

Annexation opposition builds

Both Livonia and Northville residents show up at city hall

By Alex Lundberg GANNETT NEWS SERVICE

Dozens of Livonia and Northville Township residents came to Livonia City Hall Monday night to let the city

council know how they felt about a ballot initiative that would turn part of the township into the city.

At Monday's study session of the Livonia City Council, residents of the city and the township came out to speak their minds about the upcoming annexation vote - both for and against. Opponents outnumbered supporters and wore red, antiannexation T-shirts.

At issue is a ballot question that asks Livonia voters, and a small handful of Northville residents, whether or not 414 acres

of the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital should be annexed to Livonia.

Mayor Jack Kirksey and most members of the City Council support the annexation because it will create jobs and expand Livonia's tax base. Township officials are calling it the culmi-nation of an underhanded campaign in which they were 'duped" by a developer to get around zoning ordinances.

While the discussion went back and forth between supporters and detractors, Council

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President Laura Toy reminded visitors that comments would remain professional, be directed only to the council and would not go longer than three minutes. Former Livonia City Councilman Joe Taylor came out

in favor of the vote. His comment about the acquisition of land from Northville being exciting drew derisive laughter from detractors, but he elaborated on what the development means for the area.

"This means 4,000 jobs," he said. "If Livonia can do this, it's be best thing for us."

Developer REIS (a partnership of Real Estate Interests Group Inc., and Schostak Bros. and Co.) says the development they have planned for the 414 acres of land is a mixture of commercial and residential properties that will generate thousands of jobs and millions in tax revenues by the

time it's completed.

Marv Gans is a Northville Township resident who used to live in Livonia. He said the vote is being allowed by an old law that excludes township voters. Livonia Public Schools Trustee Lynda Scheel said whether people support the annexation or not, school district borders will not change and LPS will not take on new students or responsibilities. Livonia resident Gary Garrison said the vote gives Livonians a

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Submitted photo

A group of Northville Township residents recently gathered across the street from the former Northville Regional Psychiatric Hospital property wearing Stop Annexation T-shirts. Many township citizens are encouraging Livonia residents to vote no on the Aug. 5 primary election ballot question asking whether or not to annex to Livonia the 414 acres of former hospital property on Seven Mile Road.

Teachers reject offer School board election Candidates for Northville Destruction Permanent skate park could be coming to Hillside school

Bargaining units to meet again July 28

By Nathan Menolan SPECIAL WRITER

In rejecting a one-year contract offer for the 2008/09 school year from Northville Public Schools. the teacher's union said no to, among other things, a step pay

raise increase of 5.5 percent for 72 percent of the district's teachers. Teachers at the top of the steps, the other 28 percent, would've received a 1-percent pay raise.

A health insurance move from a PPO1 to a PPO2 was also part of the terms pertaining to primary health care coverage, and co-pay would have remained the same. Teachers are the only district employees still not in the PPO2 coverage plan.

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Public Schools trustee have until 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 12 to file candidacy for the Nov. 4 election. Petitions may be picked up at the Northville Township Clerk's Office and require 40 valid signatures. Candidates may pay a nonrefundable \$100 fee in lieu of petitions. An affidavit of identity must also be filed. Two fouryear seats - Joan Wadsworth's and Judith Wollack's - open on the seven-member board.

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Just in talking stage currently

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

If 13-year-old Kevin Johnston of Northville Township had his way, there would be a new skate park in the community tomorrow.

"I think it's a great idea." said the avid skateboarder who will be an eighth-grader at Hillside Middle School in the fall. 'I've been to Westland's park

and other places, but it would be easier to just go there." Johnston's wish may come true if community leaders can figure

out liability issues and obtain the Northville School Board's approval for a Northville Sk8Park located at the school at Eight Mile Road and Center Street .

The proposal was presented at the July 9 Northville Parks and **Recreation Commission meeting** by Neil Master, father of local skateboarding expert Harry Master, who was attending a skate camp in Pennsylvania.

The plan is to acquire a lease for the Hillside Middle School tennis courts and create a facility that has skateboarding, roller hockey. basketball and tennis.

Existing skateboarding equipment would be used as well as existing hockey and basketball nets. A tennis net would be purchased. A volunteer day and some crack seal is all that would be required to clean up the courts and make the skate park ready for operation.

Park would be open daily

The park would be open daily from dawn until dusk and be controlled by a locked gate. From September through mid-June, the park would be closed during school hours, when it would be used exclusively by Hillside Middle School.

Northville Parks and Recreation has agreed to manage the park and be responsible for securing the gate. Over the next three years, plans are to add more elaborate skate ramps and improve the look of the park through fundraising and corporate sponsorship.

The Masters estimate the cost of the park's startup would be \$1,000.

To generate income for the skate park, skaters would have to purchase an annual pass in the form of a sticker, which would be worn on their helmet at all times. A parent would have to sign a waiver if a skateboarder is under age 18.

Stickers would cost \$10 for local residents and \$15 for nonresidents.

Our objective is to make this a zero-cost project for the city of Northville," Harry and Neil Master said in their written proposal.

"Through annual pass sales, we're sure we can cover the nominal startup and maintenance. To further develop the park over the next three years, we have a strong

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER

Mason Rosenberry, 12, navigates the ramps at Northville's Hillside Middle School during a Northville **Parks and Recreation** skateboard camp last week. The week-long camp brought kids to the school's previous tennis courts where they got a lot of instruction and support to hone their skating abilities on the ramps and rails.

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chance to bolster the city's finances.

"We get an unbelievable amount of services." he said. "This is a wonderful opportunity for us to provide for the residents."

Phil Sattler Jr., a Livonia resident, said he was "all for economic development, but this is wrong to the core," he said. "It's undemocratic that Northville doesn't have a say in this."

The annexation question was placed on the ballot when security personnel living on the property - hired by REIS - filed paperwork with the state. On Tuesday, Aug. 5, the seven living on the property and the citizens of Livonia will vote on the ballot question, not Northville Township residents.

Robert Kunkel, owner/operator of Bushwood Golf Course in

Northville Township, came out against the annexation. Speaking for himself and Senate Coney Island owner George Dimopoulos, he spoke in strong terms with a voice fairly shaking with anger.

"The major issue I have with annexation is from a professional position in that it is immoral, unprofessional and should be illegal," Kunkel said. "I ask that residents vote 'no.' This is wrong, it's big business manipulating government."

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Jack Kirksey rails against literature, gets an earful

Livonia mayor calls conference on annexation

By Alex Lundberg STAFF WRITER

Livonia Mayor Jack Kirksey called a press conference Tuesday to point out the differences between anti-annexation mailings and reality and instead got an earful from angry residents in return.

Livonia voters and a small number of Northville Township residents will decide Aug. 5 on whether to annex the former Northville State Hospital property to the city.

The mayor said mailings from Taxpayers for Responsible Development were "blatant attempts at misinformation" and urged city residents to learn the facts before going to the voting booths next month.

"Everything on this is false."

Kirksey said of the claims stating that there will be millions in new costs to Livonia residents for everything from road improvements to toxic waste cleanup to new schools for Northville. "We are pursuing steps to see if this is a violation of state election laws."

Another piece of literature highlighted the inclusion of a Wal-Mart at the new development and jobs flipping burgers and bagging groceries. The mayor called that spurious, too.

'This will be a mixed-use development," Kirksey said. "There will be a high-rise medical building, there will be some office space. Those are good jobs."

While the event was listed as a press conference, the bulk of people in attendance were anti-annexation protesters from Livonia and Northville Township. While the mayor talked about what was good for the city of Livonia, the protesters talked about what was bad for its neighbors.

'You will be doing this at the



Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northwile Record An estimated 75-100 people came to George's Senate Coney Island Restaurant in Northville Township for a fundraiser for the grass-roots organization Stop the Annexation on Monday night. Pictured at the registration table are, from left, Rhonda Weber (standing), Liz Johnston, Ashley Weber, Christa Weber and Susan Storey.

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expense of Northville," Irene Piccone said. "I'm over 80, I have

some moral standards and thought

standards than robbing and raping

The people who came to the conference were uniformly anti-

annexation and in some cases not

express their displeasure about the

for residents to vote in favor of the

proposal. For those activists, that

Livonia didn't put the issue on the

ballot --- or couldn't put it on the ballot --- didn't excuse the fact

"I'm morally offended that the

that they are supporting it now.

council has said this is a good

idea," said Northville resident

Carol Lawrence. "This all smells

rotten; this is not what good neigh-

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Resident flies to Big Apple to run in High Heel-A-Thon

Proceeds to March of Dimes

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Amy Wilczewski says try walking a mile in her shoes. Or, in this particular case, run-

ning 150 yards in high heels. Wilczewski, a Northville Township resident, was one of 500 women from 41 states to compete in ABC's morning talk show Live with Regis and Kelly's first annual High-Heel-A-Thon on July 9.

Although she didn't win the \$25,000 grand prize, Wilczewski said it was the best thing she's done in her life so far except marrying her husband, Matt, and giving birth to their children, Madeleine, Chloe, Lily and Jack.

"It was so much fun," she said. "I had a blast." The event, which took place in

New York City's Central Park, raised \$60,000 for the March of Dimes to combat birth defects, premature births and infant mortality. Chioma Aduba of Sunnyside, N.Y., won the grand prize, with Ida Bernstein of Hunt Valley, Md., winning \$5,000 for second place, and Ardith Johnson of Brooklyn, N.Y., winning \$2,500 for third place.

Competed in high school

Wilczewski trained for about two weeks in high heels before the race, which attracted some attention at the Northville High School track.

"Nobody could believe how fast I could go in my heels," she said prior to the run. "But, I can't stop. I have no brakes."

The 4-inch, peek-toe heels, which she found for \$39.95 at Marshall's department store in Canton, had to be at least 3 inches high.

"I went everywhere looking for my shoes," she said.

The local resident ran track at Plymouth-Canton High School and is still an avid runner. "I run 5 miles a day, and I love

wearing high heels, so I thought this was a perfect fit for me," she said about the Heel-A-Thon "I'm smaller now than when I

was in high school, and I think it's from running so much." She also enjoys bicycling and, naturally, shoe shopping.

The high-heeler traveled to New York with brother, Chris Santeiu, since her husband couldn't get off work.

"We had a great time," she said, going to see the Broadway play "Wicked" and tourist attractions Rockefeller Center and Times Square.

How she got on the show

Competitors were selected for the run on a first-come, firstserved basis.

"I don't really watch the show on a regular basis, but I just happened to tune in one morning and learned about the event," Wilczewski said. "They said to register right away, so I jumped right on the computer.' Heats took place prior to the

150-yard dash to determine where the women lined up in the race.



Although she didn't get to talk to the show's stars, Regis Philbin and Kelly Ripa, Wilczewski ran next to Ripa and did get to meet guest Cameron Mathison on the show, an actor on the soap opera "All My Children" and a former competitor on "Dancing with the Stars.

The event even gained inclusion in the Guiness Book or World's Records for "Most Women to Run in High Heels."

Although a lot of runners, including one of the three men who competed in the race, wiped out either during practice or the run, Wilczewski said she was pretty steady in her high heels.

When my husband timed me, I was just a few seconds slower running in my heels than in my regular running shoes," she said. "I think I walk better in high heels than in flat shoes. I always find myself tripping in my flip-flops." People can still make a donation to the March of Dimes on the show's Web site.

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Photos by Kelly Trupiano

Local resident Kelly Trupiano took these photos of Northville resident Amy Wilczewski running in high heels at the Northville High School track the evening of July 1 in preparation for ABC television's Live with Regis and Kelly's High Heel-A-Thon July 9 at New York City's Central Park. INSET: Wilczewski purchased her 4-inch heels for \$39.95 at Marshall's in Canton. She was one of 500 women from 41 states to compete in the event that benefited the March of Dimes.

Permanent skate park could be coming to Hillside

that will be produced and sold, competitions with an entrance fee, special appearances by local skateboarding pros and the Plus Skate Shop skate team and support from

local merchants and corporations an opportunity to advertise their names on signs and skate ramps.

Northville Parks and Recreation, said skateboarding is more mainstream today than it was a decade ago. The city just had a skateboard camp a topple of weeks ago during which nine children received tips from three high-school-age instructors

Nancy Darga and Sue Hillebrand, parks and recreation commissioners, are both in favor of the park. "It behooves us to find places for

our children to play instead of forcing them to do it illegally," Darga said

Hillebrand, whose two sons, Tim

said surveys have shown there's a need for a skate park in Northville. But, he and Mark Abbo commissioner and township supervisor have concerns about the cost and liability to the two communities with such a park. If someone gets hurt, who pays?

"I want to go into this with our eyes wide open." Abbo said " want an effective level of due difigence and a proposal that's more complete."

Commissioner Joan Wadsworthsaid the school board would also have to discuss the proposal. She would also like to have parents sign a waiver if their children are going to use the skate park. Paul Johnston, father of skateboarder Kevin, said with many of our youths suffering from obesity due to inactivity that a skate park is needed in Northville. He also recognizes that with any activity, however comes the chince of injunes.

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offer was one district officials hoped would have resulted in a tentative agreement.

Superintendent Leonard Rezmierski said the district is still hopeful about the outcome, despite the rejection of their first offer.

"We do remain optimistic and believe our future meetings will end well," he said. "In the past, we've had good relationships

the teacher's bargaining unit was basically just "one big contract.'

> He would not elaborate, noting only that their response to Wasn't for US."

7.9 The teachers bargaining team includes Boomer, the union president, four representatives from the various grade levels, and a representative for special needs education.

The district's bargaining team includes Mary Kay Gallagher, assistant superintendent for instruction; Don Thomas, director of HR for Northville schools; John Street, director of business and finance; Gary King, outside legal counsel; and Pat Messing, principal at Winchester Elementary. Aside from the contract offer being rejected, the actual posting of the offer itself was placed on the district's Website (www.northville.k12.mi.us), which caught some by surprise.

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would have on the workers and on the district budget, it made sense to us to let the community know that we had offered a settlement to the teachers. We were disappointed that the teacher's bargaining unit reject-

ed our offer." It was at the June 24 school board meeting the Teamsters accepted the contract. At that time, the board felt they should also give the community an

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fund-raying initiative sure to make this a win-win for the entire community?

Fundraising ideas include Tshirts, customized skateboard decks local clubs.

Sponsorships might also give

with the union and both sides had the ability to compromise.

Remarking on the complexities of present economic times, Rezmierski stated, "We want to move forward in the education of our students, and with teachers such an important component in that, I believe we can reason together to find common ground and move on.'

The next meeting between the two bargaining units is set for July 28.

Tom Boomer, this year's chief union teacher negotiator, said he is unable to comment at this time as to why the offer was turned down until members have been informed about the specific reasons of the rejection.

Boomer, a fourth grade elementary teacher in the district. said that what was offered to

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Joan Wadsworth, school board president, said it was the first time it had ever posted that way, but with good reason.

During our study sessions on privatization, the board was urged to find the funds to keep our custodians, bus drivers, and food service workers employed in the district. We communicated our budget situation to the community at that time," she said.

"As we announced the settlement with the Teamsters, and the impact that settlement

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update on the teachers union. learn about the offer, and that the union turned it down.

Northville schools presently have 438 teachers in the K-12 grades; 55 special-ed teachers are employed at Cook School and Old Village School for the district's two Center Programs for students with specific disabilities, from the district and neighboring communities

Wadsworth explained the purpose of contract negotiations is for both sides to get to the point of reaching a tentative agreement. The teachers bargaining unit takes it back to their members for ratification. and then the school board votes on final approval. Wadsworth said teacher contracts usually are one-, two- or three-year deals

Family.

The Masters say that skate parks already exist in such Michigan communities as Livonia, Westland, Birmingham, Farmington, Clawson, Huntington Woods, Grand Haven, Holland and Grand

Rapids. "Northville skateboards need a place to go." Neil Master sad Traci Sincock, director,

and Josh, now in their mid-20s used to skateboard a lot, recalled receiving calls when her boys skateboarded in questionable places

"They got kicked out of places everywhere" she said "I think we should enventithe skale park) a try Ith rkits a gre tidea

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Fundraiser to help offset victim's expenses

Sign up on July 23 for the event on July 27

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

A former physical education instructor at Thornton Creek Elementary School and Hillside Middle School for 1 years, Donna Shannon loved teaching above all else and stressed the importance of exercise and well-being

Unfortunately, the White Lake resident is now battling ovarian cancer on an ongoing basis.

Her son, Mathew, and daughterin-law, Kelly Shannon, of Brighton, are among those organizing a golf outing this month that will serve as a fundraiser for the former local teacher.

Cancer Golf Outing at the Majestic at Walden Lake in Hartland will go to cover additional expenses that the cancer victim's health insurance does not cover.

"She's doing great," Mathew said. "She's continuing with her normal activities. In fact, she's still works at the Majestic golf course part time and plays when she can."

"She's traveling to M D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston every three months for a checkup and consultation, so the fundraiser will help to cover such costs as air fare, rental car and hotel," said Kelly Shannon.

Donna Shannon retired after teaching in June 2006 after teaching in Northville for more than a decade. "She was a well-known and well-respected teacher throughout the district," Kelly Shannon said. "She played an integral role in establishing a dance class and rock climbing wall at Hillside."

When she retired, she was ready to begin the second part of her life by moving to the beaches of South Carolina.

Her dreams were put on hold, however, when she was diagnosed with stage 3C ovarian cancer, which she has been fighting ever since.

"At one point, she was considered terminal, but now it's just chronic," Kelly Shannon said. "She's currently undergoing chemotherapy at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor three weeks at a time, then she takes a break for a week. Doctors say she may have to continue this for the rest of her life,"

Donna Shannon's daughter, Lauren Ferency, of White Lake, said ovarian cancer is hereditary and often difficult to diagnose.

Finally, physicians learned she had ovarian cancer.

The family hopes many of Shannon's previous students and their parents will attend the golf outing in her honor.

"She still gets graduation invites and has gone to at least three or four this summer," Ferency said. "She's lost some of her spunk, but she's still a fighter."

Despite her continued bout with cancer, Kelly Shannon said her mother-in-law still has a good outlook on life.

"She's maintained a positive attitude, which is very uplifting to those around her," she said.

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How to help

Those who would like to participate in the July 27 Donna Shannon Ovarian Cancer Golf Outing should mail a \$300 check made payable to Donna Shannon Ovarian Cancer Fundraiser along with the names of all four players and their e-mail addresses to: Donna Shannon Ovarian Cancer Fundraiser, c/o Kelly Shannon, 8242 Baypointe Drive, Brighton, MI 48114. The event will include an 18-hole scramble, range balls, golf cart, food and a donation. Games will include closest to the



Donna Shannon

pin, longest drive and a raffle. Entry deadline is Wednesday, July 23. Contact Kelly Shannon at (810) 444-7627, Mat Shannon at (810) 278-6566, Lauren Ferency at (586) 871-9920 or Jackie Jones at (810) 964-5165.





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Oakland County district judges launch "Most Wanted" project

Oakland County District Court Judges Julie Nicholson (52-3) and Brian MacKenzie (52-1) on Monday kicked off their joint "Most Wanted" project which is designed to track down criminal defendants who have eluded justice.

"The idea for the program came up in discussions between Judge Nicholson and myself," said MacKenzie. "We both thought there should be some sort of joint effort between the judiciary and law enforcement to get the most dangerous people off the street."

MacKenzie says his court is targeting about 220 people who have failed to appear after receiving a court order forcing bench warrants to be issued for their arrests. Many of those being sought by police are repeat offenders who have been charged with such crimes as drunk driving, driving with a suspended license and domestic abuse. Their pictures and information about them appear on the 52-1 District Court web site.

Nicholson has photos and information on 30 of her court's "Most Wanted" on the 52-3 web site. The public can view pictures of the courts "Most Wanted" by going to www.oakgov.com and clicking on either 52-1 or 52-3 District Court, visiting www.YouTube.com or

going to the web sites of the following police departments: Auburn Hills, Novi, Milford, Wixom, Wolverine, South Lyon/Lyon Township, Commerce Township, Highland Township, Walled Lake.

All of the people police are looking for committed crimes in the aforementioned communities.

"This program utilizes the latest in technology so the public can assist law enforcement in arresting those individuals who pose a threat to public safety," Nicholson said. "It also allows the court to dispose of matters and bring peace to victims for those cases that remain open.'

Both judges encourage citizens to check out the web sites listed above and report any of the suspects they may have seen to their local police agency. Although police sweeps for the criminals being sought only runs from July 7-9, the web sites will remain in operation.

According to the Prosecuting Attomey's Association of Michigan, there are some 500,000 people in Michigan with a drunk driving conviction on their driving records. Of these, it's estimated 38% will receive a subsequent drunk driving conviction and of those with two convictions, nearly 43% will receive a third conviction.

City of Northville to purchase tactical vests

threats in order to save lives,"

dle the situation."

Goss said. "They can no longer

wait for specialized units to han-

Northville officers have received

training in rapid response to such

situations, and the department has

Over the past 20 months,

Northville City Council members approved the purchase of new bullet-proof vests for police offi-

cers at their July 7 meeting. After seeking bids from the three main suppliers of tactical gear in Michigan --- C.M.P. Distributors, Inc., Metropolitan Uniform and Michigan Police Equipment - Gary Goss, chief of police, recommended the vests

be purchased with the low bid of \$1,339 each from C.M.P. Goss said a statistical analysis

of a five-year period that included 24 school shootings in 18 states and 41 workplace shootings in 12 states showed that on average a victim is shot every 15 seconds. "Facing this reality, each patrol officer must be trained and

acquired appropriate tactical weapons. equipped to respond to such Because of the different sizes of officers, six vests are needed. The vests will be stored in the trunks of patrol vehicles.

After purchasing the vests for a total of \$8,034, the police department will submit a proposal for partial reimbursement through the Department of Justice Bullet Proof Vest Program.

By Pam Fleming

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Driving while intoxicated

A Royal Oak man was arrested for operating while intoxicated at 1:21 a.m. June 15 at Swan Lake Drive and Seven Mile Road.

The driver was stopped when the officer saw the vehicle swerve within its lane and cross over the fog line.

The vehicle was also paced at 50 mph in a 40 mph zone, and the driver completed an improper turn onto northbound Silver Spring Drive.

After pulling the man over, the officer could smell intoxicants coming from the vehicle and noticed the driver's eves were glassy and his speech was slurred The man first said he'd consumed two beers, then changed the

amount to four beers. A breath test showed a blood alcohol at approximately three times the legal limit of .07 percent.

Drugs, alcohol in vehicle

A Detroit man was arrested for possession of marijuana and having open intoxicants in his vehicle at 2:49 a.m. June 15 at Seven Mile Road and Northridge Drive.

The man was pulled over because his vehicle had a defective headlight. The officer noticed a glass container with red liquid in it, which the man admitted after being questioned about it that it contained cranberry juice mixed with alcohol.

When he was asked if there was anything else in the vehicle. he said there was not. When asked if there were any narcotics in the vehicle, he handed the officer a small plastic tube which contained a small amount of marijuana.

Driving, no license

A Northville Township woman was arrested for driving on a suspended driver's license

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at 3:04 a.m. June 15 at Seven Mile Road and Innsbrook Drive. The woman was pulled over because she did not use her vehicle's left turn signal when changing lanes and again when

turning left. A Detroit woman was also arrested for driving on a suspended license at 8:13 p.m. on June 17 at Northridge Drive and Seven Mile Road.

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OBITUARIES

BEVERLY JOAN MEYERS

Age 67 of Pickford (formerly Northville) passed away Monday morning July 7th at home. Beverly was born August 30, 1940 in Livonia, daughter of Edward and Vera Tucker She moved to Pickford in 1991. Beverly is survived by her husband Michael Goodman, three sons: Kenneth (Michalle) of Pinckney, Kevin of South Lyon, and Kristopher (Allison) of Plymouth, three stepchildren: James (Darya) of Mackinac Island, Tilitha (Brody) of Pickford, and Jessie of Sault Ste. Marie. She also leaves 10 grandchildren, Lauren, Emily, Niklas, Alexandra and Noah Meyers; Cassidy, Jillian, Allison, and Rachel Waybrant and Viktor Goodman. She also leaves her Mother Vera (Livonia), a sister Vera Jean (Ronald) Dagg of Montana and a niece Heather of South Carolina and nephew Michael of Flint.

RUTH H. PRITCHARD

Age 96 of Big Rapids, (formally of Northville), passed away Sunday July 13, 2008 at Altercare Nursing Home in Big Rapids. Graveside services will be held Thursday July 17 at 11:00 A.M. at Woodland Cemetary in Jackson. Visitation will be Wednesday, July 16 from 4 to 6 P.M. at the Berry Funeral Home in Shepherd Ruth H. Pritchard was born March 17, 1912 in St. Croix, West Indies to David and Emma (Burch) Hutchison who were serving as missionaries in the West Indies. Later in life Ruth was a Interior Designer for Jacobson's in E. Lansing for 10 years. Her home in Baltimor was featured in a national magazine. Ruth is survived by 2 children, Diane (Thomas) Larsen of Canadian Lakes, Ralph L. (Lillian) Pritchard of Baltimor, MD, 6 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren. Preceded in death by her husband George Edward and son George H. Memorials may be given to the American Cancer Society.

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By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

Nicole Cass received the best present she could ask for on her 16th birthday on June 29 - winning a class in the Arabian Horse Association regional competition.

Cass, who will be a sophomore at Northville High School this fall, and is the daughter of Doug and Beverly of Northville Township, won on her horse Party On in Region 13 competition at the Indiana State Fairgrounds in Indianapolis.

This win, after which they played the song, "Let's Get This Party Started," by Pink over the public address system, qualified her to compete in the Youth Nationals of the Arabian & Half-Arabian Champion Horse Show July 26-Aug. 2 in Albuquerque, N.M.

According to the Web site www.arabianhorses.org, the Youth Nationals began in 1993 and is the association's premier youth event. Family members accompany young competitors for a week of competition and activities.

Competition in English, western, side saddle, native costume, working cow, dressage and hunter disciplines are combined with leadership training, games, contests, parades and dance parties to make the junior rider event one of the best in the country.

At the Region 13 competition. Cass won over 14 other riders in the Half-Arabian/Anglo-Arabian Hunter Pleasure Junior-To-Ride class for riders ages 14-17. "I did-

regions in the country. The family has only lived in the township for three years after moving here from Medina, Ohio. Cass has been riding since she was 7.



Northville High sophomore Nicole Cass, 16, will be competing in the Youth Nationals of the Arabian & Half-Arabian Champion Horse Show July 26-Aug. 2 in Albuquerque, N.M.

"I've always like horses," she said.

The lucky girl got to have a pony party at age 5, but her real n't think I was going to win," she interest in horses began when she said, because Region 13 is known went riding during a family to be one of the most competitive. Terminum in Estes Park, Colo, 31 4 age 7. "When I returned, I started taking riding lessons," she said.

She also attended a camp in Ohio where she was able to ride that year.

After starting out in western

Northville because we couldn't find a barn with just quarternorses," she said.

Met trainer in Grosse lie

Cass wanted to start showing horses, and her 23-year-old quarterhorse was just too old. They found a barn in Grosse Ile that had half-Arabians, and that's how she met her trainer, Rob Luton of Luton Performance Horses.

She had been traveling to the downriver barn about three times a week and was about to take her driving test at the Secretary of State office last week.

"I'll probably be practically living down there once I get my license," she said.

Besides Party, which is 4-yearold Half Arabian/Half Dutch Harness, she also has an 8-yearold horse named Ultimate Dream.

She plans to attend Cal Poly (California Polytechnic State University) in San Luis Obispo and earn an animal science degree. The school even features an Arabian horse center.

To prepare for nationals in a few weeks, Cass is running about 30 minutes every other day to build her endurance. "My legs are like rocks, and my arms are pretty strong, too," she said.

The most important things to remember for a show are to stay calm, "Because your horse can sense it if you're nervous," Cass said, and to drink a lot of water. "It's so hot when you're competing," she said. "At Albuquerque, it will be in the 100s."

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riding, she moved to riding quar-

terhorses and then to learning

hunt seat. "I started riding

"I like riding because it's different," Cass said. "Nobody else does it in my family, so it's something I can call my own."

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NEWSMAKERS

Joanne Dawley, DDS, of Northville, has been elected



president of the 5,500member Michigan Dental Association (MDA), becoming the first

female president of the Lansing-based professional association.

Dawley, a general dentist in Southfield, is a 1980 graduate of the University of Michigan School of Dentistry, where she also received her undergraduate degree.

She was elected to the MDA Board of Trustees in 2001 and served three years as secretary, as well as vice president and president-elect. As president, she serves as chair of the association's executive committee.

Dawley is a past president of the Detroit District Dental Society. She is a member of the American Dental Association, and is a delegate to the ADA House of Delegates.

Dawley is a fellow of the Academy of General Dentistry, the American College of Dentists, the Academy of Dentistry International and the International College of Dentists.

Active in community service projects, Dawley provides care during the Give Kids a Smile Day charity event at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Dentistry and served on the Board of the Mercy Education Project from 1996 to 2005.

She resides in Northville with her husband, James Armour.

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BUSINESS

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Tiffany Art Glass items span classic, contemporary realm

Now restoring windows for new Table 5 restaurant

By Pam Fleming STAFF WRITER

John Zawadski is not your average artist.

Mostly self-taught, he works in his upstairs studio — Tiffany Art Glass — at 121 E. Main Street in downtown Northville, creating beautiful glass art ranging from the classic to the contemporary.

He was part of June's First Friday Art & Fashion Walk, during which about 50 people enjoyed libations and live music while viewing his work until well-past midnight.

Zawadski will again invite art lovers into his shop at the September First Friday event that will begin at 6 p.m. on Sept. 5. Adult beverages and music will also be part of this show, scheduled to run until at least 10 p.m.

At his downtown location since 1977, "I'm this side of the street's longest-running tenant," he said.

His interest in the age-old art began when he took a stained glass class in 1974.

"From that point on, I practiced a lot and enjoyed making things out of glass," he said. "I know my mother was my first client," he said with a laugh. "She started buying works from

me when I was quite young." He got a job at a stained glass studio in Ferndale for part of a summer. Then, he and a fellow artist started combining their work to sell at art fairs and

thought about opening a business. "He saw a 'For Rent' sign in Northville," Zawadski said, and the rest is history.

Being an art-friendly commuity i orthuille was a perfect fit "We didn't think we needed a main-level location," he said.

Most of his work is commissioned by homeowners, churches and businesses. Currently. he's restoring windows for the new restaurant, Table 5, scheduled to open later this summer across the street from his studio at 126-130- E. Main St. He's also creating a new stained glass window

for the bistro. "Stained glass is a traditional



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

John Zawadskii takes a look at a Tiffany lamp copy he made that he calls the "Grape Trellis." Zawadskii works in his second floor Main Street studio at the Tiffany Art Glass Company.

from that long ago." The art of stained glass actually goes back about 1,000 years, starting with churches in Europe. "It started moving into homes maybe as early as the 1500s," he said. "It really started catching on in homes maybe 150 years ago."

Zawadski's creations can take anywhere from a few hours invto about 50 hours. "The landscapes take a lot of time." Zawadski said. Many of his works are designs from the Tiffany studios in New York. "I use a lot of his patterns," Zawadski said, referring to Louis Comfort Tiffany, the world's most well-known glass artist, born in 1848.

He creates pieces of his own, however, to sell as well. Works are shipped in special wooden more. He offers free estimates and does installations and repairs. Zawadski also has a few paintings and glass jewelry items for sale in his shop. So what is it about glass that

excites Zawadski? "It's a way to express the artistic side of one's self." he said.

Said. Prospective clients can look through photo albums in his shop for ideas. Cost ranges from \$50-\$500 a square foot, with most pieces falling in the range of \$100-\$150 a square foot.

Tiffany Art Glass is open from 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Monday-Friday, noon-5 p.m. Saturday and noon-4 p.m. on at least three Sundays a month.

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The STP is a collaborative voluntary program between the EPA and the logistic industry. The Partnership challenges companies shipping products and the truck and rail companies delivering these products, to improve the environmental performance of their logistic operations. The goals of the Partnership

The goals of the Partnership are to reduce fuel consumption from trucks and rail delivering freight, lower operating costs, limiting emissions of carbon dioxide, NOx emissions and particulate matter that adversely affect air quality.

Day care facility OK'd

Members of the Northville Township Planning Commission approved a request for a special land use for the Goddard School, a day care center proposed at the northwest corner of Six Mile and Ridge roads, at their April 29 meeting.

Commission members asked the applicant at the March meeting to bring back some additional market data to support the construction of a day care facility in the residential district.

The applicant must now submit a site plan to the planning commission for approval, however, before any construction plans are made.

Compiled by Record staff



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art," Zawadski said. "The designs may be more contemporary than they were 100 years ago, but we still copy designs cases to prevent breakage. His stained-glass, fused-glass and beveled-glass art includes custom doors, windows, lamps and www.tiffanyartglass.us.

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happenings

Road to Recovery Tour set tomorrow at Ward Church

The Road to Recovery Tour will take the stage at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church tomorrow during the church's Celebrate Recovery event.

The free concert, which will begin at 7 p.m., will feature Ohio native Leah Martensen and Virginia native Beth Champion Mason, two singer/songwriters who travel the country using music to minister hope and healing, visiting mostly church congregations and recovery groups.

The entertainers use contemporary music to communicate their personal experiences along with scripture.

The two share backgrounds, giving them insight into what it's like to need to be in recovery. They have both battled substance abuse and emotional dysfunction. Martensen had a painful childhood. and Mason fought addictions, finding healing and freedom from her additions through religion. These experiences led them to the Road to Recovery

"We like to say that everybody is in recovery from something." Champion Mason said. "It's just that some people are still in denial about it."

Champion Mason has sung professionally for more than a decade and has released two CDs, "All I Have" and "Postcards." She schedules more than 100 dates a year. performing throughout the country at concerts, festival events, leading worship, coffeehouse concerts and other events. Her testimony and music have been featured on the international TV program "The 700 Club," and she recently won "Best Pop Artist" in the 2008 King Cat Christian Music Awards.

Martensen has toured throughout the United States and internationally for more than 15 years. Her travels have led her to South Africa, Russia, Finland, Denmark, Israel and Taiwan. She has worked with artists Larnell Harris, Twila Paris, Sandi Patti and the Gaithers, and Divine Magazine listed her as a "Mover and Shaker in Christian Music" for 2008. She has released four CDs, including her latest, "Sull," and will share songs from these albums on the tour. She is also an artist associate with World Vision International, a group helping the world's poorest children in more than 100 countries.

The church is located a 40000 Six Mile Road in Northville Township.

Contact Kurt Gebhard at (248) 374-5965 or kurt.gebhard@wardchurch.org.



Photo by Jeff Lava Virginia native Beth Champion Mason will join fellow singer/ songwriter and Ohio native Leah Martensen in presenting a free concert as part of their 2008 Road to Recovery Tour at 7 p.m. tomorrow at Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Northville Township.

CHURCH EVENTS

St. Paul's Lutheran Church LOCATION: 201 Elm St.

Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-3140 Sunday Worship 8:30 a.m. Blended, 11 a m. Contemporary, 11:30 a m. Traditional

First Presbyterian Church of Northville

LOCATION. 200 E. Main St. CONTACT: (248) 349-0911 or visit firstpresnville org Sunday Worship TIME: 9:30, 11 a m.

First Baptist Church of Northville

LOCATION: 217 N. Wing CONTACT: (248) 348-1020 Sunday Worship: 11 a m. and 6 p m

Presbyterian Church LOCATION: 40000 Six Mile Road

CONTACT: (248) 374-7400 or (248) 374-5978 Sunday Worship

TIME: 8 a m., 9'30 a.m. and 11.0 a m. Traditional; 9.30 a m. Contemporary. Nursery and Sunday School during the 9 30 a.m. and 11 a m. services.

TIME: 7:30, 9 and 11 a m.

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LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, Northville CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-6891 Sunday Worship 11:30 a m , with fellowship and food after service

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Ward Evangelical 10 50 a.m. and 6 p.m.

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LOCATION: 50200 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi CONTACT: (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org Sunday Worship TIME: 9.15 and 11:15 a m.

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GracePointe Presbyterian Church

LOCATION: The Novi Civic Center, Council Chambers Sunday Worship TIME: 10 a.m. CONTACT: Rev. Brian C. Sleeth, Pastor (248) 497-3178 or gracepointe@mac.com, and gracepointepca.org

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ROUGE PROJECT: Amerman students get an education on river

Amerman fifth grade students have been a part of the Rouge Education Project for about 10 years. Students study the many qualities of the river including physical and chemical characteristics. This enhances the Northville Public School curriculum for science at 5th grade as some major areas of study are matter (including properties of water) and how to be "Caretakers of the Earth."

Students learn water quality tests in the classroom, and then take their skills and knowledge to the river twice a year to test the actual quality of the water. They study benthic organisms, the nitrate and phosphate levels, dissolved oxygen and biochemical oxygen demand, pH, and take the measurements of the length of their study area, the width and depth of the river at their study site, temperature of water and air, etc.

Students in Mrs. LaValle's and Mrs. Long's classes also draw and label sketches of their study area and often return to classes long after they have left elementary school to talk about this particular field trip and ask how the river is doing.

Students also write lab reports

which include their findings, and what they think these results mean toward understanding the health of the river.

Then data from these tests and measurements is sent to the Friends of the Rouge, who have been keeping and comparing this data (student gathered) for many years. Thus, one also can go to the Web site and see longitudinal data to better compare the health of the Rouge River.

For more information on the Rouge Education Project, please visit www.therouge.org To the right is one student's

writing on the project:

Rouge Report - By Jonathan Mertz

Close your eyes. Imagine the sound of a gurgling stream, a calming stream. Reach out and touch the cool, crisp water. Everything seems so perfect. But, as Mrs. Lavalle's class found out, it isn't.

On 4/30/08, two classes of students took a field trip to a tributary of the Rouge River, located between Mill Race Village and Ford Field, in Northville, MI. Bringing things that ranged from water bottles, to chemicals, to rubber gloves, they tested the water. After many minutes of testing. they found something. The river had changed since the last time they had tested, which was fall, 2007. It changed, not in length and width, but in cleanliness. They found that the amount of nitrate in the water had gone up. Nitrate mainly comes from fertilizer, and a high amount is harmful to animals and plants. Also, the acidic properties of the water had gone up slightly. The children didn't see as many animals as they had in the fall.

This is a very small change. But after a long period of time, small changes can build up. As Northville's population grows, more chemicals have a chance to seep into the river. Will you make a move to help the river? One way you can do this is by encouraging your friends and neighbors to use less lawn fertilizers. The next time you see a cool, crisp stream, be thankful, because many people are trying to keep it that way.



Teacher Wendy LaValle with students Jordan Tebbe, Kevin Yu, Sima Sohi, Alex Thomas, Kali Zurawski, Grace Han and Jared Tao.





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Photo by HAL GOULD

South Lyon resident Brenda Lawson recently opened a licensed adult foster care home called Senior Moments at her house off Ten Mile Road. She can host up to four residents, who will be provided with 24-hour service.

Living in the 'Moment'

📕 Woman opens foster home for elderly

By Nathan Mueller STAFF WRITER

Brenda Lawson and her mother, Sally Henson, were nearly inseparable until Henson died suddenly in 2002 at the age of 79. The two spent countless hours shopping, eating dinner or just talking, all while Henson could still do things on her own.

When they talked, Henson always said to her, "Brenda don't you ever put me in a convalescent home" To which Brenda said, "Mom, I won't."

Now, six years after her mother's death. Lawson is starting up Senior Moments, a licensed adult foster care home in South Lyon, so she can provide a home-type environment for those in need.

"I always believed in my heart when the time came l would care for (my mother) like she always did me, but I never got the chance," Lawson said. So here is my chance. I get to be blessed with other people's

housekeeping and will always have someone to talk to, among other services.

"It's a great place for those who want a homey atmosphere," she said. "I'm not here to nickel and dime people for things."

Lawson, who has lived in South Lyon since 1997, currently works for a senior home care company, but plans to transition out after she starts generating business from Senior Moments.

If it weren't for the distance away from her brothers, Jackie Geelhood would have their 88year-old father, Louis Morone, living with Lawson tomorrow.

Geelhood met Lawson through their church and asked her to visit Morone, who is in a facility in Livingston County, when her family went to Florida for the winter. Lawson would show up at his room. usually with a gift, and sit and talk with him for hours. Even when the family returned, Lawson would still make her visits and was usually greeted with a friendly wink.

I cannot recommend her highly enough," Geelhood said. "She is kind, caring, trustworthy. If you are looking for qualities in a person that you would trust your loved ones with, she is your woman.

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most of her life, taking care of her father when he was sick and taking aunts and uncles to the store or doctor's appointments. She has always had a soft spot for the elderly and less fortunate and sees this as her way of making other people's lives better.

I feel that I get more out of it than they do," she said. "They are a blessing to me.

Geelhood has seen her work with her father firsthand, and would trust anyone in her family with Lawson.

"She is one of the hardest working people I know, and in today's world that is a wonderful thing." Geelhood said. "She is sensitive and caring, and that is a beautiful commodity to find in a person

After a year of preparation. Lawson is ready to welcome, mpeople into hechopped A.hoger she hopes people feel is their own and where they can go to enjoy the rest of their lives.

And even though her she never got the chance to care for her mother, Henson is sure to be proud.

For more information on Senior Moments, contact Brenda at (248) 854-0276 or by e-mail at brendakay3@comcast net.

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SENIOR CALENDAR

Senior Community Center LOCATION: 303 W. Main St. (248) 349-4140

Thursday

Massage by appointment 9 a.m.: TOPS 10 a.m.: Golf League; Basketball 50+-NCSC; Portofino Cruise 10:30 a.m.: Yoga 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

Friday

10 a.m.: Mend It!; Volleyball at Hillside 11 a.m.: Poker 1 p.m.: Movie "Fool's Gold"

Monday

Massage by appointment 9:30 a.m.: Beginning Line Dance 10 a.m.: Advanced Line Dance; Oxycise; Volleyball at Hillside 11 a.m.: Strength Training 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle/Euchre

Tuesday

10:30 a.m.; Yoga; Red Hater's Trip Detroit-Ren Center

11 a.m.: Neurological Disorder Seminar 12:30 p.m.: Pinochle

Wednesday

9:30 a.m.: Greektown 10 a.m.: Oxycise 11 a.m.: Strength Training Noon: Bridge; Blood Pressure Check 1:00 p.m.: Craft Group 7 p.m.: Bridge

Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Volleyball TIME/DAYS: 10 a.m.-noon Monday, Wednesday, Friday

LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your

friends; \$1. **CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation**

(248) 449-9947

Adult 50+ Fun Co-ed Volleyball TIME/DAYS: 1-3 p.m. every Tuesday LOCATION: Recreation Center at Hillside DETAILS: Games scored to 15 points with cre-

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(248) 449-9947 Co-ed Adult 50+ Open Basketball TIME/DAY: 10 a m.-noon each Thursday

ative team rotation; \$1 per session; all skill levels

CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation

LOCATION: Senior Community Center DETAILS: All levels of play welcome; bring your friends; \$1. **CONTACT: Northville Parks and Recreation** (248) 449-9947

Health Walking DATE: Monday-Friday TIME: 8-10 a.m. LOCATION: Senior Community Center, 303 W. Main St.

Pilales Class TIME/DATE: 6 p.m. each Tuesday

Bunco

welcome.

TIME/DATE: 12:30 p.m. second Thursday of each month

DETAILS: Call Senior Community Center 24 hours in advance to register; \$1 per person

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control, I feel a lot better and have more energy. Hest of all. I'm going to he arriend for my family for my friends, , for life

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mothers (and fathers) and care for them like I had wanted to care for my own

Senior Moments is run out of Lawson's home at 58312 Ten Mile Road in South Lyon, and features four bedrooms, three bathrooms, a large dining room and large great room. She recently received her adult foster care license from the state, and hopes to have roommates soon. Cost is \$2,800 per month and is all inclusive.

The residents will be under seven day-a-week. 24-hour care, served three meals a day. be provided full laundry and



Mueller (248) 437-2011 Lawson has been a caregiver

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- US Navy Veteran

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- Did not allow tax increases to the citizens of Novi while Mayor and Councilmember
- Maintained a balanced budget and a budget surplus while Novi Mayor and Councilmember
- A long time Fiscal Conservative
- Saved the City of Novi taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars on city employee health costs without reducing employee benefits
- Saved the continuation of health benefits for City of Novi retirees without raising taxes

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- Support improved roads and infrastructure for Novi and Northville
- · Work with the administrations of Novi and Northville to ensure that our residents needs are addressed
- Maintain funding for important Senior Citizen programs
- · Maintain funding for effective youth programs

"Lou Csordas is exactly the type of person I need at the county. His excellent work as the Mayor of Novi and his employee benefits expertise will be a valuable asset. I look forward to working with Lou."

-L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive

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OUR NEIGHBORS



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Kids can learn plenty at Kensington's Fish Camp

By Aileen Wingblad STAFF WRITER

Kids can get hooked on fishing - and learn plenty about our gilled friends and their habi-- at a Kensington tats Metropark program this month Fish Camp is back by popular demand for the fourth year, run-ning July 22 through 25 at the

park's Nature Center. Geared for youngsters ages 8

through 12 years, Fish Camp will teach fishing basics such as casting, baiting and tying knots. But it's about more than fishing, said Mike Broughton, Kensington Metropark interpreter.

"Kids will learn how to identify fish and their habitats, the importance of keeping what clean and just how to be a good fisherperson. They learn that what goes into the water, goes into the fish - and would they like that to go into them?" said Broughton.

Broughton said he started Fish Camp at Kensington after attending a two-day workshop on getting kids outside to fish. "I thought, why not make a whole week of camp out of this?' he said.

The program runs for twoand-a-half hours on each of the four days. Morning or afternoon sessions are offered, but the spots are filling up fast -- especially the morning. Broughton suggests anyone interested to sign up as soon as possible by contacting the metropark by phone or stopping by. The fee is \$60, and \$50 for each addition-

the kids will put their skills to the test with a fishing expedition at the park's Kent Lake They will

Submitted photo Kids have a chance to learn how to be fishing champions at a Kensington Metropark program this month.

also be treated to a hot dog cookout.

"It works out really well. The kids really seem to enjoy it, and they will learn a lot in those four days," said Bob Hotaling. supervising interpreter at Kensington, said Broughton and two other interpreters will be running the camp.

"Parents are always looking for activities to keep busy. And to be honest, so many kids don't spend enough time outdoors. This is one way to do it. rather than be in front of the TV or computer - and never see the sun," Hotaling said.

The sessions are limited to 18 kids each. Parents are welcome to stay for the program, but they plan to do any fishing.

By Tracy Estes SPECIAL WRITER

Denise Katajamaki knows the best way to save money while losing weight: consignment

shopping. The 54-year-old Novi resident underwent gastric bypass surgery in 2004 and has since lost more than 150 pounds.

During her weight loss period, Katajamaki said while going down clothing sizes so quickly, it was easier on her pocketbook to shop consignment.

"You wouldn't believe the sizes I went through," Katajamaki said.

(Consignment) just makes sense. Most people don't have the money to go out and blow on clothes you're only going to wear for a short period of time.

Katajamaki shops at Smart Chicks Consignment, in Novi, where she said is one of the best places locally to shop consignment.

In business since November 2003, Smart Chicks owner Nancy Solomon said a quarter of her sales are to women in the transition stages of losing weight.

'Consignment is a great source for weight transitional clothing," Solomon said. "Most women can't justify spending a ton of money on clothes they will only wear a handful of times.

"The prices at my store are about 70 percent on average off what you'd pay at a retail store. Women can shop consignment, get good quality clothes and not



Be a 'Smart Chick' while shopping

PHOTO by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

Smart Chicks Consignment employee Debbie Camarata looks at a \$40 Borgofiori linen suit offered at the Grand River Avenue shop in Novi. The Borgofiori would cost more than \$130 new. Camarata said women making their way to smaller dress sizes can save more than 60 percent by purchasing pre-owned clothes.

women to recycle their larger size clothing and make a few bucks while they're at it."

Why consignment?

Soloman said aside from those losing weight, women shop consignment because it is more economical.

"My customers can purchase new and like-new clothing and she said. "Whether out of

where'shoppers feel like they're

shopping retail, but for a lot less money.

Katajamaki said she's been shopping consignment for years and at Smart Chicks for quite some time.

"I always bought really nice clothes when I was big." Katajamaki said. "When I had my surgery, I didn't lose because I was able to sell her my bigger clothes and buy new

ones. I think over half my wardrobe is from consignment."

Katajamaki said she can't justify going to the mall and spending tons of money on an outfit she can buy for half the price at a consignment store.

"It's a wonderful way to have a wonderful wardrobe." she said. "Everyone wants a larger wardrobe, and I think consignment is the way to go."







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LETTERS

Shame, shame and more shame – Had enough?

Annexation of the former Northville State property and contiguous land to Livonia is just plain wrong. Schostak Brothers and Company and REIS know that what they are doing is plain wrong, devious and against the sensibilities of good public planning.

Knowing full well the zoning ordinances and building codes of Northville Township, they made an investment with a plan to make money off the backs of the citizens of Northville Township. Buy the land cheap, get the Northville Township residents to pay for the clean-up and make all the money was the plan But Northville government stood up to the developers and said, "No. vou know our standards - meet them, and you knew about the contamination issues when you bid on the land at a low ball price."

So, now they are going to run to their pal Jack Kirksey and get his endorsement for this outrageous annexation. Will the devious money-making scheme end up on the backs of Livonia residents? Shame on Schostak and **REIS** for their devious business practices and failure to act as responsible businessmen in the local community. If they can't make money on the project, sell the land to Northville Township and let them do it. Also, shame on Jack Kirksey for being in the pockets of developers and supporting this questionable annexation Makes you wonder why he would turn on his neighbors in Northville Township, Greed? Power?

Mike Bishop, the Republican Senator from Rochester, knows it is wrong and against logic or the intent of annexation law but he let the influence of a \$10,000 political contribution from Schostak Brothers kill the bill and allow the annexation vote to go forward. He then punished Senator Bruce Patterson for his support of the bill by removing him from key Senate committees. Shame on Mike Bishop and his blatant greed I have heard he wants to run for governor one day. This is not the crooked, onthe-take guy I want to represent me - ever. He won't get any Republican votes in the Northville area! It would be shame on the citizens of Livonia if they support the Annexation. Haven't we all had enough shame in southeast Michigan from crooked government, shady developers and scandals without pitting neighboring towns and citizens against each other? I believe it is time for the Livonia residents to stand with their neighbors in Northville Township and say, "We are mad - damn mad - and we are not going to take it any more!" Let us stand together and tell the devious developers, crooked government and bad politicians, "Enough!" Vote No in Livonia and join those in Northville Township in telling them all "Enough Already!'

don't apply to him or his puppet, McCann.

Why would Kirksey be so adamant about this annexation? Is it because he has such a close relationship with the developers? Why is city council member James McCann tending his name and phone bank to help endorse this travesty that can only benefit the developers? Do they have some sort of pact with REIS? To this retiree, it sure seems like they are trying to pull the wool over the eyes of us all.

As a retiree and resident of Livonia, I am completely convinced that this is a sham upon the voters of Livonia. It is also a blatant attempt to manipulate the vote of many retirees and citizens who vote absentee at the majority of the elections in Livonia. I sure hope more and more citizens will turn out at the polls on August 5 and do as I already have on my absentee ballot - VOTE NO FOR ANNEXATION!

Elizabeth Hinze

To Michigan Attorney General Cox

Please review the Northville Psychiatric Hospital site proceedings that have led to the developer sueing Northville Township for \$100 million and the proposed Annevation of the Northville site to Livonia which will be on the August 5 primary ballot.

Based on information and letters to the editor that have been in the Northville Record for many weeks, including the July 10 issue, there appears to have been misrepresentation, fraud and corruption by the developer and his attorneys.

My understanding is as follows:

The developer purchased the site with full knowledge of the Northville Township zoning ordinances and a development plan consistent with the ordinances. Then the developer declared that the plan was not viable and that he wanted a different plan that was not consistent with the ordinances. Now, since the township would not approve the changed plan, the developer is suing the township for \$100 million.

In original, lengthy discussions with township officials, the developer stated a need for secuannexed to larger cities. However, Northville Township has 28,000 residents who are able to fund their own services, police, fire, water, sewage.

In an effort to update the Michigan annexation laws, Corriveau, Patterson and many others have worked to update the laws to protect from annexation townships of more than 20,000 with their own good services. The Michigan House voted 101-8 in favor of this update. The initial Senate vote also favored the update, but the second vote failed by 2. The bill has been pulled back into committee by Chairman Mike Bishop who will not release it for a vote. And, the news has reported that Patterson has been removed from committee.

At this point, there is great concern among 28,000 Northville Township residents that the August 5 primary will annex the site to Livonia, based on the votes of only seven security personnel placed on the site by the developer, and based on the votes of Livonia residents who are being aggressively motivated by some of their city leaders, including robo-calls, to vote for the annexation.

To many of 28,000 Northville Township residents, these actions of the developer and his attorneys appear to have been misrepresentations, fraud and involve corruption. They certainly go against what we believe is in the best interest of our community, and what we believe and expect in America.

As one of the 28,000 citizens, I request that as our Attorney General you review all these proceedings and let us know what your finding and judgement is. We will thank you from our hearts.

George Fomin Northville

Annexation memory

l have no opinion - pro or con - regarding the current annexation matter.

However, all the discussions regarding annexation brought back a memory. When Northville was a village, its size was approximately 1.5 square miles. The village became a city. The City of Northville is approximately two square miles. How did this happen? How did it prison population to jump from 2 million to 20 million as the people who can only afford public transportation have to resort to robing to eat or suffer malnutrition.

There are already hybrid mopeds that get 300 miles to the gallon. There is no vehicle that can cut your grocery bills in half, but you can move closer to work and shopping. You don't have to drive 10 miles to work; you can move within one mile and save 90 percent on fuel just by moving. The new type take public

The poor who take public transportation cannot afford lobbyist in Washington. But the rich drive their gas-guzzling SUVs to Washington to complain about the high gas prices. It seems the men are still buying the cars while women are doing the grocery shopping. And no one is listening to the women.

I spend less money on gas now than when It was a dollar a gallon. When gas was a dollar, I was sending \$40 on groceries. Now I spend \$120 a week on groceries and get less healthy foods. You think there is a heath care crisis now, wait another 10 years when you have millions of malnutritioned Americans.

Granholm wants to open another plant in Michigan to turn food into ethanol. We are already paying twice as much for food because of this. When are Americans going to start suing these companies who are using up farmland and fertilizers, making us pay twice as much for food?

In the 1980s, people were blaming foreign carmakers for the slow economy and they were turning over foreign cars. The poor aren't stupid. They will blame SUV and Hummer drivers for the high price of food and they will be shooting them in the head when they pull up for gas.

McCain wants to cut the 30cents-per-gallon tax on gas so that oil companies can raise their prices some more. Who is this idiot? This guy is supposed to be a military man and he sees nothing wrong with giving more money to foreign countries so they can wipe us out. He should be tried for treason.

Truckers who ship fresh fruits and vegetables and farmers who grow them should get free diesel from the higher gas tax. Just like there is no tax on food, because healthy Americans save on the heath care system and do better in schools. Truckers who ship candy and junk food should have to pay for their gas and the \$5 a gallon gas tax. Tax breaks should be by the tonnage of food shipped so that rich Hummer drivers do not grow a tomato plant in their backyard to claim they deserve free diesel.

such as ANWR, the Continental Shelf and the Gulf of Mexico off the coast of Florida.

The problem is that with every day that passes with no resolution, the crisis becomes worse as credit markets are devastated, American automobile companies are facing bankruptcy and more American families are facing the loss of their jobs and homes. This is not only an economic disaster but a matter of national security as we currently import 65-70 percent of our oil from countries - many of whom are supporting efforts to destroy our country. It is long past time to put ideology behind us and put the best interests of all Americans first and foremost.

Let's make one fact perfectly clear - there is no short-term substitute for oil and natural gas that will resolve any of our energy problems. Oil and natural gas are our only hope for the foreseeable future, and we must take advantage of every possibility to develop all our resources to eliminate our dependency on foreign oil.

We can, with an expedited mindset of putting a man on the moon, have new sources of oil on the market in a year with more to follow within the next few years. However, any protracted delay will have devastating consequences for our economy and could very well put the country in a depression.

James Haas Northville

Poor negotiating by teachers union

I have been employed at Northville Public Schools, (NPS), for over 30 years and have never been so disappointed with the Teamsters Union that I'm required to belong to while employed at NPS My concern revolves around

My concern revolves around the fact that what the Teamsters call negotiating, I call handing over the farm. The concessions offered by the Teamsters negotiations team to NPS, presumably to save jobs from privatization, were absurd. This team actually thought it would be a good idea to make up the entire deficit that NPS was facing by lowering the standard of living in our

Teamsters unit only. We have lost 2 percent of our whole matter of privatization with NPS. Maybe they should take a lesson from one of the other bargaining groups at NPS. Hmm, I wonder if my union dues will go down in accordance with my reduced income. I'm sure wherever he may be; Jimmy Hoffa is rolling over in his grave.

Jeffry Menyhart Milford

Slow down, save gas...and money!

Durango, Civic, F150, Prius, Sable. These are just a few of the vehicles that zoomed past me recently on I-275 as I made my way from Plymouth to my mother's home in Monroe. I've made the trips many times and like to get there, well, let's just say really fast.

But this trip was different. You can call it an experiment and a case-in-point. As soon as I merged on 1-275 south at Ford Road, I stayed in the right lane and set the cruise on my Ford Focus to 60 mph.

In the 20 miles from Ford Road to my exit at Telegraph Road on I-275, 65 vehicles passed me. Not once in those 20 miles did I leave the right lane, turn off the cruise control, pass a single car, or experience expressway stress. Not once! On my return trip in the afternoon, I counted151 vehicles that passed me and, again, I never left the right lane. My Focus averaged 45 mpg on both trips.

I figured that in those 20 miles, with most vehicles whizzing by me at an average 70 mph (I'm being nice here), they would reach the Telegraph Road exit about three minutes faster than my rate of speed.

Hmm. Three minutes. It doesn't seem worth it given that the U.S. Department of Energy Web site states that fuel efficiency for many wehicles decreases rapidly when traveling faster than 60 mph. For my rate of speed and gas tank, that equates to an extra 130 miles.

Considering that almost 200 vehicles passed me during my little experiment, I think we all need to be more conscientious about our priorities and wastefulness. Join me in the right lane and feel good about the contributions to your wallet, the environment, and America's future.

Jae Baeiler Northville

Livonians, vote no on annexation

I am a retiree living in Livonia, and in the last week I have received one piece of mail and two robocalls from our so-called mayor regarding the annexation of property that rightfully belongs to the citizens of Northville Township. The mailing was cleverly disguised as being an endorsement from the city of Livonia. The robocalls were identified on my caller ID as from James McCann, Livonia City Council member.

I am totally disappointed in both Kirksey and McCann regarding their involvement in this whole fiasco, but what I am most curious about is this: Who is paying for these mailings and phone calls? Why do they appear to be coming from our city officials? Wouldn't that be illegal and unethical if they truly are coming from any elected official? Kirksey thinks the mailings from the Northville citizens are illegal and unethical - has he looked in the mirror lately? He obviously thinks that the same rules or laws

rity personnel to be present on the site around the clock, like fire department personnel, and that these security personnel would require housing quarters. The township granted a certificate of occupancy for the security personnel.

Then, the developer and his attorneys made a court request for voting registrations for these security personnel, which was granted. For some reason, this established residency for these temporary security personnel.

When concerns arose that the developer many intend to use these personnel as residents to proceed with an annexation effort, the developer stated he had no plan for annexation of the Northville Township site to Livonia.

However, news of an annexation plan did emerge, and it is on the August 5 ballot. And, it was learned that only the (now) seven security personnel of all the 28,000 Northville Township citizens can vote on the annexation, along with Livonia residents. All the other 28,000 township resident citizens will not be able to vote to defend the township against an annexation land grab.

Amid all this conflict, the developer's attorneys had a subpoena served to one of two women who called together a citizens information meeting, and were attempting to serve a subpoena a second woman. The subpoenas were for depositions and to obtain e-mails that may have been sent to Sen. Bruce Patterson and State Rep. Marc Corriveau. This certainly had a chilling effect on citizens seeking information and to speak their concerns.

However, a court review directed that these subpoena and depositon actions be stopped and that they represented harassment of these women citizens.

The understanding is that the Michigan annexation laws were intended to permit small townships – which are not able to provide their own services, police, fire, water and sewage – to be "grow"? Answer: A chunk of Novi was annexed to the City of Northville.

M. E. P. Hollis Northville

McCain will prevail

McCain's character, service record, and even his captivity is being slimed by an Obama key lieutenant. This lieutenant's attacking songbook was given to, and repeated by, other common liberal sycophants in an effort to diminish McCain as a true patriot.

As a veteran, I resent this political gamesmanship and see this as an effort to counter more outstanding weaknesses of his opponent and the history of his relationships. I expect the public view of McCain's character unaffected and his popularity improved by the much-lesser qualities of his enemies.

Jim Nowka Northvile

Food, gas out of whack

Oil prices are controlled by supply and demand. Raising the tax on gasoline to \$5 per gallon will cause people to change their driving habits and take money out of foreign pockets. That is the solution to the falling dollar. It is better to pay twice as much for fuel than three times as much for food – and that is what we'll be paying if they start making fuel out of food. Higher tax on gas can subsidize truckers' diesel, in tax breaks, causing food prices to drop in half.

Cheaper food prices will save billions on heath care alone. If you think people are complaining about paying \$100 to fill up their tanks with gas, wait until they have to pay \$600 for groceries. And you can expect to see the Timothy Campbell Warren

Political signs stolen

I am a Plymouth resident who supports Jim Plakas for 35th District Court Judge. On the morning of July 6, I noticed that my Plakas yard sign was missing. As I looked down my street, I realized that dozens of other Plakas signs on Ann Arbor Trail were also gone! When I called Jim to report the missing sign, I was disheartened to find out that over the 4th of July weekend, nearly 50 of Jim Plakas' signs had been stolen from people's yards in Plymouth, Canton and Northville.

It's disappointing and disturbing that a person, or group of people, would be willing to stoop so low as to break the law in, of all things, a judicial race. I find it insulting that someone would come on to my property to steal a sign in an effort to stlence my voice in this election. Our communities deserve better than these childish and, ironically, illegal tactics.

Judith L. Hudson Phymouth

Energy emergency

As the price of oil fluctuates with every perceived threat and American families are held hostage by high energy prices that are wreaking havoc with their budgets, the environmentalists and their Democrat supporters are still resisting efforts to open up "off limits" resources wages and taken a pay freeze for at least the next three years. Lost our longevity and pay more for health insurance than anybody else employed by NPS. Instituted a pay scale with such low wages that a skilled tradesman most likely would not work for. Along with forced vacation time and vagueness in contract language.

The hardest part to swallow is that in the same breath that the NPS district was announcing ratification of these concessions by the Teamsters, they announced that they had offered a possible increase for another group of employees. Employees in our bargaining unit were led to believe their jobs would be lost unless they accepted this package of poverty. If I were on that bargaining team I would feel foolish and ashamed that they, for one, called this negotiating, and second, for urging their members to vote ves for accepting such a package.

I am proud to acknowledge that I did not vote for this package, knowing from previous experience that the Teamsters have failed its members before when trying to "negotiate" tabled items that are in parity with other groups employed by NPS. The Teamsters questionable "negotiating" behavior needs to be addressed before the employees in their union are working for minimum wage and are living in tents on vacant lots.

I could have never envisioned this type of negotiating practice from any other group of employees at NPS. The increased cost of living for the entire district has been absorbed again by the members of the Teamsters Union exclusively. What person would not question these "negotiating" routines. I may not be the best versed person when it comes to contract negotiations, but I do know that you don't hand over the farm at the first offer. It's possible some compromise may have been necessary, although I'm thoroughly disappointed as to how the Teamsters Union negotiations team handled the

Monica Nick Plymouth

Pom pon thanks

The Northville High School JV pom pon team held a very successful car wash fundraiser recently at the Wash Zone car wash. On behalf of the team, we would like to thank Jim Belanger, Ellen Sorenson and Todd Keel for providing the girls with this opportunity to raise money for the team. We would also like to thank management and staff from Busch's Market located at Five Mile and Sheldon for allowing the girls to sell gift cards for Wash Zone in front of the store. Special thanks go to all the community members that supported the girls by making a donation or buying a gift card. We appreciate your support.

Karlyn`Jones

Northville High School Junior Varsity Pom Pon



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OPINION

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The kaleidoscope of China

Traveling through China is like peering through a kaleidoscope. There is constant and unpredictable change.

This is a country that has suffered civil war, invasion and occupation from foreign powers. the Great Leap Forward, the Cultural Revolution, and devastating floods and earthquakes over the years. Yet, like the old Timex watch commercial, "it takes a licking and keeps on ticking.

Like a kaleidoscope, when you view China one can experience many different sights and view them in many different ways.

Some see Red China as the Communist foe, our military enemy, to be isolated if not ultimately converted. Those raised Catholic in the 1950's and early 1960's see a hungry and pitied China and remember our mother's voice imploring, "Eat your peas, kids are starving in China."

Some from the Korean and Vietnam War era may see an angry China that provided enemy combatants that prolonged these wars.

Some recall the sudden role reversal of the Nixon era of "ping pong diplomacy" where overnight it seemed that China went from being our enemy to our friend. They were later angered when the calls for freedom and democracy were crushed in 1989 by the People's Army in Tiananmen Square.

Today, many see the economic might of China once again reemerging and fear their rise will be our demise. Some see China through the lens of freedom, democracy, human and religious rights - and the image appears dark and ominous.

Traveling to China is always eye-opening. It happened again during my most-recent trip when 1 met Ma Yixing in Shanghai (www.mayixing.com).

Mr. Yixing is an artist and painter. Entering Mr. Yixing's studio was like peeking into the most brilliant sunlit kaleidoscope. At 50, he has traveled through the insanity of the Great Leap Forward and Cultural Revolution and was a maturing artist as Deng Xiaoping began the reforms and opening-up of China. He believes the experience of being a "sent down youth" and factory worker during the period of Mao's upheaval of China broadened his horizons, enabling him to embrace the ideas from the West along with his traditional training in the East.

Mr. Ma is studying Zen Buddhism from his Lao Shi (teacher) Gong Qian Cai Rang. Teacher Gong has a school in Ban Ma Xian, Qing Hai Province, near Lasha, Tibet where he cares for and educates 200 orphaned children. Mr. Ma helped his teacher pro-

vide for the children by building



a "piece of art" - a rabbit cage

where he hangs food on hooks

and encourages passersby to pro-

vide a donation to feed the rab-

bit. This simple artistic creation

provides pleasure to the children

that pass by and allows the pet

rabbit to be fed by others while

enough money to feed, care and

Through his Buddhist ideals he is

educate two children per year.

helping to create harmony and

Mr. Ma is a famous decon-

structionist contemporary painter

in China. We sat in his studio and

talked for hours (even though he

has limited English and my limit-

ed Chinese made him seem flu-

ent). Soon coffee appeared from a shop next door and his friend,

Shu Hai Shong from 3A Gallery,

laughed and shared an afternoon

together. As the afternoon came

to a close Mr. Ma told me,

"You are a good American

where all the con-

ful nation on earth and, at the

same time, the moral beacon of

hope to do the right thing, to be

the shining city on the hill. The

government that kept our Social

Security checks coming was rea-

sonably effective, and the social

September 11, followed by Iraq.

and political institutions that

knitted our country together

Then, however, came

worked fairly well.

appeared (www.art3a.net). We

peace in the world.

the annual proceeds generate

About Tom Watkins

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> friend" and presented me with two of his paintings as gifts. I gave him my ballcap and a

Building Bridges T-shirt (from the Emmy award-winning CBS-Detroit TV documentary: Building Bridges from the Great Lakes to the Great Wall"

(www.wwjtv.com). Through Mr. Ma's deconstructionalist paintings, kindness, and goodness he is providing a kaleidoscope to the world, helping children in need and building bridges between two cultures.

I encourage all to contact Mr. Ma or Mr. Zhu, who runs the art studio, to view Mr. Ma's work. His paintings and gift to the orphaned children cared for by his Zen Teacher - it will bring a burst of color and joy into your life.

China a kaleidoscope of constant and unpredictable change. Mr. Ma is an illuminating light shining clearly and brightly through it.

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Woman plays piano for 14 straight hours after using Thera-Gesic*

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Rising costs mark the end of an era

Some weeks ago, I arranged to meet a friend at the gas station at the Grand River exit off I-96, just north of Brighton. As I waited, I watched the traffic go by: SUVs, big pickups, RV's. Every one of them happily guzzling gas on a warm spring afternoon.

And I thought to myself: I'm watching the end of an era,

That's because we are at the end of cheap gas (relatively speaking) and the lifestyle it made possible during the last century.

Cheap petroleum has produced "exurban" communities like Brighton and Howell, where people drive 20, 30, even 40 miles each way to their jobs and think nothing of driving 20 miles to Wal-Mart to shop on the weekends. It is a lifestyle that has pro-



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The era we are watching end involved an entire interconnected set of things that, taken together, have pretty much defined the American way of life ever since the end of World War II.

Jobs, for the most part, have been plentiful in Michigan. And if you were lucky to catch on with the auto industry and happened to be a United Auto Workers' union member, you got a big paycheck and gold-plated benefits. And with solid job security and a good pension, you could get that cabin up north, the boat, an all-terrain-vehicle, all the toys. That's suddenly no longer true. As a result of the rise of industrial farming and federal government subsidies for beef and corn and rice, food was pretty cheap. Sure, fast food was fattening and not very good for you, but you could feed a family on your weekly paycheck and have something left over for fun. Anybody who's been at the supermarket lately knows that's changed drastically, too. For most of that time, people also felt, all things considered, that things were pretty good, that the country was generally on the right track, and that things would gradually get better and better for Michigan families, and that the kids would live better lives still. America was the most power-

my, not an agricultural one, and

that this required a strong national government.

Depression sowed the seeds of a national safety net and the notion that our society, acting through our government, has some responsibility for each and every one of us.

Craig Ruff of Public Sector Consultants in Lansing is a



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Finally, the frightening Great

duced enormous, elaborate new high schools. Think Northville, South Lyon, Walled Lake, with vast parking lots for the convenience of students --- students, mind you! - driving back and forth to school.

The bulldozers that produced all of this, the endless scrapings of the ground in outer ring suburban communities for new subdivisions, new shopping malls, new schools, new roads, were made possible by one thing: Gasoline that sold for under \$2.00 a gallon less than ten years ago, but which today is marching past \$4.19 even at the cheapest stations.

We've built a lifestyle on cheap fuel, combined with lowinterest rates and an expectation of ever-increasing home values that provided us with an everincreasing home equity loan line of credit.

And now that the world is changing, it is time to look back and assess what was happening. and who we have been

And Hurricane Katrina, followed by more Iraq. Then came a melted-down mortgage system and an over-extended and ethically challenged financial industry. Michigan was additionally shackled with a fiercely partisan political system that failed to get the important things done.

Now, the signs are all around us that our long era of good times will never again be what it was. All manner of things are starting to go wrong, or at least fraying at the edges. My gut tells me they're interconnected in a complex and subtle pattern.

Americans have, of course, seen massive transformations before. Starting in 1775, our revolution brought us independence from colonial England and ushered in a great and successful experiment in creating an entirely new system of self-government.

The Civil War confirmed that America was in fact destined to be primarily an industrial econo-

deeply thoughtful man who knows something about almost everything. In a recent column, he suggested our nation is on the eve of a "great transformation." Echoing the argument of William Strauss and Neil Howe in their influential book "The Fourth Turning: An American Prophecy," Ruff noted that these fundamental transformations take place every 70 years or so. Given that the modern era started in 1945, we are about due.

The philosopher George Santay ana once observed that "those who do not remember the past are condemned to repeat it."

Nobody knows what future historians will conclude about these turbulent and contentious times. But it is getting clearer and clearer that rough waters are ahead, and we're going to need every bit of our historical memorv and common sense to get through what's coming.







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HOT TICKET: (Jumpin', swingin' blues from "Those Delta Rhythm Kins" 7 p.m. Friday at Town Square

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CALENDAR

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Local Events

Northville Candle and Gifts LOCATION: 124 N Center St. CONTACT: (248) 380-7059 Mom's Night Out: Part 1: Double Book Signing TIME/DATE. 4 30-6 p m. Saturday, July 26

DETAILS: Laurie Lindeen will sign copies of her book "Petal Pusher: A Rock and Roll Cinderella Story" which chronicles the rise of her all-girl band, Zuzu's Petals, during Minneapolis' burgeoning late 80s/early 90s grunge scene, through her marriage to Paul Westerberg of "The Replacements. Also Judy Davids will sign copies of her book "Rock Star Mommy. . . My Life as a Rocker Mom." Davids, from Royal Oak and the mother of two, details how she launched her rock band at age 42, inspired by Jack White of the White Stripes Books from both authors will be available for purchase.

Part 2: Musical Gig

TIME/DATE: 7 p m Saturday, July 26

LOCATION Chase Bar and Grill, 133 W. Main St , use the back entrance off Cady St.

DETAILS: Metro Detroit based mom band "The Mydols" will play hostess to Minneapolis rocker mom formerty of "Zuzu's Petals." Local Northville rocker mom Wendsy Von Burskirk will perform with "The Mydols '

Barnes & Noble

" Barnes & Noble, <u>ц</u>С 17111 Haugerty Road, near Six Mile Road

CONTACT: For all events contact Betsy Storrs at (248) 348-1274 or e-mail crm2648@bn com

Summer Storytimes

TIME/DATE: Through 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 Clerpents" 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

Compuware Arena Drive-In Theatre

DATE: Through Sunday, 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

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" prooram, third Thursday of the month at 8 30 a.m., features local chefs and free recipes and cooking demonstrations. July 17 will feature Tim Bryant of Independence Village of Plymouth CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or

northville.org

Friday Night Summer Concert Series

TIME: 7 p m. LOCATION: Northville Town Square on Main St. across from the Marquis Theatre

DATE July 18 - Those Delta Rhythm Kings (jump blues/country)

DATE: July 25 - Randy Brock Group (blues/rock) DETAILS: Early arrival is sug-

dested 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 northvilleparksandrec org.

LOCATION Town Square, downtown Northville. Rain location is Gentti's Hole-in-The-Wall, 108 W Main St.

DATE: Tuesday, July 22 -Gemini, twin brothers present rousing musical concert

DATE: Tuesday, July 29 - Joel Palmer, fun music with guitar and banjo.



Good stuff

Visitors stroll through the Northville Farmers' Market (on South Main, across from Northville Downs race track), which is open from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., every Thursday through October.

Reading Bug

DETAILS: Adventures with Killer Spelling Bees, Alphabet Bookworm, Ladybug Punctuation Flea Fi Fo Furn and More. Tickets available 10 minutes prior to pro-

Story Morph at the Library

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesdav

fun creative writing and illustrating workshop. Lunch provided. Registration required.

Before the Tigers, Beyond the **Ball Park**

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Wednesday DETAILS: Jeff Wattrick, project manager of the Old-Tiger Stadium tory of Detroit's beloved baseball

Novack presents medley of songs about bugs and fun Tickets available 10 minutes prior to program. TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. first and

Features rotating cast of the best

No two show alike. General seat-

ing tickets are available 7 p.m. at

the door on the night of the per-

formance, \$8. CONTACT: (248) 347-0003

SHOWcamp Featuring

TIME/DATE: 9:30 a.m.-4 p m.

July 21 - August 1, performance

DETAILS: Summer camp for

Students audition for roles in the

pher, musical director and direc-

tor, help build the set, create cos-

tumes and learn valuable tricks of

weeks, they will perform Disney's

101 Dalmatians. Cost is \$350,

registration ends July 1. Before

and after daycare available for a

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imusical, train with a choreogra-

children entering grades 3-8.

Disney's 101 Dalmatians

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CONTACT: Northville Art House

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, Funtastic 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.

Seeks Commissioners

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

Stable Parking Lot TIME/DATE: 2 p m. Tuesday -Animal Survivor TIME/DATE: 9 p m. - Gone

Batty TIME/DATE: 1:30 pm.

Thursday, July 24 - Makin' Paper. bring flowers or other items from home you want to include in your original paper

Road Runner Classic DATE: 5 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. Saturday, July 26

DETAILS: A One Mile Run/Walk at 5 p.m ; 8K Run/Walk at 5:30 p.m. Benefits the Friends of Maybury State Park. For more information, visit northvilleroadrunners.org.

Strut on Eight Mile

TIME/DATE: 8:25 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8

DETAILS: Meet at the Rec. Center at Hillside, 700 W. Baseline Road. Walk is 4.4 miles

Maybury Family Walk TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12

DETAILS: This is part of Walk Michigan. The distance will be determined. No pre-registration required. Vehicle permit required. For information, call (248) 349-

TIME: 11 a m -nonn

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Monday

oram.

DETAILS: Teens. Join in for a

Tunes on Tuesday stadium.

Harpbeat Getting Buggy With ١ŧ

TIME/DATE: 11 a m.

Wednesday DETAILS⁻ Harpist Donna

The Art House third Tuesday of the month DETAILS: Hilarious night of comedy in the style of the TV

Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month. LOCATION: 215 Cady St. show "Whose Line is it Anyway".

(248) 344-0497 or northvillearts org

Summer Art Classes and Camps

Northville Arts Commission

TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. second

and activities **Book Signing**

TIME/DATE: 2 p.m. Saturday DETAILS: Book signing by author Beverly Armstrong

Reading and Book Signing

TIME/DATE: 7 p m. Wednesday DETAILS: Children's author and Lansing resident Ruth Barshaw is celebrating the release of her new book "Ellie McDoodle New Kid in School.*

Northville Grub Crawl

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p m Tuesday, 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. Free shuttle available or guests can "crawl" on their own. Also, A grand prize drawing for an outdoor grill. 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

2nd Annual Kick Off Gala Fundraiser for Mustangs Football

TIME/DATE: 6 p m Friday, Aug 15

LOCATION: Laurel Manor, 19000 Schoolcraft Road, Livonia DETAILS: The program

includes cocktails, Introduction of the Varsity Team, Silent Auction, Necklace and Autographed Jersey Raffle, dinner and live entertainment by Ultraviolet Band. Cost is \$75 per person or \$750 per table, which includes Hors D'oeuvres, dinner, open bar and live entertainment. Must be 21 to attend.

CONTACT: For more information, visit northvillemustangs.com.

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DETAILS: Tune in for fun under the sun at this family concert series. Bring your water bottle, hat and sunscreen. Sponsored by the Northville DDA and Parks and Recreation. Visit northvilleparksandrec org for a complete concert schedule.

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 eclipsebbc com.

TIME/DATE/LOCATION: 2 p m. Sunday, July 20 vs. Woodstock Actives

TIME/DATE/LOCATION Saturday and Sunday, Aug 2-3 at Greenfield Village, World Tournament

Northville District Library **Weekly Activities**

LOCATION 212 W Cady St. near Northville City Hall

TIME/DAY, 10 am -9 p.m Monday-Thursday, 10 a m -5 p m. Friday-Saturday, Closed on Sunday for the summer.

CONTACT (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary org for information regarding programs and library materials

Creative Crafts

TIME/DATE: 2 p m. Today DETAILS' Kids, drop in to make a pom pom caterpillar clip mag-

net All ages. Summer Storytime TIME/DATE: 11 a m Friday DETAILS Drop in for a lively

storytime. All ages Foreign Films at the Library

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Monday DETAILS: "Italian for Beginners" is shown in Danish

and Italian with English subtitles Danish and Italian treats. Please register for this free program. Scheer Genius Catch the

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St. **CONTACT: Call for reservations** (248) 349-0522 or gen:ttis.com Surviving SamCo.

TIME/DATE: 6.00 p m. Friday Aug 8; 6:30 p m. Saturday, Aug 2, 9, 23 and 30 Also 11 30 a m. Friday, July 18 and Aug. 1; Tuesday Aug 5 and 12, and Thursday, Aug 28

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. Dinner tickets are \$45, lunch tickets are \$35

Toy Chest, Children's Lunch Theater

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a m Tuesday, July 29, Monday, July 21 and August 18.

DETAILS: Tickets are \$14.95 for children and \$16 95 for adult, not including tax or gratuity. Wi'l open any date for 25 or more.

Neil and Frank; A tribule 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. Help us celebrate our 37th anniversary.

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.

Tipping Point Theatre LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St.

CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or visit tippingpointtheatre org Improv at the Point

Baseline Folk Society Open Mic

tippingpointtheatre.org

DATE: Third Saturday of each month, Sept-June TIME: 7-9 p m.

LOCATION: Northville Art House, 215 Cady

DETAILS: Enjoy traditional, folk and acoustic music in a casual setting. Five open mic spots available on first to sign up basis beginning at 6-15 p m. Tickets \$5 at the door.

CONTACT: (248) 344-0954

As The Page Turns

LOCATION- 149 North Center Street, Suite 102, Northville CONTACT: (248) 912-0085 or

v/www.asthepageturns.biz Northville Newcomers Book Club

TIME/DATE: 10 30 a m. Friday Cheryl Pope Book Signing TIME/DATE: 2-4 p m. Saturday, July 26

DETAILS: The author of "25 Ways to Make Your Child Feel Special" will sign books. Jean Alicia Elster Book

Release Party TIME/DATE: 7 pm.-9 pm.

Friday, August 1 DÉTAILS: Come celebrate her

new book "Who's Jim Hines". Stephenie Meyer Book

Release Party

TIME/DATE 2-4 p m. Saturday, Aug. 2

DETAILS: "Breaking Dawn" is the fourth book in the Twilight Series

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

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, email 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. (July 12 - "Our Hoppy Friends")

DETAILS: For children ages 10 and under with an adult; bring a blanket and favorite stuffed friend; 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 pro-

grams 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

TIME/DATE: 11 a m. Today -Survivor!

TIME/DATE: 2 pm Today - Ant Patrol

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday -Fishing in the Park, meet in Riding Stable Parking Lot, bring or borrow a rod, adults need valid fishing license.

TIME/DATE: 1:30 p.m. Saturday Our Sizzling Sun

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Tuesday -Terrific Turtles, meet in Riding

0203.

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 Village Calendar

Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 6 p.m., Rehearsal; 7 p.m. Northville Historical Society Board Meeting

Friday: 9 a m. Archives Open: 3:45-5:45 p.m. Wedding*; 6 p.m. Rehearsal

Saturday: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Photo Shoot; 4:15-6:15 p.m. Wedding* Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek

Church; Noon Eclipse Base Ball; 1-4 p.m. Village Open

Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gano: 6.30 p m. Northville Democrats; 7 p.m. Great Salem Train Wreck Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation; 7 pm.

Mill Creek Church * Grounds closed to public

Mill Race Village Open for the Season

TIME/DATE: Buildings open 1-4 p.m. every Sunday from mid-June to mid-Oct.; grounds open daily from sunrise to sunset.

DETAILS: This historic Village includes seven buildings, ranging from approximately 1831 to the 1890's, that have been moved from various parts of Northville to the park; two more have been reconstructed with the aid of period photographs and plans. A tenth structure, the 1850's General Store, is being re-assembled in the Village, having been moved board-by-board from its original Main Street location. Costumed docents inform visitors about the buildings, their contents, and Northville's past. Many weekends, a blacksmith, weavers and rug

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hookers demonstrate their crafts. and an occasional strolling musician may be found. Special events are planned for July 4th and the Victorian Festival. Mill Race Village is open to all; no admission charge.

CONTACT: For more information, call The Northville Historical Society at 248-348-1845. The Great Salem Train Wreck

of 1907 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesday

LOCATION: Church at Mill Race Village

DETAILS: Led by AI Smitley of the Northville Library, this presentation describes how a train full of passengers experienced a dreadful collision with a freight train, killing dozens. Last year's program was sold out, so reserve your space early. No charge, but donations to The Northville Historical Society are greatly appreciated. For more information or to make a reserva-

tion call (248) 348-1845. Macy's "Shop for the Cause" **Benefits Mill Race Village**

DATE: Saturday, Sept. 20 DETAILS: In Macy's "Shop for the Cause" program, shoppers buy a \$5 ticket, then take their tickets to Macy's Twelve Oaks Mall store on Saturday, Sept. 20. On that day only, savings of 10-20 percent are offered on most merchandise in the store - including sale items. Ten percent can be deducted from furniture and mattresses; 20 percent can be taken off a wide variety of clothing

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accessories and home goods. On that same day Macy's offers entertainment, special events and a chance to win a \$500 Macy's shopping spree. Mill Race village benefits from the ticket sales. Tickets are available 9 a.m.-1 p.m. weekdays and 1-4 p.m. Sundays at Mill Race Village Office, 215 Griswold St. and at Northville Candle and Gifts, 124 N. Center St. during regular business hours. For more information, call the Northville Historical Society at (248) 348-1845.

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Commerce LOCATION: 195 S. Main St., Northville CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit northville.org **Grub Crawi**

TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. Tuesday, July 29

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8-9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 8 LOCATION: Chamber Office

Regional Events

"A Summer Celebration" at Michigan State University's **Toilgate Farm** TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday

LOCATION: Tolloate Farm Educational Center, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook roads, Novi

DETAILS: Come and enjoy a day strolling through Tollgate's gardens. Volunteers will be available to answer gardening questions and provide demonstrations. Beautiful hanging quilts will be on display and there is a quilt raffle. No admission charge; free refreshments.

Michigan Humane Society LOCATION: 30300 Telegraph

Road, Suite 220, Bingham Farms

CONTACT:

michiganhumane.org Low-cost Microchipping Tour DATE: Saturday, July 26 DETAILS: MHS is partnering with area Camp Bow Wow locations to provide low-cost dog and cat microchpping for only \$11 per pet (retail value of \$50 or more). While supplies last.

Project 12 Baskets DETAILS: Turn unwanted items into lifesaving care for animals. The Project 12 Baskets program takes donated items of value and turns them into dollars for nonprofit organizations like MHS. Free up space, receive a tax deduction and help MHS.

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-dusk Saturday, Aug. 9 and 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 10 LOCATION: Kensington Metropark, 2240 West Buno Road, Milford, picnic area north

of Martindale Beach

DETAILS: Re-live Michigan's Colonial times, from 1700 to 1796. Vehicle entry permit (\$20 annually or \$4 daily) required to enter the park. CONTACT: For more information, call (800) 477-3178 or

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"Thunder Over Michigan" **Air Display**

DATE: Saturday, Aug. 9 and Sunday, Aug. 10 LOCATION: Willow Run

Airport, 801 Willow Run Airport, Belleville DETAILS: Warbird show fea-

turing a salute to the P-47 Thunderbolt, W.W. II Heavy Bombers, a variety of vintage and modern military Fighters, Bombers and Transports and an armored W.W.II battle reenactment. Tickets are \$20 for adults. At the gate, tickets are \$25. Prepaid parking is \$5, \$10 at the gate. Children 15 and younger free with adult.

CONTACT: For more information, visit YankeeAirMuseum.org.

"Connections" Artist's Show TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, through Aug. 31.

LOCATION: Nancy A. Fox Art Gallery, Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Center for the Healing Arts, 47601 Grand River Ave., Novi

DETAILS: Local Artist Jim Quintan presents "Connections" a colorful exhibit of original painting from the artist's collection of watercolor and acrylic creations that looks at one man's perspective on life and nature.

NWSMOM Fall/Winter Clothing Sale

TIME/DATE: 9 a.m.-noon Saturday, Sept. 27

LOCATION: St. Matthew's United Methodist Church, 30900 Six Mile Road, between Middlebelt and Merriman roads, Livonia

DETAILS: Sponsored by Northwest Suburban Mothers of Multiples. Over 35 tables of infant and children's clothing and a large item area that includes strollers, car seats, toys and furniture. A bake sale and refreshments also available. Admission is \$1.

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rockfinancialshowplace com. **Junior Olympic Games** DATE: Thursday, July 24 -Saturday, Aug. 2

DETAILS: Passport admission is \$40 which includes admission to all sporting venues throughout the length of the games, plus a ticket to the Celebration of Athletes. Daily Pass is \$12 which includes entry to all sporting venues on designated day only. Celebration of Athletes admission is \$5 on Monday, July 28. Ages 6 and under are free. Visit web site for more information at aaujrogames.org or detroitsports org/events.

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THE MYDOLS: Rock star moms invade Northville



The Mydols includes (I to r) bassist Wensdy Von Buskirk, vocalist Kara Rasmussen, guitarist Judy Davids and (not pictured) drummer Johnny Miller

Details

Northville Candle & Gifts is located at 124 N. Center Street. Call (248) 380-7059 or visit www.northvillecandle.com. The Chase Bar & Grill is located at 133 W. Main Street. Call (248) 347-5993 or visit www.thechasebarandgrill.com.

For more information on The Mydols' Northville gig, call Wensdy Von Buskirk at (734) 658-8893. For general information about the band or the book 'Rock Star Mommy' call Judy Davids at (248) 672-5418 or visit www.mydols.com.

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Book-signing and live show set for July 29

Metro Detroit-based mom band The Mydols will host Minneapolis rocker mom Laurie Lindeen, singer and guitarist of Zuzu's Petals, in Northville on Saturday, July 26. The evening will begin with a 4:30 p.m. book signing at Northville Candle and Gifts, and continue with a 7 p.m. live performance of The Mydols featuring Lindeen at The Chase Bar & Grill.

Lindeen will sign her book "Petal Pusher: A Rock and Roll Cinderella Story" (Atria Books, May 2007, \$24.99), which chronicles the rise of her all-girl band during Minneapolis' burgeoning grunge scene, through her marriage to Paul Westerberg of The Replacements.

Guitarist Judy Davids will sign "Rock Star Mommy: My Life as a Rocker Mom, (Citadel Press, April 2008, \$12.95) in which the Royal Oak guitarist details how she launched her rock band at age 42, inspired by Jack White of the White Stripes.

Then, the gals will take the stage at The Chase for a familyfriendly performance during which moms can find relief with specialty "Mydol Twist" and "Petal Pusher" martinis. Children are welcome.

Lindeen and Davids met at the famed South By Southwest music festival in Austin, Texas. A few months later, when the Mydols traveled to Minneapolis to play during a North Star Roller Derby Girls bout,

Submitted photo

Lindeen took them for a night on the town. Mydols bassist Wensdy Von



owns Northville Candle & Gifts. The musicians quickly hatched a plan for Lindeen to visit.

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The Northville gig is part of a whirlwind week of performances that mark the last shows before Von Buskirk goes on 'maternity leave' and the band

takes a break to record its third album. The Mydols, which also consists of Kara Rasmussen (lead vocals) and Johnny Miller (drums), will play the Family Fun Festival at Millennium Park in Chicago at noon and 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 24, and a book signing with Lindeen at Barnes and Noble Royal Oak on Sunday, July 27.

Although the busy moms have little time to practice their instruments between diaper changes and shuttle services, they've managed to learn some Zuzu's Petals songs in time for the gigs. They'll also play Mydols classics like "Soccer Mom Stomp," "Never Mind the Laundry" and "Hot Rod Your Home.'



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Visitors to Sharon Darga's Northville Township home enjoy its outdoors during last week's Country Garden Club of Northville annual garden walk.



There were many colorful flowers out on display this year, including this bunch of daisies.



With a Michigan lilly in the foreground, visitors to the home of Sharon Darga climb to the ground level of the home after visiting its area near the Johnson Drain. Darga's garden featured many pathways of fieldstone that led around to its gardens of hosta, ferns and lillies. Darga mentioned that she prized many of the plants and flowers in her garden as they were gifts from friends and relatives.





Carefully studying the scene before her next brush stroke, artist Marianna Defer-Pfeifer paints a watercolor in the Abbey Knoll subdivision.



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SPORTS HGH GOALS



Novi's Cralg Howell, left, looks for his next move against South Lyon. Howell is the lacrosse All-Area Player of the Year.

Howell's 92 goals lands him atop LAX All-Area team

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Sometimes bringing in a new coach with new philosophies and styles of play can hinder a team's progress until both sides get acquainted to each other. No such thing happened for

Novi, and especially for attacker Craig Howell, who tallied 122 points (92 goals) in leading the Wildcats to a 15-3 record, a KVC title, a district title and finished runner-up in the regional finals. He was also voted team MVP.

"it's hard to have a player like that, who has done so well, have a new coach say do this and do that." Novi head coach Tom Stepenhoff said. "I let him play his style of game. I really didn't want to change anything he was

doing. "Obviously, he was great before I came. I didn't make him a great player, I just tried to make him better."

Howell came to play every day for the Wildcats, putting up huge scoring numbers throughout the year. The kid had a couple of

seven-goal games," Stepenhoff said. "Against most teams, he at least had a hat trick.

Stepenhoff said Howell, who had good stick skills, but it was his shot that set him apart.

"His shot, it just seemed from one side of the field, he wouldn't miss," Stepenhoff said. "It was nice because every time he had the ball, something nice could happen. He was a threat." Leading the team in scoring

All-Area Lacrosse

Player of the year Craig Howell, Novi senior

First Team

Alex Thurman Northville senior Steve Polanski, Northville sr. Jack Dumsa, CC senior Brad Higgins, CC senior Chad Formica, CC senior Matt Aubrey, CC senior Brad Janer, CC senior Paul Favorite, Novi junior Matt Mandeville, Novi junior Andrew Donatto, Novi junior Kody Tipten, Novi junior Dylan Pesch, South Lyon junior Nick Dirado, South Lyon junior Adam Bylski, South Lyon junior Connor Sutton, Huron Valley jr. Andrew Connelly, Huron Val. sr.

Second Team

John Cass, Northville senior Matt Zielke, Northville senior

was one thing for Howell, but his lead-by-example nature throughout the season was something that helped the Wildcats improve throughout the year.

"Even in practice, every drill we did, it was like a game for him," Stepenhoff said. "Every time he had a ball in his stick, he wanted to get better. It worked."

Howell will continue his career at Adrian. Stepenhoff sees good things for his future.

'I think he's going to do really well there," Stepenhoff said. He's dedicated to the game, he works hard and he's athletic.

"If he wants to be, he will be a great player there too. There's no reason he shouldn't be.'

First Team

Northville's Alex Thurman and Steve Polanski earned spots on the All-Area First Team.

Thurman was just as good at passing as he was putting the ball in the net with 29 goals and 29 assists. He was a three-year starter and two-year captain for the Mustangs. He was voted Second Team All-State.

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Honorable Mention

Tony Massara, Northville senior Andrew Lamoureux, N-ville jr. Ian Meador, Northville soph. Chris Nemes, CC junior Alex Willer, Novi senior Blane Douglas, South Lyon sr. Kasey Mardis, Huron Valley jr. Brad Mesclier, Huron Valley sr.

"No doubt, he was the best player on our team and received player of the year for our team." Northville head coach Greg Durham said. "He is an old-school middle and plays great defense, in on our extra man offense and man-down defense."

Polanski anchored the Northville defense. He didn't go for the flashy plays, he just shut them down.

"Polanski received US Lacrosse Academic All-American Award (first one in our team's history), as well as Third Team All-State," Durham said.

The rest of the First Team includes Novi's Paul Favorite, Matt Mandeville, Andrew Donatto and Kody Tipten; Catholic Central's Jack Dumsa, Brad Higgins, Chad Formica and Matt Aubrey: South Lyon's Dylan Pesch, Nick Dirado and Adam Bylski; and Huron Valley's Connor Sutton and Andrew Connelly.

Second Team

Two more Mustangs land on

Martin ends CC career with record heave

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■ 'Stangs place 3 on 1st Team

By Jeff Theisen SPORTS WRITER

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Catholic Central assistant track coach Gene Grewe couldn't think of a better way for Mike Martin to end his career - with a state title and record in the shot put.

Grewe, who handles the throwing events for the Shamrocks, said Martin contained the total package for a thrower.

"A good thrower must be coordinated, fast and strong in that order. Mike is all of those." Grewe said. "He is the strongest athlete I have ever coached, with a best recorded bench of 440."

Martin not only defended the Division I shot put title, his throw of 63-9 broke the old record (61-11 set in 2000) by just less than two feet.

"Every coach hopes for one chance to coach an athlete like Mike," Grewe said. "We are grateful we had the chance."

Martin will be playing football at Michigan. Grewe said if Martin also goes out for the track team, he will have success there also, no matter how the Wolverines would use him.

"Mike has all the tools to be a great thrower in college," Grewe said. "I think they might try to convert him to a spinner, but whatever style he chooses, he would be successful. He also has the mental toughness and discipline to be successful."

Other accomplishments by Martin this year included going undefeated in the shot put for



Catholic Central's Mike Martin goes through his pre-throw routine.

champion, a two-time league

champion, two-time Oakland

County champ, record holder

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Bazylewicz Award as the best

the season, a three-time regional male athlete in the Catholic League. Martin also helped lead the

Shamrocks to the final four in football and defended his state title as the heavyweight champion in wrestling. Above all of his accomplish-

ments. Grewe and the other coaches were happiest with how Martin conducts himself on and off the playing fields.

"He has been a great athlete and an excellent representative of all that CC athletes aspire to be," Grewe said. "I have told

All-Area Track

Athlete of the Year Mike Martin, CC senior

First Team

Cavan Corcoran, Northville sr. Ali Arastu, Northville sophomore Andrew Gorley, Northville senior Alex Toloff, CC junior Brendan Schneider, CC junior Spencer Hall, CC sophomore Zach Oleski, CC senior Jack Daykin, CC senior Tyler Mouch, Novi senior Mike Blaszczyk, Novi soph. Dan Egner, Novi sophomore Kyle Podvin, Milford junior Jake Thompson, Milford junior Stephen Fuelling, Milford senior Andrew McKeachie, Milford sr. Spencer Banks, Milford senior Justin Amara-Parent, Lakind jr. Jacob Rhode, Lakeland soph. Adam Gentile, South Lyon junior

Second Team

Eric Franceschi, Northville senior Jon Zurek, Northville senior Habib Khan, Northville senior Evan Gerish, Northville senior Scott Sansovich, CC junior

Mike that of all he has accomplished in high school, I am most proud of the kind of person he is.

"He will always be successful because of who he is, not just because of what he can do physically."

First Team

Northville places three athletes on the track and field All-Area team in Cavan Corcoran.

Austin Zebrowski, CC freshman John-Paul Zebrowski, CC fr. Ricardo Galindo, CC sophomore Billy Riga, CC freshman Jake Spuller, CC freshman Brendan Curran, CC junior Melwin Joseph, CC senior Ronnie Kadykowski, CC senior Mel Farr, CC senior Bob Feigley, Milford senior Lee Lopez, Lakeland junior Kyle Gawecki, Lakeland senior Aaron Cornett, South Lyon sr. Ian McGee, South Lyon senior

Honorable Mention

Nick Kolbow, Northville senior Aaron Chew, Northville senior Noel Key, Northville junior Harrison Hall, CC senior Andrew Garcia-Garrison, CC fr. Scott Hoffman, CC junior Michael Dompierre, CC junior Jack lott, Milford, senior Sam Darish, Milford junior Tom Schoenle, Milford senior Sean Staples, Lakeland junior Chris Sherlock, Lakeland Jake Sexton, South Lyon senior Brent Showerman, S. Lyon sr.

All Arastu and Andrew Gorley. Corcoran and Arastu both finished in the top eight at state in the 300 hurdles. Arastu placed sixth in 38.79, and Corcoran was eighth in 39.13.

Corcoran led the team in scoring throughout the year, and placed in several different events for the Mustangs. Arastu also scored in multiple events, including sprints.

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Northville's Ali Arastu (left) finished sixth in the 300 hurdles at the state finals while Cavan Corcoran (right) placed eighth

Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Arastu, Corcoran, Gorley make First Team

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Gorley specialized in throws, especially the discus. He was consistently competing for the top spot at each meet, giving the Mustangs much-needed points.

The rest of the First Team

includes Novi's Tyler Mouch. Mike Blaszczyk and Dan Egner; Catholic Central's Alex Toloff, Brendan Schneider, Spencer Hall, Zach Oleski and Jack Daykin; Milford's Kyle Podvin, Jake Thompson, Stephen Fuelling. Andrew McKeachie and Spencer Banks; Lakeland's Justin Amara-Parent and Jacob Rhode; and South Lyon's Adam Gentile.

Second Team

Landing on the All-Area Second Team the Northville's Eric Franceschi, Jon Zurek, Habib Khan and Evan Gerish

Franceschi was the jack-of-all-trades. He helped out both in the field and on the track. His career is headed toward the decatholon at the University of Oregon. Gerish was the third member of

the hurdlers that qualified for the

state meet. Zurek and Khan specialized in middle- and long-distance run-

ning Also receiving Second Team honors are Catholic Central's Ronnie Kadykowski, Brendan Curran, Melwin Joseph, Billy Riga, Mel Farr, Jake Spuller, Scott Sansovich, Ricardo Galindo, Austin Zebrowski and John-Paul Zebrowski; Milford's Bob Feigley; Lakeland's Lee Lopez and Kyle Gawecki; and South Lyon's Aaron Cornett and Ian'McGee.

Honorable Mention

Receiving Honorable Mention are Northville's Nick Kolbow, Aaron Chew and Noel Key; Catholic Central's Harrison Hall, Andrew Garcia-Garrison, Scott Hoffman and Michael Dompierre;

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Milford's Jack lott, Sam Darish and Tom Schoenle; Lakeland's Sean Staples, and Chris Sherlock; and South Lyon's Jake Sexto and Brent Showerman.

The All-Area teams are submitted by coaches from Northville, Novi, Catholic Central, South Lyon, Milford and Lakeland and compiled by Jeff Theisen and Patrick Pinter.

WARD EVANGELICAL



Photo by JOHN HEIDER Northville Record

With possession of the ball and a defenseman on his heels, Mustang lacrosse player Alex Thurman races towards the Highlanders' net.



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the All-Area Second Team in John Cass and Matt Zielke.

Cass helped lead the attack. scoring 18 and assisting on 19 others. He received All-Region honors.

Zielke was another force on the Mustang defense, picking up 50 ground balls.

The rest of the All-Area Second Team includes Novi's George Riegel, Eric Guttman and Nathan Haynes; Catholic Central's Dan MacDonell, Jack Christenson, Chad Formi and Matt Aubrey; South Lyon's Tyler Corcoran and Will Marnell; and Huron Valley's Dan Teskey, Jason Russell and Cody Muirhead

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Meet the Northville Broncos

World Series begins next Thursday at Hillside, high school fields

By Jeff Theisen RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The NABF World Series hosted by Northville is a week away.

Expectations for a Northville Broncos championship come unprecedented, but that doesn't mean the local kids aren't going to go out and give it their best shot. Several Broncos put in their bios that winning at least one game is one of their tournament goals.

"I'm really fired up," Northville head coach Bruce Gerish said. "I'm excited because it's kind of a big stage. The kids have worked hard.

"We've pointed at this tournament since they were in Little League."

The Broncos hold a 14-6 record through last weekend. The team elected to play in two leagues to get more games than just playing weekend tournament. Northville is in first place in

one of the leagues and are vying for the title in the other.

The team is mostly made up of Northville juniors, kids that will be expected to contribute to one of the top baseball programs in the state.

But next weekend, the Broncos will take on some of the best teams in the country and even



BRUCE GERISH Head coach

some of the best Canada has to offer.

Gerish has been coaching this group of players for four years with assistant Ken Cheslik.

He knows the odds his team faces, but he knows his team's specialties are pitching, fielding and speed, something which will be a major factor with the biggest rule change to hit the tournament.

Wooden bats

The tournament is changing to wooden bats, replacing the highpowered aluminum bats of the past. The move comes after lawsuits have been filed regarding



"I think there is going to be a great equalizer with the wooden bat," Gerish said. "The teams that come in here that have a bunch of sluggers, it could be a great equalizer."

The wooden bats will take a lot of power out of teams, putting a massive focus on fundamentals and ability to play small-ball. Expect bunts and the use of getting runners in motion to be a factor.

The combination could help a speedy group of Broncos. When we make plays, we can



KEN CHESLIK Asst. coach

play with anybody," Gerish said. "Defensively, if we are at the top of our game, we'll be all right as long as we're throwing strikes.

The World Series

Games begin next Thursday (July 24). Host sites are the field by Hillside off of Eight Mile Road and the high school field at Northville. Ten teams are divided into pools of five. Each team will play four round-robin games to decide who moves onto the playoffs.

Admission is free to all games. Snacks and NABF World Series

products will be available at the sites.

Gerish knows this tournament will be the highlight of the year. and, for some, it will be the highlight of their careers. He just wants them to play hard and take it all in.

This is one of the biggest deals these kids have experi-enced," Gerish said. "Northville happens to go to Cooperstown at (age) 12. A lot of them say that's their biggest memory. 'This will probably rep!ace

that memory."

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JORDAN BLOUGH #18

2008-09 — junior at Northville World Series thoughts — Competitive and exciting World Series goals - Win a

oame Best baseball memory -Hitting a home run in fifth grade

Role model — Jesus Favorite athlete — Tiger Woods

Career goals - Doctor College hopes - Cal Berkley or U-M

Coach talk - Outside and family commitments have left him with a very abbreviated season. We look for good things from him in the future.

JACOB WILSON # 24

2008-09 - senior at Livonia Stevenson

Have fun

World Series goals --- Win Best baseball memory -Winning RBI in the World Series

Role model --- Dad Favorite athlete — Tim

Wakefield Career goals — Surgeon College hopes — MSU Coach talk — Jack was a nice pick-up for us. He is a doubles machine and is solid behind the plate.



GREG LORRAIN 2 #2

2008-09 — junior at Northville World Series thoughts -Looking forward to playing some of the best teams in the country.

World Series goals - Play my best and leave it all on the field.

Best basebali memory ----Winning regionals when I was 12, earning the right to play in the World Series.

Role model - Dad



GREG CHESLIK #'5 1.12

2008-09 — junior at Northville World Series thoughts --- I want to win the Series or come

close World Series goals --- Putting on a good display

Best baseball memory -Playing in Cooperstown

Role model --- Dad Favorite athlete - Jose Reves

Career goals --- Go to college and play baseball or basketball, own a construction company College hopes — Madonna or Oakland U.



CHRIS WATERSTREET 1. 1. 20 12

900 HT /# 6 2008-09 — junior at Catholic

Central World Series thoughts ---Looking forward to being part of

a great tournament. World Series goals --- Win and contribute as much as I can Best baseball memory — Playing this year in the NABF

World Series Role model - Parents Favorite athlete --- Henrik

JOEY CLOSE or te et e a **# 8**

2008-09 — sophomore at Northville World Series thoughts --- This

is a great tournament consisting of great teams from across the country. I am pleased to play against these good ballplayers. World Series goals - To

work hard, win and have fun. Best baseball memory ---Hitting two HRs in the championship game to win the



GAR HARRISON #9

2008-09 --- senior at Northville World Series thoughts -- I'm very excited to play in the NABF World Series

World Series goals --- Win a few games and have fun.

Best baseball memory -Playing in last year's World

Series. Role model - Parents Favorite athlete --- Brandon

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11 2008-09 --- junior at Northville World Series thoughts -Looking forward to enjoying playing some of the best teams in the country. World Series goals --- Play

RYAN SHERRY

hard and have fun. Best baseball memory ---Playing in the USSSA World

Favorite athlete — Jason ,

Favorite athlete - Placido Polanco Career goals — A two-year starter on varsity College hopes - Stanford Coach talk --- Greg has solved our problem at second base.

which has haunted us in the past.

Coach talk --- Greg is one of the pure, raw talents in the area. As he matures as a ballplayer, he will focus on one position, and that will enhance his performance.

Zetterberg

Career goals - Play hockey in college

College hopes --- Undecided Coach talk - Chris has a skill level that has only scratched the surface. He gets better each time he plays. He has outstanding speed.

Frankenmuth Tournament. Role model --- Parents Favorite athlete — Gar Harrison Career goals - EMS

Technician

College hopes - Notre Dame Coach laik - Joey flat out loves to play baseball. He is the only sophomore next year, but he has a great future in baseball.

Career goals --- Management College hopes - MSU Coach talk — Gar is a great teammate, a leader and combines speed and power. His experience in last year's World Series will be helpful.

Maxiel Career goals ----

Business/finance College hopes — Michigan Coach talk --- Ryan has worked hard coming off some eye complications. He does all that we ask of him and is a great teammate.



JOSH STRAUTZ # 12

2008-09 - senior at Livonia Stevenson

World Series thoughts ---There will be many great teams, and it is a good opportunity to see a high level of baseball. World Series goals — Finish in the top three and play my best.

Best baseball memory -Throwing a no-hitter in summer ball

Role model — Dad Favorite athlete — Albert

Pujols

Career goals - College baseball and become an architect.

College hopes — Michigan Coach talk — Josh has blazing speed and a great arm in the outfield. He gets us moving, so it will be a great advantage if we can get him on the basepaths. He is also one of our top arms, possessing a good fastball and sharp Curve.



BRIAN GOTBERG # 21

2008-09 - junior at Northville World Series thoughts --- It will be difficult, but I believe we can com through on top. World Series goals - Get hits, not outs. Play solid defense. Best baseball memory -This tournament Role model — Father Favorite athlete — Curtis Granderson Career goals -- Play college

baseball College hopes — Michigan

Coach talk --- Brian is a very intelligent, hard-working player. He has been hampered with injuries, but is coming on at the right time.



COLIN GERISH # 22

2008-09 — junior at Northville World Series thoughts - It will be a fun tournament, and a good experience playing against some of the best teams in the nation.

World Series goals - Play hard and never let down. Best baseball memory -

Hitting a grand slam in a 5-4 win against Plymouth. Role model - Parents

Favorite athlete — Carlos Zambrano Career goals - Play baseball

at the highest level I can. College hopes - Duke Coach talk --- Colin has had a solid season at the plate and Is one of the best fielding first baseman at this age level. He continues to develop on the mound, and his control of three pitches is his greatest asset.



CALEB RANKINS # 23

2008-09 - junior at Salem World Series thoughts -- I think it's a blessing to be able to play in this World Series. World Series goals - To bat

around .400. Best baseball memory ----Hitting my first home run when I

was 12. Role model - Dad Favorite athlete — Allen lverson

Career goals --- Play baseball and be a good person

College hopes - U-M Coach talk — Caleb has matured a lot as a ballplayer this year. He gets our offense going. At one time this year, he reached base 17 straight times.



JOE GALANTY # 33

2008-09 — junior at Canton World Series thoughts -- I'm excited to have the opportunity to play competitive teams from different states in a great tournament. World Series goals - To do

my best and play hard.

Best baseball memory ---Being part of my high school team's first district championship in 19 years.

Role model - Parents and cousin Bobby Malek, who played in the minors for seven years and now coaches

Favorite athlete — Justin Verlander

Career goals - Play as far as I can with baseball and study medicine

College hopes - Undecided Coach talk - Joe is one our pick-up players and is a team and coaching staff favorite. He has been a great power hitter for us, and he is a force on the mound.



JEREMY ALAIN # 55

2008-09 — junior at Northville World Series thoughts --- Play hard and have fun

World Series goals - The trophy is in the bag

Best baseball memory ---Going to Cooperstown Role model — Parents Favorite athlete — Alex

Rodriguez

Career goals - Play in the MLB

College hopes — Undecided Coach talk --- The J-Train leads our team in batting average and continues to improve on the mound.

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Taco Rice and Beans

Prep time: 5 minutes Start to finish: 15 minutes Serves 4

- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- medium onion, diced
- package (1.25 ounces) Ortega Taco Seasoning Mix
- 1 cup water
- 1 can (15 ounces) black beans, drained
- 2 cups cooked rice

1/4 cup Ortega Thick & Chunky Salsa In skillet, heat oil over medium heat. Add onion; cook 3 minutes. Add taco seasoning mix and water. Stir until combined and slightly thickened. Add beans, rice and salsa; stir. Cook 5 minutes more or until contents are heated through.

Grilled Margarita Shrimp Prep time: 40 minutes

Start to finish: 50 minutes Serves 6

1 cup margarita mix

- 1 cup Ortega Taco Sauce, divided 2 pounds raw shrimp (21 to 30),
- peeled and deveined **3** tablespoons Ortega Diced **Green** Chiles

In large bowl, pour margarita mix and 1/2 cup taco sauce over shrimp and toss well. Marinate in refrigerator 30 minutes or up to 2 hours.

Preheat grill until sizzling hot, about 15 minutes. Grill shrimp 4 minutes on each side or until pink.

Combine remaining 1/2 cup taco sauce with green chiles to use as dipping sauce.



Ham and Cheese Quesadillas Prep time: 10 minutes

Mexican Meatballs Prep time: 15 minutes



Start to finish: 20 minutes Serves 5

- 1/2 pound cooked ham, diced 3/4 cup cream cheese, softened Zest of one lime
 - 2 green onions, white and green parts, diced
 - 1 Ortega Soft Taco Kit includes 10 soft tortillas, 1 package (1.25 ounces) taco seasoning mix and 1 package (3 ounces) taco sauce Cooking spray
- 1 tomato, diced
- 1/4 cup cilantro, chopped
- 1/2 cup sour cream

In mixing bowl, combine diced ham, cream cheese, lime zest, green onions and half of taco seasoning packet contained in soft taco kit. Heat large skillet on medium and spray with cooking spray. Spread about 1 teaspoon taco sauce onto a flour tortilla and then spread about 1/4 cup ham/cream cheese mixture on top. Place tortilla-side down onto hot skillet and top with another flour tortilla. Heat about 4 minutes, until bottom of tortilla is browned; spray top of the other tortilla and flip. Cook another 4 minutes and repeat with remaining quesadillas. Cook two at a time if skillet is large enough. Cut into wedges and top with tomato, cilantro and sour cream and serve.

Start to finish: 30 minutes Makes about 30 meatballs

- 3 Ortega Yellow Corn Taco Shells
- pound (16 ounces) lean ground beef , teaspoon Ortega Chili Seasoning Mix

 - egg

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- teaspoons Ortega Diced Green Chiles
- bottle (8 ounces) Ortega Taco Sauce
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese Cilantro, finely chopped (optional)

Break taco shells into food processor and pulse several times to create about 1/2 cup taco shell crumbs. Place into large mixing bowl and add ground beef, seasoning mix, egg and green chiles. Mix thoroughly.

Form mixture into 30 (1-inch) meatballs and drop into hot skillet. Cook until they begin to brown. Carefully turn over and continue browning. Add taco sauce. Coat meatballs with sauce and simmer over low heat, uncovered, 10 minutes.

Sprinkle meatballs with cheese and garnish with cilantro, if desired. Serve with toothpicks.

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FR office, BA.

(28090416)



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Westland "15 734-455-7000 CONVENTENCE AND COMFORT Varing in all baths, newer pergo flooring in kit, during irri, 8 family rm. Neutral carpeting thru-out. Great storage. Skylights. Deck. New roof Home (27210545) \$149,900



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Green Oak 248-437-3800 Resort Living At It's Finest Gournet kitchen w'granite, cherry cabinets, hardwood firs Breakfast nook W/French door to private patio Spotling 1st fir mstr suite, glamour bath w/formete v jetted tub (28097875) \$459,900



248-684-1065 Highland

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12:5 3.3 248-348-6430 Livonia

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248-34 Beautiful Remodeled 2006 Historic Home In downtown Northville, abundance of windows, fabulous new krchen, elegant dining & living room, great room, family room & 3 porches. A spectacular home!



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Let's get rocked Novi: Fifties style

By Tracy Estes SPECIAL WRITER

When it comes to rock, Charlie Thomas knows how to roll.

And he and his band, '50s rock sensation the The Drifters will be rocking and rolling their way into Novi during the 21st Annual Michigan 50's Festival.

Thomas, 71, who's been a member of the band since 1958, said he's looking forward to playing for the Novi community.

"It's great to see the people having a good time and enjoying the music," Thomas said. "We like going everywhere. I'm a drifter. I don't know anything else."

The Drifters will take center stage Saturday, July 26, performing their top of the chart hits "There goes my baby," "Under the boardwalk," "This magic moment" and "On Broadway," to name a few.

The Drifters came together in 1958 after Thomas and his original group The Five Crowns were fired at the Apollo Theater. With their first hit "There goes my baby" released in 1959, Thomas and the Drifters went on to record dozens of Billboard top hits that landed Thomas a spot in the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 1988 and receive the Pioneer Award by the Rhythm and Blues Foundation in 1999.

"Music and touring is all I know," Thomas said. "I love to entertain the people. I love rock and roll. I did always want to travel and God made the way for me to do that."

Sharing a stage

The Drifters will be sharing a stage during the Michigan 50's Festival with several performers looking to brings some 50s tunes to the city of Novi.

With more than 32 years of experience traveling around the globe, Rocky & The Rollers will grace the town several nights with their musical talents, also accompanying Charlie Thomas' The Drifters. Bob McCann, vice president of the 50's Festival said entertainment is a big key to making the festival a success each year.

"The entertainment every year has been great, and I expect it will be great every year to come," McCann said. "Music is important to the 50's festival and no one does a stage like we do for the price. You'd have to go to the State Fair or the National Cherry Festival to get it.

"We offer a lot of entertainment for a little price. You can't do anything for \$10 anymore. Try going to DTE and getting a ticket for \$5. It's not going to happen."

Starting Wednesday, July 23, shows lined up for the festival include local Michigan entertainers the Teen Angels taking the stage at 7 p.m., "America's favorite rock and roll band and variety show" act Steve King and the Dittilies taking stage Thursday at 7 p.m., Rocky & The Rollers Friday at 8 p.m. and Charlie Thomas' The Drifters, '60s pop and doo-wop group The Reflections and Rocky & The Rollers again Saturday starting at 8 p.m.

"I'm very excited about this year's entertainment," McCann said. "One of the things we've always insisted on for the 50's Festival entertainment is having original acts.

"We guarantee a good show here. When you come to a show, when Charlie Thomas is on stage, that's Charlie Thomas who recorded in 1959 with The Drifters."

McCann said the Michigan 50's Festival board usually starts books acts for entertainment in November, well in advance to guarantee great performances for the Novi community.

Thomas said he's ready to rock and give Novi another great performance.

"I don't drink. I don't smoke. I don't party. Getting on stage, that's my party," Thomas said. "Dust off the stage Novi ,because we're coming to rock and roll. And please have some BBQ chicken."



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Wednesday, July 23, 2008

- 3 p.m. Miller Spectacular Shows Carnival opens 5:30 p.m. VIP Reception (Private) sponsored by Rock Financial
- 6:30 p.m. Festival opens to public

6:30 p.m. - Beverage Garden opens - sponsored by Budweiser & I • Imports

- 6:30 p.m. Festival Food Court opens
- 6:30 p.m. Vendor Area opens
- 7:15 p.m. Teen Angels sponsored by Bright House Networks
- 11 p.m. Festival closes

Thursday, July 24, 2008

- 3 p.m.– Miller Spectacular Shows Carnival opens
- 3 p.m.– Vendor Área opens
- 3 p.m.– Beverage Garden opens sponsored by Budweiser & Led
- 3 p.m.- Festival Food Court opens
- 3 p.m.- Sand Box open sponsored by Novi Family Dental Center
- 6 p.m.– Just for Kicks Dancers

7 p.m.– Vegas Tent opens - sponsored by Varsity Lincoln Mercury [•] Knights of Columbus

7:15 p.m.- Steve King & The Dittilies - sponsored by Bright Hou 11 p.m.– Festival closes

Friday, July 25, 20008

- 3 p.m.- Miller Spectacular shows Carnival opens
- 3 p.m.– Vendor Årea opens
- 3 p.m.– Beverage Garden opens sponsored by Budweiser & Leor
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- 3 p.m.– Sand Box open sponsored by Novi Family Dental Center 7 p.m.– Vegas Tent opens sponsored by Varsity Lincoln Mercury & Brighton

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7-8 p.m. – Moo to You Petting Farm - sponsored by LOC Federal Credit Union 8:30 p.m.– Rocky & the Rollers

Midnight-Festival closes



Saturday, July 26, 2008

a	9 a.m. – Šoftball Tournament at Ella Mae Power Park	
Showplace	11 a.m. – Vendor Area opens	
Leone	 a.m. – Beverage Garden opens - sponsored by Budweiser & Leone Imports 11 a.m. – Bike Helmet Giveaway (Road Runner Trailer) - sponsored by Bright 	
	House Networks	
	11 a.m. – Children's Bike Parade - sponsored by Marine City Ceiling &	
	Partition	
	Noon – Miller Spectacular Shows Carnival opens	
	Noon – Festival Food Court opens	
	1 p.m.– Meet Mrs. Quacker - sponsored by LOC Federal Credit Union	
	1-4 p.m.– Free Ice Cream Social - sponsored by Cold Stone Creamery and	
	Michigan Milk Producers	
. .	1-4 p.m.– Moo to You Petting Farm - sponsored by LOC Federal Credit Union	
ne Imports	1-4 p.m.– Colors the Clown - Free Face Painting	
	1-4 p.m. – Child I.D. Program	
ſ	1 p.m. – Flex Point Dance Studio Performance .	
0 D ' L(2 p.m. – Paulie & the Pink Lady Dancers Performance	
& Brighton	2:30 p.m – Herman Choi Kwang Do Martial Arts Performance	
	7 p.m Vegas Tent opens - sponsored by Varsity Lincoln Mercury & Brighton	
ise Networks	Knights of Columbus	
	8 p.m.• The Drifters, starring Charlie Thomas	
	- The Reflections	
	- Rocky & The Rollers	
	1 a.m.– Festival closes	
ne Imports	Lawn chairs are allowed – No coolers permitted	
•	Tickets are nonrefundable	
r	No advanced ticket sales – General seating only	
& Brighton	Events subject to change	



Michgan's **50's Festival**



Festival Directions

Cruise on over! Twelve Mile **Crossing at Fountain** Walk is located in Novi, Michigan, at 12 Mile Road just west of Novi Road. Please find driving directions from all areas of the state listed below.

From The West Take Beck Road to 12 Mile Road. Follow 12 Mile Road, going east and Twelve Mile Crossing is on the right side, just before Novi Road.

From the South Take I-275 to I-96. Take the Novi Road exit and follow the signs to Twelve Mile Crossing.

From the East Take I-696 to I-96. Exit at Novi Road and follow the signs to Twelve Mile Crossing.

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Bike Parade - Saturday at 11 a.m.

Decorate your bike and ride it along the parade path through the festival. Bikes will be judged and prizes awarded.

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Welcoming the Clydesdales

By Tracy Estes SPECIAL WRITER

The Clydesdales are coming! The Clydesdales are coming!

The world famous Budweiser Clydesdales that is, to the 21st annual Michigan 50's Festival.

Sponsored by Hubert Distributors, 10 horses will be making a two-day special guest appearance at the festival allowing interested viewers the opportunity to snap a photo next to the gentle giants, pet them or even watch as eight of the 10 get harnessed and hitched to the famous red beer wagon July 25-26.

This year, the Clydesdales are celebrating 75 years as an American icon and symbol of the Anheuser-Busch Company. Standing six feet tall and weighing about 2,000 pounds when fully matured, the eight horses hitched, require strength, stamina and experience to drive the 12-ton beer wagon.

"This year, I'm most excited about the Budweiser Clydesdales," said Pat Webb, festival secretary and treasurer. "That's like a once in a lifetime opportunity to see. If you have the opportunity, you should take it. It will be really neat."

According to Anheuser-Busch, the Clydesdale breed began in the early 19th century along the River Clyde in Lanarkshire, Scotland, after the Dukes of Hamilton made six prize horses available for breeding.

Tom O'Callaghan, senior key account manager for Hubert Distributors and also a Novi resident said having the Clydesdales at the Michigan 50's Festival is a perfect fit.

"Anything I can do to bring excitement to my hometown is great," O'Callaghan said. "This is a great opportunity for people to get up close and personal with something they don't get to see all the time." While in Novi for their appearance at the festival, the Clydesdales will be housed at the Department of Public Works building. O'Callaghan said Anheuser-Busch has five traveling hitches who appear in parades, fairs and other events across the

country.

The Clydesdales can also be viewed at the Anheuser-Busch breweries in St. Louis, Merrimack, N.H. and Ft. Collins, Col, and also at Grant's Farm in St. Louis, the ancestral home of the Busch family.

"They're big, powerful horses with a name that goes far back in history," he said. "People don't get too many chances to get a personal visit with the Clydesdales. It's pretty rare."

Festival goers will be able to take in the experience of how much work goes into taking care of the Clydesdales.

According to Anheuser-Busch, in two daily meals, a Budweiser Clydesdale hitch horse will consume 20-25 quarts of feed, 50-60 pounds of hay and up to 30 gallons of water.

"With all the fun and excitement going on at the festival, people should really try to schedule a visit with the Clydesdales," O'Callaghan said. "It will definitely be worth







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- GBA–Wharton School of Business, University of Pennsylvania

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Settled the Novi Sandstone Lawsuit saving the City of Novi from potential Bankruptcy
- Did not allow tax increases to the citizens of Novi while Mayor and Councilmember
- Maintained a balanced budget and a budget surplus while Novi Mayor and Coucilmember
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"Lou Csordas is exactly the type of person I need at the county. His excellent work as the Mayor of Novi and his employee benefits expertise will be a valuable asset. I look forward to working with Lou."

-L. Brooks Patterson, Oakland County Executive

- cost efficient
- Ensure that Oakland County tax millages are not increased in Novi and Northville
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- Support improved roads and infrastructure for Novi and Northville
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- Maintain funding for important Senior Citizen programs
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