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"I'm too busy to be sick right now. I'm a full-time chauffeur, personal chef, receptionist, maid, seamstress and activity planner for a family of five. OK, I admit that if I knew I could get in and out of the doctor's office quickly, I'd go. But, I've never met a doctor who changes their schedule to fit mine.

I DON'T HAVE TIME TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT."

■ Roughing it with the guys

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near Chelsea, where they reserve their favorite cabin. The Burns cabin that sleeps 20. There's no electricity or running water, just a pump outside.

An outhouse is available but not recommended. "We generally just find the woods," Jim said. It's recommended that every one shower before golf on Saturday to minimize their natural fragrance.

A steak and corn-on-the-cob dinner takes place at 7 p.m., with a strict "no-forks" rule. You've got to eat with your hands, just like cave men.

"This tradition started in 2004 when my wife accidentally took forks from our supplies for our daughter Jessica's confirmation luncheon," Jim explained. "It was so funny, it stuck."

At 8:30 p.m., a bonfire is built under the direction of "Bonfire" Bog Kalweit. A camp fire sing-along follows, which includes acoustic guitars. Attendees must send in their favorite camp fire song to Jim Boerger in advance, and the lyrics and chords must be publicly available.

This is a special time when the men ponder important life questions, such as, "Will the Wings be in the Stanley Cup this year?" and "Will the Pistons still be playing?"

Midnight is lights out (or in this instance flashlights and candles out).

At 6 a.m. on Sunday, the camp fire is lit again, and sunrise music begins with the Nitty Gritty W.I.F.S. Band. At 8 a.m., the dads start "cooking" the continental breakfast. After final packing and cleanup, the group heads off on their annual journey to the Waterloo bog, one of the largest in the state. At 11 a.m., the men depart for Buffalo Wild Wings in Canton, where they've been known to consume as many as 200 chicken wings. After the final activity, which is go-kart racing at Sport Way of Westland, the menfolk return home — tired, happy, smelly and unshaven.

The Inukshuk symbol

One of the most important aspects incorporated into the W.I.F.S. Outing is the symbol of the Inukshuk (pronounced "in-ook-shook"). Meaning "in the image of man," the Inukshuk are magnificent lifelike stone figures erected by the Inuits and are unique to the Canadian Arctic. Standing along Canada's northernmost shores, they are eternal symbols of leadership, encouraging the importance of friendship and reminding us of our dependence on one another.

In the Baffin region of Canada's Arctic, the traditional meaning of an Inukshuk was to act as a compass or guide for a safe journey. Like ancient track-

ers, the figures helped guide those seeking their way through the wilderness. An Inukshuk on land with two arms and legs means there's a valley. At the end of the valley, the traveler can go in two directions. In today's world, this serves as a reminder that we always have a choice in the direction we choose in life.

Hats designed for the 2008 outing feature the Inukshuk symbol, which means, "I've been here before; you're on the right path," Jim Boerger said. A pewter medallion awarded to the sons upon graduation or marriage with the Inukshuk symbol is inscribed with, "The difference you make today counts in all our tomorrows."

Josh, 16, who will be a junior at Northville High School next fall, said he finds the annual father-son journey rewarding.

"It's really fun," he said. "We hike it up 364 days a year."

"We're trying to raise our sons to be young men who are thoughtful, caring, responsible adults," Jim Boerger said.

The group has planned a second 2008 W.I.F.S. trip in August in which the men will go white-water rafting in West Virginia. Again back to that all-important tradition, "On this trip, W.I.F.S. will stand for white water is fun in the summer," Jim Boerger joked.

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■ Annexation avoided?

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A hearing scheduled last Friday in Wayne County Circuit Court Judge William Giovan's courtroom was postponed until today to give the two sides more time to negotiate.

Attorneys for the developer and the township have been meeting all along and have been getting closer to coming to a settlement on the property.

A township trustee, who preferred to be unnamed, said the township's compromise will most likely include more commercial space on the property, which was one of the main points of contention between the township and the developer.

Whether a WalMart, which Schostak recently built at Wonderland Mall at Middlebelt and Plymouth Road in Livonia, or other type of big-box retail store is planned for the property is yet to be seen. A closed session took place on the matter Monday evening.

"I think they (REIS) want way too much commercial, and we don't have a level playing field," said Carol Poenisch of Citizens for Northville, a grass-roots organization promoting responsible development in the township.

"Charter townships have such a disadvantage when working with a developer with the current laws," she said.

According to the Michigan Department of State Bureau of Elections, the Senate Republican Campaign Committee received a \$10,000 contribution from Robert Schostak on April 18. This came in

between votes in the Michigan House and Senate regarding annexation legislation that would have protected the township. The legislation passed in the House, but not the Senate.

Livonia voters are set to vote on annexation in the Aug. 5 primary. However, it's unclear at this point whether the language will remain on the ballot if the township and the developer reach an agreement on the property.

If an agreement is reached, all pending lawsuits involving the property, including the \$100 million lawsuit against the township for not approving the developer's plan last year, could also be dismissed.

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FOX 2 News Zip Trip coming to Town Square on June 20

■ 97.1 The Ticket to also broadcast

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Downtown Northville will be in the spotlight the morning of June 20 as the Fox 2 News Morning Crew heads out for a visit.

It's called Zip Trip, and the series is going strong in its second year of showcasing special places, rich history and fun things to do in cities you may have never visited before.

The morning show will be broadcast live in Town Square from 7-9 a.m. and during the mid-morning newscast, Live at 11.

Dana Hahn, vice president of news at the station, said 15 Zip Trips took place last year, which included such cities as Ortonville, Wyandotte and Brighton, with 13 scheduled this year. Last Friday, the crew was in Belleville, with other cities this year including Rochester, St. Clair Shores and Saline. "We try to get out to different areas," Hahn said. "We have great towns in Michigan."

While centering around a big event in town, in Northville's case the Art in the Sun street fair on June 21-22, the broadcast will also incorporate Northville's history, shops and other upcoming events. During the live broadcast, the station will talk about and give away prize packages on the air. Donations from the following merchants have been received for the giveaways: As The Page Turns, Edwards Cafe & Caterer, Empire Deli, gg Resort, Long Bath Shop, Margo's of Northville Salon & Spa, the Marquis Theatre, Paw's Total Pet Studio, Pear-aphemalia, Scottie's Kitchen, Solid Grounds Coffee House, Starring "The Gallery", The Moon & Me and Wine Sync.

FOX 2 News staffers who plan to be in Northville will include Kam Carman, Jason Carr and Jay Towers.

Towers and Bill McAllister will also simulcast their 97.1 The Ticket morning sports radio show on June 20 in Northville.

Hahn said Carman will visit Northville prior to the broadcast and explore the community through her own eyes. "We're planning an in-depth feature on Guernsey Farms Dairy plus information on Parmenter Cider Mill,

Northville Parks & Recreation and Northville Downs," Hahn said.

"The Zip Trip puts the city in a great spotlight," she added. "If you've never been to Northville, after watching the Zip Trip, you'll know what it's all about."

Hahn hopes Northville residents will join the fun and come down to Town Square for the live broadcast. "We encourage people to come down," she said.

Mayor Chris Johnson and at least one Northville Chamber of Commerce staff member have already agreed to say a few words on behalf of the city. A trivia question is also presented each week, with clues to the answer provided during the broadcast's dialogue.

The station also presents a big trip, which is a three-four-day getaway, each week to such resorts as Boyne Highlands and the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City.

Those who may be on their way to work during the Zip Trip can always log on to www.myfoxdetroit.com and go to the Zip Trip link for details about the broadcast.

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Submitted photo Tunes on Tuesdays

Tunes on Tuesdays Kids Concerts, which will run from 11 a.m.-noon starting June 17 through Aug. 5, will take place in the new Town Square on Main Street in downtown Northville across from the Marquis Theatre. The free program is sponsored by the Northville Downtown Development Authority and Northville Parks and Recreation. Rain location will be at Genitti's Little Theatre, 108 E. Main St. Rennie Kauffman will perform June 17.

■ Sex-education debate persists

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ents who believe there are better alternatives to the recommended curriculum, including: "Why know," an abstinence-centered curriculum used in some Georgia school districts, and "Project Reality" used in Chicago public schools.

Four videos and printed lessons discussing intimate behavior between teens were available for review by appointment at the school board office prior to the hearings.

The content, labeled graphic by some, brought parents out to the hearings in hopes that their com-

ments and concerns would help sway the school board from approving the curriculum. All of the comments will be included in the hearing minutes and forwarded to the General Curriculum Subcommittee for review.

Liz Vallespir, a Northville parent attended the May 29 hearing. She noted all in attendance that evening objected to what they called loose morals, low humor and inappropriately familiar and graphic information in the materials.

"I wish more people could have heard the objections raised, even if they didn't view the curriculum. It was moving and poignant at times. These are our kids, and it is up to us to protect them and fight for what is right for them," Vallespir said.

Class lessons will include small group discussion on risky behaviors — including various types of oral, anal, and vaginal encounters, or lying together with clothes on, and less risky behaviors.

Lessons also call for a discussion regarding the pros and cons of specific methods of avoiding pregnancy — followed by students vocally having to convince the class of their preferred method.

Regarding the "abstinence based" portion of the curriculum, Vallespir says it can be referred to as that — only if abstinence is mentioned, which it is, but very briefly.

"The message seems to be, 'It's all good, just do it safely,'" she said.

Paul and Sarah Bechler of Northville, have a daughter in the

high school, and after reviewing the proposed materials, say they're sure they will be opting their child out of that three-week portion of the semester-long health class.

"I wouldn't say the material was pornographic, but it is discussing graphic issues in mixed groups, and consequences of risky behavior are downplayed in the material, and abstinence is only mentioned as an option," he said.

According to Bechler, public schools are only required to teach about HIV and AIDS. The rest of this curriculum, he says, is Northville's own decision.

But even more troubling to him, is what might confront the Northville community in the future.

"It's somebody's agenda to get this sex-ed curriculum into

Northville," Bechler said. "Some parents fear it is just a matter of time before this curriculum is taught to elementary students."

Mary Kay Gallagher, assistant superintendent for instructional services for Northville schools, facilitated the public hearings along with Cheryl Jones, co-chair of the Health Advisory Board.

Gallagher says the curriculum is meant to inform teens now, because they aren't given this information in college or beyond.

"We aren't intending for them to go out and become sexually active with the information taught in the class. It's meant for them to use it once they are in a committed relationship at a later stage in life," Gallagher said.

Opting out of the class is a legal option guaranteed by the state

Gallagher commented that the students won't have to report to the class for attendance before, nor will they have any punitive assignments to turn in.

"We are working on a list of opt-out opportunities that will be ready prior to the time the curriculum is taught," she said.

As the curriculum is referred to as abstinence-based, Gallagher said that each class would begin with the teacher stating:

"That abstinence is the only 100-percent effective, emotionally and physically safe method for teens and that the information they are learning is important information for when they are in committed relationships as adults. Engaging in sexual activity as a teen is detrimental — emotionally, physically and economically..."

Photo submitted by George McCarthy

National Trails Day

Forty five volunteers turned out at Maybury State Park in Northville on June 7 to participate in the 16th Annual National Trails Day sponsored by the American Hiking Society and REI, Inc. The Maybury event was hosted by the Friends of Maybury State Park. The group cleared trails, corrected drainage problems and planted trees. Nationwide, over 1,100 similar National Trails Day events took place on Saturday. This program introduces people to the many joys and benefits of our national trails system. Maybury has eleven miles of horse back riding trails, six miles of hiking trails, four miles of mountain biking trails and four miles of paved walking trails.



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ROAD RUNNERS: Club laces up for health and a worthy cause

■ Gathering used shoes for needy June 14; preparing for Classic July 26

By Aleea Hibbeln
SPECIAL WRITER

Gary Haf began running after his divorce nine years ago. A friend wanted Haf to run a leg of the Detroit Free Press Marathon, and he couldn't resist the challenge.

"You start off doing six miles, and then you get addicted," Haf said.

Haf, now vice chancellor of Northville Road Runners, formally known as Redford Road Runners, said it's the blend of racing with the camaraderie among the runners that gets his adrenaline pumping.

"People always say, 'I can't run.' Everyone can run," he said.

"You walk before you run. You run in small increments, you catch the fever, you start racing, and then it becomes part of your lifestyle," said Haf. "The more you run, the more energy you have. Walking is excellent, but running gives you more bang for your buck — you can do it in half the time."

Haf runs year round in zero- to 95-degree weather.

"The heat is brutal," he said. "I'd rather run in the cold."

The 60-year-old marketing manager for American Label & Tag admits that running a marathon doesn't happen overnight.

"When you first start, it's no cakewalk," said Haf. "Your mind doesn't want your legs to move. You can't breathe. But once you convince your mind to do it, it gets a lot easier."

As vice-chancellor, Haf brings in new members and organizes activities. The club has about 130 members — half of which are female. Members break off into groups of 20 to 40, and run rain or shine four to six miles, four times a week.

More than running

The club's passion is founded on running, racing, staying fit and camaraderie. But this year,



Photo by Tom Hibbeln

From left, Linda Doll, from Plymouth, Brad Behrman, from Plymouth, Gary Haf, from Novi, and Scott Leveley, from Plymouth, spend Saturday afternoon collecting and boxing up running shoes. The shoes will be sent to Colorado for refurbishing, then will be sent to Third World countries.

they want to do more than just run and chat. The club is sponsoring its first running shoes and running apparel drive on Saturday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Maybury State Park. The runners will receive donations at the first concession building to the right of the gate, off the main entrance on Eight Mile.

"The runners," said Haf, "don't like to throw their shoes away. And since you have to change them every few months, I thought, 'Geez, there has to be a place to put all these shoes.'"

Community donations will be sent to One World Running, a Colorado based non-profit that sends needy athletes and children gently used running shoes and apparel to Third World countries. One World Running will distribute the goods to runners in Africa, Haiti and Central America.

Road Runner Classic

The annual 2008 Road Runner Classic, a fun-filled family event and 8K run/walk,

will be held on Saturday, July 26 at 5 p.m. at Maybury State Park. The cost of the run is \$15 if paid before July 2 and \$20 the day of the race. Proceeds benefit The Friends of Maybury State park, the park's beautification committee.

"This has turned out to be a first-class event," Haf said of the race that began three years ago.

The event, held rain or shine, will keep kids happy with a story hour, face painting and hands-on activities. Other activ-

ities include music and awards for different age groups. Starting Gate is donating pizza. Other sponsors who have donated are Running Fit, REI, C. Harold Bloom Insurance, Greko — printing and imaging, Deadwood Bar and Grill, Demmer Automotive Group, George's Senate Restaurant, William E. Moran from LPL Financial, Joseph's Coney Island, and professional writer Amy Probst.

"We rely on a grassroots campaign here," said Haf. "If I

don't have these people (donating), I can't get things started."

Haf said most of these sponsors are donating between \$200 and \$300 in gift certificates and services.

"We've got some pretty good runners," Haf said. "I'm actually amazed."

Last year's winner clocked out at five minutes and 20 seconds in one mile.

"That's crazy," he said. For his speed, the winner received a \$50 gift certificate from Running Fit.

'Don't Dress for Dinner' returns to Tipping Point

The Tipping Point Theater in Northville staff is excited about the start of encore performances of the comedy "Don't Dress for Dinner," which began yesterday. The theatre's inaugural selection, the play features the original cast and will run through June 29.

The theatre is located at 361 E. Cady St. just south of Main Street.

Tipping Point Theatre, metro Detroit's newest professional theatre company, is pleased to remount its inaugural production of the hilarious stage farce. Written by Marc

Camoletti and adapted by Robin Hawdon, performances are scheduled for Wednesdays,

Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 2 p.m. All tickets for this special engagement are

\$25 per person. The production is sponsored by Rocky's of Northville, Tipping Point Theatre's exclusive preferred caterer.

"Don't Dress for Dinner" follows Bernard, a wealthy Frenchman who is planning a luxurious weekend with his chic mistress. He has engaged a cook to prepare gourmet delights, packed his wife, Jacqueline, off to her mother's and invited his best friend Robert to provide the alibi. What could possibly go wrong? A hilarious evening ensues as the audience discovers

Robert and Jacqueline are secret lovers, the cook is mistaken for the mistress, the mistress is unable to cook, and Bernard and Robert must improvise at break-neck speed.

Plymouth resident Gillian Eaton directed the original staging of this production. Eaton is an award-winning actress, director and teacher with extensive

credits in theatre, film and television on both sides of the Atlantic, including the West End production and London national tour of "Don't Dress for Dinner" (in the role of Jacqueline). She is a graduate of the Bristol Old Vic Theatre School and is currently the vice president of Arts and Humanities at the YMCA of metro Detroit. She is also a free-

lance director and teacher of Shakespeare in performance. She has been a guest theatre artist for numerous organizations including the Prison Creative Arts Project, Flint Youth Theatre, the Detroit Zoo and the Detroit Historical Museum.

For more information, call the Box Office at (248)347-0003 or go to tippingpointtheatre.org



Photo by Cal Stone

Scholarship recipients

The Northville Garden Club awarded scholarships to two Northville High School seniors on Monday at the township hall. State Rep. Marc Corribeau (D-Northville) was on hand for the luncheon. Also shown (l to r) are Sue Farquhar, chairperson of the scholarship committee; students Lindsay Hagan and Jessica Smith; and Kate Uberti, president of the Garden Club.

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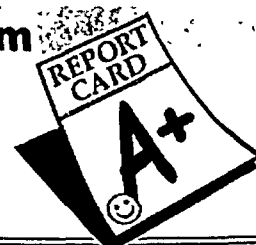
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All Reflections state level winners from Northville were invited to attend the Board of Education meeting on May 13 at Old Village School to be honored by the administration and the Board of Education. Pictured those students who were able to attend (back row, l to r) Sonia Prabhu-Meads Mill; Isabella Corsi-Ridge Wood; Victoria Zarembo-Silver Springs; and Mark Maguire-NHS; (front row) Rachel Holmes-Thornton Creek; Nicholas Maiz-Moraine; Josh Herdoiza-Thornton Creek; and Collin Kittrell-Amernan. Not pictured are Jacquelyn Genaw-Moraine; Jacquelyn Turner-NHS; Chandler Candela-Hillside; James Xue-Amernan; Adam and Laura Pond-Hillside; and O'Malley King-NHS.

Reflections: Competition yields record number of winners for Northville

How can you make a difference? That was the question facing our students who chose to compete in this year's Reflections program.

Each year, students in grades K-12 across the country are eligible to enter the PTA sponsored arts competition. Work can be entered in six categories: literature, music composition, visual arts, photography, dance choreography and video production. As the title of the program implies, their entries must "reflect" the yearly theme.

Northville Public Schools always has a large number of students choosing to enter this competition, but never have they had so many go beyond the state and on to the national level. This year, 579 entries were submitted locally; 121 went on to the state level. Of those, 20 were chosen to receive state level awards and seven were chosen to go on to the national competition.

"I've been the district coordinator for Reflections for several years, and I've never seen more than three go on to nationals," said Sue Laabs. "What a wonderful honor for Northville Public Schools to have seven go beyond the state this year! The icing on the cake is that one of those seven actually won an award of merit at the national level!"

That national winner was Hillside Middle School photographer, Adam Pond. His photo of a tomb of an unknown soldier reflected the title "I can make a difference by... remembering the forgotten."

Two additional significant honors were bestowed on two other students as well. NHS student Mark Maguire's photography entry which showed a person's face below the eyes, reflected his

thoughts on how he can make a difference by not judging people by their appearances. This entry earned him the "Best of Theme" category out of all the K-12 photography entries for the state of Michigan.

Victoria Zarembo's musical composition reflecting her way

of making a difference, titled "I'm sorry," earned her the esteemed Connie Ernst Award. This is bestowed on the best interpretation of theme from all state entries submitted, in all categories and all grade levels, in the entire state of Michigan.

REFLECTIONS COMPETITION 2007-08 NORTHVILLE'S STATE WINNERS

Literature

Intermediate Award of Merit

Isabella Corsi (2) Carrie Makes a difference Ridge Wood

Film

Primary Award of Excellence

Jacquelyn Genaw The Helpful Sandwich Moraine

Primary Award of Merit

Rachel Holmes (2) Saving Pandas Thornton Creek

Senior Award of Excellence

Jacquelyn Turner Recognizing my Responsibility NHS

Visual Arts

Junior Award of Merit

Sonia Prabhu (2) Piecing together a global puzzle Meads Mill

Chandler Candela I can protect the rainforest Hillside

Music

Primary Award of Merit

Rachel Holmes Tools Thornton Creek

Collin Kittrell Kindness Amernan

Intermediate Award of Merit

James Xue Encouraging Amernan

Photography

Primary Award of Excellence

Josh Herdoiza I can make a difference by not polluting the water Thornton Creek

Junior Award of Excellence

Laura Pond (2) Hugging Hillside

Junior Award of Merit

Laura Pond Feeding the Hungry Hillside

Senior Award of Excellence

O'Malley King Funny Focus NHS

National Entry Winners

Senior Award of Excellence Film

James Cooke Stand NHS

Junior Award of Excellence Visual Arts

Sonia Prabhu Global Tears Meads Mill

Primary Award of Excellence Photography

Nicholas Maiz Minutes after the Macy's Day Parade in NYC Moraine

Intermediate Award of Excellence Photography

Isabella Corsi My Helping Hand Ridgewood

Senior Award of Excellence Photography

Mark Maguire Untitled NHS

Intermediate Award of Excellence Music

Victoria Zarembo I'm sorry Silver Springs

Junior Award of Excellence Photography

Adam Pond Remembering the Forgotten Hillside

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Best of Interpretation of Theme for Photography K-12 in Michigan

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Two from Hillside among nation's best student writers

Two Hillside Middle School eighth graders, Molly Reitman and Elaina Weber, have been recognized by the National Council of Teachers of English for their outstanding writing ability. These two students were among 11 students in the state of Michigan recognized by NCTE as part of their Promising Young Writers Program. Schools across the country nominated 631 students for the 2008 program; 200 were chosen nationwide as outstanding writers.

Each student submitted two pieces of writing – their “best” and an “impromptu” piece, which was written after school in one of the Hillside computer labs. The school’s English teachers choose the best to send in for judging; those entries were read and evaluated by two judges for their content, word choice, organization, and style.

Following are Reitman and Weber’s impromptu pieces:

MUSICAL PULSE

By Elaina Weber

Many people today can say a piece of music has changed their life. These few moments of serenity can lead you to be more compassionate, help our world, or love someone more openly. In this short span of time, many find their hearts opening and listening to not just the words, but the meaning and depth of the verses. I am proud to say that I have felt this myself. Listening to “Christmas Shoes,” something deep inside me slithered around and made me shake. Its venom surged rapidly through my body as goose bumps prickled up my back. However, I doubt I will ever be able to say music has changed my life; music has started my life.

From the crack under my bedroom door shone a barely visible ivory light, along with the faint hum of a distant music player. Opening my door, my mother saw me propped up against the headboard with various pillows. In my hand I held a pen, a pad of paper, and my iPod. Night after night I listened for hours to the same song, “Christmas Shoes,” by Bob Carlisle. I wrote down the lyrics as they were sung to learn the song. I must have driven home from my grandmother’s pre-holiday celebration, I gazed out the window at the milky snow falling in great sheets onto the ground. It was going to be a beautiful, white Christmas. I pressed my cheek to the damp, cool window and closed my eyes. With one earphone dangling to my right and the other in my ear, I listened to “Christmas Shoes” one last time before going to sleep. On my paper I wrote the lyrics of the chorus only.

Sir, I want to buy these shoes for my Mama, please

It's Christmas Eve and these shoes are just her size

Could you hurry, sir, Daddy says there's not much time

You see she's been sick for quite a while

And I know these shoes would make her smile

And I want her to look beautiful if Mama meets Jesus tonight

I stared at the paper in the fading light. Over and over I thought about these words. For the first time, I didn't try to memorize them. I just listened to the song over and over, staring at my paper. Suddenly, hot tears plummeted down my face. Moans escaped from my lips subconsciously as I truly listened to the words. The outside world was inaudible to me.

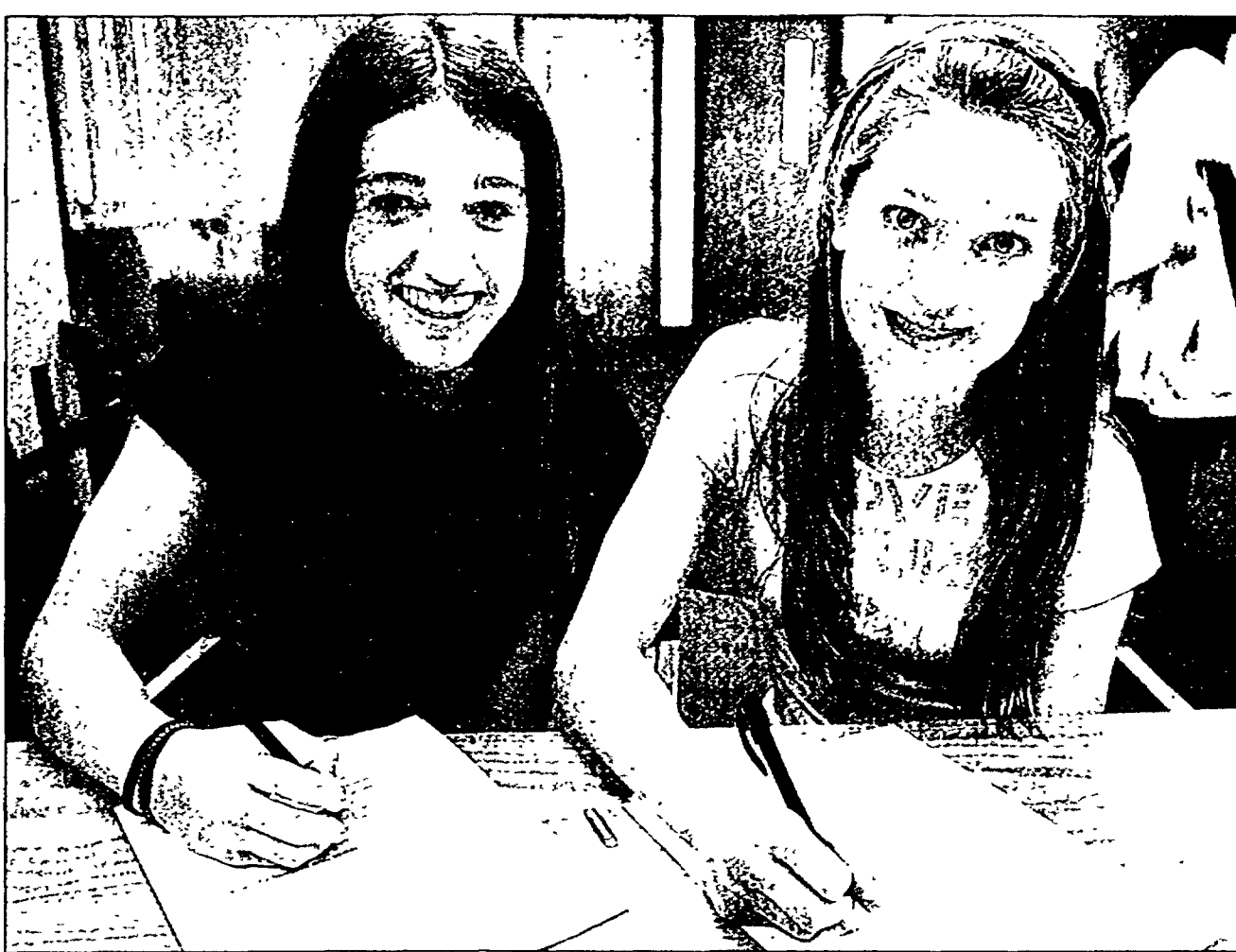


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Molly Reitman, left, and Elaina Weber were awarded first-place prizes for their impromptu writing entries for the Promising Young Writers Program for their essays on “How Music Has Affected Your Life.”

I collapsed in my chair, not caring about the rest of my family staring at me with pure shock reflecting in their eyes. This young boy in the song cared so much for his mother that he gave everything he had to get her something to cover her feet as she died. I thought about all that I had: my mother now scurrying to the backseat to help her crying child; my sisters to the left and right of me, offering water and tissues; my father pulling over to the side of the road with concern; and even my brother in the backseat screaming, “What? What happened to my sister?” Why had I not made the connection before? I had not realized I had so much to be thankful for.

Now looking out at the snow, I brushed away my tears and reassured my family that I was okay. Everything I have – my teachers, my coaches, and my family – had gone unnoticed.

I must not have lived before this song got through to me. Now every sheet of paper, every shade of color, every crinkling sound and warm summer breeze imaginable are taken to heart. I can feel appreciation emanating from me like steam from a cup of fresh coffee on a winter morning. I tell my mother and father I love them every morning, evening, and before I go to bed. My siblings receive special gifts or even just a hug from me almost every day. I feel like my gratitude does not go unnoticed or unreturned. My whole household seems to have molded around this new form of caring; we all show we appreciate each other much more often. Family outings to get ice cream have evolved into family outings to Detroit to pass out peanut butter and jelly sandwiches. Homemade presents are much more valuable now than even the most expensive gifts around Christmastime. Traditions of going shopping have changed to going to my brother’s basketball games to spend more time all together.

Everyone in my family enjoys this change, but I am the only one who knows the true reason why it

occurred. I think I am the only one in my family whose life has truly been jumpstarted by music. I can feel this song beat through my veins when I’m with my family. Even a simple song, such as “Christmas Shoes,” can effect a person in ways unimaginable. Once you feel its power swoop down on you, you will know music’s real potential. It grabs you by the heart, and never lets go.

NO MORE ELEANOR RIGBYS

By Molly Reitman

I stood in front of my mirror before I caught the bus to school, staring at the absolutely gorgeous reflection staring back. I wore the exact right amount of glimmering black eyeliner, and my brand new Abercrombie jeans were the perfect fit. My friends would just die of jealousy!

Suddenly, my phone rang. The caller ID said Kristen, and I was careful not to spill anything about my fabulous outfit; Kristen might change into her best outfit to avoid feeling totally ugly standing beside of me.

“Hey girl, what’s up?” “Nothing much,” Kristen answered. “Just wondering if you were coming to school today?”

Wondering like that, I responded. “Umm, why wouldn’t I?”

Kristen let out her breath she apparently had been holding. “Thank goodness! See, Amy sent me a text this morning that she was sick, and that means she won’t be in Algebra. And I would just die if you weren’t there either, and I had no one to talk to! I mean, can you imagine having no friends in a class?” She shuddered.

“Oh,” I said. I totally understood what she was saying. “So I’ll see you in class then. Bye!” I hung up. Who cares if Amy didn’t get to say goodbye? It’s not like she’d yell at me or anything.

“Jill! The bus is here!” I heard my mom yell.

“Be down in a sec!” I shouted

back. It was going to be a good day. I already knew it. The whole bus ride I thought about how to reply to all the compliments I would get on my outfit that day.

“And that’s the definition of legato, students,” Miss Dale told us. My head was on my desk, and it couldn’t take anymore musical terms, or boring music class. My eyelids felt like two cement blocks. I just couldn’t keep them open. I guess I stayed up too late the night before picking out my outfit. Miss Dale interrupted my daydreams.

“Now I am going to play you a song that demonstrates the use of incredible meaning through lyrics.” “I bet its going to be Soulja Boy,” I told Gary, who sat next to me. My voice was drowning in sarcasm.

“It’s called ‘Eleanor Rigby, by the Beatles.’”

All of a sudden, a chorus of violins came on in a fast rhythm. Then, the lead singer in a few male voices.

“I look at all the Lonely People. I look at all the lonely people,” rang through my ears. It didn’t sound that bad. I listened for a few more minutes, pretending I didn’t care about the music Miss Dale’s radio was blasting, but I connected to it in some way. The music felt like an ocean wave, flowing over and around me. It felt soothing and calm, but also kind of woke me up. Not from my sleepiness, but from the bubble that I now realized I had been living in.

“Wearing a face that she keeps in a jar by the door...”

I had never thought about the people who didn’t have anyone to talk to in class, or the one’s who sat alone at lunch.

“Writing the words of a sermon that no one will hear...”

Had no one ever tried talking to them before? Had no one ever listened to what they wanted to say? Why hadn’t I ever thought about the shy people’s feelings, or, for that matter, anyone’s feelings?

“I look at all the lonely people...”

These waves kept hitting me, but I just couldn’t seem to get out of the water. I should have felt like the luckiest girl in the world, before now. Why did I take my friends for granted? I didn’t want to end up lonely, like Eleanor Rigby, or Father McKenzie. My friends were a gift from God, and I never said thank you.

“Eleanor Rigby died in the church and was buried along with her name, nobody came.”

I had to do something to fix this. At lunch that day, Kristen, Britney, Haley, and Alyssa called me over to their table. I waved at them, but walked past them, all the way to an almost empty table at the back of the lunchroom. In the far corner of it sat Minami Shin, an exchange student from Japan. Every day I saw her sitting there, reading her manga book, and didn’t think twice about it. Today I was determined to do something about it.

Summing every penny for my body, I casually sat down across from her. I don’t think she noticed me sitting there until my shadow was cast on her Manga. With a puzzled look on her face, she looked up. I took a deep breath. “Hey, I’m Jill. I noticed that you weren’t sitting with anyone, so I thought you might like some company.”

Minami stared at me with a very serious expression, like she was deep in thought. Suddenly, she smiled. I felt like ten thousand bricks just were lifted off my chest. That one smile seemed to light up an otherwise dark, gloomy room. My heart was so warm and cheerful that I thought someone had turned on the heater in the cafeteria.

“Hi,” she said, “thanks for coming over here. I was kind of lonely.”

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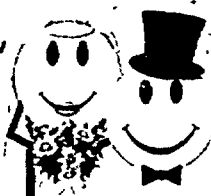
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Attorney Watza fights for changes that could impact his livelihood

■ **Mike Watza** spends his time serving clients, community and his family

By Alea Hibbeln
SPECIAL WRITER

Michael J. Watza, an attorney with The Kitch Law Firm in Detroit, is caught between a rock and a hard place — and that's just where he wants to be.

On the one hand, he represents big business clients who need him to fight legislative law.

"I'd rather fix legislative problems and not have a case," Watza said.

On the other hand, if the married father of four did fix Michigan's legislative problems, he wouldn't be able to put food on the table.

Watza gets a charge from watching the push-pull dynamic between business and government, and said the pendulum is swinging to business.

"There's no consumer advocacy today," he said. "If I could, I would do public interest law day in and day out. But, I have four children to put through college."

Recently, Watza represented Enterprise Rental Car in a case where a driver had hit and killed a person with one of their rental cars. As it stood with Michigan law at the time, Enterprise was partially responsible for the death. But Watza wouldn't have it. He approached the Michigan Legislature, saying, "Do what you

want to be the driver who killed someone, but don't go after the family business or the mega corporation."

A statute was passed, releasing Enterprise from any responsibility, but the result is less litigation.

"I made defense attorneys and plaintiffs unhappy," Watza said. "It's not my intent. My intent is to serve my client. I've been accused of being myopic — not looking at the big picture."

In another case, Watza represented Meridian Township, in East Lansing, in a battle against Comcast Cable. Comcast was scheduled to shut off its PEG (public, education and government) channels to roughly 400,000 basic cable subscribers on the morning of January 15, the day of the Michigan presidential primary. Watza won in Federal Court, blocking Comcast from moving the PEG channels into the 900 channel range and digital.

"Most of these people are the elderly and the poor," Watza said passionately. "Either they (Comcast Cable) are intentionally criminal or negligently criminal. Take your pick."

Politically, Watza views himself as a liberal republican or a conservative democrat.

"I really feel bad for Jennifer Granholm," he said. "She was handed a set of problems left by her predecessor and now she is caught being blamed for it."

It's been five months since Granholm appointed Watza to the Michigan Gaming Control Board where he finds himself waking in the wee hours to read over material before meetings. He has been invited to speak in Las Vegas to the International Association of Municipal Attorneys at an upcoming event on gambling's secondary effects, such as crime and addiction.

Noting the benefits of Detroit casinos — hundreds of millions of dollars poured into the city and state — and the drawbacks, — increased crime — Watza said he doesn't know yet whether the positives outweigh the negatives.

"The board has to keep an eye on it," he said.

He recently took a tour of all three casinos on his own.

"You wonder about people playing the slots," he said. "You hope it's not their last penny."

"Motor City is first class — it has some of that Las Vegas glitz and glare probably not seen since the days of Book Cadillac (hotel)."

The Northville resident has two passions: Spending "fun" time with his kids and "winning issues" for his clients.

"Addressing a brand new problem posed by a brand new client — that's a great day," he said.

A bad day is losing a soccer game with his kids or losing a case because, "it impacts my ability to take care of my family."

"I was trained to do the right thing by my client," Watza said. "I sleep well at night."

However, he is careful not to blur the line between loyalty and over zealotness.

"I can't focus on my clients' needs to the exclusion of legal and ethical obligations," he said.

Perhaps this tug toward justice is why he's a chairman for the Michigan Attorney Grievance Commission. Watza, in fact sits on many boards, including the City of Novi Economic Development Corporation.

One wonders if the energetic 51-year-old gets any sleep at all.



Mike Watza

OBITUARY

GERALDINE S. KENT

Age 89 of Brighton passed away June 5, 2008 at St. Joseph Mercy Livingston Hospital. She was born on December 28, 1918 in Columbia, South Carolina. Geraldine married Homer Kent, he preceded her in death. She is survived by: 1 sister-in-law, Thelma Cheeseman of Howell, several dear nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Funeral was held Monday at Herrmann Funeral Home. Burial at Oakland Hills Cemetery. Memorials suggested to: American Diabetes Association or a charity of one's choice. Envelopes are available at Herrmann Funeral Home 810-229-2905.

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Northville junior heading to Morocco for six weeks

Trip's through U.S. Dept. of State program called Legacy International

By Alea Hibbeln
SPECIAL WRITER

Tyler Jones, a Northville High School junior, will spend this summer in beautiful Morocco – but, he won't be there on a leisurely vacation.

Jones is one of 20 students across the state selected for an exclusive Arabic language program, funded by the U.S. Department of State. The state will grant \$12,000 to Jones, who is the only candidate from Michigan selected to go. The other students chosen are mostly from the east coast.

Legacy International offers the program to Arabic language students to afford them the chance to learn the language in its own culturally-rich habitat.

An ambitious teenager, Jones' had been taking Arabic for a year at Oakland Community College when he found himself poking around the Internet looking for an opportunity to travel. Having found his opportunity, he asked his mother if he could spend six weeks in Morocco living with another family.

"She gave the natural motherly answer which is, 'Of course not,'" said Jones.

Cheryl Jones' main concern was for her son's safety, being that Iraq is only 3,000 miles away from Morocco. However, she quickly learned that her son would be given the chance of a lifetime.

On June 12, Jones and the other students will meet up in Washington D.C. where they will be given a cultural briefing on the dos and don'ts of Morocco. Jones' journey begins on June 15 when he heads to Marrakesh to



Tyler Jones

study the language and culture under the watchful eye of The American Language Center. Jones will live with a host family in Marrakesh for one month and another for a week. He will travel to Rabat, Fes, Esouria and Casablanca.

"I'm thinking I'm going to be a little petrified – living with a family that speaks an entirely different language," said Jones, who was notified last week of his acceptance. "It hasn't really sunk in yet."

Jones will receive 95 hours of formal instruction of Modern Standard Arabic, the most widely spoken language in the Middle East, and five hours of Colloquial Moroccan Dialect. Each day brings four hours of language study, as well as roundtable discussions with Moroccan students who are studying English.

"We'll help each other learn languages and talk about cultural differences," Jones said.

"This is the single best way to learn the program," Jones said of living with an Arabic speaking family. "If you don't adapt and learn the language, you can't survive."

"Marrakesh is known for this giant square and there and I'll get to interact with the vendors and assert myself into the culture and live among the Moroccans,"

Jones said.

At the end of the program, the students are required to give a presentation on some aspect of the Moroccan culture. Jones will interview Moroccans for his presentation and is considering speaking on the controversial Islamic law – Sharia.

Legacy International receives national attention

"The state department is a big fan of this program, and it's been getting a lot of publicity," said Jones. Last month, Legacy

International was on "Oprah" discussing the cultural connection of American teenagers living in Morocco to understand the language.

For 29 years, Legacy International has been working in other countries to bring about peace and conflict resolution. The organization has equipped thousands of people worldwide with peace making skills in dealing with diverse groups.

Why Arabic?
"I think the language programs in schools are a little outdated," said Jones. "You can turn on the

news right now and find the 10 top stories dealing with Middle Eastern countries. Having a better understanding of the belief systems and the culture is going to drive us into the coming years."

A brother's influence

Jones is proud of his older brother, Adam, 26, who graduated from Georgetown University and is now the executive speech writer for Michael McConnell, Director of National Intelligence. Jones plans to study political

psychology – a combination of political science and psychology – at either the University of Michigan or Georgetown University. After 9/11, the government created The National Counterintelligence Strategy to track terrorists globally. A political psychologist creates profiles of terrorists and their motives to help the Defense Department.

Jones hasn't had it easy researching this field. "You can't exactly Google this stuff," he said. But a brother's influence has certainly stoked the fire

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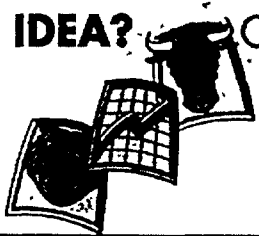
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New downtown CVS store to be completed next fall

■ Present store to remain open

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Although parking may be somewhat challenging, Northville's CVS Pharmacy on Dunlap Street will remain open throughout construction of the new store.

Work is well under way on the new building, which will be just south of the present store and will front onto Dunlap Street east of Center Street.

Harold Reihl, in his eighth year as store manager, said parking is allowed in the L-shape around the bank next to the construction.

Some parking spots are also available next to the dry cleaners just west of the current store. Or, customers can park across the street in the parking lot behind Marquis Theatre and walk across Dunlap.

Reihl stressed that at no time during the construction will the store close.

"We're open for business, seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m.," he said. "The hours haven't changed."

Once the steel is erected on the new building, the current store won't be as visible, because of its lower elevation, Reihl said.

"We're sorry for the inconvenience and parking congestion dur-

ing the construction," he said. "We'll get customers in and out of here as quickly as we can."

There will be times when the street may have to be closed for sewer and plumbing installations

New store improvements

Reihl believes customers will like the new store, which should open sometime in September.

"We'd like to coordinate our grand opening with the Victorian Festival," he said.

"It will be larger than the current store and feature a double drive-through as well as front and rear entrances," Reihl said.

Cash registers will also be located at the front and back of the store, and a new photo cafe will be added in which customers can sit on stools and work on their photos like at the new store at Five Mile and Sheldon roads.

The new store will also be more open and include low-profile shelving for greater product visibility.

Reihl said business has remained good at the current store despite the construction.

"Business hasn't slacked off that much," he said. "We're doing well. I just want to let our customers know what's going on. They've been awfully good to me and to CVS."

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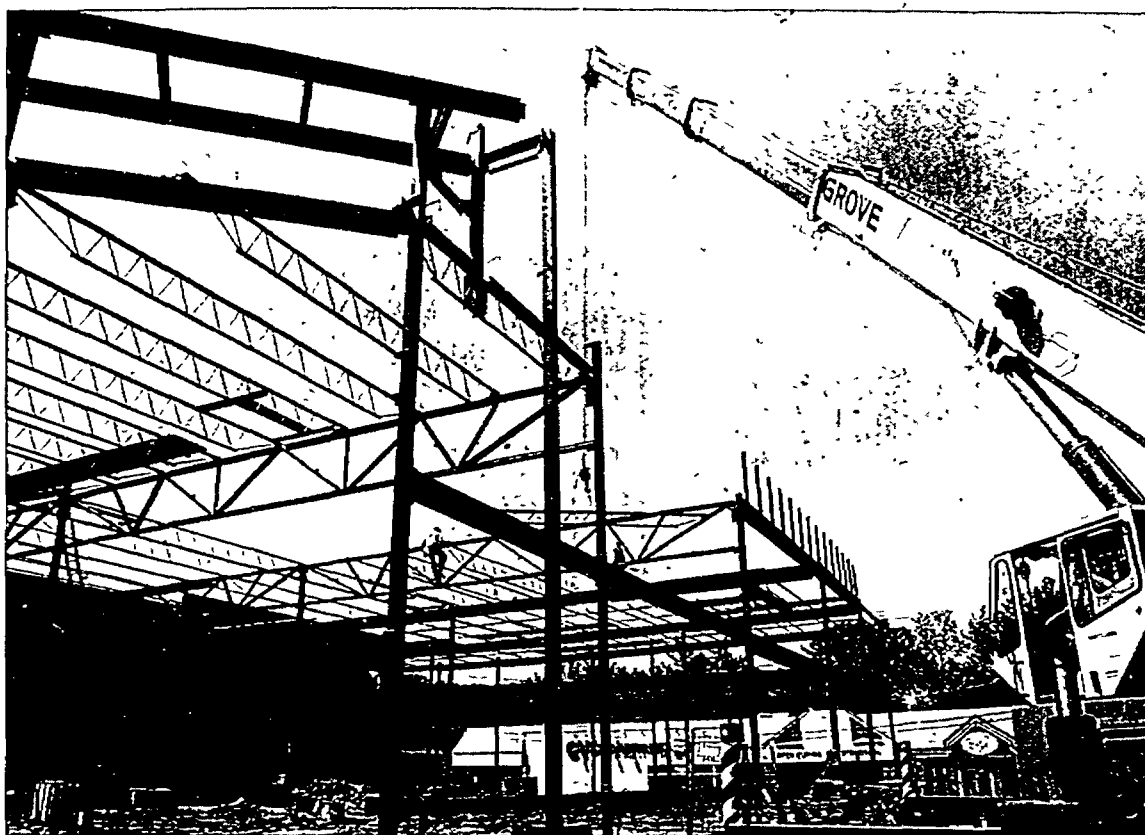


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The west wall is up at the new CVS store on Dunlap in Northville. Workers added steel support framing and roofing material last week. The old CVS, still open for business, can be seen through the skeleton of the construction area.

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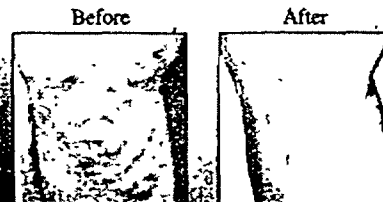
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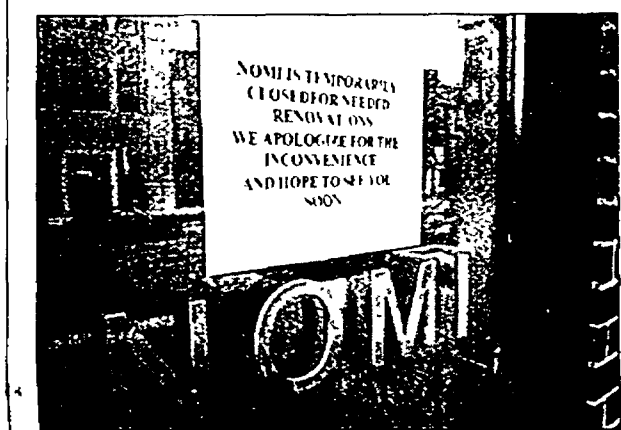


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Randall K. Metz, fellows-elect, will be inducted into the 2008 ASLA Council of Fellows on Oct. 4, during the ASLA Annual Meeting in Philadelphia. On May 20, ASLA announced the selection of 20 members for induction into its distinguished Council of Fellows, among the highest honors the Society may confer upon a member. Members of the ASLA Council of Fellows are recognized for their extraordinary work, leadership, knowledge, and service to the profession over a sustained period of time.

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NORTHVILLE TOWNSHIP POLICE REPORT

Under the influence

A Dearborn man was arrested for operating under the influence of drugs and possession of marijuana at 2:45 a.m. on May 27 at Seven Mile and Haggerty roads.

The man was pulled over in the AMC Theatre parking lot because an officer noticed that his license plate had expired 12 days ago.

The officer was behind the driver when the man was in the left turn lane waiting to pull into the lot. When he approached the vehicle, the man saw the officer at his door but did not roll down the window.

When the officer knocked on the window, the man opened the door. The officer noticed that the man's eyes were red and that his speech was slow. On the ground next to the vehicle was tobacco and portions of a cigar, which the officer recognized as common with individuals who smoke marijuana.

When asked about the tobacco on the ground, the man said "You

know why," admitted that there was marijuana in the car and pointed to the center console. The man said he and his friend had smoked a "blunt" and had finished it prior to being stopped.

An amount of marijuana deemed to be for personal use was found in the center console.

Identity theft reported

A Northville Township man came into the police station at 2:52 p.m. May 23 to report that someone had opened an account at Bank of America using his Social Security number and was advised that the account was closed due to insufficient funds.

The man had an account at LaSalle Bank and was made aware of the situation when the banks merged.

The man said the same suspect had used his Social Security number in the past to file a false unemployment compensation claim but was unsuccessful in obtaining any money.

Illegal use of credit card

A South Lyon man came into the Northville Township Police Department at 5:22 p.m. on May 19 to report an illegal use of his credit card.

He had lost his wallet the morning of May 18 at the Red Robin Restaurant off Grand River Avenue in Brighton but did not notice that he had lost it until a stranger called and left a message on his answering machine about 2 p.m. that day.

The stranger said he had found the man's driver's license on the side of the road.

He then contacted all the banks and credit card companies whose cards were in the wallet, but fraudulent transactions had already taken place.

Transactions totaling about \$800 had taken place on the man's debit card at the Meijer store in Northville Township, with one transaction in Novi.

Security videos showed that two men had purchased two \$400 American Express gift cards, but

the man could not identify the suspects.

Property destruction

Police responded to a Northville Township home on Hilltop View Drive in reference to some malicious destruction of property that the resident believed occurred between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on May 19.

A woman told police that the glass top portion of a patio table had been shattered. The table top's value was estimated at \$500.

Police were dispatched to a Northville Township home on Lochmoor Circle for a malicious destruction of property complaint that took place at 6:45 p.m. on May 17.

The woman told police that a golf ball had shattered a window

in the home. The homeowner told police she was upstairs when she heard a loud smash near the front door. She found the golf ball in the foyer. The residence is located along the sixth hole at Northville Hills Golf Course. The woman told police a similar incident had taken place in the past.

Driving, license suspended

A Northville Township man was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license at 9:41 p.m. on May 18 at Innsbrook Drive and Seven Mile Road.

The driver was pulled over because the light was burned out on his license plate.

A Pontiac man was arrested for driving while his license was suspended at 8:02 p.m. May 17 at Five Mile and Sheldon roads

The officer discovered the man had a suspended license while he was running license plates looking for stolen vehicles. The man also had a warrant out for his arrest on a simple assault charge.

Theft from vehicle

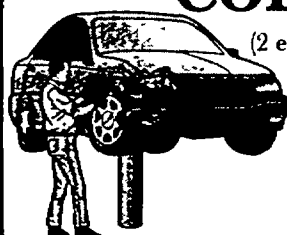
A Northville Township man who lives on Robinwood Drive came to the Northville Township police station at 1:55 p.m. on May 18 to report that someone had entered his unlocked vehicle and took a leather jacket between 8 p.m. May 17 and 4:30 a.m. May 18.

The jacket's value was estimated at \$50. No other items were taken from the car, and the vehicle was not damaged.

Compiled by Pam Fleming

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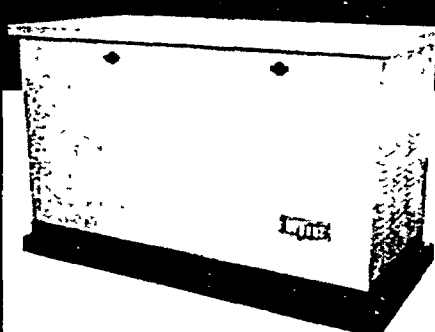
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Northville student learns ins and outs of Novi Fire Department

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Riding in a big red truck and fighting fires is something John Higgins has been interested in doing for as long as he can remember.

"When I was a little kid, I would see them on the trucks and I'd think, 'I want to do that,' and it kind of stuck," said the 18-year-old senior at Northville High School. "I've always been interested in public service."

Higgins is one of the 180 students who participated in the high school's Business Internship Program during the 2007-08 school year.

"When I took the program over (five years ago), I wanted to make it more career-oriented," said Leigh Stearns, business teacher and internship coordinator at Northville High School. "They actually get to experience a professional environment, as opposed to the typical high school job. I think it's important to learn work place skills."

And work place skills is exactly what Higgins has learned during his internship at the Novi Fire Department.

"He's not only getting a grasp on what it takes to be a firefighter, but how to run the department," said deputy chief Jeff Johnson of the Novi Fire

Department. "We're constantly telling him how we go about procedures and how to respond to emergency situations."

Students register for the semester-long internship program as they would a class, and are required to fulfill 45-hours of work in 9-12 weeks.

"I would have picked to do this longer if I could," Higgins said of his experience with the Novi Fire Department. "The more I do this, the more I want to become a firefighter."

Even though this was the first time the Novi Fire Department participated in an internship program, Johnson was able to develop what he called a "Four-prong system" to cover all aspects of operations including, firefighting, fire prevention, training and administration.

"I didn't want it to be one-sided, me telling him what to do. I wanted him to tell me what he wanted to get out of it," Johnson said. "To show him the firefighting aspect, he's been doing ride-alongs. He's not allowed to engage in any hands-on kind of stuff. We keep safety as the main concern."

Higgins said the most interesting thing he experienced was witnessing a large grass fire. "I haven't been nervous because I know the people I'm with are going to keep them-

selves and me safe," he said. "When I'm doing ride-alongs, all the sudden the pagers go off and it's such a rush. You can't really describe the feeling ... It's something else."

Aside from fulfilling hours at the Novi Fire Department, Stearns said all of the interns have to complete four projects

throughout the course of the semester, including creating a resume, poster or brochure about the business, PowerPoint presentation about what they learned from the internship and writing a thank you letter to their mentor.

"It's been really good for both the students and the businesses,"

Stearns said. "It's challenging to coordinate, but it's the best thing I've ever done as a teacher."

Higgins is attending Western Michigan University in the fall to pursue a degree in criminal justice. Once he finishes college, he plans to join the military.

"The most valuable experi-

ence has been getting the knowledge from the firefighters, their advice," he said. "I want to be a military firefighter on an Air Force base."

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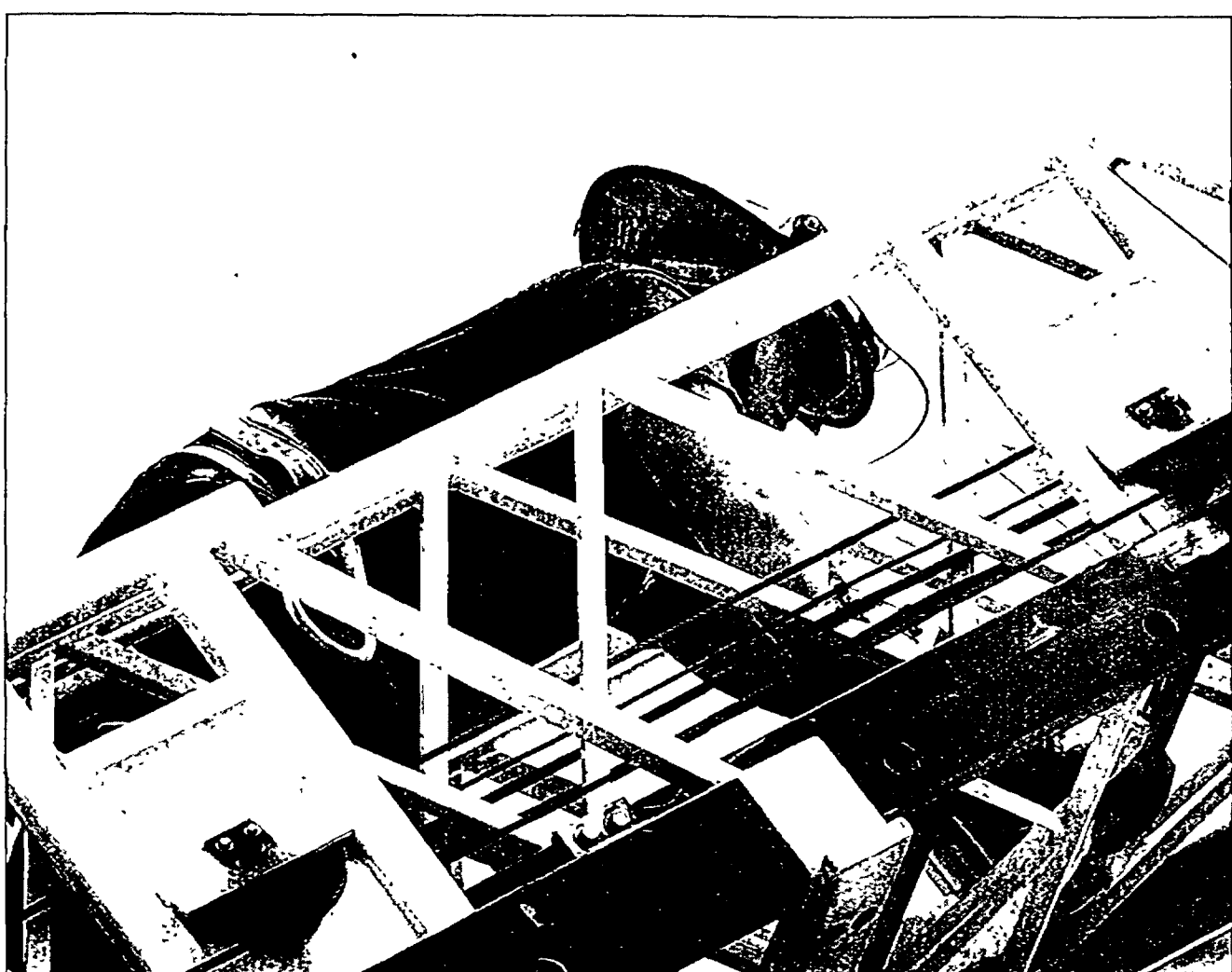


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About sixty feet in the air, Novi fire department intern John Higgins climbs Station #1's Ladder #1 as part of his fire fighting training.

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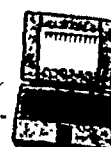
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Wheelchair Getaways brightens lives, provides service

By Chris Jackett
STAFF WRITER

When Kirk Rosey was first restricted to a wheelchair a few years ago, it was a struggle just to leave the house. His wheelchair had become the largest hurdle preventing travel.

When he couldn't move from his wheelchair to the passenger seat in his sister's vehicle, she couldn't find wheelchair-accessible transportation to get him to appointments. Then the pair discovered Wheelchair Getaways, a van rental service for people in wheelchairs.

"The really first experience I had was I needed to get him to some physician appointments. Medicare and insurance wouldn't cover it unless he was bed-bound," said Kirk's sister, Novi resident Gayle Rosey. "It was just like driving a van or SUV. I just don't know what I would've done without them, frankly."

Kirk, 51, was diagnosed with

progressive frontal lobe dementia six years ago. The neurological degeneration took away his ability to walk and speak before it took his life March 30.

"Transportation is a problem for all people to begin with," Gayle said. "When I look back, when your family members become ill, sometimes you're at a loss for what you can do."

Gayle said she called several services before a car dealership recommended the Highland-based Wheelchair Getaways. As a nursing supervisor of the Anticoagulation Department at St. John Hospital in Detroit, Gayle deals with health care patients and their needs daily, but had never heard of the service.

"The ambulance costs are so expensive, so this was very reasonable. I could always go with him," she said. "It put some joy back into his life that he just would not have had. If it hadn't been for this van it would've been real hard. Kirk and I

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enjoyed so many things. They changed Kirk's life. I took him out to Kensington. I was able to take him out to movies and dinner. I took him to the Woodward Cruise. It was a joy because, otherwise, he'd just be bound at the nursing home."

Hugh Platt started Wheelchair Getaways 16 years ago in Highland as the 13th franchise in a now-40-franchise program. Although based in Highland, Platt's business services the entire state, as it is the only provider in Michigan.

"If someone needs one, we simply take one over there. We're similar to Hertz or Avis, except everything in our fleet is wheelchair accessible," he said.

"There's people that travel for business, have relatives here or have their own vehicle that needs repairs. For any reason you might rent a car, those are the same reasons we rent to people in wheelchairs."

Wheelchair Getaways rents out 50 vans for as long as they're needed, whether it be one day or two months.

"Our fleet of 50 vans, we run in the mid-to-low 90 percentile all the time. Only two or three are not rented out on any given day," Platt said, noting that people have a better chance of securing a rental if they call weeks in advance. "We've tried to keep it affordable. In 16 years, we've only raised rates \$15 and everything with gas prices, vehicle maintenance and everything has increased more."

Van rental for one day is \$99 plus tax and gas, although the vehicle starts with a full tank. Cost per day rates are cheaper for longer rentals. The vans can be picked up in Highland or

delivered.

A few variations of vans are available, some with ramps for wheelchairs and others with lifts. Some also make it possible for the person in a wheelchair to drive as long as they can move out of their chair and into the driver's seat.

"People don't care about this until they need it. When they do get injured, they do look for the product and the services," Platt said. "We're here and easy to work with."

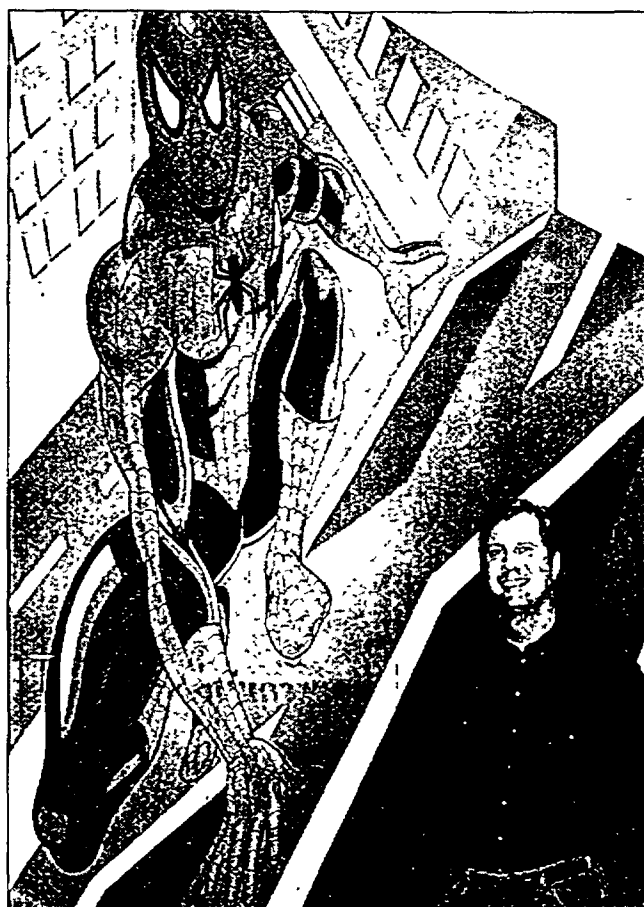
Gayle Rosey said the service allowed her to take her brother to events like Northville's Fourth of July Parade and it was a great help when she had short notice of a need for a wheelchair-accessible van.

"The family was very understanding and made you feel very welcome. It was a great experience all the way around," Gayle said. "When Kirk died, they sent me a sympathy card and it was the little things like that that meant a lot."



Submitted photo

Gayle Rosey stands lakeside with her brother, Kirk Rosey, a few years ago. He died in March.



Photos by JAMES MITCHELL

Tom Sparkman stands by a mural of Spider-Man which adorns a wall in one of the party rooms at Papa E's restaurant in South Lyon. Sparkman did the art in each of the rooms, which features everything from superheroes to princesses to NASCAR featuring a replica model of Greg Biffle's Roush Fenway Ford busting through the wall.

Green Oak artist brings murals to life

By Nathan Mueller
STAFF WRITER

Green Oak Township resident Tom Sparkman knew at an early age he was going to become an artist.

He just wasn't sure how successful he was going to be. "I had the God-given talent my entire life," he said. "When I would get in trouble in high school for doodling my parents did not mind because they knew that was my destined career path."

And for Sparkman, destiny has opened many doors. His murals adorn famous landmarks such as Joe Louis Arena and Tiger Stadium, and he does numerous other commercial projects throughout the area. But the major works are not all he focuses on, as his work also is in friend's homes and most recently in the new Papa E's restaurant.

"The small stuff is much more rewarding," he said. "The best is when you go into a kid's room and they freak out and are glowing, it makes it worth it."

The job at Papa E's came about when Sparkman was in South Lyon for lunch and saw

construction on the building. Owner Jeff LaFave was at lunch but returned and was looking through albums of other artist's work when Sparkman arrived. The two were talking about concepts until halfway through the conversation Sparkman had a feeling LaFave thought he was looking at his work when in fact it was not.

When Sparkman showed him his portfolio, which was much different than the one he had been looking at, he was floored.

"His portfolio was amazing, and I just felt he was a good choice," LaFave said.

The brainstorming sessions followed shaped the design of the party rooms in the restaurant. The themed rental rooms cater to not only just families hosting a party but civics groups as well. There is a room with a super-hero theme, another with a princess atmosphere, one reaching out to sports fans (specifically the high schools), and a Roush Racing room for NASCAR enthusiasts. A fifth room is a community room for area groups to use.

Sparkman did all the drawings and paintings of every character from Spider-Man to Superman to Snow White from scratch, and each character's life-like image pops off the wall.

He even sees himself as a fictional character some times. "The coolest thing is that I have a Peter Pan-type life," he said. "I'm an adult with a kid's dream life, and I cannot imagine doing anything else."

And it is that type of outlook that has made Sparkman successful. He knows he is living his dream and makes it a point to impact as many people as he can with his ability. From the biggest commercial project to the smallest design, he handles them the same — with passion.

"I love waking up and using God's gift to share with people," he said. "It is going to be on walls after I die, and some of my paintings will be in gallery's, and I truly appreciate that."

Papa E's restaurant, an all-

you-can-eat pizza buffet, is located at 22381 Pontiac Trail next to Busch's supermarket. Use of the party rooms can be set up by calling (248) 446-8228.

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A fee of \$30.00 per set of documents will be charged. No refunds will be given for returned documents.

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Report offers a dynamic view of state's promise

The Center for Michigan, a public policy organization founded by Philip Power, former owner of the Northville Record, has released a challenging report on Michigan's economic and political future: "Michigan's Defining Moment: A Common Ground Agenda for Michigan's Transformation."

The centrist group's report focuses on what Michigan needs to do to build on its resources to become a major economic center again. The decline in the domestic auto industry, trade policies that drained manufacturing jobs from the state and political squabbling over tax policies have made Michigan the first casualty in a weakening national economy.

The report sets out three guiding principles for turning Michigan around: 1) A talented and globally competitive workforce; 2) A vibrant economy and great quality of life; and 3) Effective, efficient and accountable government.

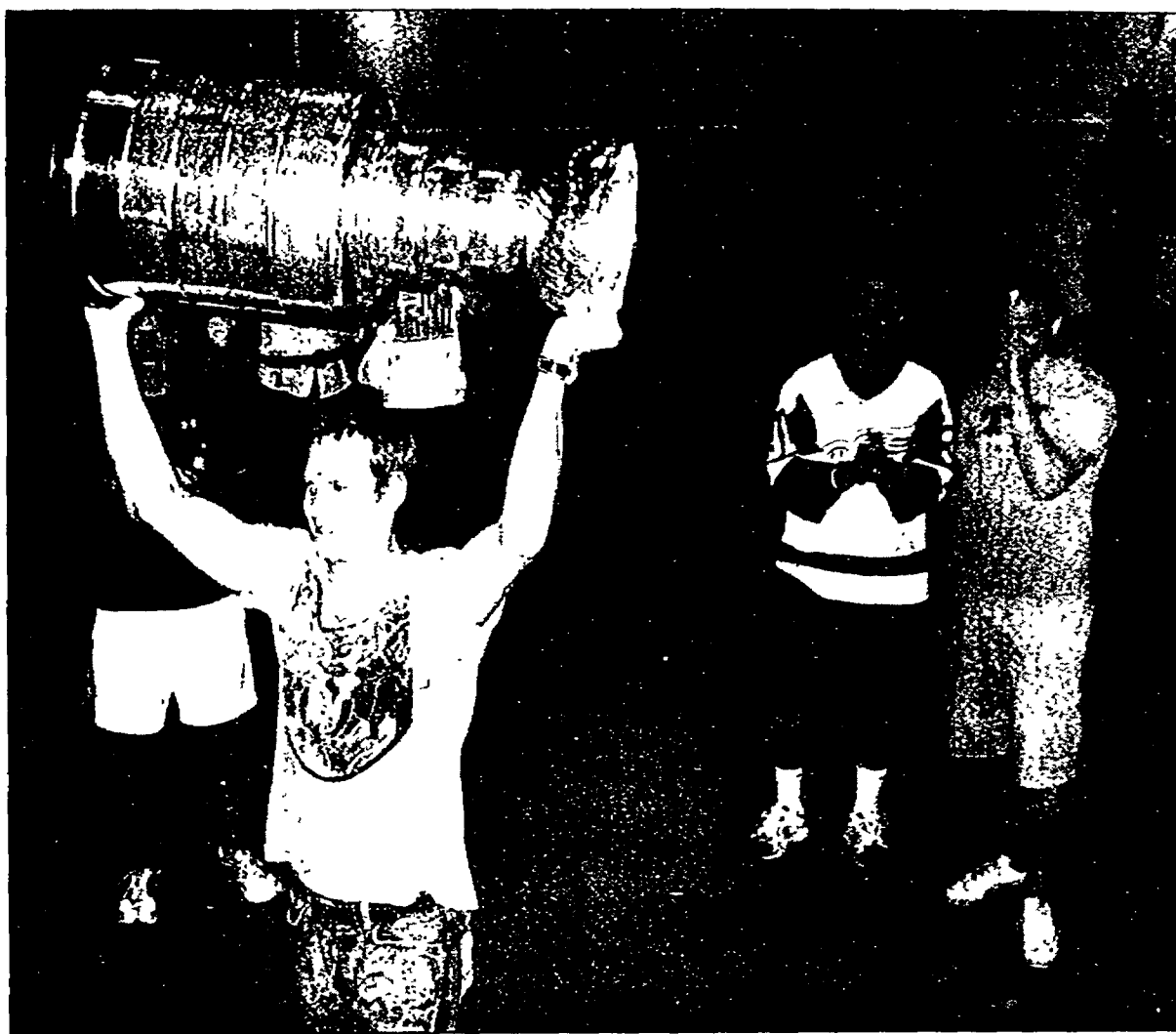
The last point emphasizes a running theme in this report, that Michigan has been damaged by partisan bickering at the expense of dealing with the state's problems.

Michigan has been deeply hurt by the dependence of the two major political parties on constituent groups that tend to place their particular agendas above the interests of the state as a whole. While we support and understand the need for political parties, around which people with common beliefs can rally, we agree with the report that for far too long, Michigan has been sacrificed to the political process.

The report, based on meetings with residents across the state, offers some dynamic ideas for improving K-16 education in the state and retaining graduates, supporting economic development and entrepreneurship; creating vibrant urban centers and preserving Michigan's natural resources, particularly its water; rebranding Michigan as the North Coast; developing government accountability and promoting bipartisan leadership; and revising the state's tax structure to address the continuing structural deficiencies in the state budget.

To read the report in full and to participate in the process of revitalizing this great state, go to thecenterformichigan.net.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Submitted photo

The Cup comes to Northville

Nicklas Lidstrom, captain of the Detroit Red Wings, brought the Stanley Cup to Hillsde Middle School the day after his team won the title by beating the Pittsburgh Penguins. Lidstrom has children who attend Hillsde. The team was honored with a parade down Woodward Avenue in Detroit on Friday. For that story and photos, please see page 3B.

Happy Father's Day – to all dads!

Yes, it is that time a year again – Father's Day, June 15.

Some of us had the "Ozzie and Harriet" dad. And some dads were more like Ozzy Osbourne.

My dad is a good man. Certainly, he was not a perfect man or the perfect father – few of us can claim that mantle. I certainly cannot.

Yet, he was a kind, thoughtful, introspective, giving dad. He learned to be a dad from his father, who lost his first wife and peddled his dad and his brother off to a farm until he could get his life together.

Grandpop was a man of his time and would let go with inappropriate racial epithets from time to time. I always appreciated my dad calling Grandpop to task for expressing such thoughts.

By challenging his father he taught me, as he would say, "to

treat all people as I would want them to treat me, your mother, or someone you love."

Dad gave me good advice. When I was debating if college was right for me (like many American families, my sisters and I are first-generation college grads) and I bemoaned, "I was tired of school and it was another four years" he asked with a sly grin on his face, "How old are you going to be in four years if you don't go? Don't you think a college degree is worth four years?"

Small things make big impressions.

I come from a family of seven. "Eddie, Casey, Danny (my middle name is Daniel and as a "Jr." I became "Dan" in the family), Phillip, Edie, Mary and Nancy" my dad would holler Sunday morning as we were again running late for church – which was not an easy thing to

do while getting nine people ready in a house with one bathroom.

Wrestling with dad on the couch, getting a ride on his broad shoulders or the three boys and Dad using the toilet simultaneously were wonderful bonding experiences.

I grew up in the shadows of the nation's capitol in a working class Catholic neighborhood where our family of seven children was on the small end of families that reached 14 kids – and these were not "blended" families – just "good" Catholic ones. Going out to eat was a rare occurrence and never involved silverware – just a hamburger and fries and "share a drink with your sister."

My dad was very supportive of all of us. He attended most football, basketball, boxing practices and games – it meant a

lot to see him on the sidelines and in the stands. He would pack all seven of us up to watch my sister twirl a baton in two or three parades a day, on Memorial Day or the Fourth of July.

After winning Jr. golden glove boxing matches held at Andrews Air Force Base in suburban Washington DC, my dad took me, my brother Phil and our buddies to McDonald's. For my kids who grew up on Happy Meals, this is not seen as a treat, but to me it is etched in my mind as a sacrifice and act of love my dad gave to us.

My dad, like many men of his era, was not much of a hugger nor would he express his love verbally – but you knew it was there. The closest thing we got to a hug was the infamous "pocket-hold" where he would grab you just above the knee,



About Tom Watkins

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which would stun, and tickle you and say, "I gotcha where I want ya, I want ya where – gotcha – because you're the one who shot my great grandpa!" To this day, I have no idea what it means – but it was the affection from dad with a laugh that left a fond memory.

As we celebrate Father's Day reflect back on the simple pleasures of life. As my friend Pam would remind me, "The people

in our lives, while far from perfect – do the best they can do at a particular period of life."

Celebrate the joy of living and giving.

If your dad is still alive tell him – or better yet, in your special way show him you love him. And thank God he helped make you the person you are today.

Happy Father's Day, Dad – thanks for the memories.

Mackinac's results a disappointment to state

If you've never attended the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce's annual policy conference on Mackinac Island, know that the first – and overwhelming – impression is the amazing crush of people.

This year's conference drew around 1,800 participants to the fantastically beautiful porch of the Grand Hotel. For three days I was one of them. The press of well-dressed people – talking, deal-making, business card exchanging, selling, buying and looking over shoulders for the next interesting person – was remarkable.

One friend called the event "a world class political mesh pit," but (fortunately) without the screaming teenagers a rock concert would bring.

Quite apart from the sessions, the Mackinac Conference is an extremely efficient way over three days to talk with a bunch of people you would normally have to wait three months to see – and even then would never see all in the same place. Everybody has an agenda or two, of course. But if you let yourself be bounced around like a molecule in solution, you're sure to run into people you've been wanting

to see forever and take a stab at getting your business done.

Well, I've now decompressed and recovered enough from the overdose of people, policy talk and flesh-pressing to clear my head and come up with a few – hopefully useful – insights.

Despite the intense socializing, the conference is meant to be serious business, with high-powered sessions devoted to finding solutions for statewide problems. And the overwhelming impression I took away from the island this year was the enormous gap between what the politicians hicker about and what the state really needs.

That disconnect was the most obvious Thursday, when House Speaker Andy Dillon, D-Redford, House Minority Leader Craig DeRoche, R-Novi, Senate Majority Leader Mike Bishop, R-Rochester, and Senate Minority Leader Buzz Thomas, D-Detroit, gathered to be interviewed by TV and radio personality Tim Skubick.

They were on the same stage – but there was utterly no interaction. Each stood behind his designated podium, putting out their own spin on events, never coming together politically or

even in body language. What they were bickering over was so trivial in a state so troubled! So full of insider baseball in a state where the unemployment rate is the highest in the nation, and most folks think the political system is pretty much broken.

They argued over whether, for example, the legislation banning smoking in public places should or should not include the Detroit casinos. Publeeeze! In a state where our dominant industry is facing the worst times since the Great Depression, we're spending our time and energy worrying about whether gamblers should be allowed to smoke in casinos!

They argued over whether the state should meet a capital outlay deadline from the feds. Evidently, federal law allocates to states a certain amount of money for airport construction, but the states have to file a plan with the Department of Transportation by a certain date in order to get the money. Republican legislators want to meet the deadline to get \$165 million for airports alone, while Democrats wanted to add other construction projects.

Once again – they are bickering over a deadline to get \$165



About Phil Power

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million for a state whose budget is chronically and structurally out of balance, sometimes by a billion dollars or more.

When they got done worrying those bones, it was on to: Should a state constitutional amendment to provide health care for all be put on the ballot? Was it insulting to the House for the Senate to send a bill back? (Or was it insulting to the Senate for the House to send a bill back? Somehow I couldn't remember – or care.)

Would Detroit Mayor Kwame Kilpatrick be well received by Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson?

Blah. Blah. Blah. My first reaction was anger. But upon reflection, it's sadness. These leaders are able people.

They work very, very hard. They ran for their offices intending to do the right thing, to help a state in a terrible jam. But somehow, they're found themselves trapped in a system that requires them to play tit for tat, and score political points rather than govern the state thoughtfully and seriously.

What's needed is planning for the long run.

Many of the programs at the conference were thoughtful, far-seeing, appropriate to the need for bipartisan common ground to get Michigan moving again. My own panel, for example, included Lou Glazer, President of Michigan Future, Inc., and Paul Hillemonds, the near-legendary former Speaker of the House and now a senior VP at DTE Energy. Both were thoughtful, challeng-

ing, serious, responsible.

But in the back of the room, leaders of both political parties were cracking jokes, paying scant attention to the large measures at issue. As enablers of a dysfunctional political system that is serving millions of Michigan citizens very badly, they should be ashamed.

The unintended consequence of this year's Mackinac conference was to reveal in full and stark detail the yawning disconnect between what the politicians chatter about and what Michigan really needs. I'm sure that's not what the organizers intended, but that's what emerged. And if you reflect a bit, it will tell you something very important about the state of our state today.



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All Night Party thanks

The Northville High School 2008 Senior All Night Party was a huge success. The seniors had a great time celebrating their graduation and truly enjoyed their last event as the class of 2008.

We would like to thank the Northville community, the school personnel, and the parents who helped throughout the school year to plan and prepare for this party. Thank you to all the senior parents who worked throughout the night of the party and to the junior parents for their help with the community walk-through and the clean-up.

Special thanks goes to the committee chairpersons. The success of the party is due to the leadership and dedication of these parents:

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Thanks again to everyone who contributed to a wonderful night for our graduates!

Patti Collins and Kathy Barcelona
Co-chairs, 2008 Senior All Night Party

What could be better than Pets in the Park?

Please join Ridge Wood Girl Scout troop 773 on Saturday, June 14 from 10 a.m.-noon at Ford Field off Griswold Street for a morning of family fun. Bring your pet on a leash or in a carrier, and enter one of our pet contests that will be going on throughout the event. Meet representatives from the Michigan Humane Society to see how you can help homeless animals. Or, talk to someone with a Leader Dog for the Blind to learn how some pets save lives. Area vendors will also be available, along with a veterinarian, healthy pet tips and information on the Northville Dog Park.

In addition, we will be collecting items for the Michigan Humane Society's wish list. Items needed at this time include dog and cat food, cat litter, dog and cat toys, and rawhide chews. We

will also have a craft table where kids who attend can make Kitty Forts which will be donated to the Humane Society. Carvel Ice Cream will be there and have volunteered to donate \$1 per each ice cream sold to the Humane Society.

This event is being planned completely by our 5th grade scouts, who have done everything from coming up with the idea, naming the event, contacting vendors and animal rescue organizations, designing flyers and posters and publicizing the event. By working on this project, the girls are earning their Bronze Award, the highest award a Junior girl scout can earn. Last week, Pam Fleming wrote a wonderful article and included a photo of our troop. I wanted to particularly mention three girls from our troop who were absent from the photo and whose names were accidentally left off the photo. They are Tully Ann Williams, Nicole Morin and Isabella Corsi.

Please join us this Saturday for a fun morning and a great cause.

Chris Decker
Troop 773 co-leader Northville

Learn from Birmingham

My 13-year-old niece attends the Birmingham Public Schools, which has the same or similar sex

education curriculum that the Northville Board of Education is proposing – the abstinence-based program. My niece just learned how to put a condom on a banana. Wonderful. And people wonder why more and more parents decide to home school their kids?

Rachel Davis
Northville

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In Your Voice

The following are excerpts from readers participating in In Your Voice, our online forum for discussing issues at hometownlife.com.

■ To all the parents who think the sex ed is too tough or sending the wrong message, then you better wake up quick because this stuff is starting in middle school, not high school. So, if you're shocked and upset by this now, you are about 3-4 years behind the

curve and should have been talking to little junior long ago. Yes, it may have some shock value to it, but in today's world the kids are seeing and doing more sooner. And (to) those out there – just think back to when you were in school. It wasn't all soft and fuzzy then, either. We had sex and pregnancies back then, too. We just choose not to remember that. Someone has to teach your kids, and if you've not done this already, then shame on you. You're a little late. – chateau

CONGRESSIONAL UPDATE

A 21st Century Energy Plan

If you had the power to stabilize spiraling gas prices and implement a 21st Century American Energy Plan, would you?

You would.

But this Congress won't.

Daily, we see the disastrous consequences of a "lethargy" policy that is opposed to producing more American oil and energy and, instead, proffers taxation, regulation, litigation, and "government innovation" as an answer to rising gas prices shrinking our family budgets and increasing unemployment. In our Great Lakes State, for example, the cost of American energy is harming our struggling manufacturing sector and endangering jobs. In sum, manufacturers' fixed costs – especially energy – are soaring at the very time an aemic economy forces price reductions; consequently, we experience the nightmare of the manufacturing sector laying off or terminating our family members, friends, and neighbors.

True, some politicians and academics claim blue collar jobs will "one day" be replaced by "green collar" jobs. We've heard this promise before. Haven't we? Now, due to a Congress that refuses to admit we need more American energy, such rhetoric provides cold comfort to us in Michigan, especially our fellow citizens in the manufacturing sector, who are being promised a green collar job someday to replace the real job they're losing today.

This must end!

What we need in the United States is a common sense, responsible, and balanced 21st Century American Energy Plan.

the key components of which are production, conservation, and free market innovation; and the goal of which is to keep America's economic opportunities and energy security the world's greatest.

First, we must squarely confront the challenge. America's dangerous addiction to oil and its price is increasing daily: we consume nearly 21 million barrels of oil per day; and, while our demand amounts to over 25% of global oil production, our known oil reserves constitute but 3% of global supply. As the developing world's energy demands escalate, our nation's dependence upon this finite fuel – often obtained from unfriendly sources – poses grave concerns for our economy, environment, and national security. And, yes, we must admit that, as this challenge didn't happen overnight, neither will it be solved in a day.

Therefore, common sense provides a solution: The 21st Century American Energy Plan. The 21st Century Energy Plan is a free-market road map for free people that will enhance our prosperity, security, and environment by guiding us to energy independence. Trusting in Americans' ingenuity and industriousness, this energy independence policy contains three cardinal, integrated elements: production, conservation, and innovation.

To responsibly facilitate this transition from fossil fuels to alternative energies, we must produce more domestic American energy from existing sources – including oil, clean coal, solar, wind, water and nuclear power – and implement sound regulatory reform and broad tax incentives to encour-



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age its "green" acquisition and utilization.

Then, we must simultaneously conserve our existing energy resources through free market reforms that reduce America's utilization of fossil fuels by encouraging the growing consumer demand for and manufacturers' production of alternative energies and flex-fuel vehicles; and fostering domestic conservation and environmental stewardship measures, including infrastructure improvements, traffic congestion mitigation measures, and voluntary, community based "green" initiatives to reduce energy consumption.

Finally, the production of existing energies speeds the innovation of alternative energies. Government revenues derived from increased energy exploration and production must be dedicated to tax credits for alternative energy innovations and implementations. For example, this entrepreneurial energy policy will nurture the growing consumer demand for plug-in hybrid vehicles; and spur the research, development, production and utilization of alternative fuels in the emerging areas of bio-mass, bio-diesel, ethanol, hydrogen, and clean coal. Further, government must encourage the new

infrastructure required to make alternative energies readily available and commercially viable; establish competitive prizes for distinguished accomplishments in the private research and development of alternative energies; and, engage America's allies in a determined collaboration to develop alternative energies and enhance global environmental stewardship.

Yet such a common sense, responsible, and balanced approach seems lost upon Congress. Stubbornly resurrecting their failed 1970's approach, this Congress still claims Big Brother knows best, and argues for higher taxes, government dictates and boondoggle spending. In consequence, Americans will suffer energy insecurity due to energy price hikes and domestic energy shortages.

There is a better path. The 21st Century Energy Plan will constructively change America from fossil fuels to alternative energies; and allow us to achieve and declare energy independence. While it won't happen instantly, it will happen certainly – because America's greatest resource remains the virtuous genius of her free people.

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HOT TICKET: Properly retire the U.S. flag at the American Legion Post (Dunlap & Center) Saturday at 11 a.m.

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CALENDAR

Thursday, June 12, 2008

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Local Events

Cedar Point Escape

TIME/DATE: 7:30 a.m.-11 p.m.
Friday
LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside
DETAILS: Parks and Rec. bus trip to Cedar Point for students in middle school and up. Students will not be under constant supervision. Space is limited so sign up early. Fees determined by residency. Complimentary tickets for all adult chaperones. To volunteer call (248) 349-0203 ext. 1408.
CONTACT: For more information, call (248) 349-0203.

Barnes & Noble

"I Don't Believe It" Author Barry Schumer book signing
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Barnes & Noble - Children's Department, 17111 Haggerty Road, near Six Mile Road
DETAILS: Disgruntled Detroit Lions fan Barry Schumer will sign copies of his book, *I Don't Believe It: Memories of a Detroit Lions Fan*. Schumer, a 52-year-old Livonia resident wrote the book due to his frustration of being a loyal fan for 40 years.

Summer Storytimes
TIME/DATE: May 29-Sept. 2
DETAILS: Children entering grades one through six can read any eight books, list them, and record their favorite parts of the book in their "Summer Reading with Andrew Clements" journal. They then bring their completed journal to any Barnes & Noble to receive a coupon for a free book and enter to win an autographed copy of an Andrew Clements book.

Weekly Storytimes
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Tuesdays and 7 p.m. Wednesdays
DETAILS: Storytimes are various themes and involve story reading followed by crafts, games and activities.

Book Signings
TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. July 19
DETAILS: Book signing by author Beverly Armstrong
CONTACT: For all events contact Betsy Storrs at (248) 348-1274 or e-mail crm2648@bn.com

Foreign Films at the Library

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Monday
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: A film from Iran, in Farsi with English subtitles, is this month's selection. "Baran" tells a convoluted love story set in Tehran.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3026

Compuware Arena Drive-In Theatre

DATE: June 13-Sept. 7
TIME: Gates open at 7:30 p.m., movies start at dusk or around 9 p.m.
DETAILS: Features first-run double-feature family-oriented movies on three screens. Tickets are \$9 for ages 13 and older, \$7 for ages 4-12, ages 3 and under are free. Students with ID are \$7 on Sunday-Thursday.
CONTACT: (734) 927-3284 or compuwarearena.com

Northville Democratic Club Voter ID Phone Bank

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday
LOCATION: The Law Offices of Stempien and Stempien, 315 N. Center St.
DETAILS: Bring a cell phone if possible.
CONTACT: For more details, call Liz Johnston at (248) 344-1140.
NDC General Membership Meeting
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m., Tuesday, June 24
LOCATION: Cady Inn, Mill Race Village, Griswold St.

Northville Cooperative Preschool Ice Cream Social

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. Tuesday
LOCATION: Revival Outreach Center, The Bistro, Building D, 16115 Beck Road, Northville
DETAILS: The community is invited to this Open House to see our new location. Now enrolling for 2008-09. Openings in programs for two, three and four year olds, including science and enrichment classes.
CONTACT: For more informa-

tion, call (734) 254-9129

Democrats of West Oakland County

Monthly Meeting
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. dinner, 7 p.m. meeting Tuesday
LOCATION: The Maples Restaurant, 31260 Wakefield Dr., off 14 Mile Road between Novi Road and M-5.
DETAILS: Guest speaker is Andy Meisner, Democratic candidate for Oakland County Treasurer. Bring a can of food to support the Oakland County Foodbank.
CONTACT: Jim at (248) 624-7228
Summer Picnic
DATE: Sunday, July 13
LOCATION: Home of Jim and Gail Gualdoni

Summer Basketball Academy

TIME/DATES: 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. June 16-20 for boys, grades 5-9; June 23-27 for girls, grades 5-9
LOCATION: Our Lady of Victory
DETAILS: Players receive individualized instruction to improve basketball skills. Cost is \$150 per student. Bring a lunch and bottle of water or sports drink.
CONTACT: Coach Paul Tripp, (248) 563-0858, or coachpaul@A-GameBasketball.com

Library Arcade for Teens

TIME/DATE: Noon-4 p.m. Thursday, June 19
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Drop in for free play on the Nintendo Wii Sports, X-Box 360 Rock Band and X-Box DDR Ultramix 4 as the Library Meeting Room turns into an arcade. Hone your skills and get ready for a competition later in the summer.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3026

Art in the Sun

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: Juried fine arts festival, featuring over 100 artists in all mediums of art, lively music, kids activities and concessions.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or northville.org

Solstice Run

DATE: Saturday, June 21
LOCATION: Downtown Northville
DETAILS: 5K and 10K race. For more information, visit solsticerun.org.

All American Girls Professional Baseball League

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Monday, June 23
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Meet two women who actually played in the majors during World War II. Mary Moores and Helen Steffes will describe their experiences and bring memorabilia.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3026

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, features 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

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 Dinsers 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 restrooms.
CONTACT: gardener-sofnorthville-novi.org

Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art

LOCATION: 133 W. Main Street, Suite 210, Northville
Artaissance with Danna Harvey Exhibit
DATE: Exhibit runs through Monday, June 30
TIME: Gallery is open 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, and Noon-4 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Artaissance-sherrus.ArMyStyle.com is a new concept in fine art shopping. The works of Danna Harvey will be in the gallery and online at sherrus.ArMyStyle.com. This online gallery 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

The Muses Art Show

TIME/DATE: 7 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday and 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, through June 30
LOCATION: Picasso Cafe, 39915 Grand River, Novi
DETAILS: Showing of drawings and painting in different media of models who have posed for this group of artists. The artists include Barbara Eko Murphy of Northville, Mary Step from Northville/Novi, Daria Fileta from Novi, Peggy Kervin of Northville and Jeff Cancelosi of Northville among others. The public will enjoy seeing the variety of approaches to the same subject. This group will also be drawing models outside, next to the Northville Art House, during the July Garden Walk.
CONTACT: Picasso Cafe at (248) 427-0600

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 cgcnv.org.
CONTACT: cgcnv.org or (248) 348-3263

Northville Grub Crawl

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. Thursday, July 29
DETAILS: Tickets are now on sale for the 4th annual Grub Crawl where participating restaurants offer free samples of appetizers and signature menu items. Cash bar specials also available. A free shuttle will be available or guests can "crawl" on their own. A grand prize drawing for an outdoor grill will also be held. Tickets are \$40 and can be purchased at the Northville Chamber of Commerce, Gardenviews and Good Time Party Store. Crawlers must be 21 years old or older.
CONTACT: For more information, call the Northville Chamber of Commerce at (248) 349-7640 or visit northville.org

Farmer's Market

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday, through Oct.
LOCATION: Northville Downs Parking Lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Center Street (Sheldon).
DETAILS: On the first Thursday of each month, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., Providence Park Hospital presents "Good For You", promoting healthy recipes and lifestyles. The "Chefs at the Market" program, third Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m., features local chefs and free recipes and cooking demonstrations. June 19 is John Colombani from the Empire Deli. New for 2008: Recycle your planting pots and flats at the Pot-Recycling Station.
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or northville.org

Friday Night Summer Concert Series

TIME: 7 p.m.
LOCATION: Northville Town



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Summer classes

The Northville Art House is offering a variety of summer art and pottery classes and camps for children, ages 2 through teenagers. Creative tots, parent/child classes, creative kids, digital photography, pottery and sculpture classes, fun-tastic Fridays, still life open studios, quilting, basket weaving and jewelry are just some of the classes and camps being offered at the Northville Art House located at 215 W. Cady in downtown Northville. For information or to register, please call (248) 344-0497 or stop at the Art House for a brochure of activities Thursdays through Saturdays from 1-5 p.m.

Square on Main St. across from the Marquis Theatre

DATE: June 13 - Trilogy (all-American favorites)
DATE: June 20 - Lady Sunshine and the X Band (soul/Motown)
DATE: June 27 - Doug Deming and the Jeweltones (rockabilly blues)
DETAILS: Early arrival is suggested for these free concerts; bring their own lawn chairs.
CONTACT: Northville Chamber (248) 349-7640, or visit northville.org; or Parks and Rec. (248) 349-0203 or northvillepark-sandrec.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.
DATE: June 24 - Beverly Meyer, The Music Lady will entertain the whole family with her guitar and singing voice.
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 northvillepark-sandrec.org for a complete concert schedule.

Northville Eclipse Base Ball Club

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 eclipsebbcc.com.
TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 1:30 p.m. Saturday, June 14 at Greenfield Village Lah-De-Dahs
TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 2 p.m. Sunday, June 22 vs. Port Huron Welkins
TIME/DATE/LOCATION: Post-parade Friday, July 4, Gating Gun Base Ball Shootout and World Premier Four-team Event

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genittis.com
Surviving SamCo.
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, June 19, Friday Aug. 8, Saturday, June 14 and 28, July 12, and Aug. 2, 9, 23 and 30; and Monday July 7. Also, 7 p.m. Friday, June 20 and July 11. Also 11:30 a.m. Thursday, June 12 and Aug. 28; Friday, July 18 and Aug. 1; Saturday, June 21; Monday, June 30; and Tuesday Aug. 5 and 12
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: 11:30 a.m. Friday, July 18 and 6:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19
DETAILS: Lunch and show is \$35 per person. 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.

Marquis Theatre

135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or northvillemarquistheatre.com
Auditions for The Shoemaker and the Elves
TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. Saturday, June 14
DETAILS: For 8-15 years old; sing "Do-Re-Mi", read a poem for no longer than 90 seconds.

Tipping Point Theatre

LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or visit tippingpointtheatre.org
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 shows alike. General seating tickets are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance, \$8.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003
SHOWcamp Featuring Disney's 101 Dalmatians
TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m.-4 p.m. July 21 - August 1, performance Aug. 2
DETAILS: Summer camp for children entering grades 3-8. Students audition for roles in the musical, train with a choreographer, musical director and director, help build the set, create costumes and learn valuable tricks of the trade. At the end of two weeks, they will perform Disney's 101 Dalmatians. Cost is \$350, registration ends July 1. Before and after daycare available for a small fee.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or tippingpointtheatre.org
Don't Dress For Dinner
DATE: Wednesday-Sunday, June 11-29

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 (June 21)
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

As The Page Turns

LOCATION: 149 North Center Street, Suite 102, Northville
CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or www.asthepageturns.biz
Jean Alicia Elster Book Release Party
TIME/DATE: 7 p.m.-9 p.m. August 1
DETAILS: Come celebrate her new book "Who's Jim Hines".

Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse

LOCATION: 133 W. Main St., Northville
CONTACT: (248) 348-9737
Open Mic Nite
TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday
Carol Smallwood, classical guitarist
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday

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 northvillearts.org
Kevin VanHooser Solo Exhibition
TIME/DATE: 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. Summer Art Classes and Camps

DETAILS: Summer art and pottery classes and camps available for children, ages 2 through teenagers. Creative Tots, Parent/Child classes, Creative Kids, digital photography, pottery and sculpture classes, Fantastic Fridays, Still Life Open Studios, quilting, basket weaving and jewelry are just some of the classes and camps being offered. For information or to register, visit northvillearts.org, call (248) 344-0497 or stop by the Art House.

Northville Arts Commission Seeks Commissioners

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month
DETAILS: The Northville Arts Commission is seeking volunteer Commissioners to help grow the Northville Art House. Candidates need only to have a passion for expanding the arts in Northville! Committees are formed to assist in the development and facilitation of Art House educational programs, events and exhibitions. If interested, call (248) 344-0497, e-mail info@northvillearts.org or visit www.northvillearts.org.

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 FriendsOfMaybury.org.

Story Hour at Maybury

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. the second Saturday from May to Sept.

DETAILS: For children ages 10 and under; meet at the Concession building; rain or shine. For more information, call the Park Office at (248) 349-8390.

Summer Programs for Kids

DETAILS: Free children's programs are offered five days a week until the end of August. All programs meet at the Concession Building area unless otherwise noted. A State Park motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. For more information, call (248) 349-3858.

Crafty Recycling

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Today
DETAILS: Learn about recycling.

cling.

Fishing in the Park

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday
DETAILS: Bring a pole if you have one. Adults must have valid fishing license. Meet at Riding Stable parking lot.

Story Hour - Our Furry Friends

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Bring a blanket and your favorite stuffed friend. Ages 10 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Creek Livin'

TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Come discover what creatures live in the creek. Dress to get muddy.

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. Village buildings open 1-4 p.m. Sundays June-Oct.

CONTACT: (248) 348-1845

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 5 p.m. Rehearsal

Friday: 9 a.m. Archives open; 4:30-6:30 p.m. Wedding*; 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal

Saturday: 12:15-2:15 p.m. Wedding*; 1 p.m. Private Party; 4-6 p.m. Wedding*

Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 1-4 p.m. Village Open

Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 7:30 p.m. Mill Race Weavers

Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 p.m. Mill Creek Church

* Grounds closed to public

Mill Race Village Docents Needed

DETAILS: Docents needed for Mill Race Village. Friendly, outgoing volunteers dress in period-reminiscent costumes to inform visitors about the history of Northville and the village buildings. Costume assistance available and training materials provided. Work as many or few dates as you wish, serving 1-4 p.m. Sunday afternoons from mid-June to mid-October, or for special events. Have questions? Call Judy Davis at (248) 347-4871.

Northville Chamber of Commerce

LOCATION: 195 S. Main St.

Northville

CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit northville.org

GIFF

TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday

LOCATION: Chamber Office

After Hours Mixer

TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday

LOCATION: St. John

Providence Park Hospital

Art in the Sun

DATE: June 21-22

LOCATION: Downtown

Northville

Regional Events

Celebration Youth Orchestra Auditions

DATE: Today and Friday, by appointment.

LOCATION: Evola Music, 7170 North Haggerty Road, Canton

DETAILS: Auditions are open to all string students ages nine and up with at least one year of instruction, and wind, brass and percussion students ages 12 and up with at least three years of instruction. Students may live anywhere in Southeastern Michigan. Prepare one scale in any key and a piece of their choice. Percussionists will be provided with a snare drum, but need to bring their own sticks.

CONTACT: Plymouth Canton Symphony Society office, (734) 451-2112 or e-mail jane@plymouthsymphony.org.

Motor City Brass Band Concert

TIME/DATE: 3 p.m. Sunday

LOCATION: Ford Community and Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Avenue, Dearborn

DETAILS: Concert theme is "Under the Big Top" featuring the musical heritage of the circus including pieces from Dvorak, Fucik, and a quartet of singers and juggler. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for students and seniors and free for children 12 and under and can be purchased by calling (313) 943-2350.

Flowers are Forever Garden Walk

TIME/DATE: noon-8 p.m.

Tuesday, June 24

LOCATION: Plymouth

DETAILS: The garden walk is

sponsored by the Trailwood Garden Club and will include seven gardens featuring a range of styles and ideas. Tickets are \$8 pre-sale, \$10 the day of the walk, and are available at Backyard Birds or Saxton's Garden Center in Plymouth. Complimentary refreshments, a raffle and perennial sales are included in this event.

CONTACT: For more information, contact Marilyn Detmer at (734) 454-4625

The Purple Gang

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, July 8

LOCATION: Johnny's Grill, 146 High St., Belleville

DETAILS: An interactive murder mystery dinner, set in 1931 and based on Detroit's own Purple Gang. Sponsored by the Belleville Area Historical Society to benefit the Belleville Area Museum. Donation of \$35 includes dinner and the mystery. Produced by Dore Productions of Northville. To order tickets, call Cathy Horste at (734) 697-3662.

Women's Caring Program Twilight Gathering

TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m.-8 p.m., July 10

LOCATION: Meadowview (home of Carol Walters), 2955 Morrow Lane, Milford

DETAILS: More than 800 women will gather for a gourmet meal, beverages and silent auc-

tion. The event benefits the Childcare Commitment Program which offers one-time awards to families in need that are ineligible for child care assistance from the state. Tickets are \$100 in advance, \$125 on site.

CONTACT: (248) 415-1442 or womenscaringprogram.org to register.

Italian Language Classes

LOCATION: The Italian American Club, 39200 Five Mile Road, Livonia

ADULTS

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m. and 8-9:30 p.m. every Wednesday, through July 9

DETAILS: Cost is \$37.50 for the class and books.

CHILDREN

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-noon every Saturday, through July 12

DETAILS: Cost is \$25 for the class and books.

CONTACT: For more information, call (734) 421-3460 ext. 2

Plymouth Art in the Park

TIME/DATE: noon-8 p.m.

Friday, July 11; 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Saturday, July 12; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, July 13

LOCATION: Streets of downtown Plymouth and Kellogg Park

DETAILS: Over 300 artists, entertainment and food will be featured in the 29th year of this event.

CONTACT: Plymouth Chamber

of Commerce, (734) 453-1540 or go to artintheparkinc.com

Academic Pathways Cooperative Preschool

LOCATION: 30330 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia

DETAILS: The preschool is currently enrolling for the 2008-09 school year. Class sessions are available as follows: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday for 4-year olds; 9:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesday and Thursday for 3-year olds. Potty training is not required.

CONTACT: (734) 261-9540 or academicpathwayspreschool.com

Rock Financial Showplace

46100 Grand River Ave., Novi

CONTACT: Call (248) 348-5600 or visit rockfinancialshowplace.com.

International Gem and Jewelry Show

TIME/DATE: Noon-6 p.m.

Friday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday and 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday, June 27-29

DETAILS: Tickets are \$7. No strollers. Parking \$5.

Send calendar submissions via e-mail to cstone@gannett.com, by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper.

2008 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come along on a Friendship Trek!

Mon.-Thurs., June 23-26
9am to Noon

St. Paul Church

201 Elm St., Northville
(behind Miller's)

248.349.3140

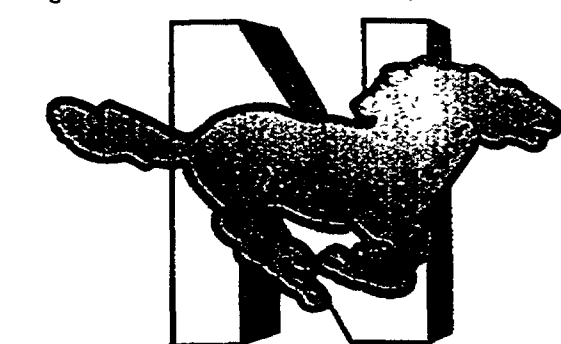


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Family learns healing with hyperbarics

■ Illness leads to therapy center to help others

By Jessie Ellis
STAFF WRITER

Two years ago the devastating illness of a daughter – and her dramatic recovery – prompted Java House owners Bruce and Tami Powell, owners of Javahouse, to open a hyperbaric oxygen therapy center in South Lyon.

Their journey began in June 2006, when a seemingly innocent case of chicken pox nearly took the life of daughter JeAnnah, then 9 years old. Vancella, the chicken pox virus, caused encephalitis, a swelling of the brain.

In 10 days JeAnnah changed from happy and healthy to a desperately ill. Blood cell counts of more than 700 indicated serious brain damage. JeAnnah became semiconscious, periodically stopped breathing, and suffered organ failure. Seizures and paralysis wracked her body. She could no longer hold her head upright, became legally blind and showed no emotional response to the presence of friends and family.

JeAnnah began rehabilitation including physical, occupational, speech and language therapy. While JeAnnah slowly recovered, Tami Powell began to search for other answers. On the Internet she found a glimmer of hope from a mother in Malaysia, who wrote about the dramatic recovery she witnessed involving a little girl with encephalitis who started hyperbaric treatment.

On July 31, JeAnnah began her own hyperbaric treatments at Detroit Receiving Hospital, where she was the first child with an acquired brain injury to undergo HBOT. There was a great deal of resistance from doctors, but Tami would not give up.

"I'm a pretty determined mom," Tami said.

Before her first treatment JeAnnah, could walk unsteadily,



Photo by HAL GOULD

Two years ago JeAnnah Powell made a dramatic recovery from encephalitis which left her blind and paralyzed. With the help of hyperbaric oxygen treatment she is now healthy and back to dancing. As a result of her recovery, Tami and Bruce Powell are opening Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center. Pictured are technician Lynae Baker, Tami Powell, JeAnnah Powell and Bruce Powell.

supported by two therapists and with a walker. After her first treatment (called a "dive"), her grip strength improved dramatically and she could kneel on one leg. JeAnnah dove every day and continued her physical therapy at HealthStyles in South Lyon. Over the course of the 59 dives she progressed from wheelchair, to walker, to two canes, to one, to none.

Dance had always been a major part of her life and as soon as she was able, she went back to it. In December of 2006 JeAnnah danced in a recital.

Today JeAnnah, now 11, is back to being healthy and happy. Seeing their daughter's dramatic recovery, Tami and Bruce knew they needed to do something.

"I never want another mother to go through what I went through,"

Tami said.

After much research and investment, the Powell's opened Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center. There are about 600 hyperbaric centers across the country, mostly in hospitals, but only about 50 are privately owned.

Tami noted that the private HBOT centers are usually owned by people like them, who have seen the treatment work for their families. When the Powell's went to San Antonio, TX, to be trained, they were the only non-doctors in the place.

Tami and Bruce are already fielding calls from people around the country who are interested in their clinic. She said she recently talked to a man from Florida who was diagnosed with stage four colon cancer. He took chemotherapy

and HBOT together. He had no ill effects from the chemotherapy and came out of his treatments cancer free.

Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center has two monoplace chambers as well as exam rooms and areas for therapy. An HBOT treatment at a hospital can cost \$2,000, but the Powell's are planning to charge \$140 per treatment.

"This is the journey God has brought us on," Tami said. "We're just along for the ride."

Oxford Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy Center is located at 18000 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon. For more information call (248) 486-3636. A video detailing JeAnnah's illness and recovery can be found at healingwithhbot.com.

HEALTH EVENTS

American Legion Hall
100 Dunlap, corner of Center Street, Northville
Strength Training Classes
DATE: Mondays and Fridays
DETAILS: Diane DiVita is offering Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults. For more information, call Diane at (248) 344-0928 or trianglesix@sbcglobal.net.
Yoga Class
DETAILS: Diane DiVita teaches a yoga class that's well-suited for you. Start any time, no charge for first class. Monday sessions are \$80, Thursday sessions \$72.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0928.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital
LOCATION: 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
CONTACT: (734) 655-4800 or <http://stmarymercy.org>
Breast Cancer Support Group

TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Classroom 10
DETAILS: The group offers a place for patients and survivors to gather and share experiences, learn coping techniques and find support and strength. For more information, contact (734) 655-1162

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
TIME/DATE: 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Classroom 1
DETAILS: No fee or registration are required. For more information contact Audra Frye, Alzheimer's Association (248) 426-7055.

Free Seminars-Michigan Bariatric Institute
DETAILS: MBI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss options. Learn about

Gastric Bypass, Adjustable Gastric Banding and Sleeve Gastrectomy at a free monthly seminar in the St. Mary Mercy hospital Auditorium. To register call (734) 655-2693, (877) Why-Weight or visit hospital website.

Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center

DETAILS: The center offers a spa-like atmosphere with image-enhancement services to help cancer patients heal from the inside out and regain their self-confidence in a supportive and caring environment. Services include: Free consultation and assessment, skin care, hand and nail care, massage therapy, reflexology, hair replacements, haircuts and styling of hair and wigs, prosthetics and bras, lymphedema compression products and educational resources. Services are offered to patients from any hospital and the general public.

CONTACT: (734) 655-8810
Diabetes Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month

Reiki I and II
TIME/DATE: 2-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, June 28-29
DETAILS: Learn to administer this ancient Japanese art of healing. There is a fee for class. Call (734) 655-1162 to register.

CPR/AED and First Aid Classes
CPR and AED - Tuesday, June 24
First Aid - Wednesday, June 25

TIME: 6-9 p.m.
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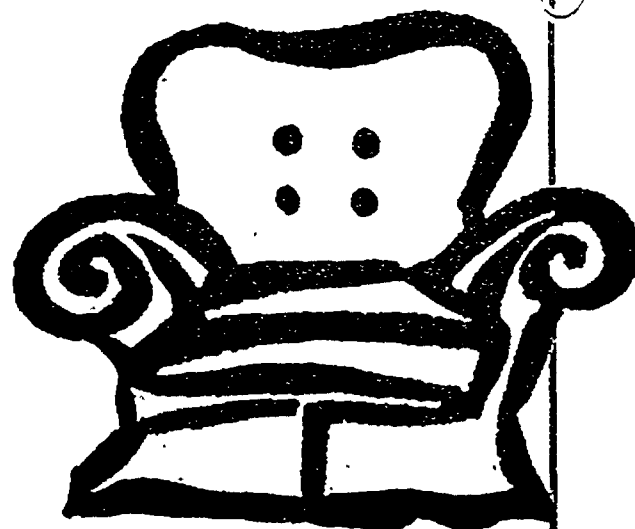
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DETAILS: These American Heart Association and Life Support Training Center (LSTI) classes offer two year certification. Cost is \$40 per course. For more information and to register, call the fire department at (248) 349-4730 or LSTI at (248) 304-6055.

Baby and Me Infant CPR

TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, every other month (next class is June 13)

DETAILS: This family friendly session is for new parents and their babies. It will provide parents and grandparents knowledgeable support and simple hands-on instruction with their baby in case of life-threatening emergencies. Cost is \$20 for parents and baby and includes a manual and emergency wallet cards. Group rates also available.

CONTACT: Life support Training Institute at (248) 304-6055 for registration, questions and directions.

First Aid/CPR Classes

TIME: 6-10 p.m., monthly
LOCATION: Northville Township Fire Department, 45745 Six Mile Road

DETAILS: American Red Cross First Aid/CPR classes taught by trained firefighters. Call for further information and dates; \$20 fee for Township residents.

CONTACT: Northville Township Fire Department (248) 348-5807

Providence Center for the Healing Arts

LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi

CONTACT: (248) 465-5455

Wanted: One-time Art Workshop Instructors

DETAILS: We are looking for people who have an art or craft that they would like to share in our series of one-time workshops.

Colored Pencil Workshop

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m.; second Tuesday of every month

DETAILS: Beginners welcome.

Ceramics Class

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday-Thursday.

DETAILS: Explore the Art of playing with clay. Express yourself in this three-dimensional art form. \$10 lab fee. Call to verify class times.

Knitting Yarns

TIME/DATE: 1-3 p.m. every Wednesday

DETAILS: Join others and create hats and shawls for those in need.

Meditation

TIME/DATE: Meditation for individuals or groups by appointment.

DETAILS: Learn proper breathing techniques that can be

used at home or on the job to help reduce stress; class held in reflection space; Cancer Center.

Therapeutic Yoga

TIME/DATE: 10-11 a.m.

Monday - Yoga for Kids with Parents; 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Monday - Yoga for Backs; 6-7 p.m.

Tuesday - Mixed Level; 11 a.m.-noon Wednesday -

Meditative Yoga; 12:15-1:15 p.m.

Wednesday - Mixed Level; 5:30-6:30 p.m.

Thursday - Prenatal Yoga; 6:45-7:45 p.m.

Thursday - Yoga for Backs; 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Friday - Beginner/Intermediate; 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Saturday - Mixed Level; 10:45-11:45 a.m.

Saturday - Yoga for Backs.

DETAILS: \$10/walk-in, \$80/10-class card, \$45/5-class card. Lunch and Learn Yoga 7-week session is \$60.

Registration required. Classes also held at Providence Hospital, Southfield. Call for details.

Massage Therapy

TIME/DATE: By appointment

DETAILS: Therapeutic massage is effective for stress and tension; chronic fatigue; pain and headaches. Everyone is welcome. Patients undergoing treatment should bring physician's referral; \$50/50-minutes.

Create with Kathy

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. - noon each Monday

DETAILS: An opportunity to express yourself artistically in our peaceful and inspirational creative arts studio. Kathy provides guidance in a variety of techniques and projects. \$5 suggested per session.

Know Before You Go

CONTACT: Call (248) 465-4488 for a recording of the latest in class changes.

Dinner with a Doctor

DATE: Last Thursday of month (June 26)

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

LOCATION: St. John Providence Park Hospital, Grand River and Beck roads (use Beck Road entrance), Conference Rooms A, B and C.

DETAILS: This month's topic is "Hearing Loss," presented by Dr. Seilesh Babu, Michigan Ear Institute.

CONTACT: Free registration for lecture and dinner by calling (888) 440-7325

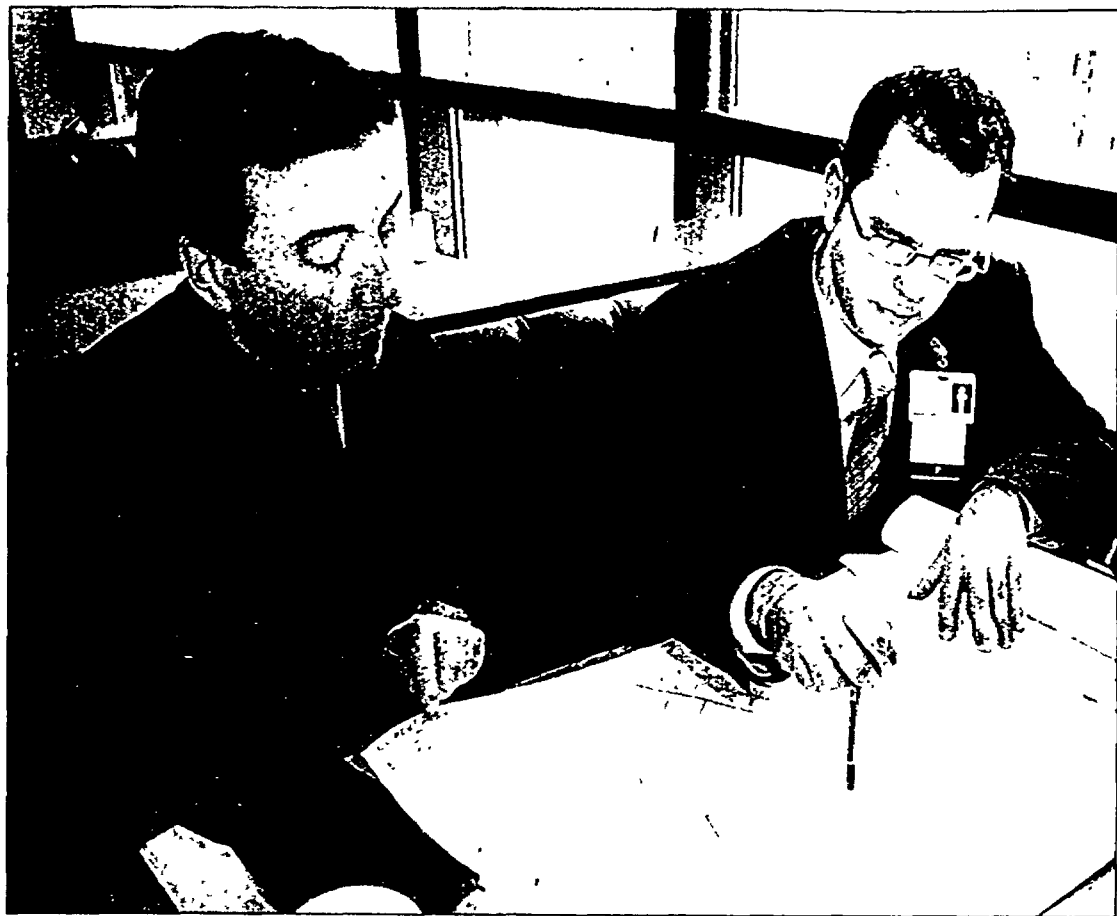
Tai Chi Classes

DATE: Currently in session.

DETAILS: Non-profit Michigan Tai Chi Association is offering classes in Livonia and Bloomfield Hills. Call (248) 332-1281 for more information.

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via e-mail to stone@gannett.com; by fax to (248) 349-9832; or by mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167. Items must be received by noon on Tuesday to be included in Thursday's newspaper



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record
Providence Park Hospital's Lou Martin, left, takes a look at some of the blueprints showing planned structural changes to the hospital's existing (northern) building. With him is Steven LaBelle, the hospital's project manager and facility planner.

Medical center renovations support hospital on Providence Park campus

This is the fifth installment in a series featuring the St. John Health Providence Park campus in Novi

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

As the majority of physicians have moved out of the existing medical center and into the Medical Office Building on the Providence Park campus, four practices remain.

The Joslin Diabetes Center, Maternal-Fetal Medicine, Elliott Breast Care Clinic and Cardiovascular Institute of Novi will continue to operate out of the existing facility, with expansions or relocations slated to accommodate additional space.

The parking lot, located at the southeast entrance of the building, is also expanding to help support the patients and visitors of the cardiovascular institute, said Steve LaBelle, project manager of the existing medical center.

Although there has been confusion regarding the name of the current facility, officials have dubbed it Providence Medical Center, for now.

Aside from the four practices, the existing lab and testing area will expand to incorporate all outpatient labwork for the entire campus.

"We want people to have easy access to their outpatient services," LaBelle said.

Generally, in-patient services will be treated at Providence Park Hospital and outpatient-services will be handled at Providence Medical Center, LaBelle said.

Another tenant to remain in its current location is the sleep center, which LaBelle said will also expand at some point in the future.

The medical center will also house all medical records associated with the Providence Park campus and hospital administrative

offices.

"We haven't built administration offices into the hospital," said Lou Martin, account executive of marketing and public relations for Providence Park Hospital.

"Hospital square-footage is so expensive, why should we use it for administration offices?"

The offices will be accessible

through a two-story connector joining the two buildings.

"We're trying to move the leadership into existing spaces to keep the cost down," LaBelle said.

While the inside of Providence Medical Center is undergoing renovations, there are no plans to alter the outside of the building, aside from landscaping, sidewalk and

parking lot improvements.

For any patient who is unsure of the location of their physician, there are volunteers posted at each entrance of the Providence Medical Center

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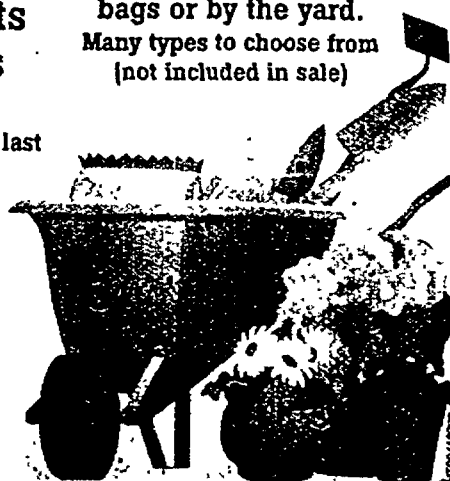
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THIRD AT STATE



Photo submitted by Ed Grigg

The Northville golf team placed third at state. Team members include, from left, assistant coach Chris Cronin, Tim Kelly, Alex Bernstein, Wes Gates, Chris Kozerski, Trevor Grigg, Dan Kozerski and head coach Matt Stetson.

■ Grigg leads Northville with 8th-place finish

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville golf struggled with weather and course conditions on the first day of the state finals, but rallied for a massive run on Day 2. The Mustangs moved up five spots during their final 18 holes

to claim third in the state this weekend at Grand Valley State University.

Northville posted a 329 on the first day and sat 13 strokes behind eventual champion Grand Blanc and 14 strokes behind Day 1 leader Brother Rice.

Stetson took the boys out for bowling to get their minds away from the links and into a new frame of mind.

It worked. The Mustangs shot a 309 on the second day, the lowest of any team.

"I am extremely proud of how the boys responded on Day 2," Stetson said. "The boys went into Day 2 with nothing to lose. We decided that we wanted to go all or nothing on the second day. The boys were going to play aggressive and go after a title. There was no settling for a middle of the pack finish."

"Mentally, we were much better the second day and it translated into much lower scores."

Grand Blanc finished on top with a 629, followed by Saline (635), Northville (638) and

Grand Rapids Forest Hills Central (640). Brother Rice finished sixth with a 650 after shooting 335 on the second day. Catholic Central tied with Grandville for seventh at 651.

Trevor Grigg continued his incredible play to close out the year. He was the lone Mustang in the 70s both days with a 79-76 — 155 to tie for eighth individually.

"Trevor is a very special player," Stetson said. "We knew he had potential to do some great things in his career. We just didn't expect these great things to

happen in his sophomore year." Grigg capped off his year with medalist honors at the conference, district and regional meets before making All-State at the state finals.

"Early on in the season, he was scoring pretty well in 18-hole matches, but there were usually one or two holes that was keeping him from scoring as low as he would like," Stetson said. "That all changed at the conference tournament."

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How they scored

Name	1ST	2ND	Tot
Trevor Grigg	79	76	155
Wes Gates	82	76	158
Tim Kelly	83	78	161
Chris Kozerski	85	80	165
Alex Bernstein	93	79	172

Magical season ends

■ Mustangs fall 4-2 to Plymouth in regional play

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville softball came to a close Saturday with a 4-2 loss to Plymouth in the regional opening game Saturday at Birmingham Seaholm. But even in loss, the Mustangs showed their heart all the way to the end.

Plymouth held a 4-0 lead entering the seventh inning. Wildcats pitcher Meghan Patterson was rolling through the Mustangs, but Northville (29-5) had one final kick in them.

Nara DeMuro singled with one out, but was out at second on Megan Hofmeister's fielder's choice ground out.

Manel Wilson was hit by a pitch before Jenna Dumbleton singled to center, breaking up the shutout. Dumbleton and Wilson went to second and third on a throw home.

Brittany Birdcall drew a walk to load the bases.

Sarah Rounsifer, Northville's best hitter, came to the plate. Patterson gave her little to hit, and



Photos submitted by Diana Birdsall

continued on 2 Allison Holmes delivers a pitch Saturday against Plymouth.

'Stangs kicked out of playoffs

By Jeff Theisen
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The undefeated record, the playoff run and the No. 1 ranking all came to a crashing halt for the Northville soccer team.

Penalty kicks decided the Mustangs' fate in regional action against Ann Arbor Huron.

Two 40-minute halves and two 15-minute overtime sessions couldn't bring a goal, much in part to outstanding goaltending by Northville's Elana Ryznar and Huron's Taylor Dunn.

Ryznar kept the Mustangs alive in the first half, making a game's worth of saves in the first 40 minutes (five), several of which were point-blank.

"They owned the first half," Northville head coach Ron Meteyer said. "We had that huge emotional win against Novi, and they came out really flat."

"The second half and overtimes were much better." Dunn took her turn on center stage in the second half and kept the ball from crossing the goal line.

Both teams produced quality chances in overtime, but again, the goalies stood tall, and the game was forced to head into penalty kicks.

Each team nominates five kickers, and the penalty kicks were

ready to go.

Huron's Beth Archer was the first to go and drilled a shot into the top left, leaving Ryznar no chance to make a save.

Dunn made a save on Sarah Stern, leaving the River Rats up 1-0.

Ryznar stopped the next shot, and Northville tied it up when Jeanette Dolmetsch went to the lower-left side of the goal.

Huron went back up with a goal to Ryznar's left, and Dunn stopped the next shot for a 2-1 lead after three attempts.

Ryznar made another save, and Ton Wright tied the shootout at two with a blast to her left.

Huron put the pressure on with a goal by Helen Steinhauer, and Lisa Kolzab's attempt went high over the crossbar, setting off a wild River Rat celebration.

"We had been practicing penalty kicks for two or three weeks," Meteyer said. "I hate to see it come to that. Anytime you have a team sport and it comes down to a one-on-one situation, that's just anticlimactic."

It was the only loss for the Mustangs this year.

"It sucks it came to down to this, but we had a great season," Stern said. "We beat Novi twice and Churchill twice. This was our one loss."

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Rounsifer drew a walk to force in a run, drawing closer at 4-2.

Alex Kaszuba hit the ball hard, but it went right to the third baseman, who stepped on third to end the game, and Northville's season.

"I told them how proud of them I was and that they didn't give up," head coach Teryn Chrzanowski said. "They didn't quit."

"I told them anything beyond districts was a bonus. But we also started believing we could go all the way, so it was disappointing. But, it is fun to get to play into June."

Plymouth picked up a pair of runs in the fourth and fifth innings. The second two runs were unearned.

"We just didn't play our A game today," Chrzanowski said. "We made some mistakes and they capitalized on them."

"We played this team three times. After beating them pretty good twice, they were hungry and came to play."

The loss was hard on Chrzanowski and her team as several girls couldn't hold back their emotions from such a special season coming to a close. The Mustangs won their division, finished runner-up in the conference tourney and claimed the school's first district softball title.

"This is the best season that Northville has ever had," Chrzanowski said. "To get to this point is amazing. These kids need to be proud of what they've accomplished."

Allison Holmes suffered the loss, but her season statistics speak for what a great year she had.

"Allison pitched awesome this year," Chrzanowski said. "She really stepped up. She was a big part of what we accomplished."

The loss ends the careers of eight seniors, including pitcher/infielders Holmes and Dumbleton, No. 3 hitter, third basemen Brittany Birdsall, No. 2 hitter and outfielder Hofmeister and No. 5 hitter and first baseman Kaszuba.

"This was a great group of seniors," Chrzanowski said. "They've been a big part of building this program."

Expected to help lead the team next year are Rounsifer behind and at the plate and Samantha Doud on the mound. Both were juniors this year.

"We have a lot of young talent coming up still," Chrzanowski said. "We have three starters coming back, but the young kids are going to have to step up."

"It's hard to replace what we've had, but there are lot of kids in this program with talent."

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Catcher Sarah Rounsifer comes up throwing with the ball.



Brittany Birdsall looks at her target before throwing to first.



Trevor Grigg prepares to tee off at the state finals.

Photos submitted



Northville's Trevor Grigg shows off his medal for finishing eighth at the state finals.

■ GOLF: Mustangs third at state

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The rest of the Mustang scorers included Wes Gates (82), Tim Kelly (83) and Chris Kozerski (85) on the first day and Gates (76), Kelly (78) and Alex Bernstein (79) on the second day.

With Kozerski being the only senior in the top 12 for the Mustangs, Stetson is already looking forward to next year.

"I return 11 of my 12 best players, including my top four,"

he said. "This was a fantastic season, especially when most people thought we would be rebuilding after losing three seniors from our top five last year, including a two-time First Team All-Stater."

"The last two years have been very special, but the future continues to look bright for Northville golf."

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Undefeated

The Northville JV soccer team finished the year 16-0-2. The Mustangs allowed just two goals all season. Loren Tacconelli is the head coach, and Lindsay Hill is the assistant.

Sports Shorts

Saunderson drafted by Phillies

Northville senior Damarri Saunderson was drafted by the Phillies in the 15th round. He has to make the decision to sign with the Phillies or go on to play college ball.

Mustang football camp

The Northville Football Camps will run the week after school is out. The high school camp for those entering grades 9-12 will be 12:00-4:00 p.m. June 16-19 (come 45 min. early on Monday). The camp for youth entering grades 3-8 will be 5:00-7:00 p.m. June 16-18 (come 30 min. early on Monday).

Registration forms with details are available in school offices, on the football web site at www.northvillemustangs.com.

Contact coach Matt Ladach at 248-344-8420, ext. 208 if more information is needed.

Cheer Camp

The Northville cheer team is hosting a camp for kids entering grades 1-8. The camp will be conducted at Morraine Elementary School in Northville and will run 9 a.m.-noon June 23-25. Cost is \$75 and includes a T-shirt and daily snack and drink. Campers will also get to accompany the Northville cheer team in the Fourth of July parade.

For more information, contact Brenni Polanski at (248) 374-0897 or at brenbp@ameritech.net.

Summer Basketball Academy

Northville's Paul Tripp is hosting a summer basketball camp at Our Lady of Victory in Northville in June.

The camp for boys entering grades 5-9 is June 16-20. The camp for girls entering grades 5-9 is June 23-27. Both camps will run 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Cost of the camp is \$150.

To register or for more information, contact Tripp at (248) 563-0858 or at coachpaul@A-gamebasketball.com.

Michigan 3-on-3 soccer tourney

U-M will host the 17th annual 3-on-3 Micro-Soccer Shootout Camp on July 19 at U-M's Mitchell Fields.

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Registration must be postmarked by July 10.

Northville summer camps

Northville High School Athletic coaches will be sponsoring a number of youth sport camps this summer. The following camps will be offered:

Indoor Volleyball - June 23-26, grades 7-12

Sand Volleyball - July 14-18, grades 7-12

Girls Basketball - June 16-20, grades 3-8

Football - June 16-19, high school students

- June 16-18, grades 3-8

Boys Basketball - July 7-11, grades 4-9

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Link: Athletics for more information.

Boys Basketball Camp

The Northville boys basketball camp will run July 7-11 at the high school gym.

Kids entering grades 4-6 next school year are from 9-11:30 a.m.

Kids entering grades 7-9 are from noon-2:30 p.m.

Cost of the camp is \$100.

Checks should be made to Northville High School Basketball, Attn: Boys Basketball, Northville High School, 45700 W. Six Mile Rd., Northville, 48168.

E-mail questions to basketball@baldwin-capital.com.

Girls Basketball Camp

The girls basketball camp for kids currently in grades 3-8 will take place June 16-20.

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

The cost of the camp is \$100.

Checks should be made to Northville High School Basketball, Attn: Todd Gudith, Northville High School, 45700 W. Six Mile Rd., Northville, 48168.

E-mail questions to GudithTo@northville.k12.mi.us.

CC's Westside Football Camp

Detroit Catholic Central is hosting a non-contact football camp for kids entering grades 5-9 June 16-19. The camp runs 9 a.m.-3 p.m. each day and costs \$185.

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STANLEY CUP CELEBRATION

■ Babcock, Hasek live in Northville during season

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

While many Northville residents were downtown to witness the Red Wings championship parade Friday, two had unbeatable views.

Detroit head coach Mike Babcock and goaltender Dominik Hasek both reside in the Northville area.

For Babcock, it was his first Stanley Cup after missing out ever-so-closely in a game-seven loss with Anaheim in 2003. He was ready to head down the Woodward parade route and soak in everything.

"At that time, you never know if you're going to get another opportunity," Babcock said. "To have this opportunity and to make good on it with this group of guys and their families, our city and the state of Michigan is fantastic."

After the parade down Woodward in front of thousands of screaming and thankful fans, Babcock was beaming on stage at Hart Plaza in front of his championship team.

He talked about how the people from Michigan should be proud to live in the Detroit area.

Before the parade, Babcock talked about a few of his favorite places to go in Northville.

"It's fantastic. I'm down there quite a bit," he said of the Downtown area. "I frequent Poole's Pub and quite a few other spots. I enjoy it down there. Alexander's is where I get my clothes. There's lots of shops and good places. I take the kids to Rebecca's for ice cream."

"It's a good town and the people are great."

He also said his kids attend Northville schools, and he loves to call the Northville area his home.

"My kids go to school in town there," he said. "I enjoy the community."

"It's great to be a part of that area."

While his wife was asking him if he was going to be bringing the



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Red Wings coach and Northville resident Mike Babcock celebrates the Stanley Cup.

cup to the area, Babcock knew exactly where he was going to take his first chance for a day with the Stanley Cup.

"I'm going to take the cup home to Saskatchewan (Canada), where I'm from," he said.

While he still calls Saskatchewan home, don't be surprised to find the head coach of the Stanley Cup champion Detroit Red Wings shopping or sitting next to you in a local shop or eatery.

Northville is where he lives during the hockey season.

The Dominator

Hasek's time in Northville is up in arms after announcing his retirement Tuesday from the NHL. He is known as one of the top goalies of all time, collecting six Vezina trophies (best NHL goalie), an Olympic gold medal, two Stanley Cups, two Hart Trophy wins (NHL MVP) and 389 games.



Photo by Jeff Theisen/Northville Record

Dominik Hasek waits with the team to take the stage at Hart Plaza on Friday.

He is 10th all-time in wins, 10th in goals against average and sixth in shutouts. He won all 16 games for the Wings in 2002, his first Stanley Cup.

Hall of Famer when he gets his chance.

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Health

The busier we get, the fewer calories we burn

It is dance competition season for our two young children. Repeat these words to any parent with children involved in these types of competitive activities and an instant mega dose of STRESS is brought on by unusually busy days.

At the conclusion of a particularly trying weekend, followed by the usual collapse on the couch, I was shocked to find (with the help of a sophisticated calorie tracking device) how few calories I actually burned. Another busy weekend passed with everyone up at 5am and seemingly going nonstop until bedtime sometime after midnight.

again I burned only 2000-2200 calories a day that weekend. With a little research I found being busier then ever and burning minimal calories is all too common for adults in today's modern world.

In modern developed nations, total daily energy expenditure in almost all people, including exercisers, is much less than it was in previous years. For example, 75 years ago an average person might have burned 3000-4000 calories a day just to live and raise a family, and they NEVER "exercised," or became overweight. Today an average female gains weight on 1600 calories per day and males at 2200, -even with occasional exercise. The simple explanation is, it's not the workout we're doing or not doing or our metabolism, but as our world changes the rest of our daily activities require fewer calories than in previous years. Yes, as life speeds up, we literally slow down. Whether it's our job requiring more sit down time, you live or work in a smaller areas or you no longer do your own gardening or lawn work, wash your car, chase your siblings (or spouse) around the house, have to get out of your car to buy

food- or like many adults/parents you find yourself having to quickly get from place to place and this requires more time sitting in cars (like to and from dance competitions). At some point we are on average simply moving less.

Most experts agree that life will be more and more sedentary as the pace of our modern world accelerates and demands faster information through the use of technology. In summary most of us, including me, don't or can't move enough each day in order to be able to eat what we feel we should, or anywhere close to the number of calories our earliest generations consumed, without gaining weight.

There is not much we can do when you're stuck in a car several hours per day but we can begin to change the way we think about food. The old "three square meals" thinking may be outdated. Our bodies can no longer "automatically" burn the number of calories we consume and more than half of those three square meals come on the road, away from home with no idea of the calories consumed, making it more difficult to maintain a smaller waistline or proper health. This means to some degree, we need to count calories until we've rewired our brains to be able to identify how much food we need to consume in order to look the way we want. Also we must learn how to manage the food intake. Shrinking portion sizes and increasing meal frequency may help greatly to manage hunger. Start thinking four to six smaller feedings depending on your daily calorie allotment. Look to some convenient healthy snacks including bars and meal replacement drinks. We can do it fellow busy, crazed parents.

This column was written by fitness expert Chris Klebba. Chris owns and operates Planet Fitness in Northville and Waterford, and is a regular columnist and public speaker. For fitness questions e-mail planet-fitness@sbcglobal.net and for more information call 248-449-7634 or go to www.planetfitness.com.



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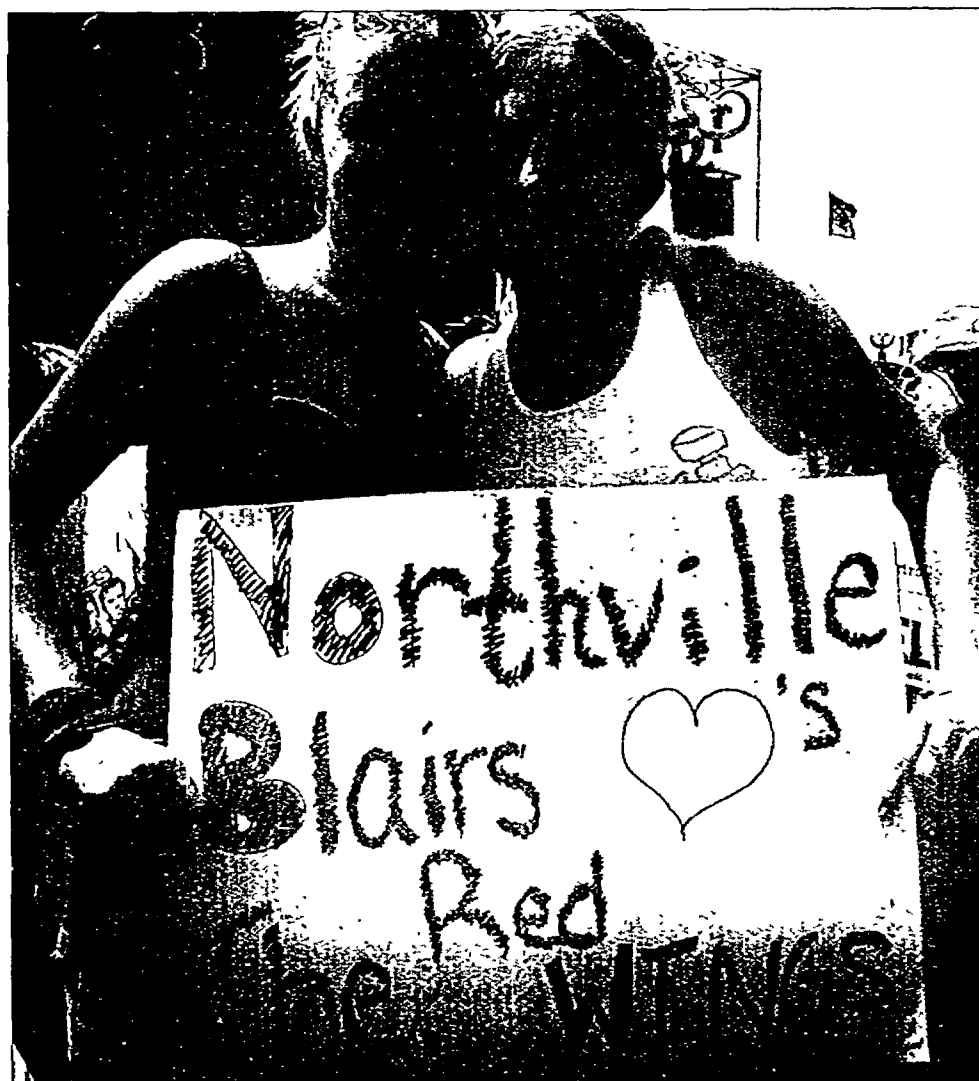


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Northville residents and sisters Lindsey, left, and Lorianne Blair made a sign for the Red Wings parade, which they displayed at Hart Plaza in Detroit last Friday. Lindsey, 20, also made a sign for center Darren Helm, her favorite Red Wings player. Lorianne, 25, said Pavel Datsyuk was her favorite.



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A crowded Hart Plaza waits for the Red Wings to enter the stage for the post-parade rally.

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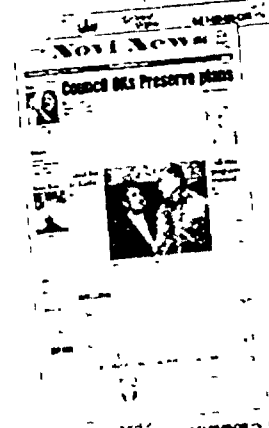
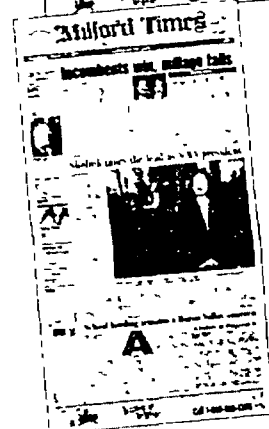
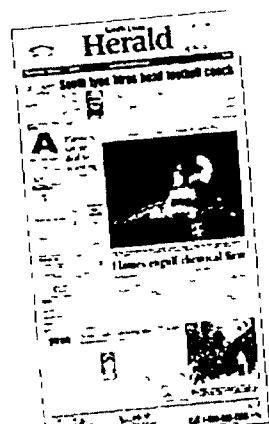
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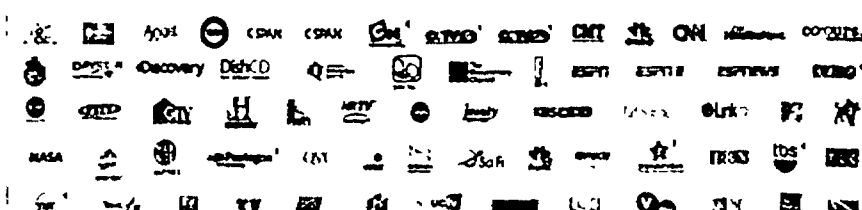
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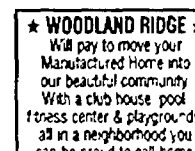
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175 Coyote Run. New Const. on nearly 4 acres. This 3 bdrm (poss 50d/utl 550 sf) lg GR w/FP, top of the line Kt. Cabinets w/Xtras-LG Bkfst Nook w/Views of pond
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ARGENTINE \$275,000
Gorgeous! Mstr w/jacuzzi, lot w/hickory cab, oak flr, recessed lights, LR w/corner fp, fln LL, landscaping deck, 3car att gar/wrap around front porch!
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3BR, 1BA on historic street designed by Dutch architect. New updated white Kt. Lrg sunroom used as a den & many more updates. Come see this Gem!
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Nice 3 bedroom colonial! Large family room & living room! Walking distance to Divine Child & Lavagood Park that has a community pool & walking track.
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DEARBORN HEIGHTS \$139,900
3 Bdrm, 2 bth, 1070 sq ft ranch w/mstr bth! Mstr w/ Cth Ceiling & Skylight, Hardwood Fl, 2 Car Gar. 07. Roof, C/A turn 03. Finished Bsmt. Imm Occ
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GREEN OAK \$650,000
Michwaugh Lake! GR w/barrel clgs, lot w/42" cabs, SS appl, viking cook top, fin w/o w/wet bar, rec rm, ex rm'd more. 4car gar w/epoxy flr & 1/2 bball crt.
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HIGHLAND \$540,000
Wooded w/o, fl mstr w/sitting area/glam BA w/ limestone flr/jacuzzi! GR w/soaring clgs! flr. Kt. w/42" cabs/gran cnts/SS appl, 3.5 car gar, deck/more!
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NORTHVILLE \$1,000,000
Stone Ridge Lake! Kt w/dq nook & hearth rm w/2 way fp, marble flrs, 1/2 BA, GR w/wall of wnds/bridge above, fin w/o w/wet bar, BA w'steam shower rm
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NORTHVILLE \$585,000
Custom cherry built-in office, lot w/gran, ss appl & 42" cabs, hearth rm w/2 way fp, 1st flr mstr, media rm, paver patio & walks, landscaping w/gazebo.
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NORTHVILLE \$535,000
Totally re-mod! Kt w/2 fp, cherry cabs/gran cnt. Mstr w/glam BA, circular driveway, sunrm, hwd flrs l/o, pool, pond, waterfall! carriage house! fin w/o.
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NOVI \$225,000
Updated Top To Bottom! Open Kt Features Maple Cabinetry/Dining/bkfst Rm Is Open To Kt. Fin Bsmt w/ rec Rm & Exercise Rm. Updated roof, baths & more!
MLS# 28091644 Marianne Prokop 248-347-3050

NOVI \$175,000
Great starter w/turnaround drwy. Updated Kt, hwd flr in LR/FR, fin bsmt w/rec rm, new wndw, updated BA & lights, new c/a, softener & roof, newer furn & more.
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NOVI \$155,000
Unmatchable pond setting, end unit ranch condo w/ over 2000 sq ft and fin lower level w/d, 1st flr mstr ste, all appliances remain, closets galore!
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NOVI \$69,900
View Of Lake & Short Walk To The Beach. This One Is A Treasure Waiting To Be Discovered! Sold "as is" \$11,000 Bonus To SA Not Acting As Principal.
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PLYMOUTH \$194,900
Downtown Plymouth Cape. Newer wndws (99 and 02). Roof stripped (02). Ext trim, gutters & front storm dr (02). Updated bath. Fin bsmt w FR & 3rd BR.
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80 FT Frontage In Redford Twp's Western Golf Club Area. 1382 Sq Ft New Carpt Fresh Paint, Central Air, 2 many updates to detail, 2 Fireplaces, Sharp!
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SALEM \$750,000
8 acre estate! Inground pool w/waterfall, 4 car gar, 40x30 barn/Newer opt t/o, FR w/fieldstone flr, 1st flr mstr w/jetted tub w/corlan, storage, etc.
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SUPERIOR \$209,990
New Construction 1500+ sq ft Colonial w/3 bedroom, 2.5 BA, GR incl vaulted ceiling & corner gas log marble FP & Birch cabinets in Kt! On there's more!
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TAYLOR \$96,000
Sold "as is". Excellent buy! Lynn/chuck @ 734-320-4751 For More Info. **\$1,500.00 Bonus To SA Not Acting As Principal If Closed By 8/31/08**
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Beautiful Newer Home located on a private cul-de-sac w/a gorgeous backyard backing to woods & Hines Park. 3 lg Bdrms, 1.5 baths. Spacious Kt & Nook.
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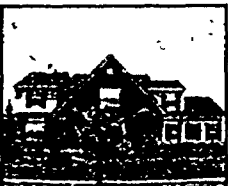
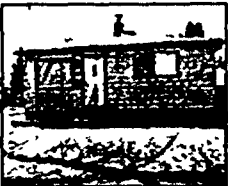
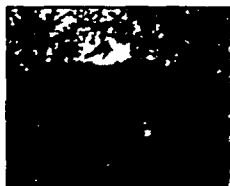
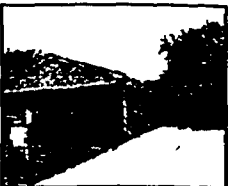
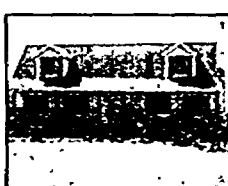
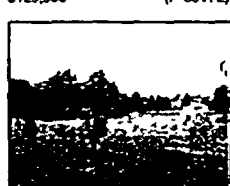
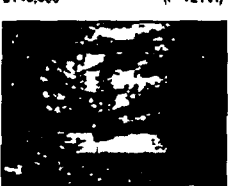
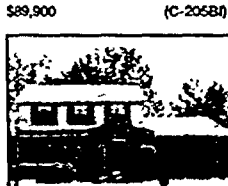
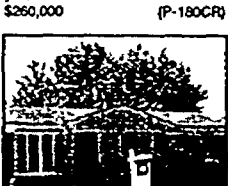
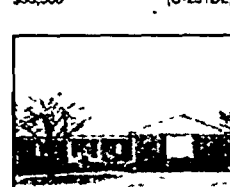
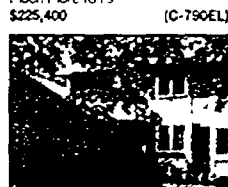
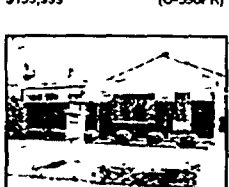
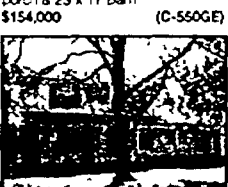
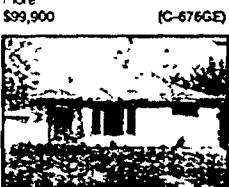
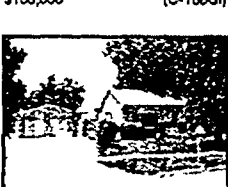
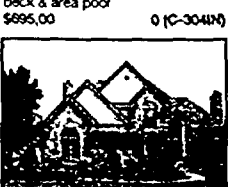
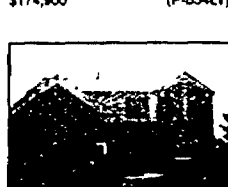
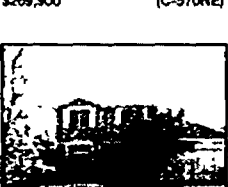
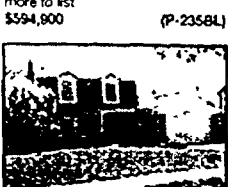
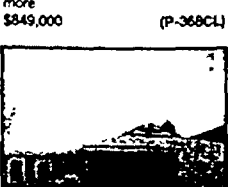
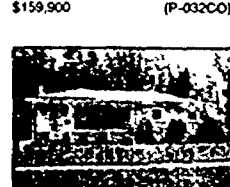
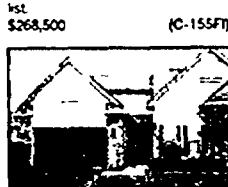
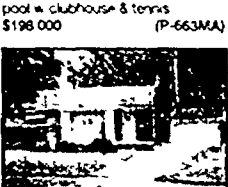
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\$340,000 (P-415HA)**PLYMOUTH CHARMER**
Walk to downtown from this beautiful home! Hwd floors, marble bathroom, new appliances, stay, huge fenced yard, marble tile in kitchen & more.
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Totally updated brick ranch within walking distance to Fiddin' Park. Ceramic foyer, updated kit, LR w/tpsl, master w/bath, neutral decor, fresh landscaping & Deck.
\$180,000 (P-368MO)**TERRIFIC BUY**
1219 sq ft ranch with 3 bedrooms, updated roof, hwn, furnace, C/A, court location with a large lot.
\$62,900 (C-441MU)**55+ COMMUNITY**
2 bd, 1 bath ranch condo w/many updates. Private adult community offers clubhouse w/activities & a pool. Private entry, carport, C/A, nice kit & great Plymouth location.
\$116,500 (P-352NE)**MOVE IN READY**
This well maintained colonial has an updated kit w/nook & snack bar, updated thermal windows, updated baths, LR w/tpsl hwd fls, fin bsmt w/glass block & nice location.
\$129,900 (C-901NO)**TOP SHELF!**
This ultimate condo is waiting for you! Brand new vinyl windows, prof decorated, finished bsmt, vaulted ceilings, impressive Master Suite & great location.
\$169,700 (C-409PL)**CUSTOM RANCH ON ACREAGE**
Newer custom built ranch feat 4 bd, 3 baths, on 2 acres. Excellent storage in 3 car garage & 54x30 Pole Barn. Bag open rooms w/ vaulted ceil, fin w/out & add 5 acres avail.
\$315,000 (C-449RA)**SOUTH REDFORD BUNGALOW**
Updated & move in ready! Gorgeous 3 bd home w/newer roof, large fenced yard, copper plumb, home warranty & located on a quiet tree lined street.
\$114,900 (P-123SA)**COMMERCE LAKE RANCH**
Brick ranch w/3 bd, 2 full baths, large updated kit, appliances stay, 2 car garage, great Deck for relaxing w/pond view & privileges to all sports lake.
\$152,500 (C-722SU)**LET'S MAKE A DEAL!**
1275 sq ft condo w/2 bd, 2 baths, large LR & DR, Master w/WC & bath, private entrance, balcony, app's stay carport & immed occup.
\$99,900 (P-145SU)**WONDERFUL RANCH**
Fabulous 3 bd 1.5 bath ranch in sought after Ridgmont Sub. Updated to inc siding, A/C gutters, roof, furnace & elec. Full bsmt, neutral decor, updated kit & nice yard.
\$129,900 (P-851TE)**PREMIUM WOODED LOT**
Spectacular 3 bd 2.5 bath cape cod w/2012 sq ft, walkout bsmt, island kit w/nook & drvl to expansive Deck, 1st fl master w/jetty tub, 1st fl laun & on almost an acre.
\$349,900 (P-295TH)**GREAT PLACE TO START**
Strategically located 2 bd condo w/Ann Arbor Schools. Fine features inc bay window finished bsmt, good guest parking, app's stay garage, 1st fl laun & close to everything.
\$146,000 (P-121V)**CONDO LIVING AT ITS BEST**
Stunning 2 BD, 2 bath end unit with views of woods from every room. 1st fl laun, private study with French doors, gas flst, master with soaking tub, full bsmt & 2 car garage.
\$270,000 (P-865WE)**PERFECT PRICE!**
Great chance to own this 2 bd 1.5 bath condo in Canton. Skylights, 1024 sq ft, finish bsmt, 2 carports, fireplace, private entry & updated kit.
\$109,900 (P-568AR)**RANCH CONDO**
Beautiful brick detached condo in prime location w/wooded lot & quiet setting. Great kit w/skylight, nice updates to oversized art garage, 2 large bds, 2 full baths & more.
\$159,900 (P-280AR)**LARGE WESTLAND RANCH**
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\$178,000 (C-309CO)**BEAUTIFUL COLONIAL**
Pulte built w/Livonia schools. 4 bd, 2 baths, formal LR/DR, Fam Rm, 1st fl laun, 2 story ceilings, dual staircases, crown mold, prof landscaped paver patio & huge yard.
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Great bungalow w/updated kit, bath, refn hwd fls, app's stay, new counters, lots of natural light, partially finished basement & very motivated seller!
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Fantastic 3 bd 1.5 bath brick ranch w/new siding & trim, 1502 sq ft maple kit w/granite, remod baths w/ceramic quality fixtures, 1 o full bsmt & 2.5 car garage.
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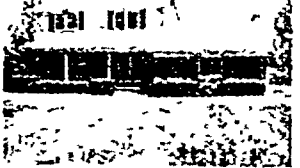
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MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! BEAUTIFUL CONDO. No detail was missed! Large 2 BR, 1.5 BA. Updated kit, all appliances stay. Remodeled bath. Partially finished basement. Newer windows. Freshly painted. Close to everything.
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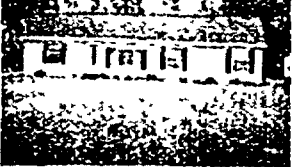
Canton Twp 734-455-7000
AWESOME LOCATION! 3 BR, 2.5 BA, huge mstr ste w/ walk out, overlooking FR w/ beautiful oak FP. Huge updated kitchen w/ double pantry opens to FR w/ doorwall to priv yd. Must See!
(28033336) \$229,900



Dearborn 734-591-9200
Clean fully updt'd bungalow new Windows. New windows, new roof, new bath, new kitchen w/ tile ceramic floors, new carpet, fresh paint. Fireplace in living room. This house is move in ready.
(28071370) \$114,900



Farmington 248-348-6430
SUPER CHARMING HILLS COLONIAL. Move right in. Exposed brick flr. Spacious rooms. Newer deck, furnace, garage door, central air. Upd'd kitchen. Formal dining room w/ tile. Huge yard.
(27089036) \$219,900



Farmington Hills 248-348-6430
Custom Modular Ranch & Adjacent vacant lot must be sold together! Extra insulation, spacious kitchen w/ upgraded cabinets, new garage w/ rear access, great setting!
(28069790) \$214,900



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Custom home on 10 acres! Gourmet kit, granite T/O, 1st flr mstr, dbl sided stone FP, Fin. LL w/ bar, Den/exercise RM, Tile stone Flrs, Deck, gazebo, 2nd garage.
(28010834) \$500,000



Fenton 248-684-1065
Lovely 3 Bdrm/2 1/2 Bt Home on 1/2 Acre. Wooded lot. Liv Rm w/ Cath Ciel. Family Rm w/ FP. Master w/Whirlpool & More. Visit teamterova.com
(28089673) \$186,500



Fowlerville 734-455-7000
PRIME LOCATION SIDING TO COMMONS! Neutral decor enhances a light, open airy feeling in this 3BR/2BA ranch. Full basement ready for your touch. All appliances stay including washer/dryer!
(28059506) \$130,000



Genoa Twp 248-348-6430
Superior Designed Home Home on 1/2 acre. Priv on Brighton Lake. 2 sty GR, KIT w/granite & SS Appl. 1st flr mstr w/cathedral ceiling. Xtra deep rough plumbed bsmt. Brighton Schools
(28011074) \$499,900



Hartland 248-348-6430
BETTER THAN NEW IN HARTLAND! Welcoming 3 BR, 2.5 BA home. Well lit, kit w/hardw flr, maple cab. First flr mstr ste. Cozy fireplace in great room. LL is prepped for BA. Cedar deck opens to lg yard.
(28080934) \$227,900



Hartland 248-684-1065
Immaculate home on acre lot w/ lake priv on Dunham Lk. GR w/ brk FP, oak kit w/ all appl. Fin. LL W/O w/ wet bar. Huge deck w/ benches/stairs to LL.
(28055641) \$219,900



Highland 248-684-1065
1341 Sq Ft 3 bd, 1 ba bungalow in Seven Harbors sub. All brick exterior w/ large lake yard. 2+ car heated garage w/ water lake priv on White Lake.
(28019474) \$157,000



Highland 248-684-1065
Charming country cottage w/ fieldstone FP, wooded lot w/ large deck. Lake priv. Large eat-in kitchen. Updated full bath. Living rm w/ wood floors.
(28052023) \$135,000



Livonia 734-591-9200
LIVONIA BRICK RANCH, SPOTLESS AND READY TO MOVE IN. Refin hrdw flrs T/O w/fin rm bsmt. Corner lot, newer windows, poured bsmt w/ all updated electrical.
(28058937) \$165,000



Livonia 248-851-1900
POTTERY BARN PERFECTION! Oak flooring & professional paint give WOW appeal. Updates include windows, bath, copper plumbing electrical, shingles. Extra large heated garage. Super location.
(27215963) \$151,888



Livonia 734-591-9200
All reasonable offers considered. Needs a little TLC for minor repairs. Many updates: furnace, C/A, roof, gar for 2+ cars built for open flr plan. Nice size yard. Close to shopping & Xways.
(28064998) \$142,900



Millford 248-684-1065
Gorgeous Custom Cedar/Stone 3267 Sq Ft Home. Paradise tucked amongst Pine Trees on 3+ Acres w/Up North feel in Quiet Millford. 3 Bdrms/3 Baths. Pole Barn.
(28046592) \$449,900



Millford 248-684-1065
Beautiful condo in desirable area. High ceilings, granite surfaces, HDWD flrs. Lots of natural light. Hittop setting w/ great views. All appl. stay.
(28054045) \$339,754



Millford 248-684-1065
Open flr plan w/ soaring GR w/ FP & loft. 1st flr MBR. Fin W/O LL. Over 2800 sq.ft. living space. 700 sq.ft. cedar deck w/ priv yard on 2.35 acres.
(28040482) \$315,000



Millford 248-684-1065
Well maintained home on 1.5 wooded acres. Huge LR w/ hrdw flrs. DR w/ DW to covered porch. Oak kit. Spacious FR w/ DW to deck. 1st flr laun. 2 car gar.
(28024868) \$219,900



Northfield 248-437-3800
Want to live up North? Secluded five acres at the end of a private road has up north feel. Home has 3 BR on main level and 2 add'l on finished lower level. Vaulted ceilings much more!
(28022345) \$358,000



Novi 248-684-1065
Well Maintained 4 Bedroom Colonial with excellent floor plan & loads of updates. Kitchen with granite, neutral decor throughout, 2 way fireplace between the family room & library brick patio.
(28084530) \$389,000



Novi 248-684-1065
Charming colonial. New oak kit w/ SS appls. FR w/ hrdw flrs & nat flr. 1st flr laun. Huge mstr w/ new ba. New 2 tier cedar deck. Part fin bsmt w/ office.
(28081118) \$230,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Urban hip condo with suburban comfort. Beautiful newer condo in great location near downtown Nov. 2 br, 2 ba, finished LL. Upgrades include hardwood floors, security system, gas fireplace in GR.
(28042184) \$200,000



Novi 248-851-1900
DON'T MISS THIS ONE! SERENE LOCATION. New countertops, sinks & faucets in kitchen & master bath. New lav faucet & hardware. Great rm has soaring cathedral ceiling & doorwall to deck. Backs to woods.
(28065361) \$157,500



Novi 248-348-6430
LOVELY CONDO, WELL MAINTAINED. Condo living at its best! Delightful LL, lovely LR, cozy FR. 2 nice size bdr. 1.5 baths, both updated. Full fin bsmt, pool, clubhouse & tennis court in complex.
(28011428) \$134,500



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Price on This Novi 3 BR Condo! Open floor plan, nice sized rooms, unfinished LL. All apps stay. Assn fee includes gas and water. Sidewalks, pool, tennis courts and clubhouse. Great value!
(27194391) \$110,000



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Location For This Well-lit Condo! Lg Mstr Br w/dw, Mstr Ba & Sep Dressing, Fr & Dining Area, Priv Patio. Free Includes Gas, Water, Tennis Court, Clubhouse, Pool, Playground & ext. Maintenance.
(28085265) \$84,900



Novi 248-348-6430
Great Home for Lease. Novi Schools & close to everything. KIT w/brkfst area. Formal LR & FR w/T/O. 4 nice size BR, 3.5 BA, FF Indry Fin bsmt w/5th BR. Very spacious. Ready for you.
(27199149) \$2,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Home features a kit w/cherry cabinets, granite & island. Fr w/brkfst, dr w/butler pantry, lib w/trench drs, mstr ste w/deep spa, dbl wic. LL w/west bar & ample storage. Cedar deck & prof landscaped.
(28085400) \$545,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Beautiful & Comfortable Ranch. Economical starter home. Great find! brnt, lovely kit, nice FR, LR, 3 BRs, 1.5 BA, patio, porch, fenced yard. Newer furn, A/C, roof, driveway, sidewalks in sub.
(27166790) \$164,900



Plymouth 734-455-7000
PLYMOUTH "FIXER UPPER" Great potential in this 3 bedroom colonial near downtown Plymouth. Needs work but has some updates. Large tree yard. Much more!
(28043341) \$137,500



Plymouth 248-348-6430
2 Bedroom Ground Level Condo in Plymouth. Short run or bike ride to EH Park! Updates incl. HDWD laminate flr in KIT, living RM, dining area & entry. Bathroom fixtures, carpet & paint. Patio & storage rm.
(28019197) \$90,000



Plymouth 248-348-6430
Must Condition Ranch unit, 1 bedroom, 1 bath. Private basement includes storage. B laundry area. Walking distance to grocery & pharmacy stores. Immediate occupancy.
(27225528) \$61,900



Redford 734-455-7000
BRICK RANCH ON HUGE, PRIVATE, TIERED LOT! Loaded w/ updates & too many features to list. Great home for everyday living & entertaining. Newer drive/walkway. 24x13 deck. 20x20 patio. Fin bsmt. 24x24 gar.
(28092208) \$149,900



Redford 248-684-1065
Move in ready. Updated kit & BA. Large master w/ walk in closet w/ some built ins. New kitchen appliances. Home worthy 24x12 deck off dining area.
(28054388) \$84,754



Redford 734-455-7000
INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY! Bank owned - 3 bedrm bungalow with garage and basement. Hrdw flrs thruout with natural fireplace. Just needs a little bit of paint and some personal touches.
(28088725) \$59,900



Romulus 734-591-9200
Wow! An Absolute Must See! Newly built home backs to nat preserve. 4 BRs, loft, 2nd flr indry, prem lot, brick pavers, lg kit w/ island, bsmt plum for BA & Shower, lg MBR & WIC, home warranty, lg FR w/TP.
(28076965) \$244,900



Salem 248-851-1900
NEW CONSTRUCTION ON 2 ACRES IN SALEM TWP. Features granite kitchen, family rm & living rm w/fireplace, 1st floor master suite w/jetted tub & 2 large bedrooms on upper level plus loft. Walkout lower level.
(27199105) \$350,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Quality Built Victorian Home On approx. 1/2 acre lot backing to open land. Features great rm w/FP, formal dining rm w/bay window, breakfast nook w/oversized door w/1 to screened porch.
(28060179) \$239,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Experience living in country! Open floor plan, newer roof, sprinklers, fence, furnace, main bath. Fieldstone FP/Gas insert. Large mbr w/ access to deck. Large kit w/center island.
(28038114) \$219,900



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Sharp colonial in Eagle Heights! Home offers a large kitchen, spacious great room with soaring ceilings, finished sun room with skylights, large deck, sidewalks and more.
(27193962) \$174,500



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Very Cute! Updated home in great location. New siding, interior kitchen including cabinets and flooring, newer roof and windows. Extra insulation and energy efficient. Large fenced yard.
(28010123) \$135,000



South Lyon 248-437-3800
Resort Style Living! Over 1200 SF 2 bedroom raised ranch condo. Enjoy the use of an indoor and outdoor pool, clubhouse, fitness center, tennis and basketball courts.
(28018881) \$109,900



Wayne 734-284-5400
CUTE, CUTE RANCH! Great for first time home buyer's. Updated windows & bath, oak cabinets in kitchen. Home comes with central air & a garage. This home is priced to sell!
(28022816) \$70,000



West Bloomfield 248-684-1065
Enjoy 79' of canal frontage on premier lake. Charming Cape Cod has been extensively remodeled. Oak cabinets, carpet, wainscoting, etc. Wooded lot & lake view.
(28024651) \$185,000



Westland 734-455-7000
MRS. CLEAN LIVES HERE! Quiet court setting backs to wooded area. Beautifully maintained. Upgraded carpets, ceramics, cabinets & fixtures. Vaulted ceilings, skylight, fireplace.
(28041750) \$171,500



Westland 734-284-5400
PRIDE IN OWNERSHIP! Gorgeous 4 bedrm home. This home offers updated kitchen, bath and windows. This home also offers a new roof. Separate laundry rm. A Must See! Call today!
(28056953) \$160,000



Westland 248-348-6430
Move-In Condition! Immaculate & well-maintained 2 sty CLNT w/3 BRs, 2.5 BA & frd bsmt (Owens-Corning Panels). Open floor plan, 1st flr indry newer sub. A great buy!
(28044111) \$139,900



Westland 734-455-7000
TODAY'S BUY-TOMORROW'S SECURITY! Nicely updated, including roof, wndws, kitchen, bath & new half bath nearly completed, carpet, flooring, siding & gar door & newer furn & A/C. The works done!
(28093148) \$124,900



Westland 734-591-9200
Larger Affordable Home Just Under 1500 SF. Nice size BRs, 1.5 BA, kit w/ Dining area, & Ddr to paver patio. 2.5 car newer driveway. Motion lights on front & side doors, 4 Cing Fans, Newer roof, HW Htz 07.
(28077414) \$112,500



White Lake 248-684-1065
Ready to move in. Beautiful neighborhood w/ lake priv. New kit w/ walk-in pantry. MBR w/ full BA & balcony. Pool/jetted spa and stamped concrete deck.
(28075804) \$250,000



White Lake 248-437-3800
Priced to Sell! All the hard work has been done. Many updates. recent roof w/25 year shingle, septic field, new well, oversized pressure tank, water softener, furnace & more!
(28073983) \$174,900



Wolverine Lake 734-591-9200
Desirable Wolverine Lake Sub w/sports lake access. Sharp Ranch w/ tin W/O bsmt & FP, updt'd kit & BA, spacious BRs, lot backs to wetlands so you can watch the ducks & geese from your eating area.
(28059451) \$158,000



Wolverine Lake 248-437-3800
Sharp starter ranch! Fully updated and decorated. Updates include kitchen, bathroom, copper plumbing and roof. Top that off with your new 21x35 garage.
(28061441) \$114,900



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