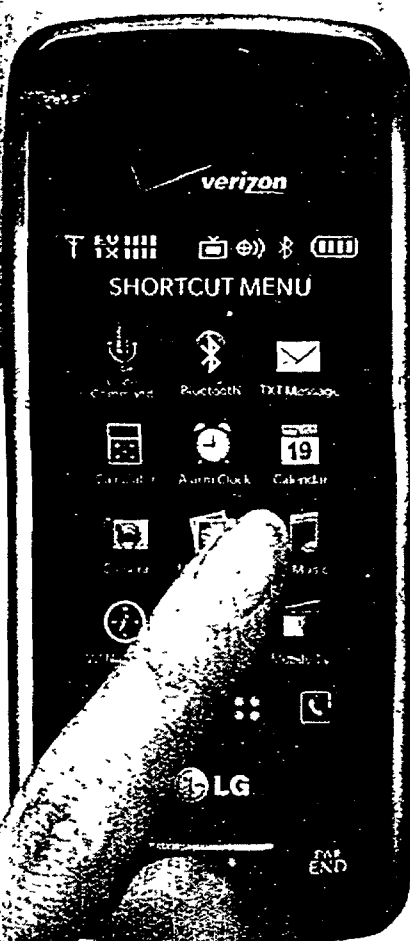
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HOT TICKET: This weekend, come to "Holidays in the Village" at North Village stores Six & Haggerty

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

Thursday, November 29, 2007
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Local Events**Food Drive**

DATE: 9 a.m.-1 p.m. and 3-7 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday; through Dec. 21
LOCATION: Main Street Family Chiropractic Center, 109 W. Main
DETAILS: Help fill our lobby; items needed are canned food, canned fruit, crackers, laundry soaps, etc.; for every can of food or donation given you will receive a raffle ticket for a chance to win chiropractic services, chiropractic items and massages. All proceeds go to Civic Concern.

Personal & Professional Etiquette

LOCATION: 133 West Main St., Suite 190
CONTACT: (248) 349-1114
Social Etiquette
TIME/DATE: Ages 8-11: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Ages 12-17: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 5.
Communication Skills
TIME/DATE: Ages 8-11: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Ages 12-17: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, 13, 21, 27.
Table Manners
TIME/DATE: Ages 8-11: 4:45-5:45 p.m. Ages 12-17: 6-7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 6, 13, 21, 27.
DETAILS: All sessions cost \$75. Please call to register over the phone or mail payment with student's name, age, complete address, phone number, e-mail and course choice to address above C/O Miss Harriet's Dance Studio.

As the Page Turns

LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., Suite 102
CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or www.asthepageturns.biz
Storytime
TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. Saturday

Mitch McVicker Concert

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. tonight
LOCATION: First Baptist Church, 217 N. Wing St., Northville
DETAILS: McVicker, gospel music songwriter and award winner, will perform; a free-will offering will be taken.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 or visit www.fbnnet.org or www.mitchmcvicker.com.

Northville Book Club

TIME/LOCATION: 7 p.m. at Starbucks, 302 E. Main Street (downtown Northville)
DATE: Friday "All the King's Men," Dec. 14 "Catcher in the Rye" (Salinger)
DETAILS: Please have books entirely read.
CONTACT: northvillebookclub@gmail.com

Holidays in the Village

DATE: this weekend
LOCATION: Northville Village stores at Six Mile and Haggerty roads
DETAILS: Dozens of events to take place throughout the shopping center including: Santa Claus at Kroger; a Fun Run at Running Fit 8 a.m. Saturday; Living Nativity at Ward Church from noon-1 p.m. Saturday; climbing wall at REI noon-5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Stores will hold a scavenger hunt and raffle. There will be additional parking and a free shuttle at Ward Church from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday. Please bring a donation of non-perishable food for Civic Concern. Seniors receive a 10-percent discount and free soft drink at Applebees Friday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.
CONTACT: Renee Miller (734) 765-4987 or Betsy Storr (248) 348-1274

Holiday Open House

TIME/DATE: 5-7 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Northville Square, 133 Main Street
DETAILS: The Holiday Open House allows guests to meet new people and rekindle old friendships. All community members are invited. Cost is \$25 per person. Proceeds fund grants to graduating seniors, which are presented at the Northville High School Honors Convocation in May. Last spring four scholarships of \$1,000 were awarded.
CONTACT: To purchase tickets

or make contributions, call Cheryl Spines (248) 349-5855 or Margaret Surd (248) 349-7665; also holidaypartyRSVP@hotmail.com

The Holidays in Northville Children's Christmas Workshop

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon and 1-3 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: New School Church, Mill Race Village
DETAILS: Children in grades 1-6 hand-make seven old-fashioned, Christmas gifts. Space is limited.
CONTACT: (248) 349-2833.
Candlelight Walk
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7
DETAILS: This will be an enhanced First Fridays Art Walk and shopping experience.
Girls' Night Out Late Night Shopping
DATE: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6

Guys' Night Out Late Night Shopping
DATE: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 13

Northville Nite 2007
DATE: New Year's Eve, Dec. 31
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: Family night of carnival games, entertainment, food and giant toys. Tickets go quickly. Contact the Parks and Rec. at (248) 349-0203 ext. 1411.

Northville's North Pole

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m.-noon Saturday
LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: Bring the kids and join in the Christmas fun; refreshments, crafts, a letter-to-Santa table, a Christmas Story and a visit from Santa; ages 3 and up; \$10 per child and \$2 per adult; register at the Parks and Rec Office, 700 W. Baseline Road.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0203

Voices of Maybury Farm Open Meeting

TIME/DATE: 3:30-5 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Conference Room A, Northville District Library
DETAILS: Public welcome.

Advent Candlelight Concert: Messiah

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Church sanctuary
DETAILS: Handel's "Messiah" will be performed by the Northville Concert Choral, accompanied by the Michigan Sinfonietta Orchestra of Ann Arbor, featuring professional guest soloists and conducted by Dr. Darlene Kuperus; tickets are \$15 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students 12-18 years old; children under 11 are free; purchase tickets in advance at the church office during business hours, after Sunday services or at the door.
CONTACT: Darlene Kuperus, Music Director at (248) 349-0911 ext. 206

2007 Gingerbread Open House

TIME/DATE: 1-4 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: The Inn at St. Johns' 44045 Five Mile Road
DETAILS: Free fun for the family; carriage rides, live reindeer, petting farm, visits with Santa and a gingerbread house display; refreshments; please bring a donation of non-perishable food items to benefit St. Vincent de Paul. Visit the Web site to learn how to enter the gingerbread building competition.
CONTACT: (734) 414-0600 or www.theinnatstjohns.com

Scottie's Kitchen Cooking Classes

DATE: Monday, Fish with Chef Michelle Bommarito
DATE: Thursday, Dec. 6, Polish food with Chef Mary Spencer
TIME: 6-8 p.m.
LOCATION: 149 N. Center St., Suite 101
DETAILS: Classes are \$35 each. For more information contact (248) 344-7990 or visit www.scottieskitchen.com.

BackBeat A Capella

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday
LOCATION: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady St.
DETAILS: Please call the library to register for this evening of holiday music.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3020

Town Hall Meeting with Courtveau

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday
LOCATION: Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road, Plymouth Twp.
DETAILS: Purpose of meeting is to discuss lead poisoning and recent recalls of millions of toys containing lead. Guests include Jane Nickert from Wayne County Childhood Lead Poisoning Outreach and Bill Caughie from Innov-X Systems. Attendees may bring toys for free testing.

Handcrafters Craft Show

DATE: Friday-Sunday, Dec. 7-9
LOCATION: Northville Recreation Center at Hillside
CONTACT: (734) 459-0050

All A-Glow/Illumination for Education by Northville Mother's Club

DATE: Friday, Dec. 7
CONTACT: (248) 449-1385

Holiday Hope for Dysfunctional Families

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7
LOCATION: Ward Church, 40000 Six Mile Road, Northville
DETAILS: Motivational speaker Susan McKenna and therapist Arnold Keller present this free class for those struggling with the holidays and the effects of growing up in dysfunctional families; to pre-register, please call (248) 348-1100.

Beckridge Chorale Presents "Gloria"

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8 and 4 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9
LOCATION: Northville High School
DETAILS: Tickets are \$12 and \$15.
CONTACT: (734) 416-9885 or visit www.beckridgechorale.org.

Christmas Joy Concert

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8; 5 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: This evening of musical praise and worship celebrating the sounds and songs of Christmas is appropriate for family and friends. Childcare is provided up to age 4.
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400

"Sing We Now of Christmas"

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 16
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 Six Mile Road
DETAILS: Ward welcomes The Chamber Choir of The First Presbyterian Church of Birmingham. Childcare is provided up to age 4.
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400

Daughters of the American Revolution - Northville/Plymouth

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 17
LOCATION: Alexander Blue House, Greenmead, Livonia
DETAILS: Christmas music, sing along and more.
CONTACT: (734) 459-4764

Marquis Theatre

135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillamarquistheatre.com
The Jungle Book
TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29, Jan. 5, 12, 19 and 26; 2:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30, Jan. 6, 13, 20 and 27
DETAILS: Holiday fun for everyone. See the monkey fly. Kipling's classic story of jungle animals and the boy named Mowgli; tickets \$8; no children under 3; group rates for 20 or more.

Improv at the Point

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month
LOCATION: Tipping Point Theatre, 361 E. Cady St.
DETAILS: Tickets for general seating are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance, \$8.

The Art House

Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month.

LOCATION: 215 Cady St.
CONTACT: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or www.northvillarts.org

"Creative Kids"

DATE: Saturday, Dec. 8 (Christmas)
TIME: 9:30-11:30 a.m.
DETAILS: Two-hour creative exploration for youth grades 1-5; activities include drawing, painting, sculpture and mixed media in conjunction with current professional exhibits on display; register early; class size limited to 12; cost for member \$18 per session or \$108 for series, non-member \$20 per session or \$120 per series.

Michael Farrell's Fall Lecture Series

Diversity: Art and Architecture of the Far and Middle East
TIME/DATE: 4:30-6 p.m. on these Thursday evenings: Africa Dec. 13 and 20
DETAILS: Creative exploration for 1st-5th grade children includes collage, mixed media and drawing; making origami cranes, Japanese fish kites, paper dragons, cherry blossom tree designs, paper kufi hats; cost is \$36/\$42.

Third Annual Holiday Art Market

DATE: Through Jan. 4
DETAILS: Unique gifts for the holidays; more than 50 artists featured.
Girls Night Out
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 6
DETAILS: Shop the Holiday Art Market; enjoy libations and creations, raffle; free.

First Friday Art Walk

TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Friday, Dec. 7
DETAILS: Holiday Art Market open, refreshments.
Venetian Carnivale
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 2
DETAILS: Save the date for a special fundraiser for the Art House. Elegant evening will be held at an historic 1929 Tudor home, featuring entertainment, strolling dinner provided by Diamond Jim Brady's Bistro and original Venetian-style art for exhibit and sale. Formal attire or Venetian costume requested. Tickets are \$100 per person and go on sale soon at the Northville Art House.

Friday Fun at Center Stage Dance Company

TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:45 p.m. Hip Hop Friday is the second Friday of each month; Tap Jam Friday is the third Friday of each month.
LOCATION: Center State Dance Company, 43334 W. Seven Mile Road, Suite 250, Northville
DETAILS: Ages 6 and up are invited to free-style their hip hop and tap moves, dance with friends and help kids in their community; \$1 cover charge goes toward purchasing holiday gifts for the children at Hawthorn Center.
CONTACT: (248) 380-1666

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com
A Winter Wedding... Italian-style
TIME/DATE: Interactive comedy playing every day in December for lunch and dinner; \$45 per person includes 7-course dinner and show.

Children's Lunch Theater and Santa

DATE: 1 p.m. Saturday; 12:30 p.m. Sunday; 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 8, 15 and 22; 12:30 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9, 16 and 23; 10 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 13
DETAILS: Full lunch followed by the show "The Naughty List" plus an appearance by Santa; bring your camera; \$14.95 for children, \$16.95 for adults, not including tax and tip. Will open any date for 25 or more.
Genitti's Acting Workshops
DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.
DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family-style lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games; take backstage tour; \$16.95 per person.

Maybury State Park

LOCATION: Eight Mile Road (between Beck and Napier roads.)
State Park motor vehicle permit required for park entry; \$6 daily; \$24 annually; \$6 for seniors. 2008 permits now available.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390; Friends of Maybury (248) 349-

3858 or www.FriendsofMaybury.org.

Horseback Riding

TIME/DATE: through November
DETAILS: Horses for rent for guided trail rides.
Owl Prowl
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 8
LOCATION: Concessions building, use Eight Mile Road entrance.
DETAILS: This free program includes owl calling, stories and refreshments; suitable for all ages; park entry pass required.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0899

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Avenue, north of Main Street near Ford Field
DETAILS: Office open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1845
Thursday: 9 a.m. archives open; 6:30 p.m. Brownie Scout Meeting
Friday: 9 a.m. archives open
Saturday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
Children's Christmas Workshop; 6 p.m. Ottawa Long Rifles
Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 10 a.m. Kings 8th
Monday: 9 a.m. Hands All Around Quilters; 6 p.m. Cub Scout meeting
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6 p.m. Cub Scouts; 6:45 p.m. Cub Scouts
Wednesday: 9 a.m. Mill Race Basket Guild; 4:15 p.m. Daisy Scouts; 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church
* Grounds closed to public

NHS Class of 2008 Senior All Night Party

TIME/DATE: 10:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31, 2008
DETAILS: Get tickets early for the Senior All Night Party; tickets are \$55 through December and increase to \$70 on Jan. 1, 2008; contact Shirley Rogers at (248) 348-7295 for more information. Unpainted wooden horses are available to purchase for \$40 and can be personalized by parents for their senior. They will be displayed at the All Night Party; order a horse now and it will be available in the spring; contact Mary Jo Blasius at (248) 349-0101. Order forms for tickets and horses are available online at www.northville.k12.mi.us and checks should be made payable to Northville Senior Class Party; mail to Janet Goldberg, 18833 Oak Leaf Lane, Northville 48168.

Regional Events**Christmas in Canton**

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Village Theater at Cherry Hill
DETAILS: Orchestra Canton's musical family holiday concert including a performance with the Plymouth Canton Symphony Society youth orchestra; tickets are \$20 for adults, \$18 for seniors and \$10 for children and may be purchased at the Summit On the Park, 4600 Summit Parkway, by calling the Summit at (734) 394-5460, ext. 0, online at www.canton-mi.org or one hour before performance at the Village Theater box office.

Friends of the Foster Farmhouse Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: 5-9 p.m. Tuesday
LOCATION: Big Boy, 800 N. Pontiac Trail, Walked Lake
DETAILS: Ten percent of sales during this fundraiser will go toward restoring the historical Foster Farmhouse. There will be door prizes and a 50/50 raffle.

The Nutcracker

DATE/LOCATION: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 8 and 9 at Salem High School Auditorium, Canton
DATE/LOCATION: Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 15 and 16 at Grosse Ile High School Auditorium
DETAILS: The Plymouth-Canton Ballet Company and the Plymouth Symphony Orchestra are featured in the performances in Canton; the Metro Shores Ballet Company performs on Grosse Ile; audience members can meet the dancers on stage after the performances during the Sugar Plum Parade with a \$2 per person ticket;

Canton tickets are \$14-\$18 for adults and teens and \$8-\$10 for children; Grosse Ile tickets are \$12 for adults and teens and \$10 for children; order tickets online at www.PlymouthCantonBallet.org

Holiday Horses

TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 9
LOCATION: Windmill Farms, 2552 Wixom Road, Commerce Twp.
DETAILS: Variety show for horse lovers features Michigan Vaulting Team, trick horses, freestyle riding, jumping, costumed horses and drill teams. Refreshments available afterwards. Tickets are \$10, \$5 for children under 5.
CONTACT: (586) 242-7351

Diabetes: Motivation and Goal-setting

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 12
LOCATION: St. Mary Mercy Hospital Auditorium, 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia. Use main entrance (Five Mile).
DETAILS: All are welcome to attend this support group presentation. Speaking will be Professor Jane Alexandra Kessler, director of psychological services and the graduate program in clinical psychology at Madonna University. A new topic is covered on the second Wednesday of every month for adults with diabetes and their family members; no charge.
CONTACT: (734) 655-8961

Plymouth Symphony Orchestra

DETAILS: Tickets (adults-\$25, seniors-\$20, students-\$10) can be purchased by contacting the Plymouth Canton Society office (734) 451-2112; in person at 470 Forest Avenue, Ste. 18; or visiting www.plymouthsymphony.org.
Home for the Holidays with youth choirs
DATE: Thursday, Dec. 20
LOCATION: Penn Theatre, Plymouth
Blissful Baroque with harpist Maurice Draughn, composer Mary Watkins, soprano Nadine Balbeisi
DATE: Saturday, Jan. 19
LOCATION: Village Theater at Cherry Hill
Sensational Strings with concertmaster Juliana Athayde, composer Frank La Rocca, PCEP Middle School Orchestra and the Celebration Strings
DATE: Saturday, Feb. 9
LOCATION: Ward Presbyterian Church

Youth Artist Competition
TIME/DATE: Sunday, Feb. 3
LOCATION: Evola Music, 7170 N. Haggerty Road, Canton
DETAILS: The three divisions of the competition are Senior Instrumental, Senior Piano (grades 10-12) and Junior Combined (grades 7-9). Applicants must be piano, band or orchestra students residing in Clarenceville, Livonia, Northville, Novi, Plymouth-Canton, Van Buren or Wayne-Westland school districts; or members of the Celebration Youth Orchestra or students at Evola. Scholarship funds are awarded to first-place winners.
CONTACT: Call Jane Libbing (734) 451-2112 or e-mail jane@plymouthsymphony.org; also visit www.plymouthsymphony.org.

Rock Financial Showplace

46100 Grand River Ave. Call (248) 348-5600 or visit http://rockfinancialshowplace.com for more information.

Michigan Christmas Show and Marketplace

TIME/DATE: Friday-Sunday
LOCATION: 2nd annual show to feature designer Christmas Tree Lane, unique holiday gifts, arts and crafts, gourmet foods, stocking stuffers, festive holiday entertainment on Holiday Lights Stage; tickets \$10 each.

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NPSchool Board approves number of contract increases

Increases to base salaries retroactive to July 1, 2007

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

While a number of Northville Public School District officials were pleased Tuesday night as the district board of education unanimously approved pay increases, one resident questioned the board's measure based on some things he heard during election season.

Northville resident Steve Lomske said he remembers hearing candidates say they would do whatever it took to cut costs in lieu of potential deficits and possible cuts.

"I'm not saying the people who are getting the increases don't deserve them," Lomske said, "but in a time where we're facing so much adversity and the economy is in the state it's in, I find it hard to believe (the board's) approving these raises."

Board President Joan Wadsworth said the board continues to look at ways to cut district costs. Each of the increases is retroactive to some point, as well, said Leonard Rezmierski, district superintendent.

Wadsworth added that employees elected to take on a health care plan that is less costly to the district.

"We're always looking at the bottom line, but we feel these employees deserve these increases at this time based on some of the things they've done for the district," she said.

Northville Record staff writer Jason Carmel Davis can be reached at (248) 349-1700, ext. 108, or jasoncdavis@gannett.com.

District salary increases

The salary increases went to the following individuals in the following departments:

- Certified Occupational Therapists**
 - Joellen Doherty — Base salary for 2006-07 and 2007-08, respectively: \$47,357 and \$48,304
 - Beth Gourley — Base salary for 2006-07 and 2007-08, respectively: \$47,357 and \$48,304

Their wage adjustment for the 2006-07 school year reflects a freeze on the schedule and a 2-percent increase on the top step retroactive to August 25, 2006. The adjustment for 2007-08 reflects a freeze on steps with a 2-percent increase on the schedule retroactive to August 24, 2007.

Central Office Administrators (Base salary)

- Mary Kay Gallagher-assistant superintendent for instructional services (\$114,729)
 - Lynne Mossio-director for special services (\$106,083)
 - John Street-director of business and finance (\$112,544)
- The wage adjustment reflects a 2-percent increase on the base salary for 2007-08 retroactive to July 1, 2007, including a one-year contract extension through August 2009.

District administrators (Base salary)

- John Bojanowski-transportation coordinator (\$60,158)
- Kevin Cavanaugh-custodial coordinator (\$60,158)
- Eileen Freeman-early childhood coordinator (\$66,768)
- Chris Geams-administrative assistant for operations (\$78,782)
- Anne Proulx-educational technology coordinator (\$89,512)
- Jan Purcell-educational partnerships coordinator (not listed)
- Robin Taksony-food service manager (\$62,122)

The wage adjustment reflects a 2-percent increase on the base salary for 2007-08 retroactive to July 1, 2007. Administration also recommended a one-year extension to their contracts.

Non-affiliated/exempt employees (Base salary)

- Gale Jelic (\$62,432)
- Julie Taylor (\$47,926)
- Millie Whitbeck (\$61,144)

The wage adjustment reflects a 2-percent increase on the base salary for 2007-08 retroactive to July 1, 2007. Administration also recommended a one-year extension to their contracts.

Superintendent's contract (Base salary)

- Leonard Rezmierski (\$135,896)

The superintendent's base salary reflects a 2-percent base salary increase. Salary and contract changes are effective July 1, 2007 and the superintendent's employment has been extended to June 30, 2010.

Source: Northville Public School District



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

It's all about goals

Ridge Wood Elementary students take a look at Detroit Ignition soccer goalie Tomer Chencinski as he heads a ball during a recent school assembly. A couple of Igniter players stepped by to talk about goals, both the soccer type and personal development type.

BRIEFS

ALPS nominations accepted

The Northville Public School District (NPS) is accepting parent referrals for testing for Alternative Learning Programs for Students (ALPS), the school district's gifted magnet program housed at Amman Elementary with continued programming at Hillside and Meads Mill middle schools. Parents who believe their child exhibits exceptional academic ability and would benefit from alternative programming, may want to consider requesting an assessment. Students who can be referred for ALPS testing include:

- Second-grade students living within the school community and those who plan to enroll in NPS for the 2008-09 school year.

- Third-, fourth- or fifth-grade students who are not currently enrolled in NPS, but live in the school community and plan to enroll for the 2008-09 school year. (Third- and fifth-grade students currently enrolled in NPS are already scheduled to be tested.)

- New fourth-grade students who enrolled in NPS after August 2007. Nominated second-graders will be tested Feb. 5-6. Third- and fifth-grade students will be tested beginning the week of Jan. 20. Newly-enrolled fourth-grade students, or

those who wish to enroll in NPS for the 2008-09 school year, also will be tested beginning the week of Jan. 20.

Nomination forms for students other than third- and fifth-graders currently enrolled in NPS must be received by January 11, 2008. Completed forms should be sent to the ALPS Office, Room 104, Northville Public Schools, 501 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167.

Contact Beth McGlennen or Janice Henderson (248) 344-8467

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JAMES ALLEN, FIRE CHIEF
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(11-29-07 NR 389349)

CITY OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF ENACTMENT ZONING ORDINANCE #11-05-07(Z)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Northville City Council has adopted Ordinance No. 11-05-07(Z) for the purpose of updating the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Northville regarding non-conforming lots, non-conforming structures, and other text amendments to Articles 18 and 22. The following sections are amended:

- Modification to Section 18.11.5 Lots of Record
- Modifications to Section 22.01.2 Non-conforming lots, non-conforming uses of land, non-conforming structures, and non-conforming uses of structures and premises.
- Modifications to Section 22.01.4 Non-conforming structures.

The City Council adopted said Ordinance on November 19, 2007, with an effective date of December 7, 2007. The complete text of the ordinance amendment is available for public review at the City of Northville Municipal Building, Office of the City Clerk or the Building Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

RICHARD STARLING, BUILDING OFFICIAL
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(11-29-07 NR 389204)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE CODE OF ORDINANCE ZONING AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 170

The following ordinance amendments were introduced at the November 15, 2007 regular meeting of the Board of Trustees.

- Article 24 - Landscape Standards. A standard was added to define topsoil.
- Article 33 - Site Plan Review. Clarified language regarding permitted building materials.
- Article 34 - Land Division, Combination or Reconfiguration. Revised the median lot area requirement to apply only to land divisions within single family zoning districts and excludes recreation or institutional properties; added a provision that requires a conceptual plan to demonstrate resultant lots can accommodate a development that meets minimum township standards.

A complete copy of the proposed changes are available in the Clerk's office at Township Hall during regular business hours, 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday and on the Township Website <http://www.twp.northville.mi.us>. This amendment will be presented at the Board of Trustees Regular December meeting for Adoption.

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On Thursday, December 20, 2007 at 7:30 p.m., a Public Hearing will be held on the 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant Funds at the Township Civic Center located at 44405 Sox Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168. The 2008-2009 CDBG allocation for Northville Township will be approximately \$105,000.00. Reallocation of 2006-2007 funds will also be discussed. The primary objective of the CDBG program is to fund eligible activities and projects that benefit low and moderate-income persons; aid in the prevention or elimination of blight and slums; and/or address an urgent community development need.

All interested citizens are invited to attend and provide views and proposals concerning the 2008-2009 Community Development Block Grant Program. For additional information on the program or the proposed 2008-2009 allocations, please contact Ms. Delores Bowden, CDBG Coordinator, at 248-348-5800.

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NHS students aim to 'fill shelves' this holiday season

■ National Honor Society partners with Northville Civic Concern for service project

By Jason Carmel Davis
STAFF WRITER

Up until a few weeks ago, most high school students might have wanted to spend their Sunday watching the Detroit Lions. They also might have wanted to check out college applications, or even do homework.

But a group of Northville High School students, specifically the members of the school's chapter of the National Honor Society, have taken on a project that will help a number of families this holiday season.

Northville High senior Jessica Horowitz has started a program, "Fill the Shelves, Feed the Hungry," designed to stock the shelves at Northville Civic Concern, 42951 Seven Mile Road, so Civic Concern patrons will have a wide selection of items to choose from this holiday season, Horowitz said.

On two Sundays a month, Northville High National Honor Society members hit three area subdivisions to collect food. Homeowners in those neighborhoods are made aware of the group's efforts through fliers, which have been donated to the cause by the Northville UPS Store, 143 Cadycentre. Families place the food on their doorsteps and students make rounds scooping up the parcels, Horowitz said. "We've had some really good turnouts and people have been really generous," she said, adding about 15 students take part.

Civic Concern sponsoring adoption program

Northville Civic Concern is once again looking for individuals to adopt families for its 2007 Adoption Program.

Participation by community members ensures that Civic Concern clients, individuals and families will experience the joy of the Christmas holiday.

Under no circumstances does the group divulge the recipient's or donor's names or phone numbers, nor does Civic Concern allow any contact between the parties. The clients' "needs" list is as follows:

Children: Clothing, books or toys

Teenagers: Clothing or gift certificates for clothing from places such as Target, Meijer and Kohl's; movie passes, books and/or CDs or telephone cards

Adults: Clothing or gift certificates for clothing, movie passes, restaurant gift certificates, gift certificates for groceries or to stores such as CVS, gas cards, etc.

Civic Concern asks that donors limit spending to about \$100 per family member.

Anyone who wishes to adopt a family should note that Civic Concern requests that each child in a family have the same number of packages to open. If you have a family or several boxes, each bag or box should also be labeled with the first name and first initial of the last name. And, in case an exchange or return is necessary, please include receipts for cash sales only. If purchases are made with credit cards, only include gift receipts.

The deadline to sign up for adopt-a-family is Friday, Dec. 7. Gifts should be dropped off to Civic Concern at the Northville Township Finance Building, 41660 Six Mile Road, between 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 14.

Anyone who has a problem with the drop-off times, or for more information, call Civic Concern at (248) 344-1033.

One problem students have had, Horowitz said, is outdated items.

Members of Civic Concern ask that donors always check the expiration date on the items they plan to give. On one occasion, Mustang NHS students collected 627 food items. About one-third of those had to be thrown out, Horowitz said. Since then, the number of outdated items has decreased to one-sixth, she said.

Marleen Kunz, chair of Northville Civic Concern, said the students are doing an admirable job assisting her group. She said

the effort is important since, at times, the shelves at Civic Concern become bare due to the economy, outdated items and other factors.

"We're just trying to educate people and make it known that people in Northville need help sometimes, too," Horowitz said. "Above all, we're just trying to look out for people in the community."

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Helping hands

Students of Meads Mill Middle School World Studies teacher Shelley Woodrich point to the country of Zambia on a map of Africa. The students recently raised money to buy vitamins and food to send to orphans in the southern African country.



Photo by Jason Carmel Davis/Northville Record

Help for all ages

A number of Meads Mill Middle School students have taken on some pretty big projects that are going to brighten the days of some people abroad. Art Education Teachers Lisa Toigo and Lynn Soluri and their seventh- and eighth-grade classes are taking part in a project, called "A Million Thanks," which aids in sending positive messages of appreciation and thanks to service men and women returning from Iraq who are recovering at Veteran hospitals throughout the country. As a part of this project, the art classes designed holiday cards that will be sent to service persons this week, Toigo said. In the above photo: Toigo, left, and seventh-graders Katie Howe and Charlotte Colorito, right, show off their cards.

CLASS REUNIONS

Northville Class of 1977

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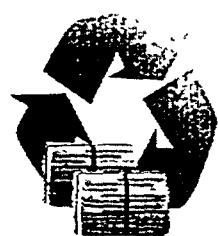
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LETTERS

"Speak English!"

I took time to send letters to our Michigan United States Senators Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, noting I was aware they both chose to vote against the bill for adoption of English as the official language of the United States. This seemed so simple and uncomplicated an action to be pushed away with the usual congressional political "stiff arm." In my view, such directed actions discredit and cancel any good these senators may have done for our state. Such arrogance! Yet, not unlike history, the public so easily forgets and eventually will acclaim the naming of a post office for each of them.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Thanks for Village work

"You get the best out of others when you give the best of yourself." — Harvey S. Firestone. As part of his Eagle Scout badge requirement, Trent Clarkson of Boy Scout Troop 755 planned and coordinated a work weekend during November at Mill Race Historical Village that will have a lasting impact. Under Trent's guidance, the 20-plus scouts and assorted volunteers chopped, lopped, split, stacked and chipped (thanks, Tommy Tree Co.), diseased, dying and non-native trees along the perimeter of Mill Race Village.

If you want to see their work, take a stroll along the Mill Race Village boundary behind the Yerkes House. This work crew made a significant dent in restoring this part of the Village to a native environment.

Thanks Trent, Troop 755 and all who volunteered their time to restoration of sacred ground.

Keith Paterson, Member
Mill Race Historical Society Board of Directors

Keep it up, Susan

Although I am not a member of the Voices For Maybury Farm, I have watched with great interest and admiration the work they are doing. Susan Greenlee, the president, has made every attempt to work with The Northville Community

Foundation for the betterment of the Farm. However, NCF has refused and, as a result, Ms. Greenlee is continuing in a most logical and professional manner.

I have personally spoken with many people who are distraught over the mismanagement of the farm, but for a variety of reasons do not wish to write letters to the newspaper or become more proactive. These people, and myself, are grateful for the work that Ms. Greenlee and her group are doing.

Kathleen Hadley
Novi

Don't forget Marquis

I think it is great that Chuck Gaidica has brought the theatre to Northville; however, let us not forget Miss Inge of the Marquis Theatre. She not only was the original person to bring the theatre to Northville, but she has also inspired many young children to become actors and actresses. My hat goes off to you, Miss Inge Zayti.

Joanne Stack
Northville

Roundabout frustration

I'd like to thank the boneheads who designed and approved the Taft Road construction and the ill-conceived roundabout.

The police officers I've spoken to fear many accidents where they never have seen any; plus the fact that school buses and other large vehicles can't make the turns.

The officials who are more concerned about a reduced budget next year if they don't spend this year's pork should ask my laid-off employees about their reduced budgets.

My business and the Mobil gas station next door have been terribly harmed by this long-delayed, waste of taxpayer money farce! Many of my customers have had to make a 5- to 6-round trip to patronize my business, and not a single one thinks this project makes any sense whatsoever.

Again, thanks to those responsible for making this holiday season truly miserable for so many.

Dave Stewart
Northville Gourmet & Cicero's Pizza

In support of new development

I want my kids to be healthy and safe living in my community. But our township board is fighting a great new development on the site of the Northville Psychiatric Hospital. The developer wants to clean it up so our kids don't get hurt or worse there.

This project is going to result in more than 9,000 jobs with an investment of more than \$800 million. This is the largest development being planned in the Detroit area and our board is against it.

The developer has sued us and we could get killed like Novi when they lost a lawsuit for trying to prevent a developer from putting in a project.

So, instead of creating 9,000 new jobs, our board is stopping a development that would clean up a mess and get rid of a real potential safety hazard to our kids. My neighbors and I know what to do next year, we're going to vote this whole board out!

Pat Clark and Corey Wicker
Northville

Township dropping ball on new development

Northville Township could have one of the finest mixed-use developments in the United States. It would have great stores, not just the big box stores that are in that area now, different types of housing for every budget, 100 acres of open space, clean up a huge toxic mess, generate more than 9,000 new jobs when we really need them, and have a development we can all be proud of.

Instead, we don't get any of that, all we do is get sued. Our board is going against the wishes of the people. Everybody I talk to really wants this project. Urge the board members to give the developer what they want.

Sincerely,

Joe Hawthorne
Northville

Life without music?

Pretty hard to imagine a world without the sounds of a human voice singing or an instrument being played beautifully, isn't it?

Think of all the times during the day that music enters your life. Sometimes, like when a Christmas carol is playing as you walk around a mall or downtown, you might not be paying attention — but there's no denying that the joy it brings is there. Other times, you're actively seeking that joy — putting in your favorite CD, going to a concert or just turning on the radio.

But often, we take music for granted. And those who create it probably get slighted even more so, especially at the level of high school. We tout our young athletes, even dedicating a whole section of this newspaper weekly to their efforts. But what about their classmates who face their challenges on a stage?

When we were told that there are approximately 900 student athletes at Northville High School, we weren't surprised. Then we learned there are about 700 students in the NHS music program. If that's second fiddle, than it's a very loud one.

One of our local band boosters, Sue Nichols, approached us in early October about doing a few preview stories for upcoming concerts. But as we got further into the discussion, we thought, "Why not do a whole section on the high school music program?"

This week's B section is the result of two months of coordinating (Sue); interviews and writing (staff writer Jason Carmel Davis and freelancer Alcea Hibbeln); and spectacular photos (courtesy of Steve Fecht Photography) — a four-part harmony, if you will.

We hope you enjoy "The Makers of Music: A Tribute to the Northville High School Music Program," and we encourage you to attend Band-O-Rama tomorrow night or one of the three Holiday concerts in mid-December.

Now let's hear it for the music students and staff at Northville High!

Correction

In an article in the Nov. 15 issue about REIS suing Northville Township because the developer says the township thwarted development of the former Northville Psychiatric Hospital property, it stated REIS is seeking \$25,000 in damages. Steve Mitchell, REIS spokesman, called the Record Nov. 20 to say REIS is actually suing the township for \$100 million, which is mentioned in paragraph 462 of the 75-page lawsuit. The \$25,000 should have been mentioned only in reference to that being the minimum amount of damages necessary for the case to be heard in circuit court.

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Our schools and economy are inextricably linked

The 21st century will be driven by leadership, innovation, creativity, knowledge, change and globalization. We need to act as if our future is sitting in our classrooms today — because it is! The viability of our society, the strength of our economy, the quality of our lives, the vibrancy of our democracy, and our place in the world depend on the quality of today's schools.

Michigan deserves high praise for passing one of the most rigorous K-12 curriculums and high school graduation requirements in the nation. It's a good start; however, much remains to be done.

The problem(s)

Michigan and America have a long way to go to improve schools so that all children have an equal opportunity to compete in the transformational, technologically-driven global economy. We need to understand that the quality of our education system, from preschool to graduate school, and the economic revitalization of our state are inextricably linked.

The functional illiteracy rate in our state is dragging us down. The dropout rate among minority students is so high that, if it were classified as a public health issue, it would be an epidemic. As unbelievable as it seems, Michigan law allows kids to drop out of school at age 16. This law is state-sponsored stupidity at best and institutional racism at worst. If the dropout statistics impacted the white middle-class communities as they do the minority communities, holy hell would be raised. Yet, this crisis impacts all of us.

Greater sense of urgency needed

There is a borderless world where ideas and work flow across the globe. Our fear should not be of outsourcing jobs to other nations. Our greatest fear should be that other nations are producing more knowledgeable workers than are we. Michigan's goal must be to be the education, innovative, creative brain bank of the world. This cannot be done by thinking our past industrial and education glory is a predictor

of future success.

The question remains: What are we going to do about it?

What to do?

We have schools in this state, from elementary to the university level, that can and do compete with schools across the globe. We also have schools in which many of us would not enroll our children. If a school is not good enough for your child, it should not be good enough for any child. The only adjective that should matter before the word school, be it private, traditional or charter, should be quality.

Michigan currently invests \$13 billion annually to educate 1.7 million students in grades K-12. Are we optimally organized to prepare our kids and state for the future? Do we need 550 traditional schools, 200 charter schools, and 50-plus intermediate districts with their corresponding administrative overhead? Further, we need to stop the illusion that simply pouring more money into the existing system is an investment in quality education. Major



About Tom Watkins

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structural changes must be made to ensure dollars invested make it to the classroom. Even if the governor is successful in increasing taxes to invest in education, without changes to future health care and pensions for educators, all new investments will be absorbed by those two items, leaving no resources to invest in quality programs and initiatives.

What if the impossible isn't?

Like the auto industry, Michigan has to stop thinking that minor tweaks to the existing education system will bring about the necessary changes for our children to survive and thrive

in the 21st century. Of course, change is difficult and it will require bold, decisive leadership to bring it about. Rest assured, other states and nations are not sitting back waiting for us to get our act together.

Michigan is at a crossroads. We must decide if we are going to invest in teaching, learning, children and our collective future or the status quo of power, control, politics and adults.

Michigan will succeed when we transform and export knowledge, creativity and innovation. We need to imagine the possibilities and be willing to change as if our collective future depends upon it — because it does.

Education Reform Resources

■ "Structural Funding Issues Surrounding Michigan Schools" Report by former state superintendent of schools Tom Watkins:
www.michigan.gov/documents/michiganschoolfunding_110803_7.pdf

■ Skillman Foundation: Good School Program: www.skillman.org

■ Strong American Schools: Making Education A Priority: www.edin08.com

■ Cherry Commission: Higher Education and Economic Growth: www.cherrycommission.org

■ U.S. Chamber of Commerce report: Leaders and Laggards: A State-by-State Report Card on Educational Effectiveness: <http://www.uschamber.com/icw/reportcard/default>

New Second City revue more distasteful than dysfunctional

The Second City in Novi just opened its 31st revue Nov. 14, "The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue." A better name for this comedy performance might be "The Second City's Distasteful Holiday Revue."

Trust me on this one, folks. This show is not something for "the whole family" or any family member in my book.

As I was discussing some of the questionable humor in the office the day after the show, noting that it wasn't something for children, a couple of coworkers replied, "Kids don't go to comedy clubs anyway."

That may be true.

But this particular revue crossed the boundary of good taste for even an adult comedy club audience.

The press release bills the show as "seasonal satire," and a fast-paced interactive comedy revue filled with style and wit.

I will admit that the majority of the show is very funny, but I found myself squirming in my seat a few times, thinking to myself, "I'm glad I'm not here

with a date or my parents."

Needless to say, if a parent were to take even an older child to this performance, there would be some embarrassing moments during certain parts of the show.

Without getting into too much detail, references were made during the revue to such topics as oral sex, erections, promiscuity, female and male genitalia, intercourse and farting.

Granted, if the cast is taking suggestions from members of the audience during a skit, and somebody yells out something raunchy, the cast can't be blamed. They can't do anything about that — it's live theater. But, when it's part of the

script, the buck stops with the theater.

OK, some of you are probably thinking I'm just an old fuddy-duddy who can't take a joke.

Hey, I enjoy an off-color joke as much as the next person, as long as it's actually funny.

But I felt several times that the script of this 2007 Second City holiday revue was not only not funny, it was disgusting.

I was also having a difficult time figuring out where the "holiday" aspects of the revue came into play.

There was a skit at the beginning of the show about a new office girl who forgot to order the food for the Christmas party and

a few other minor references to the holiday. But a good portion of the skits had nothing to do with the holidays.

Promotional literature for the revue does have this qualifier: "...nothing is too sacred in this perfect alternative to the same old holiday shows."

That's an understatement.

I remember leaving last year's preview performance of "The Second City Dysfunctional Holiday Revue" with a good feeling — glad that I was able to absorb a night of comedy before the rush of activities that hit this time of year.

This year's performance not only did not put me in the holiday

spirit, but made me question the morals and values of those who wrote and produced this show.

The cast of the revue includes Brett Gruenel, Quintin Hicks, Jaime Moyer, Tara Nida and Tim Robinson.

"The Second City's Dysfunctional Holiday Revue" is directed by Mark Levenson. The producing artistic director is Nate DuFort.

Andre Alexander serves as executive producer and Kelly Leonard is vice president.

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OPINION

GUEST
COLUMNISTIt's time for an open discussion
about Foundation and Farm

Thank you for the opportunity to open the NCF Board to those in the public sector who would like time with you. It is a refreshing change from the wall that the NCF has previously stood behind, but it is also a shame that it took public pressure and the associated embarrassment.

First, I would like to say this correspondence only remotely touches the subject of the dismissal of John Beemer, although I do have my concerns about that and every respect for the Beemers. It is interesting that the NCF can position itself (through the unemployment process) in a manner of implied misconduct on the part of Beemer and remain within legal grounds for defamation of character. I have every reason to believe, that when appealed, Beemer will be vindicated.

The real question is, will the NCF's character then be in question?

There are two primary NCF issues that I see as quite significant. The NCF, as an organization, has an accountability problem with respect to its business tools, planning ability, disclosure methods for the same, and public accessibility to receive, review and address general business concerns. With Shari Peters as an interface with the community, the NCF has a problem with serious character issues that are either a reflection of the managerial board's views or they are her personal manner.

As both an individual and the head of a company represented as donors to the NCF, I respectfully request the attention of the board to address well-documented issues of integrity, lack of accountability, financial irresponsibility, breach of contract, common decency and defamation of character. Please request a complete documentation package from NCF board member/attorney Eric Colthurst as a basis for this discussion. When I say complete, I am referring to Colthurst's legal correspondence and my documents in response. This package should be available to all of your board members to review in advance. These simple business matters have not been handled appropriately by either Shari Peters or her (or is it NCF?) attorney, Colthurst.

With respect to the NCF's recent letter and that of Colthurst, it seems relevant to discuss "community." When we speak of com-

munity, in general, we define the perimeter as a geographic area; this is the basis of Maybury Farm as a facility. When we speak of Northville, we are speaking to a much closer association that closes to the individual level. The namesake Northville Community Foundation (NCF) is a reflection



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on each of us — as citizens, neighbors, parents of school children and volunteers — that comes with a level of responsibility and accountability that the NCF clearly does not comprehend.

With respect to the NCF letter to the Record, published Nov. 15, it states that "the NCF goes above and beyond what is requested to insure community confidence." What exactly is the board thinking with "what is requested?" I believe the community has gone out of its way for years (and quite publicly, recently) in expressing considerable discontent with the board's "goes above and beyond" imagination. The community is questioning the NCF's ability and character with little doubt about it. As basic accounting goes, the community provides you the funds, and the community wants to know how those funds are used. I have heard no one request that confidentiality be broken with respect to any donor; that is just an excuse for an inappropriate lack of accountability.

When a citizen and donor to the NCF request the board's time, without question, that individual should have access to your board. The board should be having public meetings with an open agenda and opportunity for floor speakers like that of any community service organization. That simply has not been the case at the NCF.

The local community the NCF represents is saying it has a problem with the NCF's public interface, Peters. Although very intelligent and a gifted fund-raiser, Peters is a master of avoiding accountability and obnoxious in her two-sided manner. We, as a community and the benefactors of that behavior, are standing up and requesting some accountability. Does this represent the NCF board's character that she hands down or is this her personal character? It is a fundamental responsibility of the NCF board to take corrective action in an above-and-beyond manner expected by the community it serves.

With respect to Colthurst and his letter to the editor, there is no

question that the "heroic efforts" of volunteers, donors and in-kind contributors of every type came forward to rebuild the farm — frequently in spite of efforts by Peters.

With respect to Colthurst's comment "a small group have coordinated an unsubstantiated attack" — I would not call the collective efforts of Northville community members and the greater community with a willingness to speak up thus far a small group. There are more people engaged in this than who voted in the last community election. As far as "unsubstantiated" is concerned, I cannot find a single claim/request that IS NOT substantiated with the pure raw facts currently on the table. Appropriate disclosures, accountability, a public and open-door policy, a respectful demeanor, humility, honesty, honor the donor, recognition where due, cordial ... these are all things Peters lacks and that the board and attorney endorse through like-minded correspondence on the simplest of issues. As company people, when was the last time any board member got a letter from the company attorney on legal letterhead when they turned in their expense reports? This is the character exhibited at the NCF.

The NCF is a namesake, non-profit community foundation. It is a beneficiary of a stream of funds donated by corporations, small businesses, social/special interest organizations, gate revenue, event income, endowments, philanthropist blessings, families and individuals. That is complemented with a similar list of in-kind donations of services and volunteer effort. Accountability is about a set of books representing an income/benefactor statement broke down at this level. Nobody has suggested that there be names disclosed; confidentiality should be respected to the highest degree. The income statement should represent this level of detail as a business managing its effectiveness/performance.

On the flip side, the NCF has a responsibility to manage the use of these funds and report that to the very community noted above that blessed you with those funds. A set of books associated with activity-based expenditures such as parade, home tour, and office/organizational expenses is a given.

By the nature of the Maybury Farm/DNR lease relationship, Maybury Farm must have a complete set of books not unlike any business run today. Maybury Farm is a very significant piece of business. The chart-of-accounts should represent something like

utilities breakdown, fuel, feed by animal group, service requirements, veterinary services, payroll by classification, machinery maintenance, capital equipment purchases, building maintenance, fertilizer, seed, etc.

The combined income statement and expense statement represents a financial statement. Not only is this considered an appropriate set of books for accountability to those blessing the NCF with income, it allows all individuals an opportunity to see where that income is spent so they can evaluate their donor efforts specifically for tax-advantaged, in-kind service contributions and material donations.

A snapshot of the future (one year) is called a business plan. Stretch that another two to five years and you have a forecast or extended plan. These are the documents — required by the NCF's lease with the DNR — that the NCF claims exist, but no one seems to be able to access even through the Freedom of Information Act. This is a fundamental tool for ANY business and should be the NCF's primary tool to share with any and all individuals as a means of substantiating the NCF's needs and desires for the future.

This is a far cry from the gross-proceeds-in/gross-expenses-out level of statement that you most recently posted on your Web site. That, coupled with a list of board members, etc., has been completely nonexistent (for 10 years) until quite recently, and then only as the result of community accountability pressure.

This is not a pleasant format for dialogue and these are not pleasant matters to deal with, but I believe it is time that the board answers for them. I look forward to an open discussion on these matters — publicly, if it is desired.

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CONGRESSIONAL
UPDATE

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American kids and
communist Chinese
products: Many
unhappy returns

This month, the bipartisan U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission issued its annual report to Congress.

It is a wake-up call to America.

The Commission declared "Chinese espionage activities in the United States are so extensive that they comprise the single greatest risk to the security of American technologies." Further, this spying is an "aggressive and large-scale industrial espionage campaign" being waged against American companies located here and in communist China. The communist Chinese's goal is to acquire our technologies "without the necessity of investing time or money to perform research."

Nor is their spying a distant threat. Here, in southeastern Michigan, a federal grand jury indicted a Metaldyne employee, his wife (a former company executive) and their Chinese partner (a former company metallurgist) for stealing trade secrets and giving them to Chinese companies in return for a piece of future profits.

Worse, as we Michiganders already painfully know, the Commission reported small- and medium-sized American manufacturers — who provide more than half of our manufacturing jobs — "face the full brunt of China's unfair trade practices, including currency manipulation and illegal subsidies for Chinese exports." Such rogue behavior, including a disregard for intellectual property rights and the environment, stem from the fact communist China "maintains a preference for authoritarian controls over its economy" in order to create a trade relationship "severely out of balance" with the United States.

In addition to communist Chinese industrial and military espionage and predatory trade practices imperiling our security and prosperity, their products threaten our kids' safety.

This year, toxic communist Chinese imports have resulted in the recalls of contaminated or defective seafood, toothpaste, medicine, clothes, tires, pet food, and toys. The Commission warns this will continue: "China's control and manipulation of information make it difficult or impossible for officials responsible for food and product safety in the United States and other nations to identify potential safety problems in Chinese imports on a timely

basis and intervene."

Nevertheless, buried in Congressional bills are clauses to spend your tax dollars to "guarantee" the safety of communist Chinese imports. I oppose such legislation, because I oppose trade with communist China. No amount of your money can make communist Chinese imports absolutely safe; and none of your hard-earned money should be spent trying to do it. The problem is not with us. It is with communist China. Since this dictatorship will not respect the liberty and dignity of its captive people and all humanity, we must keep communist China's products out of America, so we can keep our jobs and our kids safe in America.

Obviously, this will cost the importers and peddlers of communist Chinese products a lot of money. This helps explain shadowy groups' deceitful "robo-call" attacks on U.S. Representatives opposing trade with communist China. If these front groups are successful in pressuring Congress, communist Chinese imports will continue flooding America and endangering our children under the illusion they have been certified safe — despite the fact the Commission has determined that the timely identification of defective communist Chinese products is "difficult or impossible."

Instead, we must end the bipartisan fiasco of President Bill Clinton and a Republican Congress that granted communist China permanent normalization of trade relations with America guaranteed this communist country irrevocable and low tariff access to our market and, thereby, devastated our manufacturing base and endangered our children. We must return to the bipartisan policies of Presidents from Truman to Reagan, who knew Americans must never barter with communist butchers to make a buck; reaffirm the principle of "fair trade with free nations;" and restore human liberty and dignity and economic reciprocity as an inviolable criterion for any and all trade agreements.

Free peoples must oppose communism's dehumanizing ideology, and foster the emancipation of those souls enslaved beneath its suffocating tyranny. In fulfilling this duty and trading with free nations under equitable conditions, the entrepreneurial genius and diligent labor of Americans will benefit us and our partners. If we do not, we will have abandoned our ideals and imperiled our liberty and prosperity by buying from the communist Chinese the rope they will use to hang us.

LEGISLATIVE
UPDATEPlan would eliminate
toxic lead in toys;
needs Senate OK

Christmas is just about a month away and children all over Michigan are busy making out their wish lists. Parents and grandparents are hitting the stores, eager to find the toys they hope will make their little ones' faces light up on Christmas Day. Unfortunately, there is a nagging worry in the back of many shoppers' minds this year: Will this toy turn out to be toxic?

Tens of millions of toys have been pulled off the shelves this year because they exposed our children to dangerous levels of lead — a long-known threat to our children.

Many of the toys that have been recalled are among the most popular and the most widely sold. They include Fisher-Price brand toys featuring Elmo, Big Bird and Dora the Explorer; "Sarge" products from the Pixar movie "Cars;" GeoTrax components; Barbie accessories; and Thomas & Friends Wooden Railway toys and parts. One of the most alarming things is that these are names and brands that parents have always trusted; many parents themselves grew up with Big Bird and Barbie.

Lead poisoning is a serious health issue. It hurts a child's ability to learn and develop. Chronic lead exposure can cause hyperactivity, learning disabilities, brain damage and behavioral problems — including violent behavior. Acute lead poisoning

can be fatal. In 2005, a 4-year-old Minnesota boy died after swallowing a bracelet charm that turned out to contain 99.1-percent lead.

Lead poisoning is mostly irreversible, but it's 100-percent preventable.

Currently, Michigan has no laws protecting children from toys contaminated by toxic lead. In fact, there aren't even any federal laws that regulate the amount of lead in children's products. Michigan has the sixth-highest lead poisoning rate in the country. As a father of two young children, this chills me to the bone. We must take action to protect our children.

I voted for a plan in the Michigan House of Representatives designed to give us the tools we need to protect

our children. The plan virtually eliminates the amount of lead in children's toys sold in Michigan by limiting it to 0.06 percent. It establishes civil fines for those who violate this limit, starting with \$100 per item. Beginning with the third offense, the fine would be \$1,000 per item, up to \$50,000.

The plan also limits the amount of lead in children's jewelry and lunch boxes. Studies have found that lead in soft vinyl lunch boxes can leach out into our children's food. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration told makers of soft vinyl lunch boxes last year that they should stop marketing these types of lunch boxes. Since they are still on the shelves, I want to be sure we have a way to protect our kids here in Michigan.



About Marc Corriveau

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We must do everything we can to fight this threat to our children's health and well-being. This plan passed the Michigan House in June, but it has stalled in the Senate. We need our state senators to approve this plan immediately so we can stop these dangerous items from getting into our homes and into our children's hands.

Parents and grandparents should not have to worry about whether the gifts they give this Christmas, or any other time of year, are poisonous. By passing this plan to virtually eliminate toxic lead from children's toys, I am fighting to protect the future of Michigan's children.

Town hall meeting set for Dec. 3

State Rep. Marc Corriveau will hold a town hall meeting to help parents learn more about the dangers of lead in toys at 7 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 3, at the Plymouth Township Hall, 9955 N. Haggerty Road. Jane Nickert, coordinator for Wayne County's Childhood Lead Poisoning Outreach, will speak at the event. An expert from Innov-X Systems will bring a special device that tests for lead in children's toys; those who attend are encouraged to bring toys for testing.

Recall Information

You can keep up to date on recalls of toys and other products by checking the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission's Web site, www.cpsc.gov. The site also includes research reports, publications on product safety issues, and an opportunity to sign up for e-mail notification of new product recalls.

2007-08 WINTER SCHEDULES

Northville Mustangs



Boys Basketball			
11/29	Away	South Lyon	7 p.m.
12/6	Away	Novi	7 p.m.
12/11	Away	Salem	7 p.m.
12/13	Away	John Glenn	7 p.m.
12/18	Home	Churchill	7 p.m.
12/20	Away	Canton	7 p.m.
12/27	Away	Chelsea	TBA
12/28	Away	Chelsea	TBA
1/4	Home	Plymouth	7 p.m.
1/8	Away	Wayne Memorial	7 p.m.
1/11	Away	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
1/15	Home	Franklin	7 p.m.
1/18	Home	Canton	7 p.m.
1/22	Away	Plymouth	7 p.m.
1/25	Home	Wayne Memorial	7 p.m.
1/29	Home	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
2/1	Away	Franklin	7 p.m.
2/5	Away	WLA A Playoff	5:30 p.m.
2/8	Away	WLA A Playoff	7 p.m.
2/11	Away	WLA A Playoff	TBA
2/18	Away	Districts	7 p.m.

Girls Basketball			
12/4	Away	South Lyon	7 p.m.
12/14	Away	Novi	7 p.m.
12/18	Away	Churchill	7 p.m.
12/20	Home	Canton	7 p.m.
12/27	Away	Chelsea	TBA
12/28	Away	Chelsea	TBA
1/4	Away	Plymouth	7 p.m.
1/8	Home	Wayne Memorial	7 p.m.
1/11	Home	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
1/15	Away	Franklin	7 p.m.
1/18	Away	Canton	7 p.m.
1/22	Home	Plymouth	7 p.m.
1/25	Away	Wayne Memorial	7 p.m.
1/29	Away	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
2/01	Home	Franklin	7 p.m.
2/04	Away	Salem	7 p.m.
2/07	Home	John Glenn	7 p.m.
2/12	Away	WLA A Playoff	TBA
2/15	Away	WLA A Playoff	TBA

2/19 Away WLA A Playoff TBA
2/25 Away Districts TBA

Wrestling			
11/28	Away	Hartland	5:30 p.m.
12/1	Away	Grand Blanc	9 a.m.
12/5	Home	Novi	6:30 p.m.
12/8	Home	Invitational	9 a.m.
12/12	Away	Wayne Memorial	TBA
12/19	Home	Canton	6:30 p.m.
1/5	Away	Canton	9 a.m.
1/5	Away	South Lyon	10 a.m.
1/10	Away	W.L. Western	6:30 p.m.
1/12	Away	Brighton	10 a.m.
1/17	Home	Memorial (Aux. Gym)	6:30 p.m.
1/19	Away	Stevenson	TBA
1/19	Away	John Glenn	9 a.m.
1/24	Away	Plymouth	6:30 p.m.
1/26	Away	Dexter	8 a.m.
1/26	Away	Fenton	8:30 a.m.
1/31	Home	Franklin	6:30 p.m.
2/2	Away	Novi	TBA
2/6	Away	WLA A Crossover	6:30 p.m.
2/9	Away	WLA A Conference	TBA
2/14	Home	Team Districts	TBA
2/16	Away	MHSAA Districts	TBA
2/23	Away	MHSAA Regionals	TBA
3/7	Away	MHSAA State Finals	TBA
3/8	Away	MHSAA State Finals	TBA

Hockey			
11/30	Home	Livonia Churchill	7 p.m.
12/5	Away	Stevenson at Eddie Edger	6 p.m.
12/7	Home	Novi at Novi Ice Arena	6 p.m.
12/8	Away	W.L. Northern	6 p.m.
12/12	Home	W.L. Central	7 p.m.
12/14	Away	Plymouth at Compuware	7 p.m.
12/20	Home	Canton	7 p.m.
1/11	Home	Franklin	7 p.m.
1/15	Away	Stoney Creek	7 p.m.
1/17	Away	AA Pioneer at Ice Cube	7:45 p.m.

1/19	Home	Plymouth	6 p.m.
1/23	Away	Franklin at Eddie Edger	8 p.m.
1/26	Home	W.L. Western	3 p.m.
2/1	Away	W.L. Western at Lakeland Arena	8:20 p.m.
2/6	Away	Canton Artic Edge	8 p.m.
2/8	Away	Showcase Invite	TBA
2/9	Away	Showcase Invite	TBA
2/15	Away	East Kentwood	7:30 p.m.
2/16	Away	Grand Rapids CC	1:00 p.m.
2/19	Home	Waterford Mott	7 p.m.
2/20	Away	WLA A Crossover	TBA
2/26	Home	MHSAA Regionals	TBA
2/28	Home	MHSAA Regionals	TBA

Gymnastics			
12/19	Away	Plymouth H.S.	7 p.m.
1/3	Away	Farmington	6 p.m.
1/10	Away	Brighton	7 p.m.
1/17	Away	Canton	7 p.m.
1/19	Away	Farmington	TBA
1/22	Away	Salem	6:30 p.m.
1/28	Away	Livonia Churchill	7 p.m.
2/2	Away	Canton	10 a.m.
2/4	Away	W.L. Central	7 p.m.
2/12	Away	Hartland	6:30 p.m.
2/21	Away	WLA A Conference	TBA
3/1	Away	MHSAA Regionals	TBA
3/7	Away	MHSAA State Finals	TBA

3/8 Away MHSAA State Finals TBA

Boys Swim and Dive			
12/13	Home	Brother Rice	7 p.m.
12/15	Away	WLA A Relays	Noon
12/18	Home	Salem	7 p.m.
1/10	Home	Stevenson	7 p.m.
1/12	Away	Salem	Noon
1/17	Home	Canton	7 p.m.
1/19	Home	Northville Quad	Noon
1/22	Away	Novi	6 p.m.
1/24	Away	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
1/31	Home	Wayne Memorial	7 p.m.
2/7	Away	Plymouth	7 p.m.
2/8	Away	MISCA Meet	TBA
2/9	Away	MISCA Meet	TBA
2/14	Home	Franklin H.S.	7 p.m.
2/21	Away	Conf. Prelims	1 p.m.
2/22	Away	Conf. Prelims/Diving	2:30 p.m.
2/23	Away	Conference Finals	Noon
2/28	Home	Last Chance Meet	7 p.m.
3/4	Away	State Diving	TBA
3/7	Away	State Prelims	TBA
3/8	Away	State Finals	TBA

Pom Pon			
1/19	Away	Regionals at Churchill	9 a.m.
2/10	Away	State Finals	TBA

Cheer			
1/12	Away	Novi	TBA
1/19	Away	Brighton	9 a.m.
1/23	Away	Stevenson	6 p.m.
1/26	Home	Northville Invite	9 a.m.
1/30	Home	Franklin	7 p.m.
2/2	Away	S. gate Anderson	10 a.m.
2/4	Away	Wayne Memorial	6 p.m.
2/13	Home	W.L. Western	7 p.m.
2/20	Away	W.L. Central	7 p.m.
2/23	Home	WLA A Conference	9 a.m.
3/1	Away	MHSAA Regionals	TBA

Catholic Central Shamrocks

Basketball			
(All games 7:30 p.m. unless noted)			
12/4	Home	Farm. Hills Harrison	
12/7	Home	Det. Loyola	
12/14	Home	Notre Dame Prep	
12/15	Away	Farmington (6 p.m.)	
12/21	Away	Bishop Foley	
12/30	Away	Rndball Class. at OU (5:30 p.m.)	
1/4	Away	De La Salle	
1/8	Away	Divine Child	
1/11	Away	U-D	
1/15	Away	Brother Rice	
1/18	Home	OL St. Mary	
1/22	Home	De La Salle	
1/25	Home	Divine Child	
1/29	Home	U-D	
2/1	Home	Brother Rice	
2/5	Away	OL St. Mary	
2/9	CHSL	Playoff	
2/12	CHSL	Playoff	
2/17	CHSL	Playoff	
2/23	PSL		

Hockey			
(Compuware home arena)			
12/1	Home	Monroe St. Mary CC	7 p.m.

12/6	Away	De La Salle (Great Lakes Sports)	8:15 p.m.
12/8	Home	OL St. Mary	7 p.m.
12/12	Away	Brother Rice (Oak Park)	6:30 p.m.
12/15	Home	Brighton	7 p.m.
12/22	Home	PH Northern	7 p.m.
1/5	Home	PH Northern	7 p.m.
1/11	Away	Cranbrook	7:30 p.m.
1/12	Home	Trenton	7 p.m.
1/16	Away	GP North (Mt. Clemens)	7:30 p.m.
1/19	Home	Cranbrook	7 p.m.
1/25	Away	Culver Mil. Acad. (Culver Ice Arena)	7 p.m.
1/26	Away	Culver Mil. Acad. (Culver Ice Arena)	2 p.m.
1/30	Away	Trenton (Kennedy)	7:30 p.m.
2/2	Home	De La Salle	7 p.m.
2/8	Away	MIHL Tourney (Kennedy)	TBA
2/9	Away	MIHL Tourney (Kennedy)	TBA
2/14	Away	PH Northern (McMoran Ice Arena)	6 p.m.
2/16	Away	CHSL Tourney (OL St. Mary)	6 p.m.
2/23	Home	Brother Rice	7 p.m.

Wrestling			
11/30	Home	Lowell (assembly match)	2:10 p.m.
12/6	Home	John Glenn	5:30 p.m.
12/12	Away	Clarkston (at U-M)	5:30 p.m.
12/16	Away	Kent County Classic (Grand Rapids Central)	9 a.m.
12/13	Away	Davison	6 p.m.
12/21	Away	Oak County Tourn. (Milford)	3 p.m.
12/22	Away	Oak County Tourn. (Lake Orion)	9 a.m.
1/4	Home	CC Quad	5:30 p.m.
1/9	Home	Tri-meet	5:30 p.m.
1/12	Home	CC Invite	9 a.m.
1/16	Away	Lake Orion	5 p.m.
1/19	Home	CC Super Duals	10 a.m.
1/24	Away	Tri-meet (AA Pioneer)	5 p.m.
1/26	Away	Observerland (Churchill)	9 a.m.
2/2	Away	Clash of the Counties	9 a.m.
2/9	Away	CHSL Champ. (River. Gabriel Richard)	9 a.m.
2/14	Away	Team Districts	

Bowling			
12/4	@Novi	Wayne	3:30 p.m.
12/6	@Westland	Novi	3:30 p.m.
12/13	@Drakeshire	South Lyon	3:30 p.m.
12/15	@Drakeshire	Farm. Tourn.	9 a.m.
1/5	@Super Bowl	Ladywood Tourn.	Noon
1/9	@Sterling	U-D	3:30 p.m.
1/11	@Thunderbird	Bishop Foley	3:30 p.m.
1/12	@Cherry Hill	Crestwood Tourn.	TBA
1/18	@Thunderbird	De La Salle	3:30 p.m.
1/19	@Century	Oak Cty.	TBA
1/23	@Cherry Hill	Brother Rice	3:30 p.m.
1/25	@Country	Clarenceville	3:30 p.m.
1/28	@Woodland	Divine Child	3:30 p.m.
1/30	@Sterling	U-D	3:30 p.m.
2/2	@Five Star	Tri-County	TBA
2/4	@Royal	Bishop Foley	3:30 p.m.
2/6	@Astro	De La Salle	3:30 p.m.
2/9	@Super Bowl	Jaeger Tourn.	TBA
2/11	@Woodland	Brother Rice	3:30 p.m.
2/14	@Drakeshire	Divine Child	3:30 p.m.
2/16	@Imperial	CHSL Tourn.	TBA
2/22	TBD	Team Regionals	
2/23	TBD	Ind. Regionals	

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Boys Basketball			
(All games 7 p.m.)			
12/4	Home	WL Western	
12/7	Away	WL Central	
12/11	Away	John Glenn	
12/14	Home	Northville	
12/18	Home	Milford	
12/20	Away	Pinckney	
12/27	Away	Tri-Unity Christian	
1/8	Away	Howell (Parker Campus)	
1/11	Home	Lakeland	
1/15	Home	Brighton	
1/18	Away	South Lyon	
1/22	Home	Hartland	
1/25	Away	Milford	
1/29	Home	Pinckney	
1/31	Home	Howell	
2/5	Away	Lakeland	
2/8	Away	Brighton	
2/12	Home	South Lyon	
2/15	Away	Hartland	
2/22	Home	Flint SW	
2/25		Districts	

Girls Basketball			
(All games 7 p.m.)			
11/30	Away	John Glenn	
12/4	Away	Berkley	
12/6	Home	Northville	
12/7	Home	WL Western	
12/12	Home	W. Bloomfield	
12/18	Away	Milford	
12/20	Home	Pinckney	
1/8	Home	Howell	
1/11	Away	Lakeland	
1/15	Away	Brighton	
1/18	Home	South Lyon	
1/22	Away	Hartland	
1/25	Home	Milford	
1/29	Away	Pinckney	
2/1	Away	Howell (Parker Campus)	

2/5	Home	Lakeland	
2/8	Home	Brighton	
2/12	Away	South Lyon	
2/15	Home	Hartland	
2/18		Districts	

Hockey			
12/30	Away	Howell	6:50 p.m.
12/5	Home	Lakeland	6:30 p.m.
12/7	Away	Northville	6 p.m.
12/12	Away	Brighton	TBA
12/14	Away	Clarkston Invite	7:30 p.m.
12/15	Away	Clarkston Invite	TBA
12/19	Home	South Lyon	6:30 p.m.
1/4	Away	Calumet	7 p.m.
1/5	Away	Hancock	1 p.m.
1/7	Away	Hartland	6 p.m.
1/9	Away	Milford	6 p.m.
1/16	Home	Pinckney	6:30 p.m.
1/23	Home	Howell	6:30 p.m.
1/26	Home	Forest Hills C.	6:30 p.m.
1/30	Away	Lakeland	7:20 p.m.
2/6	Home	Brighton	6:30 p.m.
2/8	Away	Trenton Showcase	TBA
2/9	Away	Trenton Showcase	TBA
2/12	Away	South Lyon	TBA
2/20	Home	Hartland	6:30 p.m.
2/25		Preregional	TBA

Wrestling			
12/1	Away	Adrian	10 a.m.
12/5	Away	Northville	6:30 p.m.
12/7	Home	Franklin	1 p.m.
12/8	Away	Howell	9 a.m.
12/21	Away	Oak Cty. at Milford	TBA
12/22	Away	Oak Cty. at L. Orion	TBA
12/29	Away	Salem	9 a.m.
1/9	Away	South Lyon	5:30 p.m.
12/12	Away	Brighton-Vieau Mem.	TBA
12/18	Away	Brighton	5:30 p.m.
12/25	Away	Hartland	5:30 p.m.

12/26	Away	Holt Invite	TBA
2/1	Home	Hartland/Milford	5:30 p.m.
2/9	Away	KVCs at Howell	TBA
2/13	Away	Team Districts	TBA
2/16	Away	Individual Districts	TBA

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Northville Football

THE LONG HAUL

■ **Ladach has hopes of staying with Northville for a long time**

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

New Northville football head coach Matt Ladach remembers making the playoffs as a Mustang assistant in 2004.

It's now his job to try and get Northville back in the postseason mix.

The Ryan Hockman era is over after three years. Ladach moves over from Romulus to take over.

"I am extremely excited to have this opportunity," Ladach said. "I have the passion and I have the desire to do what's best for the Northville athletic program."

Ladach said he isn't taking this job as a one- or two-year gig. He's in it for the long haul.

"I'm going to be here forever," he said. "I'm going to be the Joe Paterno of Northville."

Ladach is in his eighth year of teaching at Northville.

Style

Last year's team was geared to be a pass-heavy offense that would open up the run. Injuries ripped through the team before the season started and continued throughout the year.

Ladach said friends would say he is more of a smash-mouth kind of guy, but he really doesn't see himself that way.

"I try to be a 50-50 run and pass," he said. "We have the quarterbacks to open up the offense and do the things we want to do."

"We're going to do a lot of different things. We're going to have a multiple offense."

Defensively, he admits to liking the 4-3, but he is going to look at the 3-4 Northville ran last year.

Ladach said his staff isn't filled out yet, but he should have that done as quickly as possible to get things rolling in one direction.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Matt Ladach has been named the new Northville High School varsity football head coach and will start directing the Mustangs in fall 2008.

"My goal is to continue coaching the players that eat, sleep and drink football, but also get some players that are on the bubble," he said. "We

are going to have a tone of fun, and we are going to be successful. "The biggest thing is to have a positive attitude."

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'STANG HOOPS: Time to step up

■ **Graduation leaves big holes to fill**

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Last year's leading scorer Alvin Storrs is gone.

It's up to the returning Mustangs as to how the void is going to be filled.

Almost every offense play went through Storrs in one way or another. Now, the Mustangs will have to come up with another identity to win ballgames.

"The difference is with Alvin, we might have done a little more guard or point," Northville coach Darrel Schumacher said. "We're going to be moving the ball. They'll get it. We're not worried there."

"We'll be more of a running team than last year. Every one of these guys can run. We'll be better off speeding the game up and getting the ball up and down the floor."

Returning are tall guys Dan Kilpatrick, Mike Rogers and David Burke. Greg Hasse will be

an inside banger, and Steve Anderson returns to handle the rock.

"It's a group with a lot of promise," Schumacher said. "It's whether or not we can get that promise to come though."

Kilpatrick, Rogers and Burke are all over 6-4 and can play multiple rolls on the floor. Hasse was the sixth man last year and will be expected to contribute even more this year.

The Mustangs are loaded with seniors, eight in all.

Besides experience, Northville has a lot of versatility in the lineup.

"Everyone can play more than one spot," Schumacher said. "It gives us a lot of flexibility."

"We can go with big, small, speed, slow down. From those standpoints, we're feeling pretty good."

A key to the Mustangs' success will be how well they play defense.

Trying to capture the league title is going to be especially tough in the final year of the WLAA. Northville is in the mix with John Glenn, Wayne, Churchill and Stevenson.

Schumacher said to expect plenty of surprises on any given night during league play.

Northville girls bring athleticism

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville girls basketball team has no problem with leadership or athleticism this year.

Mustang head coach Pete Wright has six returning players, including four-year player Sarah Stern and three-year player Allison Holmes in the mix.

"Sarah pushes the ball really hard. We want to push the ball and run," Wright said. "We're pretty athletic. Hopefully we can get after some people."

Stern returns as last year's leading scorer with 9.1 a game and also in assists with 4.3. Holmes was fourth in scoring at 5.4 and third in rebounding at 3.3.

Also returning are seniors Brittany Birdsall and Annie Tasse and juniors Chelsea Atzinger and Kelsey Baskins.

Atzinger was second in scoring last year with 8.9, rebounding with 4.5 and free throw per-

centage at 80 percent. Tasse was fifth in scoring with 3.6.

The team is made up of 10 juniors and seniors and two sophomores.

Wright said having a lot of returnees means the players know the system which should allow the team to be further along earlier in the season.

Winning the final division or league title will come with a lot of competition. In the division, Plymouth, Walled Lake Western, Canton, Franklin and Northville are all in the mix.

On the other side of the league, Salem and Walled Lake Central appear to be the leaders.

"This year more so than any other year, I don't think there is a clear-cut favorite," Wright said. "We want to be able to compete for the division title."

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All-Area Swim and Dive

Johnson captures state title

By Patrick Pinter and Jeff Theisen
SPORTS WRITERS

It might have taken Milford senior Liz Johnson a little longer than she liked to capture her first state swimming title, but it does not matter now. When all is said and done, she can say she is a state champion.

Johnson put the finishing touches on her high school swimming career by capturing an individual state swimming title in the 200 freestyle at the Division II state swimming finals. She also added a second-place finish in the 100 backstroke at the finals and a top-three finish as a member of the 400 freestyle relay team.

"Winning a state title was definitely the icing on the cake. Over my career everything was going well. I had had Kensington and Oakland County titles," said Johnson. "The state title was the one thing I didn't have. It had been my goal since freshmen year."

Johnson had accomplished almost everything she could during her four years at Milford High School. Some of those accomplishments include individual titles at the Oakland County Championship and the Kensington Valley Conference Championships. Now she can add

All-Area Team

Player of the Year
Liz Johnson, Milford senior

First Team

Kerry Abel, Novi junior
Meredith Cote, Novi soph.
Ashley Bush, Novi junior
Dana Hapanowicz, Novi senior
Rachel Johnson, Milford soph.
Amy Wallace, Milford junior
Monica Gironza, S. Lyon soph.
Jenna Faletti, South Lyon junior
Shannon Mocer, S. Lyon junior
Paige Drazga, S. Lyon fr.
Olivia Briolat, South Lyon sr.
Chelsea Kempainen, S. Lyon senior
Julie Kapler, South Lyon soph.
Kacie Vanbuskirk, S. Lyon fr.

Kali Twork, Lakeland soph.
Rachel Englert, Northville sr.
Emily Hopcian, Northville sr.
Meghan Karya, Northville sr.
Jessica Weber, Northville junior

Second Team

Becca Berman, Novi freshman
Mary Anolick, Novi junior
Annalisa Morgan, Novi junior
Madalyn Buha, Novi freshman
Haley Hitt, Milford freshman
Morgan Canup, Milford senior
Courtney Smith, South Lyon sr.
Kati Schwarzkopf, S. Lyon jr.
Melissa DiRado, South Lyon sr.
Kelly Babcock, South Lyon sr.
Courtney Foley, South Lyon sr.
Samantha Szegedi, S. Lyon sr.
Katheryn Fox, Lakeland senior
Ashley Filipowicz, Northville so.

Kelly Burford, Northville soph.
Becca Myers, Northville soph.
Sam Curry, Northville junior

Honorable Mention

Ashley Little, Milford soph.
Sarah Boyle, Milford senior
Christina Bailo, South Lyon sr.
Amy Miner, South Lyon soph.
Karissa Brumley, South Lyon jr.
Catie LaChance, South Lyon sr.
Valerie Pesonen, South Lyon sr.
Kayla Nunez, South Lyon fresh.
Kelley Dearing, Lakeland senior
Danielle Kind, Lakeland senior
Mechaela Keady, Northville so.
Amanda Suokas, Northville sr.
Megan Trotter, Northville senior
Faith Miller, Northville freshman
Kelsey Libbe, Northville soph.
Jennifer Jones, Northville fresh.

state champion to that list.

"She is an extremely hard worker and she doesn't settle for just OK," Milford head coach Heather Lutz said. "She has the drive, which set her up for great things."

Johnson not only put together a spectacular resume for herself, she also helped put a young Milford swimming program on the map.

"Her teammates knew from the start she was something special. She was just a phenomenal swimmer," said Lutz. "She showed that with hard work and dedication you can achieve great things."

Johnson has been there since day one for the 4-year-old squad. In just those four short seasons she has helped transform the Mavericks into a state contender. This season for the second time

Milford took home a seventh place finish at the state meet.

"It has been an honor to be with the Milford program since day one," said Johnson. "Watching the team grow to a point where we are competing at the state meet has been amazing."

Lutz could not have asked for a better swimmer or leader to guide the program during its first four years in existence. Johnson was



Photo by HAL GOULD

Milford senior Liz Johnson is all smiles after her first place swim in the 200 Freestyle on Nov. 17 at the Division II state meet at Oakland University.

the perfect fit the new squad. "You really couldn't ask for anyone better to lead a program," said Lutz. "You always want to see your girls do well and reap the benefits of working hard, but, at

that state meet I wanted to see her win a state title so bad. She really believed in the Milford program and for four years she poured her

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■ ALL-AREA SWIM: Weber, Kanya, Hopcian, Englert make First Team

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heart and soul into it."

First Team

Northville's fearsome foursome of Jessica Weber, Meghan Kanya, Emily Hopcian and Rachel Englert all make the All-Area First Team.

Weber had four All-State swims at the state meet. She placed fourth in the 100 freestyle, seventh in the 200 freestyle, and was on the 200 and 400 freestyle relay teams that finished fifth.

"Jess is a tremendous talent and proved to be one of the top swimmers in the state," Northville head coach Brian McNeff said. "She worked a lot harder this year in practice and it showed through her performances."

Kanya also earned All-State honors individually as well as part of the two relays. She placed eighth in the 200 freestyle.

"She qualified for state meet in six different individual events," McNeff said. "Knowing that we needed a backstroke this year, she worked hard in the offseason and became our top backstroke, qualifying for the state meet and getting third place at the league meet."

Hopcian also had a trio of All-State swims, placing seventh in the 100 butterfly and taking part in the two relays.

"Emily had a huge year in the butterfly," McNeff said. "She finally went under a minute at the state meet. She has been a great leader in the pool and out all season."

Englert qualified for state in four events and was part of the All-State relay teams.

"Rachel improved a lot this year and was one of the keys to

our success in the relays and during the season as a whole," McNeff said.

Finishing out the First Team are Novi's Meredith Cote, Kerry Abel, Ashley Bush and Dana Hapanowicz; Milford's Rachel Johnson and Amy Wallace; Lakeland's Kali Tworand; and South Lyon's Monica Gironza, South Lyon, Jenna Faletti, Shannon Mocerri, Paige Drazga, Olivia Briolat, Chelsea Kemppainen, Julie Kapler, South Lyon and Kacie Vanbuskirk.

Second Team

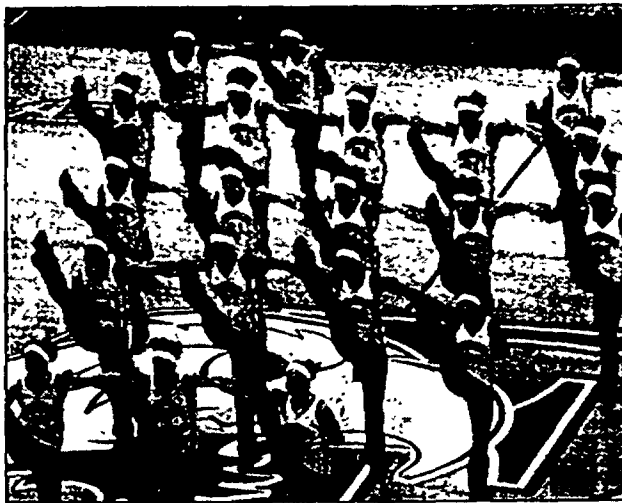
Northville places four more on the All-Area Second Team: Ashley Filipowicz, Kelly Burford, Becca Myers and Sam Curry.

The rest of the Second Team includes Novi's Becca Berman, Mary Anolick, Annalisa Morgan and Madalyn Buha; Milford's Haley Hilt and Morgan Canup; South Lyon's Courtney Smith, Kati Schwarzkopf, Melissa DiRado, Kelly Babcock, Courtney Foley and Samantha Szegedi; and Kathryn Fox of Lakeland.

Honorable Mention

The All-Area Honorable Mention team includes Northville's Mechaela Keady, Amanda Suokas, Megan Trotter, Faith Miller, Kelsey Libbe and Jennifer Jones; Milford's Ashley Little and Sarah Boyle; South Lyon's Christina Bailo, Amy Miner, Karissa Brumley, Catie LaChance, Valerie Pesonen and Kayla Nunez; and Lakeland's Kelley Dearing and Danielle Kind.

The All-Area teams are submitted by coaches with final decisions being made by Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter.



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High kickers

The Northville High School Junior varsity pom pon team competed at the Mid-American Pom High Kick Competition on Nov. 4 at Eastern Michigan University. The girls had the arena cheering them on as they executed each move successfully. After an outstanding performance and hours of dedication, the girls placed fourth out of 10 teams.

Team members include: Rachael Ambler, Elizabeth Allen, Shelby Canon, Emily DeBear, Brittany Emiling, Katy Evans, Lauren Evasic, Madde Evasic, Haley Goldberg, Jillian Gray, Haley Johnson, Madison Jones, Rachel Lutz, Ellyn Marmaduke, Jenna Peirson, Julianne Pitcher, Becky Pokrandt, Tess Sheldy, Molly Stuart, Julie Wells, Danielle Wesolowicz and Katy Williams. The team is coached by Kelli Hay.



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All-Stars

Seven Northville Varsity Pom Pon girls who were selected to be on the Mid American Pompon All-Star Team participated in America's Thanksgiving Day Parade. The All-Star Team includes 228 performers from more than 40 cities all over the state of Michigan. The next event that the team will perform at is the Motor City Bowl halftime show Dec. 26. Top, from left: Lauren Wysocki, Bri Diegel, Laura Catalano, Abby Presley, Marisa Woloszyn Bottom: Kelsey Wiska, Nikki Metrusias

Meads Mill V-ball goes 9-1, wins division

On Oct. 25, the Meads Mill Middle School seventh grade volleyball team ended their season with a three match victory over Hillside Middle School.

The team performed 40 three-hit volleys with 32 of them resulting in points scored. A school record was set this season with 1 serve resulting in 24 volleys before a point was scored.

The Meads Mill team, coached by Laura Melvin, Kate Woodrich and Julianne Poehلمان, succeeded in winning their division with a 9-1 record.

Players from the team include: Mirand Niemiec, Catherine Hawksford, Jennifer Upmeyer, Jessica Ferdinand, Dominika Hasek, Lauren Santucci, Clare Townsend, Rachel Peterson, Molly O'Sullivan, Jennifer Solack, Diane Myers, Kristen Wozniak, Kelly Wright, Jenna Pomeroy, Ashley Robinson, Lauren Wozniak, Renee O'Connell and Suzie Clough.



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The physicians on staff at the Medical Clinic of Northville include, from left, Dr. Marc Helzer, Dr. Marcus Koss, Dr. Cheryl Johnstone and Dr. Ross Summers.

Services, hours set Northville clinic apart

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

It's familiar façade has been a regular part of Northville's medical community for 19 years. Just as it welcomes visitors to Northville at its location on South Main Street, the Medical Clinic of Northville has been welcoming patients of all ages to its family and internal medicine practice with experienced, caring physicians, complete testing procedures and medical labs, and convenient hours.

The facility is more than just an active part of the neighborhood and surrounding community. It is a vibrant, full service office where four physicians have their own individual practices and where generations of patients have formed close bonds with the familiar staff members, some who have worked since the building opened in the early 80s.

The Medical Clinic of Northville is an extension of the practice started in Northville, more than 80 years ago, by Russell E. Atchison, M.D., and carried on starting in 1938 by his son Russell M. Atchison, M.D., who continued practicing medicine until 2001 at the age of 91 at the Medical Clinic of Northville.

"A blending of modern medicine and homeopathy has defined the character of this practice since its inception," Dr. Ross Summers said. "Today's patients are becoming increasingly educated on the various options available in health prevention and treatment. Our physicians encourage full patient involvement in this process."

These same patients have also told the staff of the Medical Clinic of Northville that they would like more convenient hours for their appointments or walk-in visits. The staff listened — and responded.

"We started asking our patients if they would like to come in before they went

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to work and they said yes," said office manager Susan Houle. "So we opened our office at 6 a.m. during the week last May. The early hours have become very popular."

Not only does the Medical Clinic of Northville have early morning hours during the week, it also has convenient late hours, too. The facility is open until 7:30 p.m. on weeknights and from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Having a large staff of physicians, coupled with extended hours, means that most patients can schedule same-day appointments while getting the best care.

"This is a direct physician care facility," Dr. Marcus Koss said. "For a smaller community like this, it is important to have an established practice like ours."

Convenient hours with experienced physicians are not the only reasons why patient care is such a high priority — the number of available services is important, too.

These services include x-ray, ultrasound (standard, vascular and cardiac), nuclear medicine (cardiac and non-cardiac) and stress testing. Lab testing is



Office manager Susan Houle, left, and the experienced and caring staff keep The Medical Clinic of Northville running smoothly for doctors and patients.

available thanks to the on-site staff of Quest Diagnostics.

"The types of different testing we offer make us unique for a family practice," Susan said. Susan is one of a handful of employees (22 on staff) that have been with the Medical Clinic of Northville for over 20 years. "Our staff is very dedicated to our work and our patients."

The staff knows the importance of giving back to the Northville community, too. Staffers have worked at the St. Mary Mercy Hospital Open House, Northville Seniorfest, and the Forrester Marathon. The Medical Clinic of Northville also participates with Northville Civic Concern during its hat and glove drive each winter.

"It is important to give back to the community and it is our way of saying

thank you for their support," Dr. Cheryl Johnstone said.

The four physicians on staff — board certified and trained in the U.S. — include:

- Cheryl Johnstone, M.D. Internal Medicine; Wright University
- Marcus Koss, M.D. Family Medicine; Wayne State University
- Ross Summers, M.D. Family Medicine; Michigan State University
- Marc Helzer, M.D. Family Medicine; University of Michigan

For more information on the Medical Clinic of Northville, located at 308 S. Main St. (just south of the curve and waterwheel), call (248) 349-1900 or walk-in.

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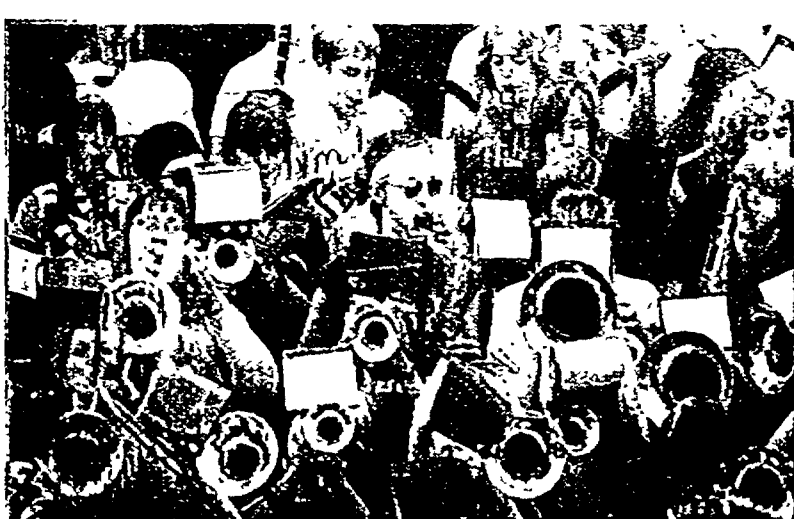
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MICHAEL RUMBELL

Long-time band director travels world, finds home in Northville

Before he turned 25, University of Michigan-Ann Arbor music program graduate (1972) Michael Rumbell had performed in more big venues than some musicians play in their entire careers.

In May 1971, Rumbell toured Europe for a month with the UM Symphony Band. Rumbell, the trombone specialist, played venues from Paris to London and Rome before the group made its final stop at Carnegie Hall in New York City.

But, being a "Michigan Man," that trip takes a backseat to having the opportunity, thanks to about 100 guys, to play in a large venue on the West Coast.

On New Year's Day 1972, as a member of the UM Marching and Symphony bands, Rumbell and the rest of his bandmates strolled up and down the field at the "Granddaddy of the Them All" — The Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif., as Michigan took on the Stanford Cardinals. The Wolverines, unbeaten and ranked No. 3 in the nation prior to kickoff, took a 13-12 loss, but Rumbell still fondly remembers the experience.

"We got there the week before New Year's Day, I think," he said. "We couldn't believe how warm it was. It rained part of the time, but it kept getting warmer."

The group practiced on the campus of UCLA. Before the game got underway, the band also played in the Tournament of Roses Parade — a seven-mile walk, according to Rumbell.

"We were so warm in our triple-thick wool uniforms," he said. "But we were high-stepping all the way."

A graduate of Livonia Franklin High School in 1968, Rumbell enrolled at Schoolcraft Community College before transferring to Michigan. Shortly after graduation, Rumbell received a call to student-teach in Northville.

"It was virtually right after I got off the plane from California that I got the call to come teach in Northville," he said. "After I did a semester of teaching, I was offered a part-time position that turned into a full-time job."

As a student-teacher, you aren't given a choice of where to do your "internship;" prospective teachers are assigned to a district. Rumbell said he never had a preference of where he'd like to teach. The now 35-year teaching vet has taught at Northville middle and high schools because "it's important for students of all ages to know the joys of music."

Playing with a Rat, for chiefs of staff

Throughout those 35 years as a teacher, Rumbell has been able to fit in a few gigs of his own, as he has performed in downtown Detroit at the Fisher and Fox Theatres, with the Birmingham/Bloomfield Symphony and with "Sound of Music Star" Julie Andrews. Rumbell has also done commercials for Ford Motor Co. and Melody Farms.

Along with his experiences overseas, in California and at various theatres in Metro Detroit,



Photos by Steve Fecht

Northville High School Band Director Michael Rumbell during rehearsal at NHS on Nov. 20.

"It's important for the students to know they're going to make mistakes. But it's also important for them to know they can learn from those mistakes and improve."

*Michael Rumbell
NHS Band Director*

Rumbell had the chance to jam with one of the most revered stage entertainers in the world: Sammy Davis Jr.

"He was incredible. It was great to have the chance to entertain a full house and he had all those people right in the palm of his hands," Rumbell said. "He (Davis Jr) was really dynamic, and (the band) played really well and he liked us. He was really demanding, though; but that sat well with us because we were all the same way. His reputation is well-deserved."

Rumbell and his students also were given the opportunity to play for another Michigan Man, as a group of students played for former President Gerald Ford at Livonia's Wonderland Mall when Ford was seeking the presidency in the early 70s.

Settling down in Northville

Rumbell said, that, in the early years of his nearly two score tenure as Northville High School

band director, things were different each year.

"The size of the bands were still growing and I was still trying to get my sea legs," he said.

For a short time during the 1970s, Rumbell traveled between Northville High School (now Hillside Middle School) and Cooke School to conduct classes. Soon after that, Rumbell said, interest grew in the high school program, allowing Rumbell to put his energy and focus on that group.

Rumbell said his job over the years has been to show students what the demands of music are and to make sure his pupils meet those demands. He said those methods haven't changed through the years, while students have.

"Students change as society changes," Rumbell said. "But as long as the students are given the right supplies and environment for success, they have an opportunity to grow and become talented individuals."

Plethora of selections

Rumbell said the first few songs band students play are designed to help develop their skills. Once those skills blossom, students have the chance to play a variety of selections, from souza marches to songs by Pulitzer-prize winning composer Norman Dello Joio.

On the jazz side, students have the opportunity to put their own spin on songs by jazz greats such as Maynard Ferguson, Count Basie and Buddy Rich.

"I'm trying to get (students) into Duke Ellington," Rumbell said. "He's as much a pillar of jazz as Basie is."

Not done yet

The 57-year-old Rumbell said he plans to stick around Northville to continue to build on what he started in 1972.

He said his students continue to make progress and develop into tremendous musicians, as his groups have received loads of



Northville Band Director Michael Rumbell and the Northville High School Marching Band head up Main Street during the Victorian Festival Parade in downtown Northville on Sept. 14.

honors through the years.

Rumbell said his "job" doesn't feel like work. It's time consuming, he said, but he has a great passion for his students and they have a great passion for the music, as they continue to learn Rumbell's key points of emphasis: timing and discipline.

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to know they're going to make mistakes," he said. "But it's also important for them to know they can learn from those mistakes and improve."

"If they have thoughts of success, success will follow."

By Jason Carmel Davis

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JOHANNE RAY-HEPP

Assistant band director teaches students from birth to college

Northville High School Assistant Band Director Johanne Ray-Hepp has worn a variety of hats since she first hit the Northville Public School District in 1995.

A graduate of Wayne State University, Ray-Hepp came to Northville after she directed bands in the Southfield Public School district. She first served as a middle school band director before taking a leave of absence to return to Wayne State University to earn her master's degree in music education. Ray-Hepp returned to Northville in 2000, where she began her tenure as Northville High's assistant band director.

"I've had great experiences working with kids," said the flute enthusiast.

Aside from serving as Northville's assistant band director and jazz band director, Ray-Hepp teaches a class at her alma mater for incoming music students. A prerequisite for all music instructors is the mastery of all instruments, Ray-Hepp said. She uses her knowledge of all music tools to help her college class "break their instruments in," she said.

Assistant coach

Ray-Hepp said Band Director Mike Rumbell has served as a great mentor. But as assistant director, she has more of an opportunity to work one on one with students than Rumbell does.

"The students really value that individual attention they get because it's difficult for Mr. Rumbell to listen to issues when he's at the podium," Ray-Hepp said.

"That's why I put my desk in the back of the room and not in an office as a way to be closer to the students."

Published writer

Earlier this year, Ray-Hepp accomplished something not many people have the opportunity to do: have a piece of her work published in a magazine — The Michigan Music Education Journal.

Ray-Hepp composed an essay on the importance of music during early childhood, from birth to age 5. The work attempts to bridge the gap between music educators and early childhood educators, she said.

"Some people have no idea what music does for young children when they become adults," Ray-Hepp said.

"Music is essential. It's not just 'kind of important;' it's vital for young children to learn about music from birth, and I'm glad I've had a hand in bringing that information to the public."



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NHS Assistant Band Director



By Jason Carmel Davis

Northville High School Band Director Johanne Ray-Hepp working with students during rehearsal Nov. 20.

Northville High School Upcoming Band Performances

- Nov. 30 Band O Rama Concert
- Dec. 12, 13, 15 Holiday Concert w/Choir
- Dec. 13 Holiday Concert w/Choir
- Dec. 15 Holiday Concert w/Choir
- Feb. 9 District Solo & Ensemble
- Feb. 19, 21 Pre-Festival Concert
- Feb. 27-March 1 District Festival
- March 15 State Solo & Ensemble
- April 2, 4 or 5 State Jazz Festival
- May 1-3 State Band Festival
- May 21 All-American Band Concert
- May 26 Memorial Day Parade
- June 7 Graduation — All Bands
- July 4 Independence Day Parade

THE LANGFIELD FUND

Endowment aids in equipment purchases

The Conrad Langfield Memorial Band Fund has helped countless band students and the program as a whole over a number of years.

Langfield, who owned the Northville Laboratories, located at the corner of Rogers and Fairbrook streets in Northville, produced vanilla extract, syrups and other products and was a great supporter of the Northville High School Band, as was his father, Ed Langfield, who founded Northville Laboratories in the 1920s.

Conrad Langfield, who once served as mayor of Northville, arranged in his will a bequest to the Northville High School Band. After his passing in 1969, the bequest of \$15,000 was set aside in a trust fund for the benefit of the band. Through wise investments, the band has benefited by receiving annual contributions totaling more than \$239,000 from

the dividends and interest earned by the fund. The value of the fund, through growth of the stocks held, has grown from \$15,000 to its current value of \$150,000, according to Northville Public School District Director of Business and Finance John Street.

The band has several needs for items such as uniforms, which cost in the neighborhood of \$300, to some of the larger horns that can cost as much as \$5,000. Interest in playing in the band has grown through the years; and the need for instruments, uniforms, flags, drums and music has increased.

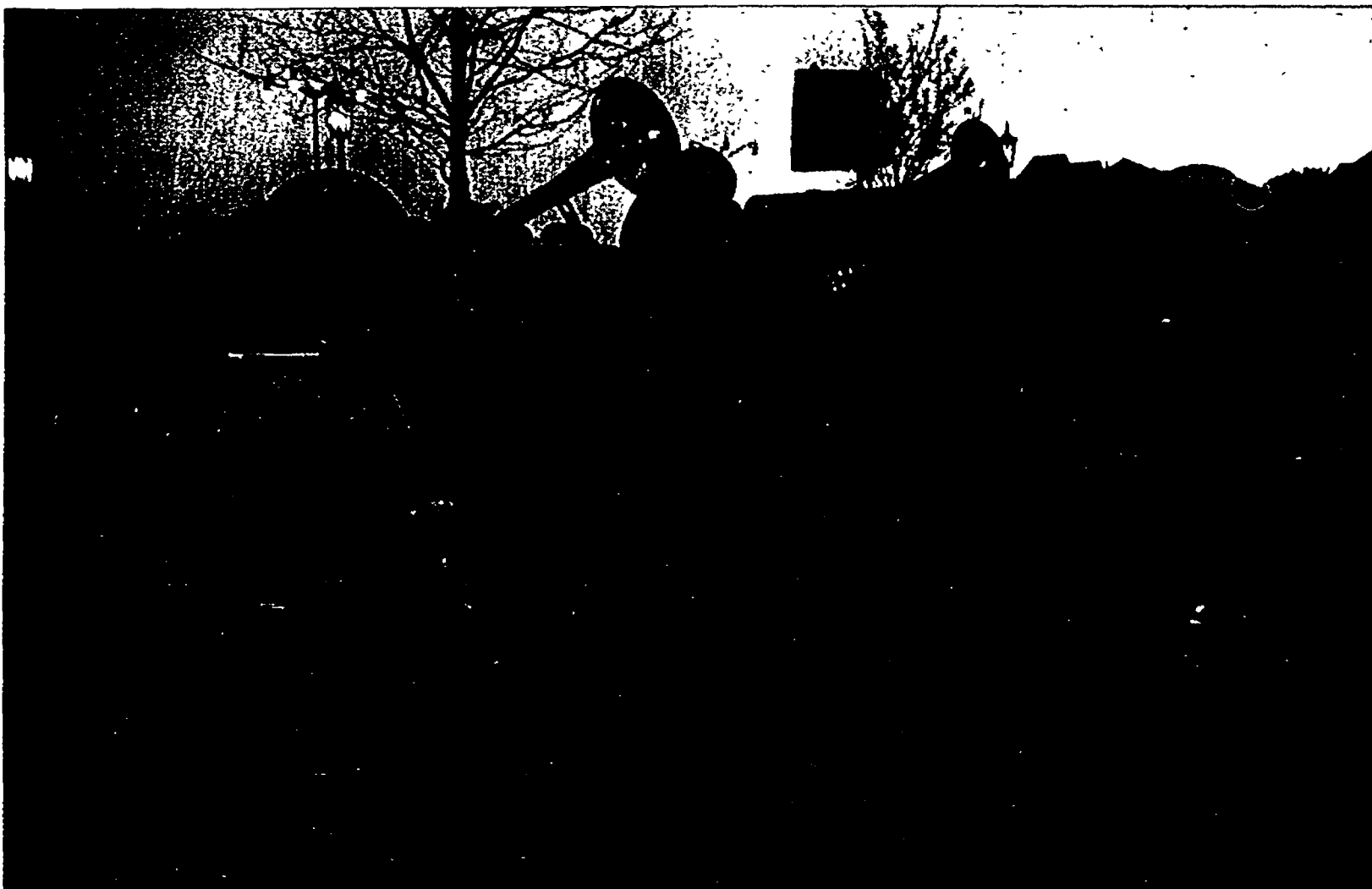
Tomorrow's Band-O-Rama will be a tribute to Langfield. Anyone who would like to contribute to the fund can contact Street at (248) 344-8444.

By Jason Carmel Davis



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The Northville High School Marching Band performs in the stands at the Wayne vs. Northville football game Sept. 21.



"I know what's possible to do with the trumpet, and I practice with the hopes that someday I'll be able to do whatever I want with the instrument."

Zack Thomas
NHS junior

Photo by Steve Fecht

Downtown Northville was packed with more than 2,000 residents and friends for the Townie Nite ribbon-cutting ceremony and a celebration of the new Town Square Oct. 20. Trumpeters Zack Thomas (middle) and Tony Pizzimenti (left), along with the rest of the Northville HS Marching Band, provided great music for the event.

TALENTED TRUMPETEER

Northville junior sets his sights on a professional music career

Northville High School junior Zack Thomas first picked up a trumpet when he was nine years old. That same day, his teacher knew Thomas had a future as a musician.

"The kids were choosing which instrument they wanted to play in band," says Zack's mom, Joan Thomas. "I guess Zack played a note with a great big sound and a beautiful tone. His teacher told us later he knew that the trumpet was the right instrument for Zack and that he was going to play it well."

The teacher's prophecy has proven true, as Zack Thomas hardly ever puts the trumpet down, as a member of the high school Symphonic Band, Marching Band and the Jazz Ensemble I. Zack Thomas is also one of four trumpet players in the Detroit Civic Youth Orchestra, the top pre-professional group of the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. "When I started band in fourth grade, I chose to play the trumpet

because it was the instrument my grandpa played," Zack Thomas said. "I continue to play it because I love it. I love its sound, and I love what I can do with it."

"I know what's possible to do with the trumpet, and I practice with the hopes that someday I'll be able to do whatever I want with the instrument."

In addition, Zack Thomas is the principal trumpet player in the Michigan Youth Ensemble Orchestra and Band, groups that play at the University of Michigan's School of Music. Last spring, Zack Thomas was selected as one of five trumpet players in the state for the All-State Jazz Band.

Camps enhance skills

Zack Thomas attended Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp in Twin Lake, Mich., for three years, traveling with the International Youth Symphony Orchestra to Europe two years ago. Last sum-

mer, Zack Thomas auditioned and was accepted into the prestigious six-week summer camp at Interlochen, in Interlochen, Mich., where he was principal trumpet in the World Youth Wind Symphony. At the end of the camp, Zack Thomas received the Fine Arts Student Award, a Cabin Award, and the Selmer Music Scholarship, all recognizing his achievements at camp. "Interlochen was the greatest musical experience of my life so far," he said. "Everyone there is very passionate about music. I learned a lot and I really hope I can go back next summer."

All of these commitments and accomplishments require a great deal of work.

Weekly lessons, rehearsals and practice dominate the junior Mustang's free time. He's often up at 5:30 a.m. starting his mouthpiece warm-ups.

"I try to practice two to three hours a day," Zack Thomas said, "but sometimes, things like

homework get in the way."

"Thank goodness for his silent mate," said Zack's dad, Andy Thomas, with a smile.

Family Influences

Merrill and Helen Thomas of Livonia, Zack's grandparents, are retired music teachers and administrators from the Dearborn Public School District. They are also big influences in Zack's life.

"My grandparents exposed me to classical music when I was really little," he said. "They liked to take me, my brothers and my cousins to Orchestra Hall to hear the Detroit Symphony play in their concerts for kids."

Zack's grandpa also served as his first trumpet teacher for several years, although Zack currently studies with Bill Lucas, a trumpeter in the Detroit Symphony Orchestra.

The music bug didn't bite just Zack, though. His younger broth-

ers and father also have an interest in music.

"It gets pretty chaotic here in the evening," Joan Thomas said. "Ben, our 13-year-old, plays a mean electric guitar and is a drummer in Hillside's band."

"Alex, our 10-year-old and a fifth-grader at Amerman, takes piano lessons. My husband, Andy, plays keyboard and sings in a band with friends. When they all practice at the same time, I have to leave."

One-man band

Coming from a musical family, it's not surprising Zack Thomas plays another instrument, as well. He is currently in his 12th year of piano lessons and studies with Mary Siciliano of Livonia. Zack Thomas has won many piano awards, and last year was a semi-finalist in the All-State Concerto Competition on the piano.

"We had an idea early on that

Zack would pursue music," notes his dad. "At a very young age, Zack was drawn to classical music. He now has an extensive collection of classical CDs, and he enjoys discussing not only his favorite composers and pieces, but also his favorite performance of a particular work."

Zack Thomas said he loves classical music and its extents. However, he also plays and listens to jazz. "There's a certain freedom in jazz that you don't have with classical music, but I still focus on classical as my main genre," Zack Thomas said.

In fact, his career goal is to play trumpet for a major symphony orchestra, as he is currently looking at colleges with a trumpet performance degree in mind.

"It's a really competitive world," Joan Thomas said, "but Zack has incredible discipline and is willing to work hard."

By Jason Carmel Davis

BOOSTERS

Help the music program — and maybe you'll win big bucks

Therese Grossi knows how important and popular music is to everyone in this community, not just parents.

"We've sold tickets to many people who don't even have a student in the program," said the president of Northville High School's Music Boosters. "We are extremely pleased with our ticket sales so far."

Music Boosters is an organization of parents who meet monthly to discuss three main objectives: promoting the NHS music program; providing volunteers for activities; and fundraising. A new fundraising raffle,

which Music Boosters launched in the 2006-2007 school year, replaced the smaller fundraising efforts of the past. Selling cookie dough and pizza kits were time-consuming and yielded little profit.

The funds raised from the raffle are used to support the 750 students who participate in what many consider one of the state's most successful music programs.

The raffle yielded an impressive profit of \$48,000 last year. The money was used to help defray the cost of many items, from new tubas and drum heads

to a strings accompaniment for the Spring Choir Concert. Half of each \$100 raffle ticket purchased by a parent goes directly into their child's Spring Choir Tour fund.

The odds of winning one of 30 prizes, with the purchase of a \$100 ticket, are quite favorable. And since there will be only 1,000 tickets sold, the odds of winning a cash prize are 1 in 29.

"And if you don't win, it's only \$100 for a good cause," said Mary Jo Ring, raffle chairperson.

By Alecia Hibeln



Photo by Steve Fecht

Band Director Michael Rumbell and Choir Director Mary Kay Pryce announce the grand prize winner of the Northville High School Music Boosters raffle Dec. 16, 2006.

Raffle details

A \$100 NHS Music Boosters raffle ticket could draw the following prizes:

- 1st Place:\$15,000
 - 2nd Place:\$6,000
 - 3rd Place:\$3,000
 - 4th Place:\$2,000
 - 5th Place:\$1,000
 - 6th-10th Place:\$750
 - 11th-15th Place:\$300
 - 16th-25th Place:\$150
 - 26th-30th Place:\$150
- (value of select gifts by local merchants)

The NHS Music Booster raffle drawing will be held on Saturday, Dec. 15 during the Holiday Afterglow Party, which immediately follows the Holiday Concert. The event will be held in the NHS cafeteria around 9 p.m. where winners will be announced.

Help the Music Boosters reach their profit goal of \$65,000 by purchasing a raffle ticket.

Contact Mary Jo Ring at (248) 465-9987. Tickets will also be on sale during The Holiday Concerts on Dec. 12, 13 and 15.

2007-08 NHS MUSIC PROGRAM

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Joy Chen
Robin Czerwinski
Bailey Doolittle
Aki Ishikawa
Noor Judge
Alyssa Marcangelo
Gina Morris
Sarah O'Brien
Devin Parsons
Alyssa Petersen
Janet Rhee
Ashley Stier
Emee Ta
Kim Wang
Savya Yandamuri

Oboe
Erin Lindholm
Alyssa Menovick
Leah Ritchie

Clarinet
Jamie Atallah
Bridgette Burgett
Heekon Cha
Louis Dorantes
Laura Felosak
Courtney Gates
Colin Jaye
Caitlin Northcutt
Rebecca Soyster
Amanda Stacer
Zhounan Xie

Bass Clarinet
Joshua Buoy
Dan Felicelli
Benjamin Roberts

Contra Eb Clarinet
Scott Hetu

Contra Bb Clarinet
Dan Baker

Alto Saxophone
Yong Lu Che
Jon Hammond
Tommy Morris
Kim Siegel
Alexandra Stewart
Ryan Sweeney

Tenor Saxophone
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Nathan Love
Mark Maguire
Dan McIntyre
Jonathan Szymanski

Baritone Saxophone
Alexandra Kaszuba
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Trumpet
Robert Bell
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Tony Pizzimenti
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John Syverson
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Ben Maguire
Paul Petroskey
Dylan Sedam
Andrew Shaw
Megan Skut
Evan Starr
Griffin Working

Bass
Joe Lucas

Symphonic Band 10

Flute
Kathryn Best
Amy Castro
Michelle Culbert
Jessica Gaiski
Geoffrey Ginter
Angelisa Marchesini
Katelyn Matych

Clarinet
Alice Doong
Megan Gomez-Mesquita
Eugene Kim
Rebecca Lis
Rachel Lutz
Lauryn Moulds

Bass Clarinet
Kyrie Bayles

Alto Saxophone
Brandon Belin
Rebecca Malinas
Kelsey Prochazka
Allison Rohlf

Tenor Saxophone
Mark Pokrandt

Baritone Saxophone
Garrett Campbell

Bassoon
Evan Gatz

Trumpet
Emily Horbatch
Nathan Lunn
Megan Milewski
Colin Riley
Glen Snyder
Chloe Wysocki
Meichen Zhu

French Horn
Lenzi Petty

Trombone
Zachary Fuller
Christopher Harris
Nicholas Moga
Stephanie Takacs
Brian Zinser

Euphonium
Melissa Gonzales
Stephen Sweeney

Tuba
Chris Bentley
Bobby Kruse

Percussion
Sarah Carlin
Kevin Fitzsimmons
Kaylee McDougall
Shannon Pelletier-Doyle
Jacob Smith
Robert Taepke

Symphonic Band 9

Flute
Meg Brennan
Allie Chase
Morgan Dalrymple
Maria Dorantes
Jessica Enyeart
Rachel Huang
Sheila Janardhan
Joshua Johnson
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Andrew Kowalski
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Brent Bacus
Stephanie Brennan
Katherine Coleman
Sara DeDonna
Brett Earle
Chelsea Gallagher
Elizabeth Hadley
Claire McIntyre
Rajeev Vadhavkar

Bass Clarinet
Austin Lightner
Eric Ripper

Contra Eb Clarinet
Alicia Vignoe

Alto Saxophone
Cameron Albrant
Jennifer Egnor
Sarah Hoover
Rachel Jurczyszyn
Lauren Li
Laura Schneider
Jonathan Skelton
JT Thompson
Kathryn VanStambrouck

Tenor Saxophone
Stephen Champagne
Natalie DeMuro
Jiayue Liu

Baritone Saxophone
Soyoun Cha
Luke Jacobi

Bassoon
Emily Kaip
Lauren Sparschu

Trumpet
Eric Bobrowski
Catherine CuiKin
Alexander Ginter
Judith Gulian
Marina Haque
Nathan Lightner
John McCormick
Abbey Meyer
Toshiko Yamada

French Horn
Emily Pasek

Trombone
Anthony Capretta
Kevin DeCoste
Matthew Drago
Aaron Havisch
Aaron Kollipara
Colin Koschny
Caitlin Northcutt
Yutaka Oshikiri
Dominic Pascarella
Stephanie Rinakdi
Daniel Sochoki

Euphonium
Motoki Fukada
Erik Hjelmberg

Tuba
Matthew Ciric
Gayle Ebben
Nathan King
Suzana Pratt

Percussion
Christian Hoppens
Thomas Klarr
Tia Luthanen
Jessica Mizzi
Meredith Monticello
Alyssa Osterhoff
Sophia Sdao
Vincent Sheu
Michael Truong
Colin Weir
Allen Wu

Jazz Ensemble I

Alto Saxophone
Yong Lu Che
Louis Dorantes

Tenor Saxophone
Nathan Love
Mark Maguire

Baritone Saxophone
Robin Czerwinski
Shafer Oudeh

Trumpet
Katie Blatchford
Emily Nastelin
Tony Pizzimenti
Joe Shoukair
Jay Snyder
John Syverson
Zach Thomas

Trombone
Ian Cartmill
Brian Earle
Jonathan Hui
Ryuta Oshikiri
Yutaka Oshikiri

Bass Trombone
Mike LaCivita

Piano
Alyssa Marcangelo

Guitar
Kasey Mohan

Bass
Joe Lucas

Drums
Ben Maguire
Evan Starr

Jazz Ensemble II

Alto Saxophone
Sara DeDonna
Rebecca Malinas
Mark Pokrandt

Tenor Saxophone
Heekon Cha
Dan McIntyre

Baritone Saxophone
Soyoun Cha
Alli Rohlf

Trumpet
Catherine CuiKin
John McCormick
Megan Milewski
David Movsesian
Glen Snyder

Trombone
Tom Bennett
Chris Harris
Aaron Havisch
Caitlin Northcutt

Piano
Kat Li
Sung Park

Guitar
Kevin Bartz

Bass
Garrett Campbell

Drums
Evan Havisch
Vinnie Sheu

Marching Band

Drum Majors
Robin Czerwinski
Joe Shoukair
Becky Soyster
Ken Sietoff

Flag Corps Co-Captains
Jamie Atallah
Natasha Gaiski
Emee Ta

Assistant Drum Majors
Kathryn Best
Katie Blatchford
Josh Buoy
Amy Castro
Heekon Cha
Yong Lu Che
Joy Chen
Bailey Doolittle
Louis Dorantes
Meghan Fehosak
Jonathan Hui
Aki Ishikawa
Caitlin Northcutt
Sarah O'Brien
Allie Rohlf
Megan Skut
John Syverson
Andrew Tang
And Zack Thomas

Equipment Managers
Kyrie Bayles
Megan Milewski
Mark Pokrandt
Jackie Turner

Drum Captains
Ben Maguire
Evan Starr
Danny Engerer

Marching Show
Concepts provided the custom-made drill. This was the first year that NHS had a show designed specifically for its band, which has one of the largest marching wind sections in the state.

Color Guard

Co-Captains
Jamie Atallah
Natasha Gaiski
Emee Ta

Jessica Gaiski
Emily Kaip
Emily Love
Alyssa Osterhoff
Alyssa Petersen
Kelsey Prochazka
Ashley Ring
Leah Ritchie
Lauren Sparschu
Amanda Stacer
Kim Wang

TrebleMakers
Clara Fecht
Laura Felosak
Erica Frogner
Elizabeth Hawksford
Erica Johnson
Allie Hartnagel
Summer Herkimer
Eric Ostrowski
Eric Ripper
Marie Silvio
Anna Sharples
Kylie Traikoff
Brady Tyburski
Mike Wegzyn

BackBeat
Dave Beresford
Josh Buoy
Cavan Corcoran
Evan Gerish
Nathan Hrivnak
Chance Miller
Chase Noble
Ken Sietoff
Matt Wegzyn

Sophomore Select
Hilary Agoston
Dan Amaro
Peter Boylan
Jack Cotrone
Dan Darga
Markea Dickinson
Audrey DiComo
Kevin Fitzsimmons
Shelby Foerg
Lindsay Fungfeld
Stephen Grimmer
Leah Hastedt
Laura Kallil
Chris Lafayette
Rebecca Lis
Neeraj Maheshwari
Dan Price
Erin Smith
Sydney Stier
Matt Ziesch
Girls' Ensemble
Rachael Ambler
Meg Arter
Emma Bernabei
Shannon Borowski
Morgan Brow
Lauren Browne
Shelby Canon
Caroline Castelli
Jenna Chaudoin
Jessica Clark
Jess Compo
Jackie Conti
Danielle Crossley
Shelby Curlew
Caiti Darish
Caitleigh Deacon
Katie Deeds
Markea Dickinson
Ella Dodson
Shelby Doyle
Hannah Duvall
Brittney Emiling
Lauren Evasic
Kelsey Fiscous
Allie Ford
Alyssa Freiburger
Madeline Frogner
Ciara Fullington
Lindsey Fungfeld

Kelsey Gaidica
Jessica Gaiski
Jacci Gale
Haley Goldberg
Kate Good
Jenna Grezik
Samantha Haddad
Lauren Hall
Heidi Haller
Courtney Hammerle
Meghan Hohl
Jenna Hubbard
Molleigh Hughes
Neethu Jacob
Haley Johnson
Brittany Jones
Sarah Joseph
Mackenna King
Kelsey Koswick
Anna Lanzetta
Alisha Lawrence
Melissa Learnman
Liz Lin
Paris Mackson
Kelly Maise
Joesina Manalel
Genna Mundy
Rebecca Myers
Emily Nelson
Jenna Nienhaus
Lauren O'Brien
Kelsey Olinik
Jenna Pierson
Makenna Pohl
Neelma Rao
Jillian Reed
Kelly Rinnas
Paige Roberts
Lauren Roumayah
Jessie Sammut
Rose Schlemmer
Melissa Scott
Erin Smith
Jennifer Smith
Sara Sopko
Kelly Stewart
Lisa Strzempek
Kelsey Tajer
Laura Taylor
Reeba Thomas
Ally Thompson
Laura Travis
Amy Webb
Danielle Wesolowicz
Katy Williams
Jill Zielinski

Freshman Select

Kevin Bain
Aubrey Bechler
Olivia Booth
Danielle Borthwick
Allison Boss
Bella Canzano
Ian Cunningham
Keriny Davis
Nick Denhof
Erin Dgonohoe
Jon Duquesnel
Allie Hartnagel
Summer Herkimer
Eric Ostrowski
Eric Ripper
Marie Silvio
Anna Sharples
Kylie Traikoff
Brady Tyburski
Mike Wegzyn

Chamber Choir

Dave Beresford
Josh Buoy
Cavan Corcoran
Jenna Dehne
Clara Fecht
Kelli Ford
Evan Gerish
Elizabeth Hawksford
Nathan Hrivnak
Mark Jackson
Erica Johnson
Shelby Johnson
Rissa Joseph
Kristin Juenemann
Kelsie Kaiser
Kristina Kaldis
Krista King
Chris LaFayette
Shama Lakdawala
Kelly Lysaght
Sam Mackie
Neeraj Maheshwari
Chris Mantay
Kevin Mantay
Morgan McGuirk
Meghan McLaughlin
Hannah Milavec
Sarah Mobbs
Alyssa Neiman
Andrea Patrick
Rebekah Person
Becca Polanski
Regina Prager
Dan Price
Nick Putman
Emily Reichard
Gail Rogers
Rachel Ronk
Evan Ross
AnnQuay Rushing
Abbie Salt
Macey Short
Jessica Shost
Michael Simms
Joline Smith
Mike Sokolov
Jack Spivey
Chelsey Spurr
Lexy Stieber
Kristin Stutrud
Amanda Suokas
David Tonch
Ally Varley
Evan Watkins
Eliza Wood
Josh Wright
Bryan Yap
Matt Ziesch

Chorale

Elizabeth Address
Daniel Baker
David Beresford
Julie Blaszcak
Kim Boloven
Hannah Milavec
Sarah Mobbs
Alyssa Neiman
Andrea Patrick
Rebekah Person
Becca Polanski
Regina Prager
Dan Price
Nick Putman
Emily Reichard
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Kristin Stutrud
Amanda Suokas
David Tonch
Ally Varley
Evan Watkins
Eliza Wood
Josh Wright
Bryan Yap
Matt Ziesch

Bel Canto

Afton Absolom
Hilary Agoston
Nicole Allman
Alissa Bailey
Kathryn Best
Maria Bojanowski
Crystal Bruns
Amy Castro
Becca Champagne
Ana Childers
Danielle Collareno
Kelsey Craig
Steffi Curran
Audrey DiComo
Laura Donofrio
Emily Doyle
Molly Eley
Callie Felopoulos
Shelby Foerg
Genna Guibord
Whitney Gusfa
Claire Hannum
Leah Hastedt
Chelsea Hooper
Olivia Hornshaw
Brittany Ilbeck
Elaine Johnson
Laura Kallil
Parul Kathuria
Kathleen Keiffer
Nicole Lannertone
Rebecca Lis
Anoush Maridgian
Sarah Mariley
Lauren Martin
Katie May
Molly McLaughlin
Kayla McLean
Meaghan Mousseau
Sam Mustonen
Megan Nichols
Emily Rogers
Hilary Russell
Gita Sabhapathy
Jessica Scott
Olivia Seyfarth
SueAnn Shiah
Shayna Stanecki
Sydney Stier
Laura Street
Rachel Thompson
Chelsea Vick
Nikki White
Liz Wine
Julie Xu

Varsity Choir 4A

Jon Alandt
Natalie Alyn
Katie Ashby
Caiti Bachelder
Kalliana Basoukeas
Lauren Baum
Katie Bielskis
Jasmine Black
Megan Boczar
Olivia Booth
Morgan Brace
Joseph Close
Lauren Coker
Daniel Cooke
Justin Cospito
Kristen Cox
Ian Cunningham
Brad Currier
Morgan Dalrymple
Megan Dause
Kenny Davis
Nick Denhof
Scott Denomme
Spencer Devine
Danielle Draper
Annmarie Dunlap
John Duquesnel
Carlie Ely
Madde Evasic
Kevin Fitzsimmons
Megan Gertley
Elaine Glover
Erica Guidobono
Allie Hartnagel
Ali Hawksford
Tori Hilmer
Sarah Hoover
Rebecca Huff
Danny Hutsko
Sydney Johnson
Madison Jones
Sarah Kief
Jackie Kjolhede
Emily Leary
Jessie Letourneau
Natalie Lomske
Kellie Lorrain
Emily Love
Marissa Lovett
Natalie Lussier
Anna MacDonald
Mike MacLean
Alex Mazzeo
Trevor McGowan
Gabby Meridith
Meredith Monticello
Olivia Niemiec
Meredith Njus
Eric Ostrowski
Jillian Pacion
Kate Pankowski
Emily Pasek
Morgan Pistolesi
Eric Ripper
Emma Roy
John Salvatore
Hilary Schuman
Gabby Seltz
Heather Shiner
Marie Silvio
Emily Sklar
Jessi Smith
Keyetta Smith
Taylor Smith
Sarah Spitzery
Katy Stojkov
Katie Stricoff
Kathy Turner
Brady Tyburski
Alicia Vignoe
Courtney Wagner
Katelyn Waslesky

Directors

Band
Michael Rumbell

Assistant Band Directors
Johanne Ray-Hepp
Mary Rumbell
John Rumbell
James Naigus

Choir
Mary Kay Pryce

Assistant Choir Directors
Mark Krempski
Matt Laura

Michelle West
Dakota Wright
Amy Yakima
Daniel Yutzy

Varsity Choir 4B

Tara Abraham
Angela Alvarez
Ryan Bailey
Kevin Bain
Ria Barad
Raven Batshon
Aubrey Bechler
Ryan Benoit
Sara Bernardi
Alhan Beydoun
Anup Bhullar
Danielle Borthwick
Allison Boss
Emma Boylan
Morgan Breaux
Emma Brick
Arielle Bryant
Nicole Bucciarelli
Bella Canzano
Nicole Cass
Sarah Close
David Cole
Lauren Crowley
Emily deBear
Erin Donohoe
Megan Donohue
Amy Drake
Ariana Drury
Bridget Dunn
Tasnia Elahi
Adam Franceschi
Kristin Fritz
Lindy Gargaro
Katie Giacomini
Aaron Gierlach
Lindsey Gierlach
Jillian Gray
Natalie Grimmer
Anna Guider
Haley Guilfoile
James Ha
Kyle Hammer
Emily Hartman
Nikki Heinz
Summer Herkimer
Logan Hill
Avionda Hull
Erica Isomura
Danielle Janeski
Trent Johnson
Jennifer Jones
Harleen Kaur
Allison Kemp
David Ketelhut
Julia King
Marin Kolasa
Emma Kowal
Adam Kowalski
Molly Ladhoff
Akeel Lakdawala
Mackenzie Logan
Lauren Lovdahl
Alex Lozser
Jasmine Mahal
John Marker
Marisa Mazziotti
Meghan McGillis
Rachel Meeuwesen
Kelsey Meyer
Faith Miller
Tess Molinari
Maher Mourad
Helen Mulcahy
Sarah Mundy
DeVante Murray-Clayton
Al Myers
Sarah O'Brien
Alexa Patsalis
Becky Pokrandt
Reena Pullukat
April Qi
Melissa Rachelson
David Reid
Lisa Rice
Courtney Ring
Amanda Rogers
Maurisha Rumph
Collin Rush
Anna Sharples
Chantel Silvia
Marissa Skinner
Graham Smith
Heather Smith
Tlara Smith
Marisa Souges
Amy Southers
Shannen Speelman
Lauren Strayhorn
Katy Swartz
Parke Tatman
Ngum Thang
Robbie Thornburg
Emily Toupin
Ryan Trotter
Brianna Vandervoort
Allison Vogel
Garrett Warden
Mike Wegzyn
Jake Williams
Jordan Workman

ALUMNI

Sharing tales of their time in Northville High's music program

A number of Northville High School band alumni have gone on to do great things, from performing on cruise ships, to directing school choirs, to taking part in music programs at Big Ten universities. In a Q & A with three Northville High School music program alumni, the *Northville Record* was able to uncover a number of interesting happenings and anecdotes – by Jason Carmel Davis

"Here I was in both four years of concert band and four years of jazz band. Both experiences really helped my musicianship develop, especially the jazz band.

"I began my freshman year playing alto in Jazz Band II, but was asked to sub for a sick alto saxophonist in Jazz Band I for their performance at the Ford Detroit International Jazz Festival. I remember the rehearsals being very challenging, but exciting, also.

"After that year, I knew a tenor position had opened up in Jazz Band I, and so I switched to tenor saxophone to try to make it into the top band. I made it into Jazz I and was very excited and the music was very challenging.

"Here, I really started to develop improvisational skills, with the help of (Band Director Michael) Rumbell's instruction. I also joined choir halfway through my junior year and made it into the top choir my senior year. Finally, in my senior year, I was chosen to be one of two tenor saxophonists in the All-Michigan

Jim Holden

- 21 years old
- NHS Class of 2004
- NHS Symphonic Band/Marching Band four years
- Jazz Band four years
- Concert choir one year
- Chorale one year
- All-State Jazz Band one year

Honors Jazz Band. For three days, I was directed and instructed by famed drummer Ndugu Chancler, and also met some new friends, as well. This was a very memorable experience for me, and I learned a lot from it."

Coming to a venue near you

"Currently, I'm a senior at Michigan State University majoring in Jazz Studies. I have played in Jazz Bands, Octets and com-



bos here, and have played gigs in the East Lansing and Lansing areas over the years. I am also a member of the Kris Johnson Sextet, a group of young up-and-coming musicians and composers/arrangers who have played many gigs in the Lansing/East Lansing, and Detroit areas.

"Specifically in Detroit, we have played at the jazz club Cliff Beil's, and also at Baker's Keyboard Lounge, the oldest operational jazz club in the country.

"This past summer, the group also did a sponsored tour of Wyoming for two weeks.

"As of right now, I'm working on putting my own group together, as well as composing and arranging for the group. My next performance, however, is with Kris Johnson as a part of his jazz oratorio, Jim Crow's Tears."

The performance will take place Dec. 8 in Southfield at Hope United Methodist Church. The church is located at 26275 Northwestern Highway.

For more information about this moving and informative concert, please visit jimcrowstears.com. Tickets may be purchased by either calling (248) 497-8972, or through the Web site, www.jimcrowstears.com.

"This is one of the most memorable musical experiences I've

been a part of, and I highly recommend this show."

Great Influences

"As for my high school band/choir memories, I remember it was Mr. Rumbell who first turned me on to Charlie Parker and John Coltrane, two amazing jazz saxophonists, which spurred my constant listening of bebop and John Coltrane albums.

"Also, the choir trip to Montreal was very fun and memorable, especially the scavenger hunt we did at the beginning of the tour.

"I would have been lost without these experiences. Choir taught me to sight sing music, and a music theory class that (Mary Kay) Pryce taught at the time helped me to analyze music.

"Myself, being an instrumentalist, however, meant that Mr. Rumbell really helped in my musical knowledge and discipline. He encouraged me to take private lessons, listen to jazz, demonstrated how to improvise

using my ear and using written chord changes and also how to play musically in an ensemble (how to balance, blend, and bring out your own part).

"(Rumbell) also showed me what it meant to productively rehearse with a group, and to develop the music by working on pieces of the puzzle individually and reconnecting them into a more musical performance.

"I really noticed how much I had learned during my high school band experience when I came to college. I was surprised at how much music theory and performance aspects I had learned with both Mr. Rumbell and Mrs. Pryce. Both of those teachers really helped me understand not only musical things, but also life lessons.

"What you put in is what you get out of music and in life in general. I am very happy and appreciative of my high school musical experiences at NHS, not only for preparation for college, but also as a memorable experience in my life."

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Jim Holden
NHS Class of 2004

"I graduated from Point Park University in Pittsburgh with a B.A. in theatre arts, concentrating in musical theatre, (Magna Cum Laude) in 2005.

"I am currently scheduled to embark on a second six-month cruise contract with Princess Cruises as a featured singer/dancer, which sails to Australia and New Zealand. Upon completion, I plan to make the move to (New York City).

"Since, and during, college I have participated in performing for theme parks, straight plays, and tours.

"I have a million stories of things that took place during high school."

From home to school

"Being that my mom is Mary Kay Pryce, famed NHS choir teacher, I made it my passion to annoy her. One of my favorite memories of being in her class is vetoing her outfits.

"As she would conduct class, I would either give her a thumbs up or thumbs down, depending

Kati Pryce

- 24 years old
- NHS Class of 2001
- Varsity Choir one year
- Bel Canto one year
- Treblemakers three years
- Chorale two years
- Solo and Ensemble Festival three years
- A.P. Music Theory one year
- Musicals: "Anything Goes" as an Angel, 1999; "Grease" as Rizzo, 2000; "Guys and Dolls" as Adelaide, 2001; "Bye Bye Birdie" as Rose Alvarez, 2002

on how I felt about her fashion sense for that day.

"Another of my favorite memories is during rehearsals, I would secretly place pencils inside the piano upon the strings.



Therefore, when the piano was played, it sounded like some sort of weird harpsichord, much to everyone's amusement.

"There was so many laughs during rehearsals, but I honestly was one of my mom's worst students. It was all very playful,

of course; but, one semester, my mom actually wrote that I was 'in danger of failing' on my report card.

"My mom and I share so many similar traits, I really don't know how she always kept her cool with me. We've shared a wonderful and loving relationship, which has only blossomed through the years. She is my strongest supporter and consistently encourages me to pursue my dreams of singing, dancing and acting."

"My mother, the adamant coffee drinker, knows how to work. I've never met a teacher so devoted to their job. The hours out of school that she spends on the choirs are nothing short of amazing. She works hard, but she does it with a light and caring heart. She knows when to have fun; but to her, working hard is fun — a lesson her student's learn very quickly.

"If you're not ready to work, or you've taken choir as a blow-off class, it won't be long until you're weeded out. I recall my

mom throwing an eraser in someone's general direction when they were talking too much. (I say 'general' direction because my mom has the WORST aim in the world. The eraser would usually hit someone else, and that REALLY caused attention.)

"It has happened on several occasions that during concerts there would be a baby crying in the audience, or perhaps a loud talker; my Mom would not have it.

"Before, or even during, the choir's (performance), she would cut off the choir completely, turn around, and just look in the general direction of the interruption. As soon as it ceased, she would start the song over again. And that delighted the choir to no end. She used to say 'we worked too hard to not have a perfect performance.'

Preparation for professional endeavors

"Many things I learned in high school have helped me in my

current musical endeavors — everything from singing harmony, to reading music, to knowing how to work well in a group. I believe my mom is one of the most effective teachers at NHS. She has personally taught me how to be a strong leader, like her, and focus on the work. I have been instilled with a hard work ethic, and a great respect for performing.

"Being a part of the choirs and musicals taught me how to have strong rehearsals and even stronger performances. I've never had stage fright, since I've grown up on the stage. Even when I was in elementary school, I was used in the high school musicals, such as 'Brigadoon,' 'Carousel,' and 'Brigitta' in 'Sound of Music.'

"Sometimes I feel more comfortable and uninhibited on stage than anywhere else. Through experience, I learned how to find my freedom on the stage."

"I was prepared for life by high school in so many ways. I could write a book about the things I learned in choir and on the NHS stage."

"Sometimes I feel more comfortable and uninhibited on stage than anywhere else. Through experience, I learned how to find my freedom on the stage...I was prepared for life by high school in so many ways."

Kati Pryce
NHS Class of 2001

"Right now, I am the director of choirs at Ypsilanti High School in Ypsilanti. I am also on the full board of the Michigan School Vocal Music Association in the role of State Honors Choir supervisor. I earned my bachelor's degree in music education from the University of Michigan. Ann Arbor and master's degree in educational leadership from Eastern Michigan University.

Role models

"I remember band and choir fondly. I met great people and was able to go on tour and perform. I loved Boston as a senior. I'll never forget singing with Treblemakers in the middle of town. I also loved playing with

Beth Patterson

- 29 years old
- NHS Class of 1996
- Four years in Symphonic/Marching Band four years
- Jazz Band three years
- Women's Ensemble one year
- Concert Choir/Northville Singers two years
- Treblemakers one year

the Jazz Band at (the Detroit Montreux Jazz Festival).



"My foundation as a music educator developed from the

experiences I had as a student at Northville High School. I was able to adapt my own teaching model to reflect the best qualities of the music teachers I admired as a choir and band member.

"I look at the NHS music program as a place of great opportunity for anyone who is interested in pursuing a career in music. In retrospect, I don't think there was a better place for me to be. I was able to experience both instrumental and choral music, expand my leadership skills and continue to reflect on my own experiences in relation to my current students.

"I consider the experiences I had with the NHS music staff to be of the highest value. I had amazing role models and was

able to watch the development of the music program, from the first rehearsal to the last concert.

"(Band Director Michael) Rumbell had such high expectations for us. While demanding, it brought us so much pride at festivals.

Committed to their craft

"(Choir Director Mary Kay) Pryce had the same high standards. Not only was she a great role model while I was a Mustang, she was an extreme resource while I was at the School of Music in Ann Arbor and remains a loyal advocate and friend.

"Mrs. Pryce has remained a constant in my life. She remains

a shining example of success, both personally and professionally. I feel that I have a greater idea of the role that music can have in the life of a child. My students believe that their participation in our ensembles gives them the opportunity to communicate with each other and their audience on a higher level.

"They are articulate, passionate and committed to the ensemble. They are confident, quick to adapt to any situation, and understand team dynamics. There is a true sense of family and the students sincerely care for each other.

"These are the same qualities that I found in my music classmates and music teachers at NHS."

"My foundation as a music educator developed from the experiences I had as a student at Northville High School. I was able to adapt my own teaching model to reflect the best qualities of the music teachers I admired as a choir and band member."

Elizabeth Patterson
NHS Class of 1996

"NHS choir gave me my base, and Mary Kay is the one who got me to perform."

Robin Horlock
NHS Class of 1999

ROBIN HORLOCK

Rising rock star praises his Northville musical roots, training

Look out John Mayer, singer/song writer Robin Horlock, protégé of the Northville High School choir program, is hot on your heels.

Horlock graduated from NHS in 1999 and headed up to Western Michigan University.

"I'd be sitting in economics writing music," he said.

He would try to listen to the professor, but the lyrics to a new song would pop into his mind. He couldn't help it.

"I could hear the words in my head," said Horlock. Then he would hear the melody and, with an unstoppable fervor, he would run back to his dorm to play the chords. Immediately realizing that academics weren't his calling, Horlock left college with his acoustic guitar in one hand and his dream in the other.

With enormous support from family, Horlock returned home and began writing songs and performing solo and duo acoustic shows around the area.

In 2004, Horlock released his first solo acoustic CD, "Risk To Try." The music is rock-n-roll with folksy overtones.

"It's Goo Goo Dolls meets Dave Matthews meets John Mayer," said Horlock.

The album, which took only 21 days to record, explores Horlock's personal struggles in relationships. The lyrics are soul-bearing and relatable to anyone who has ever been romantically involved. Horlock doesn't hold back a single thought or raw emotion, and the album is backed by his master guitar skills and transcending vocals.

In 2003, Horlock started his five-piece namesake band where he writes all the music, all the lyrics, sings, and plays acoustic and electric guitar. In just four years, The Robin Horlock Band has built a strong following in Michigan and surrounding states.

Horlock's second CD was recorded with RHB and released in 2006. The title is simply "EP" (Extended Play) because it is in fact just that — a short disc of only five songs. The EP, which took a mere 12 days to record, has a pop-rock sound and continues with Horlock's self-examining lyrics.

Today, Horlock is taking on the nation's music scene by storm. This year alone, 172 college radio stations are playing his songs. He has performed in more than 185 shows, with and without his band, averaging three to four gigs per week and will break 200 before the year is over.

In the last four years, Horlock has performed in 900 or more shows across the U.S., including three CMJ (College Music Journal) Music Marathons in New York City, and is steadily gaining more gigs around the country.

Critics love him for his dynamic stage presence, organic sound, catchy hooks, convincing lyrics, soaring tenor voice and progressive guitar strumming.

Whether performing with his band or in an acoustic duo, Horlock romances the audience to extremes. In one song, he moves the audience to dance, and in the next, he breaks hearts with his soothing voice and soulful ballads.

Horlock's musical influences cross decades and genres, from Paul Simon to Sublime; from The Beatles to The Verve; and from Bob Marley to Match Box 20. But perhaps the most influential of all was his favorite teacher, NHS Head Choir Director Mary Kay Pryce.

"Clear lyrics are very important to me... you can always understand everything I say. Maybe it's Mary Kay (Pryce, director) who did that to me. It isn't 'wutcha', it's 'what you,'" he said. And Horlock still holds his BackBeat days close to his heart.

"One time [on the NHS choir tour] we went to New York and sang at the top of the Empire State Building. There we were, nine of us boys singing... We were the best BackBeat boys of all time," said Horlock.

No matter how successful his career has gotten to this point, Horlock remembers his roots.

"NHS choir gave me my base, and Mary Kay is the one who got me to perform," said Horlock.

Five years from now he hopes to hit it big. Horlock hesitantly admits he wants to see his name in lights, but is steadfast to add that touching people with his songs is his true passion.

The hard-working 27-year-old has written 45 songs and is now composing his third CD. With no name yet, the record is expected to launch in March or April. RHB plans to begin touring across the country in late spring.

"The next step is trying to open for national acts," said Horlock.

This isn't an easy feat, since most national bands have been around long enough to work with the same bands who they know will produce a good show. But RHB broke out of that rut this past summer when they opened for Willy Mason, a national pop-country singer.

The Robin Horlock Band headlined at The Magic Bag in Ferndale on Nov. 23. The next local show will be tonight — an acoustic guitar duo, with Kenny Sams from RHB, at Sean O'Callaghans in Plymouth.

Visit Horlock's Web site at www.robinhorlockmusic.com, where you can listen to his music and see a complete schedule of events.

By Alecia Hibbels



Courtesy photos

NHS graduate Robin Horlock has released two CDs — "Risk to Try" and "EP." Catch him at O'Callaghans in Plymouth tonight with Kenny Sams.



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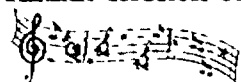
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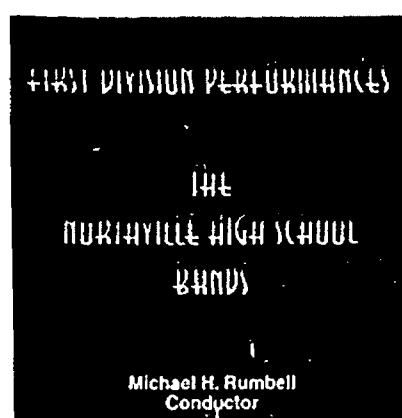
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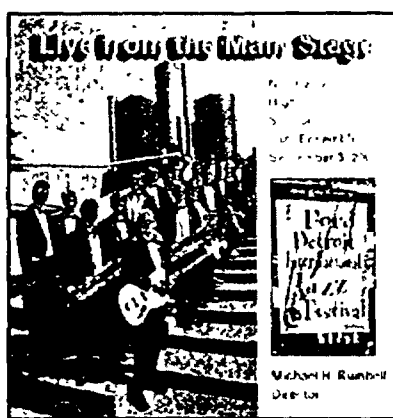
First Division Performances (95/96)

- NHS 6th Hour Symphonic Band
 1. Custers Cavalry – King
 2. Permutations – Leckrone
 3. Fortress – Ticheli
 NHS 5th Hour Symphonic Band
 4. Alamo – King
 5. Novena – Swearingen
 6. Short Prelude with Perspectives – Caruso
 NHS Jazz Ensemble I
 7. Easy to Love – Porter
 8. Stolen Moments – Nelson
 9. Latin Injection – DiBlasio
 NHS Symphonic Band
 10. Coast Guards – King
 11. Gathering of the Ranks at Hebron – Holsinger
 12. Antithigram – Stamp
 NHS Jazz Ensemble I
 13. Hit and Run – Chattaway
 14. Dreamsville Mancini
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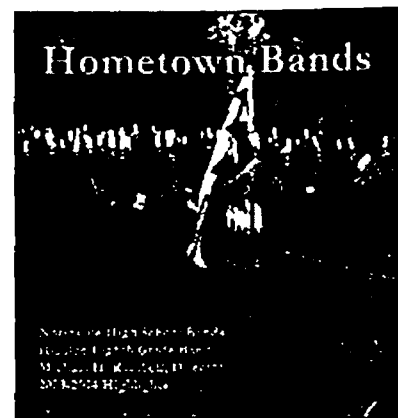
Festival Sweep! (98/99)

- NHS Symphonic Band 11/12
 1. March Juno – Stewart
 2. Psalm 46 – Zdechlik
 3. Masque – McBeth
 NHS Symphonic Band 10
 4. Rough Riders March – King
 5. Jubiloso – Huckleby
 6. Joyance
 NHS Symphonic Band 9
 7. The Big Circus March – Foster
 8. Music for a Celebration – McGinty
 9. Astrogate Overture – Hodges
 Cooke 8th Grade Band
 10. March to Castlerock – Hodges
 11. Black Forest Overture – Sweeney
 12. White River Canyon
 NHS Jazz Ensemble I
 13. Take the A Train – Ellington
 14. Groove – Nelson
 15. Manteca – Gillespie



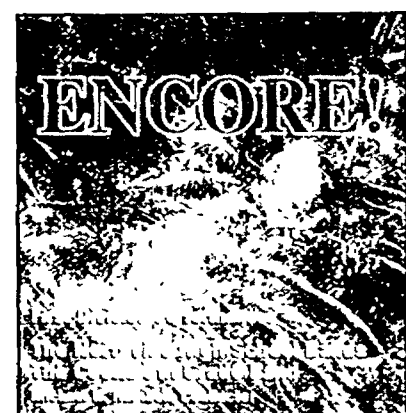
Live from the Main Stage (2001)

- Jazz Ensemble I
 Cuts 1-7 are from the audience
 Cuts 8-14 repeat the same tunes, recorded from the stage
 1. Struttin' with Some Barbecue – Armstrong
 2. Blues in the Fast Lane – Schamber
 3. Division of Labor – Meyer
 4. Opus in Chartreuse – Roland
 5. Grand Slam – Schamber
 6. Back Home – Menza
 7. Party Time – Mintzer



Home Town Bands (2003/04)

- Symphonic Band 11/12
 1. Our Director – Bigelow
 2. Overture to Candide
 3. Der Traum des Oenghus
 Symphonie Band 10
 4. Rough Riders – King
 5. Deep Path Dances – Holsinger
 Symphonie Band 9
 6. Legacy March – Hodges
 7. Highland Legend – Moss
 8. Falcon Ridge – Huckleby
 Hillside 8th Grade Band
 9. March to Castlerock – Hodges
 10. Portrait of a Clown – Ticheli
 11. Eagle Rock – Williams
 NHS Jazz Ensemble I
 12. Carmellos by the Freeway – Florence
 13. It Might as Well be Spring – Rodgers
 14. 500 Miles – Corea



Encore! (96/97)

- NHS 6th Hour Symphonic Band
 Courtly Airs and Dances – Nelson
 1. Intrada
 2. Saltarello
 3. Allemande
 4. Cajun Folk Songs – Ticheli
 Movement 1
 Movement 2
 5. Lexington March – King
 NHS 5th Hour Symphonic Band
 6. Alamo – King
 7. Exaltation – Swearingen
 8. Prelude and Fughetta – Handel
 Cooke 8th Grade Band
 9. March to the Big Top – Williams
 10. Idylwild Fantasy – O'Reilly
 11. Andromeda Overture – Williams
 NHS Jazz Ensemble I
 12. Jumpin' at the Woodside – Basie
 13. Sugar – Turrentine
 14. Coconut Champagne – DiBlasio
 NHS 5th Hour Symphonic Band
 15. Imperial March – Williams
 NHS 6th Hour Symphonic Band
 16. Return of the Jedi Symphonic Suite – Williams
 NHS Marching Band
 17. El Camino Real – Dye
 NHS Jazz Ensemble I
 18. Division of Labor – Meyer



Band Festival 2000

- NHS Symphonic Band 11/12
 1. Liberty Fleet March – King
 2. The Impassario Overture – Mozart
 Expositions – Leckrone
 3. I. Mysteriously
 4. II. Loving with Expression
 5. III. Joyfully
 NHS Symphonic Band 10
 6. Circus Days – King
 7. Chant Rituals – DelBorgo
 8. In Old Melbourne Town – Kopetz
 NHS Symphonic Band 9
 9. Valley Forge March – King
 10. Pageantry Overture – Edmondson
 11. Riders on the Southern Front – Barrett
 NHS Jazz Ensemble I
 12. Full Count – Taylor
 13. Groovin' Hard – Menza
 14. Coconut Champagne – DiBlasio
 Cooke 8th Grade Band
 15. Valley Vista March – Hodges
 16. Andromeda Overture – Williams
 17. Cayuga Lake Overture – Sweeney
 NHS Symphonic Band 11/12
 18. Shakespeare in Love – Moss
 19. Michael Brecker Waltz – Brubeck



Band Festival 2001

- NHS Symphonic Band 11/12
 1. Gallant Marines – King
 2. Variations on a Korean Folk Song – Chance
 3. Gathering of the Ranks at Hebron – Holsinger
 NHS Symphonic Band 10
 4. Night Flight – King
 5. Rhythm Machine – Broege
 6. On a Hymn Song of Philip Bliss
 NHS Symphonic Band 9
 7. Champions of Freedom – Harris
 8. Marching Song – Holst
 9. Knights of Destiny – Sweeney
 Hillside 8th Grade Band
 10. March to Castlerock – Hodges
 11. Portrait of a Clown – Ticheli
 12. Palisades Overture – O'Reilly
 NHS Jazz Ensemble I
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—	1995/1996	First Division Performances
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—	1997/1998	Encore II
—	1998/1999	Festival Sweep
—	1999/2000	Band Festival 2000
—	2000/2001	Band Festival 2001
—	2001/2002	Mustangs on the March
—	2001	Live from the Main Stage (Jazz)
—	2002/2003	Here Comes the Band



Mustangs on the March (2001/02)

- NHS Symphonic Band 11/12
 1. Free World – King
 2. Mock Morris – Grainger
 3. Terpsichore – Margolis
 I. Brantle
 NHS Symphonic Band 10
 4. Valley Forge March – King
 Three Ayres form Gloucester – Stuart
 5. A) The Jolly Earl of Cholmondeley
 6. B) Ayre for Eventide
 7. C) The Fiefs of Wembley
 8. Corinthium – Sweeney
 NHS Symphonic Band 9
 9. Activity March – Bennett
 10. Short Prelude with Perspectives – Caruso
 11. Mt. Hood Portrait – Schaffer
 Hillside 8th Grade Band
 12. Cedar Valley March – Hodges
 13. Portrait of a Clown – Ticheli
 14. Ballad and Hootenanny – Seward
 Jazz Ensemble I
 15. Groove Blues – Menza
 16. Hot House – Dameron
 17. Manteca – Gillespie
 18. Sesame Street – DiBlasio
 19. Big Swing Face – Potts



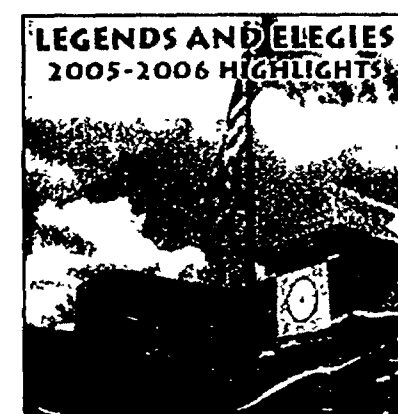
Here Comes the Band (2002/03)

- NHS Symphonic Band 11/12
 1. The Trombone King – King
 2. Antithigram – Stamp
 Suite of Old American Dances – Bennett
 3. A) Cakewalk
 4. B) Schottische
 5. C) Western One-Step
 6. Lord of the Rings – Ford
 NHS Symphonic Band 10
 7. Aces of the Air – King
 8. English Folk Suite – DelBorgo
 9. Pantheon – Sweeney
 NHS Symphonic Band
 10. Military Escort – Bennett
 11. Grand Canyon Overture – Swearingen
 12. Pink Panther – Mancini
 Renaissance Trilogy – Daehn
 13. A) Antiphonal Song
 14. B) Courtly Dance
 15. C) Royal Banquet Music
 Hillside 8th Grade Band
 16. March – Benet
 17. Portrait of a Clown – Ticheli
 18. Black Forest Overture – Sweeney
 NHS Jazz Ensemble I
 19. In a Mellow Tone – Ellington/Nelson
 20. Decoupage – Levy
 21. Lola Libido – Schamber



A Banner Year (2004/05)

- Symphonic Band 11/12
 1. Scossa Elettrica – Puccini
 2. Trauersinfonie – Wagner
 3. Carmina Burana – Orff
 #1 O Fortunata
 #9 In Taberna Quando Sumus
 #12 Ave Formosissima
 #13 Fortuna Imperatrix Mundi
 Symphonie Band 10
 4. The Big Cage – King
 5. English Folk Song – DelBorgo
 6. Contonwood Canyon Rhapsody – Kopetz
 Symphonie Band 9
 7. Banner Year – Harris
 8. Nordic Sketches – LaPlante
 A) Halling
 B) Melody form Valdes
 C) Paul on the Hillside
 9. Thus Spoke the Raven – Fagan
 Jazz Ensemble I
 10. Count Bubba – Goodwin
 11. But Beautiful – Niehaus
 12. One Note Samba – Tomaro
 Symphonie Band 11/12
 13. A Christmas Festival



Legends and Elegies

- Symphonic Band 11/12
 1. Under the Double Eagle – Wagner
 2. Irish Tune from Country Derry – Grainger
 3. Shepherd's Hey – Grainger
 4. Elegy – Chance
 Symphonie Band 10
 5. Mighty Mite – Mesang
 6. English Folk Suite – DelBorgo
 7. Legends in the Mist – Sweeney
 Symphonie Band 9
 8. Summit March – Bennett
 9. Air for Band – Erickson
 10. Heartland Overture – Himes
 Jazz Ensemble I
 11. Bill Bailey – Kubis
 12. Sea Changes – Baylock
 13. Goodbye Yesterday – Priestrup



Encore II (97/98)

- NHS Symphonic Band 11/12
 1. Our Heritage – King
 2. Western One-Step – Bennet
 NHS Symphonic Band 10
 3. Synchronism #1 – McGinty
 4. The Lion of Lucerne – Curnow
 NHS Symphonic Band 9
 5. General Lee – King
 6. Plaza de Toros – Williams
 7. The Entertainer – Joplin
 8. Galop – Shostakovich
 Cooke 8th Grade Band
 9. March of the Paratroopers – Williams
 10. Canticum – Curnow
 11. Kenya Contrasts – Himes
 NHS Symphonic Band 10
 12. The Walking Frog – King
 13. Shepherd's Hey – Grainger
 NHS Symphonic Band 11/12
 14. Titanic – Horner
 NHS Jazz Ensemble I
 15. Lester Leaps In – Young
 16. Cops and Robbers – Beach-Shutack
 17. Jalapeno Dreams – DiBlasio
 NHS Jazz Ensemble II
 18. Blues 101 – Taylore
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Other Opportunities

The Michigan School Vocal Music Association (MSVMA) is a statewide professional school music organization, which the Northville Public School District is a member of and actively participates in. Throughout the year, the MSVMA festivals and large group activities include the following:

Choir Festivals

Choir festivals are held yearly and are events in which school groups from all over Michigan meet and perform for adjudicators who give the group comments and ratings of I, II, III or IV. At District festivals, the choirs sing one required song and one chosen song. Then the group must sight read a selected unknown piece of music. The ratings are averaged into a final overall rating. Choirs receiving an overall I rating may choose to go on to participate in the State festival. The festival participation is required of all choir members when their particular group attends a festival.

Solo & Ensemble Festival

Solo & Ensemble festival is an optional event for students taking private voice lessons and those who display a strong desire, personal drive, and serious interest in singing. Students may perform as a soloist or with a small group (up to 20 members). They will perform for adjudicators and receive ratings similar to those given at Choir festivals. Students are responsible for learning their own music. Fees are usually \$10-\$15 per event. Music for these events must be chosen with the assistance of a student's voice teacher or directors in order to assure that it meets the guidelines for the festival and adequate copies are available.

Honors Choirs

Honors Choirs are chosen by audition and are made up of the very best singers in the state. It is a great honor to be chosen as a member. Rehearsals and performances are held in various cities in Michigan, and it is the students' responsibility to make transportation arrangements. Ninth-graders audition in a trio or quartet. Tenth- through 12th-graders audition individually. Students are responsible for learning their own music for Honors Choir events with the help of their choir directors.

Private Voice Lessons

Private voice lessons are for the choir student who wants to really excel with his/her own vocal talents and knowledge. Working one-on-one with a private voice instructor is the quickest and most complete way to develop one's voice and see real progress. All lesson activities and fees are coordinated between the student and voice teacher.

Sophomore Select

This is an extra-curricular select ensemble that meets during seminar. Auditions are held in June. The small ensemble will focus on developing vocal techniques and musicianship. Sophomore Select performs at concerts and Solo & Ensemble Festivals. This group is directed by Mr. Laura.

Freshman Select

This is an extra-curricular select ensemble that begins in October. It is specifically for freshmen interested in a more advanced small group experience. Auditions are in October; rehearsal dates and times are determined by the members. The ensemble is directed by Mr. Krempski.



Photo by Steve Fecht

Northville High School Choir Director Mary Kay Pryce rehearses with Backbeat.

CHOIRS

Something for every singer

Why on earth, you may ask, would a school need 11 choirs?

Well, when there are 550 students under one roof who are interested in singing, a school best make room for all of them.

The Northville High School choir program has done just that. Each choir has its own rank and allows students to advance to the next as they learn the art of song.

Varsity Choir is actually a freshman-level choir, despite its name. This year, Varsity is so big that the directors had to divide the 200-student chorus into two groups.

"I like Varsity because the boys and girls sing together," said freshman Molly Ladhoff. "Boys are always fun."

Kids in Varsity learn the basis of choral sound and how to sight read, which is the ability to look at a foreign sheet of music and know how to sing it by reading the notes. Once a student learns how to sight read, he or she can then catapult to a more advanced choir.

Student Ian Cunningham, a freshman in Varsity, says he enjoys listening to all four voices (soprano, alto, tenor and bass) that blend together to create a good harmony.

"I've always been able to carry a good tune, but now I'm learning how to make my voice sound more masculine," said Cunningham. He says he'll be back next year and eventually wants to make it into the popular all-boys BackBeat choir.

Since there are more girls than boys in any given choir, NHS has developed two intermediate choirs designed for sophomore and junior girls: Girl's Ensemble and the more advanced Bel Canto. The girls sing in high soprano, middle soprano and alto voices which, when sung together, deliver a more varied sound.

Moving further up the chain is Concert Choir, a large intermediate group of both boys and girls who explore the different styles of classical choral literature. The choir performs a cap-



The Varsity Choir performs at the Northville High School Holiday Concert on Dec. 14, 2006.

pella and develops a few conducting skills.

Chorale is a smaller male/female ensemble with a higher level of difficulty than Concert. The choir is reserved for the skilled singer who has a passion for performing and who can sight read at an advanced level.

"A student could have an amazing voice but sing in Concert choir because he or she can't read the high-level music," said Mary Kay Pryce, director.

Chamber Choir is an elite choir of boys and girls, mostly juniors and seniors, with only 20 spots available.

"I like that [Chamber] is a small group of the best of the best singers in the school doing things that a normal choir wouldn't be able to do because of the [level] of talent," said senior Evan Gerish.

"One time, we sang from the Barber of Seville in a cappella and used our voices to mimic the sounds of instruments," he said.

"As we get older and advance to the next choir, the music would get more difficult, from learning [major works] to music theory, like why the music is written the way it is written," said Gerish. NHS has four extracurricular



Northville High School Concert Choir rehearses for their Holiday Concert to be held Dec. 12, 13 and 15.

choirs that meet after school that were developed for the highly-motivated singer who is also a member of one of the other core choirs.

Pryce likens these choirs to a school newspaper where students "volunteer" their time in order to hone their skills as a writer.

Freshman and Sophomore Select are two choirs with only 16-18 singers in each. Students have to audition to become members.

Lastly, BackBeat and TrebleMakers are elite choirs that are idolized by many students who strive to get in, but only nine make it. BackBeat is an all-male

ensemble and TrebleMakers is its female counterpart. The two groups often get rented by charities and private parties in the community. Gerish, a member of BackBeat, enjoys the closeness of the small group and is honored to be apart of a choir where people hire them to perform.

"We have a place for everyone who wants to sing," said Pryce. "Turning away a student because he or she can't sing would be like an algebra teacher turning away a student because they can't do algebra."

By Alecia Hibbels



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Mary Kay Pryce
Head Choir Director

Northville High School Choir Director Mathew Laura rehearses the Sophomore Select Ensemble.

DIRECTORS

Music is a tool for guiding students through their lives

Most high schools have only one full-time choir director, but Northville High School is home to the largest choir program in Michigan, with an astounding 11 choirs comprised of 550 students and three full-time directors: Mary Kay Pryce head director, and Mark Krempski and Matt Laura, assistant directors.

All three come to the job with great passion for teaching the art of song, and emphasize excellence in performance, while encouraging self-esteem and camaraderie among students.

But all this didn't happen overnight. Pryce first had to build the choir program from the ground up because at the time, students thought of choir as a useless class. In 1982, Pryce began teaching choir at NHS for just two hours a day.

She had no piano and only seven students enrolled in class.

Then it went to 17 students.

And by the late 1980s, the choir began to get noticeably larger. In 1995, the program was so big that Pryce became a full-time teacher.

In the beginning, Pryce would find out a student's talent, however small, and show case it.

"If there was one good singer, I would have that student sing the National Anthem at football games," she said.

Pryce would then increase her student count by pulling in anybody who was remotely musical. She would train some of the band kids to sing in concerts. Theatre kids were soon joining choir because they needed to learn how to sing in the school musicals.

Pryce formed regular activities, such as bonfires, with her students. She took her choir to choral festivals where students from around the state would come together to sing. They loved it and wanted to go back the next year.

"There was a lot of togetherness and laughter," Pryce said.

But choir wasn't all fun and games — Pryce was running a tight ship.

"It was challenging for [the students], said Pryce. "They would only go on stage if they were singing as great as they could. If they weren't, they wouldn't go on, and we wouldn't have a performance."

Interest in choir was building, but still had a long way to go. The first couple of concerts Pryce put on had 30-40 choir members and only 30-40 audience members.

Then the captain of the football team would be in class singing romantic songs. The president of the senior class would join choir, too.

"This brought me some pull," said Pryce. "The choir was breaking down social barriers. I would have a 1.0 student and a 4.0 student, both working on the same chord," she said.

Many of Pryce's students who were struggling in academics would graduate and visit her years later to tell her that the only way they got through school is because of choir.

Although some highly-talented students go on to pursue a career in music, Pryce believes it is the student who is not going into music who benefits most from the program.

"Choir brings out a side of a person they otherwise can't express," she said. "If you don't have music, how are you going to get along in your adult life? What are you going to talk about at parties? We don't want a bunch of smart people out there who don't have a soul."

Pryce graduated from Wayne State University with a degree in vocal music education. In 2003, she received her master's degree in music theory and literature.

"I got a lot more out of waiting to get my master's ... as a person working in the field, I knew just what to concentrate on," she said.

Assistant directors

Mark Krempski came to NHS nine years ago after receiving his



Photo by Steve Fecht

Northville High School Head Choir Director Mary Kay Pryce rehearses the Concert Choir.

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Head Choir Director

undergraduate degree in music education at the University of Illinois and a graduate degree in conducting choir at Florida State University.

"I wanted a challenging repertoire and wanted to work with adult voices," Krempski said. "High school is a great age group because they are sophisticated and very enthusiastic."

"High school students are sharper than most adults I know. Ask them their opinion about math and they don't care. Ask

them their opinion about music and they'll talk for hours," he said.

Matt Laura joined the program in 2005, and says his career began when he was a student.

"I took choir in high school on a dare and I loved it," he said. "I loved singing."

Laura received his degree in voice performance at the University of Michigan. He began his career in California as a singer/performer and found that the business was too cutthroat

He then decided he wanted to work with advanced ensembles and received his teaching certificate, also at UM. Laura made a big career move leaving California and coming to Northville.

"I'm grateful everyday that I got the job. Music is a universal language," said Laura, who believes high school students speak it very well.

The students see these three directors as more than teachers, they see them as life coaches

"Mr. Krempski has been most influential [to me] because he can give me more one-on-one time," said student Tony Pizzimenti. "And I go to Mr. Laura for advice. He knows everything about everything."

Out of 2,231 students enrolled in NHS, 550 of those students are enrolled in choir and loving it. It's no longer regarded as a useless class. It's a useful tool in guiding the rest of their lives.

By Aleca Hibbeln



Northville High School Choir Director Mark Krempski during Chamber Choir rehearsal.



Northville High School Choir Director Matthew Laura rehearses the Concert Choir.

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Mark Krempski
Assistant Choir Director

"You can talk all day long about being a quarterback. Throw the ball and let me see just what you can do."

Mary Kay Pryce
Head Choir Director



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The Northville High School Concert Choir performing at the holiday concert at NHS Dec. 13, 2006.

PERFORMING OPPORTUNITIES

Plenty of opportunities throughout school year to hear student talent

The Concerts

The Fall Concert, held Oct. 23-24, kicked off the first of three Northville High School choir concerts. Head director Mary Kay Pryce leads most of the choirs on a toe-tapping and sometimes peaceful journey of songs from various decades, hence the name, "Singing through the Ages."

Themes for the Fall Concert are chosen by the student's themselves, allowing for a hand in the creative process.

The choirs sang a cappella except for the occasional piano accompaniment by Margaret Holden. Assistant director Mark Krempski conducted his choirs and assistant director Matt Laura was...not in the house. Laura was in the hospital with his two-day-old son and his very tired wife.

The choirs received countless standing ovations from a roaring audience of fellow students, family members, neighbors, friends and members of the community.

Students belted out familiar pieces, such as "Isn't It Romantic" from 1932 to "You're the One That I Want" written in 1978 for the smash hit "Grease." Earlier works included "To Everything There is a Season," a light piece taken directly from the Bible, and Mozart's heavy and sacramental "Ave Verum Corpus" from the 14th century.

TrebleMakers was a hoot when they performed the big band number "In the Mood," where soloist Deanna Willis showed hints of a future Broadway career.

Willis said the group got their inspiration for the piece from Bette Midler, who sang a higher octave version than the original by Joe Garland. "We were able to really express ourselves through dance and entertainment," said Willis.

BackBeat rocked the house with a seemingly clever choreographed number, "Under the Bridge." As it turns out, the piece wasn't choreographed at all. The boys finger snapped and solo sang their way through a performance so professional, only a close-knit ensemble could pull it off.

The performance, with humorous introductions, upbeat numbers and serious classical pieces, was a nice mix to hold your attention.

The Holiday Concert will take place Dec. 12, 13 and 15. The music will be seasonal, ranging from traditional holiday songs such as "Do You Hear What I Hear" and "Auld Lang Syne," to some rather unusual pieces, like "In the Mood of Winter Time."

"The song ['In the Mood of Winter Time'] is weird because it involves the harp and some unique harmonies," said assistant

director Mark Krempski.

The Spring Concert held May 13-14, will include pop and jazz pieces with a heavy emphasis on classical. The focus will be Mozart's "Coronation Mass" and will be supported by the orchestra. Last year, the audience was practically brought to its knees when 175 choir members sang the powerful "Carmina Burana" on stage with a 37-piece orchestra playing in the pit.

All concerts are held in the high school's auditorium and begin at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$5. The Holiday Concert is usually a sell-out, so reserve tickets by calling the NHS at (248) 344-8420.

The Festivals

Choir festivals aren't exactly festive like the Victorian Festival. These festivals are actually competitions where choir students from NHS and other schools perform before a panel of judges at a neutral location. The performances are rated on a scale from one (highest) to three.

"It's been so long since we haven't scored a number one that we can expect to do the same this year," said Pryce. "But, you never know."

All choirs, including soloists, duets and trios, compete at the district level in February and March. Each choir is judged on how well its members understand music and pitch as well as their ability to sight read. Although it isn't especially fun to sight read for a bunch of judges - in fact it's down right nerve-racking - the sense of achievement the students feel afterward makes it all worthwhile.

(Band also goes to district and state festivals using a similar rating system, and the NHS Band routinely receives top scores.)

And it isn't only the kids who feel the pressure.

"The judges are checking to see if I have taught these kids to sight read," said Pryce, "and if they don't know how, it comes down on me. I can't get too far

off my game. Therefore, every...single day I have my students read and sing music they have never seen before."

If the choirs score well at the district level, they can move on to compete at the state level in April. All 11 of the NHS choirs were able to perform at the state competition last year.

"The students like having a chance to sing for other kids," said Pryce.

At the State Festival last year, students from other schools gave Chorale choir a standing ovation. "It was a real moment for them," said Pryce.

It isn't that NHS is the best in the state with little room for advancement. Often times, the students will admire the way another school sings and tell Pryce that they want to learn to sing just like them. Then the next day, they are working even harder.

Festivals aren't at all like concerts, where kids perform before their parents and friends who applaud because they love them. At the festivals, kids get a dose of real life where judges rate them strictly on their ability.

"You can talk all day long about being a quarterback," said Pryce. "Throw the ball and let me see just what you can do."

The Cabaret

The Cabaret is another opportunity for students to perform for their friends and family. Choir students audition to perform in the show and choreograph their own acts, which range from singing to dancing to comedy skits to mini musicals. The theme this year is "Can't Stop the Beat," from the hit musical "Hairspray."

The Cabaret will be at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 in the NHS cafeteria. Tickets are \$10 and include food and beverages. Tickets can be reserved by calling the school at (248) 344-8420 or purchased at the door.

By Alea Hibbeln



Northville High School select ensembles TrebleMakers and BackBeat perform for third-grade classes at Genitti's Little Theater to kick off Victorian Festival activities Sept. 14.



Erica Frogner (left) and Clara Fecht sing as the Northville High School Vocal Music Department presented Cabaret night at the high school on Feb. 24

Northville High School Upcoming Choir Performances

- Dec. 12, 13, 15Holiday Concert
- Jan. 11Combined MS/HS Concert Choirs
- Jan. 20 or Feb. 10 ..District Solo & Ensemble
- Feb. 24Cabaret
- March 1-2District Choral Festival
- March 30-31State Solo & Ensemble
- April 26-28Spring Musical
- May 1-2State Choral Festival
- May 15-16Spring Concert
- May 18-21Spring Choir Tour

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Mary Kay Pryce
Head Choir Director

"Your friendships grow in ways that you don't get to see in class. We get to have an experience that we'll always remember."

Deanna Willis
NHS Senior

SPRING CHOIR TOUR

Creating travel experiences students will always remember

What could be more awesome for a high school choir student than exploring the streets of New York City, performing at various venues and taking in a few Broadway shows with cronies?

Absolutely nothing.

Director Mary Kay Pryce began the Spring Choir Tour back in 1992, when she took her troops to Toronto for four days. The trip was such a hit for both students and parents that an annual tradition was born.

Armed with about 35 chaperones and assistant director Mark Krempski, Pryce leads 150 or so sophomore, junior and senior songsters on an educational journey through choice cities. So far, the Northville High School choirs have traveled by bus to Boston, Kentucky, Chicago, Montreal, New York, Toronto and Pittsburgh.

The talented singers seem to get a reaction where ever they go. One year, a Kentucky resident was seated among the audience during a performance at the Old North Church in Boston. The man was so impressed with what he heard that he wrote a letter to Pryce asking her to bring her chorus to his town to perform. The following spring, the choir traveled to Harrisburg, Ky., where the small southern town rolled out the red carpet and gathered to hear them sing.

And while in New York her sophomore year, senior Deanna Willis and fellow classmates took a bite out of the Big Apple when they were singing a song they had learned in class as they walked the streets of SoHo.

"People stopped what they were doing and... gathered around us and clapped," said Willis.

Of course, there are rules to heed when traveling in a group. There is the 5-percent rule, which states that a student is only allowed to be "imitating, grouchy, bored or otherwise out of sorts" 5 percent of the trip. During the first visit to NYC, director Pryce became irritated at a bus driver when he wouldn't stop at their desired destination. The driver explained that there are laws about where a bus can and cannot stop. When the steam



Photo by Steve Fecht

The Northville High School select choirs perform at the Statue of Liberty in New York at the conclusion of their New York tour on May 22, 2006.

blew from Pryce's ears, a student calmly reminded her of the rule. Turns out rules aren't just for students, even if they were written by the director.

This spring, the choir will return to New York City with a jam-packed schedule. In the course of four days, the tireless teens will perform at a school in Queens and also at a historic

chapel in lower Manhattan. They will see the Broadway show "Hairspray" and, afterwards, they'll meet the cast and crew. They will also see "Blue Man Group," tour parts of lower Manhattan, including 9/11's Ground Zero, take a dinner-dance cruise, gather for a group photo in the center of Time Square and play games in

Central Park.

And if that isn't enough, they will have enough free time to explore Chinatown, Little Italy, shop Fifth Avenue and visit a museum.

Senior Josh Buoy, who will be going on his third Choir Tour this spring, is looking forward to some free time in the big city. "We get a freedom that

we've never had," Buoy said.

"We can do whatever we want, wherever we want, and we're all responsible enough to meet back at the time we're supposed to."

He plans to catch the Broadway show "Wicked," hang out with friends, check out Chinatown and visit a museum during down time.

Willis, who wants to live in NYC someday, is excited to see "Hairspray and spend a little bonding time with friends.

"Your friendships grow in ways that you don't get to see in class," said Willis. "We get to have an experience that we'll always remember."

By Alecia Hibbeln

REHEARSALS

Advanced choir singers know how to deal with pressure

"This [program] has taught me that it isn't about who sounds the best; it's about how well you can work in a group."

Chase Noble
BackBeat

When you think of a group of singers getting together to rehearse for a big performance, do images of prima donnas storming off stage invade your mind?

Do you imagine the director throwing up her arms because no one is cooperating, or a singer pacing the floor with shredded nerves before the curtain rises?

On the day before the NHS 2007 Fall Concert, not only did none of this happen, but a group of nine female singers rehearsed before their director, Mary Kay Pryce, with a harmonious blend of humility and confidence.

The elite all-girl choir, called TrebleMakers, sang their hearts out while Pryce encouraged them to smile toward the audience.

She reminded them to enunciate the consonant K and to nail down a couple of words in the lyrics. Not a single raw nerve was in sight, not from the director and not from the singers. At the end of rehearsal, Pryce commended the choir on a job well done and told them she was proud of them.

Elizabeth Hawksford, Clara Fecht and Erica Johnson, along

with Chase Noble from BackBeat (the male counterpart to TrebleMakers), agree that nobody gets to be a prima donna in this program.

"This is not my time to shine," said senior Hawksford. "This is my time to blend in and work as a group."

Noble confided he used to be a prima donna of sorts.

"Singing in a group was the biggest lesson for me," he said. "I'm very cocky, and [BackBeat] has taught me that you can't be."

Noble continued to explain his lesson in humility.

"Before I came here, I had gotten every solo of my entire choir experience," he said. "Then I became a freshman, and that didn't happen. This [program] has taught me that it isn't about how well you can work in a group."

The students credit Pryce for their success as a choir.

"When Mrs. Pryce sees a student with too much confidence, she teaches them to use it in a positive way and to curb it a little for the sake of the group," said Fecht.

The NHS choir has a reputation to uphold, and the kids know it. The pressure is on for TrebleMakers and BackBeat choirs who work on challenging songs that have up to eight-part harmonies. Johnson said that the biggest struggles during rehearsals are getting the notes and the timing down.

"The caliber of the pieces is a lot higher because we are an advanced choir," said Fecht. "We're a strong choir, so more is expected of us."

Though rehearsals can be demanding, sometimes being a teenager takes precedence.

"We all have life going on," said Hawksford. "When rehearsals aren't going well, Pryce will step in and ask what's wrong."

The students affectionately refer to their teacher's advice as "Prycisms."

"Before rehearsals, we get everything out so we can focus on the music," said Fecht, who calls these talks "fireside chats." When asked what topics are discussed, the girls belted out, almost in song, "boys."



Photo by Steve Fecht

TrebleMakers rehearses with director Mary Kay Pryce.

Do these kids get nervous before concerts? No way.

"We are so close-knit that we don't let each other get nervous," said Hawksford. "When someone messes up during a performance, the others will back them up."

When Fecht was a freshman, she was petrified to go on stage.

"I used to be afraid to perform," she said. "I was terrified, but the others helped me through it."

Now, thanks to the help of her peers and her director, Fecht exhibits a healthy dose of confidence. Pryce teaches her students to trust in their own ability.

"We feel confident before we go on stage, because Mrs. Pryce works us again and again and again until we get it right. Then we feel good," said Hawksford. "We're each other's biggest fans," Noble said.

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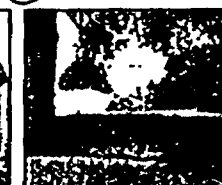
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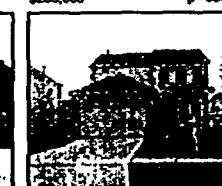
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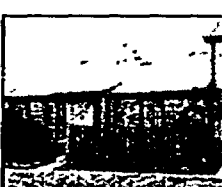
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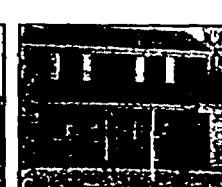
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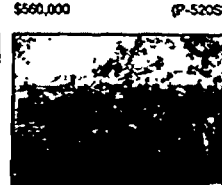
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1,550 sq ft home offering 3 spacious bds, Fam Rm w/tp, updated inc: baths, furnace, windows, Pergo, & appl's. Part finished bsmt, large private yard, 2 car Garage, immediate occupancy, & more.
\$179,900 (P-618GL)



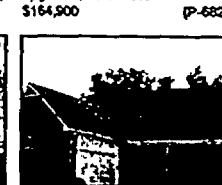
OPPORTUNITY AWAITS
This 4 bd home is located in highly sought after Lakepointe Village. Updated Kitchen, Fam Rm w/tp, 1.5 baths, newer furnace & C/A, appliances stay, & Home Warranty.
\$188,000 (P-218GR)



STEPS TO DOWNTOWN PLYMOUTH
Updated 3 bd, 2 bath ranch w/neutral decor, Din Rm w/oak banister, large Ktch, finished bsmt w/3rd bd, new furnace, 2 car Garage, updated windows & part. Truly exceptional!
\$189,900 (P-647HA)



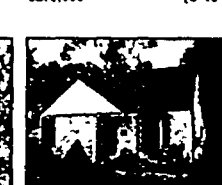
ABSOLUTELY STUNNING
Glenary colonial w/huge lot & inground pool. Fabulous decorating t/o, finished bsmt w/full Kitchen, great location & a 1 year home warranty.
\$360,000 (P-415HA)



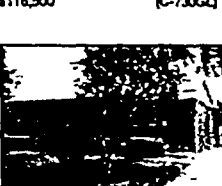
NOVI CAPE COD
Gorgeous 4 bd, 2.5 bath home built in 2000. Bright, open floor plan, spacious island Kitchen, Fam Rm w/tp, 1st fl Master, 1st fl laun, Study, finished bsmt, & stamped concrete patio.
\$318,500 (P-291HO)



THIS ONE IS A 10-1
All the updates w/ acre lot, huge Garage, updated Kitchen, baths, plumbing, elec, windows, carpet, paint, flooring, insulated Garage w/air compressor, finished bsmt, & more.
\$125,000 (P-208LA)



DAZZLING OPPORTUNITY
If you love extras this house is for you! New carpet, remodeled kitchen, hot tub, indoor/outdoor speakers, new trees & an abundance of flowers in gorgeous fenced yard.
\$129,900 (P-608MA)



TURN KEY BEAUTY
Rare find on this charming 3 bd, 1.5 bath, tastefully decorated home. Fresh neutral paint, hwd floors, newly added Fam Rm & Deck, finished bsmt w/extra Ktch & egress window.
\$199,900 (P-548MA)



IT'S A GEM
This 2 bd, 1.5 bath ranch, condo in popular Bradbury Park is a must see. Newer carpet, oak Kitchen, Master w/WIC, appl's stay, Carport, C/A, & short walk to area pool & clubhouse.
\$134,900 (P-403NE)



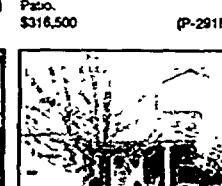
INVESTORS SPECIAL
Roomy ranch in Westland featuring thermal windows & doors, Fam Rm, country Ktch, appl's stay, generous Garage, fenced yard w/all maple trees, & home warranty.
\$104,900 (P-621PA)



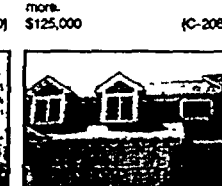
ALL SPORTS LAKE
Gorgeous home on private School Lake. Offering 3 bd, 2 baths, island Kitchen w/ceramic, Liv Rm w/cash ceiling & down to Deck w/hot tub, pool, landscaping, oversized Garage, seawall, firepit, dock, & Porton Boat included!
\$339,900 (P-625PA)



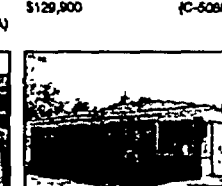
PLYMOUTH CONDO
Fantastic 3 bd, 3.5 bath condo w/in easy walk to downtown. 2 car attached Garage, lots of updates done in the last 2 years, too many to list.
\$209,990 (P-405PR)



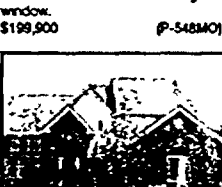
CHARMING CAPE COD
Spacious home w/over 2200 sq ft. Updated Ktch, formal Liv Rm w/new carpet, 1st fl laun, 4 bd, 2.5 baths, Master w/WIC & bath, updated roof, furnace, C/A, carpet, flooring & more.
\$229,900 (P-266PO)



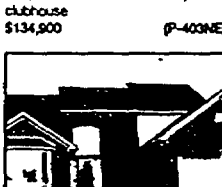
BRAND NEW CONDO
Fantastic location overlooking woods & park. Top quality construction, cathedral ceilings, walkout bsmt, 3.5 baths, 2 car attached Garage, & more. Convenient location.
\$239,500 (P-935R)



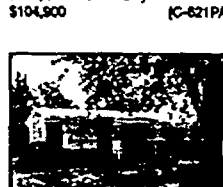
EXCEPTIONALLY MAINTAINED
Gorgeous 3 bd updated home maintained by longtime owner. Open floor plan, updated Ktch, new furnace, flooring, carpet, paint, Fam Rm w/tp, large fenced yard, & oversized Garage.
\$120,000 (P-665RU)



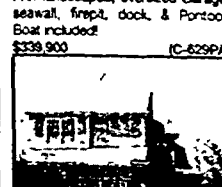
STUNNING COLONIAL
Immaculate 4 bd colonial featuring 2.5 baths, hwd floors, ceramic baths, Master w/tp, vaulted ceilings, Great Rm w/tp, 1st fl laun, Ktch w/tp, finished bsmt, open floor plan, & 1st floor laundry.
\$294,000 (P-755SH)



AWESOME HOME
4 bd, 3.5 bath home w/1st fl Master w/Lacuzzi tub, vaulted ceilings, Great Rm w/tp, 1st fl laun, Ktch w/tp, convenient location close to shopping, malls, & schools.
\$285,000 (P-862SU)



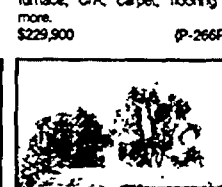
COMMERCE LAKE RANCH
Brick ranch w/2 bd, 2 fl, full baths, large updated Ktch, appliances stay, 2 car Garage, great Deck for relaxing w/pool view, & privileges to all sports lake.
\$159,900 (P-722SU)



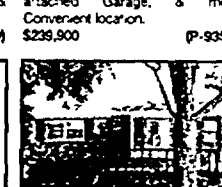
CLEAN & BRIGHT
Great Canton condo feat: 3 bd, 2.5 baths, Fam Rm w/tp, 2 car Garage, full brnt, private entrance, area pool, tennis courts, & golf course.
\$277,500 (P-846WE)



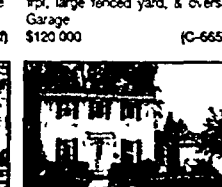
COMPLETELY REMODELED
Great ranch w/brazilian cherry flrs, granite c tops, new cabinets, new roof, windows, siding, carpet, tiled bath, fresh paint, crown molding, & an awesome 4 car Garage.
\$134,900 (P-207W)



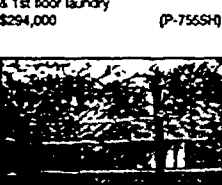
GARDEN CITY RANCH
Located in a great area & priced to sell quickly! This one has a finished bsmt w/bath, stove, fridge, & home warranty, updated furnace, siding, Kitchen, & more.
\$114,900 (P-753W)



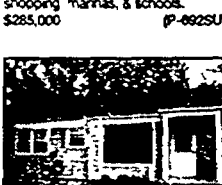
OWN INSTEAD OF RENT
Be proud of the money you've spent on your new start in this brick ranch. Move right in to this brick ranch located close to Parks, Golf Course, Library, & Schools. Great low price!
\$79,900 (P-668BE)



BETTER THAN NEW
3 bd, 1.5 bath colonial located in a great neighborhood. This home has newer carpet, Pergo, remold Ktch & baths, newer windows, gutters, roof, finished bsmt, C/A, & more.
\$189,900 (P-802BQ)



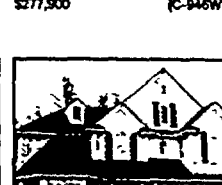
BRIARCREST CONDO
Very desirable 2br/2ba. Close to shopping & schools. Master bd has private bath & walk-in closet. Newer dishwasher, HWH, & gas furnace. Beautiful view of private wooded area.
\$119,900 (P-175SH)



CHARMING RANCH
Completely updated home w/updates galore. Perfectly refinished hwd flrs t/o, updated Kitchen w/hw cabinets, updated baths, new Deck, & so much more.
\$150,000 (P-418BR)



SIMPLY A DREAM
Awesome 3 bd, 2 bath home w/ gourmet kitchen, Ktch, Fam Rm w/brick flrs & drwl to Deck, large Liv Rm w/box window, finished bsmt w/bath & office, fenced yard, & updated baths.
\$185,000 (P-640CA)



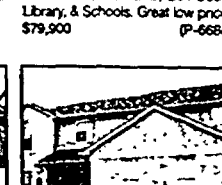
NOT YOUR ORDINARY FLOOR PLAN
This unique floor plan has a formal Living & Dining Room, large island Kitchen, spacious Family Room w/fireplace, Master w/walk-in closet & spa bath.
\$318,900 (P-757CE)



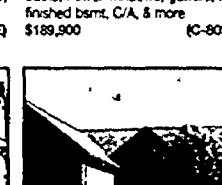
PRICE TO SELL
Updated 3 bd bungalow close to shopping & parks. Remodeled Kitchen & Bath, newer roof, furnace, hwh, C/A, basement, & Garage.
\$84,900 (P-610CH)



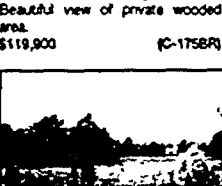
LOCATION LOCATION
Large 3 bd, 3 bath ranch w/pergo floors, vaulted ceilings, Master w/bath, professionally finished bsmt w/walker & bath, new roof, huge Deck, & 2 car Garage.
\$178,000 (P-309CO)



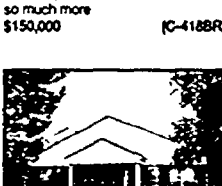
BEAUTIFUL CANTON COLONIAL
Spacious colonial w/4 bd, 3.5 baths, 2 story Foyer, island Kitchen, huge Master w/cash ceiling & bath, prof finished bsmt w/bath, & too much more to list.
\$269,900 (P-752CR)



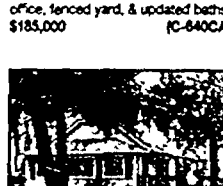
A RARE FIND
Unique find in Pleasant Run. Brick ranch feat 3 bd, 2.5 baths, 3 car Garage, Ktch w/hickory cabinets, Fam Rm w/tp, Master w/his & her WIC's, & paver Patio w/mature evergreens.
\$199,900 (P-431CY)



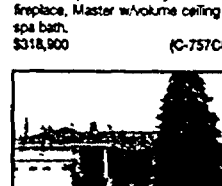
BUILD YOUR DREAM HOME
On this beautiful 5 acre parcel w/ paved road. Approximately 500x140 w/4 cleared acres & one wooded acre. Successful perk test on the lot. Located just a cross the street from the church.
\$110,000 (P-000DE)



WALLED LAKE RANCH
Beautiful ranch condo offering fresh paint, new carpet, attached Garage, private brnt, & more. Great location & price!
\$115,999 (P-4880J)



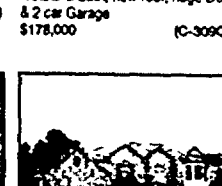
COMPLETELY RENOVATED
A beauty w/o one of a kind design. Renovated inside & out. Large lot, finished daylight bsmt, 3 bds, 2 baths, charming string room, large Kitchen, & close to the lake!
\$209,900 (P-798HU)



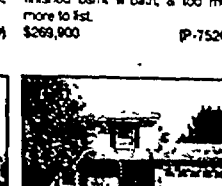
MECHANIC'S DREAM
Let your dreams come true in this 3 bd brick ranch w/3 car Garage w/tp & a drive rear door. Large fenced lot can be split, eat in Ktch, full brnt, & covered Patio.
\$184,900 (P-025JO)



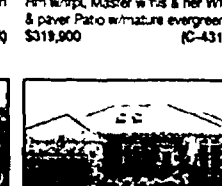
AWESOME STARTER
Completely redone in 05. Ceramic baths, oak Kitchen w/tp, neutral carpet, updated windows, updated concrete, huge Garage, & more. Seller Motivated.
\$119,900 (P-221LE)



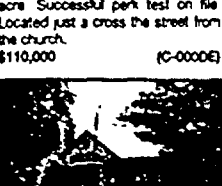
BACKS TO WOODS!
Spacious 4 bd, 3.5 bath Fam Hills colonial feat: Great Rm w/soaring ceiling, Ktch w/granite & Corian, 2 car Garage, part finished bsmt w/4th bd or study & great neighborhood.
\$349,900 (P-365LU)



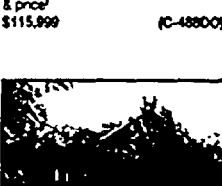
SPACIOUS CANTON COLONIAL
3 bd, 1.5 bath home w/large Ktch overlooks Fam Rm w/tp, Liv Rm w/large window, 1st fl laun, 2 car Garage, part finished bsmt w/4th bd or study & great neighborhood.
\$197,900 (P-766MA)



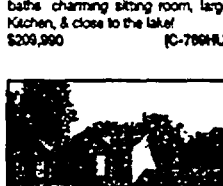
CLASSIC RANCH HOME
Gorgeous ranch situated on 1 acre featuring a beautiful Master w/Lacuzzi tub, hwd floors, loft area, skylights, Liv Rm w/tp, 2 car Garage & prof landscaped.
\$249,900 (P-711ME)



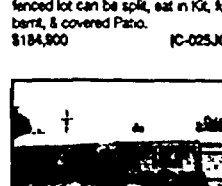
PRIVATE NORTHVILLE RETREAT
Beautiful Cape Cod situated on a park like setting. Loaded w/lots of top of the line updates such as roof, furnace, C/A, windows, hwd floors, & more. 3 baths, 2 garages, finished bsmt, Deck, & Patio.
\$334,900 (P-275ME)



COME ENJOY NATURE
Located on a wooded 1.5+ acre lot. Huge Great Rm w/large Ktch, w/granite & Fam Rm, finished walkout bsmt w/Liv Rm, & too much more to list.
\$400,000 (P-520NA)



GORGEIOUS HOME
3 bd, 2.5 bath colonial backing to commons area & woods. Fam Rm w/cash ceiling & wood stove, Master w/cash ceiling & 1st fl laun, crown molding, finished bsmt w/bath & great location.
\$228,900 (P-688NO)



SPACIOUS BRICK RANCH
Open floor plan offering 3 bd, 2 ba, gourmet Kitchen w/whirlpool, huge Master, private fenced yard w/2 Pato's (one covered), newer roof, hwh, elec, windows, part, furnace, & C/A.
\$210,000 (P-307RE)

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