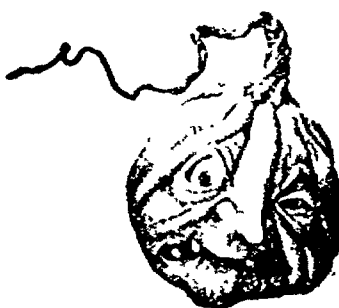




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ANNEXATION AFTERMATH

Questions still being raised

■ 'Last week's meeting was unsettling'

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

There's a name for it: Monday morning quarterbacking. Even though it's been more than a month since the Aug. 5 ballot initiative was defeated on the 414 acres of Northville Township possibly being

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annexed to Livonia, a handful of township residents came to the Sept. 18 board meeting still wanting answers.

They want to know who to blame for the annexation attempt.

Was it the building official who signed off on the certificates of occupancy that allowed developer REIS to move tenants into security trailers on the property?

Was it the planning commission or the board for not approving the original plan?

Was it the developer, who crafted the annexation idea in the first place?

Since time restraints did not allow Chip Snider, township manager, to fully answer questions raised at the meeting, he invited the Record to hear a more lengthy explanation. Following are comments from an interview earlier this week:



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Chip Snider, Northville Township manager, talks to the Record about the recent attempt to annex of the former state hospital property on Seven Mile Road.

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Sarah, 9, left and Maddie Rainey, 10, hold some of their bantam-sized chickens that they've been raising in their Northville Township coop since May of this year. Unfortunately, the egg-laying birds will have to be adopted out after a neighbor complained to the police and the township board ruled the birds violated zoning laws.

Chickens must go

■ NEIGHBORS: Birds affecting property values

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Known tongue-in-cheek as "Chickengate," there seems to have been some "fowl play" on Smock Road in Northville Township.

The neighborhood controversy began when residents John Meyer, his wife Anne Rainey, and daughters, Sarah and Maddie Rainey, decided to order some bantam chicks as pets last spring.

The family lives in Grand View Acres near the end of the unpaved road on the north side of Seven Mile Road across from the former state psychiatric hospital.

Meyer, who moved to the township from Dearborn 10 years ago, said he checked with the township building department before installing caging behind a small shed on their 1.4-acre lot and was told it was fine.

There was more than a little confusion, and after consulting a fairly large binder, I was told that there was nothing against having

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Table 5 Restaurant features fun food served with a flair

■ Owner says menu to change frequently

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Mishelle Lussier, owner of the new Table 5 Restaurant in downtown Northville, says the one thing her patrons will hopefully never be is bored.

The entrepreneur, who just spent five years catering and working at Gravity Bar & Grill in Milford, is now living her dream of owning her own restaurant.

Her new chef, David Jarczewski, is doing the same, excited to be part of the new downtown venture.

Since March, Lussier has had the space that was for years known as MacKinnon's, run by Chef Tom MacKinnon.

"It's just taken us this long to get things up and running,"

Lussier said. "I had an incredible surrounding of friends who helped me, whether it be ripping out the floor or painting the walls. I designed the space; they helped me pull it together."

The decor is eclectic with an urban flair, featuring bright colors, brick walls and interesting art.

Lifelong local resident

A lifelong who lives only four blocks from the restaurant, Lussier attended the former Main Street Elementary, Meads Mill Middle School and Northville High School.

She studied management and marketing at Northwood University. Lussier said she was lucky to be hired by Christina Barhorst, manager at Gravity in Milford, who allowed her creativity to bloom.

"I told her when I began that in five years I wanted to have my own restaurant, so she was very helpful," Lussier. "I was a server,

but she let me help her out on a lot of promotional things and wine dinners."

Lussier also learned from Jim Eggl, chairman of the board of the Michigan Restaurant Association, who in addition to Gravity owns Hector & Jimmy's and his newest restaurant, The Bar, also in Milford.

"I just picked the right place to work," Lussier said. "I call Milford my step city."

One of her biggest supporters was Northville builder Mike Miller, who helped her with construction and the hiring of staff. Northville architect Greg Presley drew up plans for the restaurant. Local building official Rick Starling, fire chief Jim Allen and Jim Long of Long Plumbing also assisted, as the entire space had to be completely redone.

"Everybody in town has been incredibly helpful to get this project up and running," Lussier said.

As a show of gratitude, Lussier

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Table 5 owner Mishelle Lussier and chef David Jarczewski inside their Main Street eatery.

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FOWL PLAY

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chickens, but there are several nuisance ordinances on the books that may come into play," Meyer said. "So, on May 1, we got one-day-old chickens."

Meyer said the hens, frizzles and one silkie, are like cable TV for the family's two cats, Chester and Max. Their names are Blanche, Strawberry, Mrs. White, Shamilo, Bobby and Penguin. They got rid of the two roosters, Oddball and Chuck, that they had.

Later, next-door neighbors, Richard and Beverly Wise, complained that the chickens were hampering their ability to sell their home and took action to have the chickens removed.

So, the family approached Zoning Board of Appeals members.

On the evening of Sept. 17, following an emotional appeal from the family and fowl-friendly residents in the neighborhood, ZBA members said the birds are not allowed according to the township's ordinance.

The ordinance cited is for one-family residential districts, which the Meyer-Rainey property falls under.

Shortly after they (the chickens) were moved outside to a 12-foot-by-12-foot enclosed run, Meyer was informed by township officials that the chickens were not allowed.

The family has already found a home for the approximately 10 chickens, and the birds are scheduled to be removed from the property tomorrow.

Marjorie Banner, a 12-year member of the ZBA, and Jennifer Frey, community development director, said if a matter is not addressed in an ordinance, it's not allowed.

"A five-acre lot, and approval from the Zoning Board of Appeals, is the minimum size lot required to have chickens or rabbits," Frey said in a letter to Meyer.

Notices only go out to residents within 300 feet of the property in question in such matters, and three objections were reportedly raised about the chickens.

"The discussion should have been not whether you like chickens or not but whether they're allowed," Anne Rainey said.

Built home themselves

The Wises built their home 15 years ago.

"We've had maybe 20 people or so look at our home. The feedback we have gotten from prospective buyers about the chickens is not good. It's not a pretty sight," Beverly Wise said.

"We feel the chickens are bringing down property values, and we don't want to look at their chickens from our back patio."

Beverly Wise said she's not happy that the family had to get rid of the pets, but feels the neighborhood is an inappropriate place for the birds.

"I feel bad for the girls, but my husband and I both worked hard, and we built the house ourselves. When you work hard for something, you take pride in it and want to maintain it properly."

"To have chickens, you have to have approval from all your neigh-



The Meyer-Rainey household will soon say goodbye to their bantam-sized chickens due to a ruling by Northville Township. From left are Maddie, Sarah and Ann Rainey and John Meyer.

bors around you. We were never approached about them having the chickens."

Meyer said the township appar-

ently does not have a process by which residents can challenge or appeal the interpretation of an ordinance.

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"An appeal is treated exactly like a request for a variance. There is no unique paperwork for an appeal. They have you fill out a variance request form, then ask neighbors to comment."

Laura Bickel lives next door. "When the chickens originally were going in, I had some concerns because we have a dog and we both have cats," she said. "I had horrible visions of feathers. But there weren't any incidents, and 'They do not smell,' she said.

Emily Bush, 13, a neighbor, said she thinks the chickens should be allowed to stay.

"I like watching them and feeding them," she said.

Neighbor James Carpenter, 12, said, "I really don't think they should have to go. There's nothing

wrong with them being there."

Maddie Rainey, 10, is a sixth-grader at Meads Mill Middle School, and Sarah Rainey, 9, is a fourth-grader at Silver Springs Elementary School.

They're understandably disappointed that the birds are being removed this week.

"They're our pets," Sarah Rainey said. "This house is in a country setting."

"I know that the birds are going to a good home, and we'll still get to see them, which makes me happy," Maddie said. "We're saving the eggs to make a cake or batch of muffins. We at least got to enjoy some eggs from them."

She's a little sad but not bitter about the chicken having to be removed.

"I thought it was a little bit crazy, but there's nothing we can do about it now," she said. "I got over it."

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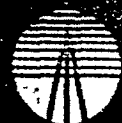
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December 14 at 4 p.m., "A Winter's Tale" Schoolcraft College Choral Union Concert (734-462-4403)

■ ANNEXATION AFTERMATH: Questions still asked

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Q: From comments made at last Thursday's township board meeting, it's clear that there are members of the public who want to place blame regarding the annexation effort. What are your feelings on this psyche of the residents?

Snider: I felt that last week's meeting was unsettling, because the residents that stood there — although they have every constitutional right in the world to let this public body know what they feel and how they feel — I felt they had a sense of looking for blame or looking for an apology. If they're looking for an apology, I think it's a myth that an apology will lead to some sort of community catharsis or that there's some relief that comes with that consensus. Some wanted to put a name on an attributable act to this trailer incident. That, I think, was probably improper blame and only used essentially to punish the few in the interest of many.

It allows for a scapegoat in a situation so the rest of us can walk smugly through the rest of our lives. They were looking for a name. I think we need to be reminded that everyone in this township reports to the manager with the exception of the board of trustees. So if we want to look at it from that standpoint, and if they need a name, I direct the strategies and I direct the people below me. And, in fact, in terms of blame, this could be a question of responsibility. Did I monitor enough the activities of those beneath me? It will serve no purpose to go backwards to look at that, but it certainly seems to be on the minds of people. There are a lot of things that are concerning to people that need to be straightened out. It seems to me that they are comparing the lifestyle center plan of yesterday with the consent judgment of today. You can't make that comparison between the two. If we can get away from a hindsight bias where they're, in fact, trying to look backwards to want to know why we didn't know then what we know now, then they need to take a look at today's consent judgment and what it reflects to this township going forward.

There were some attributes out of that consent judgment that I don't believe have been highlighted enough. There is a brownfield (redevelopment plan) now where there was not before that, upon buildout, will generate \$1.5 million. There was 100 acres of land deeded back to the township that, in fact, while it may not be 100 prime acres, it is 100 acres — almost 25 percent of the site — that now does not allow a developer to overbuild a 400-acre site. Because they now have only 314 acres. I think that's bigger than most residential. It takes some of the assumed

threat away that was going to impact the schools. The schools can now relax and with all reality not be faced with another school. There was a lot that wasn't able to come out in a public meeting. That wasn't the forum for it. But, there are so many sides to this crystal that I think ... need to be shared with the community.

The public needs to understand that leadership and learning are interrelated. A lot has been learned since this consent judgment came forward. The township board as it sits today is probably the best it's ever been as a result of this. Our township officials, when you look at the administration, you have to think to yourself some of the corporate mentality may be to broom the entire administration and start over. Then there's that theory that the people that have struggled through this, the people that are combat-weary yet are extremely astute now in combat, may be the best people to stay going forward in the community. Because, they and they alone know all of the ins and outs of an annexation threat and in putting together a consent judgment.

There was an allegation that there's been nothing done in this township since this consent judgment happened with the exception of a celebration to celebrate things that ought not have been worthy of that. To that I say there were some unsung heroes that emerged out of this. As always, there's always a side to adversity that is pleasing. We had a former community leader and executive director of the chamber, Laurie Marrs, coupled with Carol Poenisch and a tireless worker behind the scenes with a lot of personal sacrifice, Fred Shadko, who just seemed to be the cohesiveness these hundreds of volunteers needed.

This consent judgment in its totality may not be in some people's minds the best judgment that's sitting in a file in a drawer today for the township. But they may find that going forward in the future that it's the best judgment for the township given the economy.

I think there needs to be a reflection on the leadership of the township board. They had a supervisor sitting at a table that maybe wouldn't have made the same decision if it were a business decision dealing with his dollars, but he was dealing with taxpayers' dollars. His decision was the best for the township.

The annexation outcome was unknown to any one. No one could have had the foresight to see that the Livonia voters, thanks to our volunteers, would have seen this annexation issue as not neighborly and people have stepped up. And, people need to be reminded that had Mark (Abbo, township supervisor) and his board authorized set-

tling with the developer and the annexation vote would have gone the other way, we would have lost this land and lost these opportunities. Had he settled too early, he still would have had a \$100 million lawsuit laying on top of the township. And, if the land was gone, you could say there's no more lawsuit to exist. But, there may have well been a reason for the developer to still continue the lawsuit for cash if nothing else.

Q: You have mentioned that some policies and procedures have been changed in this building as far as what happens in the building department. There were some people who thought some heads should have rolled. Do you have an answer to that?

Snider: I have two answers for that. As a matter of policy, this office does not discuss personnel issues in a public forum. As a matter of fact, that's well-founded in law. That's not the appropriate place for it. Have policies and procedures changed on the first floor in the building department as a result of it? Yes, they have changed. We've changed the decision making and the responsibility down there. Director (Don) Weaver will assume more responsibility for the direction of the department. There will be more eyes on it. We know now that this township will never be in the dark again on a threat like this.

Q: As far as the annexation reform, do you have an update? Have you heard any rumblings that it may go to a vote in the Senate?

Snider: I have no recent information. I was led to believe that possibly in September it would begin to gain some momentum, but I haven't seen anything. We've been told by the legislators involved that some of the impediment to this bill was that there were some who felt that it was to go only solve a local problem and they didn't want to pass legislation to solve the problem of one community. Now they need to fix the law to affect every other community in the state.

Q: What's next? Is there any kind of penalty that if the developers don't do the cleanup within the 10-year period as stipulated in the consent judgment that they could be penalized?

Snider: In a consent judgment, you are legally bound by that order. If someone stepped outside that order, I suppose there could be a show cause before the judge.



"If they're looking for an apology, I think it's a myth that an apology will lead to some sort of community catharsis or that there's some relief that comes with that consensus."

Chip Snyder
Northville Township manager

There's more!

For the rest of Pam Fleming's interview with Chip Snider, please see this article on the Web:

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■ TABLE 5

continued from front page

placed small metal plaques with several individuals' names who helped her on the front of some of the chairs in the restaurant.

"Mike Miller has (his name on) three chairs," she said with a laugh. "I was so grateful for all the help."

The name Table 5 relates to Lussier's family, which consists of five members with herself, husband, John; daughter, Natalie, 15; and sons, Jack, 12, and Wyatt, 7.

She found Chef Jarczewski, a 2004 Schoolcraft College graduate, with the help of the college's Master Chef Kevin Gawronski.

"I grew up in Allen Park, moved to Berkeley and have worked in restaurants since I was 12. I worked my way up," Jarczewski said.

His resume includes stints at the Capital Grille in Troy, Fiamma in Plymouth, Orchard Lake Country Club in Orchard Lake and Loving Spoonful Restaurant in Farmington Hills.

The Table 5 menu, which is ever-changing, includes a separate bar menu — Bites at the Bar — as well as appetizers, soups, salads, entrees and desserts.

What Lussier likes to do is take something common and bring in an unusual, upscale item.

"We've had a lot of compliments on the feto (mignon), walleye, the taco trio and the mussels," Jarczewski said.

Wines are sold by the glass, and the restaurant will always have 10 bottles of wine at \$25 and under — five whites and five reds. Six draft beers are available as well as fruit-infused vodka that changes all the time. Current offerings are kiwi-grapefruit and pineapple.

The restaurant has a private area that can be draped off for eight-20 people, and the restaurant can accommodate special parties before 5 p.m. if the group is large enough.

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Northville resident to bring women's event to Sheraton hotel Sunday

■ Three to speak in Novi

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

V's Betsy Basoukas knows women have come a long way in our society.

But progress often comes with a price.

She believes women are so driven today that they have moved somewhat away from the essence of womanhood — from who they really are — and she's on a mission to change this current state of affairs.

The creator of V's Red Tent, she will have an event just for women from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Sheraton Hotel in Novi, located at 21111 Haggerty Road north of Eight Mile Road.

Admission is only \$5, and coffee and tea will be provided.

The event, which includes three guest speakers, is a gathering during which women can learn and talk about their problems and concerns in a safe and nurturing environment.

Based on historical novel

V's Red Tent is based on the historical novel "The Red Tent" by Anita Diamant, published in 1997.

The first-person narrative tells the story of Dinah, a tal-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Betsy Basoukas and her daughter Kalliana in their Northville Township home. Basoukas is scheduling a women's gathering at 5:30 p.m. Sept. 28 at the Sheraton Novi called the Red Tent event, named after the book by the same name and is to be a place where women can gather and talk about their lives without distractions.

ented midwife and feminist who is the daughter of Jacob and sister of Joseph.

The book's title refers to the tent in which women of Jacob's tribe must, according to ancient law, take refuge while menstruating or giving birth, and in which they find mutual support and encouragement from their mothers, sisters and aunts.

"Women were considered uncleaned and possibly diseased when they were on their periods," Basoukas said.

"They had to leave their home tent to one far away from the village, usually near water. There, women rubbed each other's backs, drank wine and vented. After their 'time' was over, they would jump in the river to freshen up and head back home all rested and ready for hubby and the kiddies."

A native of Michigan,

Basoukas and her husband, Nondo, have lived in Northville for 15 years and have two children — a son, Georgios, 16, and a daughter, Kalliana, 15.

"The mission of V's Red Tent is to inspire personal growth, provide a means to empower oneself and others and motivate creative thinking," she said.

"Since we became 'liberated,' we seem to have lost that gathering time with each other. We no longer have our mothers living with us or even near us. Our daughters go off to college and start their own lives away from home. We no longer hang our laundry out on a line while visiting with our neighbors. Heck, I don't think half of us even know our neighbors. Slowly, we have eliminated all communication with women around us. That is why I feel

these gatherings are so important. I see the world changing and how it is affecting my daughter, and it scares me to death. So, let's all get together and vent, listen and give words of wisdom to each other."

Basoukas studied cosmetology and opened her first salon shortly after graduation. After six years she sold her business to start a family. While a stay-at-home mom, she carpooled to many of her children's events, volunteered for committees on her children's sports teams, was president of her homeowners association, a Sunday School teacher, led the Parent Teachers Organization at her church, chaired the sponsorship committee for her church festival, was involved in endless PTA committees and co-founded the Northville High School dance company.

She continues to be the high school representative of the Legislative Action Network, an organization that informs parents of legislative issues which affect their schools and children. She is also employed part-time as an account manager for www.OfficeStar247.com, an office supply company.

Through all her endeavors, Basoukas has come to realize women's need for each other's support, inspiration and moti-

vation.

V's Red Tent aims to educate, motivate, inspire and empower women of all ages through support groups, seminars and hands-on workshops.

"I think young women today have become somewhat desensitized," Basoukas said. "They need someone to tell them it's OK to be a woman, to be sensitive and have feelings. Women shouldn't strive to be like men, and, in fact, should realize that being a woman can help them succeed in our society," she said.

"We need to get together like our ancestors did and strengthen ourselves. We don't do that anymore. I think we all need to know that it's OK to be who we are."

Basoukas believes people

have the same issues even though they don't share the same education, upbringing or values.

"The goal of these meetings is to provide a forum in which women can share, teach and learn," she said. Opinions are welcome; judgments are not."

Been a working mother, a stay-at-home mom and the PTA mom. "I've seen and I've heard everything from every walk of woman. They're all the same in the end. We should be collaborating together as a team."

For more information about Sunday's event, go to www.vredtent.com, call (248) 974-7654 or send an e-mail to vredtent@wowway.com.

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Friday, October 10

Time	Event	Location
6:30-10:30 pm	Enzian aus Detroit & Dancers	Beer Tent

Saturday, October 11

Time	Event	Location
Throughout Day	Haybale Maze, Kids Rides, Inflatables, Arts and Craft Vendors	Village
Noon - 2:00 pm	Die Rheinlanders	Beer Tent
Noon - 3:00 pm	Petting Zoo & Pony Rides	Village
Noon - 4:00 pm	Free horse-drawn wagon rides	Village
Noon - 6:00 pm	Classic Car Show	Village
2:30 - 3:00 pm	Wawel Folk Ensemble Dancers	Beer Tent
3:00 - 3:30 pm	Oehrlein Bavarian Dancers	Village
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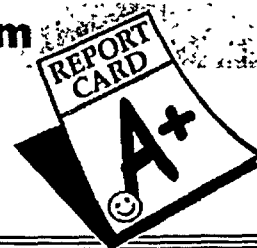
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EDUCATION

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fax: (248) 349-9832**PERFECT!** Northville student scores 240 on PSAT testBy Nathan Menolan
STAFF WRITER

Yonglu Che, a senior at Northville High school, knows he accomplished something quite amazing with his perfect score of 240 points on a national academic test.

Earning 80 points, the most possible, in each of the three test categories — reading, writing, and math — Che found himself in an exclusive group of a few thousand students nationwide that also received perfect scores on the same test.

The Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test (PSAT) is given to high school juniors each October. Eleventh graders around the nation enter the National Merit Scholarship Corporation competitions by taking the PSAT/NMSQT, serving as an initial screen of approximately 1.4 million entrants, by meeting participation requirements.

And what the busy Northville senior accomplished with his top score was the honor of earning a spot in the top one-half percent of all those who took the test last October.

Fifteen other Northville students also had scores ranging between 210 and up, making them semifinalists, said Diane Costlow, a counselor at the school.

"Right now Yonglu is taking advanced placement classes in U.S. History, English, European History, and Calculus 2," Costlow said.

Students selected as semi-final-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Yonglu Che recently received a perfect score on his PSAT test.

ists in the PSAT are eligible to earn college scholarship awards through The National Merit program.

Finalists are selected for their score, written essays, and other scholastic achievements — being awarded one of three possible scholarships: National Merit \$2500 Scholarship; Corporate-sponsored Merit Scholarship award; or College-sponsored Merit

Other high-scoring Northville studentsAdam Arevalo
Joshua Buoy
Armen Changelian
Joy Chen
Chelsea Glenn
Valerie Juan**Scholarship award.**

"My mom and dad were quite excited about this," Che said, who also has a 6-year old brother.

Aside from being a top student, with physics his favorite subject, Che is a member of the school's cross country track team where he participates in twice-weekly meets running a 5K race.

In addition to running long distances, Che plays the saxophone in the school marching band during the football season.

"The first time I picked up a saxophone, I was in the sixth grade in Livonia. They gave us a recorder, a xylophone, a violin, and finally a saxophone," he said.

"But we weren't allowed to take both a foreign language and a music class at the same time. Since I signed up for a foreign language, I had to drop music."

But the next year, when the family moved to Northville, they found that the district allowed students to take both music and a foreign language at the same time.

Che admits he does his best to

Aarti Kamat
Amol Kamat
Jimmy Li
Lauren Mancina
Shafer Oudeh
Savannah Sisk
Emee Ta
Linda Wang
Sravya Yandamuri

stay laid back about things, and says that when he and his friends get together they like to joke around, eat pizza and see an occasional movie.

When the fun and games are over, Che takes his music seriously. Practicing and performing help him stay focused on what he enjoys most.

"I double on the alto and soprano saxophone for a jazz and symphonic band, playing at Wayne State over the summer with their Jazz All Stars. We also do a performance at the Detroit Jazz Festival," he said.

Looking ahead to college, Che

said he's still searching for the one he feels is right for him.

"I'm looking for an accelerated medical program, to become a doctor," Che said. "And for sure I'll still be playing music, perhaps even getting a minor degree in it while in college."

SCHOOL BRIEFS**Auditions open for "A Christmas Carol"**

Northville High School announces its fall play, "A Christmas Carol" running November 13-15, with a special free performance on the 12th for members of the military and their families.

Auditions are open to all NHS students and are slated for October 29-30 (3-6 p.m. in the high school auditorium). Additionally, there is a children's (third through fifth

grade) audition Saturday, Oct. 4 (10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. also in the high school auditorium). Because this particular script offers over 50 parts, the school is hoping for community support for the high demand for Victorian Costumes.

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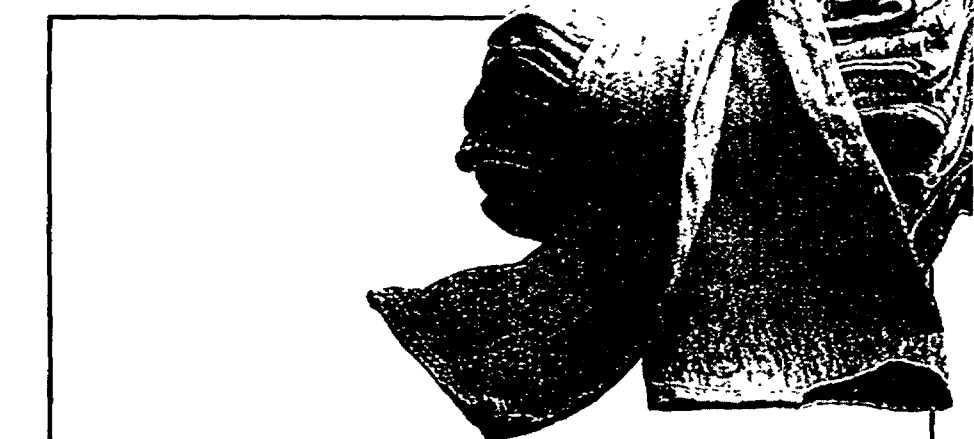
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The start of the 2nd Annual Celebrate Life! - 5K run/walk for cancer, held Sept. 13.

St. Mary Mercy Hospital 5K run/walk for cancer shines

St. Mary Mercy Hospital's 2nd Annual Celebrate Life! - 5K run/walk for cancer held on Sept. 13 was a shining success even with the light rain. Over 430 runners and walkers registered for this event, which raised almost \$13,000. Proceeds assist uninsured and underinsured cancer patients.

Awards were given to the top three male and female over all winners of the run, as well as almost 90 age-group winners, from ages 13 and under through 80 and up. Top three overall male winners were:

- 1) Steve Menovik, of Lansing, with a time of 16:42
- 2) Vincent Jesudowich, of Northville, with a time of 17:30
- 3) John Tarkowski, of Northville, with a time of 18:20.

Top three overall female winners were:

- 1) Alison Fitzsimmons, of Northville, with a time of 20:09
- 2) Heather Vandette, of Livonia, with a time of 20:18
- 3) Marjorie Brooks, of Westland, with a time of 20:19.

"We appreciate the tremendous community support, as well as staff support, of our 2nd annual 5K for Cancer," said David Spivey, president and CEO of St. Mary Mercy Hospital. "This is not only a fun, well-organized event, but more importantly, it is for a great cause," added Spivey, who also ran in the race.

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Hospital leader resigns

By Kelly Murad
STAFF WRITER

Less than one week after opening the \$229 million, state-of-the-art hospital in Novi, Providence Park Hospital President Rob Casalou announced he is leaving.

After 19 years with St. John Health, Casalou accepted the position as president and chief executive officer of three of the four Saint Joseph Mercy hospitals, effective in October.

"This opportunity presented itself to me and it's a great career opportunity. It's one you just can't pass up," Casalou said. "I'm going to be overseeing three of the four hospitals."

Casalou will serve as President and CEO of Saint Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Saline and Livingston.

"It's more of a regional role," he said. "The difference really is the job is looking at multiple campuses rather than looking at a single

campus."

Even though Casalou's job will involve new responsibilities, some aspects will seem all too familiar.

"I actually will be participating in the construction of a new hospital," he said, noting Saint Joseph Mercy has plans of opening a new hospital. "I'll bring whatever experience I have with me from this project."

"It's hard to leave. The hospital opened and you would like to see the baby you just gave birth to grow, but I'm feeling good about leaving because I know this place is going to be phenomenally successful."

Saint Joseph Mercy Health System is a member of Trinity Health.

Current President and CEO of Providence Southfield, Dr. Michael Wiemann, will take on the role as interim President of Providence Park.

"I'm going to be working here

until the end of the month,"

Casalou said. "I'm going to be working with Dr. Wiemann for a very smooth transition because I want Providence Park to be successful."

Casalou is looking forward to being located in his alma mater's town of Ann Arbor, but said he is sad to say goodbye to his second family.

"This is a very amicable, positive departure," he said. "It's got a bitter-sweetness to it. Even though I'm not leaving the area, we're not going to be seeing each other every day."

Although Casalou's family is going to stay in Novi for now, moving to the maize and blue town is a possibility for the future.

"A president's job in a hospital, part of it is the hospital itself and day-to-day operations, but there's a huge community piece to it as well," he said. "But we're not in a hurry."

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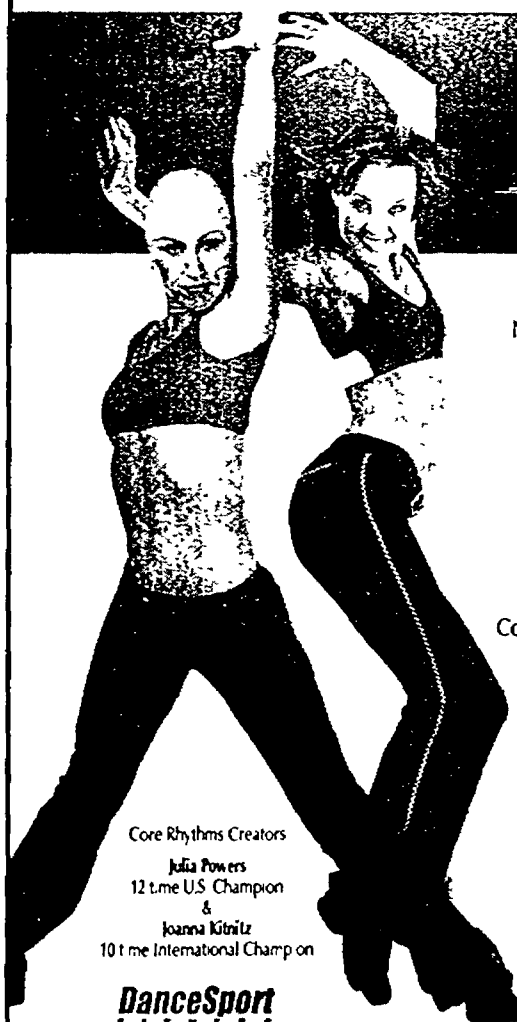
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Rocker Mitch Ryder performs for South Lyon's 'Downtown Saturday' Oct. 4

By James Mitchell
EDITOR

Talk about an encore: Once again, a South Lyon stage will feature resident and Motor City music legend Mitch Ryder.

This time, Ryder will headline Downtown Saturday Night, the second annual street celebration of music and local business. This year, Downtown Saturday Night will be held Oct. 4, following the first day of Pumpkinfest activities. The legendary voice of "Devil With a Blue Dress On," "Jenny Take a Ride" and other hits is eternally linked to the sound known as "Detroit Rock."

"He's truly a celebrity," said Tamra Ward, former director of the South Lyon Chamber of Commerce who coordinated the concert. "When I moved here, everyone told me that Mitch Ryder lived here; they were so proud of him."

Since moving to South Lyon several years ago, Ryder has put his famous voice to use for a host of local causes. In 2005, Ryder and the Detroit Wheels performed

at Baker's of Milford to conclude the tsunami-inspired "South Lyon to Sri Lanka" campaign. (A second benefit show for the Grace Care Center orphanage was played in January 2006.) In 2006, Ryder performed — backed by local band The Martindales — to benefit the beautification committee at Colonial Acres. Earlier this year, a middle school band served as temporary Wheels when Ryder performed at "Rock-N-Noodlez" to benefit local music programs.

"We're all connected to each other," Ryder said. He's made it a point to seek out local benefits to add to his still-crowded concert schedule wherever he's lived.

This time, the concert is free to the public, hoping to build interest in downtown South Lyon. The Chamber of Commerce will benefit from a pre-show, V.I.P. reception at the South Lyon Hotel; tickets are on sale for \$50, and include a copy of "It Was All Right: Mitch Ryder's Life in Music," the biography published this year by Wayne State University Press.

Those hoping to see Ryder and the Wheels at their best won't be

disappointed. Ward said that the goal of Downtown Saturday Night is to bring professional entertainment to South Lyon.

"After last year's event, I thought how wonderful it would be to bring full production values to a show with Mitch," Ward said. "I always think of this time of year as homecoming, and it will be good for business and make it fun to visit downtown. I really think downtown South Lyon is quite charming."

Ryder agreed, noting shortly after he moved to the community that, "I don't know how long 'little' South Lyon will remain 'little,'" Ryder said.

Ryder will perform at 7:30 p.m., preceded by a 5 - 7 p.m. Backstage Pass reception at the South Lyon Hotel. Tickets are available at the Gallery Cafe, 101

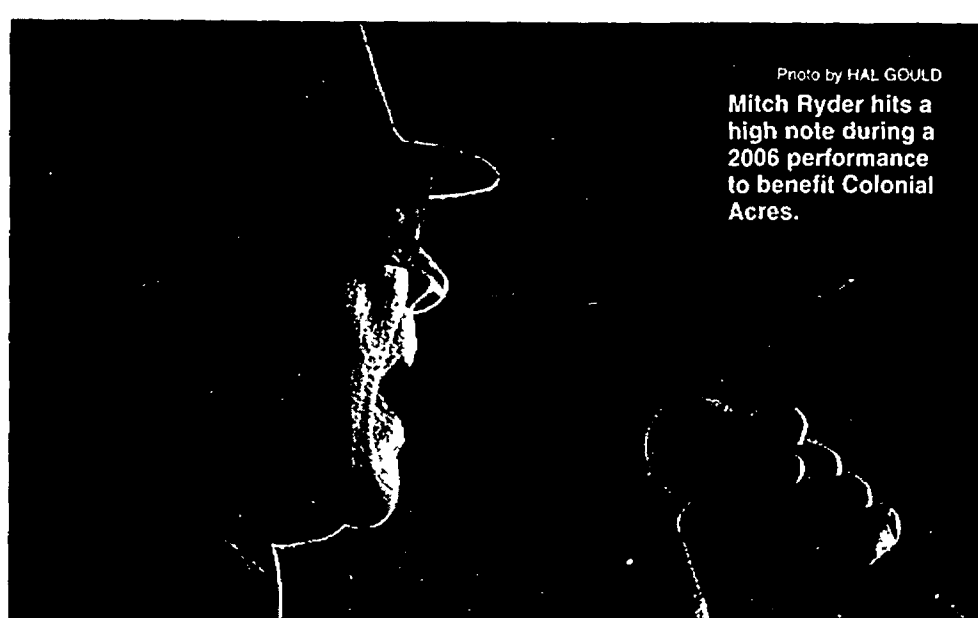


Photo by HAL GOULD

Mitch Ryder hits a high note during a 2006 performance to benefit Colonial Acres.

S. Lafayette.

Other performers at Downtown Saturday Night include Mr. Hyde, Broken Arrow and the Laughing Madmen.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE COUNTY OF WAYNE STATE OF MICHIGAN PUBLIC HEARING ON A BROWNFIELD PLAN OF THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BROWNFIELD REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

TO CALL INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE:

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Board of Trustees, of the Charter Township will hold a public hearing on Thursday, the 16th day of October, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. prevailing Eastern Time in the Charter Township of Northville Hall located at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan to consider the adoption of a resolution approving a Brownfield Plan for the Charter Township of Northville Brownfield Redevelopment Authority pursuant to and in accordance with Act No. 381 of Public Acts of 1996, as amended.

The property to which the proposed Brownfield Plan applies is the property located on Seven Mile Road, formerly known as the Northville Psychiatric Hospital, Northville, Michigan which is currently owned by REIS-Northville. Maps, plans and copies of the proposed Brownfield Plan are on file at the office of the Township Clerk for inspections during regular business hours. Any owner, resident, or taxpayer may appear at said hearing and give testimony.

At the public hearing, all interested persons desiring to address the Board of Trustees shall be afforded an opportunity to be heard in regard to the approval of the Brownfield Plan for the Charter Township of Northville Brownfield Redevelopment Authority. All aspects of the Brownfield Plan will be open for discussion at the public hearing. FURTHER INFORMATION may be obtained from the Township Clerk.

This notice is given by the order of the Board of Trustees of the Charter Township of Northville, Michigan.

SUE HILLEBRAND, CMC
TOWNSHIP CLERK

(9-25-08 NR 433526)

SYNOPSIS SEPTEMBER 18, 2008 REGULAR MEETING CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DATE: Thursday, September 18, 2008
TIME: 7:30 p.m.

PLACE: 44405 Six Mile Road

CALL TO ORDER: Supervisor Abbo called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL: PRESENT: Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

- Agendas: A. Approve Consent and Regular Agendas - amended and approved
- Appointments, Presentations, Resolutions & Announcements: None.
- Public Hearings:
 - Truth and Taxation Public Hearing
 - Brownfield Redevelopment Authority Public Hearing - cancelled
 - Shadbrook Paving SAD - Set Public Hearing for Oct. 16, 2008 - approved
 - Edenderry Paving SAD - Set Public Hearing for Oct 16, 2008 - approved
- Brief Public Comments: Several residents spoke regarding the Shadbrook SAD petition and Annexation
- New Business:
 - Brownfield Redevelopment Authority District - tabled
 - METRO Act Permit Extension - approved
 - Western Townships Utilities Authority Annual Budget - approved
 - Homer Road Sanitary Sewer Ext - C.O. #1& Paymt #1 - approved
 - Haggerty Road rezoning - from R3 to B1 - approved.
 - Octoberfest - Temporary signs - approved
 - Coldwater Springs - Progress payment #1- approved
 - Five Mile Road Water Main - Progress Payment # 4 - approved
 - Seven Mile Road Sanitary Sewer Progress Payment #3 - approved.
 - Shadbrook SAD - Tentative Intent to make Improvements - tabled.
 - Edenderry SAD - Tentative Intent to make Improvements - tabled.
 - Professional Services - hire Brownfield Counsel - approved.
 - Temporary Road Closure - approved.
 - Traffic Signal Agreement with Wayne County - approved
- Unfinished Business: None.
- Ordinances: None.
- Bills Payable: A. Bills payable in the amount of \$1,989,824 49 - approved.
- Board Communication & Reports: Reports were given by Mark Abbo, Sue Hillebrand, Richard Henningsen, Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans, Christopher Roosen, Brad Werner, Chip Snider.
- Any other business or public comment for the Board of Trustees: none.
- Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The minutes (draft) will be available in the Clerk's office after September 30, 2008.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:
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- I am 60 years of age or older.
- I expect to be absent from the community in which I am registered for the entire time the polls are open on Election Day.
- I am physically unable to attend the polls without the assistance of another.
- I cannot attend the polls because of the tenets of my religion.
- I have been appointed an election precinct inspector in a precinct other than the precinct where I reside.
- I cannot attend the polls because I am confined to jail awaiting arraignment or trial.

If you qualify for and wish to receive an absentee ballot, you may obtain an application by visiting the City Clerk's Office (Monday through Friday - 8:00 am to 4:30 pm), by calling our absentee ballot application hotline at 248-449-9913, or by visiting the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us (go to: Services/City Clerk/Elections/Absentee Ballots) to print an absent voter ballot application.

Please be advised that on Saturday, November 1st, the City Clerk's office will also be open from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for absent voter ballot purposes. On Monday, November 3rd, until 4:00 p.m., qualified electors requesting an absent voter ballot must appear in person and vote their absent voter ballot at the City Clerk's Office.

(9-25-08 NR 433036)

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE NOTICE OF CLOSE OF REGISTRATION GENERAL ELECTION TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2008

To the Qualified Electors of the Township of Northville, County of Wayne, notice is hereby given that Monday, October 6, 2008 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008 for the purpose of nominating candidates for the following offices:

PRESIDENTIAL	United States President and Vice-President
CONGRESSIONAL	United States Senator, Representative in Congress
LEGISLATIVE	Representative in State Legislature
STATE BOARDS	Member of State Board of Education Regent of the University of Michigan Trustee of Michigan State University Governor of Wayne State University Prosecuting Attorney
COUNTY	Sheriff County Clerk County Treasurer Register of Deeds Supervisor Clerk Treasurer Trustee Justice of the Supreme Court Judge of the Court of Appeals - 1st District - incumbent position Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - incumbent position Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - non-incumbent position Judge of Circuit Court - 3rd Circuit - incumbent position Judge of Probate Court - Incumbent position Judge of District Court - 35th District - Non-incumbent position
TOWNSHIP	District Library Board Member -
JUDICIAL	Northville District Library
DISTRICT LIBRARY	District Library Board Member -
LOCAL SCHOOL	Local School District Board Member -
	Northville Public Schools

STATE PROPOSALS

PROPOSAL 08-1

A LEGISLATIVE INITIATIVE TO PERMIT THE USE AND CULTIVATION OF MARIJUANA FOR SPECIFIED MEDICAL CONDITIONS

PROPOSAL 08-2

A PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE STATE CONSTITUTION TO ADDRESS HUMAN EMBRYO AND HUMAN EMBRYONIC STEM CELL RESEARCH IN MICHIGAN

The full text of the proposals is available at the Township Clerk's office.

The Township Clerk's office is located in the Township of Northville Municipal Building, 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, Michigan 48168, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. for registering to vote. You may also register to vote at any Secretary of State Branch office or County Clerk's office during their normal business hours.

Electors may also register to vote by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application (forms are available at the local clerk's office or from the Secretary of State's website www.michigan.gov/sos) and forward the application to the Northville Township Clerk.

Please note that a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in Michigan (168 5091), are at least 60 years of age, disabled as defined by law, or temporarily living overseas.

SUE A. HILLEBRAND
CLERK

(9-25-08 NR 433387)

INVITATION TO BID EAST MAIN STREET/HUTTON STREET PAVEMENT REHABILITATION PROJECT CITY OF NORTHVILLE WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN

Sealed proposals will be received by the City of Northville, Michigan for the construction of the East Main Street/Hutton Street Pavement Rehabilitation Project, a Unit Price contract. Proposals must be submitted to the office of the City Clerk located in the Northville City Hall, 215 West Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167 at or before 10:00 a.m., prevailing local time, on October 1, 2008, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud. The Contract will consist of the following principal items of work and miscellaneous related items as shown in the Contract Documents.

Remove Asphalt Pavement	4325 SY
Repair Manholes	11 EA
Remove and Replace Concrete Curb	400 LF
Remove and Replace Concrete Sidewalk	700 SF
Remove and Reset Brick Pavers	1230 SF
Place 5" Asphalt Pavement	4325 SY
Place Pavement Striping	2150 LF

And various related items of work.

Contract Documents will be on file and may be examined beginning September 22, 2008 at the following locations: Office of the City Clerk, Northville City Hall, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300 OR McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc., 37741 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan, 48152, 734-432-9777.

Contract Documents, including the Plans, Specifications, and Proposal Forms for the Project may be obtained beginning September 22, 2008 from McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc., at 37741 Pembroke, Livonia, Michigan 48152. A non-refundable payment in the amount of \$30 is required for each set of Contract Documents. Payment for Contract Documents must be made by check. Checks for Contract Documents shall be payable to McNeely & Lincoln Associates, Inc. Contract Documents can be shipped for an additional charge of \$15 for shipping and handling. Plans will not be shipped after September 25, 2008.

Each Bid shall be submitted in duplicate on the Bid forms provided and shall be accompanied by a Bid security Bidders must provide Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond, certified check, or cashier's check for a sum no less than 5 percent of the Bid Price. Refer to other bidding requirements described in Instructions to Bidders.

Submit your offer on the Bid Form provided. Bidders are required to complete two copies of the Bid Form. Your offer will be required to be submitted under a condition of irrevocability for a period of 60 days after submission. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all Bids, and to waive any informalities or irregularities in bidding, and to make the award in any manner deemed to be in the best interest of the City. The successful Bidder shall furnish satisfactory performance, labor, maintenance and material bonds, and insurance policies.

JAMES GALLOGLY
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS
(9-25-08 NR 433051)

DIANNE MASSA
CITY CLERK

CITY OF NORTHVILLE CLOSE OF REGISTRATION NOVEMBER 4, 2008 GENERAL ELECTION

To the Qualified Electors of the City of Northville, Wayne and Oakland Counties, notice is hereby given that Monday, October 6, 2008 is the last day to register to vote or change your address for the General Election to be held on Tuesday, November 4, 2008. The election will be conducted in all polling places in the City of Northville for the purpose of voting on:

PRESIDENTIAL	Electors of President and Vice-President of the United States
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LEGISLATIVE	Representative in State Legislature
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And for the purpose of voting on the following proposals
State Proposal 08-1: A legislative initiative to permit the use and cultivation of marijuana for specified medical conditions.

State Proposal 08-2: A proposal to amend the state constitution to address human embryo and human embryonic stem cell research in Michigan.

County Proposal (Oakland County Only): A proposed modification to the Oakland County Merit System covering the employees of the County of Oakland that updates the system from its original 1966 version as explained by County Resolution #08119.

Full text of the proposal(s) may be obtained from Dianne Massa, City Clerk, City of Northville, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, 248-349-1300.

The City Clerk's office is located in the City of Northville Municipal Building, 215 W. Main Street, Northville, Michigan, 48167, and is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. for the purpose of registering to vote. You may also register to vote at any Secretary of State branch office or County Clerk's office during their normal business hours. Electors may also register to vote by mail by completing a Michigan Mail-In Voter Registration Application and forwarding the application to the City of Northville City Clerk at the above address by the close of registration deadline. Mail-in voter registration applications are available at the City Clerk's office, or by contacting the Elections Clerk at 248-349-1300 Ext. 1962, or on the City's website at www.ci.northville.mi.us. Please note that a person who registers to vote by mail is required to vote in person unless they have previously voted in person in the City of Northville, are at least 60 years of age, are overseas voters, or are handicapped.

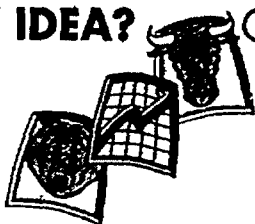
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New Body Therapeutics sets second open house Sunday

■ Now located on Center Street

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

Angela Avigne knows bodies. And the local massage therapist invites area residents to the second Open House this month of the new location of her business, New Body Therapeutics Massage, from noon-5 p.m. Sunday at 335 N. Center St.

The office has only been at the new location for about six weeks.

Highlights of the open house will include tours of the office, free chair massage, Migun Bed massage, energy work and refreshments.

Avigne, who her family members and friends call Angel, started the massage therapy business three and a half years ago as a one-woman operation in a small office on South Main Street. She has tripled available space at her new office and currently employs 10 fully-trained, licensed massage therapists at her new office.

Avigne, of Redford, was a landscaper for many years. "I had a lot of aches and pains and got into massage because I realized its benefits," she said. She's now been a massage therapist since 1999 and opened her own business three years ago. She received her training at Irene's Myomassology Institute in Southfield.

She believes relieving stress is important to maintaining optimum health, and that massage is one of the best stress-relievers available.

"It's very exciting to see the business grow and to see so many people who are taking care of themselves through preventative methods such as massage therapy and other services we offer," Avigne said.

Regular clients include profes-



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Above, Angela Avigne, owner of Northville's New Body Therapeutics, works on client Tom Termini in NBT's new 335 N. Center St. location (right).



sional athletes as well as many amateurs. In fact, Avigne sees sports massage therapy as the core of her business.

"Many of the techniques used to help athletes in recovering and maintaining their health have aided other clients," she said.

As well as the usual spa treatments such as Swedish and deep-tissue massage, New Body Therapeutics Massage services include carpal tunnel, neuromuscular and prenatal massage.

The Migun Bed is a fully-automated thermal acupressure massage bed which clients use for 10-15 minutes before a hands-on massage. "It massages the hamstrings, the calf muscles, the spine and the neck area," Avigne said. "There are actually eight different programs, and it even does an abdominal massage," she

said. "It's a little natural healing bed, and, in fact, has been shown to increase white blood cell count. The bed was originally developed for cancer patients, and astronauts use it."

"Research has shown the benefits of this type of massage, and our clients just love it," Avigne said. "It's a great way to relax and loosen up the muscles before receiving a regular massage."

Clients are invited to come check out this new massage bed. For more information about the open house or services provided at New Body Therapeutics Massage, call (248) 348-2770 or go to www.newbodytherapy.com.

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Our fundamental purposes are to enhance the lives of our readers, nurture the home towns we serve and contribute to the business success of our customers.

Ask the candidates

Want to ask candidates for the Northville Township Board of Trustees a question before the Nov. 4 election? Here's your chance.

The Record will hold a forum at 7 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 13 at the township hall (44405 Six Mile Road, at Sheldon), and we want to know what you think are the questions that need to be asked of this township's future leaders.

Vying for four (four-year) seats are four Republican candidates - incumbents Marjorie Banner, Marv Gans and Christopher Roosen as well as challenger Mindy Herrmann - and one Democrat, challenger Carol Poenisch.

There are several ways to submit your questions:

• email to cstone@gannett.com

• mail to Northville Record, 104 W. Main, Suite 101, Northville, MI 48167

• fax to (248) 349-9832

• respond to this editorial online at hometownlife.com

The answers candidates give Oct. 13 will provide you the knowledge you'll need to make an informed decision in the voting booth.

In Your Voice

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

■ Downtown Northville parking lot reconstruction begins

Do we know if the lot will gain or lose parking spots? Every business that has made improvements has to conform to beautification / landscaping guidelines and the result is always fewer spots. Northville is short spots as it is with all the upgrading and expansion. That lot does need a lot of work so I'm all for it but please try to add a few more parking places.

chateau

■ Board affirms decision on Farmer Beemer's unemployment battle with Northville Foundation

These vipers at NCF need to let it go and leave Farmer Beemer alone. He should have never been fired to begin with but when he was it was crystal clear that he was entitled to unemployment benefits.

Shavy

■ Puppy Mill Awareness Day slated Saturday downtown

The solution to this issue, that has many people upset, is simple. PAWS can simply provide proof that they have never used puppy mill dogs, and that all of the dogs they sell are AKC, as advertised. I want the best for these store owners, and everybody, AND the pets that give us so much love. Let's just end this by getting to the bottom of the issue....This should be based on facts, not personal attacks, which never solve anything. The store owners submission to another article on this site ("Bad Experience at Paws" I think it was) was very unprofessional and does not help her case. If nobody is doing anything immoral - there is nothing to worry about. PetLand is a large scale offender by the way, so if people want to take this up with the big dogs (so to speak!) - let's not forget about them...

LetsKeepNvGreat

Lindsey can save her lame support for the event. She only says that because it's good business. Those rescues don't need nor want her endorsement. If she really supported the event, she'd stop buying puppy mill dogs from Missouri and only have rescue puppies/dogs. She should've done her homework before opening such a place.

mustlovedogs4444

People buy dogs at the mall... I am 100% certain that PAWS is doing better with the animals than the store in 12 Oaks. I got a Cavapoo puppy from the store in 12 Oaks and while I love her she is... um... "not playing with a full deck". Not sure if she is inbred or what but she is mildly cross-eyed and has 0 depth perception. Oh well, I love her anyway. Just keep running every business out of downtown unless they sell womens clothing or art. That will keep the crowds coming. That is all. Carry on.

SteveEmsley

■ Northville DDA talks about expanding boundaries

Post Office Area???? Was there not discussions of purchasing the old McDonald Ford property for expansion. That location gets great traffic and would be a perfect spot for any business. I also thought that was a place for a new post office because the existing one is getting to small with all the CURRENT expansion. Wait??? I think there is a patch of grass in my yard you could build a tree house on. Don't just cram stuff in a corner just for the sake of doing it. Go after the McDonlad owners and ante up if you must have expansion.

chateau

■ GUEST COLUMN by Steve Lomske: Did Northville Township win or lose in annexation battle?

Yes, we got screwed. But unfortunately it wasn't by the board of trustees. It was by Mark Abbo Township Supervisor. He was the one doing the negotiating with the developer. The board had very little time to read the proposal before they were "forced" to sign. People need to realize where the blame lies. Mark Abbo, whom no one is running against this election, is sitting there happy because he doesn't have a worry in the world. He is happy that the "board" is getting blamed for this. Oh, ask the annexation "organizer" some direct questions about Northville Township (outside of the annexation issue) and I think you will realize the organizer might be a lot like Mark Abbo. Do we need another person like that? Hmmm....one is enough!

maallen

PHOTO OF THE WEEK



Submitted photo

Saturday's Puppy Mill Awareness Day included a parade in downtown Northville, and the event was sponsored by 20 groups with over 55 participants. The purpose of the event was to spread awareness and educate the public.

LETTERS

PAWS experience

In response to another week of Letters to the Editor regarding PAWS, I felt compelled to write and give an honest opinion on our family's experiences at this establishment.

Out of curiosity after PAWS opened, my adult daughters and I strolled in to check it out. We were warmly greeted, told to browse and ask any questions about them (owners) and merchandise. Our interest peaked, we roamed every inch of the store including grooming and boarding areas. Of course, the adorable puppies were a treasure and my girls loved holding, cuddling and inquiring about this brother and sister. The owner, Bob, was extremely informative and open as to their history and status at the store. As an owner of three dogs already, ranging in age from 1 year, 5 years and 15 years, we were not in the market for any new additions. Bob invited us back any time for some in-store puppy love. We welcomed them to the community, complimented his new store and went on our way. No purchases or puppies that day, but we were treated as if we had made a major purchase. The utmost friendliness and professionalism; received a free goody bag of dog treats along with some grooming coupons.

After discussion with my daughters, we made a grooming appointment for our two youngest hounds and couldn't have been more pleased or satisfied. The follow-up to that visit came in the mail with a thank you and another discount for the future (which we have used). Also, since our first initial browse, we have purchased a few toys and snuggled some more puppies.

As a 20-year resident of Northville, I have always prided myself on shopping the downtown. I have seen places leave after many years (pharmacy, Five and Dime, Hallmark, the bookstore, etc.) with sadness, but welcomed change and new merchandise filling the many empty store fronts. We should be welcoming new businesses with open arms. Instead of all the controversy, give new businesses a chance before we find a place we enjoyed shopping at closed and empty once again.

In closing, one of our three dogs (Buckeye) is a rescue dog we adopted from the Port Clinton, Ohio Humane Society at approximately 2 years of age and he is a content, happy 5-year-old now. So I do relate to the issues of adopting and rescuing animals. I am an active member of ASPCA (The American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals), and I have been a donor to the Humane Society where Buckeye was rescued and attend their yearly fundraisers. I am a content customer of PAWS and will continue to frequent this store, for I have not heard one factual piece of evidence that would make me feel otherwise.

After raising four children, now grown adults, I hope this isn't a flashback to junior high and high school where if you're not part of

the in crowd, your are bullied out.

Becky Spinale
Northville

Leave shop alone

I'm responding to the letter regarding a woman's bad experience at PAWS.

I'm absolutely shocked to read such remarks regarding the experience at PAWS and how people are treating these new young owners.

I have been in there several times and still like to pop in with the kids or just when walking Downtown Northville. I have never been treated the way this woman has described. This family has been nothing but respectful, polite and helpful.

I, too, love dogs and do not agree with puppy mills. The owners have assured me they go through reputable breeders and I, too, have looked into this further. I am not going to try and bring these people down who are trying to make their dream a reality and working hard to make a living just because of others' wrongdoings. Not every one deals with puppy mills.

I know of two people that have gotten puppies there and these puppies are happy, healthy and are now loved by great families.

I love the uniqueness of their store. It's very eye appealing, everything is well displayed and clean. It's definitely a change from the usual norm. Not every store has to be an antique store. We need to appeal to the masses so more people want to shop downtown and I think these owners have achieved that.

I wish them all the best and hope they ignore any ignorant comments from people that have nothing better to do with their time. For God's sake, I think we need to leave these people alone and start focusing on our real problems going on in our world right now like the loss of jobs and people struggling to make ends meet and to putting a stop to the war, not trying to run a family's dream out of Northville.

Lynn Tokoph
Northville

Show you care

Well, well, well, not miffed huh? I guess no one in this community is entitled to their opinion unless your name is Lindsey Champine. I believe the message that I was trying to get across was that until things are answered about your business practices, people should be aware. Unless of course you have something to hide.

I did not organize this walk; I do support it, however, and not because I think it might look good after I called the citizens of Northville ignorant!

Is there something wrong with caring about the health and welfare of innocent puppies? Is there something wrong with caring how this gets handled in your own community? I would think that

you would be bending over backwards to respond to this. I would think that if you cared so much you would be doing all that you could in a positive manner, instead of writing how stupid people who care about these issues are. In case nobody has told you, this is an important issue and it should be to you, too!

I think that your remarks speak volumes about you NOT caring what happens in this community. I am one person voicing my opinion because I care about animals. I also have lived in this community for over 25 years. I care what happens within it, too. I am not from out of town and just trying to make a dollar any way that I can. Try making some sense and maybe people will listen.

Sharon Long
Northville Twp.

Pets or money?

I feel compelled to respond to the owner of PAWS Pet Store who wants people "to use their brains to figure out that something new or different is not always bad." Let me point out some facts that PAWS does not want you to "use your brain" about.

Ms. Champine points out that "We know that rescue is not an option for everyone." What she does not point out is that the other option should be purchasing a puppy through a reputable breeder, not through a pet store.

Ms. Champine has "a major problem with giving out personal and private information to those who have no business knowing it." A breeder that is selling puppies to a pet store is in a business agreement. This is no longer personal and private information. It is business information. A potential buyer has every right to this information to learn all that they can to make an informed decision before purchasing a puppy.

Would you walk into a car showroom or into Target and be told that you cannot know the manufacturer or contact information about a car or bedspread, carton of milk, etc. until you purchase it? Then, once you purchase it, you cannot return it unless it is defective? We are talking about inanimate objects and a consumer would not consider it. That store would be out of business. Now think about that puppy and/or kitten. Its "manufacturer" is the breeder. PAWS refuses to give out any information about their breeders to "respect the privacy of the privacy of their breeders."

Ms. Champine also points out that PAWS has worked with rescue groups to place kittens and a Chihuahua. She points out that the Chihuahua was placed "At no charge, by the way. Can rescue organizations say the same?" That statement is very inappropriate. Rescue organizations are non-profit organizations, unlike a pet store that sells pets for profit. People who work for a rescue organization are all volunteers. They work full-time jobs during the week to support themselves and their families. In their spare time they then

spend endless hours either working adoption fairs or fundraisers. The nominal fee that is requested when a pet is adopted only offsets a very small portion of the cost of the veterinary and foster care. One hundred seventy-five dollars is a far cry from the \$1,800 asked at PAWS for the purchase of a puppy!

Rescue organizations also assure the health and disposition of their dogs before they are put up for adoption. A person who is adopting a dog signs an adoption agreement. That agreement states that if they are unable to care for the dog that it must be returned to the rescue. PAWS, in contrast, has a customer sign a contract that states that there is "no return or refund" (according to their letter to the editor). It seems to me that tells it all.

It doesn't take a lot of brains to decide whether PAWS is in business because they care about puppies and kittens or are they in it primarily for the money. What do you think?

Tammy Gaines
Livonia

Buy from breeder

I am a veterinarian who has been in practice for over 25 years. I have worked with breeders and rescue groups alike. I would like to comment on some of the other Letters to the Editor and educate the public a bit about breeders, pet stores, Internet breeders and rescue groups.

For simplicity sake, I am going to focus on dogs, but most of the following applies to cats also.

First, I would like to share two important statistics:

• There are between 8,000 to 11,000 dogs and cats euthanized every in shelters and humane societies throughout the United States.

• One of out every 4 dogs awaiting homes in animal shelters is a purebred.

Both of these statistics are from the Humane Society of the United States.

I feel that there are three basic problems with the overpopulation and killing (euthanizing) of dogs and cats in the United States:

1. Irresponsible pet owners who do not neuter their pets and breed them indiscriminately or by mistake.

2. Uneducated persons who purchase a pet. They purchase the wrong breed for their life style, purchase from an unqualified breeder, or they purchase on a whim in a pet store - "It is so cute and it looks so sad in the cage. Let's rescue it!"

3. "Backyard breeders" and "puppy mill" breeders who do not breed responsibly.

The person who is considering purchasing or adopting a pet needs to learn about that type of pet first. If it is a purebred, then learn all you can about that breed. For example, what is the temperament, are they good with children, do they have a high energy level needing several walks a day, what are possible unique health needs of this breed? You also need to consider the monetary commitment to

taking care of this pet properly. Plan to spend money on food, toys, a crate and bed but also on obedience training and veterinary bills. There is wellness care that is routine every year but an unexpected illness or accident can cost hundreds of dollars to treat. Also, learn how to choose a reputable breeder. Keep in mind that this should be a commitment for the life of this pet. That can be 15-20 years. The decision should be made with a lot of forethought and research.

For anyone who is considering purchasing or adopting a dog, the place to start is with a visit to a reputable veterinarian. A veterinarian has knowledge on many breeds of dogs. They can discuss with you which breeds would best fit your life style and the pros and cons of different breeds (including mixed breeds). They will also give you information on how to find a good breeder and may have one of their client breeders that they can personally recommend.

Once you have settled on a breed, get reputable information on that breed. Again the veterinarian can lead you in the right direction. Other good resources are a library, breed rescue group and talking to a reputable breeder.

Know how to find a good breeder. In my professional opinion a good breeder:

1. Breeds one (or at the most two) breed of dog. This is because the breeder is an expert about this breed and is very knowledgeable and breeds for the love and the betterment of the breed.

2. Raises the puppies in their home with love.

3. Does not sell their puppies through a pet store or third party.

4. Has a veterinary relationship and has had the puppies checked and their health assessed by the veterinarian. Has no problem giving you the name of their veterinarian and encouraging you to call the veterinarian for the puppy's records.

5. Will not let the puppies go to their new home until they are at least eight weeks old. This is very important for the socialization of the pups.

6. Has a clean and safe environment for the puppies; always visit the breeder at their house; never meet someone away from the home.

7. Welcomes questions about his dogs and will show you all records of the parents of the pups. The mother (bitch) should be on premises; the father (dog) may not be present.

8. Wants you to be knowledgeable about the breed and welcomes questions. He will discuss potential genetic problems in this breed and provide you with the results of testing that has been done. For example, there are tests for many heritable diseases including hip dysplasia, congenital eye problems and thyroid disease.

9. Should interview you. They ask where you live (do you rent or own?), how big is your yard, is there a fence, do you have children, what ages? They truly love their puppies and want them to go to the appropriate home for them.

10. Should be there for you throughout the life of the dog. If something unexpected happens in your life, they are willing to take your puppy back.

These are several other recommendations:

1. Do not buy from an Internet site unless you are willing to travel and visit the premises. There is a lot of deception out there. Pictures or descriptions can be misleading or downright false.

2. Many of the dogs that end up in shelters or with rescue groups are not "bad" dogs. They are there because their previous owner had unrealistic expectations of them. Puppies and kittens need training and play time and interaction for them to grow up into a well-adjusted, obedient adult. This takes time and effort on the part of the owner.

3. Pet storeowners can tell you anything. How do you know that truth, especially if they are not willing to disclose information about the "breeder" before you purchase the pet? Puppies here are typically very overpriced. The breeder and the pet store both want to make a profit.

4. Remember, a reputable breeder will not sell their puppies through a pet store.

5. AKC certification does not guarantee the quality or health of dogs. Just because a dog is AKC certified does not mean that it has come from a reputable breeder. Puppy mill breeders can have their puppies AKC certified!

All of my pets have been rescues. I wouldn't have it any other way. Two of them are purebreds. A few have been adults. They all have acclimated well to my household. I have fostered dogs for West Highland White Terrier rescue. Out of seven that I have had, only one couldn't be placed in a loving home.

I am passionate about reducing the needless suffering and death of millions of dogs and cats in the United States each and every year. The vast majority of these animals are worthy of a loving home. Please consider adopting before purchasing. If you do purchase, do it from a reputable breeder.

Carol McKee D.V.M.
Southpointe Veterinary Hospital

Appeal process has problems

Last Wednesday I took an appeal of an ordinance interpretation to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA). At least that's what I had planned for. Unfortunately, the township does not seem to have a process in place to appeal the ordinance interpretation of a township official. They claim to have one, and will gladly cash your \$100 check, but there does not seem to be a process to follow. An appeal is treated exactly like a request for a variance (there is no unique paperwork for an appeal; they have you fill out a variance request form and then ask neighbors to comment of your "request for variance.")

The ZBA members let the meeting get totally off the issue of ordinance interpretation, with personal likes and dislikes being discussed. A board member's personal opinions should not come into play on an ordinance interpretation. What if they hold the opinion that blue houses don't "fit" in Northville?

It's hard to believe that there is no process in place to appeal a decision made by a township official and even harder to believe they'll cash your \$100 check under the pretense of allowing an appeal. But this has been my experience.

Dr. John J. Meyer
Northville

Bailouts demand accountability

It's infuriating to witness greedy corporate America come pleading for help when all their capital dries up. It's equally frustrating to see regular people living beyond their means and then complaining that they can't get out from under a mountain of debt. It's time that everyone take responsibility and get back to basics. Just as a failing company shouldn't be paying millions in bonuses, people who are struggling should have the common sense to get rid of their cable, satellite dishes, voice mail, and a whole slew of other excesses they can't afford.

The fundamentals of our economy are not strong, and the fallout is here. The question is, do we continue to bail out these conglomerates with their unethical accounting practices and executives receiving multi-million dollar salaries, thereby moving closer to a socialist system, or do we let them sink or swim in the free market?

In either case, everyone will be made to sacrifice as our economy suffers a painful overhaul, but we can't afford to keep applying Band-Aids to broken companies that have manipulated the system for their own benefit. At the very least, before another \$500-billion+ bailout is approved, Congress needs to answer to the American people with full disclosure as to how this plan would work. While the debt is serviced, management salaries need to be on par with the earnings of comparable executives in public service, and hefty penalties should be waged on those that became wealthy at the expense of the financial well-being of the companies they served.

Write your congressional representatives and demand accountability. It's time to usher in a new era of socially-responsible business where financial gain and ethics are in balance, and to support hard-working, responsible people that actually have the integrity to consider the common good.

Teresa Pilarz
Northville

Green, yellow and rediculous

Green, yellow, and red, drivers know what to do: go, slow down, stop. But take Beck Road and Eight Mile with its new four-light system for left turns in the dedicated lane. No more familiar round green, yellow, and red lights allowing turning at the end of the cycle if needed. No, the new four lights are arrows, as though the driver once in the turn lane didn't know which way to go. But worse than that is the light cycle. It begins with a green arrow on the bottom, then skips a light, up to a solid yellow arrow, then quickly rises to the top red arrow for a brief second and then back to the skipped light which is now flashing yellow before returning to the solid yellow and finally red. The End! That is until it repeats ad infinitum. What's a driver to make of all six lights in one 80-second cycle?

Now, if you don't turn on the initial green arrow or, worse, if you drive up after it is off, you're forced to turn left later, on one or the other of those yellow arrows, or get stuck in the middle of the intersection. This leaves you cutting off the turning traffic on the crossing road, since they have a green arrow that starts their cycle. Therefore, a green arrow does not mean "turn now." Drivers must wait for prior turns to

be completed and hope they still have time to turn. Personally, I've lost whole green arrows waiting. Where's the Easy Button? I still don't understand the flashing yellow arrow. Someone must think it's better to turn without stopping. I liked the old, round, flashing red. Where's the instruction manual? Northville doesn't drive like Sidney, Australia.

Where's the consistency with all the other intersection lights that allow left turns at the END of the cycle? Are these new lights thinking for me? Well, thanks, but no thanks. I'm the best judge of when it's safe to turn rather than four automated, multi-colored, flashing arrows.

Sharon Marsh
Northville

More qualified than Obama

In last week's letter box, Mr. James D. Ledbetter lists why he is against Sarah Palin as a vice-presidential candidate.

1. He is "concerned" about Palin's lack of experience when she is only a heartbeat away from the presidency.

Sarah Palin has executive experience — two years of governing a state and making day-to-day decisions on the full range of government activities. Mr. Ledbetter's candidate for president, Barack Obama, has no executive experience. None. His highest non-government job was as a political organizer in Chicago. He's made executive decisions on nothing. Legislators are only one of many and the buck doesn't stop on their desk as it does with a governor.

2. He is concerned about a purported reformer who has "close ties with Alaska Senator Ted Stevens who is under federal indictment."

Governor Palin's ties with the former governor are tenuous at best. On the other hand, Mr. Ledbetter's candidate has been a close personal friend of the Syrian, Tony Rezko, who helped Sen. Obama buy his Chicago mansion and who, himself, was indicted on several counts and wound up in jail. Barack Obama also claims two "mentors" in his life — the American-hating Communist Frank Davis (while in Hawaii) and the American-hating racist hate monger Rev. Jeremiah Wright, whose intolerant statements have become widely known.

3. He is concerned because Governor Palin is involved in the "trooper-gate scandal," having fired the state's public service director. He is also concerned about her "vindictiveness."

This is a non-issue, created by the Democrats to smear Governor Palin. There is no "scandal" involving the governor. It's a clear rule that those who appoint can also dis-appoint. A governor can replace a department head at any time without cause and the Dems know it. And, as far as vindictiveness, this all-out attempt by the Obama campaign to destroy this good woman is the picture postcard of vindictiveness.

Since Gov. Palin is far more qualified to be president than Barack Obama (who is the least qualified person ever to run for the presidency), if Mr. Ledbetter is concerned about Sarah Palin being only "a heartbeat from the presidency," he should be horrified that Sen. Obama might actually be the president.

The point is that if he doesn't like Palin, he should definitely hate Obama. Or are we seeing a double standard here?

John Collings
Northville Township

Palin perfect for Washington

Sarah Palin, short of stature, is a woman comfortable and at home in the backwoods with her Winchester ready, unafraid of the wild animals. With her arrival in Juneau, Alaska, as Alaska's first female governor, she routed the snakes in Alaska politics. She will exhibit a positive effect in identifying and routing out the same problems in Washington.

Jim Nowka
Northville

Palin's the right choice

This is in response to James D. Ledbetter's letter in your Sept. 18 edition. This letter is full of inaccuracies and half truths too numerous to provide the details of in this short note. The most humorous part of the letter was when he refers to the New York Times as if it were the epitome of factuality — we all know what their agenda is. Governor Sarah Palin is a reformer with exceptional morality and strong character. She is a much better choice for V.P. than Biden — a 30-year part of Washington D.C.'s good-old-boys Democratic problem.

Mr. Ledbetter inaccurately refers to her "close" ties to Senator Stevens while in actuality she has kept her distance from him and the relationship was typical of any state governor and U.S. senator. If Mr. Ledbetter needs to be concerned with close ties, he should look at Senator Obama's close ties to a myriad of questionable characters.

Ernest O. McLaughlin
Northville

Palin: Excellent choice

I'd like to refute what was said about Sarah Palin in last week's letter from James. D. Ledbetter. With all due respect, I disagree with Mr. Ledbetter and would like to give the public a different perspective on John McCain's choice for his vice presidential running mate.

Lack of experience was cited as a concern for the nominee. Although Ms. Palin is relatively new on the national political scene, she arguably has as much experience, if not more, than Barack Obama who is on the top of the Democratic ticket.

When mayor of Wasilla, Palin presided over a \$6 million budget and a staff of 80 city employees. Wasilla is home to an estimated 1,100 businesses, including steel fabrication, agricultural, manufacturing and distribution companies. During Mayor Palin's tenure, Wasilla experienced one of the strongest employment expansions in the state of Alaska.

As governor of Alaska, Palin presides over a \$6.6 billion budget and thousands of state employees. She is the only governor in America that shares a border with Russia and Canada, which requires some foreign policy experience given the thawing of the Arctic ice and the current race by the U.S., Canada and Russia to claim the now available oil and gas deposits. Because Alaska is a vital energy producing state, Palin quickly has earned her stripes in advancing an energy agenda that helps free the U.S. from its dependence on foreign oil. She spurred the development of a new pipeline from Alaska to the continental United States.

As for the vindictiveness issue Mr. Ledbetter speaks of, Sarah Palin has released e-mails showing that the director of Public Service was fired because he was not living within his budget and not performing in his job. If making people accountable to do their job is considered vindictiveness, then I am all for it! Palin is accountable to the voters, as evidenced by her 80-percent approval rating. Yes, she has enemies ... how can she be? The answer is easy ... she has shaken up government in Alaska, and the people who are now having to be accountable are attacking her.

And finally, Mr. Ledbetter cites Palin's ties with Senator Ted Stevens as problematic. This is an example of a classic smear tactic. There is no evidence Ms. Palin was aware of Steven's corruption when she was working on his 527 group in 2003. In fact, when she learned of this alleged corruption, she publicly criticized Stevens in 2007. Furthermore, in this year's primary for the Republican nomination, Palin backed Stevens' opponent. Nonetheless, is it a problem to be friends or co-workers with others who make mistakes, whether minor or serious? When did God tell us to stop loving others who sin? And who of us on God's green earth does not sin? Is Barack Obama still friends with Jeremiah Wright?

Sarah Palin has plenty of experience and has shown no signs of vindictiveness or unlawfulness. I believe John McCain has made the best choice in choosing Sarah Palin as his vice presidential running mate. The United States would be blessed to have her in the White House!

Susan Castelli
Northville Township

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CALENDAR

Thursday, September 25, 2008

hometownlife.com
fax: (248) 349-9832

Local Events

World's Largest Ice Cream Social

TIME/DATE: 5-8 p.m. Today
LOCATION: All Cold Stone Creamery Stores in Michigan
DETAILS: This nationwide fundraising event benefits the Make-A-Wish Foundation. Choose between two three-ounce Creations developed by two wish children. Ice cream is free, donations appreciated.

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
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.

Debate Party

TIME/DATE: 7:30-10:30 p.m. Friday
LOCATION: Havana Lounge, 138 Center Street
DETAILS: Meet local Democratic candidate, four big screen TVs, lots of spirit and snacks. Get your Obama campaign materials. \$5-10 donation appreciated for lounge rental. Sponsored by The Northville Democratic Club
CONTACT: Scott Craig at (248) 465-1995

Bizarre Bazaar Craft Show

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday
LOCATION: First United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road
DETAILS: This first annual Community Bizarre Bazaar will benefit Village Banking

Family Caregiving Program

TIME/DATE: 9-10:30 a.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Northville Community Senior Center
DETAILS: Offered by Parks and Rec. This program will help prepare families to take on the responsibility and challenges of caring for a loved one at home. Topics include but are not limited to Home Safety, general Caregiving Skills, Posturing and Helping a Loved One Move, Assisting with Personal Care, Healthy Eating, Legal and Financial Issues. Cost is \$35 for residents, additional non-resident fees apply. Pre-registration is required. Contact the Northville Parks and Rec. office at (248) 349-0203 or northvillepark-sandrec.com.

Pure Give

TIME/DATE: 9:45 a.m. Saturday
LOCATION: Pure Barre Fitness Studio
DETAILS: Charity event for Pure Give, which supports the development of healthy self-esteem in girls, teenagers and young women. Suggested donation of \$15. This donation based fitness class will be our Pure Barre Technique, proceeds help the Dove Self-Esteem Fund as an agent of change to educate and inspire girls on a wider definition of beauty.
CONTACT: (248) 305-8414 or www.purebarre.com

"Retailing for Success"

Seminar
TIME/DATE: 6-7 p.m. Tuesday
LOCATION: Christina's Home Sweet Home, 410 E. Main St.
DETAILS: Join your Northville retail partners for brainstorming about today's retail environment and ways to position your business for success. Partnering with the Northville Chamber of Commerce, the NCBA and the DDA. This seminar is offered by Linda Sheppard of Envoy Coaching and Bonita Trush of Final Destinations. Please RSVP to

(248) 344-1533.

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: Seprino'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

Northville Woman's Club Opening Luncheon

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. Social Time, 11:30 a.m. Lunch Friday, Oct. 3
LOCATION: Meadowbrook Country Club
DETAILS: Guest speaker is Keith Farnie, Celebrity Chef and the Australian Outback Survivor. Cost is \$26 and preregistration is required. Call (248) 349-3064 or more information.

Ghoultide Gathering-A Halloween Artist Spectacular

TIME/DATE: 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 4
LOCATION: Mill Race Village, 215 Griswold
DETAILS: Nationally recognized artists gather for this annual event to sell their original Halloween art.

Northville High School Fall Clean-up

TIME/DATE: 1-5 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 5
LOCATION: Northville High School
DETAILS: We will be weeding and mulching during two shifts: 1-3 p.m. and 3-5 p.m. Bring labeled garden tools (wheelbarrows, pitch forks, rakes and shovels) and work gloves. Parents and students are welcome. Earn volunteer hours.
CONTACT: Judy Culklin at (248) 347-8855

Envy Salon and Day Spa Breast Cancer Research Fundraiser

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Monday, Oct. 6
LOCATION: 15430 Haggerty Road, northeast corner of 5 Mile Road and Haggerty Road
DETAILS: Bring a friend and enjoy offerings from La Bella Donna Cosmetics, Dermalogica Face Mapping, Cookie Lee Jewelry, Arbonne, Chair and Hand Massages. Minimum \$1 donation at the door. There will be a raffle for gift certificates for salon services, \$100 dinner for two, Redken product baskets and much more.
CONTACT: (734)420-0052

Country Garden Club of Northville

TIME/DATE: 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 7
LOCATION: Mill Race Village, Cady Inn
DETAILS: Topic is "Garden Creations, Herbal Soaps, Essential Oils and Salves" by Colleen French. Guests welcome.
CONTACT: (248) 919-9948 or cgcnn.org.

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, chil-

dren 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.

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

Gardeners of Northville and Novi "Culinary Gifts from the Garden"

TIME/DATE: 6:30 Social, 7 p.m. Program Monday Oct. 13
LOCATION: Novi Civic Center
DETAILS: Speaker is Mary Spencer. Public welcome.
CONTACT: Marcia at (248) 349-2352 or gardenersnorthville-novi.org.

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-fit path of Mill Race village and visit its spooky houses with your little one. New activities and entertainment. For ages pre-school 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.

Haunted Hip Hop Halloween

TIME/DATE: 4:30-6:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25
LOCATION: Center Stage Dance Company
DETAILS: Wear your Halloween costume to our Spooky Studio Tour and hip hop dance party. Minimum age 6 years old. \$1 cover charge benefits Hawthorne Center. All welcome!
CONTACT: Visit www.dancing-centerstage.com Tours and Special Events page or call (248) 380-1666

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 times are for ages 2 and 4 with a caregiver. Call the library to register.

Fall Used Book Sale Members Preview Sale



"Change" by Barbara Eko Murphy

Vote For Me! Artists respond to the presidential election

With the presidential election just around the corner, the Northville Art House presents its new show: Vote For Me! Artists Respond to the Presidential Election of 2008.

The Northville Art House put out the call over the summer to artists to give their visual thoughts about the election. They responded with figurative, abstract and sculptural works.

Participating artists include Sharon Bida, Candace Brancik, Michael Evangelista, Veronica Heide, Peggy Kerwan, Christine Laginess, Linda Larsen, Linda Logan, Rob McCausland, Eric Mesko, Barbara Murphy, Victor Pytko, Joan Potter Thomas, Dennis Thom and Mary Williams.

The show will open with a reception Friday, Oct. 3, from 6-9 p.m. during Northville's First Friday Art Walk. The show will continue through Nov. 2 during the Art House Gallery hours (Thursdays-Sundays, 1-5 p.m., First Fridays only, 1-9 p.m.).

For additional information, call (248) 344-0497 or visit www.northvillearts.org. The Art House is located at 215 W. Cady Street and is a facility of the Northville Arts Commission. Admission to Art House shows is always free and open to the public.

TIME/DATE: 7-9 p.m. Today
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, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, and 1-3 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Great prices on books, DVD's, 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. Today, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday, and 1:30-4 p.m. Sunday

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
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.

Fall Storytime for Fours, Fives and Kindergartners

TIME/DATE: 4 p.m. Mondays and 10:15 a.m. or 2 p.m. Tuesdays
DETAILS: These are six-week series of 45-minute storytimes with fun, creative activities. Register now.

Drop in Morning Storytimes

TIME/DATE: 10:15 a.m. Thursdays beginning Oct. 2
DETAILS: Storytime fun for toddlers and preschoolers. All ages welcome, with caregivers accompanying children age 3 and younger. No need to register.

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. 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
Surviving SamCo.
TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Thursday and Saturday; Monday, Oct. 13; Fridays Oct. 3, 17 and 24; Saturdays, Oct. 4 and 25; Thursday, Nov. 6. Call Genitti's for more dates and times.

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.

Dinner and Doo-Wop

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 10 - A Tribute to the Stars (Neil Diamond, Rod Stewart, Elvis, Buddy Holly)

TIME/DATE: 6:30 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 8 - The Reflections (Just Like Romeo and Juliet)

DETAILS: The cost for the dinner theater shows are \$49.95 per person. The cost for the matinee lunch and show is \$35.

Julian Pavone, "The Worlds Youngest Drummer"

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 25

DETAILS: Strolling dinner and a show. Pictures and Meet and Greet with Julian and his band. \$15 adult, \$8 children.

Genitti's Acting Workshops

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

DETAILS: Enjoy our famous family-style lunch or dinner, then practice voice and body movement with one of our actors on stage. Play theater games; take backstage tour; \$16.95 per person.

Marquis Theatre

LOCATION: 135 E. Main St.
CONTACT: (248) 349-8110 or visit northvillemarquistheatre.com
Classic Movie Weekends
TIME: 7 p.m. doors open, 7:30 p.m. movie starts
DETAILS: Cost is \$5 which includes a box of fresh popcorn.
DATE: Friday - "The Sundowners"
DATE: Saturday - "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.
CONTACT: (248) 347-0003

I Love You, You're Perfect, Now Change

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 adults for Friday-Saturday. Musical celebration of the mating game.

Improv 101 Adult Class

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

Northville Candle and Gifts Knitting Classes

Advanced Knit Hat Class

TIME/DATE: 11 a.m. every Monday

Beginning Knitting Class

TIME/DATE: 10 a.m.-noon, noon-2 p.m., 2-4 p.m., or 4-6 p.m. every Tuesday

DETAILS: We are now selling yarn and offering knitting and crochet classes. Visit our new yarn department and a gathering spot for those who want to meet regularly.

Baseline Folk Society Open Mic

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

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

Solid Grounds CoffeeHouse

LOCATION: 133 W. Main St., Northville

CONTACT: (248) 348-9737

Open Mic Nite

TIME/DATE: 6-9 p.m. every Tuesday

Roger Ponder and Dell Smith, blues and folk singer songwriters

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 singer/song-writers
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.

Michael Farrell Lectures - The 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 and \$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.

Abakadoodles: Twoosy Doodlers

TIME/DATE: 11-11:45 a.m. every Wednesday through Oct. 29
DETAILS: For ages 1.5-3 years. In this parent/child class children learn about color, texture and more while experimenting with new and innovative materials. Parents/caregivers learn what they can do to help nurture creativity. Cost \$90/\$100.

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.

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.

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

LOCATION: Chamber Office

Annual Meeting

TIME/DATE: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 15

LOCATION: The Inn at St.

John's

TGIF

TIME/DATE: 8-9 a.m. Friday, Oct. 24

LOCATION: Chamber Office

Regional Events

"Hello Dolly"

TIME/DATE: 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and Oct. 3 and 4; 2 p.m. Sunday 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.

"Barefoot in the Park"

DATE: Sept. 26 - Oct. 18

LOCATION: The Barn Theater, Farmington

DETAILS: This comic tale of mismatched newlyweds highlights the hilarity of everyday life. Tickets sell for \$13-\$15 with discounts for groups of ten or more. Special discounts are available to seniors for the "Senior Sunday" performance on Sept. 28.

CONTACT: For more information or to purchase tickets visit farmingtonplayers.org or call (248) 553-2955

Kick-off to Polish American Heritage Month

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

Saturday

LOCATION: Madonna University, 14221 Levan Road,

Livonia

DETAILS: This event features a street rod car show, Polish music, dancing, food, door prizes and optional tour and mass. The cost is \$29 for the general public, \$25 for Madonna alumni, staff and donors, and \$20 for Madonna students. Advance reservations by Sept. 25 only. For reservations, call (734) 432-5804.

Schoolcraft College Annual College Night

TIME/DATE: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1

LOCATION: Physical Education Building, Schoolcraft College, Haggerty Road between Six and Seven Mile roads.

DETAILS: Area high school students and their families can learn about more than 80 colleges and universities during this annual, free event. The schools, mostly from Michigan and the Midwest, will answer questions and provide information on degrees, fields of

study, admission requirements, cost, financial aid scholarships and extracurricular activities.
CONTACT: Office of Admissions at (734) 462-4426

Rock Financial Showplace

46100 Grand River Ave., Novi
CONTACT: Call (248) 348-5600 or rockfinancialshowplace.com.

International Gem and Jewelry Show

TIME/DATE: Noon-6 p.m. Friday; 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday; 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Sunday
DETAILS: Admission is \$7 for adults, children 16 and under are free. No strollers are allowed. Parking is \$5.

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

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So what's your issue?

ReNew Life Ministries

ReNew Life Ministries is a place where you can address difficult issues, overcome past hurts, and challenge yourself to personal growth. We offer Life Groups - groups geared toward specific topics and needs - to support and nurture your personal health, healing, growth, and learning. Our priority is creating groups that provide the safety and support you need to open up and receive from God and others.

FREE Life Groups beginning September 15th:

- GriefShare (for those grieving the death of a loved one)
- DivorceCare (for those experiencing separation or divorce)
- Career Transitions (for those seeking employment or a career change)
- Parenting Teens
- yourSpace (for Jr. High students) and Life Hurts, God Heals (for High School students)
- Every Man's Battle (for men seeking recovery from lust, pornography, and sexual addiction)
- Betrayed Hearts (for wives whose husbands struggle with pornography, sexual addiction, same-sex attraction or adultery)
- Changes that Heal (for those experiencing emotional or relational pain)
- Twelve Steps to Recovery (for those seeking recovery from codependency or addiction)
- See additional groups at www.oakpointe.org

:: Monday Evenings @ 7:00 p.m. ::

For registration & complete descriptions go to www.oakpointe.org or call 248.912.0043

ReNew Life Ministries is the new Support & Recovery ministry of Oak Pointe Church (10 Mile & Wixom Road in Novi). Life Groups are open to the community and are facilitated from a Christian perspective. Optional corresponding materials available at an average cost of \$14. All registrations will be kept confidential.

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Ghoultide Gathering to offer high-end Halloween artwork

■ Event to attract national attention

By Pam Fleming
STAFF WRITER

If Halloween or folk art is your thing, Mill Race Village has just the thing for you next month.

The second Ghoultide Gathering will take place from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 4, at the historic village on 215 Griswold St. north of Main Street.

Scott Smith of the Rucus Studio in Kalamazoo can attest to the fact that the upcoming art sale at the village is not your ordinary show.

One of the artists in the show, Smith said the show will draw buyers from across the country.

He has helped market this year's event, along with fellow artists Vaughn and Stephanie Rawson of Mason.

"The show and sale will feature 16 artists from not only Michigan but also Ohio, Wisconsin, West Virginia, Minnesota, Maine, Pennsylvania and California," Smith said.

"Most of the artists have a collector base, so people who come to our show are passionate about collecting Halloween art or folk art," he said.

Some have their art work reproduced by manufacturers, but at this show, it will all be original art.

Prices will range from about \$40-\$2,000. The show will encompass two buildings at the village — the Cady Inn and the schoolhouse church.

The Oct. 4 show is one of only two national art shows strictly devoted to high-end Halloween art, the other being Halloween & Vine that took place last weekend in Sonoma Valley, Calif.

Smith advises potential buyers to come early for the best selection.

"We had more 500 people attend last year's event," he said. "It was very successful."

A \$5 admission fee will be charged at the door.

Parents wondering if the Ghoultide Gathering might be too ghoulish for children need not worry.

"This (artwork) focuses on the lighter side of Halloween," Smith said. "It's not anything scary or like one would see in a haunted house display."

"Children will not be scared by the artwork. In fact, they would be excited to see it," he said.

No strollers will be allowed in the buildings, however, due to the crowd. Photos are also not allowed to be taken at the show because of the fact that all of the artwork will be original.

"There will be collectors flying in from all over the country. That's one of the reasons we chose Northville for this show because of its proximity to a major international airport," Smith said.

Selections will include such



Gypsy Pumpkin, by Scott Smith of Rucus Studio, is made of composition and papier-mache.

items as papier mache sculptures, wood carvings, spun cotton, paintings, soft sculpture, primitives and mixed media.

A jewelry artist will be part of the show for the first time this year. Another highlight will be vintage and antique Halloween memorabilia from such artists as Pamela Apkarian-Russell of West Virginia, known in the art world as the Halloween Queen.

There are only two such events annually nationwide that the organizers know of, the other being the week before near Napa Valley in California.

Smith's artwork is featured in the current issue of Better Homes and Gardens' special issue titled Halloween Tricks and Treats.

"Many other artists at the show have also been featured in national magazines," he said.

Smith grew up in Washington state and worked as a graphic designer and illustrator, graduating from the Bemley School of Art in Seattle.

"After being a collector of antique Halloween memorabilia, I decided to try my hand at it," he said.

"I've been fortunate to be able to do this full time for 10 years now," Smith said. "It's a niche market."

The Rawsons operate The Whimsical Whittler, and Vaughn has been a full-time woodcarver

since 1992. "We started out doing Christmas art," Stephanie Rawson said. "Our focus is holiday."

"There's been a strong demand in the past few years for Halloween art. It's the kind of holiday that adults and children alike get into. It's a no-stress holiday. It's just purely fun. There's no meal to prepare or gifts to wrap."

She noted that the artists coming to this show are quite well-known in the field.

For more information about artists to be featured in this year's show, go to www.ghoultidegathering.com.

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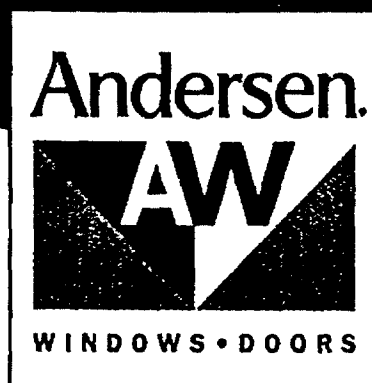
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A gas can in the detached garage exploded in the 2 a.m. blaze, and the building at 18585 Sheldon Rd. suffered more than \$10,000 in damage, Northville Township Public Safety Director John Werth said.

But no one was hurt, and the homeowners' car was parked outside the nearly empty garage, he added.

The weed trimmer, which had been used last Sunday, over-heated and ignited the wooden table it was sitting on, Werth said.

— Tammy Stables Battaglia,
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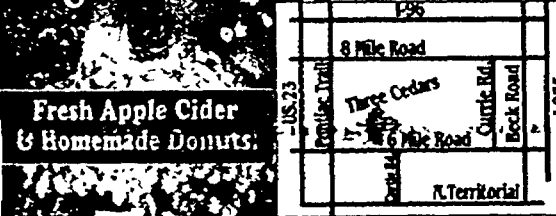
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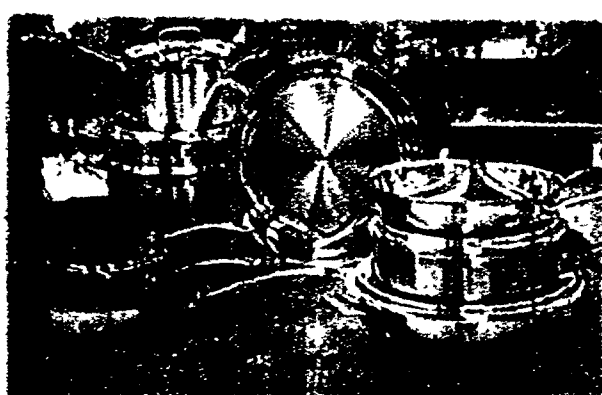
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RUNAWAY

■ Offense rolls up six TDs in 48-18 rout

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

It took a little while for the Mustangs to get things going Friday against South Lyon East, but when they did, the Mustangs ran away with a 48-18 win.

The Mustangs improve to 3-1 overall and 2-0 in the KLAACentral Division.

Kyle Galdes had a big night running the ball, racking up 145 yards on 11 carries with two touchdowns.

"Kyle Galdes stepped up big for us," Northville head coach Matt Ladach said. "Kyle ran the ball with authority."

It was Galdes putting the Mustangs on the board first with a 7-yard run with 9:55 left to play in the second quarter.

Ryan Gerbluck pushed the lead to 14-0 with a 12-yard reception from Matt Kreager three minutes later.

Ryan Mullen pushed the lead to 21-0 with a 2-yard run to close out the scoring in the first half.

Brett Smith got in on the action with a 39-yard touchdown run to open the second half scoring.

The Cougars ended the run with a 1-yard run, but Northville scored the next two touchdowns to put the game out of reach.

Gerbluck scored on a 54-yard pass from Kreager, and Galdes rumbled in from 57 yards out for a 41-6 lead heading into the fourth.

The Cougars scored a pair of touchdowns in the final quarter, sandwiched around a 54-yard scoring run by Mustangs' Devon Pearson, and Northville ended with a 30-point win in a game it was supposed to win.

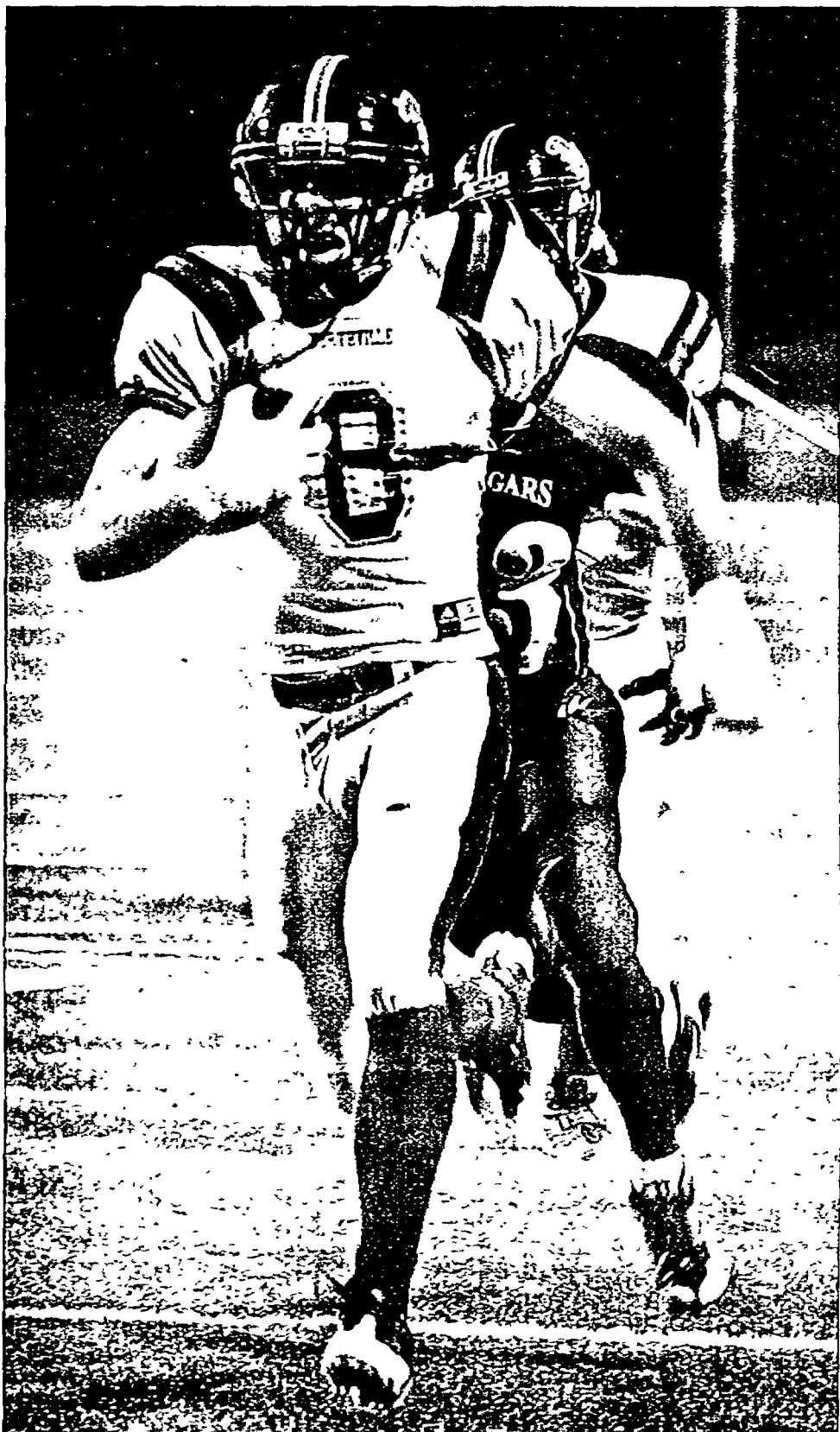
"I was a little disappointed in the slow start, but some credit must be given to the East players and their staff," Ladach said. "They did a very nice job. They are improving each and every week."

But Ladach was impressed with how his team badgered Cougar quarterback Collin Hochberg, who is the main focus of the South Lyon East offense.

"Their offensive line could not handle the speed and quickness of our defensive linemen - so we were able to pressure him with a three-man rush, which allowed us to drop eight men into coverage," Ladach said. "It's hard to find an open receiver with that many guys in coverage."

"He was, however, able to elude the rush at times and throw some darts through the seams. I am sure his coaches are proud of his efforts."

One amazing statistic from the night was Northville's 14.6 yards a carry. The Mustangs racked up



Ryan Gerbluck scores one of his two touchdowns Friday against South Lyon East.

322 yards on just 22 carries.

Pearson and Mullen each ran for 61 yards on just three carries for a 20.3 average per run.

"Ryan Mullen had a nice game at fullback as well," Ladach said. "He had a couple of big carries for us, and he did a nice job opening up some holes for our tailbacks."

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Rushing - Northville: Kyle Galdes 11-145, Ryan Mullen 3-61, Devon Pearson 3-61, Brett Smith 5-55
Passing - Northville: Matt Kreager 4-6-0-77, Dan Mills 1-1-0-9
Receiving - Northville: Aaron Brown 1-9, Ryan Gerbluck 2-66, Kris Baumgardner 2-11

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Mustang Darius Whitlow tries to make some headway against the Pirates.

'Stang competition takes big step up

■ Northville takes on 3-1 Stevenson

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

The level of competition goes way, way up for Northville this week.

Last year's state runner-up Livonia Stevenson comes to town, trying to ruin the Mustangs Homecoming weekend.

"There is no question that Stevenson is our toughest opponent to date," Northville head coach Matt Ladach said. "They are big, they are athletic and they have very good speed."

The Spartans enter the contest with the same record as the Mustangs, 3-1, 2-0.

Their lone loss came to Howell, 35-21 in week two. The opening week featured a 41-40 shootout win against in-town rival Franklin, the other two victories have been blowouts — 40-7 against Salem and 51-15 against South Lyon last week.

Ladach expects running back Austin White and Wade Stahl to be the focal points of the offense.

Stahl racked up 318 all-purpose yards and White scored four touchdowns last week against South Lyon.

"Coach (Tim) Gabel always

finds a way to get his playmakers the football. I am confident that he will do whatever he can to get White and Stahl the ball in pressure situations."

"We have to play sound fundamental defense, and we must tackle well to stop their offense."

The best way to keep the Spartan offense dormant is to keep the Mustang offense on the field.

"Simply put, we have to sustain drives, and we have to play penalty-free football," Ladach said. "We must control the time of possession."

Ladach hopes the confidence gained from winning three of the first four games will also give the Mustangs a boost Friday.

"We knew coming into this season that we had good kids. We just didn't know if they believed in themselves or not," he said. "We are better than what we have played, and we've got to show it in front of our homecoming crowd this Friday night."

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Northville's Melvin Joseph in action at Novi High.

NORTHVILLE ROUNDUP: Mustang tennis thumps Stevenson

By Jeff Theisen
RECORD SPORTS WRITER

Tennis

Northville tennis mowed down another division opponent with a 9-0 victory Sept. 17. The Mustangs didn't lose a flight to Stevenson, improving to 4-1 overall and in the division.

Northville dropped a 7-2 decision to Novi on Monday. Tim Wasielewski at No. 1 singles and Melvin Joseph at No. 2 singles posted the two wins.

Golf

The Mustangs had little trouble in beating South Lyon 164-205 Sept. 17 at Tanglewood.

Alicia Weber shot 36 to win medalist. Stephanie Sakorafis was one-stroke back, and Joanne Weber (45) and Brianna Roberts

(46) closed out the Northville scoring.

The Mustangs placed third out of 22 teams at the Grosse Ile Tournament at West Shore CC on Saturday.

Alicia Weber tied for Medalist with Rochester's Christine Meyer with a 71. Darkness didn't allow for a playoff.

Other Mustang scores included Stephanie Sakorafis (87), Amy Bernstein (88) and Kelley Hill (89). Rochester won with 314, followed by Flint Powers (326) and Northville (335).

Northville also competed against South Lyon East. The Cougars only field three players, so it was considered a forfeit.

But posting scores for Northville at the Links of Novi course were Brianna Roberts with a 41, followed by Joanne Weber



Photo by JOHN HEIDER/Northville Record

Mustang Amy Baditol competes at Cass Benton.

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Photos submitted by Carol Zinser

The Northville defense leaves Cougar quarterback Collin Hochberg no place to go.



Kyle Galdes reaches the ball over the goalline for one of his two scores.

Mustang JV dominates 54-16

After two heart-wrenching defeats to Chelsea and South Lyon, the Northville junior varsity football team faced South Lyon East with no intention of letting another game slip away.

The Mustangs defeated the young Cougars 54-16, capitalizing on five South Lyon East turnovers to even out their season record at 2-2.

Mustang Diamond Armstrong ran for a touchdown to begin the scoring early in the first. Armstrong, playing in only his second game after enrolling at Northville midseason, added another score later in the quarter.

Northville's modest lead quickly became a rout, as Mike Wegzyn connected with Brad Wagner for a touchdown with 6:47 left in the first quarter. Only seconds later, after a recovered fumble, Wegzyn delivered again. He hit Brandon Love for a 49-yard score, putting the Mustangs up 21-0.

Love rushed for another touchdown later in the quarter, helping the Mustangs take a 33-0 lead after the first.

Northville continued to pound the ball on the ground for the remainder of the half, abusing the Cougar front seven. Both Michael MacLean and Robert

Russo rushed for scores as Northville took a 47-0 lead into halftime.

East showed little life until scoring on a 65-yard run midway into the third quarter. The Cougars added a 5-yard touchdown later as well, but not before Mustang Matt Celentino returned his second interception of the game for a touchdown.

Northville's physicality and ability to run the ball were clearly evident in the 38-point trouncing, their most dominating performance of the season.

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Ryan Gerblick runs past the South Lyon East defense on his way to a touchdown.

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(43), Stephanie Sakorafis (44) and Allie Everson (46).

Monday, the Mustangs knocked off Stevenson 175-218 at Fox Creek. Alicia Weber led the charge with a 36. Rounding out the Northville scores were Bernstein (45), Hill (46) and Joanne Weber (48).

Swimming

The Northville swim team left Salem in its wake during a 104-79 Mustang victory.

Individual first-place finishes came from Jessica Weber in the 50 freestyle (25:37) and 100 freestyle (55:42), Shannon Lohman in the 100 butterfly (1:02:57), and Kelly Burford in the 100 breaststroke (1:14:84).

Relay victories came from the 200 medley relay team of Rachel Brown, Burford, Becca Myers and Weber (1:58.45) and the 200

freestyle team of Myers, Sam Curry, Faith Miller and Weber (1:46.46).

"This was a really good meet for us," Northville head coach Brian McNeff said. "We swam really hard all night long and got a lot of personal records."

"We got three more state cuts (200 medley relay, 50 free, 100 fly) and a lot more MISCA cuts."

Northville Girls Cross Country

The Mustang girls ran to a second-place finish at the Catholic Central Invite on Saturday. Dearborn won the meet with 74 points, followed by Northville with 84.

Gina McNamara led the way with a 12th-place finish (21:00). Stephanie Hamel finished shortly behind in 13th (21:05). Maria Rocco placed 15th two seconds later. Amy Baditoi claimed 17th (21:28) and Emily Sklar closed out the scoring in 27th (22:12). "We had a good day Saturday

and worked as a team," Northville head coach Nancy Smith said. "I was pleased with our performance on Saturday, but we still need to work our dropping times compared to last season's results."

Before the Invite, Northville lost 19-38 to Novi. McNamara led the Mustangs with a third-place finish (20:38), with Hamel in sixth (20:49) and Baditoi in eighth (21:01).

Boys Cross Country

The Mustangs placed fourth at a massive field of 33 at the Spartan Invite. Novi won the meet with 100 points. Northville tied with East Kentwood with 160.

On Sept. 16, the Mustangs dropped a 22-34 meet against Novi. Jack Dalton led the Mustangs with a second-place finish in 16:55. Frank Griffiths was next in fourth (17:05). Rounding out the scoring for Northville were Jeff Girbach (eighth, 17:33), Colin Riley (ninth, 17:42) and Trent Johnson (11th, 18:00).



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The Northville High School boys' cross country team takes off on a run at Cass Benton Park.

Northville Stallions play pair of games in less than a week

Varsity Stallions fall 52-27 to Orioles

The Northville Stallions Varsity Football Team came out of the gate fast versus the Livonia Orioles by scoring two touchdowns in the first quarter.

Sam Tacconelli put the Stallions on the board with a touchdown run. An interception by Tacconelli and a 20-yard run for another Stallion TD and the extra points put the TD at 14-0.

But the Orioles answered back by returning the ensuing kickoff for a TD and extra points bringing the score to 14-8 to end the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Orioles came back strong posting back-to-back touchdowns before the Stallions answered back.

Chris Markatos leapt over the Oriole defender to grab down a pass in the end zone for a touchdown, pulling the Stallions within 22-21.

The Orioles scored late and held a 30-21 halftime lead.

The Stallions cut the lead to 30-27 off a pair of 20-yard plays and a Janke reception for a score. Unfortunately for the Stallions, it would be their last score.

The Orioles ran back a TD off a punt return and turned an interception into a touchdown for a 46-27 lead.

The Stallions tried to rally back in front of the capacity Homecoming crowd but it was not in the cards.

The Orioles scored another TD off a 45-yard run making it 52-27.

The news got worse for the Stallions as linebacker Tacconelli broke his arm and shoulder and will be out for the rest of the season while trying to make a tackle. The Stallions fall to 1-2.

Stallions JV falls in Homecoming game

The JV Stallions lost its Homecoming game 33-13 Saturday to the Livonia Orioles, dropping the Stallion record to 0-3.

The first quarter was full of action with the Orioles immediately scoring a touchdown with big yard gainers from their running back. The Stallions next drive went to the Oriole 36 thanks to a 25-yard keeper by quarterback Jack Meacham. But the drive ended on an interception that was returned by the Orioles almost 50 yards marching toward the end zone. Stallion, Keenan Moss, caught up to the runner and made a touchdown saving tackle to end the quarter. The Orioles remain in possession for the start of the second quarter and took a 14-0 lead that would grow to 20-0

before the Stallions hit paydirt.

With only five minutes left in the second quarter, the Stallions returned a kick to the 45-yard line and started moving the ball. Jack Meacham had a huge run to position the Stallions on the Orioles' 14-yard line. Stallions' Connor Walters scored a touchdown, putting the Stallions on the board. The Orioles were able to score one more time before halftime, making the score 26-6.

David Weber cut the lead to 26-13 with a short score.

The Orioles ended any thoughts of a comeback with a final score to claim a 33-13 victory.

The Stallions will play the Novi Bobcats at Novi Stadium 1 p.m. Sunday.

JV Stallions drop 25-7 decision to Colts

The junior varsity Northville Stallions had a slow start Tuesday evening during its second game of the season against the Northville Colts.

The Stallion defense stood tall against the Colts. Several players including Jordan Kina, James Lewis and Nicholas Jones all contributed to key tackles throughout the game.

By halftime, the Colts were in control with a 19-0 lead.

The Stallions (0-2) ended the shutout bid when running back Kennan Moss took the handoff from Kyle Killeen and rumbled in to put the Stallions on the board. David Weber scored on the conversion, cutting the lead to 19-7.

With only four minutes left to go, the Colts scored another touchdown for the final points.

The Stallions host the Livonia Orioles on 1 p.m. Saturday at Northville Stadium. This will also be the Stallions Homecoming game.

Freshmen beat Colts

The Northville Stallions posted their first win of the season when they beat the Northville Colts 12-7 Sept. 15 at Northville Stadium.

The Stallions (1-1) started the scoring with a Jake Justice 15-yard score.

The Stallion defense held the Colts to only one touchdown with strong stops by Tyler Hood, Aaron Youmans, KJ Jones and Tejas Bedi.

Steven Pennington's handoff to Brennon Pelland gave the Stallions strong field position going into the second quarter.

Brennon Pelland pushed through the Colts defense time and time again, behind excellent blocking from Cameron Dixon, putting the Stallions in scoring

position midway through the second quarter. Justice got the ball from Pennington and ran 25 yards for another touchdown, giving the Stallions the lead.

The Stallions dominated the last five minutes of the half, with key defensive backs by Jack Peterson, Diaz Saunders, Mitchell Mulcahey and Pelland. Stallion Kurt Wigent started the third quarter with a 30-yard kick to begin a quarter filled with defensive struggles for the Stallions. Freshmen defensemen Brandon Grizer, Sam Stevens, Ben Schmidt, Logan Goering and Sean Jamzur held the Colts and forced a turnover. With less than two minutes left in the quarter, Pelland recovered a Colts fumble.

The Stallions offense pushed thru the Colts line, but a last-second fumble put the ball in the Colts hands for the start of the fourth quarter.

Bedi recovered a Colts fumble early in the fourth quarter, and the remainder of the game was once again dominated by the Stallions offense.

The Stallions take on the Livonia Orioles 11 a.m. Saturday at Northville Stadium.

Freshmen lose to Orioles

The Northville Stallions posted their second loss of the season on Saturday when they took on the Livonia Orioles at Northville Stadium, losing 31-6.

The Stallions were no match for the Orioles as they marched down the field on their first drive. The Orioles scored midway through the first quarter for a 7-0 lead.

The Orioles punched in a second score, but Stallion Tyler Hood stopped the extra point to trail 13-0.

David Alameddine stopped a short Oriole kickoff giving the Stallions good field position at the end of the first quarter, but a last-minute interception left the Orioles in control of the ball going into the second quarter.

The bright spot of the first half came midway through the second quarter when Pennington connected with Jack Peterson for a touchdown pass.

The Orioles returned Jake Justice's kickoff for another touchdown to end the half with a score of 25-6.

The Orioles put the final touches on the scoreboard with one last score.

The Stallions face the Novi Bobcats 11 a.m. Sunday at Novi Middle School.

Rainout causes quick turnaround for Colts

Varsity Colts suffer two tough losses to Stallions and Livonia Falcons

The Colts' Varsity team played their rescheduled homecoming game against their fellow Northville team Sep. 16. The Stallions overpowered the Colts, 32-20.

On Saturday, the Colts were the guests of the Livonia Falcons at the Falcons' homecoming at Bentley Field.

The Falcons started off strong, scoring the first two points when they pushed the Colts' quarterback Ronald Rounsifer into the endzone and tackled him for a safety.

The Colts defense struggled to contain the Falcons who scored two quick touchdowns. The Colts' defense struggled to stop the Falcons as Livonia raced out to a 30-0 halftime lead.

During the third and fourth quarters, the Colts defense was more successful, and they held the Falcons to one touchdown. Important tackles were made by Rini Jusifi, Daniel Jovanovski and Tyler Kwansy. The Colts offense picked up with carries by Elijah Bentley and completed passes to Sean Conway and Nicholas Stegmeier, but the Colts were held off the scoreboard.

Two more important tackles by Brenden Radebacher kept the score at 37-0 Falcons.

This Saturday, the Colts meet the Livonia Blue Jays again at Bentley field.

JV Colts outrun the Stallions, but suffer overtime loss to the Livonia Falcons

After a rainout on Sept. 13th, the Colts met the Stallions three days later for the traditional homecoming match.

The Colts offensive line came on strong, earning several first downs after carries by Justin Zimbo, Owen Kipke, and Anthony Redmond. Linesman Michael Minick and Nicholas Baldini provided key blocking. A touchdown was run in by Redmond.

With the Stallions in possession, defensive tackles by Timothy Elliot and PJ Schnepf held the Stallions offense at bay.

The Colts regained the football and Redmond ran in another touchdown, this time bringing in the extra point using a fake hand-off play, perfectly orchestrated by

Zimbo and Leo Keyes.

The Colts dominated the second half as well, earning two touchdowns and only allowing the Stallions one, bringing the final score to 25-7 Colts.

On Saturday, the Colts' JV took on the Falcons in Livonia.

The Falcons scored first, but failed to bring in the extra point.

The Colts' Owen Kipke returned the Falcon's kick and running back Anthony Redmond scored the touchdown. The extra point was well earned with a fake kick and then short pass from Justin Zimbo to Kipke for a 7-6 lead.

In the second quarter, the Colts' David Dillon scored after Paul Lindow recovered a fumble for a 13-6 lead.

During the second half, the ball changed hands several times, and the Falcons finally brought in a touchdown and even the score.

Despite tackles by Colts' Zachary Prystash in overtime, the Falcons were able to take a 20-13 lead. The Colts couldn't match it and fell 20-13.

Livonia Falcons Freshman defeat Northville Colts

The Freshman Colts suffered their second loss of the season against the Livonia Falcons, 25-6 at Bentley Field.

Matt Harding scored two touchdowns for the Falcons, who took the lead in the first quarter and never looked back.

Harding scored on runs of 4 and 33 yards to put the Falcons in the lead 13-0. The Colts played the Falcons tough for most of the first half, making key defensive plays to stay in the game. Aaron Slusser recovered a fumble thrown in Colts territory and Abe Khoury

stopped an extra point to keep the Colts close.

However, the Falcons intercepted a pass and returned it for a touchdown on the last play of the first half for a 19-0 halftime lead.

On the opening drive of the second half, the Falcons scored on a 40-yard touchdown run. The Colts Patrick Walker denied the extra point, making a solo tackle near the goal line. Both defenses played well in the second half, and the quarter ended with the Falcons leading 25-0.

The Colts finally got on the board in the fourth quarter on a 1-yard TD run by quarterback Nathan Holloway. Key blocks by center Jacob Brevard and right guard Philip Jovanovski opened the hole for Holloway to drive into the endzone for the final points in a 25-6 loss.

Several Colts played strong defensively. Aaron Slusser was the defensive star of the game, making 10 tackles and recovering a fumble. Several other Colts had multiple tackles including Connor Wright (4), Joseph McCormick (6), Abe Khoury (3), and Joshua Hoover (2).

On offense, Mario Plachta ran for 37 yards on four carries including a 30-yard run on fourth down to set up the Colts lone touchdown.

The Freshman Colts continue their season on the road against the Livonia Blue Jays at Bentley field on Saturday.

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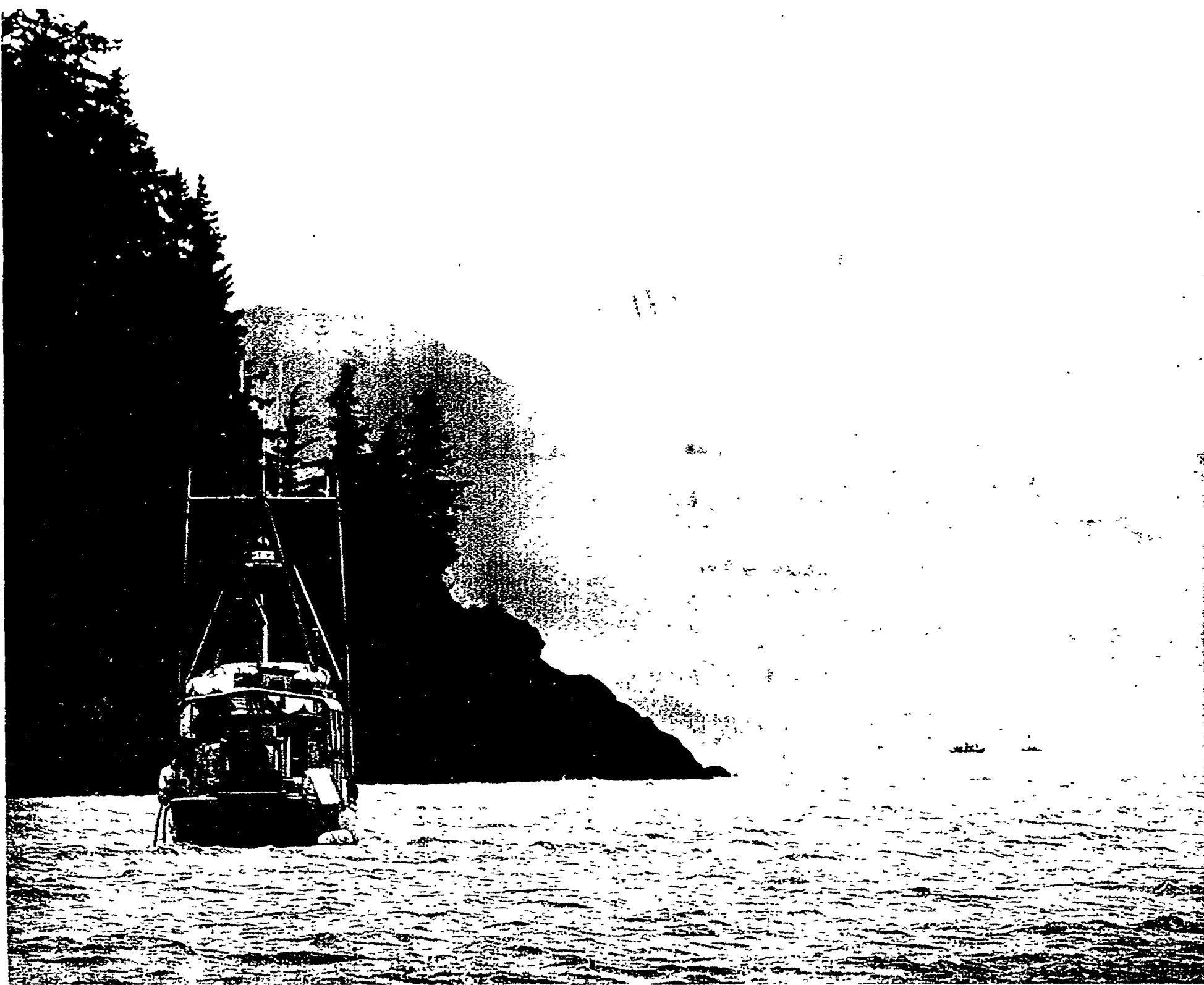
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Len Peterson surveys the vast silver ocean from his gillnet boat, *F/V Heather Anne*. Around him is Taku Inlet, 15 miles south of Juneau, Alaska, where the mighty Taku River spills into the Pacific Ocean after winding for miles through pristine wilderness. Snowcapped mountains soar in the distance, etched by fjords where glaciers crash into the sea and whales spout and feed. Ahead are the pristine waters of one of the earth's most unspoiled natural marine environments, home to a bounty of seafood, from wild salmon to cod and Alaska pollock, sole, black cod, halibut, weathervane scallops and the mighty king crab.

Len Peterson is typical of Alaska fishermen. Fully aware of the role conservation plays in creating the sustainable fisheries supporting their lifestyle and livelihood. They have built their businesses to reflect their beliefs and respect for the wild seafood they harvest.

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Believe it or not, your choices at the seafood counter will affect the future, and you have a choice about creating that future. By choosing wild, natural, sustainable seafood from Alaska, you help protect the environment and ensure there will be fish tomorrow and for future generations.

Alaska Seafood at a Glance

Alaska's clean, bountiful waters yield an abundance of both finfish and shellfish. All species are harvested following strict management practices that maintain the long-term health of both fish and the natural environment while allowing maximum yields. The result is delicious seafood ready for grilling, broiling, sautéing and poaching — and your dining pleasure. For more information about Alaska seafood, recipes and nutrition details, visit alaskaseafood.org.

Salmon

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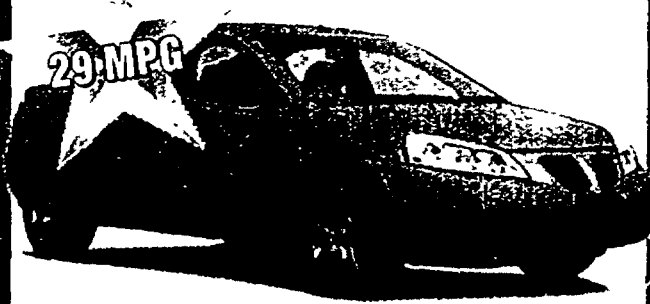


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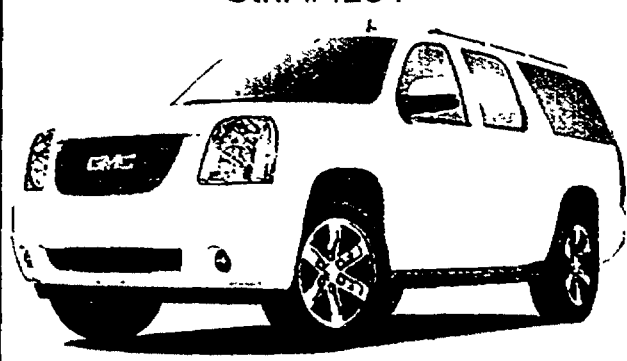


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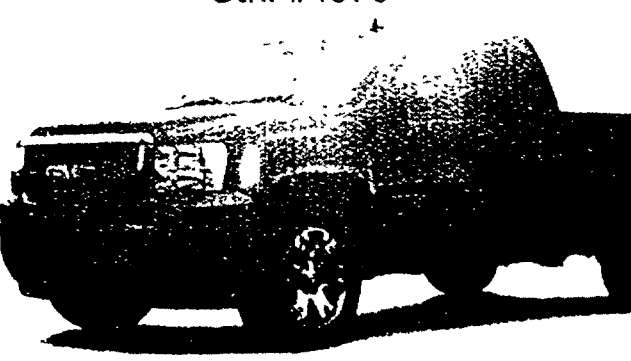


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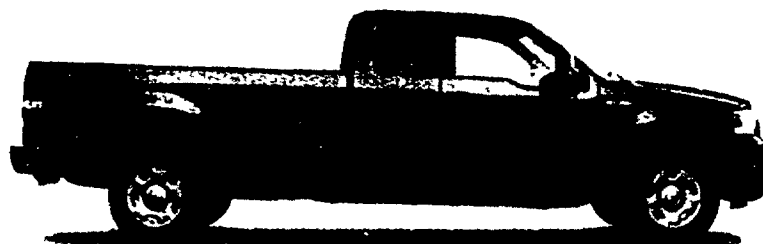


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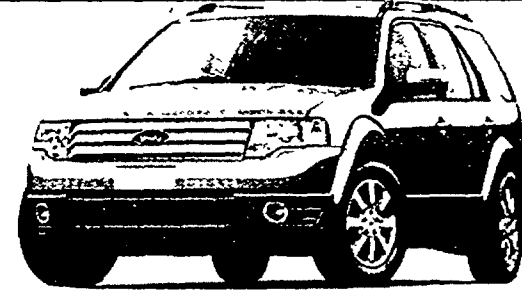


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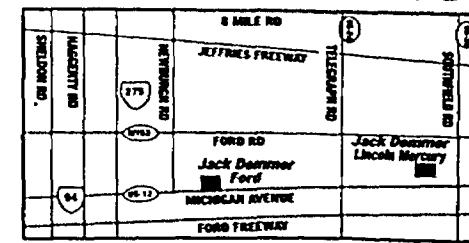
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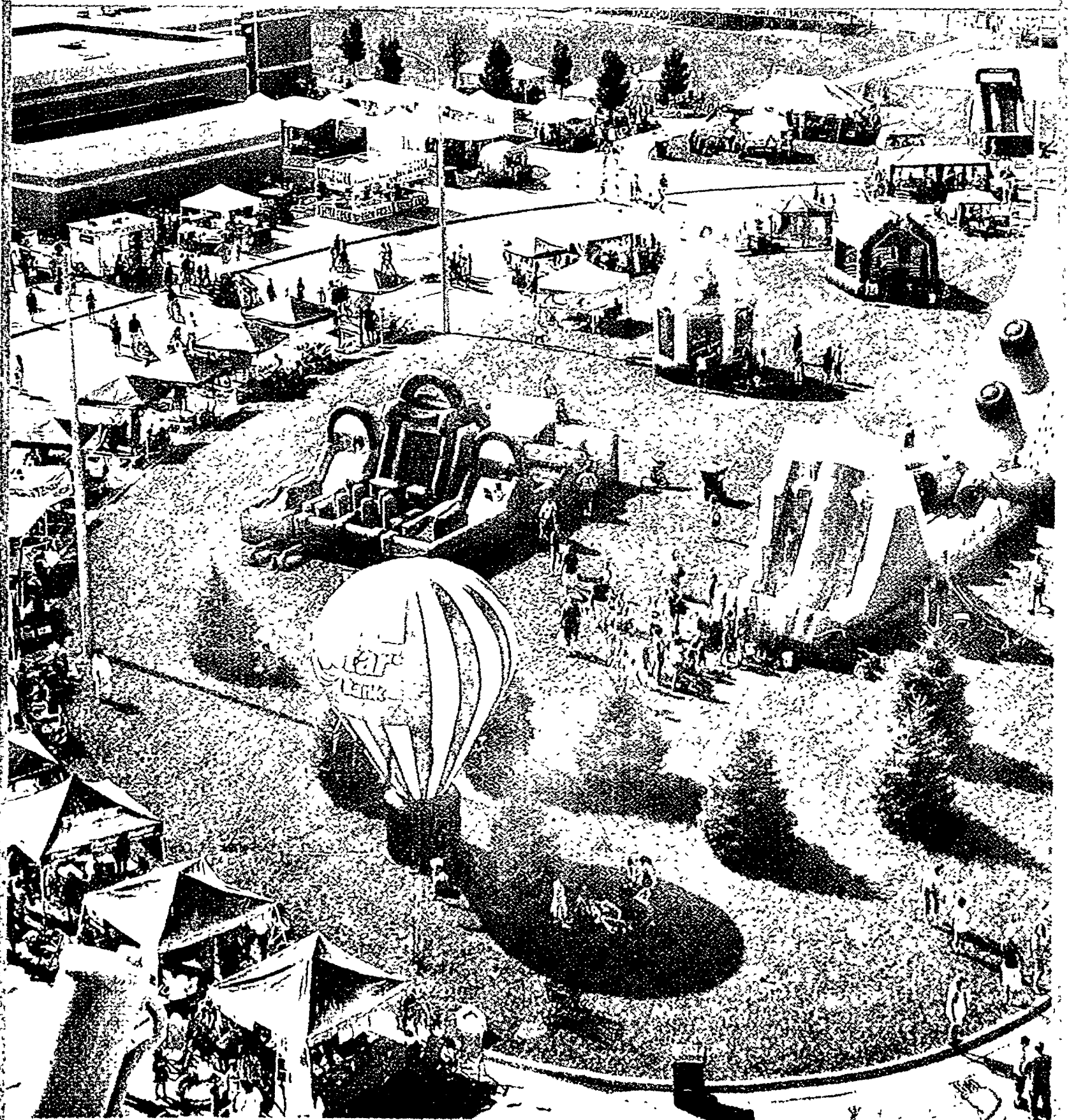
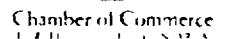
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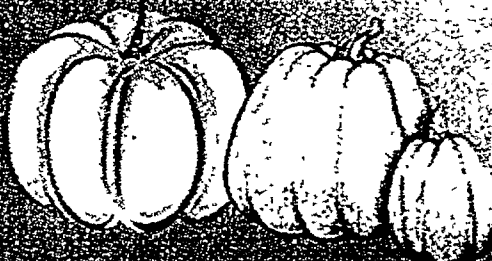
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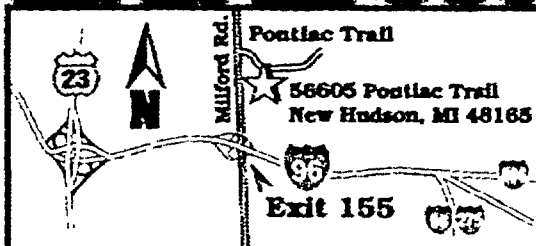
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Saturday, October 4th and Sunday, October 5th

Presented by the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area in partnership with Abbey Park at Mill River and many local businesses, community organizations and volunteers, this traditional fall festival offers fun for the entire family.

The festival kicks off with Pumpkinfest Movie Night at Kent Lake Elementary School, 30181 Kent Lake Road in Lyon Township. Presented by sponsors Hamway and Stroster DDS and South Lyon Dental Care, the evening celebration begins at 5:30 p.m. with inflatable rides for the children, games, a jack-o-lantern carving competition, Halloween costume contest, and concessions. We will also have a special appearance by Batman and Spiderman. Children of all ages can have their picture taken with them if they bring a canned food item for a local food bank. We would like to thank Wonderjump, South Lyon Community Schools and the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority for their assistance with this activity.



The annual Pumpkinfest parade features many standout exhibits, including last year's "Mayor's Choice."

Returning again to this year's festival is the Second Annual Pumpkinfest Road Run. The 5k run begins in Volunteer Park at 9:35 a.m. and the 10k begins at 9:10 a.m. This is a RUN only. Runners must be able to do 11 minute miles minimum. The run includes a parade route sprint that will allow Pumpkinfest parade observers to cheer for the runners. We are grateful to The Element Events and to South Lyon Police Chief Lloyd Collins for their leadership and persistence in bringing this event to Pumpkinfest. For more information and to register, please visit www.TheElementEvents.com.

Beginning Saturday at 10:00 a.m., the National City Pumpkinfest Parade sprinkled with floats, antique vehicles, marching bands, dance groups and community organizations leaves Whipple Street, moves south on Pontiac Trail and concludes at Nine Mile Road.

Pumpkinfest Central is located at Millennium Middle School (one block west of Pontiac Trail on

the north side of Nine Mile Road) and offers an enticing array of local artists, tempting food vendors and lots of good, family friendly fun. There is the Telcom Credit Union Children's Activity Venue, presented in partnership with numerous community organizations offering an amazing variety of children's activities. The fun goes from 11:00am to 6:00pm Saturday and 11:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday.

As an exciting addition this year, WHMI (93.5 FM) radio station will be broadcasting live from Millenium Middle School during the festival.

The 24th Annual Pumpkinfest festival events are proudly sponsored by Abbey Park at Mill River, Telcom Credit Union, Community Choice Credit Union, National City, The South Lyon Downtown Development Authority, Flagstar Bank, Renewal by Andersen, Bluegreen Resorts, Hamway & Stroster, South Lyon Dental Care Center, the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area, the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority, Costco, South Lyon Orthodontics, Big Boy, HRC, Huron Valley Ambulance, the South Lyon Herald, All Star Driving, and a host of other local businesses.

We are excited about Downtown Saturday Night, a music and entertainment feature nestled in the heart of South Lyon. Sponsored by Community Choice Credit Union and the South Lyon Downtown Development Authority, we're hoping you will enjoy this evening and take advantage of extended shopping hours to visit our local merchants.

The adventure continues on Sunday, October 5 as we offer a second day of crafts, children's activities and tasty treats. The festival closes with two of Pumpkinfest's most anticipated competitions: the 7th Annual Dog Show at 2:00 p.m., and at 4:00 p.m., the annual Pie Eating Contest sponsored by Big Boy of South Lyon.

We're sure that you will agree that this weekend of Pumpkin-festivities offers something for everyone – and we look forward to seeing you at our 24th Annual Pumpkinfest.

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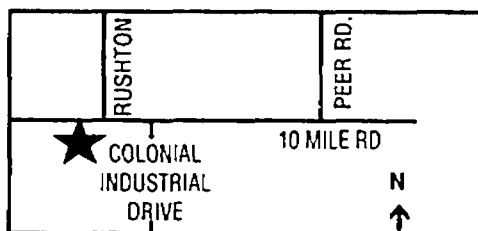
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Abbey Park at Mill River, the 150-room independent senior living complex being constructed off Milford Road, is about two months away from opening. Pictured (from left) are co-owner Joe Norber, administrator Tamra Ward, project supervisor Joe Cohen and co-owners Ben Stein and Ed Rosenbaum.

Abbey Park at Mill River proudly sponsors the 2008 Pumpkinfest

Pumpkinfest is an institution in the South Lyon Community, and Abbey Park at Mill River is proud to commemorate the grand opening of their new community in Lyon Township as this year's presenting sponsor. Tamra Ward, formerly of the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area and Abbey Park's new Administrator, knows how Pumpkinfest draws the community together. Every small community has a local festival, and for South Lyon, it's definitely Pumpkinfest!

Prior to her new position at Abbey Park, Tamra served as Executive Director at the Chamber of Commerce. Her involvement was central to the planning and success of last year's Pumpkinfest. She is also to be credited with the first ever "Downtown Saturday Night" music concerts on the streets of South Lyon last year. The success of that event ensured its return for this year. With all her experience and success with Pumpkinfest, it's only natural she return as a volunteer and sponsoring Chamber member.

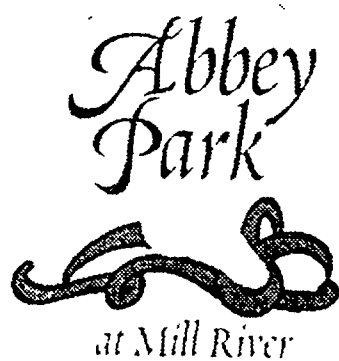
Abbey Park will open their newest community late this fall. Abbey Park at Mill River, located on Milford Road across from Coyote Golf Course, will offer 150 luxurious apartments and services of the highest quality for seniors, all at an affordable price. Within the community you will find a theater, chapel, library, country store, fitness center, hair salon, media center, coffee shop and the beautiful

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Great entries expected in Pumpkin Contest

Diane Roest wasn't sure what to expect when she planted giant pumpkin seeds for the first time last year.

Her method was to give the seeds a lot of water and sun, and much to her surprise, she was awarded with a 305-pound pumpkin that took third place in the Great Pumpkin contest at last year's Pumpkinfest.

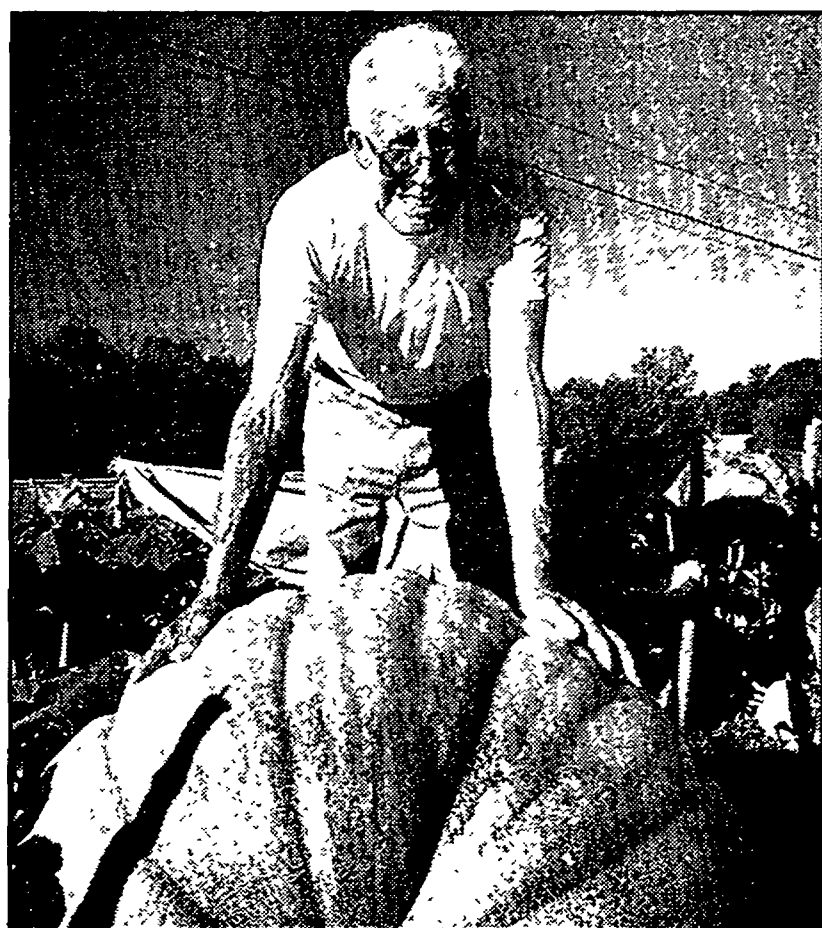
"I was told that I did everything wrong by Sonny Burkhart, (a local who has mastered giant pumpkin growing) but I still had a big pumpkin which proves that anyone can have one," said Roest, whose business Diane's Doll House has sponsored the event the last three years.

Burkhart is the defending Great Pumpkin champion, who brought a 538-pound vegetable to the contest last year. He also has placed second and third in the event.

Entries for the Great Pumpkin and Vegetable contest will be received Oct. 3 from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. and Oct. 4 from 7 a.m. to noon at Millennium Middle School for registration and weigh-in.

People also can enter contests for Tallest Cornstalk, Tallest Sunflower, Largest Sunflower, Largest Squash or Cabbage and Most Unusual Vegetable.

Contestants in the Great Pumpkin Contest will be vying for one of five awards. The largest pumpkin winner will receive \$150, second place \$100 and third place \$75. The winner for total weight of three large pumpkins brought in will get \$50, and the winner of best color and shape will receive \$25.



Sonny Burkhart presented a 450-pound pumpkin for consideration.

The pumpkins will be on display throughout the weekend for everyone to see.

"I hope a lot of people bring in pumpkins this year because it is a real fun thing to do," Roest said.

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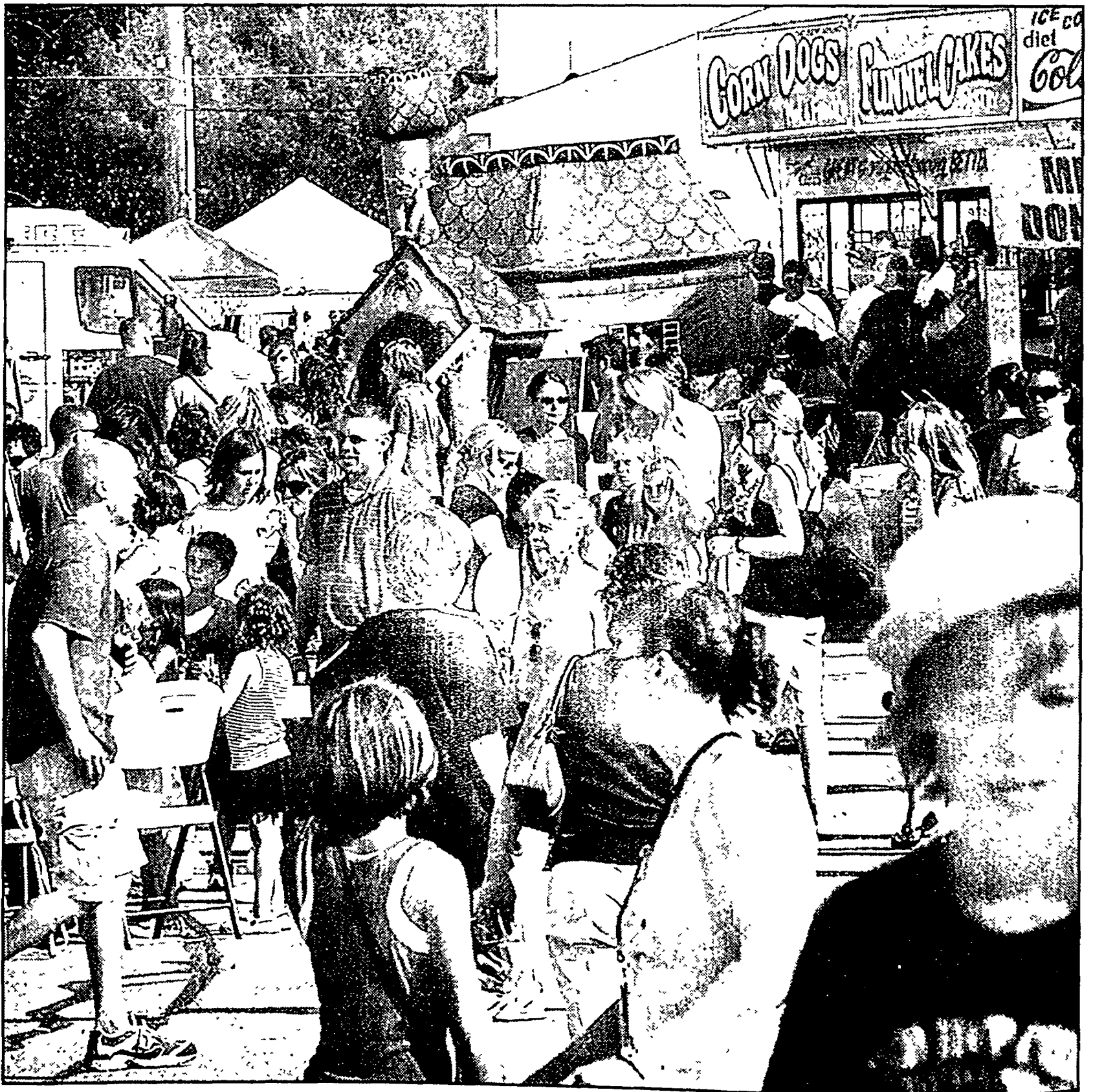
Pumpkinfest is a familiar tradition in South Lyon, and Community Choice Credit Union is proud to lend its sponsorship to this defining community festival. Matt Horny, Branch Manager at the New Hudson branch on Lyon Center Drive, is excited about their sponsorship of Downtown Saturday Night. This free concert, held in the heart of downtown South Lyon, offers a new flair to the traditional daytime festival. It affords families an opportunity to enjoy the shops and sights of the downtown while listening to local bands and a Michigan music

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Schedule of Events

**Pumpkinfest Central: Millennium Middle School –
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Friday, October 3

5:30 p.m. Second Annual Movies in the Park
Sponsored by Hamway and Stroster, DDS and
South Lyon Dental Care Center
Kent Lake Elementary School
Children's Activities, inflatables, snacks, and Jack-
O-Lantern contest

Our Movie begins at 7:15 p.m.

Bring your carved pumpkin for the Jack-O-Lantern
contest! Prizes awarded in each age group: 6 and
under, 7 to 10, 11 and over and all entrants will receive
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Spiderman!!! Kids (and adult kids!), bring a canned
good to donate to a food bank and you can get your
picture taken with Batman and Spiderman from the
movies!

5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Bring Entries for Kids' Art
Contest, Millennium Middle School, Entries should be
brought in through the 6th grade wing and taken to
Room 132.

6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Bring entries for Great
Pumpkin and Fun Vegetable Contests
Millennium Middle School

Entries should be brought in off of Pontiac Trail, the
driveway right next to Arby's.

6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Crafters and Vendors check-in
and set up, Millennium Middle School

All crafters and vendors should enter off of Pontiac
Trail, the driveway next to Arby's. Crafters and Vendors
MUST have a PARKING PASS to get into lot.

Saturday, October 4th

7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. Bring entries for Great
Pumpkin and Fun Vegetables Contests
Millennium Middle School

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driveway right next to Arby's.

7:00 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Crafters and Vendors check-in
and set up, Millennium Middle School

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Trail, the driveway next to Arby's. Crafters and Vendors
MUST have a PARKING PASS to get into this lot.

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Staging of Parade Units, Bartlett
Elementary School, Judging begins at 9:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m. Decorated Bicycle Contest at Parade
Staging Area, Sponsored by South Lyon Cycle, Bartlett
Elementary School, Judging begins at 9:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. - Kiwanis Pancake Breakfast
Millennium Middle School, \$5.00 per person

9:10 a.m. for 10k; 9:35 a.m. for 5 K - Pumpkinfest
Road Run, Sponsored by The Element Events, Race
starts at Volunteer Park in South Lyon and ends at
Centennial Middle School.

This is a RUN ONLY event. Runners must be able
to do 11 minute miles minimum. Sorry, no walkers due
to the parade schedule. For more information and to
register, please visit www.TheElementEvents.com.

10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Pumpkinfest Parade
Sponsored by National City

Parade leaves from Bartlett Elementary School, trav-
els down Pontiac Trail to Nine Mile Road.

11:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. - Pumpkinfest Activities
Millennium Middle School

•Craft Show and Food Vendors inside and outside
the school, Sponsored by Flagstar Bank, Renewal by
Andersen, and Bluegreen Resorts, Thanks to Liberty
Chevrolet for providing shuttle service to our vendors.

•Children's Activity Venue outside, on school
grounds – inflatable's, midway games, and special
attractions. Sponsored by Telcom Credit Union

•Kids' Art Contests inside the school, Room 130
and 132. Sponsored by South Lyon Orthodontics

•Great Pumpkin and Fun Vegetables Contest on
school grounds near tennis courts. Sponsored by
Diane's Doll House

•Stage Entertainment - see schedule page 23,
Sponsored by Costco Wholesale

12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – "Eric the Juggler" will be
walking the grounds

3:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. (or until chicken is gone) –
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Sunday, October 5

11:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. - Pumpkinfest Activities
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12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. – "Eric the Juggler" will be
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1:00 p.m. Registration for the Dog Show

2:00 p.m. Dog Show, on West side of event grounds

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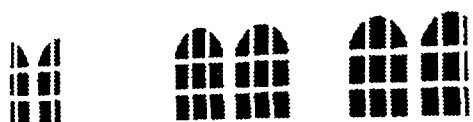
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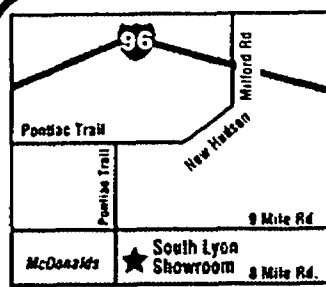
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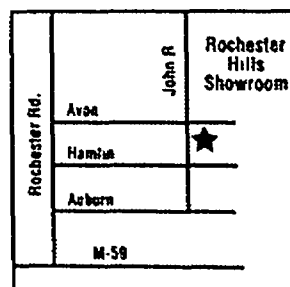
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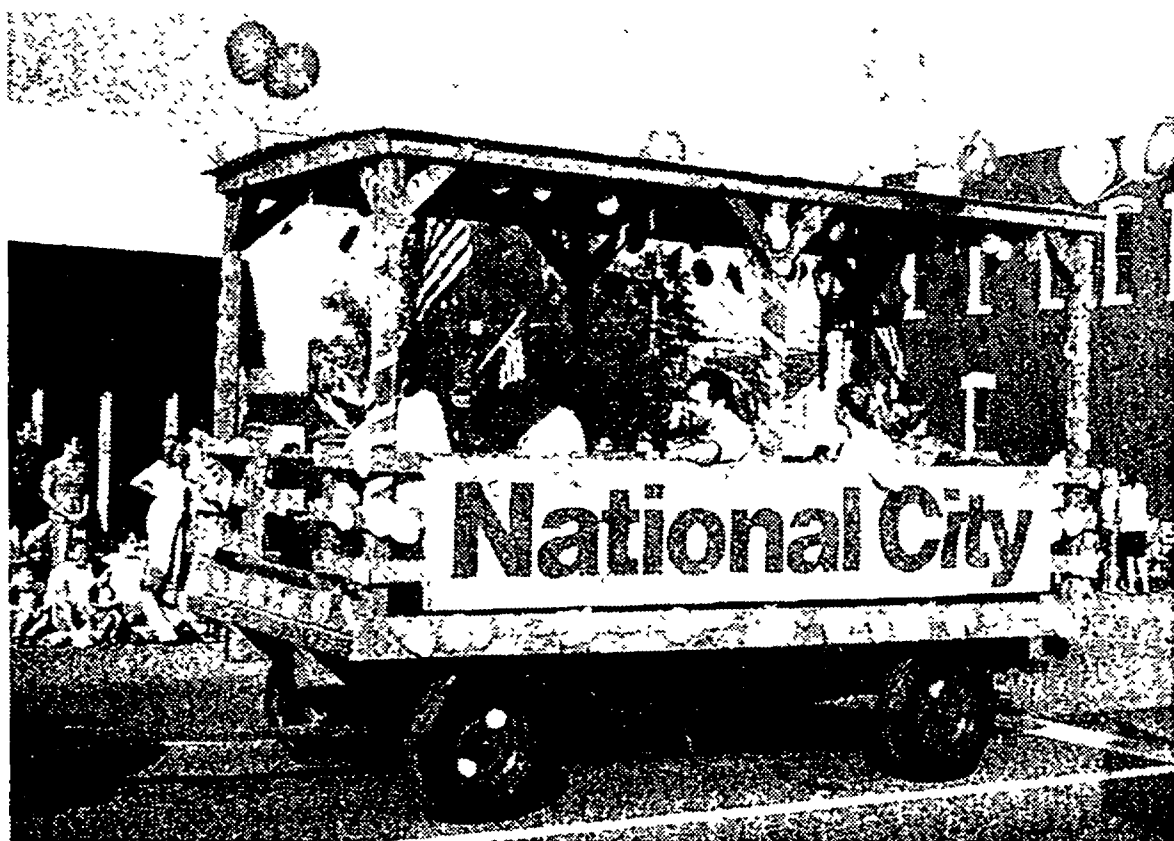
National City Bank is proud to offer its sponsorship for the 24th annual 2008 Pumpkinfest Parade. This event is such an important community event and everyone at National City is so excited to be part of it. National City has a long standing tradition of sponsoring community events and continues to make Pumpkinfest one of their annual sponsorships for the South Lyon community. One of their guiding princi-

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National City Bank has deep roots in the downtown South Lyon area and last year opened their second branch at the corner of 10 Mile and Milford Road in Lyon Township. Jim Angelillo, vice president and branch manager of the Lyon Township branch, is so proud and thankful to the South Lyon area community. He and the staffs at both branches look forward to meeting all of their customers' needs.

Plan on visiting National City at their booth at the activity grounds at Millennium Middle School. Please stop by and have some fun during the Pumpkinfest celebration and win some great prizes!



Grimes honored to serve as grand marshal

By Nathan Mueller

STAFF WRITER

Being named Citizen of the Year in 2002 was a special experience for local businessman and Active Faith President Dave Grimes.

But being named grand marshal of the 2008 Pumpkinfest Parade had a little different feel to it. Grimes said it's humbling to be the grand marshal of an event a long-time friend, the late Dean Sparks, started 24 years ago.

"Being part of something a dear friend started means a lot to me," Grimes said. "Because of Dean, it makes me truly honored to be the grand marshal."

Grimes had no idea he was being nominated to be the grand marshal by the Pumpkinfest committee consisting of Patti Maida, Maryann Mihalic and Dawn Harrison, and said it was a "privilege" to be selected out of so many deserving people.

Grimes, who owns Quality Insurance and lives in Salem Township, has been involved with the community and numerous community service organizations over the years including the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area, the South Lyon School Board, the South Lyon Jaycees, Active Faith, Fellowship EPC and many more.

Grimes' philosophy on why he does so much is simple.

"If you live in the community or do business in the community, you need to give back," he said.

Maida said the committee had a few people in mind to be the grand marshal, and all would have been good representatives, but Grimes stood out.

"He has been in this community a long time and has done so much for it on both a business and personal level," she said.

The 24th annual South Lyon Area Pumpkinfest kicks off Oct. 3 with the second annual Movies in the Park, and hits full stride at 10 a.m. on Oct. 4 with the parade featuring Grimes as the grand marshal.



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Active Faith president and former Citizen of the Year, Dave Grimes, was named the grand marshal of the 2008 Pumpkinfest Parade.

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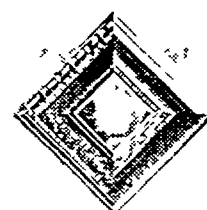


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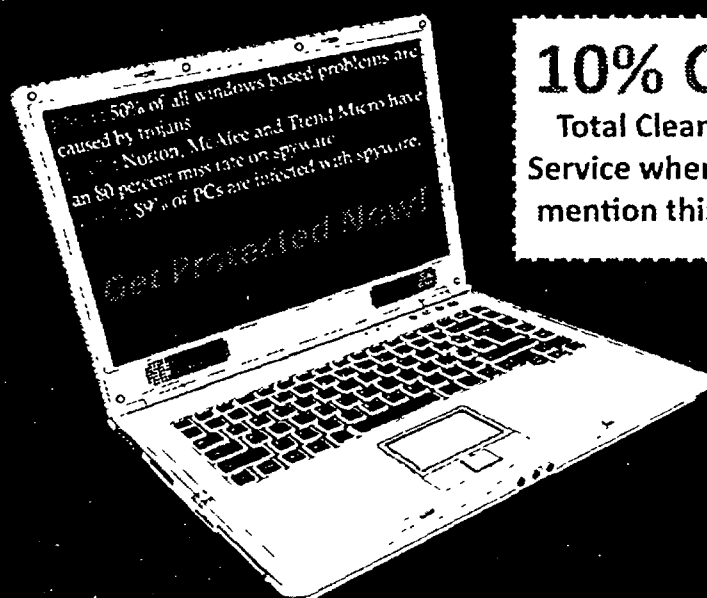
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The Second Annual Pumpkinfest Movie Night will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, October 3 at Kent Lake Elementary School in South Lyon. The evening will open with inflatable rides and carnival food plus a Jack-O-Lantern Carving Contest and a Halloween Costume Contest. The featured event will be a special showing of a family movie at 7:15 p.m.

To enter the Jack-O-Lantern contest, bring your carved pumpkin to the school and your entry will be judged in one of the following age groups: 6 and under, 7 to 10, and 11 and over. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category and ribbons will be awarded to all participants. Please note that open flames are not permitted and entries containing candles will not be accepted. Please use 'Pumpkinlights' or glowsticks to light your creation. Please bring a 3x5 card with your name, address, phone number, age and grade with your entry.

Children are encouraged to attend in costume and prizes will be awarded to the participants wearing the most imaginative and creative costumes. You'll have stiff competition with the "REAL" Batman and Spiderman there!

Spiderman and Batman will be spending the

evening at the Pumpkinfest Movie Night, as well as the Saturday morning parade. During the Movie Night, the two Superheroes will be offering a special photographic opportunity with a souvenir picture given to each kid (or adult kid!) that brings a canned food item. Don't miss this opportunity to hang with Spiderman and Batman while helping a local food bank!

Pumpkinfest Movie Night is sponsored by Hamway and Stroster, DDS and South Lyon Dental Care Center, and is made possible through the cooperation of South Lyon Community Schools, Wonderjump and the South Lyon Recreation Authority. Kent Lake Elementary School is located at 30181 Kent Lake Road, South Lyon.

For additional information on Pumpkinfest Movie Night, visit www.southlyonpumpkinfest.com or contact the Chamber of Commerce by calling 248.437.3257.

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This will be the second year for the Pumpkinfest Road Run and a portion of the course takes them along the parade route to the finish line just past Millennium Middle School.

Element Events is sponsoring the run and designed the courses for both the 5K and 10K runs.

The 5K run starts at Volunteer Park and heads north across Nine Mile Road before getting on the Rail Trail but the Hidden Creek Subdivision. Runners then make a right at the end of the trail and will be greeted by cheering fans as they head south on Pontiac Trail before turning right on Nine Mile and reaching the finish line.

The 10K starts at Volunteer Park but runners instead turn left onto Dixboro and head south to Seven Mile Road in an out and back format. Runners then run the similar 5K route.

Awards will be given to the top three male and female competitors in each age bracket, and all runners will receive an event T-shirt and goodie bag.

The 10K race begins at 9:10 a.m. and costs \$25, while the 5K begins at 9:35 a.m. and costs \$20.

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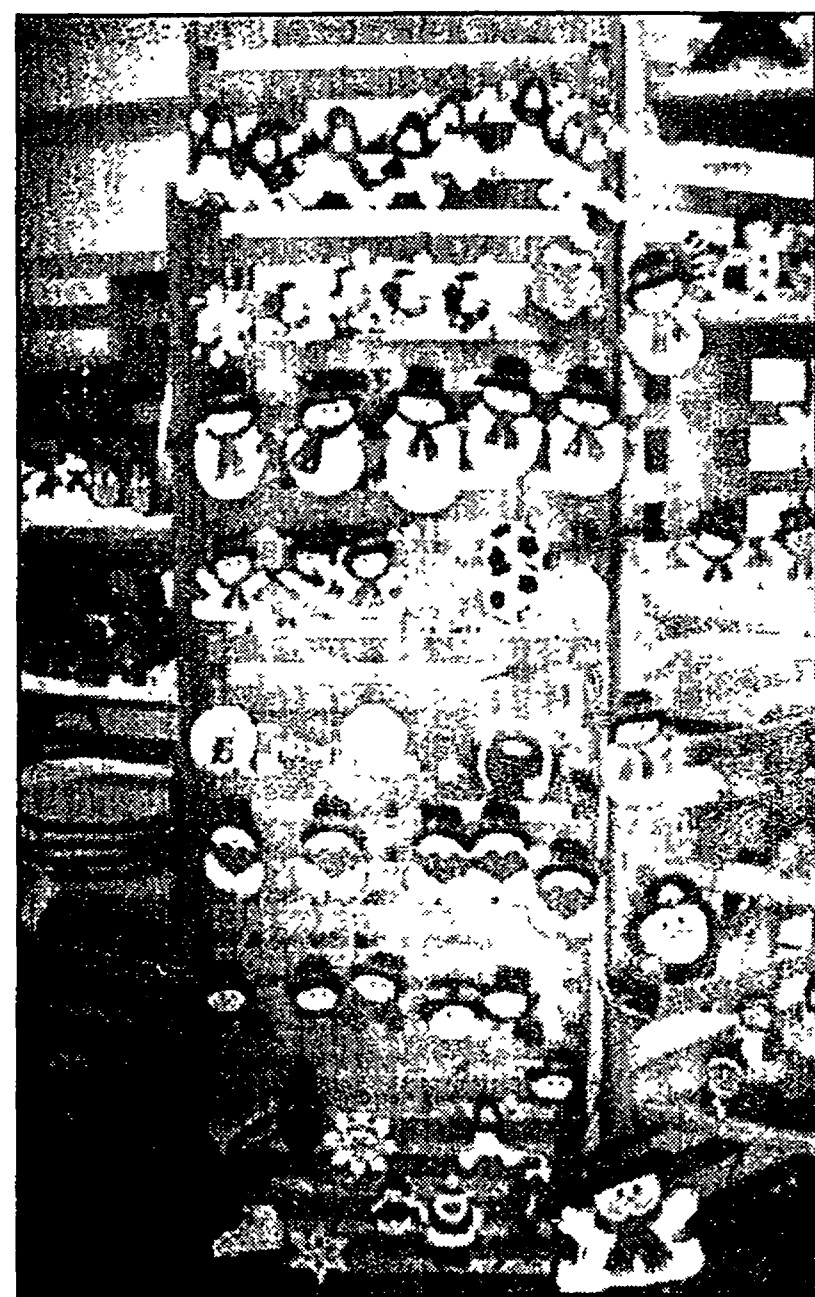
Flagstar Bank, Renewal by Andersen, and Bluegreen Resorts are proud to sponsor our 24th Annual Pumpkinfest Arts and Crafts Show. Offering a wide variety of hand-made goods, you will find items ranging from jewelry to painted furnishings. This year's event is a juried show, and applicants are carefully screened to include the finest in handcrafted goods. Over half of our vendors are new to Pumpkinfest this year. Visiting the various booths will give you an appreciation for the skills and talents of the artists participating in this annual event.

In addition to our hand-crafted vendors, come browse our local commercial exhibitors participating in the show. These home-based businesses offer a number of high-quality, personal and home products you may already be familiar with, such as Pampered Chef, UpperCase Living, Avon, and more.

A new feature at the craft show this year will be various raffle items located throughout the show. Certain exhibitors have volunteered to raffle off an

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Hand-made crafts highlight the show held at Millennium Middle School.

Winners will be contacted following the show on Sunday. Watch for tickets hand-

ed out during the parade or stop by and fill out a raffle ticket at each of these booths to earn your chance to win! Participation is free. More information on raffle items and locations can be found at the Information Booth outside the cafeteria.

The Arts and Crafts Show is open on Saturday from 11:00am-6:00pm and Sunday, 11:00am-5:00pm.

Many thanks go to Liberty Chevrolet, for providing their courtesy van on Saturday and Sunday to shuttle the exhibitors back and forth from Centennial Middle School.

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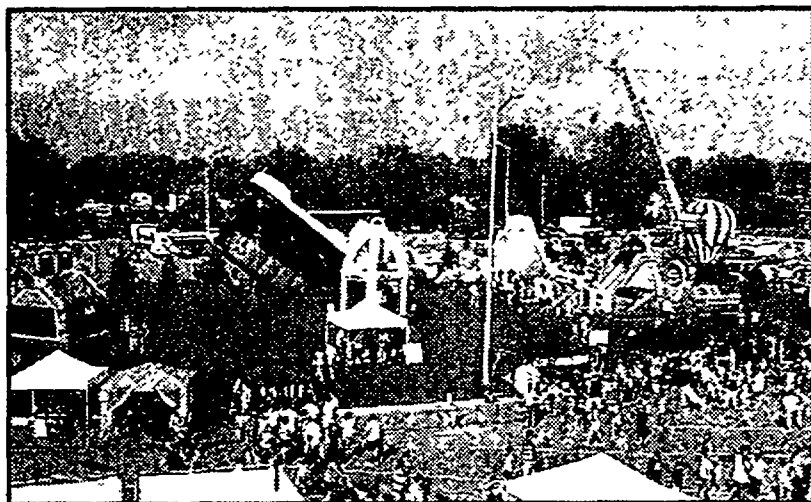
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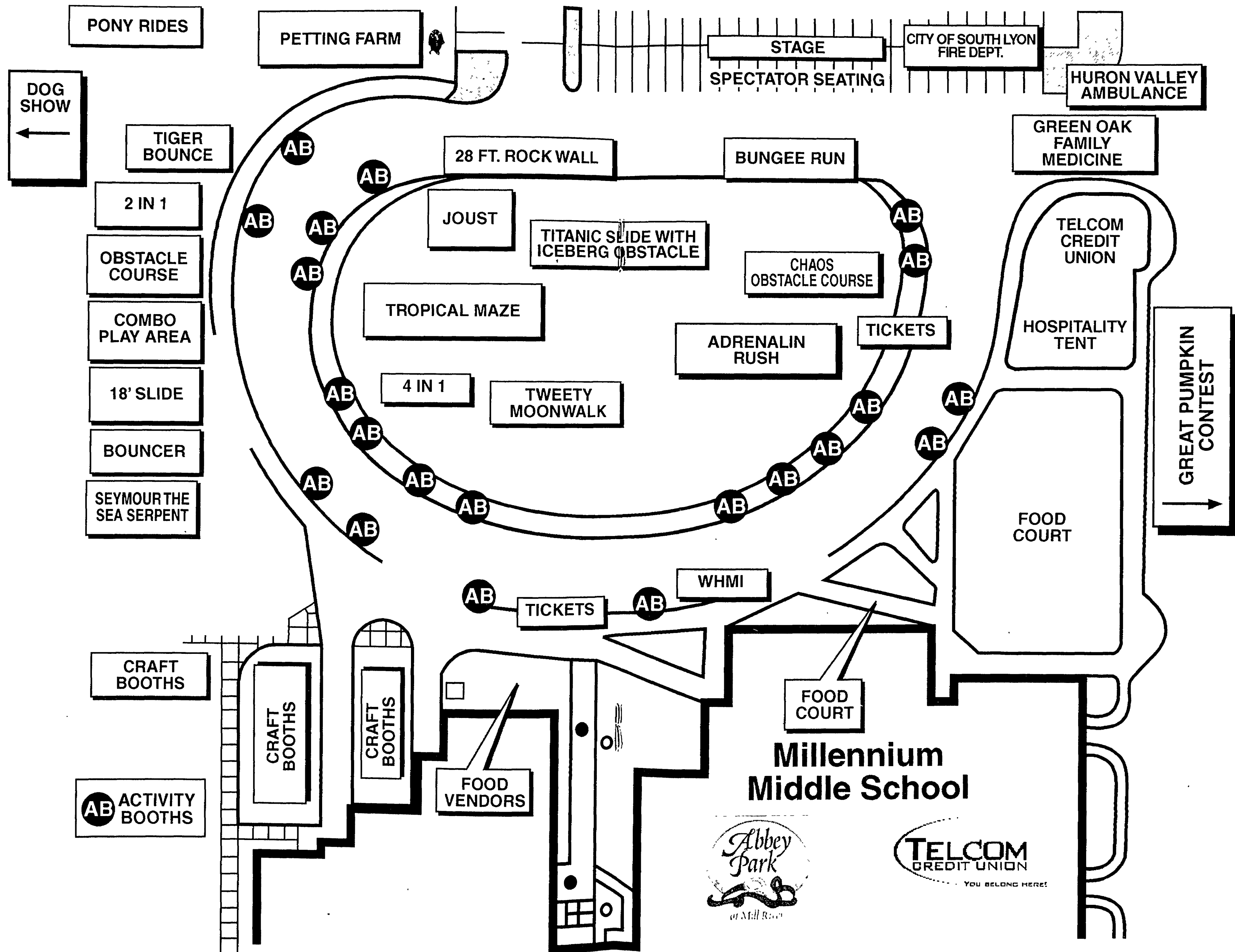
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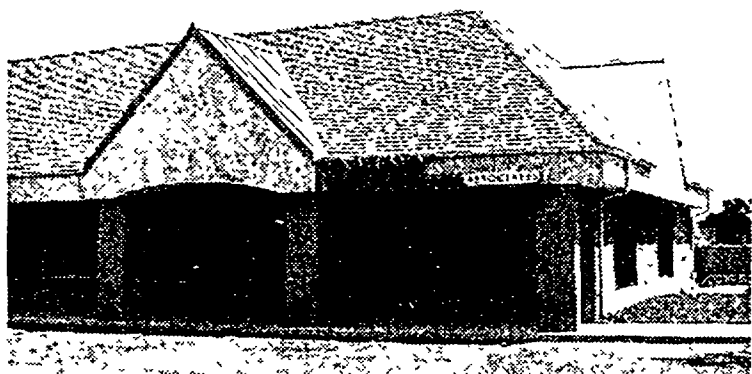
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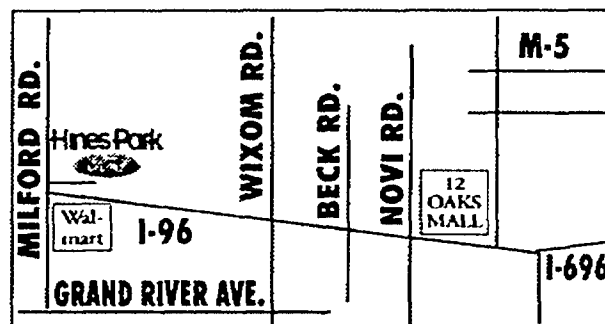
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performing range from age six through adult. Look for their next performance, a "Nutcracker Tea and Benefit" in December, all proceeds are donated to local charities. Pat says, "It has been by your good word that we have stayed in business here and have grown." Call us at 248-486-0410.

Toppermost Beatles Tribute

Come see a tribute to the greatest rock band in history, The Beatles. Toppermost, known for their variety band performances at the South Lyon Hotel, will take you on a phenomenal musical journey spanning the early days of the Beatles live performances from 1963 – 1966; affectionately known as the "fun days". They sound identical to the Beatles and produce an authentic show from their instruments down to their boots. This sing along music is perfect for all ages, puts a smile on everyone's face, and always manages to get you dancing!

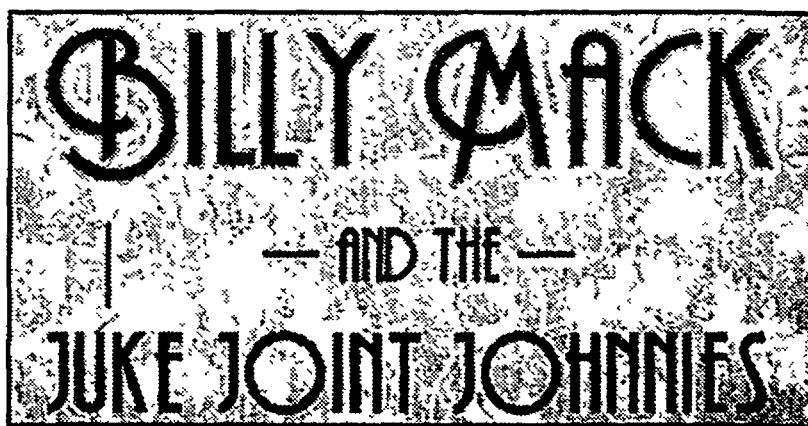


South Lyon Square Dance Club

The South Lyon Square Dance Club performs a more complex "Western Style" square dance that involves about 50 movements. Come see them perform while listening to their caller, Dave Smith, as he keeps everyone smiling with his funny, upbeat calling skills. The club meets on the 1st, 3rd, & 4th, Tuesdays of the month at the VFW Hall in South Lyon. Lessons for new dancers are from 7:00pm – 8:15pm followed by a dance, which is usually joined by more experienced dancers, from 8:15pm – 9:30pm. The cost is \$3 dollars per person. Bring a partner or come alone, new dancers are always welcome.

The Dance Centre inc.

The Dance Centre is proud to announce their 20 Year Anniversary in South Lyon, under the direction of Pat Palermo. Their performance will include a variety of dance types, from ballet, tap and jazz; to hip hop, modern, and even belly dancing! Students



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"Billy and the JJJ's don't just play music – they own it." - Ann Arbor Observer

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On the Entertainment Stage



Avienne

Sunday

The Studio

The Studio, locally owned and operated by Tara Buchinger, is proud to present excerpts from last spring's children's theatre production "Alice, Alice, & Alice in Wonderland". The performance will include a variety of dance styles from tap and hip hop; to jazz, ballet, and lyrical. The Studio and The Creative Company specialize in dance and drama education offering programs to all ages in South Lyon, Milford, and Walled Lake.

South Lyon East High

Jazz Band & South Lyon East High School Choir

The South Lyon East High School Jazz Band and the South Lyon East High School Choir are both comprised of 9th, 10th and 11th graders from our new High School that is only in its second year of existence. Andrew Hathikhanavala is in his first year as music director at South Lyon East High School, where he teaches both the band and choir classes. The Jazz Band and the Choir from South Lyon East are excited to have the opportunity to perform on stage at Pumpkinfest this year!

Avienne

Pumpkinfest welcomes back South Lyon's own – Avienne. Over the past year Avienne has been gaining momentum. They are currently recording their first CD titled "There's Hope" and won the Detroit News 2008 Battle of the Bands. They have continued to perform locally at various events and are looking at a possible national release with a major record label company out of New York. Come say you saw South Lyon's own before they were famous! Band

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Big Boy Pie Eating Contest

The Pumpkin Pie Eating contest is the traditional closing event of Pumpkinfest. Sponsored by Big Boy, this contest is big and messy! There is no pre-registration required and contestants will begin being called approximately 30 minutes before the competition begins. We recommend you come hungry!

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Kid's Art Contest

One of the most highly anticipated competitions at Pumpkinfest are the Kids Art Contests, sponsored this year by South Lyon Orthodontics with the support of South Lyon Area Recreation Authority. Kids in grade K-12 are invited to participate. Rosette ribbons will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners in each category and each little artist will receive a Participant ribbon for his/her entry! This year there are three competitions to choose from:

To participate in the **Autumn Stick Art** contest, use up to 150 wooden craft sticks, glue, your imagination and any fancy do-dads to embellish your creation. Bring it on a piece of 12" by 12" cardboard. (See photo below.)



Get into the fall spirit by entering the **Pumpkin Decorating Contest!** You can carve, paint or glue on decorations to create your masterpiece. Pumpkins will be awarded ribbons in the categories of Prettiest, Scariest and Most Unique.

The Kids **Multi-Media Art Contest** will be back this year after having taken a year off. Get creative and paint or draw your masterpiece of the fall or Halloween season using the media of your choice!

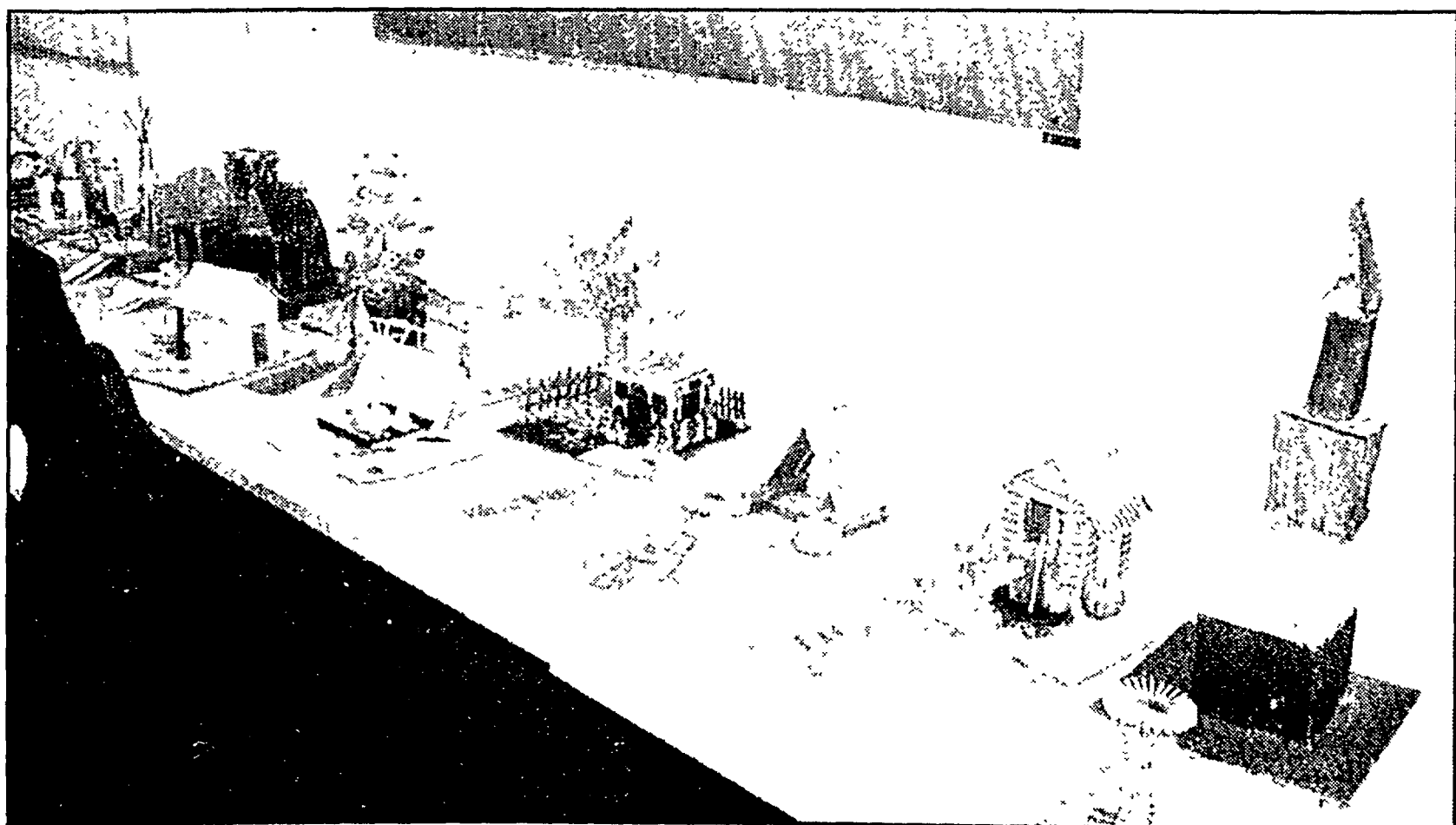
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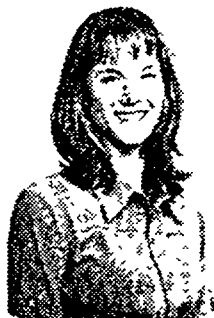
All entries for the above contests must be brought in to Millennium Middle School through the 6th grade wing (off Nine Mile Road) and checked in to Room 132 between 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3. Be sure to have a 3x5 card with each entry that shows your name, address, phone number, age and grade. Prizes will be awarded on Saturday, October 4. Late entries will be exhibited, but not judged. Art will be on display during the event and can be picked up on Sunday by 5 PM.

For details, please visit our website, www.southly-onpumpkinfest.com for an information sheet. Winners will be announced at the Entertainment Stage just prior to the pie eating contest.



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The Cookie Baking Contest is back for a second year!

If you like to bake, get out your favorite recipe and enter it in this contest! Cookies will be judged in three categories: Drop Cookies, Sheet Cookies, and Rolled Cookies. There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winner in each category!

The contest is open to all South Lyon Area residents. You must complete a registration form and return it to The Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area by Wednesday October 1, 2008. There is no registration fee. Registration forms can be picked

up at South Lyon Cycle, the Chamber of Commerce, or by visiting the website at [www.south-](http://www.south-lyonpumpkinfest.com)

[lyonpumpkinfest.com](http://www.south-lyonpumpkinfest.com). The Chamber of Commerce is located at 125 N. Lafayette, South Lyon, and can be reached at 248-437-3257.

A contestant number will be provided to you when your entry form is received at the Chamber office. Please attach that number to the top of the cookie container or covering. It will be the only means of identifying your entry. **DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON YOUR ENTRY!**

Please bring one dozen of each cookie entered (maximum of three entries per person) to South Lyon Cycle, 209 S. Lafayette, South Lyon no later than

6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 3. Judging will be on the cookies ONLY, no points for presentation! Please provide one copy of your recipe suitable for reproduction. If you are selected as a winner, your recipe will be published on the Pumpkinfest website.

Annual Decorated Bicycle Contest

Gary Childs of South Lyon Cycle and his troupe of "Bicycle Parade Marshals" invite children age 12 and under to exercise their imaginations as well as their bodies by participating in the annual Decorated Bicycle Contest!

Here are the guidelines ... the child should be old

enough to ride a two-wheel bicycle, but training wheels are okay. Helmets are a MUST! (If you plan to ride in the parade as well,

participants must be wearing helmets.) Bicycles must be decorated and all entrants will ride together as a group in the parade.

Entrants must arrive at Bartlett Elementary School by 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, October 4th. Judging will take place at 9:00 a.m. Rosette ribbons will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd Place, with participant ribbons for all entrants. You do not need a parade application to participate, just show up! Parents of entrants are welcome to walk, rollerblade or bicycle along with the group. We look forward to seeing you at the 24th Pumpkinfest Parade! Good luck to all!

The logo for South Lyon Cycle features the text "South Lyon Cycle" in a bold, serif font, enclosed within a thick, dark, rounded rectangular border.

Contests highlight Pumpkinfest season in South Lyon

When the 24th Annual Pumpkinfest starts during the first weekend in October, residents from South Lyon and the surrounding communities will have the opportunity to indulge in their creative spirits and competitive natures.

There will be ten different contests offered, everything from the Pie-eating competition to the Decorated Bike event.

Jack o' Lantern Contest: Judging takes place beginning at 5:30pm at Pumpkinfest Movie Night held at Kent Lake Elementary, Friday October 3.

Cookie Contest: Sponsored by South Lyon Cycle, cookies will be judged Friday, October 3 at 7:00pm. Entries should be dropped off at South Lyon Cycle Friday afternoon. There are three categories for this contest: drop, bar and rolled cookies. There is also a special award for "Taster's Choice."

Kids Art Contests include decorated theme pumpkins, stick art, and mixed media (paintings/drawings, etc.) Entries should be dropped off via the 6th Grade entrance at Millenium Middle School. For more information, see the article on the Kids Art Contest in this bulletin.

The Great Pumpkin and Vegetable Competition is always popular during Pumpkinfest. Great Pumpkin judges will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes based on Total Weight and Best Color and Shape.

The Vegetable Contest will award for Tallest Cornstalk, Tallest Sunflower, Largest Sunflower, Largest Squash or Cabbage, and the Most Unusual Veggie.

The Seventh Annual Dog Show is one of the most popular events during Pumpkinfest. Participant space is limited to 100 dogs, so applications must be turned in early. Categories will be by weight (Small – Up to 15 pounds, Medium – 16 to 49 pounds, and Large – 50+ pounds), Best Dressed Like Owner, Best Trick, Ugliest Dog and People's Choice for Top Dog. Each weight class will award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Prizes.

The main streets of South Lyon reflect the spirit with the annual Scarecrow Decorating Contest, which runs from September 29 to October 2. Judging takes place on Friday, October 3. Residents and business owners adopt a lamppost downtown and decorate it with their own special scarecrow.

Other contests include the Bike Decorating Contest prior to the parade and the Pie Eating contest, which wraps up the festivities on Sunday.

For complete details on these contests, check out the official website, www.southlyonpumpkinfest.com or contact the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area at 248-437-3257.



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All dogs must be one year or older to participate. They must be current with their shots and they must be kept on leashes. Proof of rabies vaccination is required this year (include your rabies certificate). You must clean up after your dog!

There will be a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prize awarded in each of these categories: Small Breed (Up to 19 pounds); Medium Breed (20-49 pounds); and Large Breed (50 pounds and up). There will also be prizes awarded for BEST TRICK, DRESSED LIKE OWNER, UGLIEST DOG and TOP DOG (People's Choice).





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Applications are available at Lyon Veterinary Clinic, the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area, or by visiting the Pumpkinfest website (www.southlyonpumpkinfest.com – click on Dog Show.) Applications should be mailed by October 1, 2008 to 7th Annual Dog Show – c/o Mary Moyer, Lyon Veterinary Clinic, 21188 Pontiac Trail, South Lyon, MI, 48178 or faxed to (248) 486-7766.





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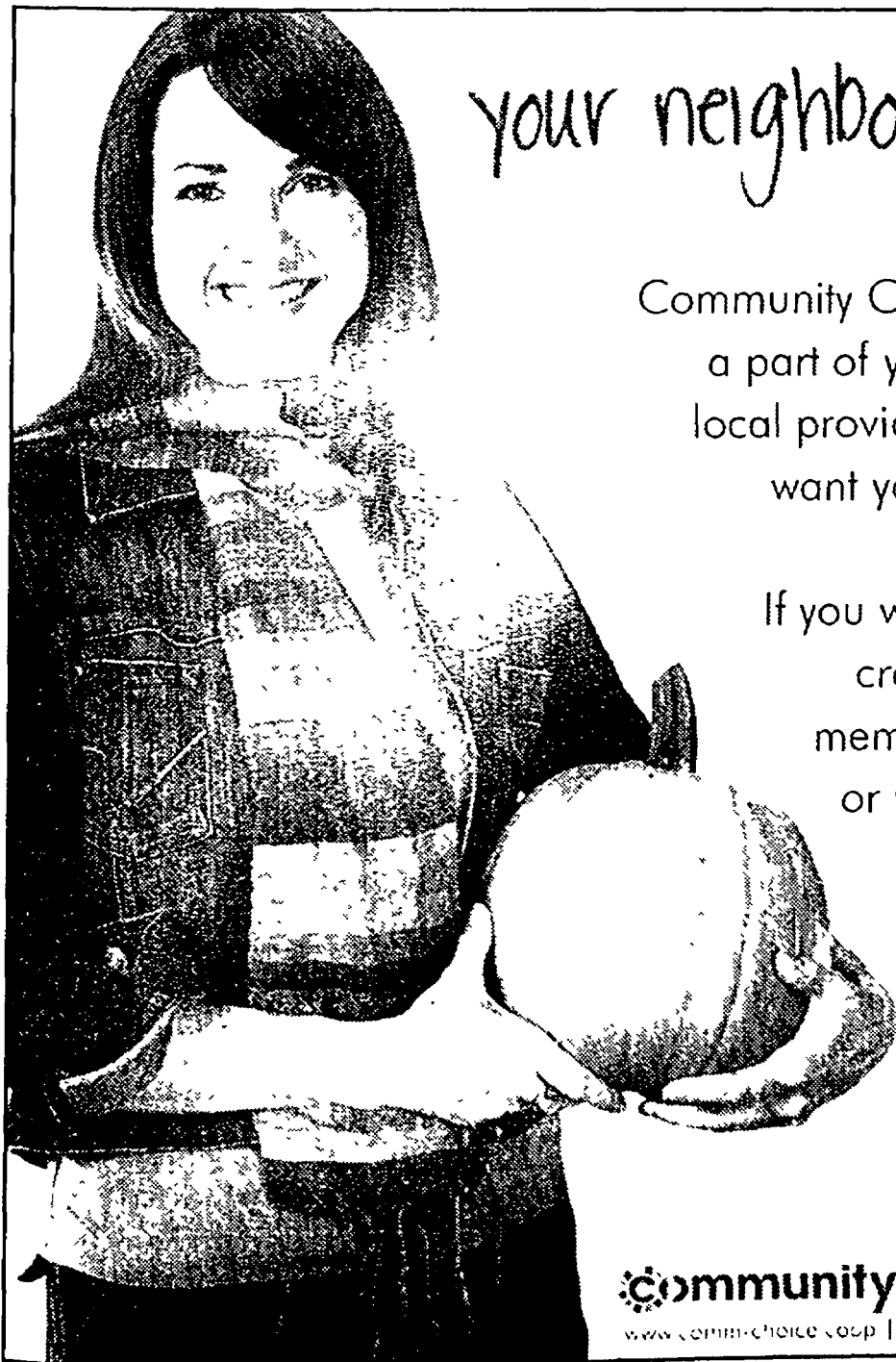
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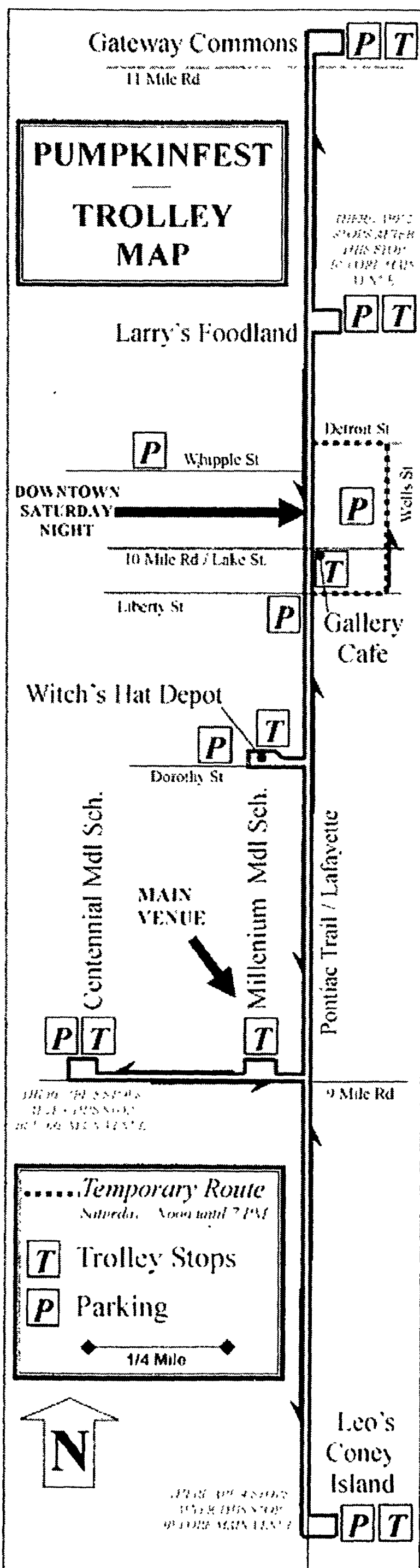
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Also new this year, Liberty Chevrolet will be offering their courtesy van shuttle service to the Activity Venue at Millennium Middle School. The shuttle service will run regularly from 11:00am to 5:00pm Saturday, and 11:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday from Erwin Orchards to Colonial Acres. A big thank you to Liberty Chevrolet as well, for using their vans to shuttle our craft show exhibitors back and forth to their parking at Centennial Middle School before and after the festival hours. This fills a need we have had for a couple of years, and we are most grateful!

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The traditional Pumpkin Pie Eating Contest is the last event scheduled on the Entertainment Stage on Sunday, October 5th. The competition gets fierce and the contestants get messy. Plan ahead to participate and wear appropriate clothing. There is no pre-registration requirement – we begin calling for contestants approximately 30 minutes before the competition begins at 4:00 p.m. You will be competing by age group: Youth, Teen and Adults. We also recommend that you arrive hungry: this year's delicious Pumpkin Pies are graciously donated by our 2008 Pie Eating Contest sponsor, Big Boy of South Lyon.

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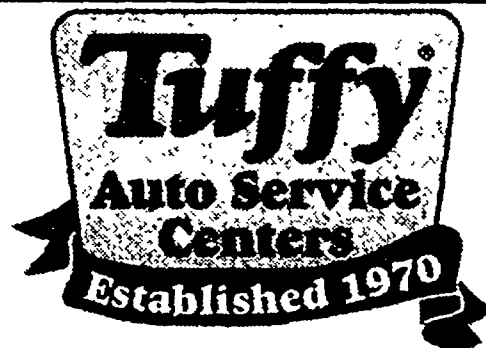


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We are pleased to have an exciting night of music lined up. Returning from their favorable performances last year, Mr. Hyde, Blues Hammer and the Laughing Madmen will open for Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels in a free concert:



Broken Arrow

stage presence. Broken Arrow puts on an energetic live show that is entertaining to all demographics. Sage, Corte and McCall have been playing together in numerous acts for over 20 years. Members of the band have worked with numerous international acts including BTO, Dave Mason, REO Speedwagon, Mick Taylor of the Stones, Patty Smith to name a few. Members of the band have toured nationally and have an extensive history of recordings. Contact Paul Corte (248) 486-7976 or paulcorte@sbcglobal.net



Mr. Hyde

Mr. Hyde – Mr. Hyde is a local band led by local Real Estate One Agent Bill Welsh. Specializing in modern rock, the band has been together since 2001 and is composed of Bill Welsh (guitar), Scott Mills (bass), and Greg Reske (drums). Mr. Hyde will perform at 4:00pm.

Broken Arrow— 5:00 pm

Broken Arrow was formed in Fall of 2007. The core of the band were members of the regionally popular band Blues Hammer. Broken Arrow is made up of Matthew Sage, guitar/vocals, Paul Corte; guitar/guitar synth, Larry Black, drums. All three were members of Blues

Hammer. Broken Arrow added Ron Corte-Obrien on bass/vocals and Chris McCall on Vocals/Guitar. Chris McCall adds powerful vocals and captivating



Laughing Madmen

Laughing Madmen - Laughing Madmen take pride in their unity to spread their wily and offbeat rock and roll with an audience. They have performed all over the Midwest and cover classic rock in addition to their own work, self-described as "album-oriented FM rock sound." Laughing Madmen perform between 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

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Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels - Songs performed by Detroit rocker Mitch Ryder, such as "Devil with a Blue Dress On/Good Golly Miss Molly" and "Jenny Take a Ride" are among the most well loved of the 20th century. Mitch Ryder and the Detroit Wheels will take the stage at 7:30 p.m.

For those who would like a little more, prior to the concert from 5:00pm to 7:00pm, an exclusive "meet and greet" reception and book signing will take place at the South Lyon Hotel with Mitch and South Lyon Herald editor and author, James Mitchell. In his book, "It Was All Right," Mitchell has collected an impressive array of anecdotes from Ryder's extraor-

dinary life in music. Tickets for this exclusive event are \$50 each and will be available at the Gallery Cafe, 101 S. Lafayette, South Lyon, in mid-September. All VIP's receive a copy of the book. Net proceeds will be donated to charity. This event is sponsored in part by Avon-Ruby Graham.

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The South Lyon Downtown Development Authority returns as a proud sponsor of this event. The mission of the DDA is to promote the economic growth and development of the downtown business district while preserving the City's historic character. The DDA actively pursues new businesses for the downtown area and continues to promote the City through local events.

Other Area Attractions during Pumpkinfest

"If I Only Had a Brain..." The Annual Scarecrow Contest

Don't forget a stroll through downtown South Lyon to see the themed scarecrows decorating the streets. Businesses, community organizations and area residents help dress the lamp posts for the occasion. Winners are recognized for first, second, and third place - which is never easy to choose because they're all so cute and each has a different "personality."

Nothing adds to the festive atmosphere of our downtown like these creative and fun scarecrows on the City's lampposts. There is no cost to enter but pre-registration is required. Applications are available through the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area. Scarecrows must be put up between September 29 and October 2. Judging will take place on Friday, October 3. All scarecrows must be taken down between October 13 and October 16. Any scarecrows left up after the 16th will be disposed of.

For more details on the Scarecrow Contest please visit www.southlyonpumpkinfest.com or call the Chamber of Commerce for the South Lyon Area at 248.437.3257 to see if any spots are left!

South Lyon High School vs. South Lyon East High School Football Game!

Come and watch history taking place in South Lyon! With South Lyon East High School fielding its first Varsity Football Team this year, they will be visiting South Lyon High School in a game that will be exciting for all! This will be the beginning of a great rivalry between these two schools in South

Lyon...and bragging rights are at stake! The game starts at 7:00 p.m. The evening also includes a band extravaganza as both middle school bands and both high school bands perform on the field together.

BBQ Chicken Dinner

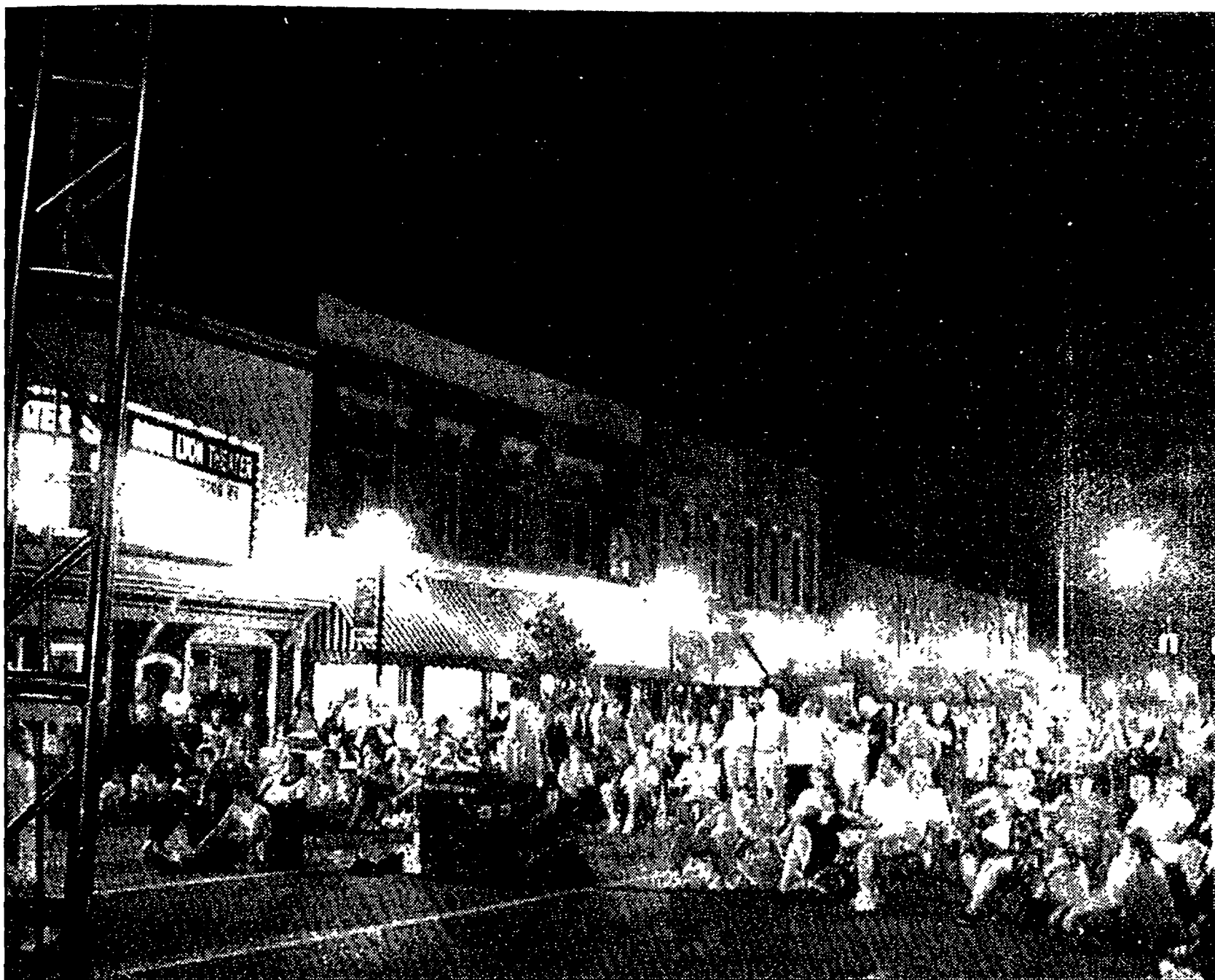
Summer's not quite over! There's still time to enjoy a BBQ on Saturday, October 4th from 3:00 - 6:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 640 S. Lafayette Street (just south of McHattie Park) ... for \$8, enjoy one-half chicken, baked potato, cole slaw, roll and butter, pumpkin or apple pie (sugar free available) and beverage. Eat in or carry-out available. All proceeds benefit Active Faith Community Services.

"A Knight to Remember" Annual Dinner Dance

This annual event is sponsored by the Fr. Battersby Knights of Columbus, #7586. Come to St. Joseph Parish's "ballroom" on Saturday, October 4, and enjoy a semi-formal evening of good food and dancing. Entertainment is provided by the seven piece "Mass Transit Band." Doors open at 6:00pm, with dinner served at 7:30pm. Reservations only. Tickets are \$50/single, \$100/couple, and proceeds benefit the charities of the Knights of Columbus. For more information, contact Larry Urban at lrurban@att.net or 248-486-6254 or visit aknighttoremember.org.


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Telcom's core philosophy is "people helping people" and this is demonstrated in their commitment in supporting the local community. They continue to be a major sponsor of the South Lyon Area Recreation Authority (SLARA). Telcom feels this partnership helps out all the individuals and families in the South Lyon area that participate in SLARA's programs. According to Jen Wilson, Recreation Director, "This partnership allows us the opportunity to keep our programming costs down, and also helps us bring all the full-filled activities for the whole family at the Activity Venue at Pumpkinfest."

Children and teens of all ages can stop by the Telcom tent to get complimentary face painting from Miss Ja-Niece the Fantasy Face Painter. She will be painting faces on

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Telcom Credit Union's branch manager Stephania Mosely.



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Meet the staff at South Lyon Area Recreation

This year, South Lyon Area Recreation would like to introduce the faces behind the scenes.

Jen Wilson, Recreation Director, comes to South Lyon with a wide variety of experiences in the field of recreation. She also coaches swimming for Brighton Area Schools, where she is known in the community as "Coach Jen". Jen lives in Whitmore Lake with her husband Jeff and two dogs, Truman and Jackson. She also has a step-daughter, Emma, who is a sophomore at Howell High School.

Jan Szostak, Sports Supervisor, has been with the department for 9 years. You will most often see her out and about in the community on Saturdays with her sports programs. Since she has been with the department she has made many friends and become part of the community. What Jan enjoys most about her job is working with her high school staff and reading about their success in the paper. Jan lives in Salem Township with her husband and two children.

Chari Roberts, Administrative Assistant, has been with the department for 6 years. She keeps the office staff organized and the community informed. You will see Chari at the front desk whenever you visit the Recreation Office. What she finds most rewarding about her job is when she is out in the community and hears positive things about our programs. Chari lives in Lyon Township with her husband and two children.

Jen Keith, Enrichment Supervisor, has many faces with the department. Jen hired in last summer as a Site Supervisor

for our Adult Softball program. She then took on the head coaching position for the Sea Lions last Fall, and was hired as our Enrichment Supervisor this past Spring. She is a recent CMU graduate in the field of Recreation and has a lot of energy and creativity – watch for new family events and programs from Jen!

Scott Hummel, Aquatics Supervisor, has been with the department for 2 years. Scott can most often be seen at South Lyon High School in the pool. He enjoys working with the high school students and teaching them to be young professionals. He has a passion for sports and faithfully listens to country music. Scott and his wife Molly live in Dexter; they keep busy as the proud new parents of twins Hailey and Harper.

We thank you for recreating with us and look forward to continuing to create programs that bring families and friends together.



South Lyon Recreation Authority staff (from left) Chari Roberts, Jan Szostak, Jen Wilson and Jen Keith. (Not pictured: Scott Hummel and Judy Perry.)

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