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148 school positions in jeopardy

■ Privatization would affect Northville's custodians, food service personnel and bus drivers

By Aleea Hibeln
SPECIAL WRITER

The Northville Public Schools Board of Education is looking into outsourcing custodial, food service, and transportation jobs because of declining money from the state and flat or declining enrollment. If a decision is made

to privatize, implementation would likely occur in August.

The board is scheduled to make a decision on whether to privatize by June 10. If they decide to go forward with outsourcing, 54 custodians, 49 bus drivers and 45 food service personnel will lose their jobs as early as August.

The board held a second study session at Hillside Middle School on Monday evening, reviewing and discussing three custodial service proposals. They will review proposals from Food Service companies in the summer and will revise the transportation request for proposals (RFP's) and resubmit them in June.

In researching other districts that privatize, NPS Assistant Superintendent David Bolitho uncovered discouraging news regarding the rate of turnover. It turns out the three custodial companies under review - GCA, Enviro-Clean and Hi-Tec - were not accurate in the requests for information (RFI) reports. The

companies reported 17-35-percent rate of turnover during the first year, but Bolitho discovered the rate could actually be higher than 50 percent.

There is an almost zero rate of turnover among current Northville School employees. Only one custodial employee has left in the last year.

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"We, as a committee, are very concerned about the turnover rates," Bolitho said

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CARING FOR COACH

■ Northville grapplers go to the mat for their soldier coach

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes it's just too easy to take our freedom for granted. But it's also easy to know someone who is impacted by the ongoing war in Iraq.

The Northville wrestling program was directly affected when assistant coach Adam Coe was called to duty during the wrestling season.

The Mustang wrestlers rallied together and have been sending care packages for their coach in Iraq. Wrestling families have taken the opportunity to send a package each week.

Wrestling parents Kevin and Debby Eichholz came up with the idea. Their son, Joe (a 2007 Northville graduate), is stationed in Japan.

Items have included toiletries, movies, snacks and local newspapers, among many other things.

"I really am amazed that the wrestling family has done this," Coe said. "The great thing is they not only take care of me and my team here in Iraq, but they are constantly offering help to my wife and kids back home."

"Things like this, and many others really show what a family this wrestling program really is."

Coe didn't let anyone know he knew the packages were coming, but he got an accidental tip.

"It's funny, I wasn't surprised



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville wrestlers have been keeping in touch with their assistant coach Adam Coe who's serving in Iraq with the U.S. Army. Gathered at their school, showing their support are: Evan Bentley, Adam Bentley, Andrew Benjamin, Mike Baglan, Greg Lorrain, Yianni Koumariotis, Jon Nelson, Colin Maresh, D.J. Lockura, Matt Ladhoff, John Hebert, Kyle Gutowski and Jonny D'Anna.

when the first package arrived because the mothers who set this up included me on the e-mail distribution list," he said. "I didn't say anything until now, because I liked the idea of the surprise, and didn't want to ruin it for them."

"I did get a good laugh when I was included on the e-mail."

Mustang wrestling coach Jeff

Baglana is proud of his program for stepping up and helping one of their own.

"I think this is a testament to the Northville Community and the wrestling team," Baglana said. "It is amazing to see the love and support that they have showed his family while he has been away."

"Adam is the type of coach

that everyone would love to have on their staff. There was definitely something missing in practice when he left."

Coe's wife, Suzanne, said leaving the team was one of the hardest things for Adam.

"He would be so mad at me for saying this, but he teared up talking about how he would miss the remaining wrestling

season with the high school team," she said. "He would never be able to coach those that were seniors again. He absolutely loved working with that group of kids. He had a bond with the coaches and the kids as well as the parents."

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\$101,017 of senior center's donations paid to township

■ \$22K staying in Senior Capital Outlay Fund

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Northville Township supervisor Mark Abbo recently did what many public officials are doing when economic times are tough — find money that they feel is "sitting around" and put it to use.

At the May 14 Northville Parks and Recreation Commission meeting, Abbo suggested that \$101,017 in the Senior Capital Outlay Fund be used to pay back some of the debt the Parks and Recreation Department owned the township. The department borrowed the money interest free from the township when renovations to the senior center were made in 2003-04.

"Personally, I just can't see that fund just sitting there," Abbo said. "The township overfunded this project and never got the money back."

Abbo's fellow commissioners

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Gleaner's Food Bank benefit Saturday at Downs race track

■ WCSX radio organizes event

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Northville Downs will be the site of an all-afternoon live free concert Saturday featuring

sounds from yesteryear and benefiting the Gleaners Food Bank of Southeast Michigan.

Organized by local radio station 94.7 WCSX, the Classic Rock Station/Greater Media Detroit, a portion of proceeds from "The Concert That Never Was" will benefit the local food bank. Mike Carlo from Northville Downs said the track

will receive no proceeds from the benefit.

Promoters of the event are projecting that about 1,500 people will attend the event, which will take place from 1-10 p.m. on the race track's infield on the northeast corner of Center Street and Seven Mile Road.

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Saturday's concert lineup

Doors will open at 1 p.m., with entertainment beginning at 2 p.m.

2-2:30 p.m. — Jill Jack, two-piece acoustic band

2:45-3:30 p.m. — Pazman's Super Session, featuring WCSX deejay Mark Pasman

3:45-4:30 p.m. — Leighton, with special guest WCSX deejay Steve Kostan

4:45-6 p.m. — The Backbeats, Beatles tribute band, Shea Stadium Performance

6:15-7:30 p.m. — Live The Who, performing music from the 1969-1973 era

8:15-9:45 p.m. — The Machine, Pink Floyd tribute band

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■ \$101K of senior center's donations paid to township

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agreed with his idea, unanimously voting to use the sizable chunk of money to apply it to the remaining principal owed on the debt. They also agreed, however, to leave \$22,000 in the account for future needs of the Northville Community Senior Center. This amount was specifically donated to be used for the senior center.

The Parks and Recreation Department still owed the township about \$1.4 million after the 2004 renovations of the center. A total of \$1,213,822 is still owed to the township even after the \$101,017 was voted to be used to pay back the debt, according to Thelma Kubitsky, assistant township supervisor and finance director.

According to Jim Nield, a member and former chair of the senior advisory commission, the primary objective of the 2003-2004 senior center construction project was to enhance the center for Northville's senior residents.

In trade for using land for a 6,000-square-foot addition to the west of the center, a new playground was designed and built for Old Village School adjacent to the center on west Main Street.

The secondary purpose of the

project was to renovate the existing building for Parks and Recreation programs. The \$2.9-million project included more than \$700,000 in heating, air conditioning, plumbing and electrical upgrades.

The third purpose of the building was to rent the building for general community and private use.

Northville Schools rent the building to the community for \$1 per year with a 45-year lease commitment.

Nield said the original budget in 2003 included a projection of the following income:

- Seniors Programs would pay \$30,000,

- Parks and Recreation would contribute \$45,000 in rental income, and

- Outside rental income would total \$85,000.

The current original budget for 2007-08 was:

- Seniors Programs \$35,033,

- Parks and Recreation Programs \$50,000 and

- Outside rental income \$90,000.

After 10 months, Senior Programs are on budget, the Parks and Recreation Programs are 20 percent under budget, and outside rental income is 45 percent over budget.

Even though the rental income is exceeding projected goals, Nield

suggested a full-color brochure on the community senior center and a book of 8"x10" color photos of various events with a permanent copy at the Senior Center and at the Parks and Recreation Office for tours of rental candidates along with diagrams of table arrangements and capacities.

"We're proud of the building and who we built it for," Nield said. "We are very respected for this project and the envy of many communities."

Traci Sincok, director of Northville Parks and Recreation, said the senior center rental information is listed on the department's Web site.

Jerry Mittman, current chair of the senior advisory commission, accepted Abbo and the commission's decision to use the leftover funds to help pay off the debt.

Commissioner Sue Hillebrand said through the shared services agreement between the city and the township, the commission plans to take care of any needed improvements to the center, such as a new roof or carpeting.

Nield said the \$123,000 left over after the renovations were completed was to be used for "extras" for the senior center, such as a piano, bookcases or other purposes.

Farmer Beemer's appeal hearing moved to June 19

John Beemer's appeal hearing on the denial of his unemployment compensation from the Michigan Employment Security Commission has been rescheduled for a third session on June 19 in Troy.

Beemer did not receive the compensation due to the fact that the benefits were denied by his previous employer, the Northville Community Foundation, and the MESC sided with the employer's recommendation.

The foundation board fired Beemer on Sept. 28, 2007, for reportedly poor performance.

David Lawrence, the Farmington Hills attorney for

Beemer, said on Monday morning cross examination was completed on Eric Colhurst, Northville Community Foundation board member. Direct and cross examination was also completed on board member Nicolette Bateson. The two served as witnesses for the Foundation.

With the Foundation's case concluded, it was then Beemer's turn to present his case.

"That direct examination has not yet been concluded, and the hearing was adjourned because we only had a limited amount of time with the administrative law judge before the next hearing," Lawrence said. "We fully expect that the hearing will conclude on June 19 at 2 o'clock."

Beemer, of Stockbridge, was employed by the state of Michigan as the farm manager at Maybury Farm off and on since 1978.

The state opened Maybury Farm and Maybury State Park to the public in 1975. A private concessionaire ran the farm for the first three summers, according to Beemer.

Later, the state wanted to run the farm and expand it, so DNR officials asked Beemer to transfer to Maybury Farm. Beemer took a buyout from the state on Oct. 31, 2002, and moved to his current farm in Stockbridge.

But, he was asked by Shari Peters, director of the Northville Community Foundation, to return to Maybury Farm in the spring of 2004 after the devastating fire at the farm in February 2003.

The park is currently in a 15-year lease by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources with the Foundation.

By staff writer Pam Fleming

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Annexation proposal will be on August primary ballots

■ Only residents of Livonia and former hospital property can vote

By Dave Varga & Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITERS

Livonia voters will decide whether to annex a piece of Northville Township during the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Livonia officials received a letter Monday from Wayne County

Clerk Cathy Garrett directing the ballot language for the vote to annex 414 acres of property that is the site of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital on Seven Mile Road in Northville.

"The developers' lawyers have made a fortune, and the developer has dominated the political landscape of this issue by supporting elected officials and policy groups that agree with them by providing them with financial support," said Chip Snider, township manager. "I think the moral fiber of this company comes into question."

The Northville Township Clerk's Office received the letter

regarding the ballot proposal last Friday.

Seven of the eight residents on that property in Northville Township signed petitions requesting the annexation. They were moved onto the site in four security trailers by developer REIS, a partnership between Real Estate Interests Group and Schostak Brothers and Company.

The developer has been at odds with Northville Township over plans for an \$800-million project, called Highwood, that was to include houses, condominiums, apartments, senior housing, commercial sites, retail stores, medical buildings and a school.

Initially, the developers proposed project that was higher in density than township ordinances would allow, so township officials instead approved a limited plan. REIS officials, who said they needed the higher density to make the plan viable, responded with a \$100-million lawsuit against the township.

Along with Livonia voters, residents of the property would vote in Northville Township on Aug. 5. However, the remainder of the township would not get a say in the election.

State Rep. Marc Coriveau (D-Northville) and Sen. Bruce Patterson (R-Canton) have tried to pass legislation that would

change annexation laws and prevent the annexation of the former hospital property to Livonia.

Coriveau's bill, HB 5779, passed 101-8 in the Michigan House in March and is now sitting in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Patterson introduced a package of six bills, SB 1078-1083, that were similar but more comprehensive than Coriveau's bill. The package that was referred to the Senate Committee on Natural

Resources and Environmental Affairs in February was a reintroduction of a package of bills introduced in 2003 that failed to pass. Patterson's most recent legislation failed in a 20-18 vote in April.

Sen. Alan Cropsey (R-DeWitt), Senate Majority Floor Leader, did make a motion for Patterson's legislation to be reconsidered in a future session. The reconsideration vote, however, has been postponed.

■ Gleaner's benefit Saturday

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"We're allowing people to bring in chairs and blankets for the event," said Ken Wasilewski, director of event marketing for Greater Media Detroit. No coolers or beverages will be allowed to be brought into the infield, however.

Some residents who live near the track, including Jay Wendt, chairman of the Northville Planning Commission, had concerns about the noise. But city council members unanimously approved the promoters' Special Events Permit application at Monday night's meeting. Charles Jerzycki, a member of the planning commission, suggested that after the concert is over the event be reviewed followed by a discussion, which Mayor Chris Johnson thought was an excellent idea.

Gleaners also received a one-day, nonprofit liquor license for the concert through the Michigan Liquor Control Commission.

WCSX is working with a production company and private security company to manage the event. There will be a vendor area, with Gleaners' volunteers handling the beverage sales, and an on-site medical tent.

Jim Allen, mayor pro tem, noted that the event will be going on at the same time as Flower Days on Main Street.

"Where else can you buy flowers and listen to Pink Floyd?" he asked.

"If it's successful, we hope to have the concert become an annual event," Wasilewski said.

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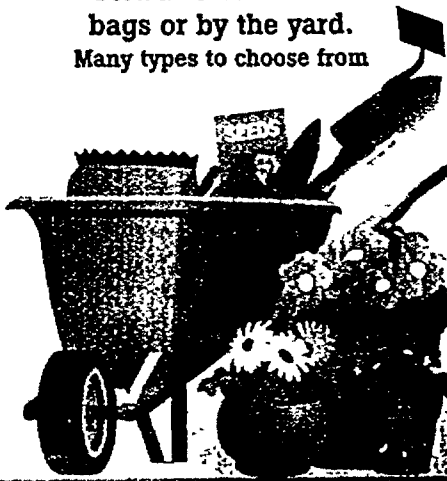
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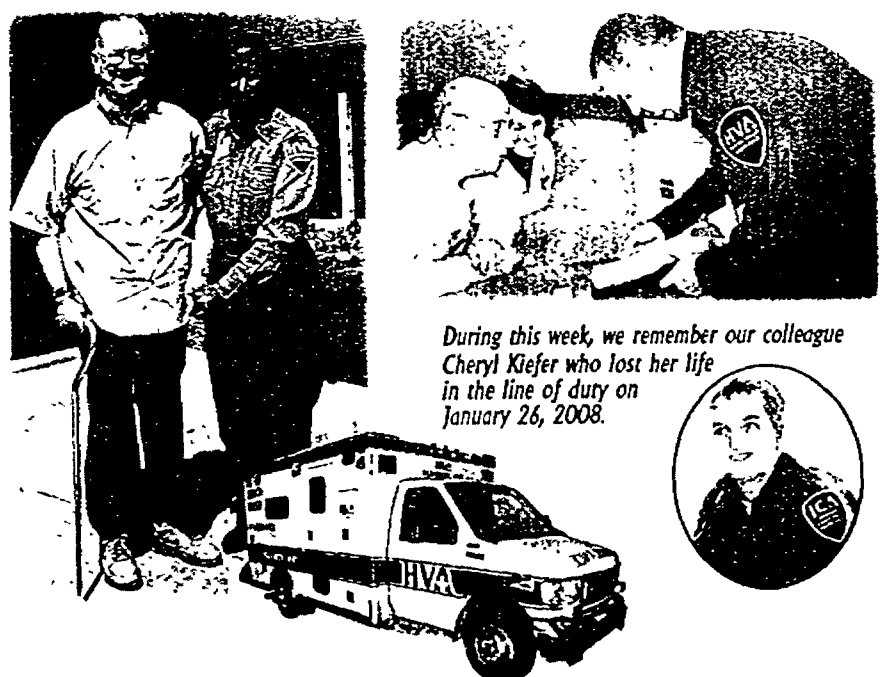
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Northville grapplers go to the mat for coach/soldier

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Active Duty

Coe got the call that he was going to be deployed during the wrestling season. His actual deployment was Feb. 28.

He is with the 2145th Garrison Support Unit with the U.S. Army Reserves with a deployment out of Nashville, Tenn. He is a Sheriff of West Liberty Life Support Area, referred to as Camp West Liberty.

Coe is a non-commissioned officer on a 13-soldier team that is responsible for the quality of life and life support for 10,000 soldier and civilian tenants at the camp.

He said his duties include establishment and enforcement of the standards of discipline, maintenance, upkeep, and policies of Camp West Liberty; the mission requirements of the Life Support Area and ensuring they are met on a daily basis.

Coe explains what it's like to be over there: "Iraq truly is a unique place. Everyone thinks of it as a desert and full of sand, it is but the sand isn't anything like beach sand, it's more of a tan

powder that gets into and onto everything. There are times when we have dust storms and the visibility is down to 100 meters. Last week, we had a dust storm and then it rained. It rained mud, because the rain would collect the dust on the way down, which ended up as mud droplets landing on you."

The temperatures can also be unbearable.

"It is hot, this week we really have been lucky, the temperature has been in the mid 90s all week," he said. "We have already seen temps above 100 and expect to see them in the 130s by mid summer."

Coe said the actual living conditions have improved and more than 90 percent of the camp has air-conditioned trailers.

While heat and sand are an obvious daily problem to deal with, there is also the hard reality of being incredibly far from home. Simple things taken for granted become part of a long laundry list of things to be missed. Coe said he was missing going to his kids little league games, his own bed or hearing his wife helping their kids with homework.

Suzanne Coe knew it was a possibility but still had a hard time dealing with the deployment.

"It was the day after Christmas and two days before our 16th Wedding Anniversary," she said.

"Initially I cried, an array of emotions took over. The stages went quite quickly. I suppose it is like anyone getting news that will

change your life. There are tears, a sickness in the pit of your stomach, a need to hold on and then lots of talking and planning. Telling the kids was difficult.

"Then something took hold and we realized we would get through this."

Getting home

Soldiers are not allowed to discuss when they will be moved (coming home) for security reasons. But Coe said the usual deployment for an Army Reserve Unit is between nine to 10 months out of the country.

If the average stays right, Coe could be back in December or January, and he will have fulfilled his two goals that he set for himself before being deployed.

"My only real goal has been, and it still is, to serve my country to the best of my ability and then to go home safe to my family," he said.

The family that now includes a whole wrestling program to go with his wife and two kids. She simply can't wait for him to get back.

"Adam truly is my better half," Suzanne Coe said. "We are opposites in many ways so together we are balanced. His strengths are my weaknesses and vice versa. We make a good team. I miss him terribly."

Coe again expressed his thanks for those that have taken the time to send things from home. Not

only are the wrestlers sending over care packages, but students from Silver Spring Elementary School have sent more than 200 letters to Coe and his fellow soldiers.

"In a time where we are a country at war, it really means a lot when the local community, friends and family show their support and appreciation," he said. "So it's not just the teamwork and the effort on the mat that these guys put in that make them special, they are all so much more than that."

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Adam Coe, assistant wrestling coach at Northville High School, was deployed to Iraq on Feb. 28. His wrestlers have been sending him "care" packages and helping his wife and kids back home.

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Paralyzed Veterans win battle for Big House seating

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

Imagine buying tickets to a sporting event and arriving at the stadium to find out you cannot get to or fit into your seat.

People in wheelchairs have dealt with this problem for ages, often opting out of attending public events.

A recent agreement between Novi-based Michigan Paralyzed Veterans of America and the University of Michigan will change things however, and make more seats available at Michigan Stadium, better known as the Big House, throughout the course of the next two years.

"We believe this agreement will have universal implications," said Michael Harris, executive director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America's Michigan chapter. "We think it's a win-win for everyone. I think the university, we set a precedent for accessibility."

Currently, Michigan Stadium has 81 handicap-accessible seats. By the start of the 2008 season, the stadium will have 177 handicap seats and 329, plus companion seating for each, by the start of the 2010 season.

"The law requires 1 percent. It was unrealistic to have them put in that many because the demand wouldn't be there for 1,000," Harris said. "In 2010, both sides will review the agreement."

Aside from providing additional seating, Harris said the organization's goal was to offer options to football patrons.

"The seating has to be dispersed throughout the seating bowl and have price ranges," he said. "You don't get the same

experience when you're so far away from the field."

By the 2010 season, handicap-accessible seating will be available in most sections of the stadium, including the student section. Seating not used would be made available for non-handicapped fans.

"We ensured wheelchair seating is available in the student section. A lot of the time, it's in the less desirable locations," Harris said. "The students were really in our corner."

The discussion reached a happy ending before things got ugly. The MPVA filed a complaint in federal court in April 2007 against the university and the issue picked up when the United States Department of Education and Justice aligned themselves with the MPVA last November.

"We were able to settle this before we went to trial. We were happy to resolve it before it went to trial," Harris said. "They're going to have to assure their bathrooms are accessible, concessions and you can get to the seating. From the time you park your vehicle in a handicap spot to the time you get to your seat without architectural barriers."

Although the MPVA fought for the Americans with Disabilities Act to be honored for proper accommodations at Michigan Stadium, Harris said the group doesn't plan on confronting other universities unless they hear complaints from patrons of those schools.

Multidimensional

The MPVA is primarily focused on making sure veterans with par-

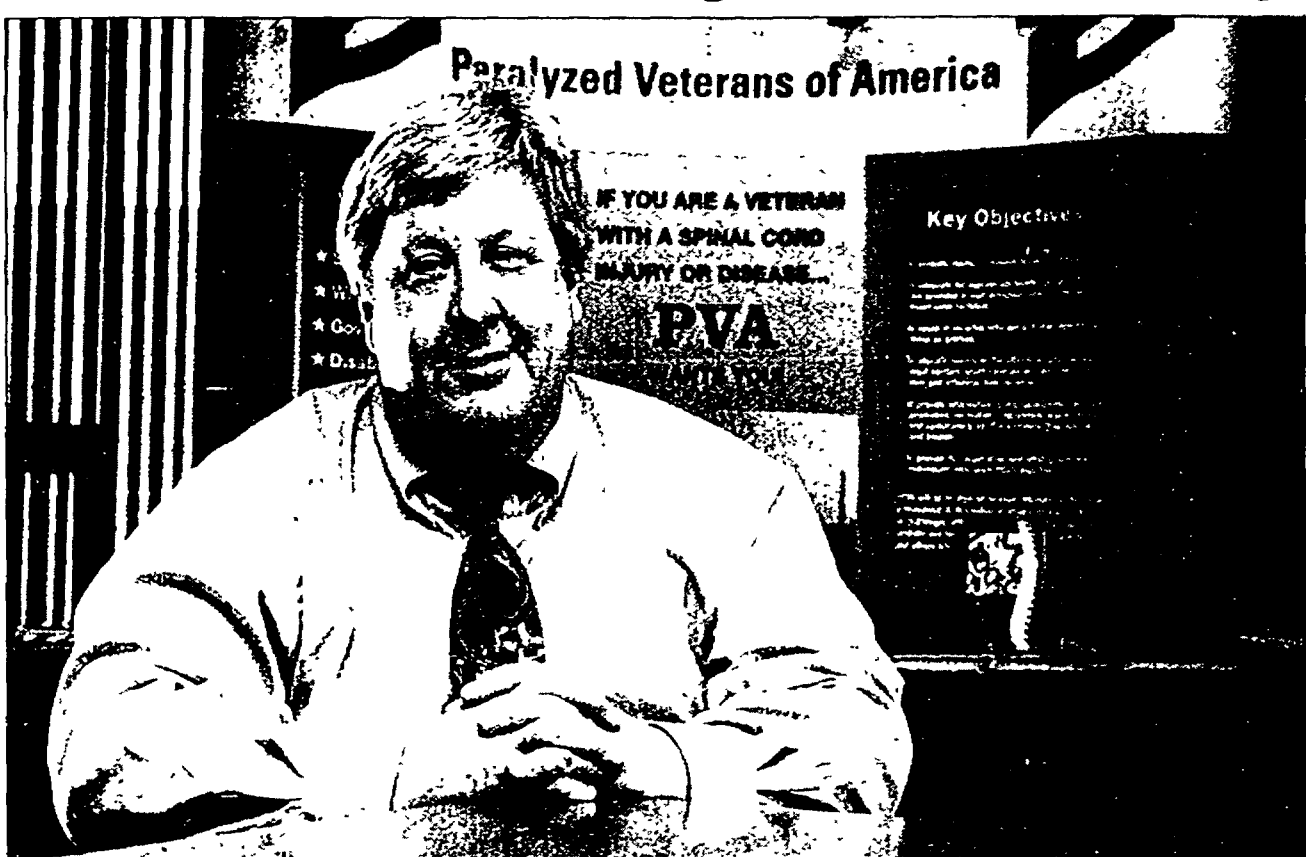


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Michael Harris, executive director of the Paralyzed Veterans of America's Michigan chapter, helped in the charge to add more handicap seating in Michigan Stadium.

alyzing spinal cord injuries receive their veterans affairs health benefits. They also work with communities to ensure new structures are wheelchair accessible.

"I would say the majority of the calls I get are from non-veterans. We work with communities and it relates to government entities

when it comes to designing buildings," Harris said. "The main focus we have as an organization with spinal cord paralyzed veterans, mainly honorable, is to make sure they're getting their benefits."

The MPVA helps veterans with non-service injuries as well. Harris is a veteran of the Marine

Corps., but he sustained a spinal cord injury afterward, in 1986, when he was in a non-service automobile accident. Since then, he has worked with the MPVA and the local community to promote accessibility for those in wheelchairs.

"We have a good working rela-

tionship with the city," he said, noting he helped St. John Providence Park make sure its sidewalks were safe and accessible.

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BRIEFS

Memorial Day Parade will start at 10 a.m.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4012 in Northville will conduct the annual Memorial Day Parade in downtown Northville on Monday. The step-off will be at 10 a.m. sharp and end at about noon. The parade route will be the same as in the past — from Griswold Street near the Northville Downs Race Track, west on Main Street, south on Wing Street, west on Cady Street, south on First Street and west on Fairbrook/Seven Mile Road to Rural Hill Cemetery.

Department of Public Works staff and the Northville Police Department will coordinate the barricading of streets along the route.

Missing Alzheimer's victim found on hospital property

Police located a missing local man who is a victim of Alzheimer's disease about 2:20 p.m. Tuesday.



E. Jamieson

Edward Charles Jamieson, 72, was reported missing when he did not return home from his daily walk as expected at 11:45 a.m. on Monday in the neighborhood in the area of Five Mile and Haggerty roads.

The Northville Township resident was located approximately 1 mile from his home in a wooded area on the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property. Jamieson was

conscious and alert with only minor injuries.

The Northville Township Police Department would like to thank members of the Wayne County Sheriff's Mounted Division and the Oakland County Sheriff's helicopter crew for their support during the extensive search effort.

Art Dash raises \$50k

St. John's Golf and Conference Center in Plymouth Township transformed into a colorful gallery of fine art for an exclusive one night event last Thursday. Eighty couples literally dashed for their favorite work of art at the 7th annual Art Dash.

The fundraiser has raised a whopping \$300,000 in the last seven years for Arbor Hospice in Northville; last Thursday's event brought in more than

\$50,000.

Sherri Mawha of Sherrus Gallery, Mary Starring of Starring "The Gallery," Theresa Schierloh of Dancing Eye Gallery and Tom James of Tom James Gallery were among those who generously donated paintings and art pieces from their Northville galleries.

Each work of art, which included paintings, blown glass, clay, photography and more, were valued between \$250 and \$1,750.

Rebecca Roads, of WOMC's Puritan's People, emceed the event, auctioning off 10 elaborate gifts from expensive wines to sold-out concert tickets to a condo in Aspen.

"All the businesses in Northville made donations," said event co-chair Laurie

Marrs. "People were walking out with a minimum of a work of art, plus gift certificates."

As Northville continues to carve out a niche as a vibrant art town, Art Dash helps that endeavor by showcasing local talent.

"We could not have pulled off this event without the help of artists and we appreciate their wonderful donations of art," said event coordinator Alison Oumedian.

Northville Historical Society seeks docents for Mill Race

Want to share your love of local history with others?

Volunteer docents are needed at Mill Race Historical Village, 215 Griswold St., to inform

visitors about the history of Northville and the village's buildings.

Friendly, outgoing volunteers dress in period-reminiscent costumes. Costuming assistance is available, and training materials are provided. Work as many dates as you wish, serving primarily from 1-4 p.m. Sundays from mid-June to mid-October or during special events.

A Docent Luncheon is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, May 31, at Mill Race Village's Cady Inn. Drop in and sign up. Can't attend? Have questions? Call Judy Davis, docent chairman, at (248) 347-4871.

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ENGAGEMENTS



Saley & Rosenbergh

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Saley of Milford announce the engagement of their son Jason Whiteson to Danielle Rosenbergh, daughter of Bill Rosenbergh, of Tampa, Fla., and Janine Rosenbergh, of Northville.

Jason is a 2000 graduate of Milford High School and works for Skyline Michigan.

Danielle is a 2002 graduate of South Lyon High School and works for Tryicon.

A June 7 wedding is planned.



Lewis-Krueger

Paul and Susan Lewis of Novi announce the engagement of their daughter, Betsy Lauren Lewis, to Robert Charles Krueger, son of Robert and Judith Krueger of Northville.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Novi High School and Grand Valley University.

The groom-elect is a graduate of Northville High School and is employed at Citi Financial. An August 2008 wedding is planned.

OBITUARIES



DR. WILLIAM F. CROWLEY

Age 57, of Northville, died suddenly May 11, 2008. He was born July 6, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan to Patrick and Alice (Murray) Crowley. He graduated from Princeton University with his Bachelors Degree and received his Doctorate Degree from Wayne State University Medical School. Bill was a General Surgeon for Toledo Hospital; specializing in Trauma and Surgical Critical Care. He was a member of Michigan State Medical Society, American Medical Assoc., Saginaw County Medical Society, American College of Surgeons, Midwest Surgical Assoc., Eastern Assoc. for the Surgery of Trauma, and Society of Critical Care Medicine. He was also a member of the Detroit Athletic Club, a past member of the Princeton Terrace Club, and the Vice President of the Princeton Club of Michigan. Bill was very active; enjoying woodworking, downhill skiing, cycling, golfing, and playing basketball with his daughters. He was a wonderful gourmet cook. Bill also liked to shop especially at Home Depot and Costco. Most of all he loved being with his family. Survivors include his loving wife Mary, whom he married on November 10, 1990; his daughters, Lauren and Melissa; his brother Robert; his sisters, Maureen (the late W. Peter) McCabe and Christina (Peter Hobe); many nieces and nephews; and his four legged companion, Tobey. A Funeral Mass was held Monday, May 19 at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. Dr. Crowley was laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate memorial contributions to Princeton University, PO Box 5357, Princeton, NJ 08543-5357 or Wayne State University School of Medicine, Medical Education Commons, 4201 St. Antoine, Ste. 6F Box 253, Detroit, MI 48201.



MAMIE D. FOLINO

Mamie D. Folino, age 77, of Northville, passed away on May 13, 2008. She was born on August 24, 1930 in Detroit, MI to Guiseppe and Alfia (DeGrande) Guerriero. She was a graduate of Fordson High School and received a degree from Cleary College. She was united in marriage to Paul F. Folino in 1950 and they spent 47 loving years together until his death in 1997. Mamie retired as an Office Manager from her husband Paul's State Farm Insurance Agency in Northville. She was very active in the Northville Community through various events and projects; including the Main Street '78 Project and the International Festivals. She continued that support as past active member of the Northville Chamber of Commerce, and the Northville Historical Society. She was also a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church. Mamie's life revolved around her family, whom she loved dearly. She also loved her pets, especially her dog Taffy. She was an avid reader. She is survived by her beloved daughters; Teresa A. Folino and Paula (Gary) Folino-Downey; her adored granddaughter Domenica Downey; and her dear siblings Charles (Marie) Guerriero, Domenic Guerriero, Prudy (John) Quinn, Mary (Jim) Blaisdell, and Frank (Charlyn) Guerriero. She was preceded in death by her husband, son Anthony, daughter Christina, and her parents. A Funeral Mass was held last Saturday at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church in Northville. Father Denis Theroux officiated the service. Mrs. Folino was laid to rest in Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. Contributions to International Myeloma Foundation, 12650 Riverside Dr., Ste. 206, North Hollywood, CA 91607 or U of M Comprehensive Cancer Center, 301 E. Liberty, Ste. 180, Ann Arbor, MI 48104 would be appreciated. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.



Photo by Michael Shuster

Fashionable

Area residents enjoyed a pre-Mother's Day luncheon and fashion show May 2 at the Northville Community Senior Center. Modeling clothing from Dress Barn in Northville Township, were, from left, Mary Lou Talraas, Betty Parzych, Patty Page, Joanne Gentelia, Mary Janik, Polly Banwell, Sue Derscha, Marge Faessler, Lily Beament and Barb Cicero.

BIRTH



Cahalan

Reid Alexander Cahalan was born May 2, 2008, in Greensboro, N.C. Parents are Lesley and Lee Cahalan; his sister is Lauren.

Paternal grandparents are Leo and Susie Cahalan, of Birmingham, Ala. Maternal grandparents are Mike and Nancy Murphy, of Northville.

NEWSMAKERS

■ Angela Hospice held its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner on April 29 at Hawthorne Valley Country Club to honor the volunteers who give of their time and talents to help hospice patients and their families.

Volunteers who reached milestones of 500 service hours or five years of service received pins denoting their accomplishments. Ten Northville residents were among those honored.

In total, Angela Hospice is supported by over 500 volunteers who deliver a diverse range of services. Sitting with patients

providing respite for caregivers, offering grief support, gardening, assisting with clerical tasks, and planning special events are just a few of the ways volunteers assist in Angela Hospice's mission to serve the terminally ill.

Northville residents honored at the 2008 Volunteer Appreciation Dinner include:

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20 Years of Service: Carolyn DiComo

500 Service Hours: Judy McLaughlin
1,500 Service Hours: Jim Gorman
3,000 Service Hours: Dort Burch
7,500 Service Hours: Isabel Schultz

■ Jahangir Mohtadi, MD and Carlos Obregon, MD, both of Northville, were recently honored by the Michigan State Medical Society (MSMS) for 50 years of service to their patients and the medical profession.

MSMS honored 163 physicians for their outstanding contributions during a special reception at the 143rd annual meeting of the MSMS House of Delegates at the Ritz Carlton in Dearborn on May 3.

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Local centenarian one of 34 at Grand Senior Celebration

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Not just anybody gets to dance with Lawrence Welk.

Marcy Kubek shared that one of the most memorable moments of her 100-year-old mother's life was when she was invited to dance with the famous bandleader.

Kubek and her brother, Richard Brady, both of Milford, were with their mother, Anne Brady, on May 14 because she was one of the "super seniors" at the Northville Community Senior Center's Grand Senior Birthday Celebration.

The annual event, which began several years ago, honors Northville senior citizens who are at least 90 years old.

This year's party attracted 34 seniors and their family members, who enjoyed cake, cookies, punch and coffee. Brief histories were read about each attendee celebrating their longevity, including 101-

year-old Viola Bennett.

Kubek explained that her mother had the opportunity to be Welk's dance partner at Pine Knob Music Theater, now known as DTE Energy Music Theater, in 1988.

Welk, who died in 1992, also an accordionist, was best-known for his popular television show, "The Lawrence Welk Show," that aired from 1951-1982.

"My husband and I got front-row tickets for her 80th birthday, and I went back stage and told him how much she loved him and his music," Kubek said. "He said, 'Bring her up after the show and I'll dance with her.' And, he didn't dance with anyone else."

One of 12 children, Brady was born on Jan. 24, 1908, in Duluth, Minn., and lived with her son, Richard, at Summit Ridge Condominiums in Milford before moving to Star Manor of Northville nursing facility at 520 W. Main St.

She had moved to Michigan when she married Lawrence Brady at the age of 21.

The oldest of Brady's three children, Kubek was quick to say that Anne was a wonderful mother who worked at National Bank of Detroit until she was 62.

"She did everything," Kubek said. "She had a garden, took care of the lawn and even shoveled snow until she was 95."

Richard, the youngest of the three Brady children, said his mother also worked for a chrome plating company when they lived in Detroit. "She was an inspector on the chrome line," he said.

Brady was only 62 when her husband died at age 70. Their other son, Larry, was a former Ford Motor Co. employee who passed away several years ago.

Her children remember Brady's wonderful Polish cooking, especially pierogies and fresh bread.

"Everything was homemade," Kubek said. "Even when she

worked, we had a hot meal every day."

Longevity must run in Brady's family as she has a 95-year-old kid brother still living in Duluth. She had five grandchildren, one of whom is deceased, and has one great-grandchild.

Kubek said Brady's family requested a letter from President George Bush for her 100th birthday and also saw to it that she received one from President Bill Clinton on her 90th birthday in 1998.

"But, she really enjoyed dancing with Lawrence Welk more than receiving the letters from the presidents," Kubek said.

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Marcy Kubek holds the hand of her 100-year-old mother Anne Brady at last week's celebration for seniors over 85.

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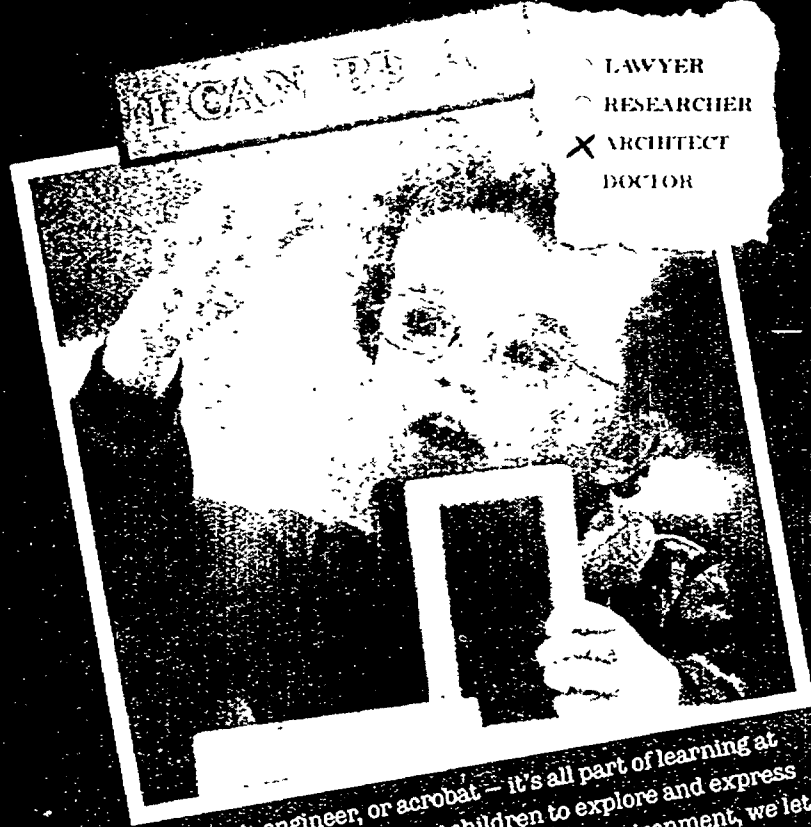
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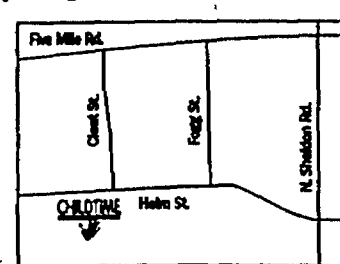
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Michigan needs to speed up approval of water compact

The Michigan Legislature needs to make the Great Lakes Water Compact an urgent item on its priority list. Michigan, as the very heart of the Great Lakes region, should be among leaders of the effort to manage and protect the water resources of the marvelous freshwater big lakes — Michigan, Superior, Huron, Erie and Ontario.

Instead, Michigan is among the states deemed to be delaying agreement on this important compact. Although the lawmakers heading the House and Senate committees with authority over lakes issues say they are working on the front end to resolve their differences, the process is taking too long.

Sen. Patricia Birkholz, R-Saugatuck Township, and Rep. Rebekah Warren, D-Ann Arbor, recently told Gongwer News Service they are making progress on areas of disagreement among business, agriculture and environmental interests.

Progress is good, but rapid progress would be preferred, especially since this process has languished for several years since Great Lakes governors and premiers of Canadian provinces agreed in principle to the idea of jointly managing Great Lakes water.

Recall that last fall New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson, at the time a Democratic contender for his party's presidential nomination, made comments about proper management of the nation's freshwater resources. It wasn't much of a leap for politicians and citizens from the Great Lakes region to realize that a governor from the drought-plagued Southwest region was thinking of the big lakes when he made the reference.

And the longer Michigan and other states dally, the more likely it is that Congress will move toward a federal approach to water management — an approach that seems most likely to benefit the nation's parched regions at the expense of these Great Lakes.

Numerous issues take time and energy in the Legislature that are not nearly so critical to the state's future as this compact. Michigan, as the heart of the Great Lakes region, cannot afford to be without this protection. It's time to get the Great Lakes Compact passed.

China quakes and the children die

New York Times columnist Thomas Friedman's book tells us "The World Is Flat." For the people of China, it was crushed at 2:28 p.m. on May 12, 2008.

It is feared that the recent earthquake in China may be responsible for the death of 50,000, with a large percentage of them school-aged children.

Often when you witness tragedy far from home, it is sad, but distant. This tragedy has had a tight grip on my heart and has been up-close and personal. I have traveled to China many times since 1989. Cities like Beichun, Chendu, Chongqing, Wenchung and Mianyang, which sound far off and foreign to many, are where my friends and colleagues call home. What the people in these cities are feeling — pain, anguish and fear — is numbing.

After the quake, I spoke to my colleague and friend from Chendu, who was visiting Mianyang University where I serve as an honorary professor. He told me the central city of Mianyang was not hard hit, but the countryside was devastated. The local stadium is filled with the injured, homeless and childless. Many schools toppled, killing thousands of the "one family, one child" children.

Close to home

I was scheduled to be in China during this time — specifically in Mianyang, near the epicenter of the earthquake — when it struck. Fortunately, I postponed my travels until the fall.

My Chinese friend spoke with pride about how his country is "doing whatever it takes" to help the people impacted by the quake. He pointed out that Premier Wen

Jiabo, China's second-in-command, is at the epicenter directing the relief effort and giving comfort to the people. He thanked the people of America for their concern and offers to help the Chinese people.

He went on to say, like the Olympic theme, One World-One Dream, "every one is pulling together to help in a time of need — but today we face a nightmare."

There are many Michigan connections to the area where the quake hit. Governor Blanchard signed a sister state/province relationship with Sichuan Province in the early 1980's. Michigan State University has faculty doing research at the Wolong Panda Reserve at the epicenter of the quake. Ford Motor Company has factories and employees in Chongqing and both Wayne County Executive Robert Ficano and Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson have built economic and educational bridges with this part of China.

Southeast Michigan is home to thousands of Chinese people. Multiple Chinese Associations have come together to join hands to ask their U.S. neighbors to help their families and friends back in China (see www.cagd.org).

As time passes, countless families will cremate their dead. It is never natural to bury your children. Children in China are revered as the 4-2-1 child (four grandparents, two parents and one, and only one, child). Parents lost their child. Children lost their parents and grandparents. Who will take care of those who remain?

The "Iron Rice Bowl" commitment of life-long socialist government support is gone. Losing a child, while painful at any time, takes on the extra burden of losing not just their child but their future.



About Tom Watkins

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The only child for many of these rural Chinese people is their life-line to a better future, along with being their 401k, social security, pension and Medicare — in short, their lives.

Eventually the pain will begin to subside — and anger is likely to emerge.

Initially, the Central Chinese government has been given good grades (especially juxtaposed to the negligence of the Myanmar officials after the cyclone) for the relatively quick response after the initial quake.

However, the anger at local officials for the "shoddy construction" of the schools that collapsed like decks of cards on their children is beginning to boil.

The biggest fear the Communist leaders have is losing control. As Mao once remarked, "a single spark — can start a raging forest fire."

The Tiananmen Square protest in 1989 was more than a march for "freedom and democracy." It was also — in a big way — a call for the end of "corruption by government officials."

Deng Xiaoping, the Chinese leader who followed Mao and is credited with opening China to the world, said, "When you open the window — all the flies can come in." With instant commun-

cation, video, cell phones, etc., the Chinese people and the world have watched this tragedy unfold literally before their eyes.

Will the Chinese Central Government respond in ways that produce "screens" that will keep the angry flies out — or could the worst earthquake that has hit China in 30 years expose vulnerabilities in the Chinese veneer? Like other natural disasters, most recently hurricane Katrina and the cyclone in Myanmar, these events have a way of exposing a great deal about the fabric of a country.

Blame will surely be assessed and harsh punishment will be meted out.

Yet the needs of the Chinese people will remain. Please give generously.

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LETTERS

It's a concerned community

What a great community! Food donations for the Postal Day event were generous. Our volunteers and all dedicated Postal Workers were invaluable.

Sponsors and those extra helping hands that did so much should be recognized. Thank you to Northville Public Schools, National Honor Society, Rotary Interact, Oakpointe Church, Nativity Orthodox, Eastpointe Youth Group, Copy-Boy Printers, Highland Lake Condo Assoc., Casse's Restaurant, Hiller's, Kroger's, Envy Salon, Genuti's Hole in the Wall, UPS Store, First Presbyterian Church of Northville, Toll Bros., Highland Lakes Shopping Center, Good Tyme Party Store, Starting Gate, Northville Record, Pizza Cutter, First United Methodist Church of Northville and all individual contributors.

Providing food for those that are struggling is an all-community effort — and we couldn't accomplish this without this terrific response. Our heartfelt thanks to all!

Marlene Kunz
Director, Northville Civic Concern

Northville shines in S.U.N.

Downtown Northville came alive early on a sunny Saturday, May 10, as 25-30 volunteers showed up to "Spruce Up Northville." (S U N) Between sweeping, hosing, scraping gum off the walks, and picking up garbage, these adults, students, scouts and children

made the downtown area look fresh and clean for the annual sidewalk sale. Furthermore, Starbucks generously supplied coffee, water and pastries to all the volunteers.

Hope that the second annual S.U.N. day next year will draw more volunteers, so that we can span out even further from the center of town. Many thanks to Doug, Jacque and Lori and everyone else who helped organize, clean and make the town sparkle.

Steve Lomske
Northville

If the Irish can do it...

I recently returned from a week in Ireland where a "no smoking" law includes pubs, bars and night clubs. Owners of these establishments told me that the smoking ban has actually increased business because people who normally would not have gone to the establishments due to the smoke are now going. Those who want to smoke simply go outside. I liked it because my clothes, skin and hair weren't all smelly after a night out on the town.

Norm Fankell
Northville

...we can ban smoking, too

I look forward to the day when there is no smoking in public establishments.

For the most part I frequent places that have no smoking allowed. I will, from time to time, go to restaurants that allow smoking but not if I know that I am going to have a long leisurely meal. I also factor into my decision to dine somewhere or not to, if they are smoking or non-smoking restaurant. There are a few places in Northville that I would enjoy giving a try, but the few times I have attempted, it was simply too smoky to even stay in the building.

For those restaurant owners who feel that a smoking ban would hurt business, I do not agree. You might lose a few patrons but you will gain a few as well because you are now non-smoking.

Sarah Shevlin
Northville

Please, Paws, reconsider

Upon reading the article in the recent Northville Record, I was excited about the opening of the Paws pet store, especially since the Champine family appeared to be so caring and knowledgeable about the special needs of animals. In addition, as Northville residents, my family tries to patronize local businesses as well.

However, after completing the article, I was perplexed and saddened to read the Champines feel it is OK to sell pets since they appear to come from reputable breeders and kennels. Over half of dogs and cats in shelters and the humane society came from breeders as well, and by the time one finishes reading this, many of these precious animals will have been euthanized. It

is a heartbreaking fact. The public needs to stop treating these animals as commodities; breeders and pet stores sell animals for one reason only — they make money from the sale.

My family and I urge the Champines to house homeless animals instead of making the pet over population worse. Until that happens, I will not be spending my dollars at Paws. Please, on the behalf of the thousands of beautiful and innocent homeless puppies, kittens, cats and dogs, I implore Paws to please reconsider.

Mary Plank-Keller
Northville

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CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

Paying for reconstruction in Iraq

During the five years of war in Iraq, the United States government has spent approximately half a trillion dollars. That funding includes billions of dollars devoted to reconstruction of Iraq's infrastructure, training Iraqi security forces and rebuilding Iraq's economy.

But while American taxpayers have been funding Iraq's recovery, reports indicate that the Iraqi government has accrued billions of dollars of assets that sit in bank accounts around the world.

At the outset of the Iraq War in March 2003, Deputy Secretary of Defense Paul Wolfowitz was asked whom he expected would pay for the rebuilding of Iraq. He answered that "there's a lot of money to pay for this. It doesn't have to be U.S. taxpayer

money. And it starts with the assets of the Iraqi people ...the oil revenues of that country could bring between 50 and 100 billion dollars over the course of the next two or three years.... We are dealing with a country that can really finance its own reconstruction and relatively soon."

This assessment was correct in part: The U.S. State Department estimates that Iraq oil sales garnered revenues of \$41 billion in 2007. With oil prices on the rise, it looks possible that they will collect \$60 billion in 2008. But despite billions of dollars in revenues, these funds have not been spent on Iraqi reconstruction as hoped.

Recently I was joined by my colleague on the Senate Armed Services Committee,

Republican Sen. John Warner of Virginia, in a request for an inquiry into Iraqi oil revenues and the funding of reconstruction in Iraq.

Our conversations with both Iraqis and Americans during visits to Iraq, as well as official U.S. government and unofficial media reports, have convinced us that the Iraqi government is not doing nearly enough to provide essential services and improve the quality of life of its citizens.

In fact, we believe that it has been overwhelmingly U.S. taxpayer money that has funded Iraq reconstruction during the last five years, despite Iraq raking in billions of dollars in oil revenue during that time period. Much of that revenue appears to be deposited in non-Iraqi banks.

We asked the U.S.

Comptroller General, who as head of the Government Accountability Office is charged with investigating how the federal government spends taxpayer dollars, to report back to us on how much oil revenue Iraq has collected since the start of the war, how much Iraq and the U.S. have spent on Iraqi reconstruction, including developing Iraqi security forces and spurring economic development, and how much money the Iraqi government currently has deposited in banks.

Finally, we want to know why the Iraqi government has not spent more of its oil revenue on providing essential services for the Iraqi people.

It does not make sense for taxpayers in Michigan and across America to pour



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money into Iraq, accruing billions of dollars of additional debt that must be paid by our children and grandchildren, while the Iraqi government refuses to spend its own money to protect and improve the life of its own citizens.

Every taxpayer dollar should be spent wisely, as should every dollar of Iraqi oil revenue. We oppose an arrangement that spends

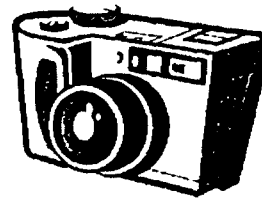
American funds on Iraqi reconstruction and allows the Iraqi government to avoid committing its own financial resources to build a future for the Iraqi people.

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BE SCENE



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People watch the "fight back against cancer" portion of the Relay for Life event. During this time, Northville High wrestlers Nick Mudar and Colin Maresh scrimmaged and others told the crowd how they'd fight back against cancer by getting proper medical screenings.



Matthew Pelfry, 5, gets a piggyback ride from his dad, Tim.



Jean Rowe, leader of the Just for Kicks Line Dancers (Novi), teaches a quick class.



Kaila Adam and Dan Klarr take advantage of a free exercise session from Northville's Pure Barre studio to work out during last weekend's Relay for Life event. Both are members of team "The All Nighters."

RELAY FOR LIFE

Last weekend's Relay for Life event at Ford Field in downtown Northville raised almost \$160,000 for the American Cancer Society, according to Barb Iovan of the American Cancer Society in Southfield. About 1,000 people on about 50 teams participated in this year's two-day event. The silent auction brought in \$3,333, and the "Mister" Relay, in which men dress up like women and collect donations, netted more than \$2,000, according to Sue Laabs, entertainment chair.

Those who would like to still mail in a donation can do so at American Cancer Society, RFL Northville, 20450 Civic Center Drive, Southfield, MI 48076.



Northville High School cheerleaders Judy Julian, left, and Marisa Sources applaud as young martial artists break boards with their fists.

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Contact the Record to spread the word about what's going on in Northville

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Northville's newest wine store's in-sync with customers

■ Second wine shop opens in downtown

By Alea Hibbeln
SPECIAL WRITER

Got Wine? The new wine bar and store Wine Sync on W. Main Street sure does — 206 labels, to be exact.

Owner Alan Verstraete and his wife, Sherry, opened their second location in the Long Building on May 5. The Washington Township couple opened the first Wine Sync in Mt. Clemens in November 2007, and they plan to open two or three more in Michigan before moving on to other states.

Verstraete has multiplicity coursing through his veins as he owned nine Wendy's franchises in Oakland and Wayne counties. He sold them in 2006.

"Dave Thomas was a great mentor to me," said Verstraete.

The wine-loving couple traveled to the west coast, visiting different wine bars and noted a void in Michigan.

"We didn't want to go with a franchise," said Verstraete. "I learned something being at Wendy's, and we decided to do our own thing," he said.

Wine Sync boasts a wide granite bar with a soft glow emanating from four bright orange pendant lights that hang above. Exposed brick and grapevines painted by artist Gini Brodzik give the space a vineyard feel. And, five Winedows — old windows with painted on wine glasses and bottles by artist Jeff Spade — seal in the flavor.

"We try to bring in colors of Napa and Sonoma and give people a warm, welcoming atmosphere to sit and relax," Sherry Verstraete said.

A red wine cellar sits behind the bar, and a wine well chills white wine bottles in a mere five minutes. Nestled about are tables and chairs, a black leather sofa and a coffee table stacked with magazines. Jazz tunes from the

CD "Chillin' on the Vine," play in the background.

Though it's clear that Verstraete has a love for the grape, he started out a beer fan. His kids were the most surprised when he began his wine venture.

"As I've gotten older, I've moved from beer to the sophistication of wine," he said. "We don't look at wine the same way as Europeans. They understand the nuances of wine and start all their meals with wine."

But this is Michigan, not Tuscany, and we all have a little something to learn about wine.

"You can break the old rule of white wine with fish and red with beef — it's what you like. If someone wants to pair white wine with a steak, that's OK. It's not what I would do, but it's OK," said Michael Schafer, general manager, pointing out that certain Pinot Noirs go great with salmon.

One of the first questions Schafer asks customers is what's their budget. The next question is, "Are they going to drink it alone, on a boat, or at an elegant dinner party?" And finally, "What food are they going to have with it? What wine is going to sync best with what dish?" he said.

A framed cartoon sketch in the corner reads, "It's a naïve domestic Burgundy without any breeding, but I think you'll be amused by its presumption...." "What a crock!" Schafer said, laughing. "That's not what we're about here."

"More has been written on wine than anything else on the planet, and we want to simplify it," Schafer said. "If you're having a burger on Thursday, pull out a cab and the burger tastes even better."

Why it's different

Wines are shelved into flavor groups, making it easier to select a good bottle. The bottles have tasting notes with suggestions on which foods to pair with it. Customers can pull out a bottle they wish to purchase, drink a glass, and the bar will

Wine Sync

122 W. Main Street,
downtown Northville
Hours:
Monday-Wednesday 11:30
a.m.-9 p.m.
Thursday-Saturday
11:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
www.winesync.com
(248) 374-WINE

Cool jazz, Napa colors and an unusual wine selection sets the scene for a relaxed and casual good time. Wine Sync will hold its first wine tasting from 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 29.

cork it up without charging a corking fee.

Wine Sync has at least six different bottles open at any given time. Flights are \$10 and "sync shots," which are tastings of wine in a shot glass, are 99 cents. Unique wines range from \$3.50 a bottle to \$73 for the highest priced cabernet.

Customers can join the Grapevine wine club where members pay \$35 a month to receive two bottles, one red and one white, chosen by Wine Sync. The bottles come with recipes that sync with the wines. In addition, members receive 10 percent off bottles.

At the moment, Wine Sync serves up chips and salsa, and will soon cater in light sandwiches, salads and appetizers. Also on the horizon is a selection of fine cigars.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Alan Verstraete, left, owner of Northville's Wine Sync is joined by wine-wise "lackeys" Paula Feen and Michael Schafer. Wine Sync, offering wine by the bottle, case and glass, recently opened in Northville's Long Building at 122 W. Main.

The Verstraete's consulted with wine expert Paula Feen to stock the cellars.

"You can't find these wines anywhere else," said Schafer.

The casual, come-as-you-are environment entices customers to sit back and have a little fun.

"We've employed 10 people from the Northville area because we want to create a hometown experience," Verstraete said.

"You can buy a bottle; you can

sit and drink, read a magazine, and watch people walk by."

Kim Dickens recently moved to Northville from Hinsdale, Ill., where she frequented her favorite wine shop.

"I liked my wine shop there, and I've been trying to find one like it," she said.

On a mission to find a good bottle because she didn't have

any wine at home, she tried three other wine stores in the area, but none of them showed any resemblance to the little store in Hinsdale.

"This is the only one with a wine bar," said Dickens. The rest all had dusty bottles."

Dickens left Wine Sync with two bottles in hand; mission accomplished.

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HOT TICKET: Honor those who've given their lives for freedom at the "Memorial Day Parade" Monday

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Local Events

HARPBEAT! Animal Fun House Musical Concert

TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m. Today
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Harpbeat's harpist Donna Novack and musician David Eversole present a fun musical show for all ages featuring songs about animals from the farm to the zoo. Free tickets available prior to the concert. No advance tickets.

Huge Charity Yard Sale

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday and Saturday
LOCATION: 311 South Wing Street, just south of the Northville Post Office
DETAILS: All proceeds to benefit the Breast Cancer 3-Day and Susan G. Komen for the Cure. Come and shop upscale retail for a cause!

21st Annual Flower Sale

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday; 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Downtown Northville, on Main Street between Wing and Hutton streets.
DETAILS: Over 20 top-rated greenhouses and garden shops will be selling perennials, annuals, roses, shrubs, exotic plants and trees. Garden art and accessories will also be available. The event is presented by the Northville Central Business Association and the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club

TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 1 p.m. Saturday, May 24, at home vs. Royal Oak Wahoos
DETAILS: The Eclipse Base Ball Club plays other vintage ball clubs by the rules of the 1860s. Home games are played at Ford Field in Northville. For a complete schedule, visit www.eclipsebbc.com.

16th Annual Plant Swap

DATE: 8-11 a.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Mill Race Village
DETAILS: Bring your own shovel and containers and spend the morning swapping a variety of plants, tools, books and magazines and sharing gardening tips with others. Donations to Mill Race Village also accepted. Bring baked goods and recipes to share.
CONTACT: For more information, contact the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845.

Northville Masonic Farm Breakfast

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-approx. 10 a.m. Monday
LOCATION: Masonic Center, 106 E. Main St.
DETAILS: Enjoy breakfast before the Memorial Day parade with all-you-can-eat pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, ham, orange juice, coffee and tea. The cost is \$5 per adult, \$3 per child 12 and under.

Memorial Day Parade

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday
LOCATION: Downtown Northville

NHS Dance Company Auditions

TIME/DATE: 3:30-6 p.m., Tuesday-Wednesday, May 27-28
LOCATION: Northville High School Auditorium
DETAILS: A workshop will be held Tuesday and will consist of warm-up exercises followed by tap, ballet and lyrical combinations across the floor. Dancers will also learn a choreographed, high-energy jazz/hip hop piece that will be performed at the audition on Wednesday. Audition will be conducted by award-winning teachers/ choreographers from local dance studios and will follow the workshop format.
CONTACT: Kara Hastedt, (248) 910-8097 or KHastedt@aol.com

Yankee Air Museum Presentation

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday

LOCATION: Northville District Library, 212 W. Cady

DETAILS: Randy Hotten from the Yankee Air Museum will talk about the museum's mission, the special aircraft it preserves, the fire that destroyed part of its collection in 2002 and the efforts to rebuild it. Sponsored by the Friends of the Northville Library.
CONTACT: Register by calling (248) 349-3020.

Moraine Elementary School Annual Fun Fair

TIME/DATE: 5:30-8 p.m. Friday, May 30
DETAILS: Games, food and fun for the whole family.

Northville High School Class of 2008 Senior All Night Party

TIME/DATE: 10:30 p.m.-4:30 a.m. Saturday, May 31
Tickets
DETAILS: Senior All Night Party tickets are \$70; contact Shirley Rogers at (248) 348-7295 for more information. Make checks for tickets payable to Northville Senior Class Party. Order forms are available online at www.northville.k12.mi.us. Please mail orders and checks to Janet Goldberg, 18833 Oak Leaf Lane, Northville, 48168. Students who have purchased tickets must also fill out a permission slip to be signed by both a parent and the student. The permission slips are also available on the school website.

Mustang Pickup

DETAILS: Mustang horses are now available for pick-up. Contact Mary Jo Balsius at (248) 349-0101 to schedule a pick-up date. Decorated Mustangs need to be delivered to NHS by the afternoon of May 31.

Decorations Help

DETAILS: Help is needed with the All Night Party decorations. Contact Jill Hardenbergh at (734) 420-0416 or Gretchen Stern at (248) 344-1366 if you can help.

Community Walk Through

DETAILS: The community is invited to preview the Senior All Night Party decorations from 4-7 p.m. Saturday, May 31. For safety and security reasons the building will only be open to the public during these times. Please use the west entrance.

Country Garden Club of Northville Annual Picnic

TIME/DATE: noon Tuesday, June 3
LOCATION: May Dubuc's home
CONTACT: (248) 349-8674 or go to www.cgcncv.org

Northville Historical Annual Garage Sale

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, June 5-7
LOCATION: Home of Bill and Carol Jean Stockhausen, 218 W. Dunlap, (corner of High St.), Northville
DETAILS: Donated items can be dropped off at the Stockhausen's home or at Mill Race village. Furniture is especially needed. All types of items accepted. Pick up is available by contacting Bill or Carole Jean at (248) 349-2833. Sponsored by the Northville Historical Society of Mill Race Village and the Girl Scouts.

Amerman Ice Cream Social

TIME/DATE: 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Friday, June 6
LOCATION: Amerman Elementary School, 847 North Center Street
DETAILS: Everyone is welcome to join the fun at the annual Amerman Ice Cream Social. Come enjoy the live music, play carnival games, try your luck at the raffle, bounce on inflatables, and of course, eat ice cream. Entrance is free. Tickets are available for purchase at the event for games and food.

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art

LOCATION: 133 W. Main Street, Suite 210, Northville
First Friday Opening Reception with Danna Harvey
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Friday, June 6
DETAILS: Wine and cheese

opening reception during First Friday Art Walk. Guests will have an opportunity to meet the artist and view and purchase her works.

Artaisance with Danna Harvey Exhibit

DATE: Exhibit runs Friday, June 6 - Monday, June 30
TIME: Gallery is open 10 a.m.-7p.m. Tuesday-Friday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, ; and Noon -4 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Artaisance-sherrus.ArtMyStyle.com is a new concept in fine art shopping. The works of Danna Harvey will be in the gallery and online at sherrus.ArtMyStyle.com. This online gallery is a whole new world for art lovers and features more than 100 artists, 18 genres and over 2,000 works of art. When ordering online, the art is shipped directly to the purchaser.
CONTACT: (248) 380-0470

Old Village School Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: Saturday, June 7
LOCATION: Empire Deli, 133 W. Main Street
DETAILS: Old Village School in Northville serves the needs of severely-impaired children ages 3 to 14. Detroit Lions' quarterback, Drew Stanton, has teamed up with the Empire Deli and it's owners, John Colombani and Tim Walsh, to create a special fundraiser for the school. The event and auction will feature appearances by over a dozen sports professionals. Support is needed in the form of donations for the auction, such as memorabilia, tickets, services, cash donations, etc.
CONTACT: Contact the Empire Deli if you are able to help at (810) 772-8460.

I Gave My Sole for Parkinson's Walkathon and 5K Run

DATE: Sunday, June 8
LOCATION: Maybury State Park, Eight Mile Road.
DETAILS: 9:30-10:30 a.m. registration, 10:45 a.m. Opening Ceremonies, 11 a.m. walk/run start. For early registration, visit www.parkinsonsmi.org. MPF is sponsoring the \$6 park entry fee. Donations are requested. Mail contributions to Michigan Parkinson Foundation, 31400 Parkinson Foundation, 30400 Telegraph Road, Suite, 150, Bingham Farms, MI 48025.
CONTACT: (800) 852-9781 or www.parkinsonsmi.org.

Democrats of West Oakland County Monthly Meeting

TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting Tuesday, June 17
LOCATION: The Maples Restaurant, off 14 Mile Road between Novi Road and M-5.
DETAILS: The guest speaker will be Andy Meisner, Democratic candidate for Oakland County Treasurer.
Summer Picnic
DATE: Sunday, July 13
LOCATION: Home of Jim and Gail Gualdoni

20th Annual Art in the Sun Jury First Round Jury

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, June 21 and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 22
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: Calling all artists. The Northville Art in the Sun invites you to be a part of this juried fine arts festival, featuring all mediums of art, lively music and concessions. A highlight will be murals that festival goers can paint which will be donated to St. Mary Mercy Hospital. Prizes are awarded for Best in Show and Runner Up. Applications are available online at www.northville.org.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or www.northville.org.

Best of Both World's Party

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. Friday, June 27
LOCATION: Northville Community Senior Center, 303 W. Main St.
DETAILS: This Girl's Night Out, appropriate for ages 7-12, will feature a Hannah Montana Look-Alike contest, a rockin' makeover from Sweet and

Sassy, glitter tattoos, a ride in a limousine followed by ice cream and treats with Maggie Moos and a karaoke contest and dancing from Center Stage. Register early as space is limited. Parents are not required to attend, but those wishing to attend must purchase a ticket. Tickets are \$14 and are available from the Parks and Rec. department.
CONTACT: Northville Parks and Rec. at (248) 349-0203

15th Annual Northville Garden Walk

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday, July 9
DETAILS: Visit six exceptional gardens rain or shine. Special events at Mill Race Village: garden vendors, music, historical buildings open, and homemade refreshments. Tickets \$10 each, available June 1st at Gardenviews, 202 West Main, Northville. Mail order tickets available until June 30 at www.cgcncv.org.
CONTACT: www.cgcncv.org or (248) 348-3263

Gardeners of Northville and Novi Garden Walk Adventure III

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, June 28
DETAILS: Visit six homeowner gardens in Novi and Northville and learn ideas for container gardening, ponds, garden art and even a condominium garden. Tickets are available at Diners Greenhouse in Novi, Gardenviews in Northville and Backyard Birds in Plymouth. Northville's Town Square is hosting a Gardeners Market Place featuring vendors, raffles, refreshments and restaurants. For more information, go to www.gardener-sofnorthville-novi.org

Farmer's Market

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday, May through Oct.
LOCATION: Northville Downs Parking Lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Center Street (Sheldon).
DETAILS: As always, fresh produce, baked goods, juried crafters, etc. New for 2008: Recycle your planting pots and flats at the Pot-Recycling Station.
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or www.northville.org

Friday Night Summer Concert Series

TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Town Square on Main St. across from the Marquis Theatre
DATE: May 30 - Northville High School Jazz Band (jazz)
DETAILS: Early arrival is suggested for these free concerts and guests are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs. Presented by the Northville Chamber of Commerce and Parks and Recreation Department.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber (248) 349-7640 or Parks and Rec. (248) 349-0203 or visit www.northville.org or www.northvilleparksandrec.org.

Tunes on Tuesday

TIME: 11 a.m.-noon
LOCATION: Town Square, downtown Northville. Rain location is Genitti's Hole-in-The-Wall, 108 W. Main St.
DATE: June 17 - Rennie Kaufmann will have you twisting, turning, laughing and singing in this creative and energizing performance.
DETAILS: Tune in for fun under the sun at this family concert series. Bring your water bottle, hat and sunscreen. Sponsored by the Northville DDA and Parks and Recreation. Visit northvilleparksandrec.org for a complete concert schedule.

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or www.genittis.com
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TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 24 and 31; Thursday, June 19; Friday June 6; Saturday, June 7, 14 and 28

and July 12; and Monday July 7. Also, 7 p.m. Friday, June 20 and July 11. Also 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12; Saturday, June 21 and Monday, June 30.
DETAILS: Interactive Comedy Dinner Theater spoofing the popular Wholesale Warehouses. See a day in the life of underpaid sales associates and their high maintenance customers. Buying in bulk never felt so good. The show will run through the summer.

Toy Chest, Children's Lunch Theater

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Thursday, July 8; Monday, July 21 and August 18.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$14.95 for children and \$16.95 for adult, not including tax or gratuity.
Tribute to Elvis Starring Sherman Arnold
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, June 21
DETAILS: Dinner and show tickets are \$45 per person.
Neil and Frank; A tribute to Neil Diamond and Frank Sinatra
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19

DETAILS: Dinner and show tickets are \$45 per person.
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.

Tippling Point Theatre

LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or visit www.tipplingpointtheatre.org
"Manuscript"
DATE: Show runs through May 24
DETAILS: When a manuscript is discovered that can guarantee success, three college freshmen begin a quest for vengeance and fame in this dark comedy thriller. Tickets now on sale.
Improv at the Point
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month
DETAILS: Hilarious night of comedy in the style of the TV show "Whose Line is it Anyway". Features rotating cast of the best improv talent in the metro area. No two show alike. General seating tickets are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance, \$8.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003

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 Stage 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

Baseline Folk Society Open Mic

DATE: Third Saturday of each month, Sept.-June
TIME: 7-9 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 Cady
DETAILS: Enjoy traditional, folk and acoustic music in a casual setting. Five open mic spots available on first to sign up basis beginning at 6:15 p.m. Tickets \$5 at the door.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0954

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.northvillearts.org
"Osmosis" Adnan Charara Solo Exhibition
TIME/DATE: Exhibit continues through Sunday, May 25
DETAILS: The Art House welcomes back Adnan Charara for this new solo exhibit. Free.

Kevin VanHooser Solo Exhibition

TIME/DATE: Opening Reception is 6-9 p.m. Friday June 6. Exhibit continues through Sunday, June 22.
DETAILS: Just in time for Father's Day, Kevin VanHooser is influenced by sporting events and traditional artists like Bart Forbes and Norman Rockwell. He is a Detroit native and a graduate of the College for Creative Studies.

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 annually for seniors 65 and older.) - 2008 permits now available at park office, 20145 Beck Road.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8390; Friends of Maybury (248) 349-3858 or www.FriendsofMaybury.org.

Mill Race Historical Village

LOCATION: 215 Griswold Ave., 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; 10 a.m. School Tour; 11:45 a.m. School Tour; 5 p.m. Brownie Scouts
Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 3:45-5:45 p.m. Wedding*; 4 p.m. Private Party; 6 p.m. Rehearsal
Saturday: 8 a.m. Plant Swap; Noon Eclipse Base Ball; 4 p.m. Rehearsal
Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 1:45-3:45 p.m. Wedding*; 4:15-6:15 p.m. Wedding*
Monday: Closed for Memorial Day
Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats
Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church
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Northville Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION: 195 S. Main St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit www.northville.org
TGIF
TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday
LOCATION: Chamber Office
Chamber Golf Outing Fundraiser
TIME/DATE: 8:30 a.m. registration; 9:30 a.m. Shotgun start; 11 a.m. lunch; 3-4:30 p.m. dinner, awards and raffle, Tuesday, June 3
LOCATION: Tanglewood Golf Course, South Lyon
DETAILS: Four person scramble format. First place prizes awarded. Men's, women's and co-ed teams. Includes 18 holes of golf with cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages on the course, dinner, awards and prizes. Cost is \$150 for members and \$175 for non-members. Dinner only is \$30. Registration deadline is May 1.
New Member Coffee
TIME/DATE: 8-9:30 a.m. Friday, June 6
LOCATION: Plymouth Physical Therapy

Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse

LOCATION: 133 W. Main St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 348-9737
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Owner Tom Palushaj is turning the former Little Archie's restaurant into the S. Lyon Grille this fall, and construction is already underway. Palushaj said the restaurant is going to be, "something new, something different."



There's a new 'Grille' in town

■ Restaurant to be on site of Little Archie's

By Nathan Mueller
STAFF WRITER

Tom Palushaj knows he is taking a chance by opening a restaurant in Lyon Township.

But he isn't going to let a poor economy and doubters deter him from his plans.

"I have been in this area a long time and did business in the area when times were great," he said. "People like myself and other entrepreneurs should do stuff, not only when times are good, but when they are bad to get things going."

"When things are hard sometimes you have to stick your neck out."

Palushaj plans on opening the S. Lyon Grille this fall, on the site of what formerly was Little Archie's restaurant. Palushaj has owned the building for about nine years; his brother, Mike, had operated Little Archie's for six years until closing last June.

The building that was Little Archie's is being completely ren-

ovated to provide for a "nice neighborhood, bar-type atmosphere."

"It is going to be something new, something different," Tom said. "I don't want to do what everyone else is doing. I want people to perceive my menu as being value."

S. Lyon Grille's menu is going to be highlighted by big burgers and grilled steaks and is not intended to attract the breakfast-type crowd.

A liquor license transfer was approved by the Lyon Township Board of Trustees early in March, and Palushaj began the remodeling phase as soon as he received that notice.

The building is currently in the framing stages, but he said it the process should go fairly quickly. Palushaj said they hope to be open this fall.

And he firmly believes it will catch on.

"I think this community is great and has great people," he said. "I'm totally taking a chance, but we just have to make sure we do something to bring the people out."

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Neurotrauma patients "not alone"

■ Case manager tries to help patient recovery

By Jessie Ellis
STAFF WRITER

A child takes a fall from a bike, but isn't wearing a helmet. A garage door malfunctions, striking a homeowner in the head; a soldier returns home from Iraq, the victim of a bomb blast.

All of these scenarios — and many more — can lead to traumatic brain injury (TBI). Once the injury has occurred, Michelle Shafer, founder of the South Lyon based Neurotrauma Case Management PLLC, is there to help.

"People who make the best recovery are the ones who are most supported," Shafer said.

Neurotrauma Case Management is all about support. Shafer evaluates her patients to determine their needs.

After doing a needs assessment, Shafer works with doctors, surgeons and nurses to take care of specific physical needs. She works with hospital staff and administrators to make hospital stays smooth and comfortable for her patients.

If long-term care is needed, Shafer coordinates with assisted living or rehabilitation facilities and various physical, occupational and speech therapists. All aspects of a patient's life are

evaluated, and Shafer works to relieve stress in order to promote healing and recovery.

"The patient always comes first," Shafer said. "You want everyone to rally around and you want everyone to like you. Make them work together and everyone wins."

Shafer has been a nurse for over 20 years at teaching hospitals including Sinai Hospital-Detroit, Harper University Hospital and Detroit Receiving Hospital. As a Level One Trauma Unit nurse and Intensive Care Unit nurse she witnessed, first-hand, the devastation caused by traumatic brain injuries.

Neurotrauma patients, however, seemed to draw her greatest attention. Shafer started the business in 2006 after getting specialized training with patients who suffered neurotrauma. Knowing that she needed more help and information, Shafer turned to the very people she has been working side by side with over the past 20 years.

"I got mentored by neurosurgeons," Shafer said. "I told them, 'I've really got to learn about the brain and what happens when it's injured.' It was baptism by fire."

Armed with information, Shafer has been helping eight to 10 patients at a time find the help they need. Shafer is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. If a family has a child that is delirious and vomiting at 2 a.m., Shafer said she is often the first person they call.

"I make the patient and the family feel safe. They're not alone in the world," she said. "Sometimes a 15 minute phone conversation can make a world of difference."

Among the problems that Shafer's patients face is that they are sometimes not believed, even by their own family members.



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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Suspended license arrests

A Farmington woman was arrested for driving on a revoked driver's license at 6:31 p.m. May 6 at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

While stopped on eastbound Seven Mile Road at Haggerty Road, an officer saw a vehicle complete a turn from southbound Haggerty road onto eastbound Seven Mile Road.

As the vehicle entered the intersection, the signal for Seven Mile Road turned green.

A Detroit man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's

license at 10:40 p.m. May 6 at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

While eastbound on Seven Mile Road approaching Haggerty Road, an officer checked the license plate of a vehicle, which came back suspended.

A Westland woman was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 5:13 p.m. on May 5 at Five Mile and Ridge roads.

A patrol car was dispatched to the Five Mile Road and Beck Road area about two suspects

possibly fighting in a vehicle in the driveway of the Robert Scott Correctional Facility.

Upon arriving at the area, an officer saw the suspect's vehicle headed east on Five Mile Road and learned that the driver's license was expired and currently suspended due to reinstatement fees not being paid.

A Northville Township man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 1:46 a.m. May 5 at Seven Mile Road and Harbour.

An officer saw a vehicle traveling west on Seven Mile Road near Corlina with a defective brake light. When he pulled the driver over, he learned that his license had been suspended.

Domestic Incident

An officer was dispatched to a residence on Jamestown Circle about a domestic incident in progress at 11:27 a.m. on May 2.

An officer spoke to a woman, who reported that she and her mother had gotten into an argument.

The woman said she tried to get away from her mother, went downstairs, and as the mother tried to follow her she pushed the door closed on her.

When the woman went upstairs

to leave, the mother ended up tackling her on the living room floor.

The woman's common law husband then came in from the back yard with their daughter and attempted to stop the mother. No one was injured during the incident.

Stolen vehicle found

A Northville Township man who lives on Northridge Drive reported that his 1994 red Honda Del Sol had been stolen between 7

a.m. May 1 and 3 p.m. May 3.

The victim told police that he checked his car on before leaving his apartment for a few days, then discovered it missing when he returned.

He said that he has the only keys to the vehicle and did not know anyone who could have taken it.

The car was recovered by a Detroit police officer on May 4. It was discovered unoccupied and was completely stripped, including the engine and transmission. The license plate had also been taken.

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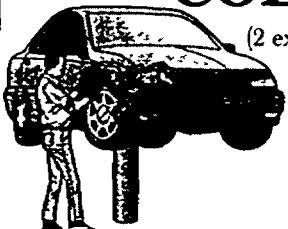
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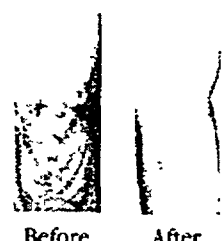
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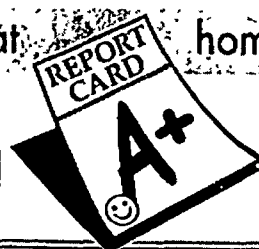
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Northville native selected to MSU Tower Guard

■ Organization's dedicated to helping students visually impaired

By Nathan Menolan
SPECIAL WRITER

Steve Arnold, 19, a life-long Northville resident and sophomore at Michigan State University, has been honored with membership in the Tower Guard, the oldest student organization on campus, dedicated to helping visually-impaired students.

"This is something I know will be as much benefit to me, as to those we help," Arnold said, who graduated from Northville High School.

Only those in the top 5 percent of the graduating freshman class are eligible to apply. Seventy-two new members were selected this year, and each commits to 120 hours of volunteer service their sophomore year.

The services include reading exams to the visually impaired student, converting books into audio files, and other assistance.

Inductees are awakened by surprise at 6 a.m. and then told of their membership. This

occurs only on April 18th each year, with the new members ceremoniously escorted to the Beaumont Tower on campus for the May Morning Sing.

Joe Arnold described his son's surprise ceremony.

"Steve's fraternity brothers shook him out of a deep sleep and carried him on their shoulders all the way from the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity house off campus to the Beaumont Tower Carillon."

"Once everyone arrived at Beaumont Tower, Steve took us over and introduced us to his fraternity brothers. They had the entire pledge class lined up to make a tunnel for Steve to go through. Steve did not want to go through at first. He felt these guys were going to use the tunnel as an excuse to pummel him as he went through. If they got up at 6 a.m. to bring you here, you should go through the tunnel. So Steve did - and you know what? They just cheered Steve as he ran through."

Membership in the Tower Guard is founded upon leadership, service, scholarship, and character. The organization was founded in 1934 by May Shaw, wife of former MSU president Robert Shaw.

Steve knows he will have to adjust his time between classes next semester.

"I will be volunteering up to



Steve Arnold

six hours a week," he said.

His musical tastes include artists Jack Johnson, Rage Against the Machine, and The Shins. Arnold's favorite foods are barbecued ribs, steak, and chicken. He describes himself as friendly, punctual, funny, and likes to experience new things. And to high school seniors he offers the following advice - take as many Advance Placement courses as possible.

"If you complete and pass them in high school, you won't have to pay for - and take them in college," said Steve, who believes Northville high school continues doing an exceptional job of preparing students for college by not being academically easy on them.

Staying active for Arnold includes playing lacrosse (which he started doing in high school), disc golf, fishing, pick-up basketball, and enjoying time with friends.

His older brother, Tim, also served in the Tower Guard and just graduated from MSU with a degree in marketing.

About his younger brother, Tim said Steve is a hard worker, great student and nice guy to be around.

The other Arnold siblings include Mike, also an MSU graduate and Tim's twin. Dan, the oldest, is a travel instructor with the Washington Department of Services for the Blind.

Donna Arnold said her sons each were involved in The Boy Scouts.

"I think there is a lot camaraderie between our boys.

They've always been hard working, and community involved."

Steve shared that his sister, Joanne, 16, is working towards her long-term goal of being in the 2012 Olympics. She just qualified for the National Gymnastic team and will be going to the National Championships.

Bryan Blase, Tower Guard president of 2007/2008 a pre-med student at MSU, is studying human biology. He conducted the initial interview with Arnold during this year's application process.

Blase looks at persons with

disabilities in a different light.

"They don't allow their disabilities to hold them back, and they have aspirations to do pretty incredible things," he said.

During his summer off, Steve and brother Mike are working together with Clayborn Properties (an Arnold family side business) doing landscaping, shrub and tree removal, power washing, resealing driveways and patios.

Beyond college, Steve would like to do marketing and consult with firms on how to advertise products that will help the environment.

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SYNOPSIS
MAY 15, 2008 - REGULAR MEETING
CHARTER TOWNSHIP
OF NORTHVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, May 15, 2008
TIME: 6:30 p.m. - Closed Session
TIME: 7:30 p.m. - Regular Meeting
PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. ROLL CALL: Present: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner.

1. CLOSED MEETING: (6:30 p.m.) Motion to enter into Closed Session as permitted under Michigan Open Meetings Act (PA 267) of 1976 or MCL 15.261) RE: VS NVille Twp Litigation - discussion

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

1. Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - approved.

2. Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements:

A. 2007 Financial Audit - Plante & Moran - approved.
B. Resolution in honor of Northville Grand Senior's Birthday Celebration.

3. Public Hearings: None.

4. Brief Public Comments & Questions: Trustee Gans expressed appreciation to all that helped Thayer's Corner Open House. Introduction of Township attorney.

5. New Business:

A. Schoolcraft College - approved w/amendments.
B. Ridgewood Plaza Consent Agreement - approved P.C recommendation.

C. Arcadia Ridge PRUD Amendment - approved.

D. DPS - Elevated Water Tower - Payment #11 - approved.

E. DPS - Five Mile Road Booster Station - Change Order #3 - approved

F. DPS - Five Mile Road Booster Station - Payment #12 - approved

G. DPS - Homer Road Sanitary Sewer Ext. - Engineering Services - approved

H. Appoint General Counsel - approved.

I. MML dues - approved

J. Renaissance Strategies retainer fee increase - approved

K. IAV Stormwater Maintenance Agreement - approved

6. Unfinished Business: None.

7. Ordinances: None.

8. Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,828,503.55 - approved.

9. Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner, Chip Snider.

10. Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: None.

11. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

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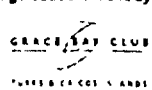
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Ashley Haynes of Novi, an advertising major with a specialization in public relations in the College of Communication Arts

and Sciences was named in the group of 25. She is a recipient of the Carl Beck Memorial and Detroit Ad Craft scholarships. She also served as president for the American Advertising Federation. Haynes was a member of the Advertising Association, MSU Triathlon Club and Public Relations Student Society of America. A 2004 graduate of Novi High School, Haynes is the daughter of John and Kim Haynes.

Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine

Hilary Nims of Novi received the Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree during commencement ceremonies on May 2. She is the daughter of Steven and Mary Nims of Novi and a 1998 graduate of Novi High School.

University of Nebraska

Molly Ann McClymont of Novi graduated from the University of Nebraska this spring with a bachelor of journalism degree from the College of Journalism and Mass Communications.

Lycoming College

Amber Aschwanden, a freshman archaeology/culture of the ancient Near East major, was honored for special achievements at the Lycoming College Honors Convocation April 13. Aschwanden received the Eduardo Guerra Prize in Biblical Languages presented to a student demonstrating excellent academic performance and achieving the

highest overall score in first-year Biblical Greek or Hebrew; and the M.B. Rich Endowed Prize awarded to the students in the freshman class who attain the highest rank in scholarship and

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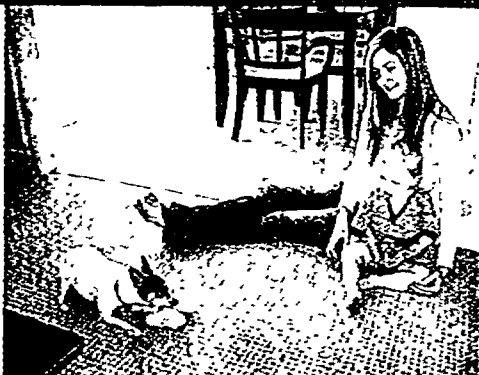
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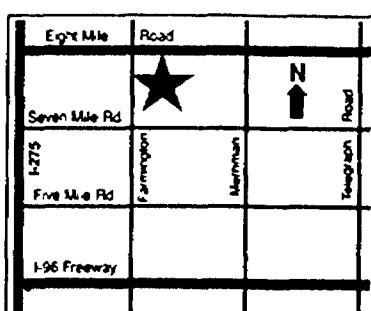
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■ Privatization would affect custodians, food service personnel and bus drivers

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Joan Wadsworth, board president, asked the administration to inquire about other districts that privatize on whether a higher salary and benefits plan brings in a lower turnover rate.

Superintendent Dr. Leonard Rezmierski said they will get an answer before moving forward.

The board and administrators also discussed contract termination, benefits plans, salary and background checks. As for security, all schools run security cameras 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Also, outsourced employees would undergo drug screening, state and FBI fingerprinting, and have references checked before starting work.

The primary objective in the RFP's is for the company chosen to employ the current Northville staff. But Bolitho said that studies show that only 3-5 percent of a school's staff would actually apply and stay with the new company.

Why privatize?

Several factors weigh in for consideration of privatization. One is a projected flat or declining enrollment. The fewer students enrolled, the less state funding for the district. Other factors include the district's desire to maintain low class sizes, the middle school structure, and block and seminar at the high school. Though these programs are valued, they are expensive to run. In addition, salary and benefits costs continue to rise and are 87 percent of the the district's budget. And, textbook expenditures may also need to be increased.

Privatization would save the

district roughly \$1 million per year for the first two years.

Reactions

Many concerned citizens pleaded with the school board and administrators to drop the idea of privatization. Patty O'Neil, a night-shift custodian at Hillside Middle School, said that background checks done every six months are not enough.

"That leaves six months for a child molester to molest a child," she said.

O'Neil also said she looked into other districts that privatize and found they have non-English speaking workers.

"Kids can't talk to them and

tell them what's wrong."

Jeff Lightfoot, a teacher at Amerman Elementary School, said that if NPS outsources, "We are in essence teaching the students in our schools that the bang for the buck is far more important than the impact it will have on everyone in this community."

Ian Price, a custodian, said that privatization is a move to destabilization.

Wendy Richardville, a parent of a special education student at Cooke Middle School, is concerned with busing. With her son being non-verbal, she said having a trusted driver and aide is paramount, and she is willing to pay a surcharge to keep NPS bus drivers employed.

Lisa Deasley, a parent to a special education student at Old Village School and an administrative assistant in the school's office, said the custodians know the building, the students, the staff, many of the parents, and everyone who belongs and doesn't belong on the school grounds.

"Our custodians know which students are likely to run out of the building and which are likely to have seizures," said Deasley.

A 2006 graduate, Alex Manor, said, "The employees go beyond normal responsibilities and take pride in what they do."

He said he's disappointed the district is considering putting money before people. Manor's friend died in 2005, prompting a

warm-hearted custodian, John Michniak, to give him a hug in the high school hallway.

That same custodian, who works the day-shift at Northville High School, spoke about his history in law enforcement and a past job as an EMT. Michniak said he has rescued many students in emergency situations.

"I guarantee you will not get that from privatization," he said. "Your problems are in Lansing, not in Northville, and privatizing is only a band-aid to a bigger problem."

"The people that came to the microphone gave great testimony to the quality of our staff," Bolitho said. He said he feels both a sense of pride for the staff and great sadness over this issue.

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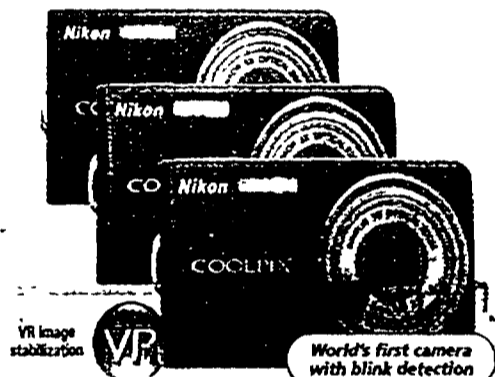
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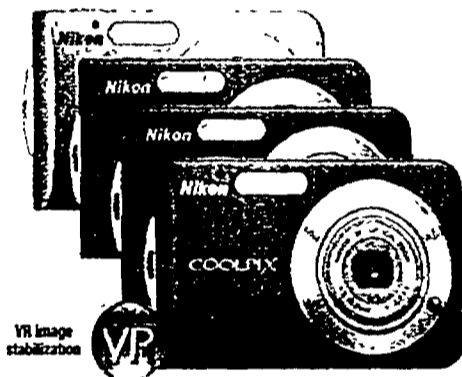
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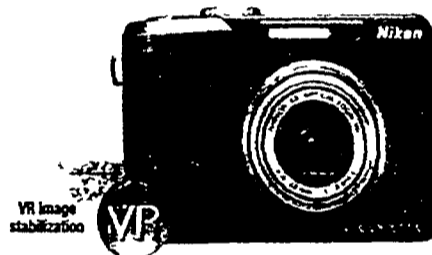
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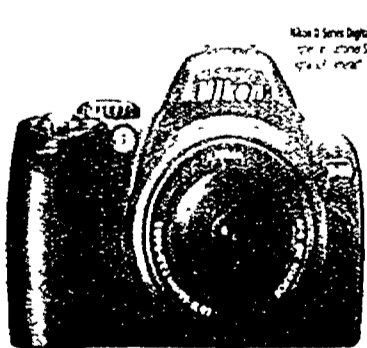
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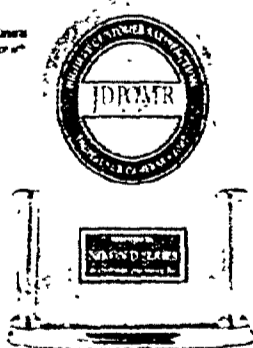
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Northville Lacrosse players (from left) Sarah Bielskis, Elizabeth Souther and Danielle Brace

4-year-old program starting to get better

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville girls lacrosse program started just four years ago but it already has its second head coach.

Landay Hoyt is back for her second year at the helm and she's already seeing a vast improvement in the program. Initially started as just a varsity sport, Northville now has a JV and has worked in Park and Rec programs at the middle school level.

"The girls are more knowledgeable about coming in and it's starting to pay off in different ways."

After finishing 2-11 in 2006, the Mustangs went 6-6-1 last year and are 6-8-2 this year after starting the season 5-0-1. Now that we're in our fourth year, overall talent has gotten a lot better," Hoyt said. "I've seen our overall playing game improve over the past three

years from one person grabbing it and trying to take it in to now we can actually play beautiful lacrosse as it's being passed down the field to set up plays."

Three girls that were recognized for their lacrosse talents this year are Liz Souther, Dani Brace and Sarah Bielskis.

Northville is in the East Central conference and Souther was voted to the First Team and Brace and Bielskis were voted to the Second Team All-Conference.

Souther has 16 goals through the first 16 games to lead the team. Bielskis is next with 27 and Brace is third with 21. Souther plays an attack wing. She is a good transitional player, bringing the ball up and taking it to the goal," Hoyt said. "She's been one of the main reasons, along with my other captains, why our team has been better this year because of the conditioning in the offseason."

Brace is a defensive winger

that gets involved with the play on both ends.

"She's all over the field," Hoyt said. "She's technically one of my top attackers, but she's also a great defender. She's such an athlete."

Calling all girls

Wink, getting the word column up is nice for Hoyt, getting girls involved in the program is the biggest challenge. This year, the program got a jolt with 20 freshmen coming out for tryouts. The Mustangs had just one freshman tryout three years ago.

Hoyt said part of the difficulty with getting the team going is a lot of the athletes that could fit the mold for the sport are kids that are involved in soccer.

But the sports as a whole is booming in Michigan. "I think lacrosse, both boys and girls, is the fastest growing sport in Michigan right now," Hoyt said.

She said the ideal candidate for a lacrosse player is someone who is in shape, has good hand-eye coordination and is willing to be aggressive.

Now that Hoyt is starting to get the numbers out for the team putting in the work becomes the next biggest hurdle to climb.

For so to step up to the next level, it's going to be their commitment in the offseason," she said.

Hoyt said girls are starting to come in with better skills, but the Mustangs are still well behind teams that have been around for 10 years or more.

The difference between the Mustangs and the established teams comes in set plays.

Hoyt is happy with the progress of the team and plans on sticking around to help make the Mustangs into a powerhouse.

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David Uberti hits a 2-run double against Wayne

Swinging for playoff success

■ 'Stangs look for deeper run into postseason

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville baseball was hoping for a much lower run into the playoffs last year.

The Mustangs were ending a winning streak that lasted more than half the season, but a Farmington team ended the season at the district finals.

If Northville faces Farmington again, it will again come in the district finals.

The only thing head coach John Kostreza wants his team to remember from last year's playoff loss is to stay mentally focused and prepared.

When you get into a situation like district or state, it's so mental and you have to have a ton of luck," he said. "A lot of coaches that have coached some very talented teams haven't made it to the quarterfinals."

The Mustangs first face off against North Farmington 4 p.m. Monday at Navy. The water advances to face Farmington Hills Harrison 10 a.m. May 31. The winner then awaits the winner of Novi and Farmington in play again on May 31.

"When you get to district, it's a whole different ballgame," Kostreza said. "It's much more pressure packed and everybody is better. It's a one game elimination, so everybody is going to bring their best effort."

But winning is something that has come to be something expected for the Mustangs the

last two years. "Northville clinched the district championship before the playoffs start. They've won 2 of 29 games this year and have been able to do it with pitching," but not on both.

You're hitting a zone to come and go," Kostreza said. "It's a lot more nerve racking to hit than it is to pitch and play defense."

Having Kevin Metz emerge as a closing specialist has allowed Kostreza to manage a shorter game from the pitching stand point.

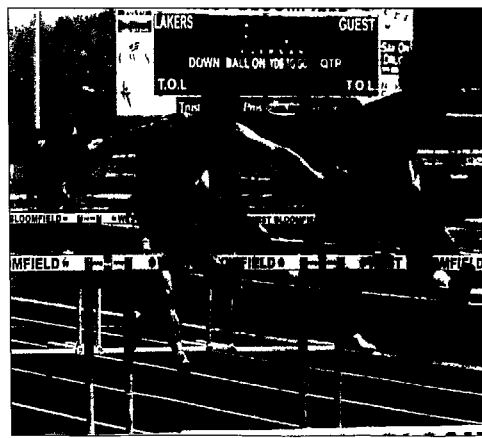
"If we can get to the fifth with our seniors, then we're feeling real confident that we can win the ballgame because of what Kevin's done this year."

Because of the preparation that they've made, they know they should be confident because of that," Kostreza said. "We have the talent. It falls on me in terms of being responsible to make sure that their calm and relaxed and to put them in the best position to win these games."

No matter what happens, Kostreza said the season has already been a success.

"They've represented the school and tallied up a number of wins and gotten the program on the map once again for the third or fourth straight year."

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Cavan Corcoran competes in the hurdles at the West Bloomfield Invitational

Regionals: 'Stangs track, tennis make push to state

By Jeff Thelsen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville tennis team girls track and boys track all advanced either as a team or placed individuals from regional play to the state meet.

Tennis placed last Thursday at the Novi regional. The track teams competed at the Midford regional, also last Thursday.

Girls Track

The girls track team set a new team record by advancing 10th in nine events to the state meet from last Thursday's regional at Midford. The Mustangs finished second overall at the regional.

We had a great day today with outstanding efforts put in by the entire regional team," head coach Nancy Smith said. "We have athletes going in multiple events and a commitment that should do very

well. Advancing from the field events, Brina Jenkins and Amy Reynolds, Jenkins cleared 5-4 to place second in the high jump and will be coming to her third state final. Reynolds placed third in the pole vault by clearing 10-4 and will also be making a repeat venture to the state meet."

On the track, the Mustangs fared even better. Jaclyn Komopka (15-3) and O'Malley King (15-4) advanced in the 100 hurdles, placing second and third, respectively. Marka Dickinson (17-20) and Lindsay Hagan (2-21) both moved on to the 800 meters, all placing third and fourth.

Both Roach qualified in the 400 meters, placing second. She is just a freshman. Other qualifiers included the 3,200 relay team of Haan, Jenny Murphy, Karina Puskorius and Dickinson (9:49.43) and the 4x400 team of Roach, Dickinson

Daniela Drury and Jenkins also finished fifth in 4:05.7, a school record. Both relay broke the qualifying time to advance.

Drury and King just missed advancing with fifth-place finishes in the 400 meters and 300 hurdles, respectively.

The track and field Division I state meet is May 31 at Rockford High School for boys and girls.

Boys Track

The Northville boys placed five athletes in six events from the Midford Regional to the state meet.

At a meet so far Evan Green, Cavan Corcoran, Alex Kruse, Eric Francis and Andrew Gortley.

The hurdles were the biggest event for the Mustangs. Green qualified in the 110 and 300 and Cavan Corcoran qualified in the 300 hurdles and in the long

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ROUNDUP: Holmes is perfect

■ Soccer stays unbeaten in league action

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville softball (25-3) got a perfect game from Allison Holmes on Monday.

She struck out 11 and did not allow a baserunner in the 11-0, six-inning shutout of John Glenn.

The Mustangs provided more than enough offense with three runs in the first, second and third innings for a 9-0 lead.

Mariel Wilson (2 RBI, 4 runs) and Sarah Rounsifer (3 RBI, run) added three hits to the cause.

On May 13, Holmes allowed three hits and no walks with six strikeouts in a 6-0 shutout of Salem. Sarah Rounsifer hit a two-run home run in the first inning to get things started. Alex Kaszuba (2-4, run, RBI) hit a run-scoring double and her pinch runner scored, putting the Mustangs comfortably ahead 4-0 in the first.

"All four of our first inning runs came with two outs."

Northville head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said. "Everyone was making good contact."

The Mustangs also shutout Walled Lake Western on Friday.

Holmes again got the win, allowing three hits and no walks with nine strikeouts.

Rounsifer and Brittany Birdsall pounded out two hits each to help lead the offense and were part of the only run.

In the fourth inning, Birdsall led off with a single and moved to third on a double by Rounsifer. Megan Hofmeister scored Birdsall with a groundout for the only run.

"Allison pitched really well," Chrzanowski said. "The girls played great defense to pull out the win."

Golf

The Mustangs defeated Livonia Franklin 154-173 May 13. Wes Gates, Tim Kelly, and Dan Kozerski each shot a 38 to share medalist honors.

Soccer

The Mustangs won three more games last week, beating three league foes.

On May 12, Northville clubbed Franklin 8-0. Sarah



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Allison Holmes pitches for Northville. She delivered a perfect game Monday.

Stern had a monster game, scoring twice and assisting on five others. Lydia Blair had two goals and an assist. Theresa Yankovich provided a goal and an assist and Julia Bawden scored a goal with two assists.

Two days later, the Mustangs shutout Walled Lake Western 4-0. All four goals came in the first

half.

On Friday, Northville beat Stevenson 5-1. Stern scored a pair of goals to lead the offense.

JV Golf

Northville defeated Livonia Franklin on May 13. Steve Brown led the way with a 41.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville's Jessica Yu competes in regional action last Friday at Novi Middle School.

■ REGIONALS

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jump.

Corcoran finished the 300 hurdles in 37.7 to smash the school record by 0.6. He also set a new regional record and Milford track record in the process.

"He's absolutely fantastic," head coach Scott said. "The records he broke were good, they were up since 1977. When he was a sophomore, he would look at those records and tell me he was going to break them."

Corcoran also broke the 110 hurdle school record earlier this year.

Franceschi advanced in the pole vault and in the high jump, and Gorley made it in the discus.

Tennis

Northville advanced to all eight of the regional final matches Thursday at Novi and finished with a pair of regional champs.

Novi won the meet with 30 points. The Mustangs were next with 26 points as both advanced

to the Division 1 state finals May 30-31 at the Midland Tennis Center.

The finals paired Northville versus Novi in every flight.

Winning titles for the Mustangs were the No. 1 doubles team of Kristin Randall and Laura Taylor, 6-3, 7-5. The No. 4 doubles team of Sarah Koupal and Breanna Connett also claimed a regional title with a 5-7, 6-4, 6-1 victory.

"This was the second win over Novi for both No. 1 and 4 doubles," head coach Sandy Woolfall said. "Both teams have played well all season and deserved the title of regional champions. We all look forward to our 10th trip to the state final."

Placing runner-up in singles were No. 1 Haley Johnston, No. 2 Joanne Weber, No. 3 Ursula Cauffiel and No. 4 Jessica Yu. In doubles, No. 2 Abby Grajek and Sabrina Masciulli and No. 3 Valeria Juan and Maudie Smith placed second.

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Photo submitted by Jane Roach

The Northville 1,600 relay team of, from left, Beth Roach, Markea Dickinson, Daniela Drury and Brianna Jenkins set a school record at the regional meet.

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Boys Basketball Camp

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Girls Basketball Camp

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The camp runs 9-11:30 a.m. daily.

The cost of the camp is \$100

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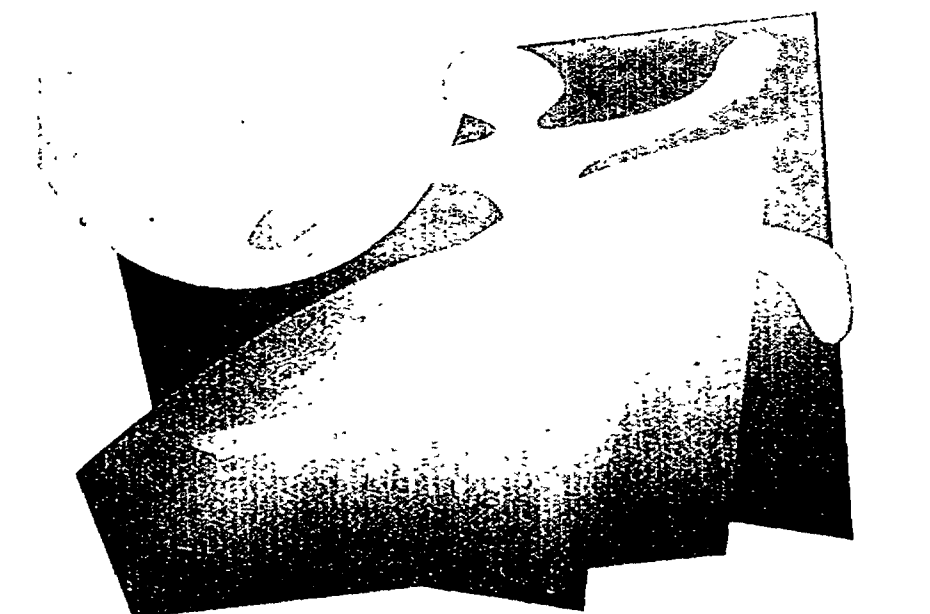
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No. 1 Mustangs bring big goals

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The Northville soccer team is looking to get to where the 2004 team finished — state champs.

After going undefeated through the season, the Mustangs sit atop the rankings.

But that doesn't mean much to head coach Ron Meteyer. He knows everyone is 0-0 and looking to start a winning streak when it matters the most.

"I'm not relishing the No. 1 (ranking), but I can't avoid it either," Meteyer said. "We've got a lot of good team on this side. Any of them can go all the way."

The injury bug bit the Mustangs hard this year, though their record might not show it. Several starters have had to sit out games, but it appears as though Northville is getting healthy just in time for the playoffs.

Theresa Yankovich, one of the top scorers, is back and healthy after sitting out six games, helping to ease the scoring load on everyone else that had to step it up in her absence.

"We're the healthiest we've



Kelsey Baskins, right, goes up for a header.

been in probably seven weeks," Meteyer said. "We had as many as six starters out at one time."

"I'm looking forward to the playoffs because we've got a full squad now."

Most of the injuries were to

midfielders or forwards, leaving the defense mostly intact. Meteyer said the defense has become the team's biggest strength, allowing the Mustangs to continue winning.

The draw was about as brutal as it could be for the Mustangs. They

travel to No. 2 ranked Churchill in their opening district game. The rest of the district is hosted by Northville. The semifinals are May 29 with the finals May 31.

"It's weird that we end up with No. 1 playing No. 2, but that's not the first time that's happened," Meteyer said. "Churchill has been on a terror, but so have we."

"We're going to be the two teams that everyone's going to be looking at."

The game will also be the third time this season that the two have squared off.

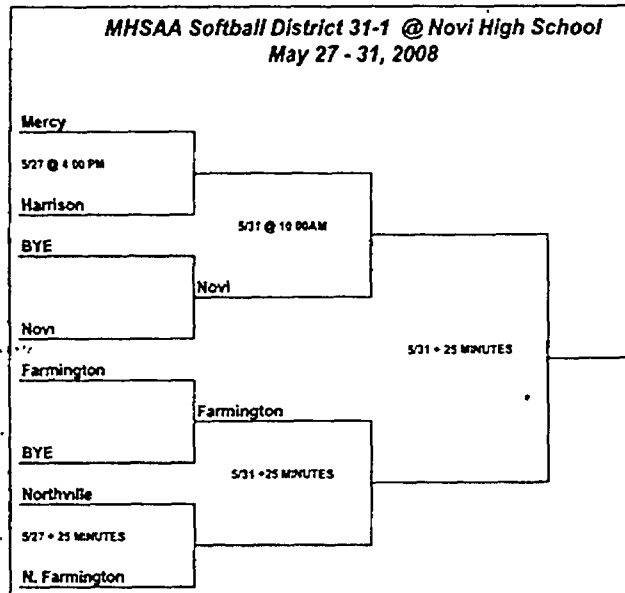
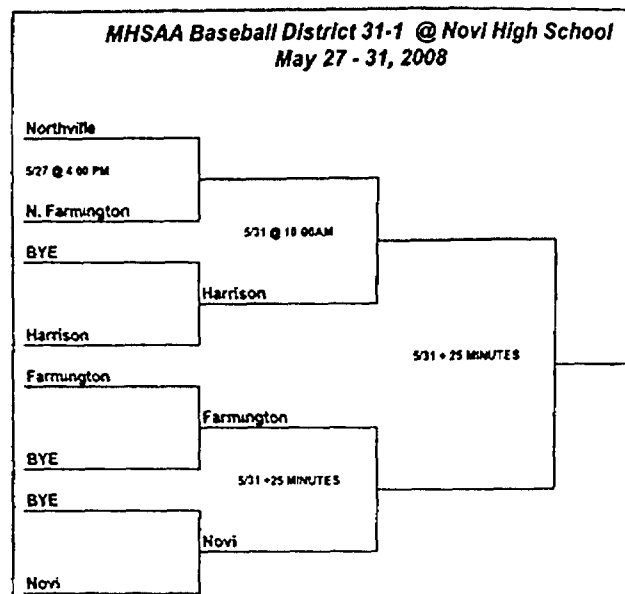
While the regular season has been all smiles for the Mustangs, he knows the playoffs is a completely different animal.

"You can't go into any game thinking this is going to be a win or a game that you can afford to have a few mistakes out there," Meteyer said. "You've got to approach it like it's critical. If you have a 10 minute mental block out there, it can be the death of you."

"It's a very stressful time, but it's the second season — it's the fun time."

Fun time begins May 27.

Mustang playoff brackets



Lacrosse program improving

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Playoffs

The Mustangs start the playoffs May 27 at Farmington Hills Harrison, facing the winner of Brighton and South Lyon.

Hoyt knows her team isn't at the level where it can compete for a state title, but she wants to see her girls continue to improve.

Last year, Northville fell 18-1 to South Lyon to open the playoffs. Northville faced the Lions again this year and cut the

deficit to 10-2.

"It's going to be a very difficult playoff," Hoyt said. "They say our regional is a real tough one because we have the Ann Arbor schools and South Lyon and Brighton."

"I don't know if we'll get past them, but I think we could come close."

That's all Hoyt is asking for now, getting closer and closer to becoming a better team.

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Softball rides hot streak into playoffs

By Jeff Theisen
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Things have been going well for the Northville softball team. So well in fact they've cracked the top 10 rankings, sitting at No. 8.

The Mustangs are 25-3, undefeated in WLAA play at 15-0 and undefeated in divisional play.

Northville will try to win it's league championship before heading into the state playoffs.

All this momentum has Northville hoping for a deep run into the playoffs.

Allison Holmes has taken over the mound duties.

"Allison was striking out a ton of batters and hardly allowing any hits," head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said. "Allison's performance on the mound has earned her the starting spot."

Jenna Dumbleton, who also pitched, moved to shortstop because Kelsey Lewis suffered a shoulder injury and was never able to get to 100 percent since.

Dumbleton is also a big bat in the lineup and helps bolster the defense.

"Jenna Dumbleton is an inbred-



Sarah Rounsifer leads the team with a .526 average.

ible fielder and a great shortstop," Chrzanowski said. "She has been our starting shortstop when Allison is on the mound. That

lineup gives us our best defense."

The bats have been strong from leadoff to the No. 9 spot, but none hotter than Sarah Rounsifer. With

a booming .526 average, she has six home runs and 33 RBI.

"She has been drawing a ton of walks, sometimes intentional, and sometimes pitchers just pitch around her, which has given other players the chance to step up to the plate and come through," Chrzanowski said. "It is very important for whoever is hitting in the five spot to take advantage of the opportunity to get the big hit when they walk Sarah to get to her."

Adding to the offense, Dumbleton is hitting .400, Alex Kaszuba is at .385 and Brittany Birdsall is at .340.

The tournament gets underway for the Mustangs on May 27 against North Farmington for a pre-district game. The winner faces Farmington on May 31.

"I believe our team can beat anybody," Chrzanowski said. "The girls still have to play to their ability in order to win the district because it's not any easy district by any means."

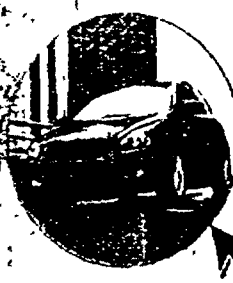
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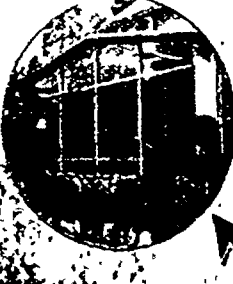
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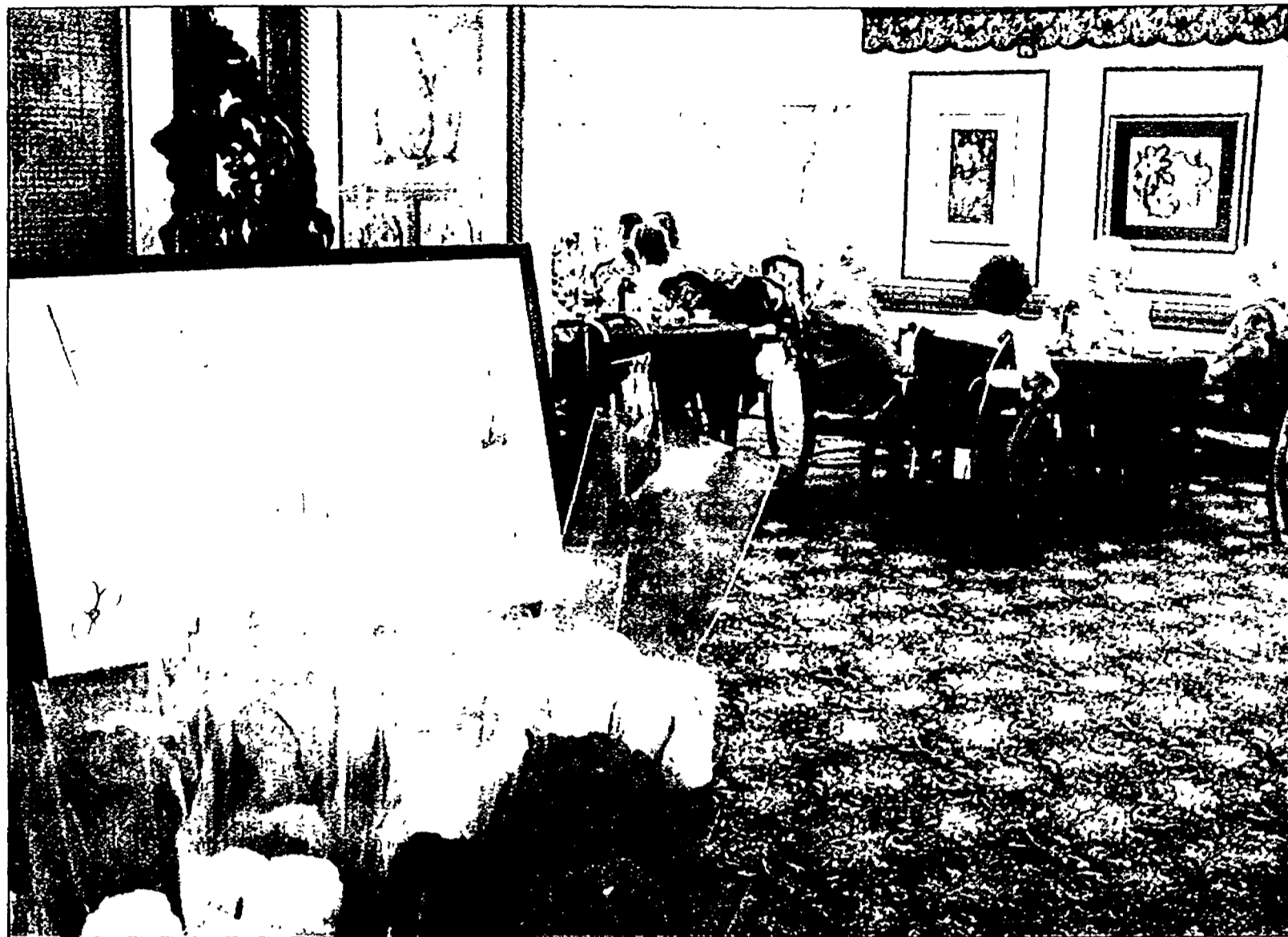


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The dining room at Oakmont hosts special events like the recent Mother's Day High Tea for resident mothers and their daughters.

Carefree and Independent

Retire and live carefree in Northville at Oakmont

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

"We are like a fine hotel that you can call home." These are the words that Madeline Lipinski uses to describe life at Oakmont Carefree Retirement Living in Northville.

Madeline, the executive director of Oakmont, along with her experienced staff, exemplify the care and the tradition that has made Oakmont one of the finest senior retirement communities in Michigan.

For eight years Oakmont has been an integral part of the Northville community. Most people will remember the facility as American House. This past January the name changed but the faces and the care did not.

FULL SERVICE

Oakmont, with its 126 apartments, continues its tradition as a full service retirement home with all of the features and amenities that make retirement living so comfortable and so special.

"The facility is beautiful, warm, and friendly — inside and outside," said Madeline.

Along with Oakmont's marketing director, Wanda Main, the two women bring over 50 years of experience working with seniors. They are very proud of the facility and the programs it offers to residents.

"We offer medical care 24/7, physical therapy, and a physician in the building two days a week," said Wanda. "The nice thing is that residents don't have to pay for these services but they are available if there is a need."

In fact, some of the Oakmont residents live very active lives, maintaining part-time jobs outside of the facility or working inside running the "Country Store." Besides shopping at the store, residents enjoy an exercise room, full-service beauty salon and barber-

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shop, valet parking in the winter, spacious apartments with small kitchenettes, and a large outdoor porch which Madeline said, "is always packed, morning to night during good weather."

Residents are treated to meals in Oakmont's large dining area and often have input on the menu, too.

"Our chef caters to the people," said Madeline. "For example, he will sometimes make three or four different varieties of soup just to satisfy everyone."

When not enjoying the delicious and healthy menu items, residents can participate in cooking, knitting, and craft classes. They also look forward to planning and hosting a Christmas bazaar each year.

CONSISTENT STAFF

As important as the amenities are, caring for people has always been Oakmont's trademark. Madeline and Wanda believe that the staff, like themselves, truly enjoys what they do. And it shows.

"There is no turnover here," said Wanda. "Residents have gotten to know the staff so well and the staff has become a second family to them."

"We know that people trust us to care and treat their family members well," said Madeline. "We try to ensure that everything is available in-house, making it easiest for residents and visiting family members



Mother and daughter, Ruth (left) and Deanna, pause during a recent activity in the quiet of Oakmont's library, where residents can find books and chat online using the Internet.

Family members can come and spend the night, too."

COMMUNITY-MINDED

Planned activities are another highlight at Oakmont. Recently, during Mother's Day week, the facility hosted a high tea for resident mothers and their daughters, which gave each the opportunity to spend a memorable afternoon together. Earlier in the year, Oakmont hosted a two-day "cruise." The facility was decorated to look like a cruise ship and special cruise ship activities were staged.

But Oakmont is more than just a great place to live. It is also an active part of the Northville community.

"We believe in giving back to the community," said Madeline. "We work closely with the Northville Senior Center and participate in their events. We also work with the Novi Senior Center, too."

For more information on Oakmont call 248-449-1480 or stop by the facility at 42000 Seven Mile Road, between Haggerty and Northville Roads.

Wanda makes an invitation to interested families. "Come in and have lunch with us and explore our facility."



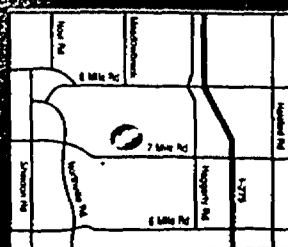
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vin # 1FMZU34000VJ00694 1992, Ford, F-150, Green, vin # 1FTDF15Y3N811477

1993, Mercury, Marquis, Black,

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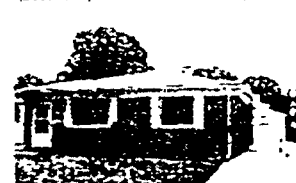
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Inviting home on quiet cul de sac & 7th fairway. LR opens to formal DR. GR w/ car ceiling. Gas flr. oak mantle MBR w/ ceramic BA, jacuzzi & WC.
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Dearborn 734-591-9200
Clean fully updt. 2 bungalow. New Windows. New windows, new roof, new bathroom, new kitchen w/ ceramic floors, new carpet, fish paint. Fireplace in living room. This house is move in ready.
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Garden City 734-455-7000
FEATURES ABOUND in this Garden City ranch with newer windows and furnace, central air, remodeled kitchen and bath, newer carpeting and 2 1/2 car garage on an oversized lot.
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Great Family Home! Newly remodeled main floor. New kitchen and bath. Finished walkout basement with full bath. Beautifully landscaped incl. ing 3 ponds.
(28027840) \$160,000



Hartland 248-684-1065
Former builders model. Neutral decor. 2 story entry. k + w/ island, maple cabs, HRWD flrs, stone FP, lib w/ french doors. MBR w/ cat ceiling & WC.
(28071444) \$335,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Open flr plan, 12x9 tile entry. FP w/ marble face. Kit w/ granite cabs, island w/ veg sink, SS appls. Stone tile in heated 4 season rm. 32x16 ingrd pool.
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Highland 248-437-3800
Priced To Sell! Turning the key is all that's needed on this super starter ranch on almost an acre. In top notch condition w/ updated kit & large island bar appl. Call Today.
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Black End Unit With Garage One of the nicest lots in sub. backs to natural wooded area, peaceful, tranquil setting. Replacement bamboo hardwood in foyer & kitchen. All appl. are in. (28062356) \$99,900



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2 acre lot on private road with only 7 other homes on it. Property has a perk and survey. Restrictions and minimums available. Land contract option.
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Livonia 248-348-6430
Wonderful Neighborhood! 4 BD colonial has updates galore including vinyl siding, roof, furn & AC, windows, carpeting, driveway, gar flr & remodeled kit. Swm club in sub (membership req).
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Livonia 248-851-4100
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(28058937) \$165,000



Livonia 734-591-9200
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PICTURE PERFECT! Great ranch w/ outstanding new kit. Totally updated bath. Other updates: siding, copper plumb, roof, A/C, HWH & more! Fin bsmt. All appl including washer & dryer.
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(28037603) \$249,900



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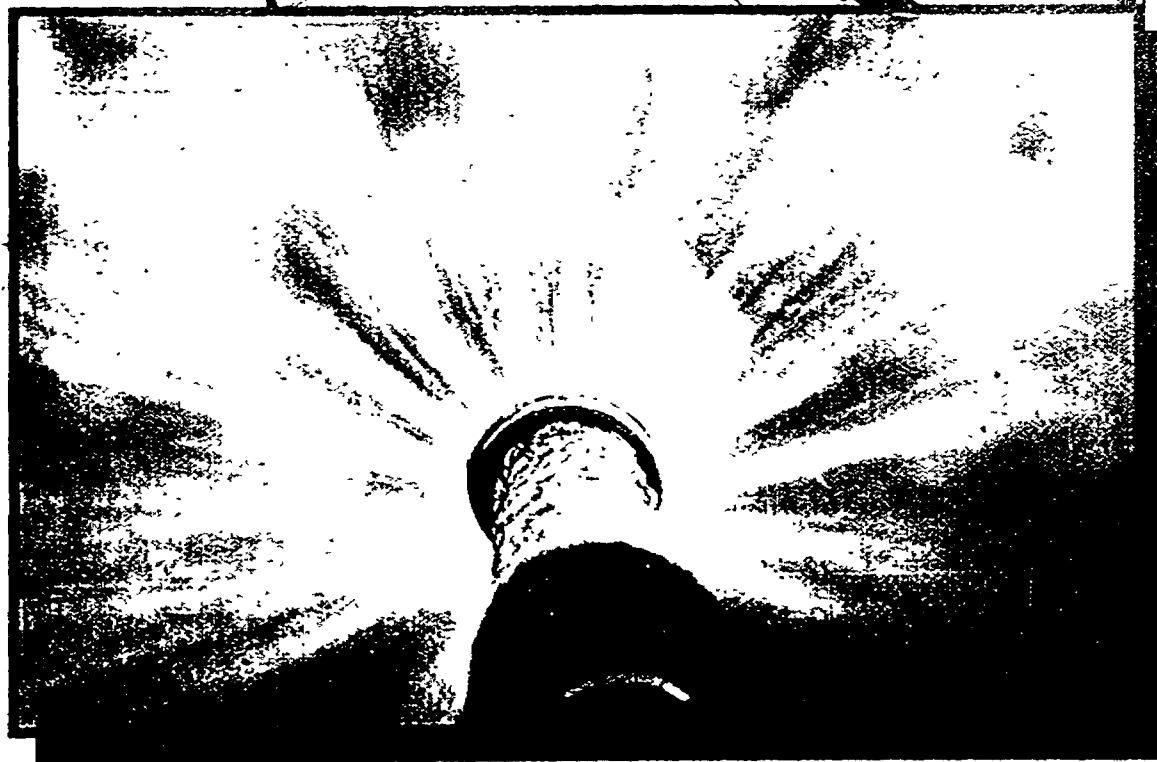
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Set a home-improvement budget with these tips

When it comes to projects addressing a home's interior, homeowners know full well the bottom line plays a big role.

For the unprepared homeowner tackling a first do-it-yourself project, costs can quickly escalate out of control.

One way to successfully combat that is to make a budget prior to starting a project. When putting one together, consider the following guidelines:

Consult a professional

When initially sitting down to plan a budget, chances are you'll have no idea where to begin. Tools, materials, time-frame, etc., all contribute to how much you'll have to spend.

To make your budget as realistic as possible, consult a professional about providing an estimate for the job, be it a bathroom renovation, home theater installation or refacing the kitchen cabinets. Explain the situation to the contractor and ask for an estimate that doesn't include labor but does include the cost you'll need to pay for supplies (contractors

often pay less for parts because of existing and ongoing relationships with suppliers).

The budget you receive will act as a guideline and let you know if the job you have in mind is the one you'll be able to afford financially.

Leave some leeway

Many a job has gone unfinished at the hands of a poorly set budget. When budgets are absolute at the onset of a project, dollars are often stretched too thin to handle the inevitable surprises that pop up on a project. For example, old pipes might stall a bathroom renovation, leaving the do-it-yourselfer with a less than fully functioning bathroom that will have to remain that way until more money can be saved. Plan for the surprises, as they will surely rear their ugly heads.

Be realistic

When determining your budget, don't fool yourself. If it becomes increasingly apparent you cannot afford the job, don't go ahead with it anyway. Because many people get

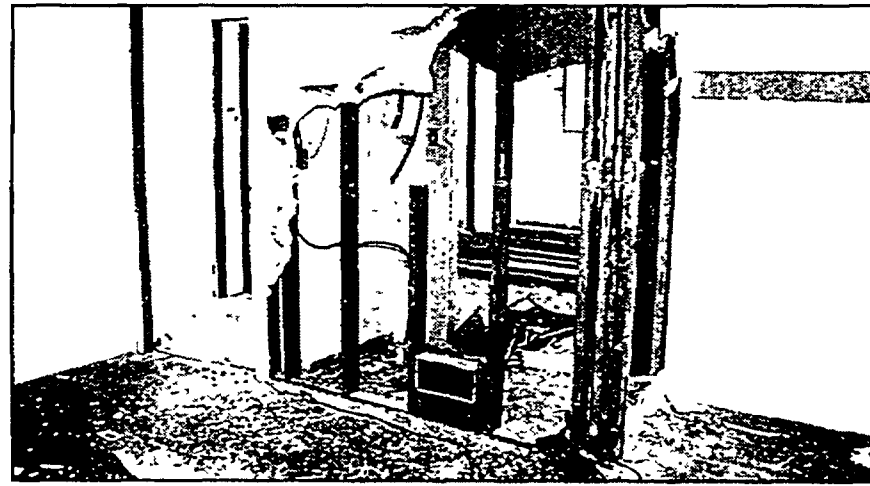


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Figure home-improvement renovation costs in advance, so there are few surprise purchases.

loans through their bank for home projects, taking on too big a loan can be a genuine albatross if it's a loan you cannot afford. Keep in mind that other unexpected problems (i.e., a leaky roof, new appliances, etc.) will arise sometime, and you don't want to stretch your dollars too thin. If the budget you've come to is simply beyond your reach, consider a less expensive project or continue saving and tackle the project down the

road.

Consider the value

While it's nice to improve your home, it's not always beneficial. In fact, most renovations fail to recoup 100 percent of a homeowner's initial investment. The bigger the project does not necessarily equal the bigger return.

In their 2006 "Cost vs. Value Report," Remodeling magazine found that while costs of remodeling projects continue to climb, the recoup value of

those projects at resale is declining. This is definitely something homeowners should consider before making any improvements.

If the job you're about to sink a small fortune into won't yield you nearly as much money at resale, perhaps finding a new place to live that better suits your needs would be a better approach.

When making your budget, compare the money you'll spend to the money you're likely to recoup at resale and go from there.

Include professional help

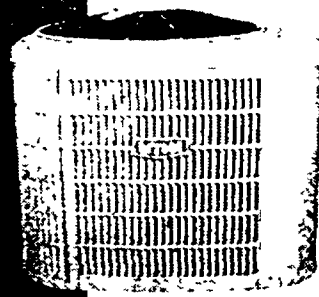
As previously mentioned, surprises always pop up during a project. One of the more common surprises is the realization that not all jobs can be accomplished alone. When your budget is just about established, think long and hard about hiring a professional to help with the more difficult portions of the project. Hiring a professional for these parts will ensure that the job gets done right, which will save you lots of money in the long run.

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Though it can seem intimidating at first, properly fertilizing a lawn can be effectively accomplished by weekend lawn enthusiasts.

First-time fertilizers? Follow these tips for a perfect lawn

When it comes to fertilizing a lawn, there are so many theories and suggestions out there it can make a novice lawncare enthusiast's head spin.

With so many supposed tricks of the trade out there, it's no wonder so many homeowners turn to the professionals when it comes time to take care of the yard.

While it's never a bad idea to consult or even hire a professional, homeowners needn't feel that giving their lawn over to the local landscaper is an absolute necessity.

In fact, taking care of a lawn can be an enjoyable and worthwhile hobby. When it comes to fertilizing, it's not nearly as intimidating as it may seem.

Just keep in mind the following tips.

Don't fertilize to excess

Follow the the application and dilution instructions on whichever fertilizer you buy. Excessive feeding can cause rapid growth that is very appe-

tizing to pests and critters. In addition, there are environmental concerns with respect to excessive application of fertilizer.

Should you apply too much, you run the very real risk of fertilizer run-off.

That run-off could eventually end up in rivers, streams or lakes and pollute the water supply.

One size does not fit all

There are differences between types of fertilizers. For example, using lawn fertilizer on flowers could make it difficult for those flowers to bloom. While the foliage of the flower will likely grow, the flowers will not bloom to capacity.

Growing plants need different fertilizer

A plant that is already actively growing should be given a water soluble fertilizer. These fertilizers will promote

rooting and strong growth in already developing plants.

However, plants that are not actively growing won't benefit from this type of fertilizer, as it will merely be washed away before the plants can utilize it.

Test your soil

Lots of lawn and garden enthusiasts have sat bewildered as to why they just can't seem to grow certain plants on their property. The problem could rest with the quality of your soil. The soil pH is something all gardeners need to know and consider before planting. Some plants prefer alkaline soil conditions while others prefer acidic. Without getting too technical, if you're planting a plant that prefers alkaline conditions in acidic conditions, then that planting will not be successful.

Have your soil tested before planting to ensure you're not wasting your time, money and effort.

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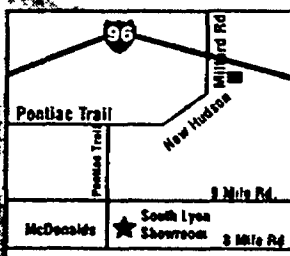
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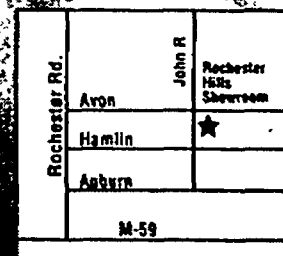
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Bring the birds back to your backyard this summer

Birds are beneficial animals to have in and around your yard. They are instrumental in controlling insect populations and can be colorful and pleasant-sounding companions.

Providing tasty treats year-round is essential to cultivating a lasting relationship with neighborhood birds. Also, by varying the type of foods offered, you may also attract migrating birds to your yard, making for an even better bird-watching experience.

So what items will attract the widest array of feathered friends? Following are the preferred delicacies of many birds.

Black oil sunflower seed

This seed is the filet mignon of the bird community. It is considered the top choice to feed and attract the widest array of birds. These seeds are rich in oil, and nutritious, giving birds the energy they need. Plus, black oil sunflower seed shells are thin, which makes them easy for all types of birds to open.

Some plants will not flower around the cast-off shells of the black oil sunflower seeds, and the discarded shells can get messy, so if budget permits, you may want to get the seed already hulled. Since hulled seed is more expensive, be sure to safeguard



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Providing tasty treats year-round is essential to cultivating a lasting relationship with neighborhood birds.

against squirrels when feeding.

Nyjer seed

These black seeds from Africa and India, sometimes known as thistle, are a favorite for a variety of finches.

Fill up a feeder with small feeding holes, especially for nyjer seed, and watch the finches arrive.

Cracked corn

Cracked corn will attract birds you

may not see in your yard all the time, including game birds, like pheasants and wild turkey. Place the cracked corn on flat platforms or on the ground. Other animals are attracted to the corn, so expect them to drop by, too.

Striped sunflower seed

The shell of striped sunflower seed is thicker and harder to open than the black oil sunflower seed, so it's not as popular among birds. Still, blue jays, woodpeckers and other determined birds will appreciate the seed.

Suet

Suet is not a seed, but an important food nonetheless. It's basically a cake of animal fat, sometimes mixed with berries, seed or peanut butter. The suet will provide birds with ample nutrition, and can be used to supplement diets year-round. Suet is placed in special wire feeders that will hold the food.

Many supermarkets and general stores sell birdseed mixes. These may be more filler than substance, and generally contain cast-offs from the poultry industry. They won't attract the quality birds you desire, so it's best to create your own mixes.



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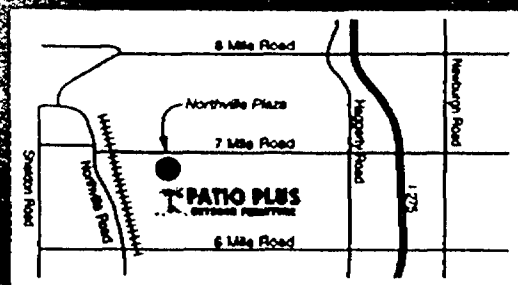
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Put some power behind lawn and garden projects

Curb appeal. It's what many real estate professionals say is essential to selling houses. But it is also very important to homeowners who are staying put.

The outdoor look of your home is what sets the stage for visitors; most homeowners want to make a good impression. That is why maintaining outdoor landscapes is high on the to-do lists of many property owners.

Gardening can be a chore or a pastime. Regardless, having tools that will make the work easier can certainly be a boon to the weekday or weekend landscaper.

Different outdoor tasks require different tools. Therefore, choosing the right tool can be confusing at times.

For instance, take a pruning job — it's not as simple as just choosing any old pruner from the store's gardening section. When looking for a pruner, you want a tool that is sharp and will stay sharp, while at the same time offering ease of use and a good fit in your hand.

Small hand pruners work well for branches up to 3/4" in diameter, while shears are another great pruning tool and work best on hedges, bushes and shrubs.

Ultimately you want to look for tools that possess mechanical advantage as well as ergonomic attributes that add to comfort. Ingenuity in tools can be found from Fiskars Garden and Outdoor Living, a leading manufacturer of lawn and garden tools. The company's new 2008 garden tools have really hit the mark and make shopping for the right tool easy.

Tools have changed significantly over the past few decades, most obviously in their appearance, but more importantly in their inventive designs and creative use of modern materials. By applying ergonomic design principles, Fiskars has created tools that work with your body rather than against it.

An example of this design is found in their new Power Pivot line of pruners and grass shears. These tools

were created to offer a more natural motion in use. The pivot of the tool has been placed in the back, enabling your two strongest fingers to do the work, leaving your hands less fatigued and providing more sensitivity and control.

Reducing fatigue allows you to work longer and more efficiently. Reduced fatigue also lets you focus on achieving that perfect curb appeal.

Here are some areas to tackle for maximum impact:

- Make sure the lawn is healthy, maintained and manicured. Keep pesky weeds at bay.

- Brighten up the walkway or the entryway of the home with annual flowers in hues that complement your landscape. A pop of color looks fresh and inviting.

- Prune shrubbery and tree branches, especially if they block the view of your home. Be sure that other shrubs are manicured and look up kept.

- Paint the eaves, window frames



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Rely on ergonomic tools, such as pruners with mechanical advantage, to reduce fatigue and allow you to work in the garden more efficiently.

and even the mailbox if they are looking a little worn.

To learn about more products that can make gardening work easier, visit www.fiskars.com.

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Design a few creative spaces for your home or office

Looking for a space that will help foster your creativity at home or work? There's an easy way to encourage your next big idea — or a whole batch of them — while adding pizzazz to your office or living space.

Start with versatile surfaces that allow you to doodle, draw and even build. Then accent your environment with one or more vivid, saturated colors that inspire.

Here are a few ideas for turning any space into creativity central:

Unleash your imagination

Paint a colorful accent that will boost your creativity and unleash your inner child with Rust-Oleum's new Chalkboard Tint Base paint. Choose one of 12 inspiring colors that provide a unique writable-erasable chalkboard finish. Transform a wall, door or desk-top into a colorful space for pictures, words or flow charts. According to color research, purple is the color of imagination. Try different Chalkboard colors like Grape Fizz to bring out your inner

Picasso. Or, tap into the energy of red by painting a wall with Chalkboard Fresco Red. Mount a chalk holder nearby to be sure that ideas are easy to capture.

Take a vacation from the mundane

Reserve a special space within your home for inspiration — and maybe even a celebration of your latest work. Whether it's an entire wall or a smaller area, apply Rust-Oleum's Specialty Magnetic Primer as a base coat for your paint. It makes almost any surface able to attract magnets. Top coat with your favorite wall paint and add extra energy with funky magnets to hang photos, notes, daily thoughts — anything that will spark your imagination. Liven up your thinking space with Buttercup Yellow or Apple Red paint on furniture and accents. Both are high energy colors that inspire creativity.

Create an office brainstorming room

It's often difficult to pull yourself away from the phone or e-mail when you need to come up with an original idea. That's why many companies dedicate a conference room for brainstorming. To create your own special space, be sure to leave room to draw out your next big idea with Rust-Oleum Dry Erase Paint. It turns doors, walls, cabinets and more into a unique, writable-erasable surface. Don't forget brightly colored dry erase markers — a perfect accessory for brainstorming ideas! Add artwork, bright colored walls and comfy sofas to the room and let your thoughts run wild.

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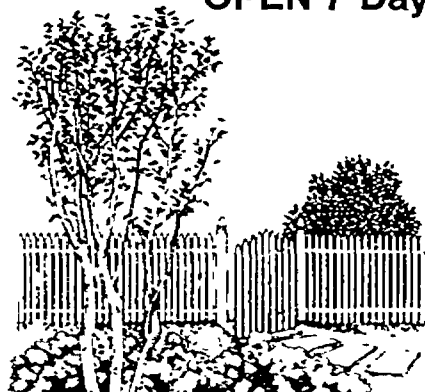
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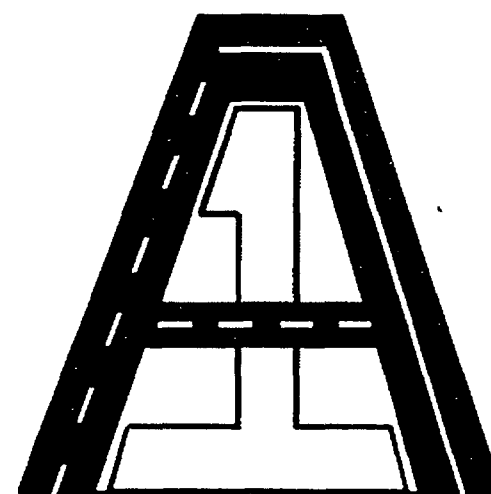
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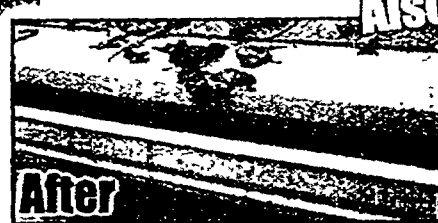
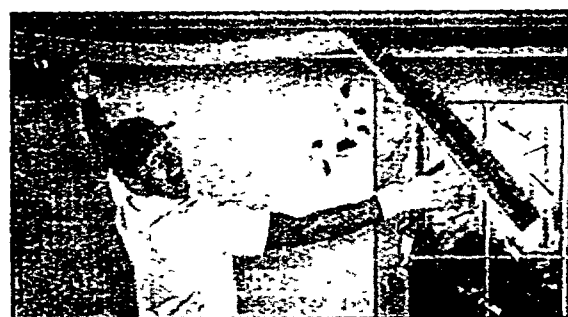


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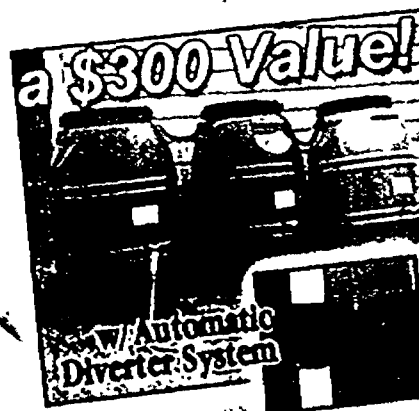
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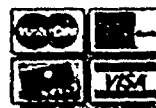
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Summer is one of my favorite times of the year.

I love the sunshine, the birds singing, the flowers blooming and going barefoot in the sand. I enjoy not having to wear a coat outside and not having to scrape the snow and ice off of my windshield each morning.

But, most of all, I enjoy the hundreds of things there are to do in the summer. As a bonafide geeky tourist, I get a kick out of visiting places I have never been, searching for Petoskey stones along the shoreline, watching the animals at the zoo, and sharing the fireworks with someone special.

If you are anything like me, you are always on the lookout for



Candy Spiegel

new things to do in the summer. And that is why I am so excited to share "101 Things to do in the Summer" with you. Inside this special magazine are more than 101 things to do — there are so many awesome things to do in Michigan, I got a bit carried away. They are arranged by category for your convenience.

Whether you are looking for the dates of this year's summer festivals, a great place to go shopping, or something you can do without the kids, you'll find it all inside. I've also included some additional sources of information that parents may use to keep the kids occupied all summer long.

And, if you get a moment, e-mail me and let me know what activities you enjoyed this summer.

Here's to a great summer!

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Jenny Dawson, left, and Tina Lamb enjoy dancing during the 50's Fest in Novi.

Adult Activities

■ Enjoy the **Senior Fest** June 4 at the Northville Senior Community Center. 248-349-4140

■ Stop by the **Livingston Arts Council's Red Wine & Brews Street Party** on Saturday, July 19, from 7-11 p.m. in downtown Howell. The event includes live music, a DJ, an art show, beer and wine tasting, door prizes, food and dancing in the street. www.theoperahouse.us

■ Support your local charitable

organizations by attending a fund-raiser. Check the community calendar in your local paper to find events to attend.

■ Spend an evening out by participating in the fourth annual **Northville Grub Crawl** July 29. The event includes appetizers and samples of signature items, along with cash bar specials at a variety of restaurants and pubs in downtown Northville. Participants must be 21 or older. www.northville.org

■ Senior citizens can enjoy free park entry and boat launching at all of the Metroparks on Aug. 13. **Senior Appreciation Day** also includes special offers. www.metroparks.com

■ Explore the world of the paranormal at the **Michigan Paranormal Expo** June 28 at The Opera House in Howell. The expo will feature vendors, workshops and more. Patrick Burns, founder of Ghost Hounds and co-star of Court TV's "Haunting Evidence", is the featured speaker. Other featured guests include "Ghostly Talk's" Doug and Scott L. www.ghostprism.com

■ You're never too old to show off your athletic ability. Compete in the **Michigan Senior Olympics Summer Games**, which will be

held in Rochester Aug. 9-17. Events include race walk, softball, swimming, tennis, golf, archery, track and field, cycling, bowling and more. 248-608-0250 www.michiganseniorolympics.org

■ **Walk Michigan Trail** and participate in a scavenger hunt on Aug. 13 at Independence Oaks as part of Senior Appreciation Day. High school seniors and those over age 50 get free park entry. www.oakgov.com



Photo by METRO NEWS SERVICE

Find the perfect art to accent your home at one of the area's many art festivals.

/// About Art

■ Spend the first Friday of each month in downtown Northville celebrating the arts and fashion during the **First Fridays Art & Fashion Walk**. Northville's fashion boutiques, art galleries, and arts and crafts stores are open from 6-9 p.m. with specials, entertainment, displays and more. www.downtownnorthville.org

■ Visit the all new **Detroit Institute of Arts**. www.dia.org

■ Attend the **Art at the Opera House Fine Art Show & Sale** Aug. 15-17. The event includes free admission, live music, clowns and a make-and-take table for the kids. www.theoperahouse.us

■ **Art in the Sun**, a juried art show, takes place June 21-22 in downtown Northville. The event features more than 100 exhibitors, plus entertainment and special sales from local merchants. www.northville.org

■ The **Brighton Art Festival** is Aug. 9-10 in downtown Brighton. Enjoy hundreds of exhibitors. www.brightoncoc.org

Have a craft sale.

"Craft Sale," a new publication from American Girl, includes ideas for making seasonal crafts, along with advice, tags, business cards, a receipt pad, stickers and a ledger. American Girl recommends this book for ages 8 and up, but parents might enjoy the ideas in the book, as well.

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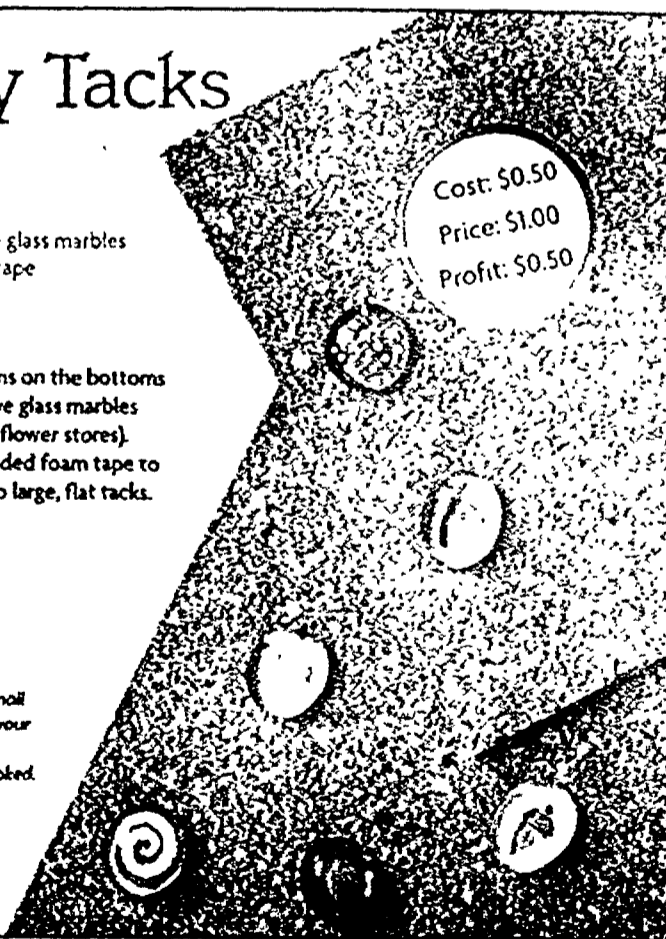
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Paint simple designs on the bottoms of flattened decorative glass marbles (available at craft and flower stores). Let dry. Use double-sided foam tape to stick the marbles onto large, flat tacks.

Tip: Use old corks or a small bulletin board to display your tacks and protect your customers from getting poked.



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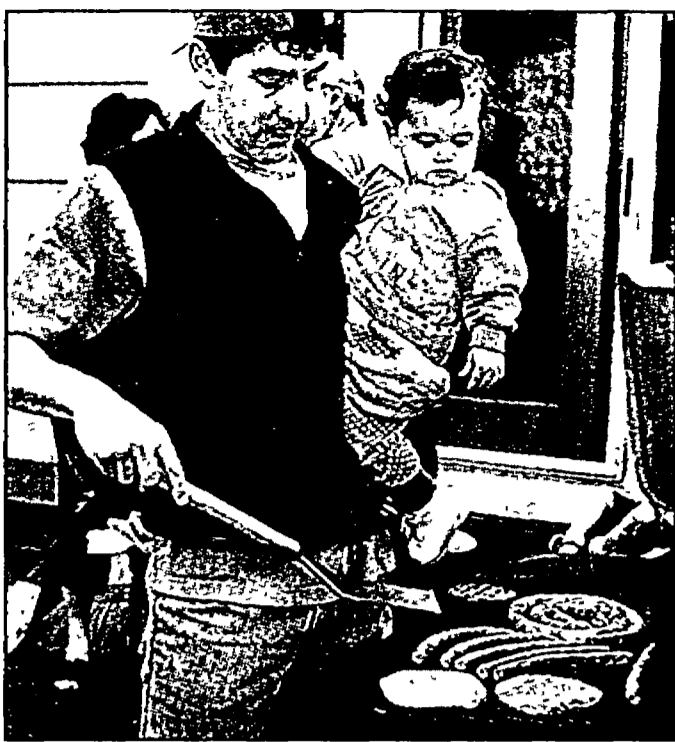


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Include the whole family in household chores and then celebrate with a barbecue.

Charming Chores

- Have a family work, play and barbecue day. After working around the house, play some badminton and then barbecue.
- Plan a community garage sale for your street or subdivision.
- Have your kids help you plant and care for a garden.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Not to be deterred by rain, Emily Mason, left, and Katie Kim dance to the sounds of Rennie Kaufmann during Tunes on Tuesdays at Genitti's.

Especially for Kids

- Spend the week at summer camp. A variety of programs are offered, allowing kids to participate in the types of activities they enjoy the most.
- Tunes on Tuesday Kids Concert Series runs from June 17 to Aug. 5. The concerts are held at 11 a.m.

at Town Square in downtown Northville. In the event of rain, the event is moved inside to Genitti's Hole-In-The-Wall. 248-349-0203
www.downtownnorthville.org

- Get a group together and tour the fire station or post office. Call ahead to arrange a tour.
- Many area churches offer vacation bible school programs. Sign up your school-age kids for some valuable lessons.
- Send the kids to day camp! Check out the YMCA, dance studios, local theaters and more for themed, summer day-camp programs that provide the kids plenty of fun — and parents with a well-deserved break.
- Take some bread and head to a pond. The kids will love feeding the ducks.
- Pack a picnic lunch, grab the kids and some favorite books and curl up under a tree in your own backyard. The younger the offspring, the bigger the adventure

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■ Take the kids for a bike ride along the paved bike paths within the community.



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Go to one of the nearby u-pick berry farms to pick fresh berries and then bake a pie.

Fabulous Food

■ Plan a family picnic or barbecue using only foods produced in Michigan. Here are a few ideas to get you started — Koegel's meat products are made in Flint; Better Made potato chips and Faygo pop are made in Detroit; and locally grown produce can be found at farmers' markets.

■ Dine outside at a restaurant for a relaxing evening and an enjoy-

able meal without doing dishes.

■ The Freemasons of South Lyon host an all-you-can-eat breakfast the second Sunday of the month from 8 a.m. to noon at the South Lyon VFW Hall. The meal includes eggs, home fries, pancakes, sausage, gravy and more. www.southlyonchamber.com

■ Go to one of the many u-pick berry places, pick your favorite berries, then make a delicious pie with them.

■ See how it's made. Tour the Morley Candy Factory in Clinton Township, www.morleycandy.com. Or, head out to Chelsea and visit the Chelsea Milling Company where they make Jiffy Mix, www.jiffymix.com. Both tours include samples. Tours are free, but reservations are required.

■ Learn all about chocolate in a special exhibit at the Henry Ford Museum, which takes place from May 31 to Sept. 7. www.hfmgv.org

■ Travel to the Orient without leaving the house. Spread pillows around the sides of the coffee table and serve Chinese or Japanese cuisine in the living room.

More ideas for fun things to do as a family.

For hundreds of additional ideas all over the state of Michigan, check out these travel guides at your local library or bookstore.

• "Fun with the Family Michigan: Hundreds of Ideas for Day Trips with the Kids" by Bill Semion includes information on festivals, historic and scenic drives, theaters, malls and other shopping centers in the state, as well as some major parks, zoos and attractions.

• "Kids Love Michigan: A Family Travel Guide to Exploring Kid-Tested Places in Michigan ... Year Round!" by George and Michele Zavatsky includes hundreds of places — both well-known and obscure — to take kids. Be sure to purchase the fourth edition, which was published in 2008.

• "Michigan Family Field Trips: Fun Sites for Kids!" by Ellyce Field offers information on museums, zoos, theaters, parks and other fun places to take kids. While there are places around the state included, the majority are in the Metro Detroit area.

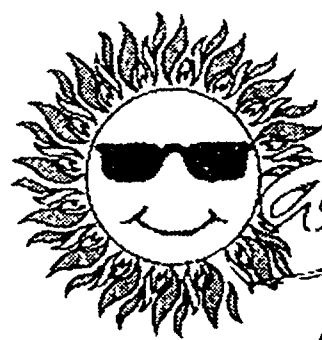


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Sarah Cromwell, 2, gets a guiding hand around the waters of Walled Lake from her mother Nicole. The pair were visiting Novi's North Lake Shore Park on a sunny, warm afternoon.

Family Fun

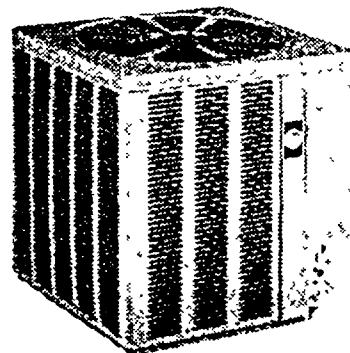
■ Take the family to the local putt-putt course and have a challenging game of golf.



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■ Visit your local library and check out a **museum pass**. The passes can be checked out for seven days and admit two to four people to a number of museums and attractions all over the Metro Detroit area.
www.detroitadventurepass.org

■ Participate in the **White Lake Relay For Life** — a 24-hour neighborhood party that raises funds and awareness for the American Cancer Society. The event is June 7-8 at Lakeland High School. 248-663-3425

■ **Make a family scrapbook**: Have each member of the family create his/her own scrapbook page or pages and decorate the cover together.

■ Head out to the **Farm Learning Center at Kensington** for a variety of programs on animals and nature. www.metroparks.com

■ Visit a new restaurant. Encourage each member of the family to try something new. Sample each other's meals.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Fireworks light up the sky during Sparks in the Park. This year's event is slated for June 28.

Fun on the Fourth

■ Enjoy the fireworks and parades on the Fourth of July. Check your local newspaper for details.

■ The **Independence Day Parade** in downtown Northville begins at 10 a.m. on July 4. 248-374-0200

■ Mill Race Village in Northville offers a variety of **Independence Day** activities on July 4 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. 248-348-1845

■ **Milford's Fourth of July Parade** begins at 11 a.m. in downtown Milford.
www.meetmeinmilford.com



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The Witch's Hat Depot in South Lyon offers a museum, a caboose and several historic buildings — all in a beautiful park.

Historical Hoopla

■ Stop by **Witch's Hat Depot** and visit the museum then enjoy a picnic lunch under a tree in McHattie Park.




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■ Visit **Crossroads Village and Huckleberry Railroad**. This historic village, located near Flint, offers a chance to view life from the mid-1800s. Ride the restored train, carousel or paddle-wheel riverboat.
www.geneseecountyparks.org

■ Spend a **Sunday at Mill Race Village**, located at 215 Griswold, in Northville. The village is open from 1-4 p.m. each Sunday from June 8 to Oct. 19. Created in 1972 by the Northville Historical Society, the village is a collection of buildings that have been turned into a living museum. The village includes a church, gazebo, school, wooden bridge, blacksmith shop, interurban station and several homes.
www.northville.lib.mi.us/community/groups/history/

■ Take a trip back in time to **Michigan's colonial days** on Aug. 9 & 10 at Kensington Metropark where re-enactors portraying British and French settlers and Native Americans bring history to life. 800-477-3178
www.metroparks.com

■ Dance, sing and celebrate early jazz music during **Greenfield Village's Ragtime Street Fair** July 19-20. There will be silent movies,

contests, dance instruction, food and more. www.hfmgv.org

■ On July 20, 1907, two trains collided at Five Mile and Napier roads, killing more than 30 people. Among the fatalities were members of a minor league baseball team traveling to watch the Detroit Tigers in their first pennant race. Relive the **Great Salem Train Wreck** through photos and letters July 22. Call after June 16 to register. 248-348-1845



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Take up a new hobby like painting.

Hobbies & Activities

■ Try your hand at **drawing or painting** with the help of a live

model on June 18, July 16 and Aug. 20 at The Opera House in downtown Howell. All media types are welcome, but you need to bring your own supplies. There is a \$5 modeling fee.
www.theoperahouse.us

■ Check out the **Antique Gas Engine & Tractor Show** June 6-8 at Hudson Mills Metropark. 800-477-3175 www.metroparks.com

■ Call your community education office or parks and recreation department for a list of **summer classes**. They're not just for kids. Learn to cook, to dance or a new computer program.

■ Join the **summer reading program** or a book club at your local library. Some offer great prizes!

■ Sign up for a **craft class**. You can make some beautiful pottery, jewelry or other creations and make some new friends too. Don't forget the kids, they love to be creative also.

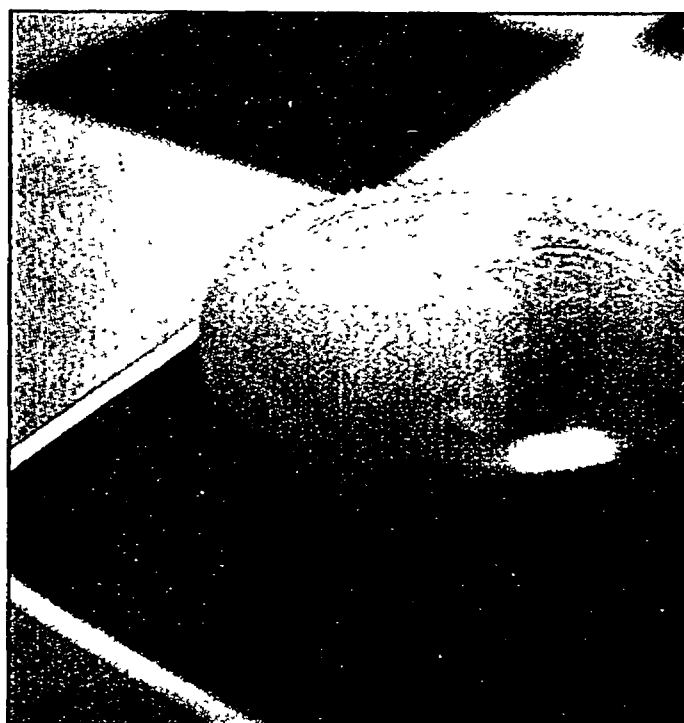


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When it's too hot or stormy outside, try an afternoon with a game of checkers or cards.

Indoor Entertainment

■ On a rainy day, keep kids busy by renting videos. Make some popcorn and let the kids invite friends over for a **movie marathon**.

■ Enjoy the air conditioning in your local **bowling center**.

■ Spend sometime together **playing a board game** or learning a new card game, together.

Try Geocaching for outdoor fun.

Geocaching, pronounced gee-oh-cash-ing, combines a love of nature with modern technology and good, old-fashioned treasure hunting.

The Official Global GPS Cache Hunt Site, www.geocaching.com, defines it as "an entertaining adventure game for GPS users."

Basically, geocachers use a GPS device to locate a cache placed by someone else. The cache coordinates are placed on the Internet. The caches often contain small trinkets to trade and a log book to sign. Other times the caches are part of a game, contest or other adventure. The Huron-Clinton Metroparks have a Geocaching Adventure this summer that requires participants to find 11 geo-

caches hidden throughout the Metroparks, obtain their keywords and use them to solve a puzzle.

The joy of geocaching is often in the journey. Many caches are placed in parks where the beauty of nature can be enjoyed on the way to the site. Sometimes the location offers a unique view many never see. Geocachers also believe in giving back and make it a habit to collect trash or debris left along the route and dispose of it properly.

For more information on geocaching, visit the following Web sites:

www.geocaching.com

www.migoonline.org

www.mi-geocaching.org/sechapter

www.metroparks.com

■ **The Michigan Historical Museum** in Lansing invites you to walk through Michigan's history — from prehistoric times through today. Geared toward school-age children, the museum is filled with interactive displays. Walk through a copper mine, ride a buggy along the Plank Road (now Grand River Avenue), meet the first governor of the state, listen to the 1930's radio, find out if you should be a farmer or work in the auto factories, and more. Parking is free on the weekends. There is no charge to visit the museum, but donations are appreciated.

■ On a hot summer evening take in a **movie** at your local movie theater. It's a great way to cool off.

■ If Michigan weather isn't cooperating visit one of the **indoor golf facilities**. All the avid golfers must know just where to find such a place.

■ Spend a hot afternoon inside with the air conditioning. **Read a book** by your favorite author or

try something by a new author.

■ Don't let the rain or possibility of a sunburn stop you from swimming — visit an **indoor pool or aquatic center**.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Jim Nelson performs as part of the band 851 Jam during Sparks in the Park.

Musical Melodies

■ Drum up a beat by joining the **Huron Valley Drum Circle**. The group meets from 4-5:30 p.m. the first and third Sundays of each month at the Highland Station. All types of drums and other rhythm toys are welcome. 248-684-1002 www.huronvalleyarts.org

■ Northville hosts free **Friday-night concerts** at Town Square in downtown Northville from May 30 through Aug. 15 at 7 p.m. Performers include jazz, blues, rock, swing and country artists. www.downtownnorthville.org

■ **Highland Concerts in the Park** take place from July 9 through Aug. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at Veterans Park. www.highlanddda.com

■ The Huron Valley Council for the Arts hosts **Friday Night Live** — a musical concert on the fourth Friday of each month during the summer from 7-9 p.m. at the Gazebo in downtown Milford. 248-889-8660 www.huronvcc.com



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■ Bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy a free concert at the **McHattie Park Gazebo** in South Lyon on May 23, June 13, June 27, July 11, July 25, Aug. 8 and Aug. 22. Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. www.southlyonmi.org

■ Every Friday evening, from July through August, bring a lawn chair or blanket and enjoy **Concerts at the Courthouse** in downtown Howell, hosted by the Livingston Arts Council. www.theoperahouse.us

■ Show off your musical abilities during a **jam session** held the first and third Wednesday of each month from 7-9 p.m. at the Highland Station House. www.huronvalleyarts.org



Photo by JOHN HEIDER

A pair of campers give each other a high five after making a play during a kickball game.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Enjoy a bike ride at Kensington Metropark.

Outdoor Adventures

■ Watch for the **ospreys** and celebrate their return to Kensington Metropark Nature Center on July 12 & 13. 1-800-477-3178 www.metroparks.com

■ Go to the lake for a fun day at the beach.

■ Tour local gardens during the **15th Annual Northville Garden Walk** on July 9. Visitors will enjoy refreshments, a garden market,

and plein air painters at the Art House of Northville.

248-380-9259 www.cgcnv.org

■ Visit one of the Oakland County Parks or one of the Huron-Clinton Metroparks during **Salute to America Appreciation Day** — June 14. Many are offering free entry or special programs on that day.

www.oakgov.com

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■ Enjoy a two-hour cruise aboard the "**Clinton**" and explore the waters and islands of the lower Detroit River and Lake St. Clair. www.metroparks.com

■ Ride your bike to get an ice cream, not only do you burn off some of the calories, but the treat tastes twice as nice for the effort.

■ When the humidity is high, **jump in your pool** or call a friend or neighbor to enjoy theirs.

■ Spend a day **water skiing** or tubing.

■ **Rent a canoe** at one of the many local rental places.

■ Pick up a local bird guide at the library or bookstore and spend

some time **bird watching**.

■ Go **horseback riding**. Contact one of the local stables for lessons.

■ Join your neighbors **camping** in your backyard during the Great American Backyard Campout. www.outdoorindustryfoundation.org/programs.gabc.html

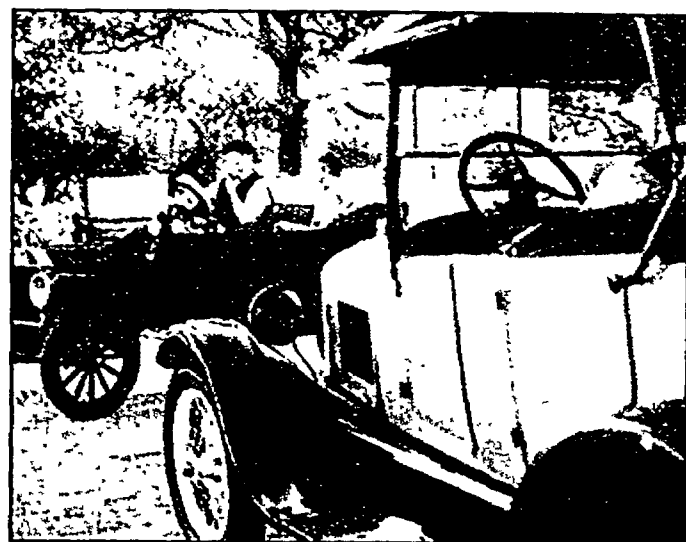


Photo courtesy of THE HENRY FORD

The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village are hosting a variety of events in honor of the centennial of the Model T.

Road Trips

■ Go to your local travel agency or www.michigan.org and plan a **weekend getaway trip**. Michigan has many great places to discov-

er, including Mackinac Island and the Sleeping Bear Sand Dunes.

■ Visit the zoo. Each zoo offers different exhibits and animals, so you might wish to check out each one: **Binder Park Zoo** in Battle Creek, www.binderparkzoo.org; **Children's Zoo at Celebration Square** in Saginaw, www.saginawzoo.com; **Detroit Zoo** in Royal Oak, www.detroitzoo.org; **John Ball Zoo** in Grand Rapids, johnballzoosociety.org; **Potter Park Zoo** in Lansing, www.potterparkzoo.org; and **Toledo Zoo** in Toledo, www.toledozoo.org.

■ Celebrate the centennial of the **Ford Model T** at the Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village. Here are just a few of the special activities they are offering: Model T rides; build a Model T; showcase your Model T in a special living history exhibit the begins June 16. www.thehenryford.org

■ Take a drive along **The Great Sauk Trail**, Michigan's first design-

nated heritage route. Now called U.S. 12, the road connects Chicago to Detroit. Many unique towns, parks and tourist attractions can be found along the way.

■ Visit **Michigan's Adventure**. This West Michigan amusement park offers roller coasters, water slides, wave pools and more. Thunderhawk, Michigan's only suspended coaster, opened this spring. www.miadventure.com

■ Visit **Howell Conference & Nature Center**. This gem, located just south of Howell, includes a climbing wall, ropes course, the Wild Wonders Wildlife Park and a variety of sports. www.howellnaturecenter.org

■ Spend a day at **Greenfield Village**. Saturday evenings include music, entertainment and fireworks. www.hfmgv.org

■ Go **cruzin'** Sundays at Baker's of Milford at 4 p.m. all summer long. Old-time cars, hot rods and motorcycles are welcome. Vie for weekly trophies and enjoy live music. 248-685-0505.



Photo by HAL GOULD

Enjoy nature at a relaxing pace in a canoe.

Rest & Relaxation

■ Take a moment to enjoy the scenery around you. Have a seat on the porch steps, a park bench, a garden swing or the grass.

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Camp Oasis Crohn's & Colitis Foundation of America (July 13-19)

Kidney Foundation Summer Camp
Burn the Floor Dance Camp (June 20 - 25)

Camp Yunasa Institute for Educational Advancement (July 27 - August 2)

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Kaitlyn Steele, 4, enjoys a trip on the Merry-Go-Round at the 2007 50's Fest in Novi.

■ **Get a pedicure, manicure or new hairstyle.** You'll feel great.

■ **Take a leisurely walk through the woods or a park.**



Photo by HAL GOULD

Carol Upton, from Commerce, looks for bargains during Milford's Shop, Rock and Stroll.

Shopping

■ **Spend the afternoon browsing through local antique shops.** Your community has a variety of shops with wonderful selections.

■ **Plan on strolling through the downtown Northville Sidewalk Sales** Aug. 1-2. 248-349-7640

■ **Shop, Rock and Stroll** through downtown Milford and enjoy sidewalk sales, children's activities, live music and more on July 11-12. www.meetmeinmilford.com

■ **Take a day-long shopping trip** to one of the many malls or outlet centers in the area.

■ **Scan the Green Sheet classifieds for garage sales** and make a day of finding great buys.



Photo courtesy of THE HENRY FORD

See how baseball was played in the beginning at Greenfield Village this summer.

Sports & Fitness

■ **Quake on the Lake**, a weekend of inboard hydroplane races on

Pontiac Lake, is July 18-20. This year's event includes performances by some of the world's top skiers, jumpers and wakeboarders. www.quakeonthelake.org

■ **Learn to play cricket** with a class at Lyon Oaks. Register by June 12. www.oakgov.com

■ **Watch a professional baseball game.** In addition to the **Detroit Tigers**, www.detroittigers.com, there are several minor-league teams in the area. **The Great Lakes Loons**, www.loons.com, based in Midland, are affiliated with the Los Angeles Dodgers. **The Lansing Lugnuts**, www.lansinglugnuts.com, are affiliated with the Toronto Blue Jays. **The West Michigan Whitecaps**, www.whitecaps-baseball.com, based in Grand Rapids, are affiliated with the Detroit Tigers. **The Toledo Mud Hens**, www.mudhens.com, are also affiliated with Detroit.

■ **Participate in or just watch top amateurs** from across the country and Canada compete in the **U.S. Amateur Disc Golf Championship Tournament** June 14-15 at Kensington Metropark. 800-477-3178 www.amnationals.com

■ **Witness a historic baseball game** at Greenfield Village. Every Saturday and Sunday from June 7 to Aug. 24, the village will host a baseball game played by 1867 rules. **The World Tournament of Historic Baseball** will be held on Aug. 2-3 and will include an appearance by Ernie Harwell, Detroit Tigers Autograph Day, a baseball skills test and more. www.hfmgv.org

■ **The Solstice Run** takes place at Ford Field on June 23. 248-349-0203 www.solsticerun.org

■ **Invest in a quality bike and gear** and go for a **bike ride** through the park.

■ **Hit the greens** at a local **golf course** or sign up for lessons to improve your game.

■ **Go to South Lyon's McHattie Park** for a game of **sand volleyball**.

■ **Join your local fitness club** and get fit.

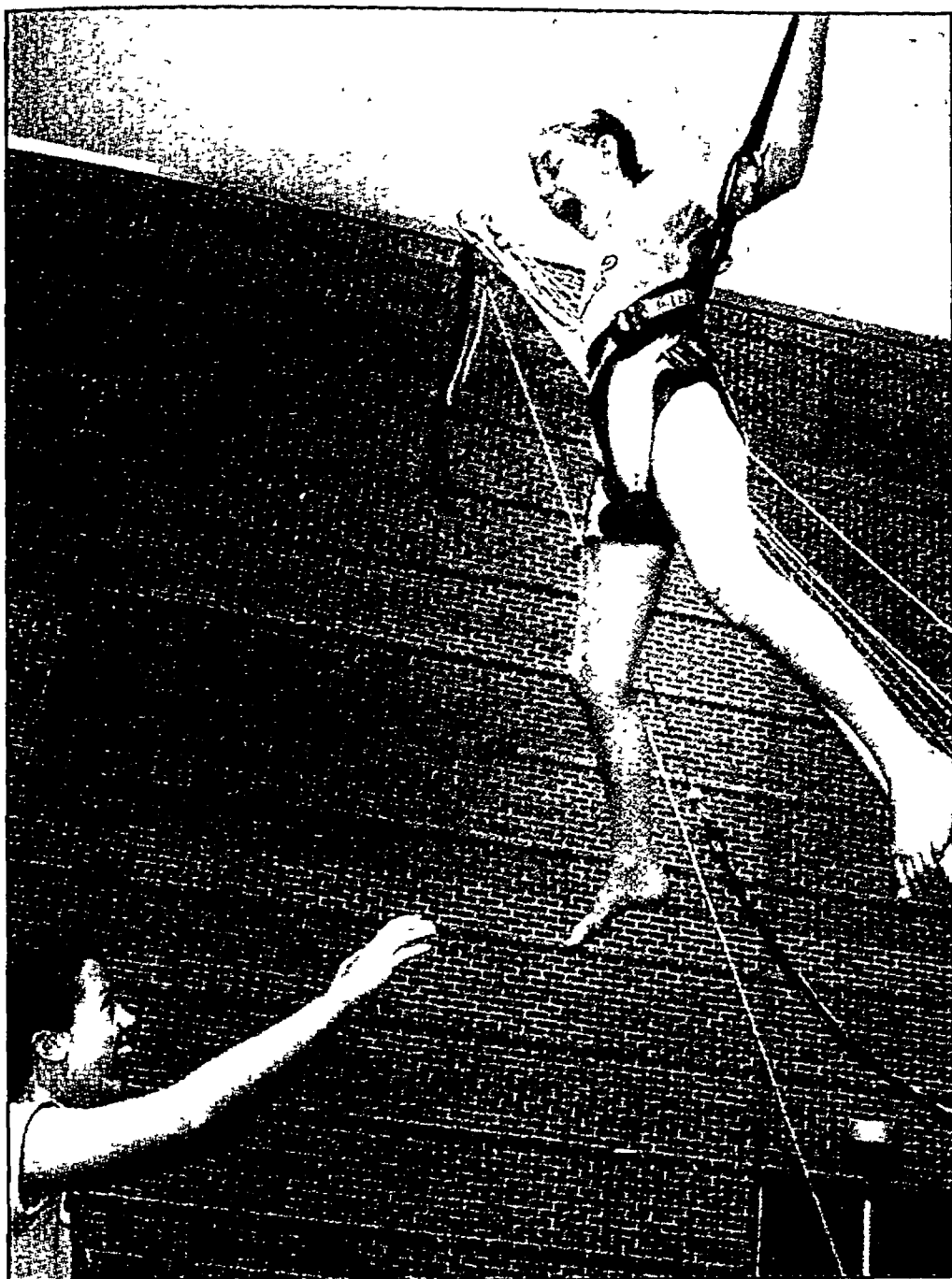


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Try bungee jumping. Here, Spring Hill Camp counselor Laura Cooke, left, helps Kristina Giroux, 10, into the air at Novi's Oakpointe Church.

■ Grab your rollerblades and enjoy the day rollerblading at the park.

Summer Festivals

■ **The Salem Flag Day Parade** begins at 11 a.m. June 7 at Salem Elementary School. sahshistory.org

■ **Hamburg Family Fun Fest** includes live entertainment, carnival rides, an antique fire truck show, fireworks and much more. The event is June 11-15. www.hamburgfunfest.com

■ **The Michigan Challenge Balloonfest** features 60



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Mike Willams and his son Easton, 3, of Milford enjoy the slide during Shop, Rock & Stroll.

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www.michiganchallenge.com

■ **Sparks in the Park**, hosted by the Highland Business Association, kicks off at 5 p.m. Saturday, June 28 at Milford High School. The event includes camping, fireworks, pool activities, live bands and more.
www.sparksinthepark.info

■ **Attend the Oakland County Fair** July 8-13 at Springfield Oaks Activity Center.
 248-634-7899

■ **Highland Fest's 25th event** features music, entertainment, kids' activities, a carnival, food, art, a 5K run, a softball tournament, a circus and more July 18-20.
www.highlandfest.com

■ **Relive the past in Milford** at the annual **Milford Memories** festival held Aug. 8-10. More than 200 art and craft booths, carnival foods,



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Try a new sport, like riding a unicycle. Here, Irene Grenelin, 22, of Hutchinson, Minn., crosses the finish line at a Lakeshore Park race.

fun and games for children, entertainment, cold-butt euchre tournament, blind canoe race, hot-pepper-eating contest, kids' fishing tournament, Civil War encampment and much more.
www.milfordmemories.com

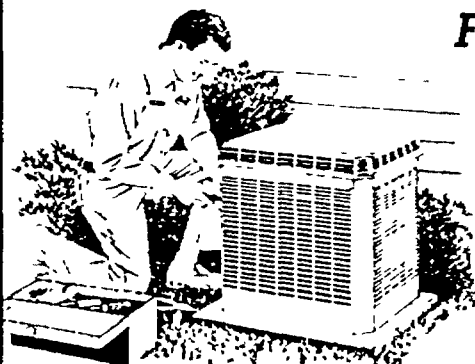
■ **Have fun at Northville's Summer Carnival** Aug. 14-17.
 248-349-7640

■ **Taste the sweet, juicy melons** that put Howell on the agricultural map during the **Howell Melon Festival**, Aug. 14-17. Festivities include Michigan's largest small-town parade, kids' activities and more.
www.howellmelonfestival.com

■ **The 2008 Michigan Renaissance Festival** is held each weekend from Aug. 16 to Sept. 28. Each weekend features a different theme — including Wonders of the World, a Chocolate Festival, Arabian Knights, Highland Weekend and more.
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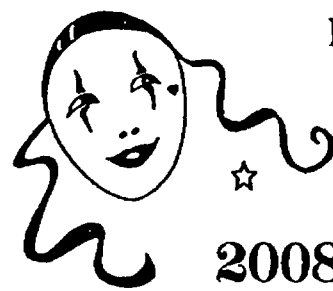
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