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Beth Kuriluk is one of the proudest mothers on her block in the township's Northville Commons subdivision - her youngest son, Danny, will soon be a pilot in the United States Navy - 6A



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Parking lot reconstruction begins

Owners of businesses near Marquis Theater request access

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

As the saying goes: "No pain, no gain."

But that philosophy wasn't going to cut it with a couple of downtown Northville business owners when it came to discussion of Marquis Parking Lot improvements that began Tuesday morning.

John Lamerato of Poole's Tavern and David Cole of Great Harvest Bread Company took Uldis Vitins of Vitins

Engineering in Canton and Rob Wilson of Nagle Paving Company in Novi to task at the first meeting Monday morning for local business owners.

The two felt the planned reconstruction of the major parking lot directly behind their businesses was going to negatively impact their bottom lines, to the point that they would have difficulty paying their bills in subsequent weeks.

After about a one-hour discussion on the project, however, with the two and Beverlee Lindeen of Northville Candle & Gifts, a compromise was reached.

All businesses will remain open during construction, with rear access also available to all businesses.

Nagle workers will repave the lot starting with the east half of

the lot, beginning at Great Harvest Bread, and then the west side. Wilson will make sure that a pathway is provided throughout the project so that patrons can still park behind businesses on East Main Street and North Center Street and get to those businesses.

Sections of the parking lot had to be closed on Tuesday when tree removal took place.

"It's a safety issue with the trees," Wilson explained. "I don't want to have a tree fall on a pedestrian or a car." Work began in the early morning, however, with sections of the lot remaining open at all times.

Jim Gallogly, public works director, and Lori Ward and Cindy Abar from the Northville Downtown Development Authority, were also present at the meeting for business owners

affected by the reconstruction project.

Wilson said the east side of the parking lot would be done first since it was in the worst shape, followed by the west side. The lot is north of Main Street, west of Hutton Street, south of Dunlap Street and east of Center Street.

At first the business owners suggested having Nagle do the parking lot in thirds to minimize disruption to surrounding businesses. But this was too time consuming.

"We only have about eight weeks of solid construction time left," Wilson explained. The parking lot has to be completely repaved, so the work is more extensive than just a simple repaving of asphalt.

"I'm trying to find a reason-



Photo by PAM FLEMING/Northville Record

John Lamerato (seated) of Poole's Tavern and David Cole (right) of Great Harvest Bread Company discuss the repaving of the parking lot project behind their businesses that began this week with Rob Wilson of Nagle Paving Company of Novi.

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Civic Concern: It's not what you can do for you

Need greater than ever now

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Marlene Kunz would like area residents to revamp the meaning of the consumer term "BOGO."

Instead of thinking of it as "buy one, get one," think of it as "buy one, give one."

Northville Civic Concern, the community food bank located on the south side of Seven Mile Road in the Highland Lakes Plaza, needs help.

The cupboards aren't bare, but they're not stocked nearly enough for the more than 140 families the food bank serves on a continual basis.



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville Civic Concern's Marlene Kunz, Judy Nakdimen and Joy Bloxam look at the nearly-empty shelves of the area charity food bank. Normally the shelves are stocked to the edge with donated food, but these are not normal times.

Although as director of the bank Kunz says she gets tired of always asking the community for more, it's at a crisis point now, so she feels obligated to at least try to increase awareness - to get people to give more.

"I'm not asking people to go out and buy food to bring to our food bank. But, when local stores have sales, or have buy-one-get-one-free items, think about giving that free item to us instead of keeping it," Kunz said.

"We need canned goods, paper products, soaps, cereal and baby products," Kunz said. "Monetary donations are also accepted and are used to purchase food for our pantry."

Distribution dates

Here are the following Northville Civic Concern distribution dates left this year:

- Sept. 26,
- Oct. 10 and 24,
- Nov. 7 and 21 and
- Dec. 5 and 19.

For more information or to become a volunteer, call (248) 344-1033.

With gas prices at an all-time high, and many Michigan residents still out of work, it's tough to

always have your hand out, Kunz said.

Even with local Scout troops, churches and schools helping out, it's still not enough. Many individuals and families are in need.

The food bank especially needs items such as canned fruit and soup. But it also needs such items as diapers, toys, personal care items, over-the-counter medications, furniture and more. "Think of it this way - whatever items you need yourself on a day-to-day basis, that's what we need," Kunz said.

"We don't have enough on our shelves right now, and we have distributions twice a month," she said. The food bank distributes food

and other household items from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month. Office hours are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. The mailing address is P.O. Box 323, Northville, MI 48167.

"Our primary mission is food," Kunz said. "If we provide food and gift cards for gas, milk and meat, that frees up money for people to put toward their rent and utilities. If they don't have gas money, they can't get to work."

She noted that many of the families Civic Concern supports have older vehicles that may be gas-guzzlers.

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Puppy Mill Awareness Day slated Saturday downtown

Local pet store owners say they have been targeted

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Bob and Lindsey Champine, owners of Paws Total Pet Studio, say they have nothing to do with puppy mills.

For Letters to the Editor on this issue, please turn to page 10A.

They came to city council Monday night to assure city leaders that none of the puppies they sell in their Main Street store come from such mills but are instead hand-selected from

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Photo courtesy Best Friends Animal Society/Sarah Aulsebrook

The nonprofit organization Best Friends Animal Society is guided by a simple philosophy - kindness to animals builds a better world for all of us.

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Civic Concern: It's not what you can do for you

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"Twenty-five dollars used to buy a tank of gas, but now that's more like a quarter of a tank," she said.

The organization is 25 years old, opening in 1983. People are asked to drop off food or other items during office hours or call the office at (248) 344-1033.

"We would be delighted to arrange a time convenient for them," Kunz said.

Civic Concern helps needy families in the city of Northville.

Northville Township and Focus HOPE recipients.

Kunz encourages area residents to clean out their cabinets and bring items that are not outdated to help the needy. "Just think if every local family contributed a dollar a month to Northville Civic Concern," she said. "We're not asking for a lot, just a little. It's within all of us to do something."

About three years ago, the organization came up with the concept, "Empty shelves and feed the mouths," Kunz said. Outdated food must be discarded due to health and safety concerns.

Recently, a man who had just moved here from California lost his mobile home due to a fire caused when someone shot off bottle rock-

Need health care?

At least three free health care clinics exist in the area; some for a small donation if clients are able to contribute. Walk-in days, hours vary at each.

- Lighthouse Ministry Church, 5403 S. Wayne, Wayne (734) 710-6688 or thehopeclinic.org
- Covenant Community Care Clinic, 559 W. Grand Blvd., Detroit (313) 554-1095 or covenantcommunitycare.org
- Hope Clinic, 103 Armet St., Ypsilanti (734) 481-0111 or thehopeclinic.org

ets off the back of his trailer.

"He lost everything, including his cat and two classic cars," Kunz said.

Another local woman in her early 60s needed funds to pay for her oxygen, as she's not old

enough to receive Medicare yet.

"We actually found a way to get her a check for more than \$400 to help pay for the bill," Kunz said.

Kunz said a lot of people don't realize that most of the people who receive assistance from the food

bank are working but just don't earn enough money to make ends meet.

For example, "We have one woman in her 50s working two waitress jobs," Kunz said. "It's very humbling for many of these people to come to us. Many of them have never had to ask for help before."

Kunz said Kunz knows that people who actually want to drop off food may have trouble finding Northville Civic Concern, which is located at 42951 Seven Mile Road in the row of businesses in the Highland

Lakes Plaza, because it doesn't have a big sign identifying the office.

Only a paper sign is taped to the glass door.

"People complain all the time about the fact that we don't have a sign, and our landlord would like for us to have one," Kunz said. "But a sign costs \$4,000. Do you know how much food, toys, gas cards and personal care items I could buy for \$4,000?"

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Fall 2008 Events at Schoolcraft College

Unless otherwise noted, events are at Schoolcraft College's Livonia campus, located at 18600 Haggerty Road, between Six and Seven Mile Roads. Maps and directions are available at www.schoolcraft.edu/maps/.

Wednesday, October 1 College Night
Representatives from more than 80 colleges and universities will be on hand to answer questions and distribute informational literature.
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Physical Education Building
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4426 or admissions@schoolcraft.edu

Wednesday, October 8 Panayls Lyras, piano
Noon to 1 p.m.
The tradition of free lunchtime recitals at Schoolcraft continues
Presentation Room inside VisTaTech Center
Admission: Free
Information: 734-462-4403

Monday, October 13 Schoolcraft College Jazz Ensemble
The ensemble performs at the historic Penn Theatre in downtown Plymouth.
8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$3 donation to Friends of the Penn Penn Theatre, 760 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth
Information: 734-462-4403

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From Sleeping Bear Dunes to the Porcupine Mountains, authors Susan Wedzel and Roger Storm offer a "guided tour" of trails in some of the most scenic areas in both of Michigan's peninsulas.
11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
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November 14/15
8:00 p.m.
Admission: \$12
Theatre (LA500) inside Liberal Arts Building
Information: 734-462-4596

**Sunday, October 26
Halloween Concert**
Schoolcraft College Wind Ensemble and Synthesizer Ensemble
Seasonal favorites and a children's parade are highlights of this family-friendly concert. Costumes are encouraged.
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Save the date
November 8 (9:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.) and 9 (11 a.m. - 4 p.m.), Schoolcraft College Foundation Fall Craft Show (734-462-4518)
November 9 at 4 p.m., Schoolcraft College Choral Union Fall Concert (734-462-4403)
November 12 at noon, Logan Skelton, piano and Jennifer Goltz, soprano (734-462-4403)
November 14 at 8:00 p.m., James Tocco, piano (734-462-4403)
December 5 at 11:45 a.m., WRC Luncheon Series, "The Parade Company" (734-462-4443)
December 5 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Wind and Artist Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4403)
December 12 at 7 p.m., Bach Piano Honors Recital (734-462-4403)
December 12 at 7:30 p.m., Schoolcraft College Jazz and Synthesizer Ensembles Winter Concert (734-462-4400, ext. 5217)
December 14 at 4 p.m., "A Winter's Tale" Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert (734-462-4403)

■ Puppy Mill Awareness Day slated Saturday

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area breeders or families who have bred their dogs.

However, the local pet store owners will support Puppy Mill Awareness Day planned from noon-4 p.m. Saturday in downtown Northville.

About 50 people are expected to walk their rescue dogs through the streets of downtown Northville, with a skirted table to be set up in the Town Square.

Staff members from the Best Friends Animal Society, a nonprofit animal rescue group from Kanab,

Utah, have asked local animal rescue groups and supporters to participate in a Puppy Mill Awareness Day Parade on Saturday in the city.

The event encourages rescue groups and supporters to parade their rescue dogs on city sidewalks to help bring awareness to the number of animals that need to be adopted instead of purchased at pet stores or off the Internet.

The parade is supposed to move down Main Street sidewalks between North Wing Street and Griswold.

Lindsey Champine said that although she supports the event, she does feel its main purpose is to attack her family's store, even though their puppies don't come from puppy mills.

"We have been hurt by comments that have been made about us (from Letters to the Editor) in the

Northville Record, and there have been personal attacks on our store," she said.

"We even lost our dog trainer, who left because he was being harassed and told by local rescue groups that they would make sure he never worked in this state again. I know they have rights, but we have rights, too. These groups have targeted our store. I have been told that I'm the reason they're having this (awareness) day."

Champine said the Paws Total Pet Studio, located at 102 E. Main St. on the southeast corner of Main and Center streets, will provide information in their store on Saturday about the deplorable conditions found in puppy mills.

But, the pet store owners have said it is legal and not inhumane to sell puppies on the open market. "If we don't like the conditions

in which the puppies are cared for or the people caring for them, we don't bring those puppies into our

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Board of Review affirms judge's decision on Beemer's benefits

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

John Beemer, the former farm manager at Maybury Farm in Northville Township, won yet another battle in redeeming his unemployment benefits this week.

Beemer, who was fired by his employer, the Northville Community Foundation on Sept. 28, 2007, was denied unemployment.

However, that decision was reversed by administrative law

judge William Farmer on July 3, 2008. The judge found Beemer should have been disqualified for benefits under the misconduct provision of the Michigan Employment Security Act.

That judge's decision was affirmed by the State of Michigan, Department of Labor & Economic Growth, Employment Security Board of Review. The decision was mailed from Lansing on Monday.

"I am happy to report that the Board of Review has affirmed the administrative law judge's decision,

awarding unemployment benefits to John Beemer," said David Lawrence, Beemer's attorney from the firm Couzens, Lansky, Fealk, Ellis, Roeder & Lazar, P.C., in Farmington Hills.

"The NCF's appeal was unsuccessful and did not require the expense of additional attorney fees. Of course, they (NCF Board members) have 30 days to request a rehearing by the Board of Review or to file an appeal with the circuit court. Also, the Board of Review may, for good cause, reopen and

review the decision within one year.

"As expected, the Board of Review properly affirmed the administrative law judge's decision, awarding benefits to Farmer Beemer. In doing so, the Board correctly noted the Foundation's argument that John (Beemer) quit was completely contradicted by the admission of its own president and board members that he was fired. Like the underlying case, this appeal was a mean spirited, waste of resources. We can only hope the

Foundation will not pursue a further, futile appeal."

Beemer and his wife, Norma, are currently operating their farm in

Stockbridge.

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Photo by JOHN HEIDER, Northville Record

Flooding

The Rouge River jumps its banks and begins to flood Waterford Bend Park in Northville on Monday morning. After receiving more than four inches of rain over the weekend, most of the area was coping with too much water and not enough place for it to go.



Downtown parking lot reconstruction begins behind Marquis Theater

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able way that will help both parties," Wilson said.

"If you can figure out a way that a part of the lot can be open (during the construction) that would be great," Lamerato said. Parking in designated areas

will be allowed on the fine black gravel after the lot is pulverized. The lot may be closed for short periods, with advance notice given of any complete lot closures. Each section will take about two weeks to complete to a stage in which parking will be allowed on the new asphalt

Contractors will work 12-hour shifts Monday-Saturday to complete the project as quickly as possible.

Completion is slated for the end of October, with updates to be e-mailed to affected merchants each Friday. Construction updates are also available on the

DDA Web site at www.downtownnorthville.com.

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Council approves \$13,750 for Eight Mile/Beck stoplight

■ Cost divided by four entities

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Motorists who frequent the Eight Mile Road and Beck Road intersection — one of the busiest in Metro Detroit — will notice some big improvements lately.

On Monday night, city council members approved Northville's share of the cost of the \$110,000 project, which amounts to \$13,750.

Early this year, staff from the Road Commission for Oakland County contacted Northville to ask for the city's support and share in the cost of signal improvements at this major intersection.

The most significant upgrade, which included the installation of all new equipment, is the addition of dedicated left-turn movements at the intersection.

Referred to by the acronym SCAT, the Sydney Coordinated Adaptive Traffic Signal was developed in Sydney, Australia, and began being installed in that major urban area in 1980. Its benefits have been quantified over fixed-time control systems in terms of less delay, improved traffic flow and decreased congestion, as well as fewer accidents, fuel savings and less air pollution.

The intersection includes a monitoring system with remote cameras that allows the RCO staff to monitor the intersection at the traffic operations center and make signal adjustments if necessary.

Jim Gallogly, Northville public works director, explained to council that the agreement covers both signal improvements and future signal maintenance.

Gallogly said the cost percentages represent a standard allocation based on the percentage of road right-of-way each

agency controls in the intersection. This method is used statewide. He added that the signal modernization project will cover any improvements scheduled for the intersection in the future, such as the widening of the road.

"This is the first time this type of signalization has been used in our community," he said. "It's a big improvement for Beck Road (drivers). It does

slow you up a bit if you're using Eight Mile Road."

Mayor Chris Johnson said he thought the new signal was a big improvement for the community.

Funding for Northville's portion of the bill will come from the 2008-09 Capital Improvement Budget.

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Payment details

An agreement regarding payment for the traffic control device has already been signed by Wayne County and Novi. Signal improvement costs are allocated as follows:

• Road Commission for Oakland County	50 percent	\$55,000
• Wayne County	25 percent	\$27,500
• City of Novi	12.5 percent	\$13,750
• City of Northville	12.5 percent	\$13,750

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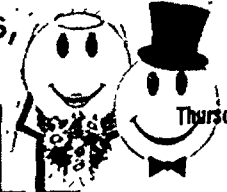
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Former resident of township to earn Wings of Gold in '09

■ He gives his mom and dad lots of credit

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Beth Kuriluk is one of the proudest mothers on her block in the township's Northville Commons subdivision.

She's beaming these days because her youngest son, Danny, is currently training to be a pilot in the United States Navy.

Recently home on leave, Kuriluk, 23, talked about some of his experiences in the military to date.

Becoming a Naval pilot is an honor and privilege bestowed on only a few in our society, and one the township native says he owes, in part, to his parents.

A graduate of Winchester Elementary School, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School Class of 2003,

Kuriluk said his mom was an excellent role model to him and older brother Matt as she pressed on after the divorce from their father, David, continuing to work full time while pursuing her master's degree as a single mom.

"My mom was recognized by the state as being one of the best teachers in Michigan," he said. She teaches third grade at Silver Springs.

He also credits his father, a Naval pilot who graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1976. And his dad's dad, the late Theodore Roosevelt Kuriluk, was a Naval pilot during World War II, while his mother's dad, Earl Kipper, served as a ball-turret gunner on a B-17 in the European theater during the same conflict.

Now an ensign, Kuriluk will make lieutenant junior grade next

April. He served in the Navy ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) for four years while a student at the University of Michigan and was commissioned in April 2007 for active duty as an officer. He was then sent to Pensacola, Fla., until December 2007, when he was transferred to Corpus Christi, Texas.

"It's hot down there, and the culture and customs are a lot different than Michigan's," he said. "People love to say they're Texans."

He finished primary flight training in July and currently has a desk job, helping issue books to new flight students until he starts flight school again in October.

"It's kind of nice having a break because primary is pretty intense," he said. "I've been run ragged for about a year now."

Rate of attrition high

Kuriluk said he's glad to be through primary flight training, as the rate of attrition (students leaving the program) is high.

"The attrition rate is over 60 percent," he said. Students might have to drop out because they suffer from air sickness or because they don't handle simulated emergency situations well.

They can still become Naval flight officers, however.

"Those are the guys who sit in the back seat and serve as a navigator, doing communications and weapons stuff like Goose in (the film) 'Top Gun.'" Others move into naval intelligence or become a surface warfare officer.

"They'll work with you to put you where you want to do," Kuriluk said.

Wings of Gold

Kuriluk is looking forward to receiving his Wings of Gold next April — the pinnacle of a Naval



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Northville High School graduate Danny Kuriluk is on active duty in the U.S. Navy and will soon return to Texas and the Navy's flight school in Corpus Christi.

pilot's career.

"I'm really excited," he said. "Essentially, this is a process that began my senior year in high school. It's a long path."

He'll most likely go to Iraq sometime next year, and he's not afraid of what may lie ahead.

"We actually have more accidents in training," he said. "We just a couple of guys from our squadron when they hit a mountain. When you're overseas, your awareness is heightened. Once you're deployed, everybody's on high alert."

What does he think it takes to be a good pilot?

He said the ability to memorize is key, since pilots must know all of the systems and limits of their airplane.

"When you're in an airplane and something goes wrong, you don't have time to look something up in a book," Kuriluk said.

Being level-headed is important, too. "If something goes wrong, you can't freak out," Kuriluk said.

"You have to be able to take a deep breath, relax and get through it."

Kuriluk played basketball, football and ran track at NHS. He started playing rugby with a local club his senior year in high school and was Rookie of the Year his freshman year at U of M.

His sophomore year, he was one of about 30 male students who flew to Thailand to assist tsunami victims and play rugby in Bangkok.

"We spend a week building houses and worked at a mass grave site burning coffins," he said. "That was an intense experience. The hospitality of the Thai people is amazing."

The Wolverine rugby team won the U.S. championship his sophomore year, giving him the opportunity to compete in the nationals in Santa Cruz, Calif., where the team took fourth place in 2005. His senior year, he served as team captain.

Kuriluk played for the U.S. All-Navy Rugby Team last October at the All-Armed Forces Rugby Championship at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, N.C., and was later invited to play for the All-Armed Forces Team.

"My brother was actually better (in rugby) than I was, but he's in law school right now, so he doesn't get to play much," he said. Matt, 26, attends Cooley Law School in Lansing.

Kuriluk also enjoys fishing and water skiing.

One of the things that pushed him into a military career was the strong sense of independence his parents instilled in both him and his brother.

"They raised us to not depend on them, and they deserve a lot of credit for that. We don't expect anything, and we earn everything we get. My parents both played a huge part in me getting to where I am today."

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OBITUARY

BERNICE "BONNIE" TABACZYNSKI

Age 63, of Northville, passed away suddenly on September 15, 2008. She was born on February 22, 1945 in Buffalo, New York to Francis and Leona (Maciejewski) Brzana. She received a Masters Degree in English from Northeastern University. She was united in marriage to Rodney J. Tabaczynski on August 20, 1966, and they spent 42 years together. Bonnie, a homemaker, had been a resident of Northville for 34 years. She had a strong sense of faith; religion and spirituality were important to her. She loved her family, and especially adored her grandchildren. She enjoyed going to watch all of their sporting events. She was an avid Tiger fan and reader. She is survived by her loving husband Rodney J. Tabaczynski; her children Michael (Kathleen) Tabaczynski, and Karen (Kevin) Small; her father Francis Brzana; and her grandchildren Cullen Tabaczynski, John Michael Tabaczynski, and Johnathan Small. She was preceded in death by her mother and 1 brother. A Funeral Mass will be held today, September 18, 2008 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church, 133 Orchard Dr., Northville. Father Denis Theroux will officiate the service. Mrs. Tabaczynski will be laid to rest at Rural Hill Cemetery in Northville. The family would appreciate contributions to Cornerstone Schools, 6861 E. Nevada, Detroit, MI 48234 or Kadima, 15999 W. 12 Mile Rd., 2nd Floor, Southfield, MI 48076. Arrangements entrusted to Casterline Funeral Home, Inc. of Northville.

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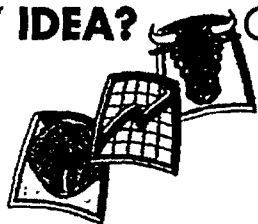
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DDA Board members to talk about expanding boundaries

■ Could mean more tax dollars

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Although nothing has been decided yet, members of the Northville Downtown Development Authority are considering expanding the boundaries of the district.

Such an expansion has not been explored since 2001.

Expansion could mean more tax dollars for the district through the tax increment financing program and provide the ability to assist with the development of properties within the new boundary.

Under the DDA Act, city council can change boundaries to include or exclude property from the district. Any changes, however, would require a public hearing,

and each taxing jurisdiction can exempt its taxes from capture within 60 days after the hearing.

David Larsen, DDA Board member, said currently the district is larger than the tax increment financing district. This means the DDA collects only a portion of tax increments (property taxes due to increases in property values) from properties within the boundaries.

Larsen explained at the Sept. 16 board meeting that the district could be expanded without pulling tax dollars from properties within the expansion.

The benefit of expanding the district are that additional funds can be collected through property tax, tax increment financing or the leasing of any DDA-owned property. With these funds, the DDA could improve the expanded area or work with developers.

The downside of expansion is that if taxing jurisdictions exempt their taxes from capture, that

leaves the DDA with only the city of Northville portion of revenue. This could mean more demands on limited dollars, which could affect the quality and extent of downtown projects.

"When we expand the area, we expand the amount of area we can collect taxes on," Larsen said. "But, if we have no corresponding revenue, it could cost us."

An evening workshop between DDA Board members on whether or not to stretch the boundaries will be scheduled in November.

"There are some real advantages as far as enhancing the downtown area by incorporating new areas," said Mayor Chris Johnson, DDA Board member. "You don't have to spend money in these areas."

Current areas under consideration to be incorporated into the district include a portion of the residential area west of Wing Street and a section of Cady



"These funds could be used to tear down a building for redevelopment. The advantage to having an area in the DDA district is that we could then spend money there."

Pat Sullivan

Northville city manager, DDA board member

Town north of the Northville Downs race track and west of South Main Street. It was noted that residents in the Wing Street area may not want to have the DDA district expand into their neighborhood.

Larsen suggested that property areas that include city hall, the library and Mill Race Village would not generate much income for the district. It was decided that it would also not be advisable to incorporate Northville Downs into

the DDA district either, as an arrangement is already in place in which the city receives funds from the race track.

"A closer call is the post office area," Larsen said. "It may be premature to annex that sector, but the issue warrants further discussion."

Pat Sullivan, city manager and DDA Board member, said brown-field funds could also be used in areas included in an expanded DDA district. "These funds could

be used to tear down a building for redevelopment," he said. "The advantage to having an area in the DDA district is that we could then spend money there."

City council and the planning commission would get involved on any discussion of expanding the DDA district's borders before any property owners would be contacted.

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Diversity unites at Methodist church

English and Korean parishes share space

By Kelly Murad
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Faith may have brought pastors June Smith and Joonshik Yoo to Novi, but vision is what brought their two congregations together.

"Open hearts, open minds, open doors," said Rev. Smith, 51, who is the pastor at Novi United Methodist Church. "We welcome people from all walks of life, all sexual orientations."

Smith's congregation, which is made up of about 150 people, shares its church, located off 10 Mile Road, just west of Meadowbrook Road, with the Amen Korean United Methodist Church.

"Our congregation has looked at this building kind of like a community center," Smith said. "This congregation that I've been called to is very focused on diversity. I think this gives us an

opportunity to really live what we've been saying."

The Korean-speaking Methodist church, led and founded by Rev. Yoo, 49, celebrated its five-year anniversary in July.

The congregation currently has about 50 parishioners and worships in the church's Memorial Hall, where the Novi Rotary Club meets.

"There's a good population of Koreans in Novi," Yoo said, noting parishioners travel from surrounding communities such as Canton, Farmington and Walled Lake. "We thought about (owning our own building), but the first thing we needed to do was missionary."

As one of the main denominations in Korea, Methodism has a large Korean following, and Yoo said the only other Korean-speaking Methodist congregations he knows of nearby are in Troy, Madison Heights, Ann Arbor and Lansing.

Currently, the two Novi Methodist church congregations only interact with one another for an annual combined worship service, which was Aug. 24.

"It was a blessing to combine

our services," Smith said. "My congregation, without a doubt, would like to do it once a quarter."

Aside from increasing the number of combined services, the two congregations intend to share the sanctuary for worship, to accommodate the growing number of Amen Korean United Methodist Church members.

"It's kind of like having two teenagers share the same bedroom, they have to negotiate their space," Smith said. "I think what happened in this congregation is we always thought they would move out in five years and get their own space, but we're at a turning point."

"If we are going to be sharing the same worship space, we need to come together. We need to do our best to accommodate and see new vision and that's my job as the leader to do that. Your church defines you as a people. We have a lot of diversity, but now it will be very visual."

Yoo, who is from Seoul, Korea, has been a pastor for 21 years and said it is culturally, very different in the United States.

"The big problem is me not speaking full English," he said. Smith, who has been with the Novi United Methodist Church for one year, said she sees a cultural difference in reverence toward Pastor Yoo.

"In Korea, the older people are more esteemed and we expect them to be respected accordingly," explained Yoo, who said he would rather his parish view him more as their friend, like Smith is, as opposed to the head of the church. "Our congregation just loves Rev. Smith."

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The Rev. Joonshik Yoo and the Rev. June Smith share the Novi United Methodist Church on 10 Mile Road.

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Church Events

First Church, Northville
Sunday School and Church Workers' Conference
 DATE: Saturday, Oct. 11, 2008
 DETAILS: Join the International Christian Education Association in celebrating its 62nd year of serving churches in Michigan and across the nation.
 CONTACT: (248)557-5526 or www.icesOnline.org

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 firstpresville.org
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:30, 11 a.m.
Single Place Ministries
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. social time; 7:45 p.m. opening; 8-9 p.m. program, every Thursday.
 DETAILS: Informative and entertaining programs of interest to singles; \$5 per person. Check website for details
 singleplace.org.
 DATE: Tonight - Personality and Capability Traits in Handwriting, with Liz Mills
 DATE: Sept. 17 - Living on Purpose, with John W. Landis
 DATE: Sept. 25 - Light and Lively Concert and Picnic, with Bobby Lewis

First Baptist Church of Northville
 LOCATION: 217 N. Wing
 CONTACT: (248) 348-1020
Sunday Worship: 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday School: 9:30 a.m.
Ladies Bible Study: 9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Tuesdays
Men's Bible Study: 9 a.m. first Saturday of every month

Ward Evangelical 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.

Northville First United Methodist Church
 A Stephen Ministry church
 LOCATION: 777 W. Eight Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-1144 or funorthville.org
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 8, 9:15 and 11 a.m.
 Coffee hour at 11 a.m.
Healing Service
 DATE: First Monday of every month
 TIME: 4 p.m.
Men's Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Wednesday
 LOCATION: Room 10

Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church
 LOCATION: 770 Thayer, Northville
 CONTACT: (248) 349-2621 or olvnorthville.org
Saturday Worship
 TIME: 5 p.m.
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 7:30, 9 and 11 a.m.

Our Shepherd Presbyterian Church
 LOCATION: 140 N. Center, above Tutto's in Old Church Square, Northville
 CONTACT: Pastor Bill Burke at (734) 927-0891
Sunday Worship

11:30 a.m., with fellowship and food after service
Northville Christian Assembly
 LOCATION: 41355 Six Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 348-9030

Detroit First Church of the Nazarene
 LOCATION: 21260 Haggerty Road, north of Eight Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 348-7600 or visit dfcnazarene.org
Sunday School/Adult Bible Fellowship: 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Worship Services: 10:50 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Women of the Word Bible Study
 TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:15 a.m. Tuesdays, through Nov. 18
 DETAILS: The class will study the Gospel of John. There is a registration fee of \$15 that will include study materials. Childcare will be available for children through the age of 5.

Oak Pointe Church
 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.
ReNew Life Ministries
 TIME/DATE: 7:15-9 p.m. every Monday
 DETAILS: Ongoing Life Groups support and facilitate personal growth, healing, learning and change from a Christian perspective. The groups are: GriefShare; DivorceCare; Anger Management;

Dealing with Struggling Teens; YourSpace; Every Man's Battle; Betrayed Hearts; Changes that Heal; and CrossCurrent.
 CONTACT: For more information or to register call (248) 912-0043 or visit oakpointe.org.

Meadowbrook Congregational
 LOCATION: 21355 Meadowbrook Road, Novi
 CONTACT: Rev. Arthur Ritter, Senior Minister (248) 348-7757, visit mbccc.org or e-mail to office@mbccc.org.
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 10 a.m.
Adult Christian Education Classes
 DATE: 7 p.m. Tuesdays

St. James Catholic
 LOCATION: 46325 10 Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 347-7778
Mass Schedule
 TIME/DAY: 8, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday-Tuesday; 7 p.m. Wednesday; 5 p.m. Saturday

Church of the Holy Family
 LOCATION: 24505 Meadowbrook Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-8847 or visit holyfamilynovi.org
Mass Schedule

TIME/DAY: 7:30, 9,10:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. Sunday; 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 6:30 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday; 7 p.m. Tuesday; 5 p.m. (English); 6:30 p.m. (Spanish) Saturday
 Holy Days: 9 a.m., 5:30 and 7:30 p.m.
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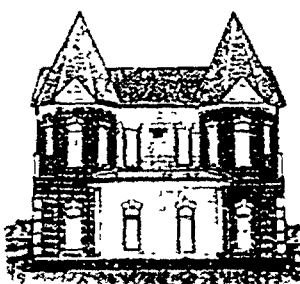
Orchard Hills Baptist Church
 LOCATION: 23455 Novi Road, Novi
 CONTACT: Pastor Jon Hix (248) 349-5665, orchardhillsnovi.com or email to info@orchardhillsnovi.com
Preschool/Kids Choir
 TIME/DATE: 7-8:15 p.m. every Wednesday
 DETAILS: For ages 3-6; all are welcome.

Novi United Methodist
 LOCATION: 41671 W. Ten Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 349-2652 or umcnovi.com
Sunday Worship
 TIME: 9:45 a.m.
Healing Service and Holy Communion
 TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. first Sunday of every month
Peace Vigil
 TIME/DATE: Noon, first

Sunday of every month
 LOCATION: In front of the church
 DETAILS: Members of the congregation and the community will stand united in prayer for peace.

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

Crosspoint Meadows Church
 LOCATION: 29000 Meadowbrook Road, Novi, south of Thirteen Mile Road
 CONTACT: (248) 669-9400 or visit crosspointmeadows.org.
Sunday Worship: 9 a.m. Bible study classes for all ages; 10:30 a.m. worship service.
 DETAILS: Nursery and older children programs available including Noah's Ark and Promiseland (children's worship ages five through fifth grade). Our worship offers a blend of traditional and contemporary elements resulting in a multi-sensory worship service.



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Arbor Beverage Co., Ann Arbor	Mitchell's Fish Market, Livonia
Armitage Catering/Finch Cultural Center, Novi	No VI Chop House, Novi
Bacco Ristorante, Southfield	The Pastry Palace, Wixom
Back Home Bakery, Canton	Pepsi Bottling Group, Howell
Banfi, Commerce	Portofino, Wyandotte
Cadillac Coffee Company, Madison Heights	Pure Food 2 U, Royal Oak
Caribou Coffee, Livonia	Rustique Del/Café and Bakery, Northville
Central Distributors, Romulus	Schmitt Sohne/Kevin D. Chaney Co.,
The Cupcake Station, Birmingham	Miford
The Farm Restaurant, Port Austin	Solterra Reserve Wine, Ann Arbor
Five Lakes Grill, Miford	Sorella's Homemade Baked Goods, LLC,
Sve Restaurant, Plymouth	Livonia
Forest Grill, Birmingham	Steve & Rocky's, Novi
Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, Plymouth	Stonefire Bistro, Brighton
Galaxy Wine Distributors, Livonia	Table 5, Northville
Great Lakes Coffee Roasting Company,	Trader Joe's, Northville
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Believe it or not, there is a whole world of information beyond Wikipedia and Google – and it's also right at your fingertips. It's the Northville District Library's online resource, and you can find it at northvillelibrary.org.

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September is Library Card Month, a national campaign to raise awareness of libraries' value. And the American Library Association's slogan – It's the Smartest Card in Your Wallet – couldn't be more correct.

The library card allows holders to borrow any books, magazines, DVDs, computer software and CDs and use any of the Northville library's 15 computers with Internet access and Microsoft programs.

And parents, you should get into the habit of taking your children to the library not only for them to understand what an incredible resource it is (both the physical structure and the online databases), but also because there's a plethora of wonderful, free programs.

Kids can tap into the library's Web site for their homework, and adults can use it for investment research, career opportunities and much, much more.

Many of Northville's residents – about 16,000 out of 30,000 – already have a library card. In fact, according to Anne Mannisto, assistant director, the number of library patrons continues to climb every month and is breaking usage records.

But if you're one of the 14,000 who doesn't own a library card and doesn't take advantage of the wealth of information that's available through the Northville District Library, we would strongly encourage you to sign up during Library Card Month.

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

September signup

Devyn McGow, 3, signs up for her library card at the Northville District Library as her mom Donna and brother Connor, 2, look on. McGow was helped by library worker Kathleen Philo, right. September is Library Card Month throughout the nation, and kids that sign up for theirs at the Northville branch will receive a few gifts and get their names posted in the library.

LETTERS

Bad experience at PAWS

In response to the letter on Puppy Mills and the store, PAWS, I agree wholeheartedly, and must add that the owner is extremely disrespectful to her customers. My mother and I were in her shop last week and got quite and awful. Her behavior lowers the morale of the other stores in downtown Northville. As wonderful and diverse as they are, Northville shops are hurting right along with the rest of Michigan's retail businesses, but when you bring in despicable behavior by one of its store owners, the entire town's reputation is in jeopardy. The sooner PAWS leaves, the sooner Northville can regain its collective integrity.

Alea Hibbeln
Novi

PAWS responds to puppy mill accusation.

I was so pleased to hear that Ms. Long commented on Puppy Mill Awareness Day coming up on September 20th. However, once again, I was so saddened to hear her tired remarks regarding our store. PAWS is a place for the community of Northville. We appreciate and love all animals, rescue or purebred. We have very different morals and ideas and whenever you are new in town, history here has proven, that you will be the "talk" of the town, good or bad. In this community, the narrow minded usually take the negative approach. It's easier for them to trash talk those they don't understand, rather than having to use their brains to figure out that something new and different, is not always bad. In a day and age that America is thinking of voting for the first African American man, or putting the first woman in the White House, you would think a supposedly upscale, forward thinking community like Northville would be able to wrap their heads around the concept of our store. We DO condone rescue organizations, and endorse them whenever possible. However, we know rescuing is not an option for everyone. We have rescue kittens in store now, and have just this last week, successfully placed an abandoned Chihuahua into a great home. At no charge, by the way. Can res-

cue organizations say the same? I don't think so. To those rescues we have spoken with, thank you for your understanding and partnership. To those that haven't had the opportunity, I welcome you to come in and learn more about us. I have never and would never get "miffed" about answering questions regarding MY pets. I do however, have a major problem with giving out personal and private information to those that have no business knowing it. Let me ask you a question Ms. Long, would you give out your "clients" information to any stranger off the street? I didn't think so. We respect the privacy of our breeders and families that feature their pets here. When a client purchases a pet from us, they are shown pictures of the sire/dam of the puppy, their registration, breeders information, and are welcomed to contact the breeder. We have nothing to hide. We do respect personal privacy though.

I welcome the opportunity of puppy mill awareness day. We have never and will never support these terrible places. I urge the community to educate themselves on the definition of a puppy mill, and I further urge you to ask yourself if that is really what is going on here at PAWS? I think if you give us a chance, you'll truly understand that we are just simply put, different. We are the exception to the rule. We continue to support the Michigan Humane Society Westland shelter. We support Almost Home animal rescue. We support Cats to Go rescue, Retired Greyhounds as pets. Most recently, we have shown support to Waggin' Tails rescue, who has not supported us in the past. We have no reason not to show support for these ever important issues. I believe Ms. Long, you simply need to come to grips with the fact, that you are just dead wrong and ignorant. Please find an important issue, in which you can find factual information about. Going forward, I think you'll need that, in order to sound somewhat intelligent. I urge you to come in and acquire a list of breeders who have no problem putting their name down and releasing their information to you. They welcome the opportunity to answer your challenge and so do I.

Lindsey Champine
PAWS Total Pet Studio

Pro PAWS

It's been said that ignorance is the most expensive commodity in America today. Americans have an alarming sense of self-right-

eousness, often accompanied by their zeal to take up a cause based on some inflammatory thing they've heard someone else say. Whether or not it is rooted in truth is entirely immaterial. If it's sensational or inflammatory, it will attract the attention of those wishing to boost their self-confidence and justify their role in the world around them.

I have been saddened to read the disparaging remarks that some have submitted to the Northville Record, and broadcast around our community in regard to Paws Total Pet Studio. What's more troublesome to me are those who picket the store, making a public display, in addition to intentionally trying to ruin the livelihood of a young family.

Bob and Lindsey Champine are young entrepreneurs and civic-minded individuals. More than that, they care deeply for all animals (not just the ones they own, or those they sell in their shop). I have been a customer of Paws, and a close observer of the couple I now consider friends.

As all pet owners, I am committed to providing only the very best care for my dog. I started with the doggie day care service that Bob and Lindsey offer, and was thrilled to know that my dog was walked, fed, entertained, kept in clean conditions, and was the happy beneficiary of lots of attention. My loyalty was secured when I learned that my dog would be in very capable, safe, and attentive hands while I was at work, and I didn't have to fear that she would be isolated or kept in squalor.

I've since come to purchase a companion for my other dog from them. Mia was purchased by another couple that tried to return her (Paws has a no return policy on puppies, unless the animal has some type of genetic disease and is covered by the one year health guarantee) because she cried too much. At that time, Mia was only 8 weeks old, when crying is not only to be tolerated by the owner, but also expected and understood.

Regardless of their return policy, Lindsey took the dog back, knowing that someone who isn't mature or informed enough to know that puppies cry, is not mature and responsible enough to be a caretaker for an animal.

Concerned with the welfare of the dog, and not of their own pocketbook, the Champine's took the puppy back and offered to place her in another home, and refund a portion of their money.

There are people in this town who like to accuse the Champine's of being on the

wrong side of animal welfare practices and imply that they are only concerned about profit. I am quite sure that those people would be surprised to know that I am the beneficiary of a gorgeous and well-adjusted puppy, thanks to the sincere and earnest concern of Lindsey and Bob.

People like to insist that Paws obtains their puppies from puppy mills. I have absolutely no idea where this absurd assertion originated, but I am certain that it is not born of fact. When I purchased my dog, I was shown all of the paperwork in regard to her pedigree, lineage, and breeder information.

In addition, the breeders of this litter were frequently in the store, and were also subjected to quite a thorough and invasive investigation of their operation before the dogs were ever considered for sale at Paws.

This group will also allege that Paws does not work with rescues. This, too, is incorrect and in conflict with the facts. Bob and Lindsey work with several area rescue organizations. In addition, they took in a dog that was found wandering in the Innsbrook apartment complex, and have been giving him care and shelter. A concerned person called and asked if they could bring the dog in, and they welcomed it with warm and open arms.

Beyond the surface and obvious concerns in regard to this insidious conflict, there are the deeper concerns in relationship to how people, such as those who are out to ruin the business of this young couple, will influence larger circumstances that will affect the world.

What troubles me is that if people can't be bothered to come down from their ivory tower to examine and investigate the facts about the origin of the puppies in a pet store, I highly doubt they will thoroughly investigate each candidate for the next (or any) presidential election. Rather, based on what I've observed from their behavior, they will listen to the talking points and make decisions on an emotion, rather than using critical thinking skills.

The actions of the critics of Paws are also making a tremendous error in judgment in respect to what is best for our community. It's in our best interest as a community to see our downtown businesses thrive. Empty storefronts and "going out of business" signs are a blight on the downtown district from a morale perspective, but they also hurt the tax base, which supports community pro-

grams, services, and initiatives. From a civic perspective, what Total Pet Studio has brought to Northville's downtown area is a welcome breath of fresh air. Bob and Lindsey bring a sense of chic sophistication, which rivals anything found in Birmingham - considered one of the most desirable places to live and shop in southeastern Michigan.

Paws is not only a successful and important business, it is also a place where animal lovers can meet and enjoy each other's company, while their dogs play happily nearby. As a new homeowner in the neighborhood, I've met a lot of people who I never would have met before. It's a great feeling to walk down the street and run into a familiar, friendly face. As the literal "new kid on the block", I've come to deeply appreciate the fact that I'm not among a city full of strangers.

It's profoundly troubling that a group of ignorant, misinformed and manic people can actually garner enough influence and attention to ruin the lives and the business of someone in their community. The actions on the part of individuals who sing this tired refrain are deplorable.

While the detractors will insist that a "corrupt" business would actually hurt the community, and therefore should be forced to go under, I maintain my assertion that their accusations are false.

When the Huron Valley Humane Society, along with Waggin Tails Rescue decided to coordinate a walk to promote Puppy Mill Awareness, Lindsey eagerly offered to assist in any way she could. She was told that her support was not welcome.

Anyone who examines the facts and takes the time to speak reasonably to any Paws associate will come away with their worries a distant memory. Instead, the store is being deluged with aggressive, combative "do-gooders" who want to argue instead of dialog.

What I find to be most ironic about this entire situation is that the people who have created such an acrimonious tone towards Paws and its owners are the type of people who say they want to rescue others, whether it be a kitten, puppy or person. They preach a message of protection and kindness, but their actions actually monger anger and emotional and social violence.

I would encourage anyone who reads these letters or speaks to someone about this

topic to make your own decision based on facts, rooted in reality; instead of investing and perpetuating a series of horrific lies.

Stacy Sloan
Royal Oak

Home Tour thank-yous

The American Association of University Women Home Tour "Downtown Northville...timeless with a twist" was once again a success. Many thanks to Terry and Lynda Heaton, Linda Langston, Tim and Carmen Markstrom, Mary Starring/Stephen Ott and Swearingin Fine Portraits who allowed us to visit their homes and place of business for a view of the Victorian 21st century lifestyle.

Thank you to the many volunteers from the community who served as hostesses in the homes, Kelly & Kelly, P.C. who supplied our ticket printing and Uniquely Yours who donated the beautiful flower arrangements for each venue. Also, many thanks to visitors who dodged the raindrops to enjoy the treat of touring four lovely homes and a distinguished business on a very rainy day.

Nanci Olgren
AAUW Home Tour Chair

More letters on next page

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GUEST COLUMN

Did Northville Township win or lose in annexation battle?

During the Vietnam Conflict after each battle a reconnaissance plane would fly over the battlefield and take photographs. The pictures would be developed, enlarged, and then evaluated. It



S. Lomske

we were losing millions of dollars per day in damaged tanks, vehicles, armaments, downed helicopters and planes, and numerous other supplies. The enemy had a huge supply of foot soldiers and low-cost techniques to inflict damage. The conflict was costing the U.S. millions of dollars per day.

So who was really winning? Now that the attempted REIS/Hospital property annexation conflict with Livonia is over, victory has been declared and the flags and banners taken down, it is time to do a "fly over" and evaluate who actually won. In order to do this, one must compare the proposed REIS/Northville Township settlement, filed July 30, to the original REIS development proposal dated October 2006.

COMMERCIAL - One of the major concerns of the community was the amount of commercial retail space proposed to be constructed on the property and how it might affect existing downtown businesses within the City of Northville and surrounding area. The original REIS proposal proposed no greater than 400,000 square feet of commercial on 42 acres with no single retailer larger than 75,000 square feet. The settlement agrees to 950,000 square feet on 110 acres, does not limit a single retailer's size, and does not require the second floor area square footage of a single retailer to be included into the total summation. The settlement excludes the square footage of all common areas, outdoor cafes, outdoor sales, and mezzanines. The ultimate number and size of any building will not be limited to the Township Zoning Ordinance. Wal-Mart is mentioned several times in the settlement. The original proposal did not appear to include fast food restaurants at the corner of 7 Mile and Haggerty, the settle-

ment agrees to three. Whatever happened to the small town concept proposed for this corner presented in the Township's subarea plan prepared by LSL Planning, Inc in 2006?

OFFICE - The original proposal proposed 10 acres and 165,000 square feet. The settlement agrees to 10.68 acres which can be expanded up to 25 acres. The maximum height to be four stories. The size or user will not be limited by the Zoning Ordinance.

SENIOR HOUSING - The original proposal was 13 acres. The agreement allows 13.5 acres. This can be expanded up to 25 acres and a building height of six stories. The ultimate size (in square feet) of any building or user will not be limited by the Zoning Ordinance.

RESIDENTIAL - The original proposal suggested 174 acres of single family homes and attached and detached villas. The lot sizes ranged from 70' to 120' wide. The settlement agrees to 147 acres, with a minimum lot width of 50 feet, provided no less than 1/3 of the single-family homes sites shall have a minimum lot width of less than 60 feet. The development is limited to 500 units. The settlement allows up to 20 percent of the residential units to be attached housing. It also allows that all of the residential units can be rented or leased, if the market requires. Lot widths of 50 to 70 feet wide shall have agreed upon setbacks as specified in the settlement.

SIGN ORDINANCE - The settlement states, "The now existing or hereafter adopted sign ordinance will be generally applied, but the standards contained therein may be modified administratively... to reflect the unique scale of the Commercial Area..."

ASSESSED PROPERTY VALUE - The settlement agrees to roll back the assessed property value from the purchase price of \$34 million to a taxable value of \$5 million. The Township must also refund the developer the taxes paid in excess of this amount for the previous tax years of 2006, 2007 and 2008. This new lower tax rate will now be the tax bases during the entire Brownfield Plan repayment period. The current tax payment on the property is \$776,321 per year. The tax could drop to \$120,000 or less, for over 10 years. Where will the refund money come from? The agreement also circumvents the tax tribunal

process. Try to do this with your own personnel property taxes.

BROWNFIELD PLAN - The settlement agreed to the Brownfield Plan and the developer can now use property tax increment financing to pay for the \$15 million clean up of the site. The developer has 10 years to remove the existing structures. There is not a penalty clause, in the settlement, if the structures or waste are not removed.

FENCE CONSTRUCTION - In the settlement the developer is to install a fence along the southern property line. All approvals and permit fees are waived. For all others, this type of work requires a \$50 permit, \$15 / 100 feet of fence fee, site plan approval, inspection and a \$500 bond.

WATER TAP AND SEWER FEES - Per the settlement, all fees are frozen for 10 years at the current rate.

SIDEWALKS - Per the settlement the developer is only required to install sidewalks on one side of the street. I question whether this would comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, since it restricts persons with disabilities from full access to all of the property, buildings, and homes.

ROADS AND UTILITIES - Per the settlement all roads, landscaping, sidewalks, pathways, lighting, and utilities will be paid for through a special tax assessment district.

SCHOOL SITE - The original proposal included the developer donating a 19.3 acre school site, and extending Winchester Drive. This donation was eliminated in the settlement.

TRAIL SYSTEM - The original proposal included a 6.5-mile bike and walking path system to be constructed and maintained with association fees. There is no mention of this feature in the settlement.

OIL WELL - There is no mention of the Township receiving any compensation for oil drilling on the property. Per the Detroit News, the City of Livonia will receive millions of dollars from the oil well located behind the Target store on Haggerty Road.

LIQUOR LICENSES - Per the settlement, the Township cannot limit the issuance and approval of liquor licenses within the property.

BUILDING SETBACKS - The settlement basically requires the development to adhere to the Township Zoning Ordinance set-

backs only around the perimeter of the project, not the interior.

OPEN SPACE - The original proposal included 28.7 acres of nature preserve, 6.0 acres wetland, 12.0 acres woodlot #1, 13 acres of woodlot #2, 42.4 acres of developed community open space, 19.3 acres for school, and 6.5 miles of trails, 121.4 total acres. In the settlement the Township will receive 100 acres of undeveloped land, excluding oil wells, through an IRS Noncash Charitable Contribution. The IRS donation amount is not recording in the settlement agreement. It would be interesting to compare this gift amount to the proposed reduced assessed taxable land value amount discussed above.

WOODLANDS PROTECTION - This one is huge! In the original REIS proposal on page 15, they agree to adhere to the Township Woodland Ordinance. The developer had left a blank in order to fill in the amount of money to be contributed to the "Tree Fund" to replace trees to be removed. The developer's original proposal states that some of the trees are projected to be more than 400 years old and "The social value of these two amenities (the woodlots) are priceless". However, in the settlement, item 55, it states, "The Township's woodland ordinance, or any like it, shall not apply to the Project".

Why the sudden turn around? All the trees on the site have been surveyed, metal tagged, numbered and identified. So why stop the process to protect these trees now?

BERMING ALONG 7 MILE and HAGGERTY ROADS - Per the settlement, REIS may modify the Township landscaping and berming standards to allow for adequate views of the Commercial Area.

SIGNING THE SETTLEMENT - While all of the Township Trustees and the Planning Commission are listed as defendants on the settlement, only two individuals signed it. Were the trustees given enough time to read and evaluate the settlement?

So after the "fly over" did we win or lose? While the troops were fighting the annexation attempt, was the outcome of the battle already negotiated?

Steve Lomske
Northville Township

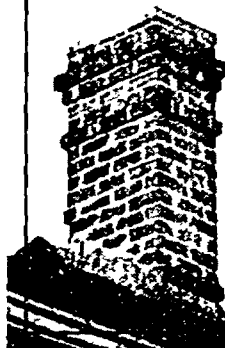
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Now that the attempted REIS/Hospital property annexation conflict with Livonia is over, victory has been declared and the flags and banners taken down, it is time to do a "fly over" and evaluate who actually won. In order to do this, one must compare the proposed REIS/Northville Township settlement, filed July 30, to the original REIS development proposal dated October 2006.

LETTERS

A need for larger vehicles

Much has been said of the need for small gas saving vehicles. They are certainly needed. Some states have separate lanes for faster drivers with more than one person inside.

As yet there has been no outcry by those who need a larger car. Hockey moms who must carry equipment and often the team. Other sports have the same need for larger cars. Some of us are disabled and still need to or want to leave home. I need room for an oxygen concentrator, a tank of liquid oxygen and sundry other oxygen equipment, and a mobility vehicle for distances farther than the gas station.

Please let the environmentalists know that some large vans/minivans are a necessity not a luxury.

Robert W. Krueger
Northville

Northville Pom says thanks!

The Northville High School Varsity Pom Pon team held two very successful car wash fundraisers this summer. The team would

like to extend their appreciation and gratitude to Jim Roth and Dave Tuer of Good Time Party Store/Custard Time, for providing them with a great location for these fundraisers. Good Time Party Store graciously provided the parking lot, water, and hoses for use during the two Saturday events, June 7 and September 6. They were extremely accommodating and we greatly appreciate their support. We couldn't have done it without you!

Special thanks to the Northville community for supporting the Pom team through their generous donations at the car washes.

Please come out and see us perform at the homecoming football game on Friday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m. against Stevenson.

Northville High School
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Palin: The wrong choice

Was Sarah Palin the best VP choice for John McCain's campaign? Generally, we focus our attention on the top, but over the last eight years of Bush/Cheney (corruption, misinformation, lies and vindictiveness of the VP) perhaps we should examine the Palin choice.

The New York Times, reported McCain's choice of Palin as a last minute choice, with little vetting, and only after Senator McCain's first choice, Senator Lieberman, brought threatened revolt in his own party. Admittedly, Governor Palin has energized the Republican base. She is anti-abortion even in cases of rape and incest; she believes in teaching creationism in schools, but is against teaching sex education (other than an abstinence only policy); she questions whether global warming is influenced by humans (although recently conceding it is "possible"); and she is the queen of earmarks, first as Mayor of Wasilla, Alaska (\$27 Million in earmarks for a town with a population of 6,000) and later as Governor (she supported the "\$300 Million bridge to nowhere" until it became politically expedient to oppose it, and then she still took the earmark cash!). These positions do not represent mainstream America.

However, I have other concerns about Governor Palin.

• I am concerned about Governor Palin's lack of experience when she is "only a heart-beat away" from the Presidency and the lead candidate is the oldest that has ever sought the office.

• I am concerned about a purported reformer who has close ties with Alaska Senator Ted

Stevens, who is under federal indictment for several felonies, and who claims a close working relationship with Governor Palin for 10 years. She served as Director of his 527 group "Ted Steven's Excellence in Public Service" from 2003-2005.

• Finally, as a potential VP, I am most concerned about Governor Palin's reputation for vindictiveness. She is currently embroiled in the "trooper-gate scandal" where she is being investigated for abuse of power in Alaska. There are allegations against Ms. Palin, her husband and staff, for placing pressure on various officials to fire her former brother-in-law, an Alaska State Trooper. Additionally, the investigation is looking into the July, 2008 firing of the Public Safety Director, who allegedly was dismissed for his failure to fire the trooper. Governor Palin originally pledged full cooperation with the investigation. She has since hired personal counsel and her office is obstructing the investigation by refusing to allow staff members to testify, and has refused to produce emails based upon questionable claims of executive privilege. This sounds eerily similar to the last seven years of the Bush/Cheney Administration

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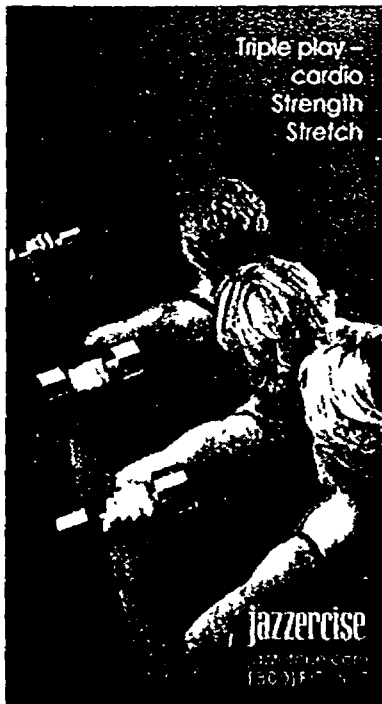
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DATE: Mondays and Fridays
DETAILS: Diane DiVita offers Strength Training classes (light weights with a little yoga stretching) for adults. For more information, call Diane at (248) 344-0928 or visit trianglesix@sbcglobal.net.
Yoga Class
DETAILS: Classes are scheduled as follows: Mondays - 5:20-6:45 p.m. for all levels/7-8:30 p.m. for Yoga II, through, Dec. , at a cost of \$104; Thursdays - 5:20-6:45 p.m. for Yin Yoga/7-8:30 p.m. for all levels, through Dec. 4, at a cost of \$96. Unregistered students may attend a class for the drop-in rate of \$11 per class.

There is no charge for the first visit.
CONTACT: (248) 344-0928.

Psychotherapy & Counseling Services
LOCATION: Northville Counseling Center
Low Self-Esteem and Negative Messages
DATE: 6:30 p.m. Mondays, beginning Sept. 22
DETAILS: Cause and effect discussion to turn your thinking into life changing patterns. Class is for four weeks and the cost is \$50. Registration is required.
CONTACT: (248) 348-1100 or (734) 420-8175 to register.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital
LOCATION: 36475 Five Mile Road, Livonia
CONTACT: (734) 655-4800 or stmmary.org

Breast Cancer Support Group
TIME/DATE: 6-8 p.m. the second Tuesday of each month
LOCATION: Classroom 10
CONTACT: (734) 655-1162
Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group
TIME/DATE: 3-4:30 p.m. the first Thursday of each month
LOCATION: Classroom 1
CONTACT: (248) 426-7055.
Free Seminars-Michigan Bariatric Institute
DETAILS: MBI offers three laparoscopic surgical weight loss options.
CONTACT: (734) 655-2693
Helen Palmer Image Recovery Center
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Diabetes Support Group
TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m. second Wednesday of each month
LOCATION: Auditorium
Hatha Yoga
TIME/DATE: 5:15-6:30 p.m. every Tuesday, through Sept. 30
LOCATION: Classrooms 1 & 2
CONTACT: (734) 655-1162.
Reiki-The Gentle Art of Healing
TIME/DATE: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 7
LOCATION: Auditorium
DETAILS: Reiki is a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing.
CONTACT: (734) 655-1182

Baby and Me Infant CPR
TIME/DATE: 9:30-11:30 a.m. Friday, every other month (next class is Oct. 17)
DETAILS: This family friendly session is for new parents and

their babies. Cost is \$20 for parents and baby and includes a manual and emergency wallet cards.
CONTACT: (248) 304-6055

CPR/AED and First Aid Classes
CPR and AED - Tuesday
First Aid - Wednesday
TIME: 6-9 p.m.
LOCATION: City of Northville Fire Department, 215 W. Main Street, Northville
DETAILS: These American Heart Association and Life Support Training Center (LSTI) classes offer two year certification. Cost is \$40 per course.
CONTACT: (248) 349-4730 or LSTI at (248) 304-6055.

First Aid/CPR Classes
TIME/DATE: 6-10 p.m. monthly
LOCATION: Northville Township Fire Department, 45745 Six Mile

Road
DETAILS: American Red Cross First Aid/CPR classes taught by trained firefighters. Call for further information and dates; \$20 fee for Township residents.
CONTACT: Northville Township Fire Department (248) 348-5807

Providence Center for the Healing Arts
LOCATION: Assarian Cancer Center, 47601 Grand River Avenue, Novi
CONTACT: (248) 465-5455
Dinner with a Doctor
DATE: Wednesday - "Oh My Aching Back!", Dr. Kimpson
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Providence Park Hospital opens for patients

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Opening weekend brought excitement, patients and wisdom to Novi's Providence Park Hospital.

"We were very busy, but it's been the smoothest opening we could have anticipated," said Providence Park Hospital President Rob Casalou. "There are a few bugs to work out in terms of materials being in the right place at the right time, but I can't say we've had any major issues."

St. John Health invested \$229 million into the state-of-the-art hospital, located on the southwest corner of Beck Road and Grand River Avenue, which opened with 100 beds Sept. 5.

"We opened right at 6 a.m. and we had a patient arrive just before 6 a.m.," Casalou said. "We had three or four surgeries in a row, then we had the first baby."

Karla Walker, 34, of Detroit gave birth to Wisdom Love Walker, 7 pounds, 1 ounce, at 9:59 a.m.

"Rob provided (on behalf of the hospital) a \$5,000 college savings plan and our credit union started a \$1,000 savings account in her name," said Lou Martin, account executive of marketing and public relations for Providence Park Hospital.

Local businesses provided the family with diapers and formula to honor Providence Park Hospital's first born child.

As of Monday, 13 babies had been delivered at the Novi facility.

"September is the busiest birthing month of the year," Casalou said. "We had eight moms go into labor here (the first day)."

Aside from the third floor labor and delivery unit, the emergency room also saw a high traffic volume over the weekend.

"Right now, the volume of our ER has gone up 50 percent," Casalou said, with records showing 111 visits Friday, 124 Saturday and 125 Sunday. "The EMS providers in the area have been waiting for us to open."

Currently, the hospital qualifies as a Level II trauma center, with a chest pain area right inside the emergency room to determine whether or not a patient is having a heart attack or stroke.

"We've had all our firsts, but we haven't had the first death," Casalou said Monday.

Over the course of six months, the hospital will phase in the next 100 beds, and eventually, if needed, will expand to accommodate an additional 68.

"If I have one worry, it is that the demand on this facility will outpace its capacity," Casalou said. "I think the volume is going to keep picking up every day. I think the quietest day will always be yesterday."

The hospital was constructed with double corridors to keep the health care activities and supplies separate from the visitors, a con-



Photos by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Providence Park Hospital's Director of Women's Services Rochelle Igrisan, right, hugs a surprised Karla Walker after the mother learned the hospital began a \$5,000 Michigan Educational Trust fund for her newborn daughter, Wisdom Love Walker, who was Providence's first baby.



Dr. Martin Harris, a coordinator of the Emergency Services Department at Providence Park, talks about the hospital's capabilities on its first day of operation.

cept Casalou said was adopted from the Disney Institute; called onstage-offstage.

The state-of-the-art facility was also designed with a higher level of technology and acuity-adaptable equipment, meaning the patient can remain in the same room throughout their stay, no matter their condition.

"Our acuity-adaptable is work-

ing just as planned," Casalou said. "We have invested our energy being on the cutting edge of eliminating errors. It's important because one source of errors is from patient transfers. It's a proven safer method of care."

Construction began on the 500,000-square-foot facility in October 2005.

The hospital is just one piece

of Novi's Providence Park Campus, which is surrounded by a 1.6-mile serene path for walking or biking through the natural woods and wetlands of the property.

The 200-acre campus is composed of six separate buildings, including the existing medical center, the Assarian Cancer Center, Providence Park Hospital, the Novi

Orthopaedic Center (including The Bone and Joint Surgery Center of Novi), the Neurosciences Institute and Park Medical Office building, and Staybridge Suites hotel.

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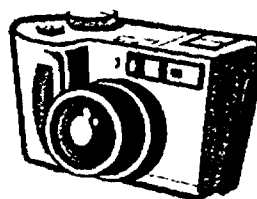
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BE SCENE



A couple of cyclists make their way down Dunlap St. arm-in-arm during Friday's parade.



Northville School District students stroll into the First Presbyterian Church of Northville on Friday to see a magician as part of their Victorian Festival activities.



A group of Silver Springs students jumps rope along Dunlap St. on Friday, Sept. 12.

VICTORIAN FEST



Dressed in Victorian-era costume (minus the flip-flops) Northville pom-pom team members Made Evasiz, Emily DeBear and Tess Sheidy sell water along Main St. on Sunday during the Victorian Festival.



Northville Eclipse slugger Mike Ladwig takes a practice cut before the team took to Ford Field on Sunday for an exhibition baseball game.

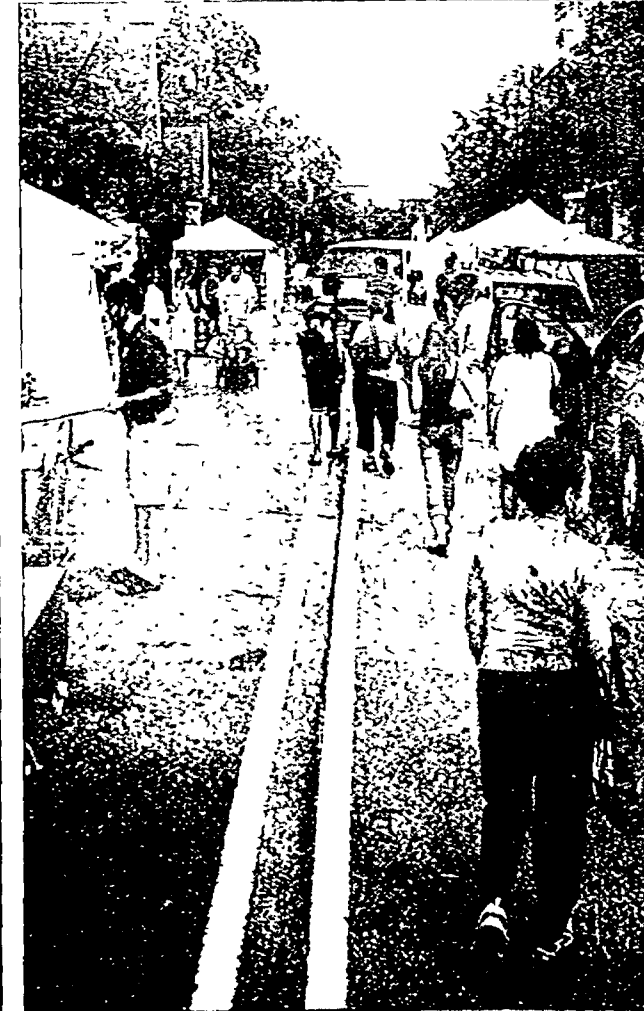
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Nicolette Bateson strolls down Dunlap St. during Friday night's Victorian Festival Parade.



Silver Springs student Elizabeth Sturtz tries her hand at hop-scotch during Victorian-era activities last Friday morning in downtown Northville.



After all-day rains on Saturday and before more precipitation on Sunday the streets of Northville are not too crowded with attendees of the Northville Victorian Festival.

MORE ONLINE: Visit us at hometownlife.com for more of John Heider's photo galleries and videos

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IN NORTHVILLE

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Northville school kids, dressed in Victorian-era clothes, watch a performance in Genitti's by Northville High's Back Beat and Treble Makers singing groups.



The Northville High School Treble Makers and Backbeat singing groups perform for school kids at Genitti's Hole in the Wall Theatre on Friday morning.



Members of the Uptown Ladies Parasol Brigade march in Friday night's Victorian Festival Parade in downtown Northville.



Jennifer Gentner put on her most feathery hat and attended some of the activities in downtown Northville last Friday. Gentner has a child who attends Silver Springs Elementary.

On the Victorian Festival's 20th anniversary last weekend, the Northville Chamber of Commerce staff and volunteers had to deal with the worst weather in the history of the event.

Although the rain stayed away on Friday night for the parade and associated activities, Saturday and Sunday were almost a total washout.

"We've never had a year in which we literally lost two days out of two-and-a-half days of the festival," said Jody Humphries, executive director of the Northville Chamber of Commerce.

"We are looking forward to good weather at the Oct. 10-11 Oktoberfest at Community Park," she said.

The loss of proceeds from the Victorian Festival has severely affected the chamber's annual budget.

At Monday night's city council meeting, Mayor Chris Johnson thanked Bob and Margene Buckhave, owners of Northville Square at the southeast corner of West Main and Wing streets, for allowing vendors to use the building on both Saturday and Sunday.



Activities for Northville's Victorian Festival moved inside to Northville Square on Sunday. Here a child waits for a balloon animal to take shape.



Grace Gulowski tosses candy along the parade route during Friday's Victorian Festival event. Grace was part of a group from Our Lady of Victory.



Martha Nield introduces a magician to a group of Northville School District kids during Victorian Festival activities last Friday.

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CALENDAR

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Local Events

Northville VFW Events

LOCATION: 438 South Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-5982 or
the VFW at (248) 348-1490
Country Music Dance
TIME/DATE: 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Saturday
DETAILS: Come and dance with us!

Four Hands in Praise Piano Concert

TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Sunday
LOCATION: Ward Evangelical Presbyterian Church, 40000 W. Six Mile Road, Northville
DETAILS: Guest pianists Gary and Jennifer Rownd (Four Hands in Praise) will present hymns in a musical interpretation of hymn text. There is no charge.
CONTACT: (248) 374-7400

Voices for Maybury Farm

TIME/DATE: 3:30-5 p.m.
Sunday
LOCATION: Northville District Library
DETAILS: Regular open meeting. All interested parties are invited.
CONTACT: Susan Greenlee (248)231-7188

Enhancing Student Achievement

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8 p.m.
Monday
LOCATION: Cooke School, 21200 Taft Road
DETAILS: Dr. Cathy Hamilton presents Everyone's Journey Begins at Home: The Role of the Household in Enhancing Student Achievement.
CONTACT: Space is limited, please RSVP to Beth Rodda at RoddaBe@northville.k12.mi.us or (248)344-8443.

NHS Alumni Cheer celebrates Homecoming

TIME/DATE: 4:30-5:30 p.m.
Tailgate dinner, 6 p.m. parade, 7 p.m. Game Vs Stevenson, Friday Sept. 26
DETAILS: The NHS Cheer Program invites all of our alumni to join us in celebrating Homecoming. Reunite with old cheer friends and meet current team and staff. We invite you to attend our homecoming tailgate dinner, walk in the parade and cheer the 2nd quarter of the homecoming game! Registration \$15 and includes dinner and a NHS Cheer Alumni T-shirt. Registration deadline is Sept. 19.
CONTACT: Mail Registration to Mindy Gentz - NHS Cheer, 45700 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. Make checks payable to NHS Cheer.

Bizarre Bazaar

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 27
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road
DETAILS: Crafters and vendors needed for the first annual Community Bizarre Bazaar to benefit Village Banking. Showcase your talent or business to hundreds of local customers. Booth space is going fast, the cost is low. For details about reserving a spot, call Karen at (248) 349-1144 ext. 18. Applications are due by Sept. 19.

Rocky Sperino Exhibit

DATE: Exhibit runs until Sept. 30
TIME: Regular gallery hours are 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday and Noon-4 p.m. Sunday. Monday by appointment only.
LOCATION: Sherrus Gallery of Fine Art, 133 W. Main St., Suite 210
DETAILS: Sperino's work is a unique brand of pop art. Included in the show are a series of paintings inspired by the young drummer, Julian Pavone. One painting making a debut will be given to Oprah Winfrey following this show.
CONTACT: (248) 380-0470 or sherrusgallery.com

Barack Obama Forum

TIME/DATE: 7-8:30 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 2
LOCATION: Northville District Library, Meeting Room B

DETAILS: Educate your voting right by attending a discussion of Senator Obama's position on the economy and jobs, foreign policy, women's issues, energy and the environment.
CONTACT: Teresa Pilarz, (248) 207-7987

Oktoberfest 2008

TIME/DATE: 6-10:30 p.m.
Friday and noon-10:30 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 10-11
LOCATION: Community Park
DETAILS: Join in the fun. Entertainment, crafts, music, inflatables and rides, classic car show, haybale maze, Oktoberfest merchandise, beer tent, great German food and more. Admission to beer tent is \$5, children age 6 and under free with an adult.

Cemetery Walk

TIME/DATE: 5-8 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 12
LOCATION: Oakwood Cemetery, Cady St., between Center and Rogers streets
DETAILS: Costumed citizens of the past tell about their lives and times. Learn how life was "way back when" and about the people who shaped our town. Refreshments and displays in Senior Center. Wear comfortable clothing and sensible shoes, bring a flashlight. No strollers please. Tickets are for reserved starting times which are strictly adhered to. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and groups of 10 or more. Tickets available at Mill Race Village when open, Knightsbridge Antiques, 42305 Seven Mile Road, and by mail. Call (248) 348-1845 or e-mail OakwoodCemWalk@yahoo.com for more information.

Pumpkin Walk

DATE: Sunday, Oct. 19 (Tickets now on sale)
TIME: Ticket times are 5, 5:20, 5:40, 6, 6:20, 6:40, 7, and 7:20 p.m.
LOCATION: Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold
DETAILS: Walk around the pumpkin-lit path of Mill Race village and visit its spooky houses with your little one. New activities and entertainment. For ages preschool to grade 3. Tickets not available day of event. Purchase timed tickets at the Parks and Rec. office, 700 W. Baseline Road. Cost is \$6 per child. If you wish to donate a carved pumpkin or volunteer for the event, call (248) 349-0203.

Northville District Library Weekly Activities

LOCATION: 212 W. Cady St., near Northville City Hall
TIME/DAY: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Monday-Thursday; 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday-Saturday; 1-5 p.m. Sunday.
CONTACT: (248) 349-3020 or northvillelibrary.org for information regarding programs and library materials.

September is Library Card Sign-up Month

DETAILS: Kids, if you are a Northville resident and old enough to sign your own name, you can get your very own library card. Receive a special treat and enter a prize drawing too.

Tot Storytime

TIME/DATE: 10:15 a.m.
Mondays; 10:15 a.m.
Wednesdays; or 11:30 a.m.
Wednesdays, beginning the end of September
DETAILS: This six-week series of 30 minute Story time are for ages 2 and 4 with a caregiver. Registration begins Sept. 10. Call the library to register.

Today

DETAILS: Fun program featuring stories, games and crafts. Offered once a month. Register in advance.

Little Me Storytime for Little Ones

TIME/DATE: 10:30 a.m. Friday
DETAILS: Babies to 2 year olds, along with a caregiver, enjoy music, simple stories and playtime. No registration required.
One-on-one Computer Tutoring
TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. Saturday
DETAILS: Free, one hour sessions one-on-one with a high school student. Ask your e-mail and word processing questions. Call to register.
Junior Books, Chat and Chow
TIME/DATE: 4:15 p.m.

Wednesday

DETAILS: For kids in grades 4 and 5. Make friends, enjoy treats and a book discussion of "I da B: And Her Plans to Maximize Fun, Avoid Disaster and (Possibly) Save the World" by Katherine Hannigan. Registration is required.

Fall Used Book Sale Members Preview Sale

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25
DETAILS: Friends of the Northville Library members will receive free coffee, cookies and special discounts on the 2009 Book Lovers calendar as well as being the first to buy the used books, DVD's, CD's and more. Anyone buying a Friends membership that night will be allowed into the sale.

Fall Used Book Sale

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-5 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 26; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27; and 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28
DETAILS: Great prices on books, dvds, videos, audiobooks and more. Thursday is a Friends of Northville District Library Preview Sale with free coffee for members. Saturday prices are \$6 a bag and Sunday's are \$4 a bag.
Friends Gift Store Clearance Sale
TIME/DATE: 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 25; 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, Sept. 26; 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 27; and 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 28
DETAILS: The Friends of the Northville District Library are holding a clearance sale in the gift store. Great deals on a variety of gift items for kids and adults.

Meet a Paws Dog

TIME/DATE: 4:15-5 p.m.
Tuesday, Sept. 30
DETAILS: Meet a "Paws with a Cause" assistance dog and trainer and learn about the organization and training for dogs that help people with disabilities. 100 free tickets will be available at the information desk five minutes before the presentation.

Farmer's Market

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-3 p.m. every Thursday, through Oct.
LOCATION: Northville Downs Parking Lot at the corner of Seven Mile and Center Street (Sheldon).
DETAILS: On the first Thursday of each month, from 8:30-9:30 a.m., Providence Park Hospital presents "Good For You", promoting healthy recipes and lifestyles. The "Chefs at the Market" program, third Thursday of the month at 8:30 a.m., features local chefs and free recipes and cooking demonstrations. Today features Chris Shelters of Edwards Cafe & Caterer. Oct. 16 features Andy Genitti from Genitti's Hole in the Wall.
CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or northville.org

Genitti's Little Theater

LOCATION: 108 E. Main St.
CONTACT: Call for reservations (248) 349-0522 or genittis.com
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TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 20, Thursday Sept. 25 and Saturday, Sept. 27.
Call Genitti's for schedule for October.
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. Dinner tickets are \$49.95, lunch tickets are \$35.
Toy Chest, Children's Lunch Theater
TIME/DATE: Special Halloween Performances 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 11, 18 and 25 - wear your costumes.
DETAILS: Tickets are \$14.95 for children and \$16.95 for adult, not including tax or gratuity. Will open any date for 25 or more.

Genitti's Acting Workshops

DATE: We will open any date for 10 or more.



Submitted photo

Neighbors helping neighbors

Brothers Brandon Scott, a fourth-grader at Amerman Elementary, and Ryan Scott, a first-grader at Ridge Wood Elementary, decided to man a lemonade stand recently to raise money for Christoph's ALL Stars, a local charity that supports leukemia research. They were pleasantly surprised to have some Northville Township police officers, paramedics and firefighters (l to r - Jesse Marcotte, Phil Sutherland, Adam Burton, Brent Muller, Matt Mayes and Ed Jankowski) stop by on their way back from a run to have some lemonade. The boys donated some of their earnings to the charity, which will have its annual fundraiser from 7-10 p.m. Sunday at the Toll Brothers Model Home, 17205 Crestbrook Drive, in Northville. The event includes food and both silent and live auctions. Christoph's ALL Stars is a nonprofit organization founded by 12-year-old Northville resident Christoph Bartschat and his family after he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia in May 2007. Tickets are \$10 each. To order, send your name, address, phone number and e-mail address with a check payable to Christoph's ALL Stars, P.O. Box 332, Northville, MI, 48167. For more information, send an e-mail to christophallstars@comcast.net.

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.

Motown Fun(d) Raiser

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 3
DETAILS: This fund-raiser, featuring the musical group C'est La Vie and a seven course Italian dinner, will benefit the Joy-Southfield Community Development Corporation. All tips will be donated directly to this organization and facility that provides health care and management for the uninsured. The tickets are \$30 each.

CONTACT: Trisha Hopkins, (248) 349-0455 or e-mail at Trisha.Hopkins@att.net; Rich Brown, (248) 349-7696 or e-mail at Rrbrown@comcast.net

Marquis Theatre

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or visit northvillemarquistheatre.com
Shoemaker and the Elves
TIME/DATE: 2:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday

DETAILS: This musical version of the Shoemaker and the Elves is the classic tale of a hardworking shoemaker whose life is transformed and enriched when visited by some magical friends. Don't miss Gracie the elf, fly across the stage. No children under the age of 3. Tickets are \$8.50 each. Groups rates and reserved seating

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BURN AFTER READING (R) 12:10, 2:30, 4:40, 6:55, 9:10 FRI/SAT LS 11:25
THE WOMEN (PG-13)
11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:20, 9:55
BANGKOK DANGEROUS (R) FRI/SAT LS 11:00
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FRI-SUN, TUE-TH 1:15, 3:15, 5:15 7:15
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FRI/SAT LS 11:35

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DETAILS: Cost is \$5 which includes a box of fresh popcorn.
DATE: Friday - "Gaslight"
DATE: Saturday - "Funny Girl"
DATE: Friday, Sept. 26 - "The Sundowners"
DATE: Saturday, Sept. 27 - "Out of Africa"

Tipping Point Theatre

LOCATION: 361 E. Cady St.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003 or visit tippingpointtheatre.org
Improv at the Point
TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. first and third Tuesday of the month

DETAILS: Hilarious night of comedy in the style of the TV show "Whose Line is it Anyway". Features rotating cast of the best improv talent in the metro area. No two shows are alike. General seating tickets are available 7 p.m. at the door on the night of the performance. Ticket cost is \$8.

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TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday through Oct. 12
DETAILS: Tickets are \$23 senior/student and \$25 adult for Thursdays/Matinees; \$25 senior/student and \$28 adult for Friday-Saturday. Musical celebration of the mating game.

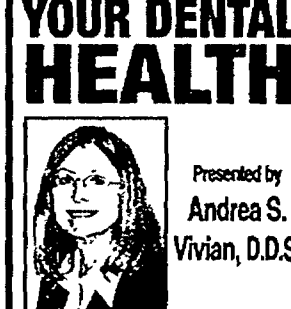
Improv 101 Adult Class

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Monday through Oct. 13 & 20
DETAILS: Join Second City alum and popular TPT performer Quintin Hicks and learn the basics of improv. Performance on Oct. 14. Cost is \$175.

Baseline Folk Society Open Mic

DATE: Third Saturday of each

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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

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 LOCATION: 149 North Center Street, Suite 102, Northville
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 CONTACT: For all events contact Betsy Storrs at (248) 348-1274 or e-mail crm2648@bn.com

Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse
 LOCATION: 133 W. Main St., Northville
 CONTACT: (248) 348-9737
 Open Mic Nite
 TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday

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 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. every Thursday
Carol Smallwood, classical guitarist
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon every Saturday
Tim Pepper and Brian Warner, acoustic folk rock singer/songwriters
 TIME/DATE: 7 p.m. Friday

The Art House
 Open 1-5 p.m. every Thursday-Sunday; 1-9 p.m. on "First Fridays" of the month.
 LOCATION: 215 Cady St.
 DETAILS: Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.
 CONTACT: Northville Art House (248) 344-0497 or northvillearts.org
Showcase 2008, A Northville Camera Club Exhibit
 TIME/DATE: Exhibit runs through Sept. 28 during regular gallery hours.
 DETAILS: This exhibit highlights the medium of photography in the 21st century. It features recent works of members of the Northville Camera Club.
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Art of Venice
 TIME: 7:30-9 p.m.
 DATE: Oct. 15 - Artists of Venice
 DATE: Nov. 19 - High Renaissance Artists
 DETAILS: Laugh and learn about art history, focusing on the Art of Venice, with popular art historian, Michael Farrell. Tickets at the door are \$10 for adults ad \$5 for students. Call the Art House for more information.

Detroit Institute of Art Lecture Series
 TIME/DATE: 7:30 p.m. first Wednesday of the month, Oct. through Dec.
 DETAILS: The first lecture on Oct. 1 will feature the Private World of India's Mughal Emperors. Albums of colorful miniature paintings created in Mughal India from the mid-16th to the mid-17th centuries provided hours of entertainment for the emperors. Learn how they dressed, spent their time, and celebrated their ancestry in this fascinating slide presentation and lecture designed to complement the DIA's current exhibition.

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.
Maybury State Park Trail Riders Association Poker Ride
 TIME/DATE: 9 a.m. Sunday
 LOCATION: Maybury State Park Staging area off Beck Road
 DETAILS: Bring your horse for fun and riding. a \$5 donation for members, \$7 donation for non-members is requested. Lunch is included and will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A state park sticker, and your own horse, is required.
 CONTACT: (248) 349-2687

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
 *Grounds closed to public
 Thursday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 7 p.m. Northville Historical Society Meeting
 Friday: 9 a.m. Archives Open; 4 p.m. Girl Scout Cadettes; 6:30 p.m. Rehearsal
 Saturday: 1:30-3:30 p.m. Wedding*; 4-6 p.m. Wedding*
 Sunday: 10 a.m. Mill Creek Church; 1-4 p.m. Village Open; 5 p.m. P.E.O.
 Monday: 10 a.m. Heirloom Rug Hookers; 7 p.m. Lions Club
 Tuesday: 9 a.m. Stone Gang; 6:30 p.m. Northville Democrats
 Wednesday: 6:45 p.m. Mindfulness Meditation
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, dating from 1831 to the 1890's, moved from various parts of Northville; two more were re-constructed 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, musicians, weavers and rug hookers demonstrate their crafts. No admission charge.

Macy's "Shop for the Cause" Benefits Mill Race Village
 DATE: Saturday
 DETAILS: 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. 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.

Northville Chamber of Commerce
 LOCATION: 195 S. Main St., Northville
 CONTACT: (248) 349-7640 or visit northville.org
 TGIF
 TIME/DATE: 8 a.m. Friday, Sept. 26

5th Annual Ladies Night Out - Plymouth Style
 TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Today
 LOCATION: Downtown Plymouth
 DETAILS: Visit the participating stores and enjoy shopping, refreshments, enter to win gift baskets, receive free giveaways, and be pampered with mini-makeovers, hand treatments and massages. Some discounts also available. Roses also handed out by Mr. 48170.

Northville Garden Club Pinecone and Bow Workshop
 TIME/DATE: 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 13
 LOCATION: Cady Inn at Mill Race
 DETAILS: Members will be making bows and wiring pinecones to adorn wreaths for our annual Greens Mart. All are welcome.
 CONTACT: Barbara O'Brien at (248) 349-5566

"Hello Dolly"
 TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19, 20, 26, 27 and Oct. 3 and 4; 2 p.m. Sunday,

DETAILS: Annual fashion show by Fine Threads, Bridal Couture, Gigi's Mode, Maggie and Me, Van Dam's and Pure Fashions (for teens). Tickets are \$30 for ages 17 and older, \$20 for ages 16 and younger and must be purchased by Sept. 12. Evening includes buffet dinner by Family Affair Catering, fashion show, beverages (including wine) and door prizes. Tickets are available at stores listed above or call Sandy at (248) 344-7995 or Diane at (734) 455-2059.

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 TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Today
 LOCATION: Downtown Plymouth
 DETAILS: Visit the participating stores and enjoy shopping, refreshments, enter to win gift baskets, receive free giveaways, and be pampered with mini-makeovers, hand treatments and massages. Some discounts also available. Roses also handed out by Mr. 48170.

"Hello Dolly"
 TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday, Sept. 19, 20, 26, 27 and Oct. 3 and 4; 2 p.m. Sunday,

Sept. 28 and Oct. 5
 LOCATION: The Village Theater at Cherry Hill, 50400 Cherry Hill Road, Canton
 DETAILS: Tickets are \$18 for adults, \$16 for seniors and children under age 18. Visit www.spotlightplayers.net for a coupon code for a discount on tickets online. Directed and choreographed by Novi resident Barbara Bloom.

Oakland Conservation Fall Tree Sale
 DETAILS: The Oakland Conservation District, a non-profit natural resource agency is holding its annual fall tree sale fund-raiser. Varieties of Michigan native plants and large deciduous trees are available for low cost planting. Orders are due Sept. 20 and trees are available to pick up Oct. 3 at the Michigan State University Tollgate Farm, 12 Mile and Meadowbrook Roads, in Novi. Proceeds from the sale support conservation projects and workshops throughout Oakland County. Order forms are available at www.oaklandconservationdistrict.org, or by calling (248) 328-0594

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Regional Events

Fall Fashion Fling Show and Dinner
 TIME/DATE: 5:30 p.m. opening, 6-7 p.m. buffet dinner, 7 p.m. fashion show Friday
 LOCATION: Our Lady of Good Counsel Catholic Church, Social Hall, 47650 North Territorial Road, Plymouth

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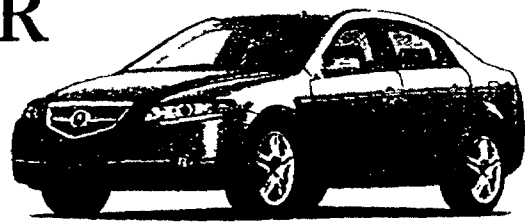
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A "Bizarre Bazaar" – A solution to world poverty

The word "bazaar" conjures up vivid images for many of us. You may fondly remember attending church bazaars which featured the delectable smell of home-baked goods, lovingly knitted blankets, and an assortment of clever hand-made crafts for sale. Or you may have experienced the chaos and color of a market bazaar in exotic places like Africa or Italy.

The halls of the Northville Methodist Church will be alive and buzzing with an event that combines both of these "bazaar" experiences from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 27. This new annual event will feature a variety of fun, family-friendly activities. All proceeds from the Bizarre Bazaar go directly to benefit FINCA Village Banking.

The Bizarre Bazaar is a beautiful example of how one person, like a pebble thrown into a pond, can create a great ripple effect around the world. This amazing event is the brainchild of Northville resident Pat Bongiovanni, who wanted to find a better way to impact global poverty than by just sending money to a charity. She

discovered a unique way to do this through FINCA, the Foundation for International Community Assistance.

FINCA has created Village Banking, a microfinance industry which is working to end global poverty, one village at a time. FINCA offers small loans to families living in severe poverty, allowing them to invest in and build their own small businesses. Rather than giving people a handout, FINCA gives them a hand up. With near 100 percent repayment, Village Bank loans rotate perpetually to increase the effect of a donation countless times. In this way, donations do not go down a drain but rather flow together into an ever-expanding pool of resources. The ripple effect continues.

Bongiovanni began by gathering a group of enthusiastic women who shared her vision. Together they have organized this event with a goal of raising \$10,000, which will be enough to fund Village Banks in Haiti and Malawi, Africa. One woman in Malawi used a \$10 loan to start a nursery school in her home. Upon receiving the loan, she said, "It was the first

Bizarre Bazaar
 ■ Northville Methodist Church
 ■ Corner of 8 Mile and Taft Road.
 ■ Saturday, September 27 8 a.m.-4 p.m.
 ■ Pancake breakfast 8-10 a.m.
 ■ \$1 Admission
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time I had ever touched such a large sum of money."

"With our donation, we can help up to 60 families bring themselves out of poverty," said Bongiovanni. "We will even get photos and progress reports on the success of the clients that our donation has helped."

The Bizarre Bazaar is an event that will actually parallel its cause. Area entrepreneurs and artists will display and sell their wares, various groups within the church are working together for a common goal, and the community as a whole



Submitted photo

Bizarre Bazaar organizers (l to r, standing) Sandy Steffke, Judy Behmer, Pat Bosscher, Cindy Ferriman, Linda Kyle, Deborah Southworth, Pat Breslin, Jane Anderson; (front) Pat Bongiovanni, Judy Poole and Ceil Ginger.

can benefit by attending this remarkable event. These are exactly the kinds of opportunities that a Village Bank creates

for its communities. The next time you think that one person can not make a noticeable impact on something as large as

global poverty, remember the Bizarre Bazaar, and think again.

Submitted by Patti McCreadie

Tipping Point's 'I Love You' production fast-paced fun

■ Musical revue keeps moving

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Whether you're married, single or somewhere in between, the Tipping Point Theatre's current production "I Love You, You're Perfect. Now Change" has something for everyone.

A great "date" production or one to see with "the girls," performances run through Oct. 12 at the theatre at 215 W. Cady St. in downtown Northville.

The longest-running musical in Off-Broadway history, "I Love You" offers a humorous look at love and all of its trials and tribulations.

Directed by Greg Trzaskoma, a lecturer of theatre at the University of Detroit Mercy, Wayne State University and Macomb

Community College, the cast includes Chip DuFord, Courtney Myers, Stephanie L. Stephan and Lorenzo Toia.

Creative, colorful set

The creative, colorful and versatile set was constructed by Tim Broderick, Jr. and Charlie Gaidica, son of Chuck Gaidica, president of the theatre's board of directors. Broderick also serves as assistant stage manager under Tracy L. Spada.

Musical direction is provided by R. MacKenzie Lewis, and the production was choreographed by Michelle Hooks-Stackpoole. Other credits go to Joe Colosi, costume design; Rita Girardi, lighting design; Monika Essen, scenic design; and Samantha Lowry, properties design.

The book and lyrics are by Joe DiPietro, music was written by Jimmy Roberts, and it was originally produced in New York by James Hammerstein, Bernie Kukoff and Jonathan Pollard, with original

direction by Joel Bischoff.

Themes of the production include preparing for the "big date," dating services, tight schedules and dating, nerds on a date, the shortage of single men in the world and the male point of view. Other topics focus on the legalities of love, waiting for the phone to ring from that special someone, parental pressures, dating over 30 and "the cold feet syndrome" for those about to take that long walk down the aisle — better known as fear of commitment. The play's concept is that love is a many-splendored — or shall we say splintered thing.

The actors move quickly from scene to scene, never missing a beat on this musical love tour. No matter what your age, beliefs or marital status, "I Love You" provides a whirlwind of comic relief on this strange and wonderful phenomenon we call love.

Happy 50th anniversary

Ruth and Jack Seranian of West Bloomfield attended the opening night performance Sept. 6 as part

of their 50th wedding anniversary celebration.

The Seranians, who lived in Northville for 17 years before moving to West Bloomfield 20 years ago, were married on Sept. 5, 1958, at Victory Lutheran Church in Detroit.

They felt the Tipping Point production of "I Love You, You're Perfect. Now Change" was a perfect way to celebrate their many years as a couple.

Attending the performance with the Seranians were Russ and Judy Dore and John and Cindy Bullington, who, along with Ruth Seranian, are involved in Dore Productions, a Northville theatre group that does holiday parties, private parties and corporate events and has several different scripts, such as "The Purple Gang" and mystery dinner theater selections.

Ruth Seranian also sings with the Rackham Symphony Choir

locally. Ruth Seranian and Russell Dore started the Northville Players after they were asked to teach a theater class through the Northville school system's adult education program.

"I thought the performance was wonderful," Ruth Seranian said. "All of us did." She said they also enjoyed the after-performance food provided on opening night by Rocky's of Northville and noted that she and her husband have seen all of the Tipping Point Theatre productions to date.

"We plan on getting tickets for the whole season," she said. "This is a worthwhile organization, and there's a lot of talent there."

Performances of the musical comedy run through Oct. 12. For more information, call (248) 347-0003 or tippingpointtheatre.org.

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Ruth and Jack Seranian of West Bloomfield, formerly of Northville, attended the Sept. 6 opening-night performance of "I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change" at the Tipping Point Theatre as part of their 50th anniversary celebration. The Seranians were married Sept. 5, 1958, in Detroit.

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One Woman Art Show
 DATE: Month of Sept.
 LOCATION: Farmington Library,
 23500 Liberty St., Farmington
 DETAILS: The art of Rosa
 Paulus is on exhibit at the library
 and is available to be seen during
 library hours as follows: 9 a.m.-9
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 CONTACT: Rosa, (248) 473-
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 TIME/DATE: 6-7:30 p.m.
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LOCATION: Farmington Player's
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"Barefoot in the Park"
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 LOCATION: The Barn Theater,
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 DETAILS: This comic tale of
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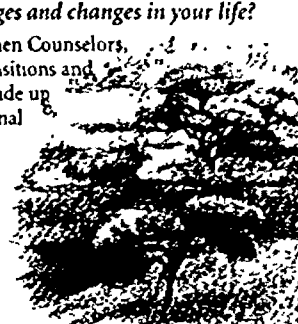
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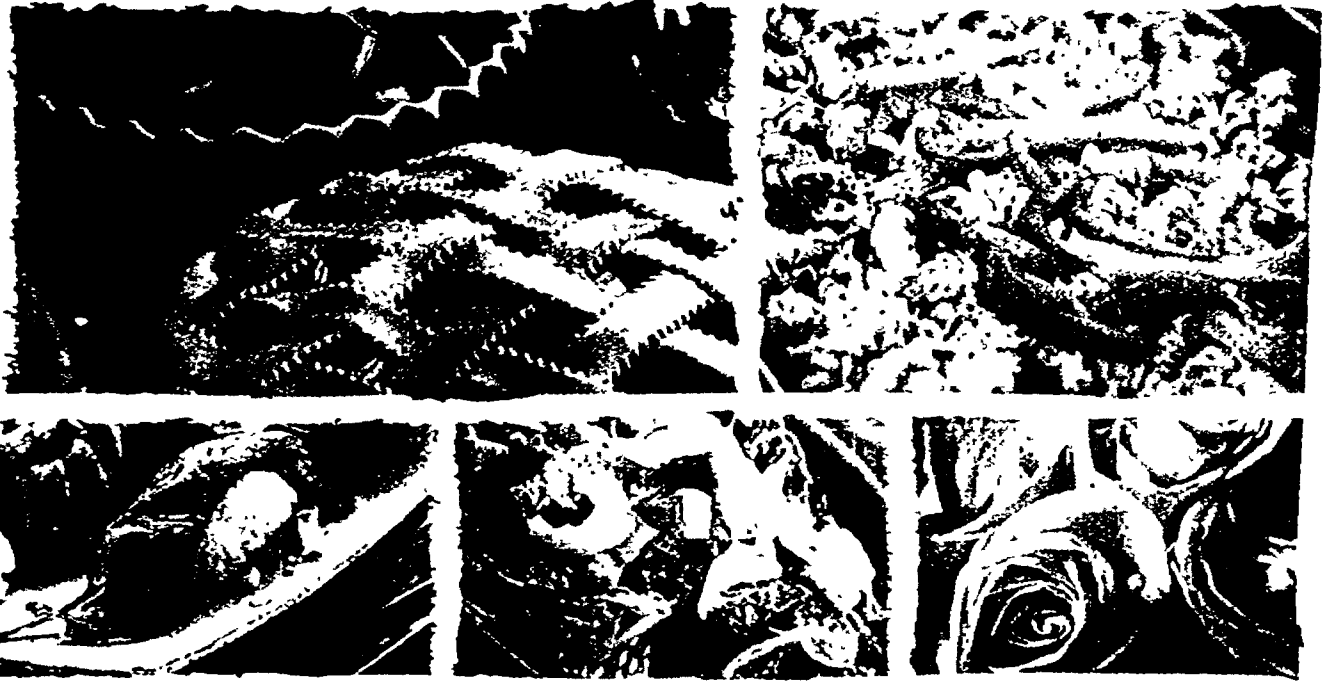
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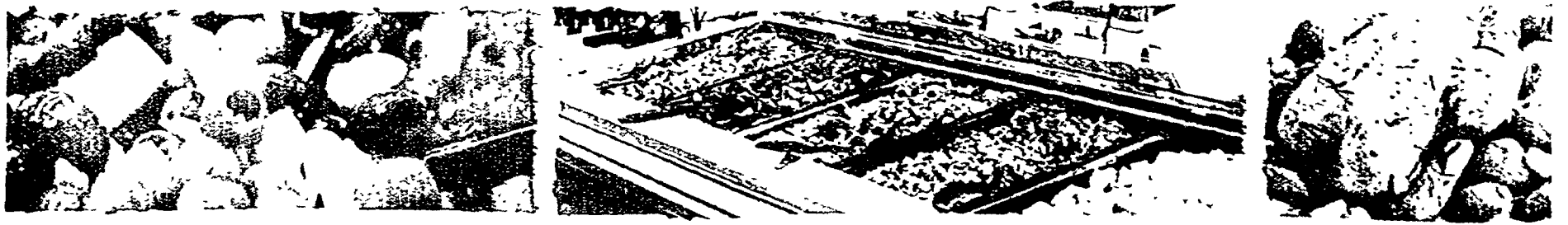
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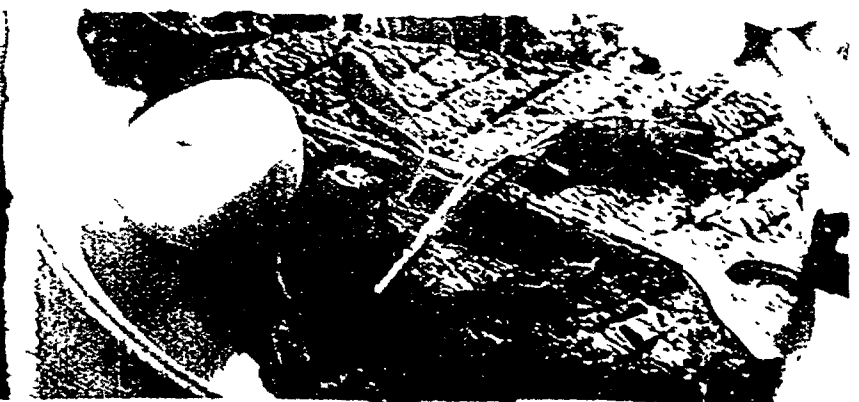
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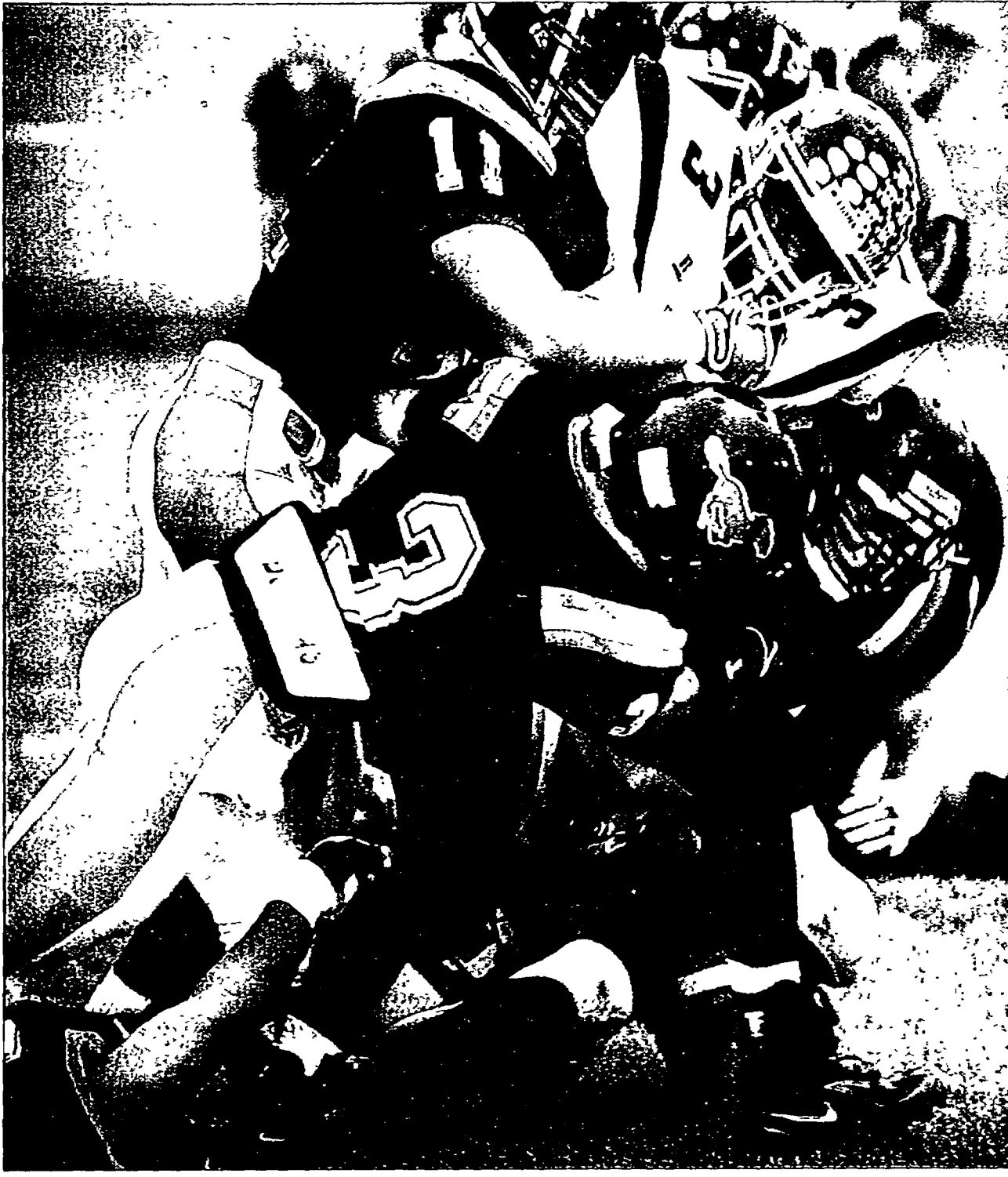


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Anthony Sergi (No. 3), Josh Pratt and others from the Northville defense stop a South Lyon's Anthony Baskin on a fourth-and-inches play in the first half. Northville took over possession after this play.

Hnatiuk blocks final FG attempt for win

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville pulled off one of its biggest victories in years with a thrilling, 21-20 win at home against South Lyon on Friday.

"This is awesome," Northville head coach Matt Ladach said. "This was our first game ever in the KLAAs, and we wanted to win it."

The Mustangs (2-1, 1-0) pulled off a late touchdown and then had to force a goal line stand of its own to secure the win.

The Lions (1-2, 0-1) trailed 21-20 and faced a fourth-and-10 on their own 32 when South Lyon quarterback Justin Butler connected with Anthony Baskin for a 62-yard pass, leaving the ball at the Northville 6 with a little

less than a minute to play.

The Lions took too long to get a play off after downsing the ball and faced a second-and-goal from the 11.

The next two plays didn't result in a first down, and Nick Evans was brought in to attempt a game-winning, 25-yard field goal with 22.2 left to play.

Northville's Kyle Hnatiuk broke through the line and stretched out his hand just enough to get a clean block, and the Mustangs fell on the ball to preserve the win as the Mustang sideline went wild.

"I just went inside as hard as I possibly could and I kept my eye on the ball and put my hand right there," Hnatiuk said. "This game was the best game of my life. I got to

block the game-losing kick for South Lyon."

The winning touchdown came off a South Lyon turnover. Butler stayed down after a run and the referee ruled he had to go off the field for the next play after he popped back up.

In came Zac Lucius to run a handoff, but it was fumbled and Northville recovered at the Lion 38 with 2:14 left.

After a long pass play left the ball at the South Lyon 9, Northville quarterback Matt Kreaiger hit Trystin Scott for the eventual game-winner with 1:14 left on the clock.

It was Northville's first lead of the game. "I wasn't going to let anyone stop me," Scott said. "I'm speechless. I'm just so happy."

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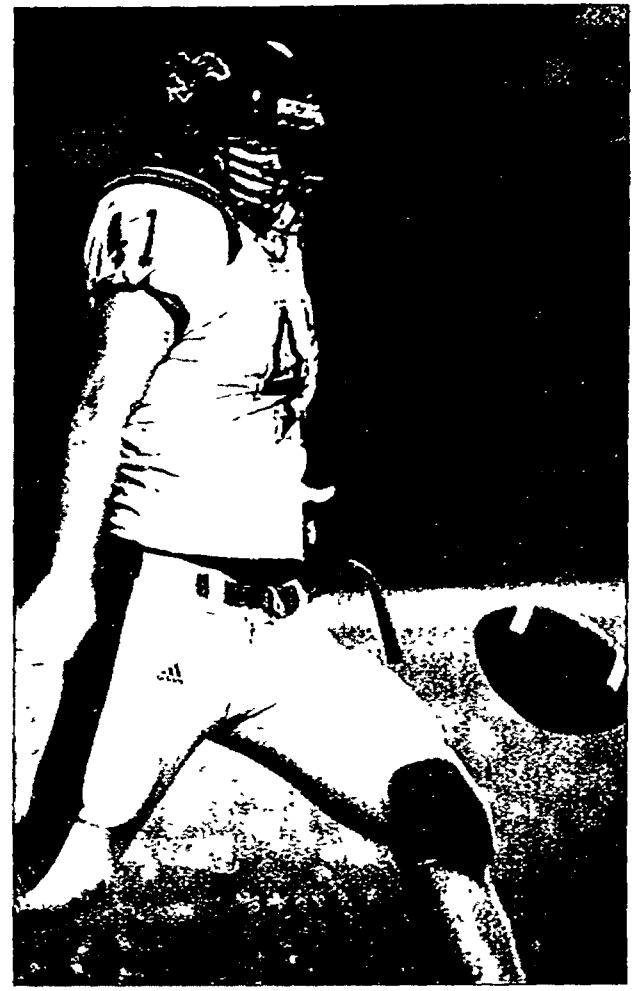


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Mustang fullback and linebacker Pat Keady turns to his punting duties against Chelsea.

Mustangs face young Cougars

■ Northville look to go 2-0 in conference

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Coming off a thrilling, 21-20 victory Friday against South Lyon, things should be a little easier this week.

The Mustangs will get their first-ever look at the Cougars of South Lyon East.

And to say the Cougars are taking their lumps this year would be quite an understatement.

South Lyon East is 0-3 and fields a team of freshmen, sophomores and juniors only. The school does not yet have a senior class.

The Cougars have lost their games by an average of 33 points and were down 48-7 by halftime last week against Novi.

Regardless of what the Cougars will bring to the table, Northville head coach Matt Ladach does not want to see his team take any steps back.

"We are coming off of an emotional win last week, and a letdown is not out of the question," Ladach said. "I was worried about that until I watched (Monday's) practice. Our players had a great practice."

"We have to play one game at a time. The teams in our league

KLAAs Central

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Novi	1	0	2	1
Stevenson	1	0	2	1
S. Lyon E.	0	1	1	2
S. Lyon E.	0	1	0	3
Salem	0	1	0	3

This week

Northville at S. Lyon E.
Stevenson at S. Lyon
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are too good to look past."

The Cougars are led by junior quarterback Collin Hochberg. He is the catalyst of the spread offense and ran for 129 yards and threw for more than 150, while scoring three touchdowns.

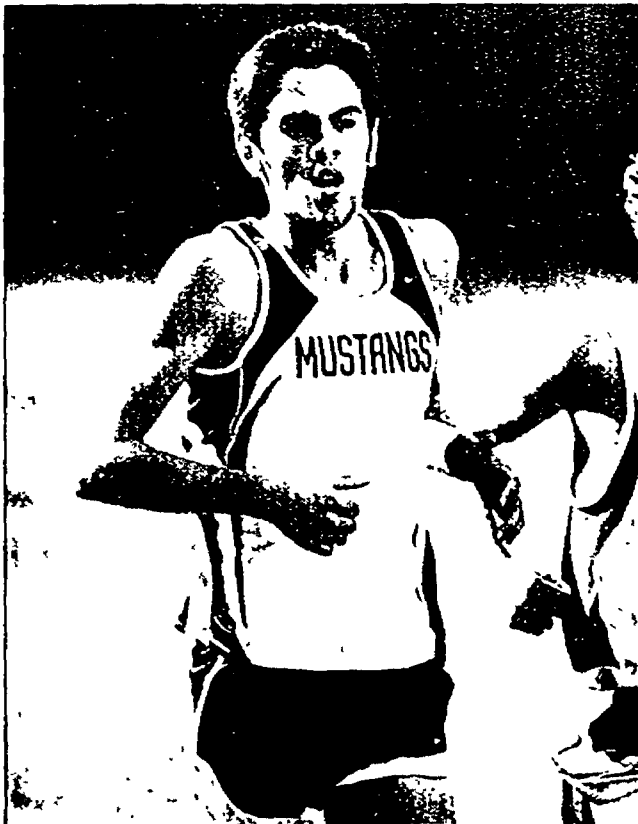
"They run a no huddle, spread offense, much like Grand Valley State University," Ladach said. "They have a very talented quarterback, and he is a weapon."

Ladach knows the confidence is rising within his team, both in the coaches and in the players.

"Our concern coming into the season was, 'Do they believe in themselves?'" Ladach said. "The boys are gaining confidence, but we've got to continue to win football games."

"One poor game can ruin what we have accomplished so far."

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Northville's Jack Dalton finished first for the Mustangs at the Sept. 9 meet at Cass Benton.

ROUNDUP: 'Stang runners 4th at invite

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Northville dropped its first KLAAs dual meet in a close, 26-29 meet with Salem.

Jack Dalton led the Mustangs with a second-place finish in 17:00. But Salem placed three of the top four spots to take control.

Filling out the spots for Northville were Frank Griffiths in fifth (17:34), Jeff Girbach in sixth (17:46), Colin Riley in seventh (17:52) and Trent Johnson in ninth (18:00).

At the MSU invite Sept. 12, Northville tied for fourth with East Kentwood in a 34-team field.

Novi won with 100, followed by Williamston with 134, Troy with 159 and East Kentwood and Northville with 160.

Dalton led the charge with a 12th-place finish (16:54). Griffiths was next in 18th (17:08), followed by Girbach in 34th (17:39), Riley in 38th (17:42) and Cory Smetana in 58th (17:57).

"Jack Dalton and Frank Griffiths earned medals,"



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The lady Mustangs cross country team runs at Cass Benton Park on Sept. 9.

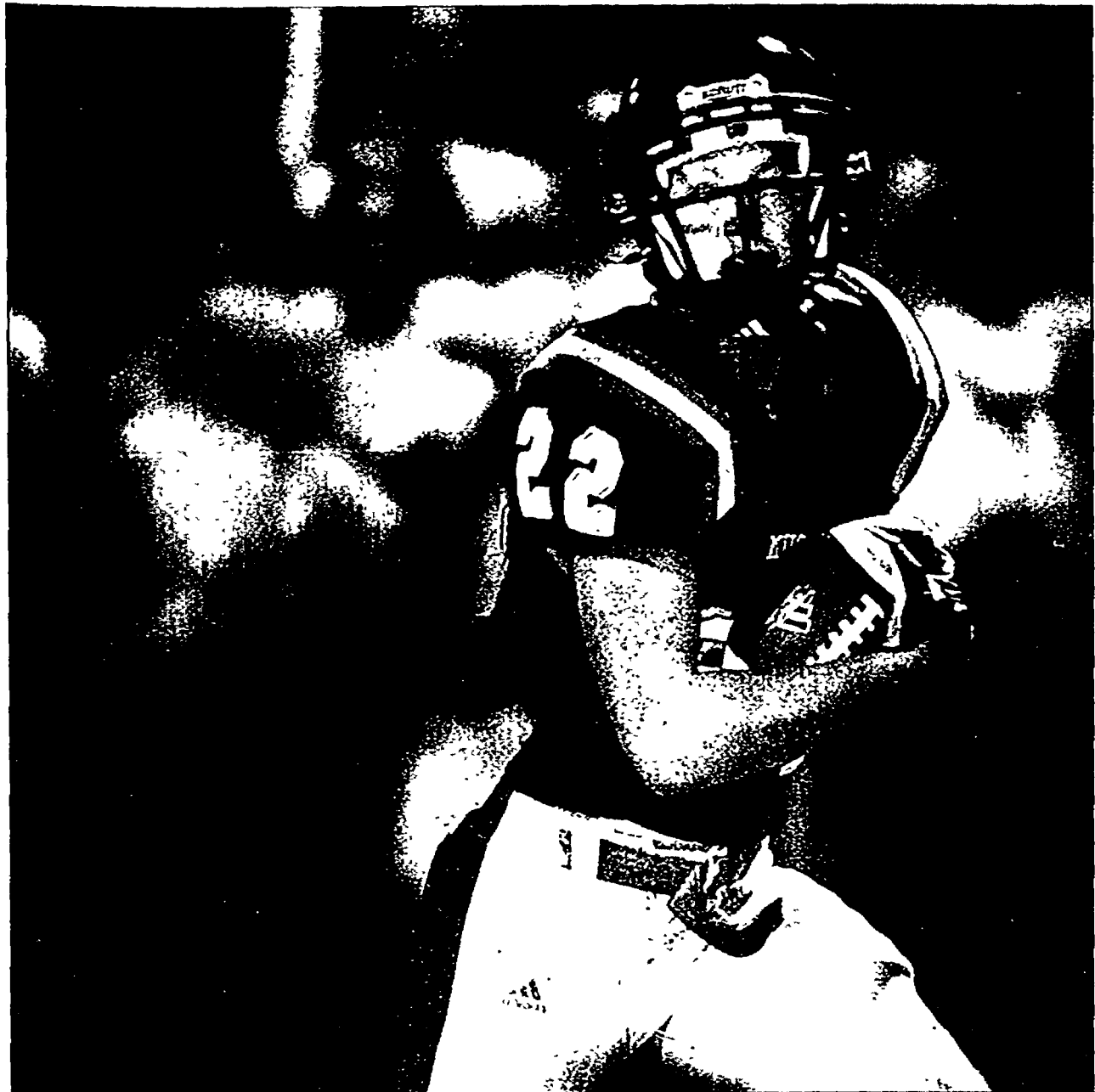
Northville coach Chris Cronin said "Jack and Frank both ran their best races of the season. The course was bit muddy from the rain, but they were aggressive and it paid off."

In JV races, Teja Ravipati, Chad Cini and Matt Sierra each finished in 18:33 against South Lyon East, with Alex Kanya in one second later.

At the MSU invite, Ravipati

(17th), Kanya (31st), Joshua Duffresne (33rd) and Matt Sierra (38) all medaled. The race featured 711 runners.

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Trystin Scott scores on the first of his two touchdowns on the night. His second one proved to be the game-winner with 1:14 left to play.

FOOTBALL

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South Lyon started the scoring with 5:01 left in the first when Butler ran in from 3 yards out with 5:01 left in the first half.

"If we would've had any luck, we'd be dangerous," South Lyon head coach Mark Thomas said. "How many times did we turn the ball over, five or six? We helped them beat us.

"It was a wild game, no doubt about it." Northville countered with a 47-yard scoring pass from Kreager to Scott with 59.3 left in the second quarter.

Scott reached up for the pass, right in front of a charging defensive back, and avoided the hit to find nothing but green field in front of him.

South Lyon went back in front on a 16-yard pass from Butler to Justin Hartman

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Rushing - Northville: Kris Baumgardner 1-(-5), Brett Smith 8-15, Matt Kreager 15-50, Kyle Galdes 3-15, Ryan Mullen 3-16

Passing - Northville: Matt Kreager 10-22-0-195

Receiving - Northville: Aaron Brown 2-59, Trystin Scott 2-56, Kris Baumgardner 4-37, Paul Gibson 1-21, Kyle Galdes 1-17

with 5:43 left in the third.

The Mustangs again tied the game with 10:30 left to play on a 3-yard run by Brett Smith

Baskin put the Lions back in front with a 93-yard run with 9:22 left to play, but the Lions tried a two-point play, trying to run it in away from the swinging-gate alignment. The failed attempt proved costly in the end.

Butler was tackled well shy of the end-zone but pitched the ball back to the kicker, who was tackled immediately.

"It's a roll of the dice. That's the option I give them," Thomas said. "If it's open (Butler) has the option to do it. It didn't work. It's just one of those things."

Ladach was thrilled to start 1-0 in the KLAA Central Division.

"We knew we coming into this season we were going to have to steal a game or two," he said. "This was one that we had our eyes on. Our guys did a tremendous job."

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Health

Energy (drink) crisis?

In the last five years, energy drinks have become as common as soft drinks and as accepted in the sports world as Gatorade. Most gas stations have at least several racks if not an entire door full of all varieties of energy drinks. Red Bull is a major sponsor of several major sports events and is actually quasi-approved by Major League Baseball. When I was growing up, Jolt cola had a short run of popularity, its claim to fame being twice the caffeine of regular cola. These days its Red Bull, Rock Star, Monster, complete with sugar, herbs and overloaded with caffeine.

Essentially, today's energy drink amounts to a sweet, carbonated alternative to coffee with a nominal amount of vitamins thrown in. Earlier generations of these drinks had some potent cardio-active substances (ephedrine, etc.) in varying amounts and posed some serious health risks beyond just high levels of caffeine. These other substances have since been banned for general consumption and replaced with more caffeine.

There's no debate that these drinks can give you an energy boost, even make you a little hyper. Caffeine is acknowledged as a performance-enhancer by the International Olympic Committee and many studies exist proving its capacity to improve alertness and concentration. Look no further than your neighbor, boss or mechanic carrying around the venti \$3 latte for proof of its effectiveness. The debate concerns the way these drinks are being used and the age groups they are marketed to.

Whereas coffee was viewed as a more mature (college-age at least) drink, the newer drinks are marketed to and attract younger consumers. Kids are using these at younger ages for studying and sports and they're ingesting much greater amounts of caffeine than previous generations. The big unknown is what consistent high levels of caffeine do to the immature metabolism. Perhaps nothing. Perhaps nothing that we will know about until these kids are 20-30 years down the road. To be fair, your 16 ounce Starbucks contains over twice the caffeine of your son's energy drink. It's more likely though that the coffee is consumed over 1-2 hours whereas the cool, sweet taste of Red Bull lends itself to quickly chugging several cans. The danger of these drinks lies

in the soft drink-like taste which is often mistaken for "refreshing." On the contrary, these drinks, in spite of their vitamins, are highly dehydrating resulting in an energy crash several hours after intake. When I was in high school, heading out to the field on a humid summer day after a couple of cups of coffee was the last thing I wanted to do but that is what these cold



Sean Bak

drinks have changed. Baseball's RBI leader Josh Hamilton recently left a game with dizziness which ultimately was blamed on having too many energy drinks (yes, drinks with an "s") which caused him to get massively dehydrated in 100 degree weather. This was a baseball game with climate-controlled dugouts. Imagine what would have happened had he been at the end of an August two-a-day going against the blocking sled.

Just as with coffee, a certain tolerance to these drinks build up as you gradually need more and more to get an energy buzz and that buzz gradually gets shorter and shorter. Trust me, if you're burning Red Bulls to get through August, you're going to be hurting come October. August drills should be for conditioning and, best case scenario, the only thing these drinks will do during conditioning is decondition you. At their worst, they drastically increase the risk of heat stroke.

These drinks are here to stay—any thought of banning or limiting these would also mean Starbucks would have to disappear. Because a large part of the target audience is kids, they'll probably get a warning stamped on them soon. If you're going to use these drinks, just keep in mind a slight misquote from Aristotle—Energy in Moderation.

Dr. Sean Bak is a Novi resident and an orthopaedic surgeon who specializes in shoulder reconstruction and sports medicine. Dr. Bak takes care of the athletes of several area universities and high schools. His practice, Porretta Center for Orthopedic Surgery, is located at the Novi Orthopaedic Center on the campus of the Providence Park Hospital.



Matt Kreager scrambles for some yards against South Lyon.

Another tough loss for JV, 14-13

Head coach Joe Rohrhoff could have felt much worse as he strode into the lockerroom at halftime on Thursday night.

His team was coming off a well-played game against Chelsea, a football powerhouse, his starting quarterback, Mike Wegzyn had returned to the field after three weeks with an injury, and his junior varsity Mustangs had a 6-0 lead going into halftime against South Lyon.

The 41-yard touchdown run by Mustang Matt Celentino in the final minute of the first half

didn't hold, however, as South Lyon answered early in the third quarter with a touchdown.

Wegzyn wasted little time getting his name in the books, connecting with Brad Wagner later in the quarter on a 40-yard touchdown. The extra point put the Mustangs ahead 13-6.

But the Mustangs fumbled on their own 20-yard line late in the game, leaving Rohrhoff, and his defense, screeching their heads.

"Our defense had played well all game," Rohrhoff said. "In the end, Northville had turnovers at

crucial times in the game."

South Lyon took advantage of the great field position, punching in a touchdown followed by a two-point conversion to take the lead, 14-13. They held on as the Mustangs made a late effort to score.

"I feel like it was a game between two closely matched teams," Rohrhoff said.

But he could have felt better. "It was another tough loss for us."

Submitted by David Uberti

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ROUNDUP

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Girls Cross Country

Northville started out the KLAAs dual meet part of the schedule with a 23-32 loss to Salem last Thursday.

Freshman Gina McNamara led the Mustangs with a third-place finish in 20:54. She was followed by Stephanie Hamel in fifth (20:59), Amy Baditoo in sixth (21:07), Maria Rocco in eighth (21:14) and Emily Sklar in 10th (21:37).

"We are seeing improvement on the team, but need to work through some minor injuries and learn to race as the season continues," Northville head coach Nancy Smith said. "We are pretty inexperienced as a whole. Most of the top seven last year were seniors. As the season continues I am confident that we will improve and learn how to race."

The Mustangs competed in the MSU Invite on Friday and took fifth out of 32 teams.

McNamara led the team with a personal-best 20:30 for 21st place. Rounding out the scores for Northville were Hamel in 37th (21:20), Becky Reynolds in 48th (21:18), Rocco in 50th (21:20) and Baditoo in 53rd (21:24).

Sara Dedona finished 31st out of 632 runners (22:18) in the JV race to earn a medal.

Golf

The Wildcats took care of rival Novi with a 170-190 win Sept. 9 before finishing second at the Ann Arbor Tournament.

Alicia Weber was medalist against Novi with a 37.

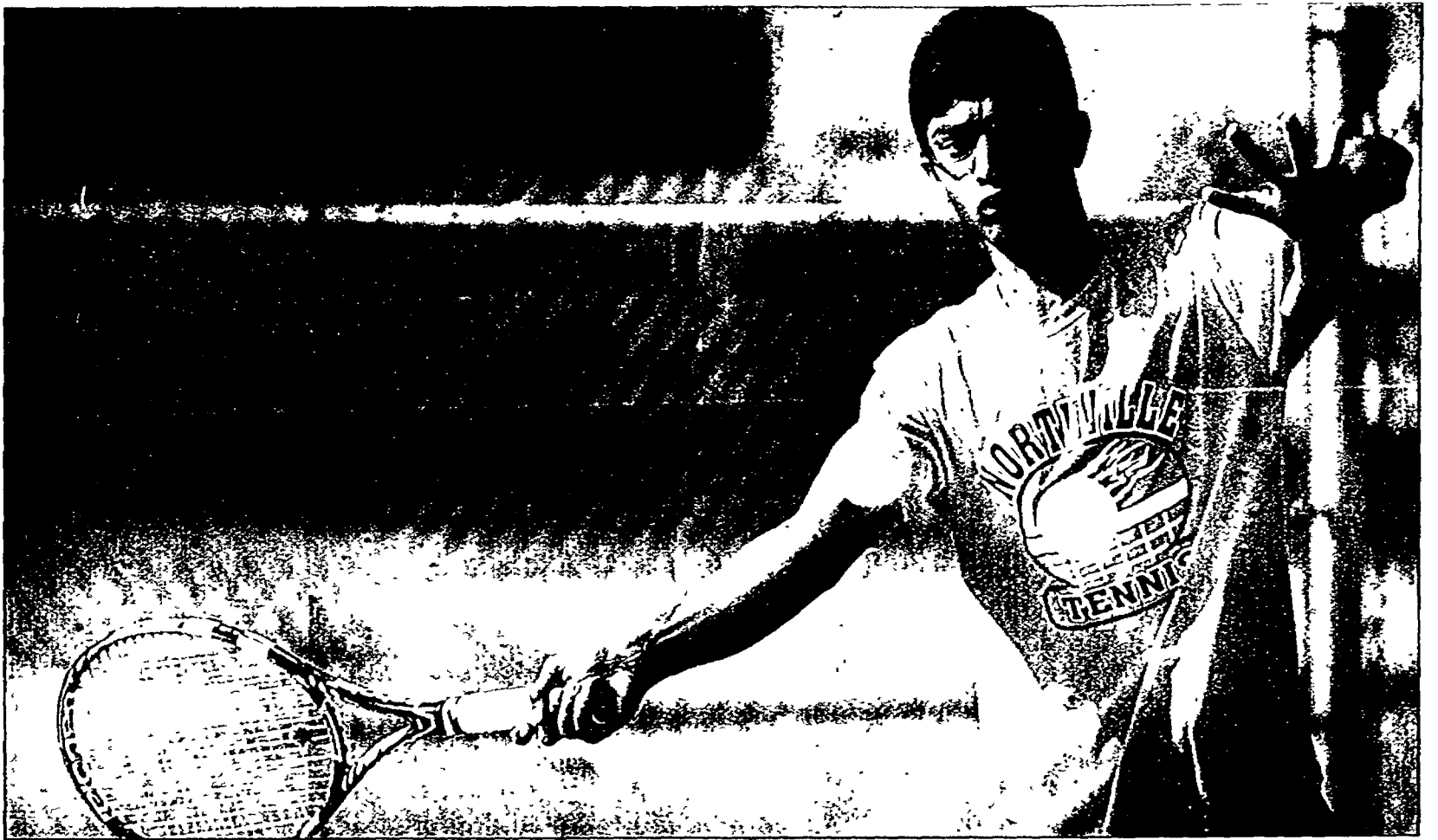
At the tournament, Weber also led the team with an 82.

Rochester won the tournament with a school-record 320.

Northville was next with a 353.

Northville faced Novi again on Monday, with similar results. The Mustangs won 171-195.

Joanne Weber was medalist with a 41, followed by sister Alicia with a 42. Hill with a 43



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Mustang Melvin Joseph warms up on a mid-August morning at Northville High.

and Stephanie Sakorafis with a 45.

Tennis

Northville came up short in a 7-2 loss to rival Novi, but did manage to split the singles matches.

The Mustangs wins came from Tim Wasielewski at No. 1 singles (7-5, 4-6, 6-1) and Steve Irvine at No. 3 singles (6-3, 6-2). Novi swept the doubles matches.

It was the league opener for Novi, as last Monday's match against Salem was rained out.

Northville had little trouble with South Lyon on Friday, sweeping all nine matches

Swimming

Northville knocked off Walled Lake Northern 95-88 last Thursday to start the dual-meet season.

"I learned a lot about our team," Northville head coach Brian McNeff said. "We were down by nine points after diving, and I told them that they had to keep swimming hard and do what they were supposed to do and we would be fine."

"There were a lot of close races and we won most of them."

Wins for the Mustangs came from Jessica Weber in the 200 freestyle (2:01.15), Shannon Lohman in the 200 individual medley (2:24.19), Jennifer Jones

in diving (160.55), Lohman in the 100 butterfly (1:03.69), Weber in the 100 freestyle (55:08), Rachel Brown in the 100 backstroke (1:05.13) and Kelly Burford in the 100 breaststroke (1:15.47).

The 200 freestyle relay team of Sam Curry, Faith Miller, Becca Myers and Weber also claimed a win.

"It was a good way to start the season and I was very impressed by their effort and ability today," McNeff said. "Standout swimmers were Becca Myers, Shannon Lohman, Susan Morris, Faith Miller."

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Mustang Nate Hrivnak, right, battles to keep possession of the ball in a home game against Livonia Churchill.



Mustang Nora Naughton swims during a practice.

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Northville Pom Clinic

The Northville High School Varsity Pom Pon captains Sam Sorenson, Brittany McDermott, Kendra Rays and Nikki Metrusias along with the entire Varsity and JV teams invite you to participate in the Pom Pon Clinic.

The Northville varsity and JV pom teams will hold a pom pon clinic Oct. 13-16 at the high school.

The camp is for kids entering second-eighth grades. It runs 7-8 p.m. Oct. 13-16. Cost of the camp is \$70 and includes teaching a different forms and techniques, a T-shirt and an invitation to participate in the Northville Variety Show on Nov. 22.

Contact Mary Fleury at (248) 347-1509 by Oct. 3 to register.

Northville Cheer Camp

The Northville High School cheer teams are hosting a Summer Cheer/Fun Camp for kids entering first through eighth grades 4:30-6:30 p.m. today.

The camp will be hosted at Hillside Middle School, and participants will cheer at the first half of the JV game that night and the first quarter of the homecoming varsity game Sept. 26. Cost is \$35 and includes a T-shirt, hair ribbon and pizza between a clinic and JV game.

Campers should wear black shorts, T-shirt, tennis shoes/no show socks, hair in a pony tail and no jewelry. Also, bring a water bottle.

Registration is required by Sept. 12 by e-mailing Brenni

Polanski at brenbp@ameritech.net or at (248) 374-0897.

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Any questions, please call Maureen Owen at (248) 348-0075.

Northville winter basketball leagues

The Northville Parks and Recreation Department is accept-

ing registrations for resident/school district residents until Sept. 26 (or until leagues fill) for kids entering third through eighth grades. Non-resident registration starts Sept. 10-26 (if there are openings). A \$20 late fee is due after Sept. 26. Residents \$105, school district residents \$110 and non-residents \$115.

Call the Northville Parks and Recreation Department at (248) 349-0203 for more information.

Baseball tryout

The Livingston Storm 11U Baseball Team will hold tryouts for the 2009 season. Players must be born after May 1, 1997. Tryouts are 3-5 p.m. 21 at Storm North Field (13667 Highland Rd, Hartland, behind Our Savior Church).

For more information, contact: Mike Cusick at (734) 645-6276 or at mikejcusick@comcast.net.

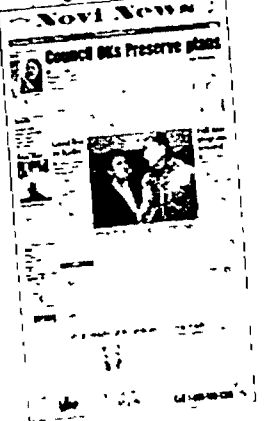
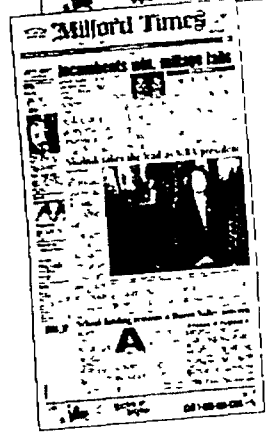
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Greeting customers with a smile when they visit Alexander's Custom Clothiers in downtown Northville are, from left, Alexander Hamka, and his nephew, Kyle Dabaja.

A Perfect Fit

In store or home, Alexander provides custom service

By John R. Hall
SPECIAL WRITER

Alexander Hamka is a busy man these days — and that makes his customers happy. Alexander is the owner of Alexander's Custom Clothiers in downtown Northville, one of the leading men's custom clothiers in southeast Michigan. When he is busy, that means people are getting the finest custom and tailored clothing products, backed by years of experience and outstanding service.

In today's challenging economic environment, it is hard to stay busy all of the time, let alone grow the business. But Alexander has managed to do both.

"My tailoring business has grown," he said. "I am always busy tailoring."

Beside tailoring, Alexander divides his time between helping his walk-in retail customers with all of their custom needs and working in his private in-home con-



Spending a lot of time choosing just the right fabrics and colors for customers seeking the perfect custom suits and shirts are, from right, Alexander Hamka and his nephew Kyle Dabaja.

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sulting, which is also keeping him busier these days.

"I'm getting more and more requests for private consultations in the home and workplace," Alexander said. "My consulting business has tripled since I opened the shop in Northville."

It is no wonder — or surprise — that Alexander's attention to detail and customer service has resulted in the distinction of being Northville Record's 2008 People's Choice award winner for custom clothier. He is very proud of that honor and owes a lot of it to his customers, who offer word-of-mouth advertising that brings people in from all over the region.

"I've been getting a lot of customers from outside of the Northville area," Alexander added.

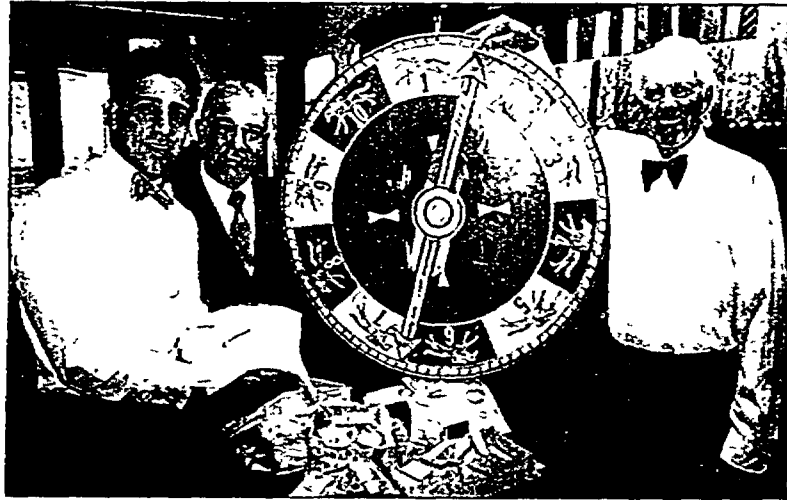
He is especially proud of the tailoring work that he does for the many women who visit the store.

"I know that women are happy with my work because I have a lot of repeat business from them and they tell their friends, too," Alexander said.

Alexander's Custom Clothiers has been busy because of the custom work, which Alexander said has nearly doubled since he opened up the store. Maybe that is why he is so busy, spending at least six hours a day of "pure tailoring" and devoting time when he is out of the store to in-home consulting, usually two to three hours on Sundays in each customer's home.

When he is in the store, he is happiest showing customers the latest styles, colors, and fabrics and then ensuring they get the right custom fit.

"My store is 85 percent custom work," Alexander said. "Most customers come in looking for custom suits or shirt fabrics. For me, it is all about fitting the customer and giving them what they are looking for."



At Alexander's Custom Clothiers in Northville, Alexander Hamka, left, and his father Sam, center, are borrowing an idea from former Northville clothier Chuck Lapham, right. The Wheel of Fortune contest rules are as follows: 1) Choose your merchandise; 2) Place merchandise on the Wheel of Fortune table; 3) Spin to win a discount. The contest runs through Sept. 20.

While in Alexander's Custom Clothiers, customers sense a warm and relaxed atmosphere. They can sit in a comfortable couch or chair and watch television or read a magazine while waiting. Kids can feel at home and watch their favorite TV shows while their parents are fitted with custom clothing.

"It is comfortable and friendly here," added Alexander.

THE WHEEL OF FORTUNE

Long before it became a popular TV game show, the wheel of fortune was a significant part of the Northville business community. Alexander's Custom Clothiers has been continuing that tradition.

Alexander explained that back in the 1940s a local Northville businessman, Chuck Lapham, started using a wheel that had an assortment of discount values on it. When a customer had brought his or her purchases to the counter, they would spin the wheel to see what kind of discount

they would get on their total purchase.

Alexander's Custom Clothiers has continued that tradition and will once again bring the wheel out, which was given to Alexander by Lapham, for a few spins the weekend of September 18-20. Last year, one customer spun the wheel and received the total purchase, around \$2500, free.

"This is not a typical boring sale," said Alexander. "This is exciting. It's like gambling responsibly!"

Customers can receive 5 to 100 percent off their total purchase. And it is not just for the new fall line of clothing, either.

"All of our seasonal clothes will be available for people to choose from," added Alexander.

The third annual Wheel of Fortune Sale includes everything in the store except custom suits and shirts.

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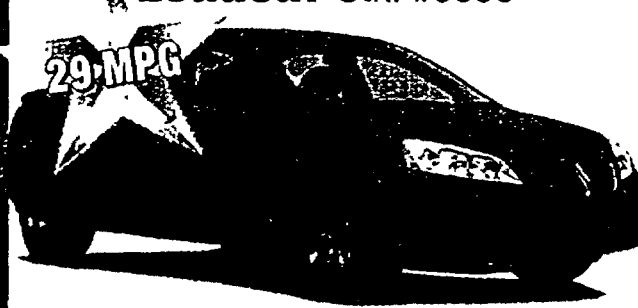


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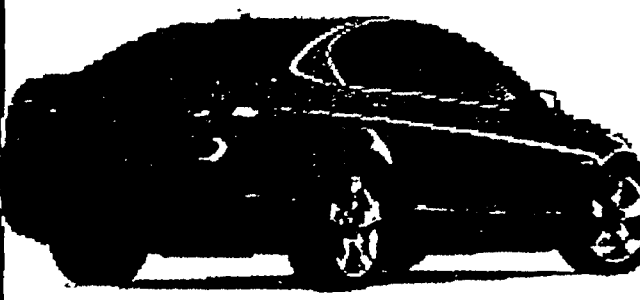


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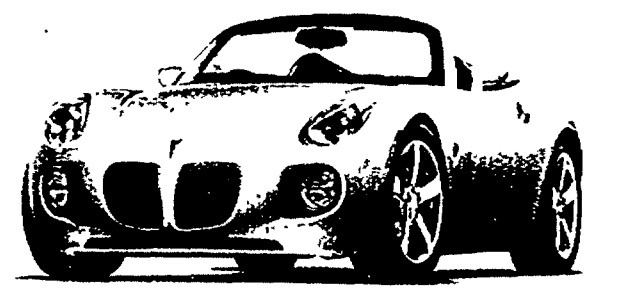


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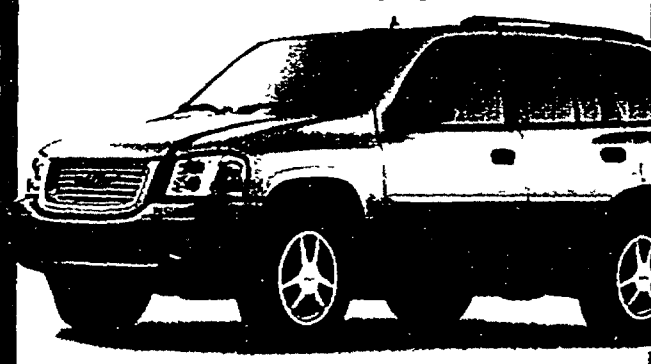


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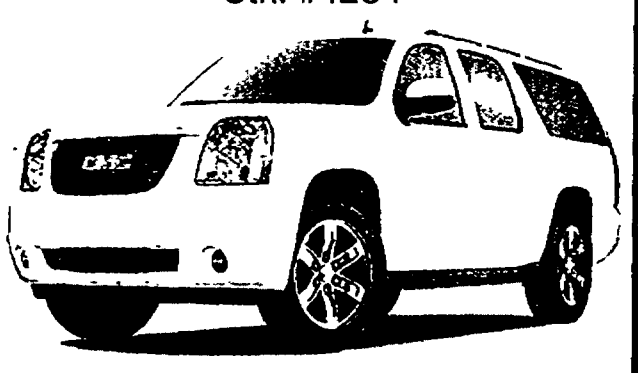


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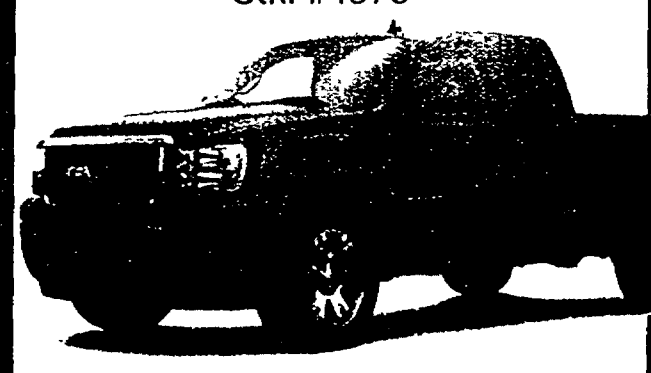


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 <p>Belleville 734-591-9200 Spacious Brick Colonial Featuring 2stry foyer Upgrd kit cabs w/island & Eat-in area. Cath clings in GR w/FP. Ig Mstr BR & BA w/jet tub, shower & WI closet. Short Sale, subject to 3rd party approval, as-is. (28090642) \$179,900</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 Original Owner, custom built 3 bedroom home on 2 acres! New hardwood floors & huge kitchen, family room overlooks 20x16 deck & spacious backyard, low utilities. (28068848) \$214,999</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-4100 ENJOY SUMMER BY THE POOL! Meticulously landscaped yard. Open floor plan w/ vaulted ceilings. Floor to ceiling windows. New carpet, ceramic tile, copper plumb, windows, roof & 200 amp elect. (28101766) \$187,000</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 Stunning Condo Awesome cherry cab in kit, granite counters, 2BR, 1 1/2 BA w/marble, WP tub, fin bsmt, all appliances. Newer wood, roof, all window treat, 1 car att gar CT Loc. (28143363) \$125,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Carriage Trace "Aberdeen Model" Offering spacious kitchen, great rm w/ soaring ceilings, extra lg front study. Jack & Jill bath, oversized 3 car garage and finished basement. (28120576) \$359,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-455-7000 SURE TO PLEASE! Open, spacious floor plan. Great rm w/ cathedral ceiling & marble FP. Upgraded white cabinets in kitchen, appliances stay. 1st flr master & laundry Neutral t/o. (28141520) \$194,900</p>
 <p>Belleville 734-455-7000 CLEAN, COMFORTABLE, CONDO LIVING! Is yours in this 2BR/2BA condo, located deep in the complex and featuring an oak kitchen, master suite w/walk-in closet, all appliances and a covered carport! (28131071) \$105,000</p>	 <p>Farmington Hills 248-348-6430 Custom Modular Ranch & Adjacent vacant lot must be sold together! Extra insulation, spacious kitchen w/upgraded cabinets, new garage w/rear access, great setting! (28069790) \$214,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 UPDATED RANCH ON A COURT IN LIVONIA, 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths, full finished basement. Hot tub, fenced yard, 2 car garage, sidewalks. Move right in! (28071438) \$143,500</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 End Unit 2 bedroom, 2.1 bath, totally remodeled kitchen top to bottom, Pergo floors, all new appliances, remodeled bath, includes washer & dryer, private patio. (28078853) \$109,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Newer Home Shows Well! 2 story foyer, beautiful hwdw in kit, breakfast, dining & foyer. Huge 29x18 vaulted mstr w/ lg closet. Bonus rm fin above gar. Prem. Lot backs to nature trail. (28136248) \$269,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-455-7000 BEAUTIFUL OPPORTUNITY in this 3 bedroom brick ranch with full finished basement, central air, doorwall to deck, kitchen appliances included. Great location. (28139378) \$117,500</p>
 <p>Canton 734-455-7000 NOT YOUR STANDARD COLONIAL! Well maintained home w/ flowing floor plan to fit all living & entertainment needs. Huge fam rm, loft, 1st flr lndry 2FPs, brick patio/walk, custom apps & more. (28115091) \$299,900</p>	 <p>Hartland 248-348-6430 BETTER THAN NEW IN HARTLAND! Welcoming 3 BR, 2.5 BA home. Well lit w/hardw flrs, maple cab 1st flr mstr ste. Cozy frplc in great room, LL is prepped for BA. Cedar deck opens to lg yard. (28080934) \$227,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-4100 EVERYTHING IS DONE! CUL DE SAC SETTING. Gorgeous maple galley kitchen. Updated bldg, HWY, crown molding, 6 panel doors. Gorgeous landscaping + new deck, 3 car garage. Newer roof, electric, plumbing, windows. (28148854) \$150,000</p>	 <p>Novi 248-348-6430 Great Price on This Nov 3 BR Condo! Open floor plan, nice sized rooms, unfinished LL. All apps stay. Assn fee includes gas and water. Sidewalks, pool, tennis courts and clubhouse. Great value! (27194391) \$99,000</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Newer Quality Built Colonial Loads of upgrades! Living rm has gas fl, kit w/ breakfast nook. Both rms have door leading to deck, formal DR w/ bay window, mstr BR has 2 WI closets & mstr bath. (28145429) \$269,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-284-5400 LOVELY 2 STORY CONDO in Westland. Attached garage with direct entry. Full basement, central air, doorwall to deck, kitchen appliances included. Great location. (28118617) \$109,900</p>
 <p>Canton 734-284-5400 REMODELED BUNGALOW 2 BD, 1 BA home on large lot which backs to Fellows Creek Golf Course. Includes 3 studio apartments (rented) & income producing! You need to see this one! (28092801) \$219,900</p>	 <p>Highland 248-684-1065 Beautiful home! Quality materials & trim details t/o HDWD flrs & staircase, granite & natural cherry kit, 55 appl, bonus 4th rm, 150' on All Sports Duck Lake. (28139099) \$499,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-348-6430 Sought After Northwest Livonia Ranch! Remodeled KIT, new ceramic BA, 2 car att garage, LG Flr room. Newer roof & windows, covered ceilings, LG FM, walk to Livonia rec center & library. Shows very well! (28090335) \$147,000</p>	 <p>Novi 734-455-7000 CHECK THIS ONE OUT! Enjoy this summer in the awesome pool in Country Place. Updated carriage house has newer windows, carpet, furnace/AC, bath & more! Private garage and basement. (28140380) \$84,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Ready To Move In Ranch style condo w/ open flr plan. Features 2BR, mstr br 2/2 closets, 2 full baths, gr rm w/ gas fp dining rm w/ doorwall to deck. Home is handicap accessible. (28150911) \$139,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-455-7000 HOW SWEET IT IS! Clean, neat and ready! Great floor plan, great yard, great mechanics garage! Totally updated and move-in ready! (28125076) \$79,900</p>
 <p>Canton 248-348-6430 4 Bedroom Colonial in Lexington Square Very open floor plan. 2 story foyer. Family room w/ gas FP & DR to deck. Eat in KIT w/ Peninsula/ breakfast bar. Just painted exterior. Great interior sub location! (28139338) \$219,000</p>	 <p>Highland 248-684-1065 3 acres w/ pines for privacy. 2 mstr ste on main flr w/ jets, ceramic flrs, 3rd br w/ bit in shelves. Open upper loft w/ full ba for 4th br 2fp. Huge kit. (28138774) \$269,000</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Clifford setting/English European flair. Castlestone/cedar ext; curved stairway, lib w/ coffee table. Viking appl/granite. Ingnd pool, much more! (28080905) \$1,449,000</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 WOODSY SETTING! A Brick Ranch on 10+ acres that turn sunsets to works of art! 2FPs, sundeck w/ skylite, full LL, art greenhouse & loveable red barn. Phy schools/Salem taxes. (28035833) \$368,900</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Well Maintained, Freshly Painted Unit. Have your morning coffee on the private courtyard/ patio area. Back of bldg location. Close to pool 2BR, 2 full baths, beautifully decorated. Most appl. incl. (28149395) \$104,900</p>	 <p>Westland 734-591-9200 PRICE REDUCED - Affordable home just under 1500 SF. Nice size BRs, 1.5 BA, kit w/ Dining area & DW to brick paver patio. 2 car gar; motion lites frnt & side, 4 Cing Fans. Newer Roof & driveway. HW Htr 07. (28077414) \$75,000</p>
 <p>Canton 734-591-9200 Beau hm on Cul-De-Sac. Priv backyard backin to tre firm 32x18 cdy. DR, FP, pcd, h/ceils in foy LR, 1st BR, FR, Skyfets, nw carpet. Fin bsmt w/ BA & segs wud 4th BR. Mxno conv over, garb dis t, w/ 4 cef fans 1 yr warr. (28106181) \$214,900</p>	 <p>Highland 248-684-1065 Spotless, warm & charming 3 BR ranch in serene horse community area. Gorgeous tree private backyard. 41 acre lot. Open flr plan w/ large kit, great rm, gas FP. (28133966) \$169,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Post & Beam house with 5265 Sq Ft plus 1300 Sq Fm. Bmt, 5 bds, 5 1/2 ba, 576 acres on Kensington Park, 3-car gar. One bd & ba in separate apartment. (28004548) \$1,390,000</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 THIS IS TRILYA CUSTOM ONE OF A KIND! Many custom features. Iron spindles, woodwork, granite, arched ways, pillars, daylight bsmt, 3 car gar. Ceram flrs in kit, baths, foyer, laundry. Sale or Lease! (28045163) \$325,000</p>	 <p>South Lyon 248-437-3800 Enjoy 55+ Community Club House, Pool. Just see exceptional phase 5, 2 BR, 2 bath w/ lower \$25,000 extras. Fin w/ OLL drywalled w/ lg family rm w/ gas FP opens to lg deck w/ shade tree. (28143847) \$99,900</p>	 <p>White Lake 248-348-6430 Lake View From Rare 2200 SQ FT Ranch New listing! Wonderful open floor plan. Master suite opposite side of home from other bedrooms. Walkout BSMT. Set on beautiful low maintenance lot. Built 2004. (28060850) \$284,500</p>
 <p>Canton 734-591-9200 Simply the best unit in complex! 3 BR end unit condo in Morgan Creek w/ open flr plan, unique hwdw flrs, 2stry foyer, cath clngs. Huge MSTR STE w/ lg WIC & pvt ba. Open Sun 1-4pm March 30 2008. (28149302) \$183,900</p>	 <p>Howell 248-684-1065 Spacious colonial! New first floor master suite, 2.5 baths. Spacious lot with fenced backyard and inground pool. Second one car garage for storage. (27206812) \$259,900</p>	 <p>Milford 248-684-1065 Move in ranch condo. Large eat in kit opens to GR w/ vaulted ceiling. Large MBR, Lib w/ doors & closet. 4th BR. Large deck w/ private backyard. (28079246) \$169,000</p>	 <p>Plymouth 734-455-7000 THIS IS TRILYA CUSTOM ONE OF A KIND! Many custom features. Iron spindles, woodwork, granite, arched ways, pillars, daylight bsmt, 3 car gar. Ceram flrs in kit, baths, foyer, laundry. Sale or Lease! (28045163) \$325,000</p>	 <p>Southfield 248-348-6430 Ground Level Condo - No Steps! Won't Last! Move right into this nice ranch condo in Evergreen Woods! 2 BDs, 2 BAs, including a MSTR BA, FRPL, & Garage! End unit. Appliances included! Immediate occupancy. (28066291) \$79,900</p>	 <p>Wixom 248-684-1065 Meticulously maintained. Pergo floors throughout entry level & new carpet. Spacious kitchen & dining area. Open floor plan. Master suite/2 showers. (28100518) \$185,000</p>
 <p>Commerce 248-684-1065 Oak Brook Village condo end unit w/ view of trees & lake. Open flr plan. Vaulted ceilings. Warm/inviting great room w/ FP & skylights. Neutral colors. (28145574) \$159,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-348-6430 Clean Livonia Colonial near Laurel Park! Absolutely beautiful on a park like setting. GR, vaulted ceilings, natural FP. Downstairs to a terrific rec rm or office & a 3rd full BA! Show by appointment. (28046689) \$265,000</p>	 <p>Northfield 248-437-3800 Sweet New Construction Major price reduction. Ready for full occupancy. 2BR plus office/library. Nice bright open flr plan w/ view of Horseshoe Lk. Ready for garage, footings are in. (28132777) \$124,900</p>	 <p>Redford 734-591-9200 Breathtaking 3 BR ranch in the S Redford school district. Spacious & open floor plan. Updated kitchen and b1st bar and granite counter tops. Stainless steel sink. (28138696) \$129,900</p>	 <p>Walled Lake 248-437-3800 Almost New Condo Only Lived in 7 mo. Many upgrades including cabinets, granite countertops, raised snack bar, 3 way gas fp between dining rm and great rm. View of Walled Lk. (28147967) \$212,000</p>	 <p>Wolverine Lake 248-348-6430 In Process Of Total Rehab Not completed - But Soon New KIT cabs, sink, pan/tyr. Newer furn/CA/roof. DR w/ wds, HWY, softener. Some upgrades electric & plumbing. As it's done NE, \$ goes up! (28071154) \$99,900</p>
 <p>Dearborn Heights 248-851-1900 UPDATED BRICK RANCH Kitchen update in completion stage. Newer windows & furnace. Lower level with family room, wet bar & half bath. Backyard patio very clean, just move in! (28150288) \$154,900</p>	 <p>Livonia 248-851-1900 ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL 2005 BUILT COLONIAL. Large private lot features flagstone & paver patio w/ spa. 3 BR, 2 1/2 bath. Ceramic marble & granite in kitchen & all baths. Upgraded fixtures & hardware. Quiet street. (28146911) \$234,900</p>	 <p>Northville 248-348-6430 Beautiful Remodeled 2006 Historic Home in downtown Northville, abundance of windows, fabulous new kitchen, elegant dining & living room, great room, family room & porches. A spectacular home! (27159065) \$749,000</p>	 <p>Redford 248-437-3800 Updated Starter Ranch. Newer roof, windows, carpet, paint, bathroom, kitchen, and appliances. Pre approved short sale, subject to bank final approval. (28148063) \$74,900</p>	 <p>Walled Lake 248-684-1065 Open flr plan. LR w/ elec fp, cath ceilings & recessed lighting. Dining area w/ DW to deck. Kit w/ WXC & extension counter. 3 lighted cef fans. Mstr w/ WXC & cash closet. (28069207) \$125,000</p>	 <p>Ypsilanti 248-684-1065 Great starter home in historic Ypsilanti! Cute bungalow w/ many updates: roof, furnace, windows, HWY, paint. Kit appl. stay. 0.4 acre tree lot. (28090183) \$85,000</p>